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Members of the USS Isaac take a fascinating walk through history in some of the most historic and scenic places in the United Kingdom. All for the benefit of some great charities!

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# Below Deck Notables

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



## Jennie Sontag • USS Tiburon

Jennie has been a Star Trek fan for many years, even being one of the charter members of the original Star Trek fan club. Jennie did not know about STARFLEET until 2004 when she became a plank holder member of the USS Tiburon.

There isn't really much you cannot ask of Jennie that she will not try and do. Do you need something for the chapter newsletter, a volunteer for a Regional event, collect STAR TREK books to be given away at recruitment drives and even bringing food for a meeting. There is nothing that has been asked of this member that she has not said "Yes I can". Jennie is the embodiment of what every member should be like. She comes up with ideas for events and attends everyone she can. Without Jennie's help and commitment the USS Tiburon would not be the chapter it is today.



## Stefan Blakemore • USS Ark Royal

A crewmember of the USS Ark Royal, within Region 20, has transformed his life around through his love of Star Trek. Having been struggling to find work for many years Stefan Blakemore was referred to A4e, a work programme in Croydon.

During the interview with the advisor Stefan explained he had never had a job and when they enquired about his hobbies and interests, Stefan told them 'I am Surrey's biggest Star Trek fan'. He then proceeded to show them pictures of himself at various conventions and dressed in Next Gen uniform holding a weapon he had made.

Inspired by Stefan's talent as an artist, another advisor, who works with A4e customers in Croydon to help them into self-employment, realised that Stefan might have a viable business idea and they assisted in helping Stefan launch his dream, of making replica Star Trek merchandise.

Stefan then proceeded to work day and night to complete as many full size weapons as possible in two weeks, before the next Star Trek convention in Milton Keynes. Although he hoped to sell one or two, amazingly all the weapons sold out within an hour and now Stefan is looking for a larger workshop and has several commissions.

Since starting his business Stefan has featured in several newspapers and was recently interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey, there is also interest from National woman's magazines to feature Stefan's story.

Charging between £80 and £150 for each replica weapon Stefan is looking to branch into other replica items. Further details can be found on his website [www.newfrontiersurplus.co.uk](http://www.newfrontiersurplus.co.uk)

In Stefan own words "I am now very much looking forward to a very exciting future and boldly going where I've never been before – into full-time employment."



## Edward McQueen • USS White Star

Many of us look at replicators as something promised for the future. USS White Star Chief Engineer, Edward McQueen, is trying to make it happen now. Ed, originally a member of the USS Alexandretta, has been working on project to create and refine his own 3D Printer. He has shared updates about his project via Facebook. So far, it has been a resounding success, and he has been busy creating item after item. Ed, who is married and has a beautiful daughter, also enjoys geo-caching, costuming, and Renaissance Festival. The White Star is grateful to have such a talented engineer on board.

# Letter From The Editor

Welcome to Communique' issue 167, originally slated for October / December 2011.

After the change-up in the format for CQ 166, we're interested now to show you the same design in the more familiar tabloid format. It'll give you the opportunity to compare 'apple to apples' as it were.

At the end of this issue we are printing a survey to gather your opinions on the CQ format, delivery methods and such. The same survey is available online at: <http://cqsurvey.sfi.org>

We need your feedback. This is a decision that we need to make together, and getting your opinions is an important part of that. Please, please, please take the time to complete the survey that we've included here, or to visit the web and fill out the survey there. Commanding Officers, if you would like additional copies of the survey to share with your crew at a chapter meeting, please let me know via e-mail at [comms@sfi.org](mailto:comms@sfi.org). I'll be happy to share a PDF copy with you.

I just wanted to take a moment, to mention that there are a few articles in this issue that may seem rather dated. As the publication schedule has gotten... derailed, we ended up missing some good stories that came in earlier in the year. I felt that this would be a good issue to try to catch up with some of those stories, instead of just leaving them behind. We have a bunch of stories that we haven't run yet - and we'll continue to sneak those in over the next couple of issues as we continue to catch things up.

There are some pretty cool things on the horizon for the Communications department, and as always - we need your help to get there. If you are willing to help out, please let Karen or I know!

Thanks, and enjoy the issue!

## Correction

From CQ 166:

- On Page 24, FADM Sal Lizard's rank was incorrectly identified as FCAPT.
- On Page 25, RADM Wayne Augustson's name was misspelled.
- On Page 26, we incorrectly identified Lt JG Mark Russel as the 2010 Officer of the Year. The 2010 Officer of the Year was actually awarded to COL Jeremy Carsten.

Those items have been corrected in the PDF version of CQ 166, but we still wanted to extend our apologies to Sal, Wayne and especially to Jeremy for the oversights.



## Region 7 Halloween Party

**CAPT David Sladky**  
USS Storm

The first annual Region Seven Halloween Party, hosted by the USS Storm, was held at Le Grand Fromage in Atlantic City on Halloween. Nearly thirty people from across the Region were in attendance, a very good turnout for our first one.

There were door prizes, custom Region Seven candy bars, Star Wars cookies, and a costume contest. Steve Ransom won the one hundred dollar cash prize for Best Costume with his 'Cat in the Hat' costume. Music was provided by DJ Baby (Elem Rodriguez). Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed the party!

I would like to thank the members of

the crew who helped with the party, and who made the event so enjoyable. Joe Horton made the custom Region Seven Candy Bars, Megan McNally baked the Star Wars cookies, and Larry Neigut and Jim Paxson Jr. brought items for the Star Trek door prizes. I would also like to thank Juan Hernandez for coming in early and helping to set up the event. We would like to thank Mike, the owner of Le Grand Fromage, for giving us not only a great rate for the event but for also donating to our food drive.



Region 7 candy

## USS Avenger 26th Anniversary Picnic

**ADM Bob Vosseller**  
USS Challenger

Last year marked the USS Avenger's big 25th anniversary and the occasion was marked with a fancy dinner at the Pines Manor banquet hall in Edison N.J.

This year the ship was noting its 26th birthday with its usual picnic which was a more subtle form of fun held on June 18th at Veteran's Park in North Brunswick.

The party drew about twenty people including members of the USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Challenger Counselor Emily Vosseller and myself.

After hitting two collectible shows in a row, and a scheduled third show in the form of the Philadelphia Wizard World Con (which got put on our ship's calendar before we got notice of this year's Avenger picnic) I was kind of happy to forgo a con and to enjoy some burgers, hot dogs and cake with the Avenger crew which many years ago, was my home chapter.

Former ship CO and current XO Admiral Alex Rosenzweig and Brenda Bell were among the crew members present along with CO Judy Waidich and former First Officer Todd Brugmans who brought along his mega sized water war machine for some cool fun later in the day.

Former Challenger, current Avenger Science Chief Annie Slonski was there too along with Avenger Chief Engineer Matt Rielly. Matt brought along his large drawing pad that he used to design some really cool starships.

Brenda's specially made Avenger symbol cookies were a big hit. You see the Avenger's symbol which resembles a bird came to be 26 years ago when the chapter was considering the name USS Phoneix for very symbolic reasons that we don't need to explore in this article. The name didn't come to be but the symbol remains. Some refer to it as a screaming chicken but it made for a fine cookie.

Brenda gave us a detailed explanation of how she made the custom cookie cutter that was required to make the cookie. Long time Avenger Frank Warren was enjoying the day too as were Steve and Kat Dickenson and Amy Wilson.

The chapter's anniversary cake was delicious with a nice cream filling.

Those who took part in Todd's water war got cooled off during the hot day and after hours of eating, talking and in some cases shooting water, the Avenger went off to see Green Lantern at a local theater while the Challenger and Abraham Lincoln shuttlecraft headed home for docking.

## Subspace Communications

News from around the fleet.



Cat in the Hat \$100 cash prize winner



Captain David Sladky with DJ Baby (Elem Rodriguez)



Sonia Perez as a Lady bug



Star Trek door prizes



Star wars cookies



## Steel City Con Report |

**CAPT George Edwards**  
**USS Inferno**

The USS Inferno's quarterly recruiting event took place at the Steel City Con last July. It was a great time due to the convention. The Steel City Con happens three times a year: in April, in July and in December.

This Steel City Con had a very special guest: Tony Todd (Star Trek: The Next Generation - Kurn, and Candyman from the Candyman films)! There were other celebrities there as well: Lindsay Wagner (The Bionic Woman); Jeremy Bullock (Boba Fett); Betsy Russell (Jill Tuck from the SAW films); Torrie Wilson (from the WWE); Dennis Haskins (Saved by the Bell); Richard Lparmentier (Star Wars).

The Inferno had five members attend the event, with three of us in uniforms. The members were MGEN Larry French, Capt. George Edwards, RADM Debbie French, Col James McClure, and LT Sharlene Hupka.

As we walked to Tony Todd, he spotted MGEN French and Capt Edwards greeting us in his Kurn character voice by saying "MY Klingons". For the remainder of the show we passed out Flyers and contact cards, told people about our chapter and posed for numerous pictures. In a town that is mostly Star Wars fans, we received many comments about how good it was to see Star Trek represented. MGEN French and Capt Edwards were also photographed for non-sports update and a college thesis on Geek Culture. Special acknowledgment to LT Sharlene Hupka and MGEN Larry French for putting in the extra effort in talking with as many people as possible and always remembering that we are a proud STARFLEET chapter.



**Seated: Sharlene Hupka. Standing: RADM Debbie French, COL Jim McClure, CAPT George Edwards, Actor Tony Todd, and MGEN Larry D. French, Sr.**

## Ark Angel Station @ The Air Power Expo

**CAPT Lloyd Bates**  
**Ark Angel Station**

Howdy from the Ark Angel Station! I wanted to take a second and thank our Marine 323rd Logistical Studies Group for hosting a trip to the Air Power Expo at Naval Air Station JRB Fort Worth. It was in celebration of 100 years of naval aviation. Let me tell you it was awesome, I had never been to a live air show, been to lots of static exhibits etc, where you can see the planes, but this was my first experience getting to watch the stunt pilots and the Blue Angels do their thing. Very exciting. I have seen jets strafing a target while forward observing in the Army, but never had I seen anything like the stuff they were making these planes do!

I was feeling sorry for the stunt guys, the G's they had to be taking were tortuous to their bodies and brains... I know this CO would have been passed out or worse on the first pass.

For anyone that hasn't been able to see a show like this, I highly recommend it at least once; though if your ears are sensitive I would bring some ear plugs. The jets can get pretty loud.

Got a few shots one of this awesome nose art, and one of the troops that were present, (Reed, Doug, Arron, and me.)

Well that's all I got to speak about so be well all.



**CAPT George Edwards, COL Jim McClure, and MGEN Larry D. French, Sr.**





## USS Tydirium Away Mission Report

MCPT Ross Manuel  
USS Tydirium

There have been few opportunities for the crew of Region 11's newest Chapter, the USS Tydirium to come together, so when we were invited to attend OzTrek6 as our first official away mission on 21st August 2011. OzTrek6 is a small gathering of fans of Star Trek fans to have the opportunity to meet

and greet with stars of the franchise. Three members of the Tydirium's crew were able to attend this event; lead by our gallant captain, Commander Greg Mortensen; escorted by Chief of Security, Ensign Terry Cullen and MACO Strike Group Commander, Captain Ross Manuel for some of us, it was our first time at a dedicated Star Trek Convention.

A little over 400 people attended this event for the opportunity to have photos with and ask questions of Voyagers, Kate Mulgrew and Tim Russ in

person and the rare opportunity to talk via Skype, with the Legendary Leonard Nimoy, who's ailing health has prevented him from ever making the 22 hour flight Down Under again.

The away team had photos with both actors, who seemed genuinely pleased to be aware that Starfleet International was in fact alive and well in Australia, and did their part to inform the public of the new chapter, and the organisation as a whole. While the only recruiting that took place seemed to

be for the other chapters of Region 11, the crew of the Tydirium where in good spirits helping their sister regions.

The away team was asked to get up on stage to speak about Starfleet International in between seminars, but ran out of time due to the greatly heated bidding on Star Trek memorabilia; overall it was a good event enjoyed by all who attended and the crew of the Tydirium are looking forward for the next one.





## The 4.5th Banquet

Readers of CQ 163 will have seen Darren Pude's photos from the 4th Starbase 24 Banquet held in October 2010 in Milton Keynes. October 2011 saw the 4.5th Banquet held in Northampton, so called because the organisers (independent fan group Starbase 24) playfully suggested that there wouldn't be a number 5, and true to their word there wasn't.

Instead the 2011 instalment was a chance for Star Trek and Sci-Fi and Star Trek fans from across the UK to converge as part of this annual tradition.

Friday Night was the first evening, a casual disco, karaoke, and Star Trek Quiz written by your reporter. It was the first time we had Friday night party, and it was very successful. It was new ground for everyone, and it went very well indeed.

Saturday night saw our main

Banquet, disco, auction and raffle. A sumptuous three course meal, in which diners got to sample such delights as Barge of the Dead (Watermelon fashioned into a ship) and blood of Romulan tree rat (tomato soup). For your main course you could enjoy Fillet of Ceti Eel with Sisko's Butter (actually salmon) among others while you could round the meal off with such dishes as the gates of Sto-Vo-Kor (Chocolate Torte with white chocolate Sauce).

A sumptuous three course meal, in which diners got to sample such delights as Barge of the Dead...

Friday night I confounded the guests with the quiz, Saturday I had them baying for my blood with the Tribble Hunt. The hunt was won by a delegation from Region 20.

Saturday night saw a talk from John Carrigan, who plays the Klingon Captain Kargh in the Phase II web series. Carrigan talked about his meetings with the late great Gene Roddenberry, and how it inspired him to move from security to acting. He shared 2 unique items, an actual computer card used in the original series, and a piece of the deck from the Enterprise used in Star Trek 3. Understandably, these items weren't sold, however fans had the chance to pose with them in the TOS replica command chair, built by Starbase 24 member Kev Chapman, who also

created a special Klingon throne and brought along his replica of Picard's chair too.

There was a bit of romance in the air, as there were two marriage proposals, including one between our own Marie "M" Wilson and Angie Smith. Both proposals were accepted!

Following the zany Starbase 24 Cabaret there was a chance for Star Trek fans to dig down deep and bid on rare and hard to find Star Trek items. While the auction didn't go as high as hoped, all in all we raised £2600 for Macmillan Cancer Support, a UK charity which supports Cancer sufferers and their families and varying stages of the insidious illness.

What was wonderful about this



LTCMD Daniel Adams  
USS Ark Royal  
Region 20



iKaaaaahnî you believe how many UK Star Trek Fans wore this uniform?. (Left to Right) BACK Pippa Piele, Lt. Richard Mallatratt (USS Issac SFI), Adm. James Mackenzie (Starbase 24) Capt. Richard Sams (USS Ark Royal, SFI) Daniel Adams (LCDR USS Ark Royal/Cmdr Starbase 24) and Andrew Nicholson. FRONT Beata Miller (LCDR R20 unassigned/Cmdr USS Fortitude) Capt Angie Smith (USS Issac, SFI) Capt. Raules Davies (USS Fortitude) and SGM Marie Wilson (RC R20) (PHOTO CREDIT: Beata Miller)



SFI On the Bridge - (Left to Right) BACK LT Richard Mallatratt, USS Issac, CAPT Angie Smith, USS Issac, Captain Richard Sams USS Ark Royal LCDR Daniel Adams USS Ark Royal. FRONT SGM Marie ëMi Wilson, RC, Region 20 and LTJG Patrick Finn, USS Ark Royal (PHOTO CREDIT: CAPT. Angie Smith).



## The 4.5th Banquet

event is the way that barriers between groups were lowered. Our differing experiences of Star Trek fandom were celebrated, not used to draw lines on a map. It marked (I believe) the biggest gathering of Region 20 members since the region's re-launch but there were crewmembers from other UK groups, and even a video message from The USS Obready, a group from Canada. It wasn't about differences between groups, it was about embracing diversity among every individual there, while engaging in fun and fundraising, an endeavour, which I like to think would get Gene Roddenberry's approval.

After seeing the pictures and reading this article, I hope you have found our event interesting. I also hope that part of you is thinking "hmm, wouldn't it be fun to get to an event like this?"

Well you can. Whether you are in the UK, Europe, or anywhere else, in my capacity as a member of Starbase 24's command team I would like to invite you to come and join us at the 6th Starbase 24 Banquet on the 19th - 20th October 2012 in Peterborough, UK. The venue has

changed, but the format will mostly be the same. Friday Night will see a warm Buffet, quiz, karaoke and disco, Saturday night will be our formal Banquet, auction, raffle and disco. Tickets cost £53 (approx \$82 usd) for both nights or £35 (approx \$55 USD) for just Saturday.

For more details go to [www.starbase24.co.uk](http://www.starbase24.co.uk) and then click on "Banquet" on the left hand menu.



Richard and Dan take the centre seat on this stunning replica of the TOS chair and rails. (PHOTO CREDIT: LCDR Daniel Adams)



The Barge of the Dead, washed down with a bottle of Bloodwine. (PHOTO CREDIT Starbase 24)



The staff were very into Star Trek. Even the layout of the food was given that Star Trek twist (PHOTO CREDIT Starbase 24)





## Starfleet Stampede Not Dead!

Chesapeake, Virginia, dateline today's stardate: Archaeologists from the famed Richard A. Galen Institute for the Advancement of Really Old Things (RAGNAROT) made a startling discovery yesterday – the Starfleet Stampede is not extinct!

"We was on the track of the Lost Colony of Roanoke and had just stopped for lunch," Dr. Reginald Coelacanth, GED, BS, MS, PhD, PDQ, VSOP, chuckled between bites of a Gervanian ostrich-egg salad sandwich. "And there we was, a-sit-tin' underneath a tree and a-kicking at the dirt, and all of a sudden thar she was! It were the durnedest thing!"

Cyndi Trowel, senior graduate

*AROT today made the most significant rediscovery in mankind's history of charitable activities. The partially fossilized remains of what was once the Starfleet Stampede were uncovered in the backwoods of Chesapeake, Virginia, along with the partially fossilized remains of the Coordinator, Fleet Captain Gary*

*Telecsan. I am very excited to relate that, along with the coordinator and a few fragments of published guidelines, our team of highly-educated philatelic experts uncovered a really big box of "stamps" (Pape-rus philatelicus) and a bundle of papers which seem to indicate that these should*

*be sold or donated to charity. Sadly, there are not enough "stamps" in the box to make it worthwhile for our scientists to send them off just yet, but now that we've recovered the program, so to speak, we have high hopes of bringing this long-thought-to-be-extinct species back from the brink through a captive breeding program.*

But we need your help. Please scour your own waste recyclers, old, disused desks, and stacks of unopened galactic junk mail. Who knows? You may have important representatives of this endangered spe-

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cies lurking anywhere and your contribution to our efforts to bring back not only the Paperus philatelicus but the entire Starfleet Stampede could be the one that gets us back over the top!

Read the attached guidance, but don't let it limit your contribution! Any and all stamps are welcome. Send them to 439 Honey Locust Way, Chesapeake, VA, 23320. And remember to use stamps when you drop 'em at your ship's post office!

In a moment of seriousness, please send stamps to:

Fleet Captain Gary Telecsan  
USS Maat  
439 Honey Locust Way  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

They can via come USPS or any delivery service. Use the cheapest mode possible. For the last two years, the main contributors have been the USS Heimdal (over five pounds – Thank you Willy Smith and Commander Bonnie Davis – mentioned in dispatches), the USS DaVinci (Freddy Heller), and the USS Jurassic. My home ship has also made some contributions, and I have received inquiries from the USS Odin and USS McNair.

Any and all stamps clipped from envelopes received in the mail are welcome; so are entire postcards or the stamps clipped therefrom. There are no rules. This material is referred to as kiloware among collectors, and can be sold by the pound.

Small accumulations or collections are welcome; if any startling rarities turn up, they can be returned. Any substantial collection would be appraised before disposal. I have had one or two small children's collections turned over, these generally bring higher prices, though not much higher. I am stamp collector of some 48 years experience, and can boast the nation's 35th most complete accumulation of Bureau of Engraving

and Printing precanceled stamps, so I would recognize anything of outstanding worth. I would check to see if it should be returned before processing it. So far, that hasn't happened; my own collection's duplicates have been the most valuable contributed.

I currently have no one who will buy the stamps, so if you have a source for kiloware, let me know! Two years ago, I donated the 5 pounds of stamps I had soaked off paper to the American Philatelic Society Youth Program (<http://www.stamps.org>), where they were used to increase interest in collecting among our young people.



assistant for RAGNAROT on the dig, was the one who first noticed things at the roadside rest stop weren't quite what they seemed.

"I was checking on my foundation over by the drinking fountain," she bubbled, "And I saw what looked to be a pile of pretty colored papers on a picnic table. I never dreamed they'd be stamps! Who would be looking for such a quaint old thing as stamps at a rest stop along the old U.S. 17 in the Great Dismal Swamp?"

RAGNAROT publicist Dr. Mandy "Paleo" Lithik, issued a statement later that same day:

FCAPT Gary Telecsan  
USS Maat  
Region I



**This year's recipient of the Heimdal's Space Camp Scholarship is Whiton Erikson. Whiton is entering 8th grade this fall & is 13 years old.**

## USS Heimdal Sends Fifth Student to Space Camp



In 1999 the USS Heimdal, based in Madison Heights, VA, Region One, sent 2 local students to Space Camp. In those days the cost for two students was roughly \$700. In the years since, the admission to Space Camp for one student has doubled the 1999 admission for two students, so the chapter was unable to afford offering this Space Camp scholarship again until 2010. The success of the Heimdal's open to the public Annual Charity Auctions that began in 2006 has made it possible to send a local student to Space Camp in 2009, 2010 and in June of this year.

The Heimdal's Space Camp Committee sends a scholarship packet to local middle schools, asks that the principal and his / her designated committee select students that they feel will benefit from an educational week at Space Camp and those selected students write an essay ... 500 word or less ... on Why I Want To Go To Space Camp. Upon receiving all essays, the Space Camp Committee gets together, reads the essays and selects the recipient of the Space Camp Scholarship.

Since 2009, Starfleet member



Roy Henderson, CO of the USS Centurion in California has paid for the flight suits for the recipients of the Heimdal's Space Camp Scholarship ... a cost of \$90. He also includes a bit of spending money for each student and donates items annually to the Heimdal's Annual Charity Auction, with proceeds from sales of those items designated for the chapter's Space Camp Program. Roy is a Space Camp advocate and realizes what a positive educational experience the Space Camp week is.

This year's recipient of the Heim-

dal's Space Camp Scholarship is Whiton Erikson. Whiton is entering 8th grade this fall & is 13 years old. He recently appeared on Heimdal CO, Linda Smith's local television talk show, "Lynchburg Live" talking about his exciting 6-day trip to Space Camp in June of this year. He enjoyed both the Space Camp experience & the Aviation Challenge part of his week at the NASA sponsored camp in Huntsville, AL.

As long as the Heimdal's Annual Charity Auction continues to be successful, they will be sending a local student to Space Camp / Aviation Challenge.



**Rockets on the Space Camp campus.**



**Whiton Erikson, the student the Heimdal sent to Space Camp in June 2011.**

**Photo by Willy Smith**

**ADM Linda Smith  
USS Heimdal  
Region I**



# Chaplain’s Chat

There has certainly been a lot going on in the Chaplain Corps since our last article. One of the items I wish for the fleet to know is that we have a Chaplain Liaison available in 5 Starfleet regions now:

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RADM Lee Schmidt  
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All of these individuals are doing a wonderful job and have greatly assisted in our moving ahead at warp speed. If you are a member of a chapter in one the regions not listed above and may be interested in a position as a Chaplain liaison, please contact my deputy, BDR Bryan Jones at: deputychiefchaplain@yahoo.com. We also cordially invite members to visit our main website at: www.starfleetchaplainservices.webs.com, especially those members interested in joining the Corps.

With the many sorrowful passings of our members and loved ones during this year, I thought I would take the time to offer some information that may assist regarding our normal reactions to loss. The following comes from the Griefwatch website and is used by permission of author Pat Schweibert:

Grief and mourning is often misunderstood by people who have never faced the death of a loved one. If this has happened to you for the first time, I hope the following thoughts

and information will help you realize that what you are experiencing is normal. The intense feelings will lessen as you do a variety of things to take care of yourself in the healing process.

The healing process takes courage... like telling someone, with tears in your eyes, that you were once happily married, but now you live alone; or that Mother’s Day or Father’s Day has lost its meaning because your parent died; or that you had three children but only two are living.

Others may feel uncomfortable as they see you expressing your (sometimes) uncontrollable feelings. It takes courage not to avoid these feelings just to make others feel “better.” Finding others who do understand what it is like is important at this time. Joining a grief support group is one way.

Then there is the other side... needing to take a “vacation” from your grief, so that you can have some relief. Some people do it by going back to work, others by getting involved in a project or activity, or taking walks in areas they love. You may only be able to do this for short amounts of time during the first few weeks, but even that amount can help.

Later (the time varies for different people and their relationship to the deceased), the deep and overwhelming feelings of sadness will lessen, though there will be times when you miss the one who died and feel sad.

## Possible Normal Physical Symptoms of Grief and Mourning:

- Dry mouth and skin (possibly caused by dehydration from crying – drink lots of water)
- Loss of appetite or

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- over-eating
- Sleeplessness
- Frequent thoughts about the one who died
- The area near your heart can hurt, as if it were broken (breathing difficulties)
- Extreme tiredness
- Difficulty in maintaining concentration; forgetfulness
- Increased sensitivity to loud noises
- Feeling confused

## Possible Normal Emotional Symptoms:

- Things seem unreal
- You may feel distant from others, and it may seem as if no one really cares about you or understands what it’s like
- Loss of meaning in life (Hang on! The meaning will return, though your life and how you see it may be different.)
- Crying is healthy and important in healing (Keeping from crying might cause health problems later. Nature gave us tears to ease the stress of life. Men, especially, can have difficulty crying, because they have been taught not to cry. They do, and it’s normal and healthy.)

## Feelings Sometimes Associated with Grief and Mourning:

- Shock and numbness (a normal way to react to the news of a death)
- Guilt (“if onlys” are natural and need to be expressed)
- Anger (often we’re taught not to feel angry, but anger is a normal feeling and needs to be accepted and expressed – in a non-destructive way)

- Depression (at times, loneliness and lack of motivation may occur for you – don’t worry, at some point the motivation will return)
- Relief (it is a normal feeling, especially when the deceased suffered before death, or in a sudden death, where there was no suffering)

## Suggestions:

- Avoid use of drugs and alcohol – they usually stop or delay grief (which means you’ll need to face the feelings about the death later on)
- Avoid hasty decisions about the belongings of the deceased
- Put off any major decisions (i.e.: moving, financial investments, etc.)
- Even though your patience may wear thin, try letting others know what you need and how to help you (giving them this hand-out may help them to understand you better)
- Gather strength from people who won’t judge or advise you and are available for emotional support.

## Reconciliation:

Have hope, for you can find new meaning in life. It will not happen overnight, so try not to push yourself. Studies show that many people think that grief and mourning should be over by either the day after the funeral, or at least by two months later. THAT IS NOT TRUE!!! Depending upon your relationship to the deceased (how emotionally intertwined your lives were), the mourning process may last for several months or more.

The time will come, if you choose, when you begin building a different life for yourself. You will be

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Chief Chaplain

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USS Tiberius  
Region 2  
Deputy Chaplain



differ-ent, and a “healed scar” will be where the rawness once was. You may, occasionally, still feel sad and have a strong need to cry. Go ahead, give in to it. There will be those times when you miss your loved one.

Letting go forever to someone you love is a challenge. My heart goes out to you as you take courage.

The Variety of Ways Grief Affects Us:

- Emotionally/Physically/Cognitively
- Sad appetite confusion
  - Anxious heart hurts

- disbelief
- Guilt energy forgetfulness
  - Irritated sleep patterns hallucination
  - Frustrated trying to make angry sense of it

Spiritually/Philosophically

- Why did he/she have to die? Why him/her? Why me?
- Why am I being punished by this loss? Life is unfair!
- What did I do wrong to deserve this?
- What is the meaning of

life?

Ways to Decrease Stress:

- 35% decrease stress by writing thoughts and feelings
- 35% decrease stress by talking into a tape recorder, listening decreased stress by another 5%
- 25% decrease stress by walking the equivalency of a mile a day
- 50% decrease stress by talking and sharing with people who don't judge or

advise

The full text of this article can be found online at: <http://www.grief-watch.com/normal-reactions-to-loss>)

It is our sincere hope that this information will help someone facing a loss in their life. Remember, Chaplain Services is available for spiritual assistance & support to all of our members in STARFLEET. We can be contacted through email at: (Russell) [trekchristian@gmail.com](mailto:trekchristian@gmail.com) or (Bryan) at: [deputychiefchaplain@yahoo.com](mailto:deputychiefchaplain@yahoo.com).

Be blessed always!



Cargo and Escort  
By James Jones



## Astronomy: How to Get Started Part I

There is a fairly large overlap between Trekkers and astronomers. Astronomy presentations are often featured and well attended at Star Trek and SF conventions. Astronomers almost all have some familiarity with Star Trek, and many will point to Star Trek as something that triggered their interest in astronomy.

I will begin what will hopefully be a regular column in CQ – at the beginning: How to get started in the hobby of observational astronomy. First, right off the bat: DON'T BUY A TELESCOPE. Many people buy inexpensive telescopes, and end up not using them. First, inexpensive telescopes may have good optics, but often have poor flimsy tripods. These make the instrument difficult to use right off the bat. I will discuss recommended beginner telescopes in a later column, but for a complete novice, I recommend other steps first.

In order to do any observing, one must first learn the night sky. One doesn't need to know the names and boundaries of all the constellations in the sky, but learning some major landmarks is essential for any kind of observing (except the

Sun and moon!). Being able to find the Big Dipper and from there the north star, Polaris, is the place to start. Some easy constellations and star formations ("asterisms") to find in summer are Cygnus (the Swan) which contains the Northern Cross, and the Summer Triangle. In Spring, Leo, with its reverse question mark or sickle formation. In fall, the "W" or "M" of Cassiopeia. In the winter, Orion is easily found. From these, you will eventually learn where the other major landmarks (or more properly "skymarks") and specific astronomical targets are.

Aids to learning the night sky include sky charts, planispheres, and star atlases. Sky charts for each month can be found in the major astronomy magazines. The Sunday New York Times and other newspa-

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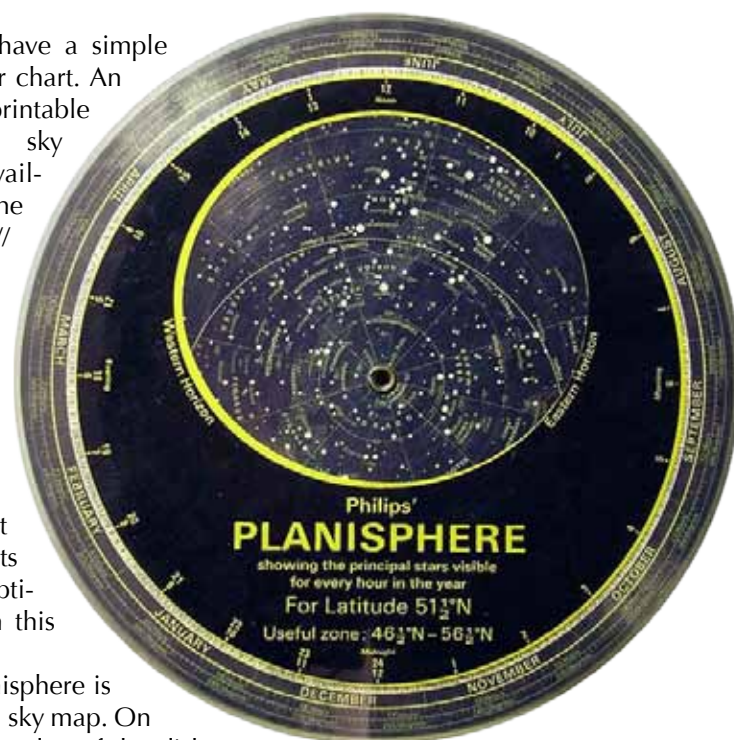
pers may have a simple weekly star chart. An excellent printable monthly sky chart is available online at <http://skymaps.com/>.

This chart also contains a calendar of celestial events, and a list of targets that are optimally seen this month.

A planisphere is a perpetual sky map. On the outside edge of the disk one matches the time of day with the month and date, and a window will show the part of the sky that is viewable at that time. Be sure to get one that matches your latitude.

Star atlases come in a great variety of sizes and detail. A recommended one is the Pocket Sky Atlas. It is something you will use throughout your astronomy career. It is a convenient size for use in the field. Even so, it has a lot of detail, and may overwhelm the beginner. Used together with a sky map, however, you will be able to find almost anything of interest.

You will also need a red flashlight so that you can read your charts without destroying your night vision. You can make one using a small flashlight and red nail polish, red cellophane from holiday wrappings, or red automobile taillight tape.



Some recommended books to start with:

Turn Left at Orion by Guy Consolmagno and Dan M. Davis

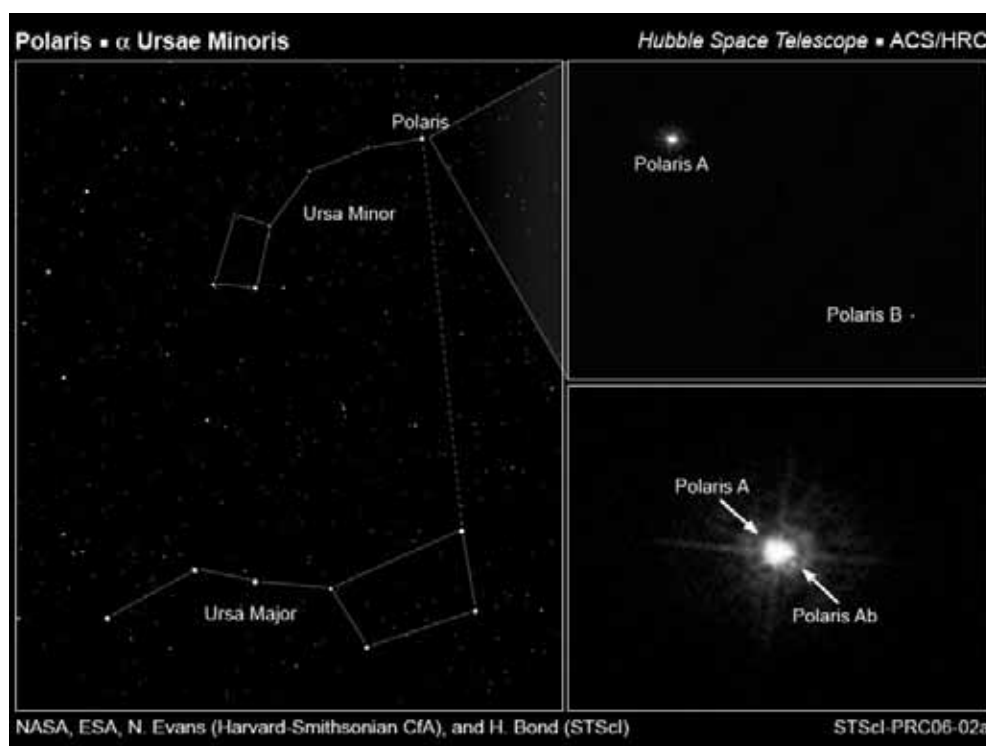
Nightwatch by Terence Dickerson

Touring the Universe with Binoculars by Phillip S. Harrington

Star Watch by Phillip S. Harrington

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**The menu consisted of: Denubian Jellied Slugs, Andorian Bat Droppings, BBQ Tribbles, BBQ Rigelian Ox, Klingon Targ Dune Eggs, Klingon Gagh Serpent Worms, Andorian Fish Eggs, Gorn Devil Eggs...**

## USS Oklahoma First Anniversary



**O**n August 20, 2011 the USS Oklahoma celebrated our first year anniversary with a party at Welch Community Center in Welch, Oklahoma.

Those from the USS Oklahoma attending the anniversary party were Commanding Officer CAPT Shanon Lindbloom, Sr., CMDR Gail Lindbloom, Chief of Security LT Shawn Lytle, IG Officer and Communications Officer LT Mary Lytle, Head Nurse Clemma Ruble, Crewman Chris and Melissa Davis, Cadets Andrew, Quinton, Lucky and Aidan Davis, along with two of our civilian cadets Mickey and Mathew Mundt.

Several guests were also in attendance. John and Norma Dubose and Mae Orem transported over from the USS Dragonstrike. From around the Oklahoma quadrant we had: Michael, Joy and Aaricka Atkinson from Waukomis; Betty Asche and Joseph, Hunter and Heath Lindbloom from Bluejacket; Diana Powers and Hadden and Haylee Harris from Timberhill; and Howard and Carolyn Simpson and Jennifer Lindbloom from Vinita; and Leonora Clinton from Miami.

A lunch meal was served for all that attended. The menu consisted of: Denubian Jellied Slugs, Andorian Bat Droppings, BBQ Tribbles, BBQ Rigelian Ox, Klingon Targ Dune Eggs, Klingon Gagh Serpent Worms, Andorian Fish Eggs, Gorn Devil Eggs, Klingon Slice Targheart Pie, Romulan Ale (in both synthehol and alcohol versions), Klingon Blood Wine, Nachos with cheese, sliced cheese, crackers, bread and soda pop.

Certificates were given to Shawn and Mary Lytle for outstanding performance of duties and promotion certificates to both of them from the grade of LTJG to Lieutenant. Mary Lytle received a birthday certificate for the month of August. Certificates for other birthdays for the month of August are Colonel Brian Allen and Chief Medical Officer, Nathan Greenburg.

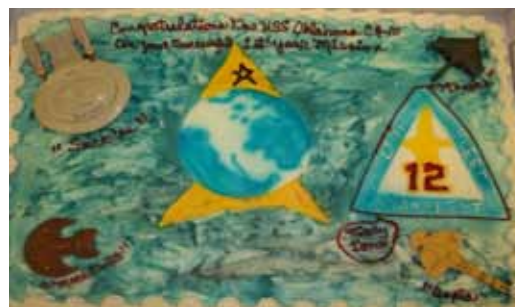
Tickets were sold for drawings

for Star Trek prizes. Captain Shanon Lindbloom and Commander Gail Lindbloom gave out several gifts. Prizes given out were Star Trek plates, cups, stickers, coasters, action figures and movies. The proceeds from the tickets sold went toward helping pay for the rent on the building.

All had a toast for the ship's anniversary. Sparkling grape juice was served to all of the cadets and non-drinkers. The other adults celebrated with a toast of wine and Champagne.

Shawn and Mary Lytle provided the Ship's Anniversary Cake. The cake was half sheet cake, half of which was white and the other half chocolate. The cake was decorated with a Romulan Warbird, USS Enterprise-D Ship, Ferengi Scoutship and a Cardassian Battle Cruiser. The cake was imprinted with the Region 12 patch and the USS Oklahoma's Crest. The cake was very delicious.

The Anniversary party lasted approximately 4 and a half hours. A good time seemed to be had by all that attended.



**The One Year Anniversary Cake**



**Yes. Andorian Fish Eggs (aka Deviled Eggs)**



**The Crew of the Oklahoma and Dragonstrike**



**Captain's many duties include cutting the cake.**



**Diana Powers, Hadden Harris, and Haylee Harris**

LT Mary Lytle  
USS Oklahoma  
Region 12





**STARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**  
**EXPLORER-CLASS RECONNAISSANCE CRUISER**  
**AUSTRALIA-CLASS BATTLECRUISER**  
**SALADIN-CLASS, COCHISE-SUBCLASS**  
**DESTROYER**

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Welcome back to “Starship Highlights”, in which we’ll offer a brief look at various different classes of starships and space stations from time to time. In this issue, we offer three classes that have been added to STARFLEET’s retinue of options over the past year or so. There are lots of classes out there, so let’s take a peek at this small sample...

Officers: 76  
Crew: 204  
Mobile Ground Force: 25  
Total: 305

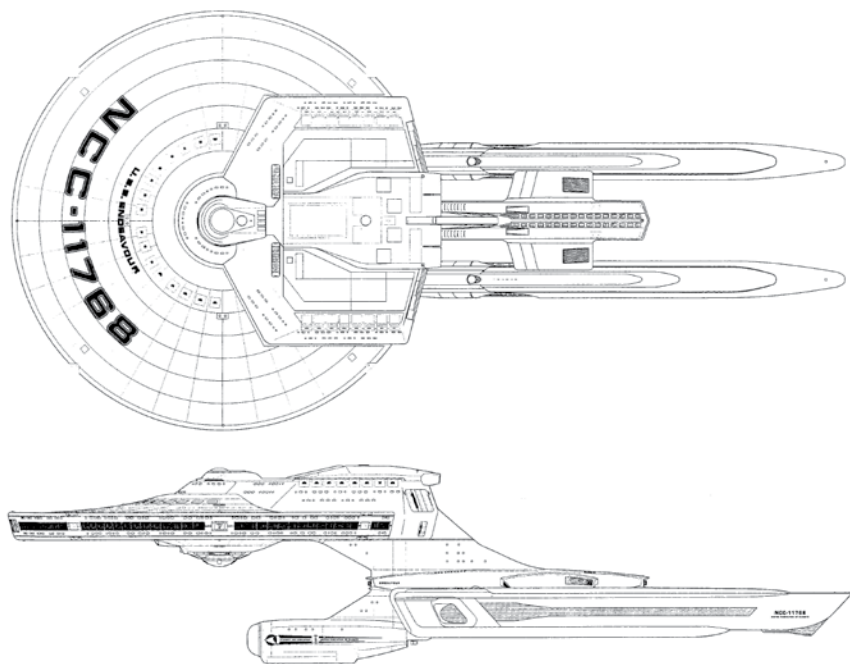
**ARMAMENT:**  
Phaser Banks:  
Type: RIM-15A Independent Twin Mount  
Number: 18  
Emplacements/Bank: 2  
Type: RSM-20B Single Mount  
Number: 1  
Emplacements/Bank: 1  
Photon Torpedoes:  
Number of Tubes: 4  
Torpedo Type(s): Mk 50

**DEFENSES:**  
Deflector Systems  
Type: “Merlin” Force Field and Deflector Control System with Stasis Countermeasure System;  
Defense Scanning/

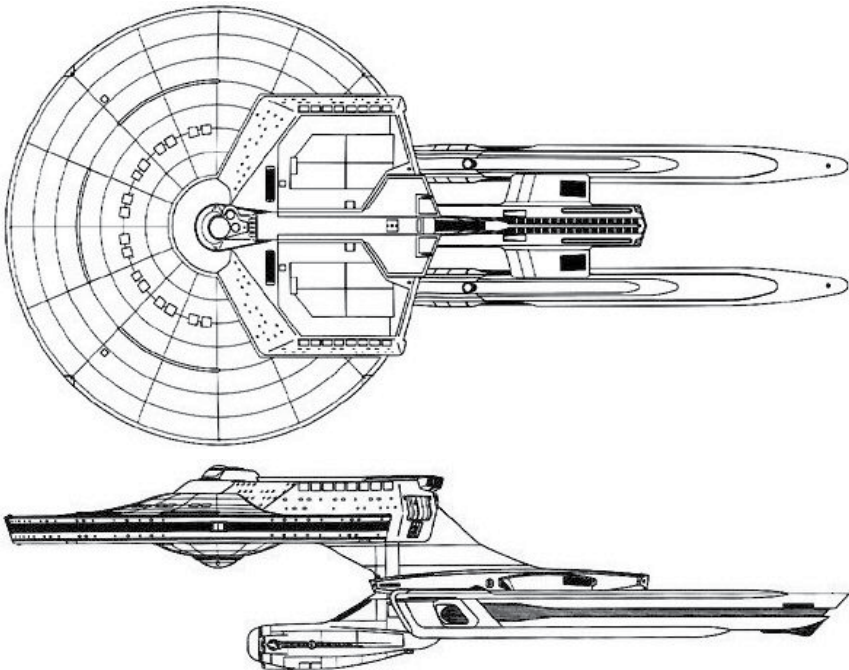
Computer/Tracking Systems:  
Type(s): D/SS Defense and Scanning Systems; FSTR/TAC Fleet Strategic/Tactical Data System  
Cloaking Device (Y/N): Y

**AUXILIARY:**  
Tractor Beam(s) Number: 1  
**EMBARKED CRAFT:**  
Warpshuttle Number: 2  
Shuttlecraft Number: 3  
Type(s): Various (Typ. Manasu-Class, Galileo-Class)  
Utility Craft: Number: 2  
Type: Travel Pods Number: 4  
Type: Work Bees

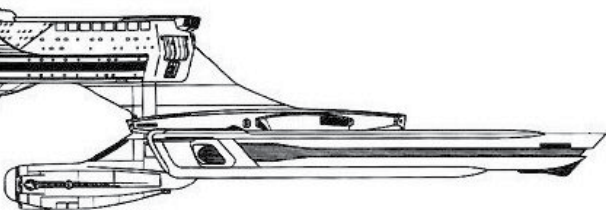
Specifications for the Explorer-class (Block2) are as follows:  
**PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:**  
Length Overall: 281.4 meters  
Beam Overall: 142.0 meters  
Draft Overall: 65.8 meters  
Primary Hull Length: 147.7 meters  
Primary Hull Beam: 142.0 meters  
Primary Hull Draft: 32.8 meters  
Defense Hull Length: 93.0 meters



Explorer Class



Block 1



Block 2

**Explorer-Class  
Reconnaissance Cruiser:**

The Explorer-Class was created for a set of plans by Scott W. Bell, who was once a member of STARFLEET. The design first saw wide distribution in a set of plans by Eric Kristiansen, adapting Scott’s original design.

The Explorer-class was a late 23rd Century design, a descendent of the original Hermes-class design, but reflecting new technologies and capabilities developed as the years went by. Authorized in the early 2290s, the Explorer-class was an exploration and reconnaissance-oriented design, born of the continued need for a lighter, fast design that was less obtrusive than the Excelsior-class that was starting to succeed the venerable Constitution design as StarFleet’s front-line multi-mission vessels. From advanced sensor and laboratory facilities to a detachment from the StarFleet Mobile Ground

Force, the Explorer-class was intended to be capable of a variety of exploratory, investigative, and covert operations missions.

Some years after the initial group of Explorer-class vessels was commissioned, a second group of ships was built. These reflected continued technological advances in the first decades of the 24th Century.

Specifications for the Explorer-class (Block 1) are as follows:

**PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:**

Length Overall: 281.4 meters  
Beam Overall: 142.0 meters  
Draft Overall: 65.8 meters  
Primary Hull Length: 147.7 meters  
Primary Hull Beam: 142.0 meters  
Primary Hull Draft: 32.8 meters  
Defense Hull Length: 93.0 meters  
Defense Hull Beam: 13.0 meters  
Defense Hull Draft: 9.0 meters  
Secondary Hull Length: 63.7 meters  
Secondary Hull Beam: 13.8 meters  
Secondary Hull Draft: 14.0 meters

Nacelle Length: 153.4 meters  
Nacelle Beam: 12.5 meters  
Nacelle Draft: 16.7 meters  
**DISPLACEMENT:**  
Standard: 177,590 metric tons  
**PROPULSION:**

Warp Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: LN-64C Mod 1 Dilithium Energized Antimatter Linear Warp Drive Units  
Impulse Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: RSN Subatomic Unified Energy Impulse Units  
Maneuvering Thrusters Type: QASR Particle Beam Maneuvering Thrusters  
Reaction Control System Type: “Trentis” Pulsed Laser Reaction Control System

**VELOCITY:**  
Cruising: Warp 8  
Maximum: Warp 12  
**CREW COMPLEMENT:**

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USS Avenger  
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Defense Hull Beam: 13.0 meters  
Defense Hull Draft: 9.0 meters  
Secondary Hull Length: 63.7 meters  
Secondary Hull Beam: 13.8 meters  
Secondary Hull Draft: 14.0 meters  
Nacelle Length: 153.4 meters  
Nacelle Beam: 12.5 meters  
Nacelle Draft: 16.7 meters  
DISPLACEMENT:  
Standard: 177,590 metric tons  
PROPULSION:  
Warp Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: LN-64C Mod 3 Dilithium Energized Antimatter Linear Warp Drive Units  
Impulse Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: RSN Subatomic Unified Energy Impulse Units  
Maneuvering Thrusters Type: QASR Particle Beam Maneuvering Thrusters  
Reaction Control System Type: “Trentis” Pulsed Laser Reaction Control System  
VELOCITY:  
Cruising: Warp 8  
Maximum: Warp 12  
CREW COMPLEMENT:  
Officers: 76  
Crew: 204  
Mobile Ground Force: 25  
Total: 305  
ARMAMENT:  
Phaser Banks:  
Type: Type VIII Collimated Phaser Array  
Number: 9  
Photon Torpedoes:  
Number of Tubes: 4  
Torpedo Type(s): Mk 10  
DEFENSES:  
Deflector Systems  
Type: “Merlin II” Force Field and Deflector Control System with Stasis Countermeasure System;  
Defense Scanning/Computer/Tracking Systems:  
Type(s): D/SS Defense and Scanning Systems; FSTR/TAC Fleet Strategic/Tactical Data System  
Cloaking Device (Y/N): N  
AUXILIARY:  
Tractor Beam(s) Number: 1  
EMBARKED CRAFT:  
Warpshuttle Number: 2  
Shuttlecraft Number: 3  
Type(s): Various (Typ. Manasu-Class, Galileo-Class)  
Utility Craft: Number: 2  
Type: Travel Pods Number: 4  
Type: Work Bees  
Known vessels of the Explorer-

class include:  
Explorer NCC-11758  
Challenger NCC-11759  
Britannia NCC-11760  
Adventure NCC-11761  
Kon-Tiki NCC-11762  
Beagle NCC-11763  
Resolute NCC-11764  
Pioneer NCC-11765  
Bounty NCC-11766  
Mariner NCC-11767  
Endeavour NCC-11768  
Discovery NCC-11769  
Vanguard NCC-11770  
Expedition NCC-11772  
Endurance NCC-11773  
Advance NCC-11774  
Vincennes NCC-11775  
Halifax NCC-11776  
Calypso NCC-11777  
[Art Credits: Block 1 Explorer-Class by Scott W. Bell; Block 2 Explorer-Class by Eric Kristiansen]  
**Australia-Class Battlecruiser:**  
The Australia-class first appeared in Star Fleet Battles. While the game doesn’t take place strictly in what we know as the Star Trek Universe, a number of its classes could be adapted to fit Trek’s world, notably the era of the Four Years’ War, a conflict with the Klingons in the 2250s.  
As the tensions with the Klingons built up in the 2240s and early 2250s, StarFleet expanded its shipbuilding substantially. A number of classes were fielded that used well-established components and could be constructed easily, with an eye toward bolstering the Fleet for the conflict that many of StarFleet’s planners feared was coming. The Australia-class battlecruiser was adapted from the Constitution platform, but was reconfigured to improve its tactical performance. Speed and maneuverability were both improved, and a substantially expanded weapons array made the ship a highly effective combatant. However, the higher power utilization curves made it less effective over time, so the class was not an ideal choice for long-range or long-duration missions.  
Specifications for the Australia-class are as follows:  
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:  
Length Overall: 287.5 meters  
Beam Overall: 127.1 meters  
Draft Overall: 68.8 meters  
Primary Hull Length: 127.1 meters  
Primary Hull Beam: 126.1 meters

Primary Hull Draft: 32.2 meters  
Secondary Hull Length: 112.2 meters  
Secondary Hull Beam: 30.1 meters  
Secondary Hull Draft: 30.1 meters  
Nacelle Length: 157.3 meters  
Nacelle Beam: 20.1 meters  
Nacelle Draft: 18.5 meters  
DISPLACEMENT:  
Standard: 185,000 metric tons  
Light: 181,500 metric tons  
Full Load: 188,000 metric tons  
PROPULSION:  
Warp Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: PB-32 Mod 3 Circumferential Warp Drive Units  
Impulse Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: SBA Subatomic Unified Energy Impulse Units  
Reaction Control System Type: 3CM Chemical Combustion Precise Control Package  
VELOCITY:  
Cruising: Warp 6  
Maximum: Warp 9  
ACCELERATION  
(Times in Seconds):  
Rest - Onset Critical Momentum: 24.04 sec  
Onset Critical Momentum - Warp Engage: 2.76 sec  
Warp 1 - Warp 4: 1.98 sec  
Warp 4 - Warp 6: .82 sec  
Warp 6 - Warp 9: 4.84 sec  
NAVIGATION:  
System Type: “Medallion” Warp Celestial Guidance  
COMPUTERS:  
System Type: “Daystrom” Duotronic  
ARMAMENT:  
Phaser Banks:  
Type: 447-54 Retractable Single Mount  
Number: 9  
Emplacements/Bank: 3 Banks of 2, 3 Single Units  
Photon Torpedoes:  
Number of Tubes: 4  
Torpedo Type(s): Mk 12 Mod 2 Indirect  
DEFENSES:  
Deflector Systems  
Type: R776/A3 Subsurface Hull Grid  
Cloaking Device (Y/N): N  
Defense Scanning/Computer/Tracking Systems:  
Type(s): “Saber II” Fire Control System with Tri-Tel  
“Lynx” Sensor and Weapon System  
LIFE SUPPORT:  
Gravity/Atmosphere/Radiation

Systems:  
Type(s): Vita-7 Integrated Gravity, Radiation, and Synthesizing Systems  
EMBARKED CRAFT:  
Shuttlecraft Number: 6+  
Type(s): Class F/G 7-Person (Typical)  
Assault Pods/Fighters Number: 2  
Type(s): SPCR 52C Light Fighter  
Known vessels of the Australia-class include:  
Alamo NCC-3137  
Australia NCC-3120  
Ayacucho NCC-3131  
Bunker Hill NCC-3134  
Cinco de Mayo NCC-3138  
Cowpens NCC-3139  
Dien Bien Phu NCC-3135  
Hamilcar Barca NCC-3127  
Krasny Barikaddy NCC-3133  
Long March NCC-3132  
Managua NCC-3136  
Masada NCC-3140  
Montana NCC-3128  
Nathan Bedford Forrest NCC-3125  
New Jersey NCC-3123  
New Zealand NCC-3121  
Nikolai V. Ogarkov NCC-3126  
Otto Von Bismarck NCC-3124  
Paris Commune NCC-3130  
Revolution NCC-3129  
Thunderchild NCC-3122  
[Art Credits: Australia-Class Design by Amarillo Design Bureau; Schematics by Carol Thompson]

**Saladin-Class, Cochise-Subclass Destroyer:**  
The Cochise-subclass first appeared in silhouette on the Federation Starship Recognition Chart, from Star Fleet Printing Office. Communication with David J. Nielsen III, the artist, revealed some details, and the design was fully fleshed-out by the DTS Offices of Schematic Art and Technical Information.  
By the time StarFleet was ready to authorize appropriations for the third block of destroyers within the Saladin-class, the experiments with transwarp drive, while themselves unsuccessful, had provided the necessary data to develop the advanced circumferential warp engine (ACE). Built alongside the Saladin (II)-subclass refit program, the Cochise-subclass utilized the ACE engine, as well as an innovative hull redesign that was evolved from the Loknar and

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Specifications for the Cochise-subclass are as follows:

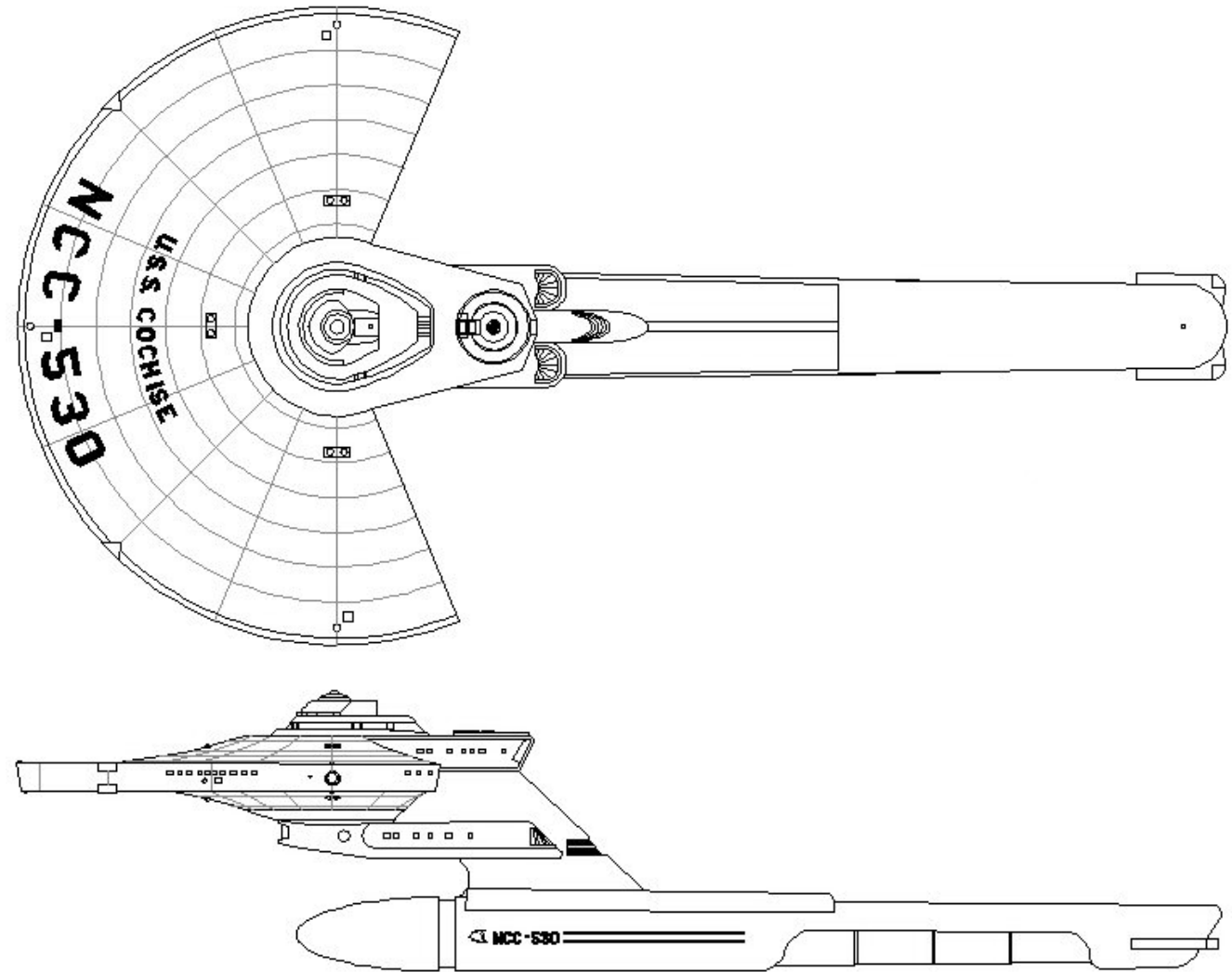
PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:  
Length Overall: 266.2 meters  
Beam Overall: 141.7 meters  
Draft Overall: 62.7 meters  
Primary Hull Length: 114.6 meters  
Primary Hull Beam: 141.7 meters  
Primary Hull Draft: 38.1 meters  
Nacelle Length: 204.6 meters  
Nacelle Beam: 28.0 meters  
Nacelle Draft: 18.4 meters

DISPLACEMENT:  
Standard: 106,200 metric tons  
Light: 104,600 metric tons  
Full Load: 108,000 metric tons  
PROPULSION:  
Warp Engines:  
Number: 1  
Type: ACE Mod 1 Advanced Circumferential Warp Drive Unit  
Impulse Engines:  
Number: 2  
Type: RSM Subatomic Unified Energy Impulse Units  
Maneuvering Thrusters Type: QASR  
Particle Beam Maneuvering Thrusters  
Reaction Control System Type: "Uki-ah" Pulsed Laser Reaction Control System

VELOCITY:  
Cruising (Warp Factor): Warp 8  
Maximum (Warp Factor): Warp 11  
ACCELERATION  
(Times in Seconds):  
Rest - Onset Critical Momentum: 7.48 sec  
Onset Critical Momentm - Warp Engage: 1.10 sec  
Warp 1 - Warp 4: .84 sec  
Warp 4 - Warp 8: .71 sec  
Warp 8 - Warp 11: 2.48 sec  
CREW COMPLEMENT:  
Officers: 20  
Crew: 180  
Total: 200

NAVIGATION:  
System Type: RAV/ISHAK Warp Celestial Guidance  
COMPUTERS:  
System Type: "Daystrom" Duotronic IV

ARMAMENT:  
Phaser Banks/Arrays:  
Type: RIM 12C Independent Twin Mount  
Number: 6 Banks  
Emplacements/Bank: 2  
Photon Torpedoes:



Saladin-Class Cochise-Subclass Destroyer

Number of Tubes: 2	Abu Bekr NCC-549
Torpedo Type(s): MK 6 Mod 2 Direct (Typ.)	Achilles NCC-551
DEFENSES:	Ajax NCC-547
Deflector Systems	Akbar NCC-548
Type: "Lancelot" Primary Force Field and Deflector Control System	Al Mahdi NCC-545
Countermeasures Systems	Alva NCC-531
Type: CGCP/SCDS Cloaking Generation, Penetration, and Stasis Countermeasure System	Alvarado NCC-537
Cloaking Device: Y	Appollyon NCC-542
Defense Scanning/Computer/Tracking Systems:	Cimon NCC-555
Type: "Conus II" Sensor and Fire Control System	Cochise NCC-530
LIFE SUPPORT:	Cortez NCC-536
Gravity/Atmosphere Systems:	De Ruyter NCC-538
Type: MC-3A Artificial Gravity Generator	Drake NCC-541
Radiation Shielding:	El Cid NCC-534
Type: "Rastis" Radiation Protection Package (Modified)	Geronimo NCC-535
Waste Regeneration Systems:	Hektor NCC-539
Type: "Cerix" Waste Regeneration Systems	Ivan NCC-550
Known vessels of the Cochise-subclass include:	Lysander NCC-540
	Martel NCC-554
	Nelson NCC-546
	Ney NCC-533
	Perseus NCC-544
	Pontiac NCC-532
	Samson NCC-543
	Scipio NCC-553
	Theseus NCC-552

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**Music boldly goes where no word has gone before - it is beyond words. So, this leads to an interesting question: if music is beyond words, what is beyond the music?**

## The Psychologist's Office



**D**efinition: Music, according to worldbook.com:  
"1 the art of making sounds that are beautiful, and putting them together into beautiful, pleasing, or interesting arrangements. The study of music deals with the principles of melody, harmony, rhythm, tempo, and timbre.

2 beautiful, pleasing, or interesting arrangements of sounds, especially as produced by the voice or instruments: Music, when soft voices die, Vibrates in the memory (Shelley).

3 written or printed signs for tones; a score or scores."

But these definitions are far from expressing the real nature of music and all the feelings it inspires to humans. Music might be the only cultural element that all human beings share. Some of you may say that war is another one, but war is for barbarians. As the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, wrote: "Without music, life would be an error".

### An example of IDIC

Music has so many faces : classical, pop, jazz, rock, techno, film scores, opera, house, hard rock, metal, funk, folks, religious songs, ... and I certainly forget many of them. Music is the perfect illustration of the Vulcan adage : "Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations".

### A caress for the mind

Music is not only another means of expression; it is often used to appease and cure a trouble mind or to fight loneliness. It can be used to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals of all ages. Music therapy improves the quality of life for people who are well and meets the needs of children and adults with disabilities or illnesses (for more information: <http://www.musictherapy.org/>).

### A means of communication

What can you do when you meet another person whose language you do not know?

You can still try to use music. Just remember two 20th century films: The Mission and Close Encounters

of the Third Kind. In The Mission, (Roland Joffé, 1986) : a 18th century Spanish Jesuit first communicate with an South American indian tribe using a flute.

In Close Encounters of the Third Kind (Steven Spielberg, 1977) : human scientists communicate with an alien starship using musical tones.

I know, things are not always so idyllic. In Mars Attacks (Tim Burton, 1996), humans use an oldie song to kill the aliens.

### A means of seduction

Human female are supposed to be very attracted to musicians. Especially the long hair ones shouting with an electric guitar. But indeed, music is a mean of seduction. And sometimes, an incredible metaphore, like in the Next Generation episode "Lessons", when Picard falls in love for Nella Daren. While there is no sex scene during this episode, of course, but Picard uses the flute to become close to Daren - who would not understand?

### Beyond everything

Music is another way to communicate, to express feelings and emotions beyond what words can convey. Music boldly goes where no word has gone before - it is beyond words. So, this leads to an interesting question : if music is beyond words, what is beyond the music? Some of you may think that beyond music, there is God, or perfection. I personally prefer the explanation of a physician, David Bohm, a former student

of Albert Einstein, for whom there are two ways to reach the true nature of reality: mathematical equations and... musical emotion.

### Music in Star Trek

Of course, in Star Trek universe, music has a great importance. Among others:

- Joran Dax, Benjamin Sisko : piano.
- Harry Kim : clarinet
- William Riker : trombone, piano.
- Spock, Tuvok : vulcan lute.
- Benjamin Sisko, Seven of Nine, The Doctor, Vic Fontaine : singing.
- Ensign Cheney : chello.

With a special tribute to Star Trek Composer, Jerry Goldsmith.



**Jean-Luc Picard**  
ressikn flute



**Data** : violin



**William Riker**  
trombone

**Star Trek Composer,**  
**Jerry Goldsmith.**

And as the 20th century great psychiatrist Frasier Crane would say, "Goodnight, USS Europe - and good mental health."

For more information:  
<http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Music>

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Signol-Pajany  
USS Tiberius  
Region 2



## USS Isaac: Putting Their Best Feet Forward Into History

### Northumberland Coastal Challenge Walk 2011

The Northumberland Coast is best known for its sweeping beaches, imposing castles, rolling dunes, high rocky cliffs and isolated islands. Amidst this striking landscape is the evidence of an area steeped in history, covering 7000 years of human activity. A host of conservation sites, including two National Nature Reserves testify to the great variety of wildlife and habitats also found on the coast. And it was along this coastline that a group of walkers and runners set off on the first ever Northumberland Coastal Challenge Walk on Monday 2nd May 2011, among them, two from the USS Isaac crew, CO Captain Angie Smith and 399th OIC SGM Marie “M” Wilson.



An early start was had to make the journey to Alnmouth and registration at 0730 before we boarded the coach for transfer up to Waren Mill, just north of Bamburgh, for the start of the walk. Angie made the mistake of pointing to the Mountain Rescue vehicle as her ride home, little did we realise at the time that it would be!

204 participants, 26.2 miles of Northumberland coast line ahead, some of the most stunning coastline the UK has to offer in fact and the weather seemed to be on our side. Tagged with our checkpoint cards which had to be clipped at the following points we put best foot forward to raise money for help for heroes;

- First checkpoint - Seahouses
- Second checkpoint - High

Newton

- Third checkpoint - Craster
- Fourth Checkpoint - Boulmer
- Last checkpoint & Finish – Alnmouth

Within the first seven miles towards our first checkpoint we passed the beautiful Bamburgh Castle. Spanning nine acres of land on its rocky plateau high above the Northumberland coastline Bamburgh is one of the largest inhabited castles in the country. The great fortifications of the Castle sit on an outcrop of volcanic dolerite. Known locally as whinstone for the sound it makes when hit by a stonemasons hammer, it provides a natural throne upon which the castle sits forty five metres above sea level.

Unfortunately while we enjoyed the scenery Angie’s feet weren’t fairing too well and unknown to us large

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blisters had formed on the soles of her feet, blisters that subsequently burst and rubbed the skin raw. As a result of this she had to withdraw at the first checkpoint, Seahorses, a respectable seven miles into the walk.

It was a tough decision to continue on my own but choose to do so and to complete the walk for both of us. Walking up and out of Seahouses, known as ‘The Gateway to the Farne Islands’, I took a glance back at this holiday town and fishing port that did not exist until 1889 when the harbour was built in order to improve the local fishing and lime industries.

Alone with my thoughts and worried about Angie I completed the next six miles to check point two in just over an hour, only briefly slowing my pace to chat with other walkers. She was at check point two and as well as can be expected given her poorly feet, so onward to checkpoint three.

On route to checkpoint three at Craster I went past the Built on the most magnificent Dunstanburgh Castle, situated on a remote headland. This castle was built at a time when relations between King Edward II and his most powerful baron, Earl Thomas of Lancaster, had become openly hostile. Lancaster began the fortress in 1313, and the latest archaeological research indicates that he built it on a far grander scale than was recognised, perhaps more as a symbol of his opposition to the king than as a military stronghold.

Check point four was located in the very much traditional Northum-

brian fishing village, Boulmer, which was once the haunt of smugglers and remains one of the few true fishing villages left on the Northumberland Coast. During the 18th and 19th centuries the village was the smuggling capital of Northumberland, now however, this peaceful section of the Northumberland Coast consists of a row of cottages, one pub and a few fishing cobbles. The name Boulmer, pronounced ‘Boomer’, is a derivation of Bulemer, from the old English bulan-mere (bulls mere).

Once past Boulmer it was onto the final checkpoint and finish and now having completed over 20 miles it wasn’t until the last two that my feet began to feel the pressures of the walk. These last two miles the terrain changed rapidly, from grass, to soft sand, to large cobbles, tarmac, grassy fields, wooded forests, the feet were given little time to adjust. Still I made it back into Alnmouth the final checkpoint and finish. Alnmouth itself is picturesque coastal village, originally founded as a medieval borough or new town in 1150, becoming estab-



SGM Marie “M” Wilson  
USS Isaac  
Region 20



lished as a grain port and shipbuilding centre between the years of 1207 and 1208 and famously is home to 'The Schooner Hotel' claimed to be 'The Most Haunted Hotel' in Great Britain North East of England, and featured in the television series 'Most Haunted'.

So, in a little over 8 hours 26.2 miles of the Northumberland Coast line was completed and I now look forward to the next challenge and maybe I'll return next year to take the challenge again on 7th May 2012.

### Terrence Higgins Trust Walk For Life 2011

Sunday 5th June Capt Angie Smith and SGM Marie "M" Wilson once again put one foot in front of another as they took part in the Walk for Life 2011, raising money for the Terrence Higgins Trust. The Walk for Life, celebrating its 22nd year, is a 10 kilometre walk taking in some of London's most iconic landmarks. The route itself is designed to be a fabulous parade through London, giving a voice and support to the thousands of people living with HIV and AIDS in the UK.

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Our group, which also included Sam and Charlotte Wilson, former Rassilon crewmembers, arrived in Potters Field Park at around 0945 hrs, approximately 15 minutes before registration was due to open. The park, however, was slowly beginning to fill with fellow walkers, some of whom were dressing up for the occasion, the theme being 'the Wizard of Oz'. Interestingly much of the site of Potters Fields was once a churchyard but in the 17th Century the surrounding area became known for its potteries.

Presented with Walk for Life T-Shirt's at registration we changed and ventured around the park were some of the stands were beginning to open, some with food and drink, others with merchandise. We were loaned some T-shirt pens to draw on our shirts which was good for a giggle and I almost stood on a pigeon that had appeared to have broken its leg. Thankfully both the pigeon and I were none the worse for ware for our encounter. The walk itself was due to start at noon but not before a warm up with the Pearls and Pecs Boys and of course, all of us claiming our event whistles.

Noon arrived and we stepped onto the yellow brick road as John Partridge, who plays Christian Clarke in Eastenders, cut the ribbon sending the first wave of walkers on their 10k journey. One of the first interesting area's we past was Tower Hill, an area that has been settled since the Bronze Age and one of the oldest parts of London. The White Tower, the oldest part of the Tower of London was begun in 1080 and in 1251 a polar bear joined the Tower's menagerie, a gift to Henry III from the King of Norway. The bear was given a long chain so that it could fish in the Thames.

As we continued we had the privilege of passing Pudding Lane, location of Thomas Farriner's bakehouse, where the Great Fire of London began in 1666. Over three days the fire destroyed over 13,000 houses, 87 churches and St Paul's Cathedral. After passing the rebuilt



Cathedral, the Old Bailey stood before us, this present Central Criminal Courts building stands on the site of the medieval Newgate Gaol and the road itself follows the lone of the City of London's ancient fortified wall, or bailey.

Turning down a narrow passage-way that took its name from a turnstile that stood at its end to prevent the straying of cattle from Lincoln's Inn Fields we made our way to Bow

Street. The Bow Street runner were London's first professional police force, established in 1749 by Henry Fielding, and this newly established force comprised just six officers.

Before heading back along the Thames we pass a giant straw fox and oversized garden furniture, only in London can you stumble across some interesting and unusual objects. The stretch along the Thames between London Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge was once host to the Frost Fairs, when the river would freeze over and become the site of markets, fairs and entertainments. The last one took place in 1814; milder winters and increased flow of the Thames have brought these chilly get-togethers to an end.

We then head past Tate Britain, the most visited modern art gallery in the word, an interestingly originally a power station designed by Sir Giles

## Their Best Foot Forward

Gilbert Scott, who was also responsible for Waterloo Bridge, Battersea Power Station and the classic red phone box. One final point of interest before we head back into Potters Field and the finish, Clink Street. This is the site of Britain's oldest prison, dating back to at least the 12th Century and continuing to operate right through to the 18th Century when it was finally burnt down by the Gordon Rioters.

And so, we all arrived back in Potters Field Park at around 1400 hours and sat down for a well need lunch and waited for the entertainment to start. Charlotte was eager to get up and dance with the Gay Gordons. After which we laid back and listened to the massed ranks of the London Gay Men's Chorus, Four Poofs and a Piano and just as we were leaving to head home, Beverly Knight.

It was a fantastic day and not even the rain we had spoilt it, so until next year's Walk for Life, keep smiling, keep walking.







## The Ronald McDonald House

It was a wonderful time and we can't wait to bring more tabs to the House.

Imagine that your child's world is filled with tests, procedures, doctors and specialists. All the time, for years. Now imagine that all of this is "somewhere else", not in your town and sometimes not even close. Imagine coming to a strange city, being in the hospital and wondering how are you going to be able to afford to stay for the length of time needed. Worry begins to rise as you wonder where you are going to stay. Suddenly a hospital representative gives you a pamphlet and tells you that there is a place for you to stay, no charge.

That pamphlet is for the Ronald McDonald house, and it tells you of rooms and kitchens and playgrounds and support. It tells you that you can stay as long as you need, make your own food and not have to worry about anything but the medical issues at hand. You wonder, as you settle in for your first night, how they can afford to do all of this?

One of the ways is through the collection of pop can tabs -- and thanks to the giving heart of one Jr. Cadet Josh Schwartz the USS Crusader was honored to take on this worthy charity as one of our many community involvement projects. On June 25 myself, Linda, Treven, Adam, Anna, Caleb, Alex, Alex's friend Andrew, Shannon, Shannon's

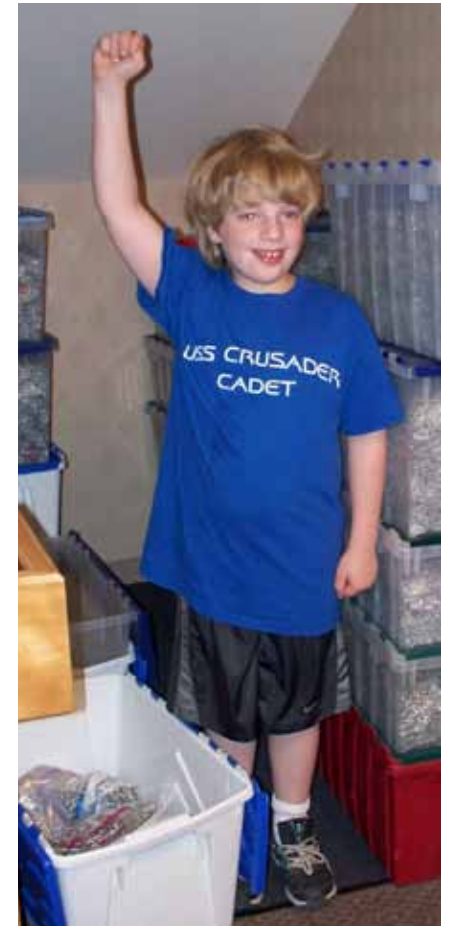
mom Janelle and Shannon's friend accompanied Josh to Spokane's Ronald McDonald House and Josh presented a very full shopping bag full of all of the tabs we had been collecting over the months. As well as a box of much needed food. Josh was even allowed to put them in the tubs that the tabs are stored in. We then were able to take a wonderful tour of the facility as well as learn information about how it all works.

We were shown the kitchen, where families have their own food storage space and are able to make their own meals. We were shown an empty room, very nice by the way, and then taken out back where the play area is. We were then allowed to spend some time there looking

at the grounds, and for those young and young at heart play on the equipment. After exchanging contact information we all left to find lunch at met at Manito Park to enjoy the lovely weather. As well as say our goodbye to Alex who, after his visit with his father, will be flying straight to Arizona to join the family after they move there.

It was a wonderful time and we can't wait to bring more tabs to the House. Maybe next time not only can we bring the tabs we have collected but maybe the results of collections of other items on their wish list.

To see more about the wonderful charity and to see their wish list go to <http://rmhc.org/>.



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Dona Rae Colbert  
USS Crusader  
Region 5





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September 10, 2011 – two days after Star Trek’s 45th birthday – was a day that will go down in the history of the U.S.S. Antares as one of the best days in her voyage. The crew of the Antares traveled to the Union St. library in Kennewick, Washington to host an open house to promote not only ourselves but also Second Harvest, a food bank; and My Friend’s Place, a homeless teen shelter in the Tri-Cities area.

The doors opened at noon where we had children’s activities, a collectibles table, Second Harvest bins, My Friend’s Place table, our Ten Forward bar serving punch and cookies. There was also a small “theater” showing different episodes from Star Trek: Enterprise, Star Trek, Star Trek: The Animated Series, Star Trek: Deep Space 9, and Star Trek: The Next Generation.

At the registration table, visitors were met by Alisson Knopp, one of the Antares crew, where they signed in and received a raffle ticket. Then our visitors were met by our security chief, Michael Marquart, who watched closely as our visitors looked at our display of memorabilia and collectibles, while being available to answer questions. At the 10-Forward bar, manned by our dear doctor: De Miner, refreshing syntheholc drinks with gold stars were served. Chief engineer, Laurie Pfeiffer, manned the childrens’ table, making felt deltas out of glitter glue and handed out “Geordi Glasses”. Making and serving cookies was our executive officer, Lea Morgan. Our commanding officer, Patrick McAndrew, was mingling in with our guests and visiting. Hamm Richmire, our tactical officer, was the photographer and probably scared some of our younger guest – even though he was not in full Klingon gear. Mert Molina, Jared Larson, and Robin Larson were also in attendance and were mingling in with the guests.

Between episodes, Patrick welcomed visitors in attendance as well as in-

troduced our special guest, David Foster. Foster donated door prizes for our raffle at the end of the event, as well as had a few paintings and a three ring binder full of signed pictures to look at.

The event was a huge success. We had people just wander through looking, others stayed the whole time – we closed the doors at 4 p.m. – some in costumes (although we like call them uniforms), but most in street clothes. Pictures were taken by many people, mostly of the collectibles and memorabilia, but also some of the crew in our red polo with the ship, and region patches and a delta. The crew of the Antares would like to thank the Kennewick Library on Union Street, My Friend’s Place, and Second Harvest for their support in this event.



## The USS Antares Open House



**The crew of the USS Antares at their open house, September 10, 2011 (l to r)- James “Hamm” Richmire, Alisson Knopp, De Miner, Lea Morgan, Laurie Pfeiffer, Michael Marquart, Patrick McAndrew**



**Laurie Pfeiffer getting ready to keep the kids busy!**



**De Miner serving at 10-Forward**

**RADM  
Patrick McAndrew  
USS Antares  
Region 5**

**David Foster addresses the crowd about his Star Trek experiences**

# Executive Committee Reports

News and updates from the head honchos.



## Report From The Commander STARFLEET

First, allow me to apologize for the lateness of the last CQ. We had some delays with putting together edition 166, but I'm hoping very much that this gets out to you very quickly and we'll be back on-track for our delivery schedule again very shortly. I'll let Mike provide you with the specifics about what happened, but we are all very sorry that the CQ is as delayed as it has been.

By the time that this gets to you, we're likely going to be just past the holiday season and into the New Year, so I hope that all of you had a great holiday and attended some kick-butt New Year's parties.

As I'm writing this, the AB is in the process of confirming the next Inspector General, STARFLEET. Also, very shortly, the AB will be naming the Judge Advocate General as well as a new Internal Auditor. In fact, we've had a number of positions which have been opened recently for members to step up for, and we've had a lot of people who have volunteered to help STARFLEET. I want to thank each and every one of the people who have stepped up recently – we need people who are willing to step up and help the organization, and I'm really happy that we've seen so many people step forward.

This first year in office for my team and I has been a good one overall. We've had some challenges, experienced some problems, worked through a number of issues, and have been working very hard to try and do our best for STARFLEET and for all of our members and chapters.

I would very much like to believe that we've seen a number of areas of improvement for STARFLEET – the Executive Committee is communicating more with the members, as well as with the Admiralty Board, we're working to try and bring more fun things out for all of you, our members, to participate in, and we're working very hard to make some process improvements within STARFLEET.

One of the things I've seen people say about us is that we're not really a Star Trek fan club but that we're a STARFLEET fan club. I think that we've done a lot of things and worked together very hard to dem-

onstrate that we really are a Star Trek fan club – our new Facebook page has been updated daily with new and fun things happening in Star Trek and with the space programs, but we haven't completely left out what's been going on with our chapters and with STARFLEET. I think that we've seen a great deal of improvement in the fun side of the organization, with less emphasis on the business and political side of things.

Of course, there is always some business that we have to do, and I think that there are areas where we're doing well, but definitely areas we have in which we can improve. Definitely in the areas STARFLEET is doing better is in operations – chapters are reporting much better than they have been, and are getting better at fulfilling our basic requirements for being a chapter of STARFLEET. More CO's and XO's are taking the OTS and OCC, and we're seeing chapters improve on making sure that they have the minimum membership requirements.

Unfortunately, we have seen some chapters which haven't been able to maintain those requirements, and as a result we've seen some chapters being put into standby or dry dock status, some even decommissioned, but those groups of members are staying together and are working through the challenges and are coming back stronger.

For those who haven't heard already, we've announced a brand new membership perk for STARFLEET members – a 15% discount for Cosplaysky.com. For those who haven't heard of who they are, Cosplaysky is a company which makes costumes of all kind, no matter what area of fandom people are interested in. In particular, they have a great selection of Star Trek costumes. I've heard

from a lot of members who already have purchased their costumes from Cosplaysky.com who think that their quality is great and who are really happy about this new discount for members.

To get the discount code for Cosplaysky, and for all of the membership perks available for members, log in to the STARFLEET Database at <http://db.sfi.org>, click on the Member menu, and then click on Membership Perks.

A couple of weekends ago I had the opportunity to attend the Region 7 Command Summit. I had a few issues in getting there, mostly thanks to the traffic, but it was a very good experience to see and talk with a number of the CO's and XO's throughout Region 7, and to get a feeling for how they do things in their corner of STARFLEET.

There were a lot of very good discussions that took place about recruiting and retention, and about putting together a regional summit. They were also gracious enough to listen to a few suggestions that I had from things that I've heard about from around STARFLEET.

There are a lot of people out there in the organization who have a lot of great ideas about how to do different things, whether it's on membership drives or planning fun events for your chapters and regions. All you have to do is to reach out to others and ask. One of the things that I've found about STARFLEET is that we've got members everywhere who are more than willing to help; all we need to do is to ask!

2012 is going to hold a lot of new challenges for us. It's the 25th anniversary of Star Trek: The Next Generation, so we've got something great to celebrate there, Star Trek Online will be going Free To Play in January

2012 (which is really good for those of us who are casual gamers and who don't usually spend money on game subscriptions), and we'll be working throughout the year to prepare for the next movie release in 2013 – I'm not sure what our PR and Recruiting & Retention Departments will have planned for celebrating these two milestones, but I'm very confident that with our working together, we'll have an opportunity to have fun and continue to enjoy Star Trek in all its forms.

I'll look forward to seeing our members throughout 2012 during events that'll be taking place, whether it's a regional summit or conference, or at the International Conference in Memphis.

Until next time!



FADM Dave Blaser  
USS Hadfield  
Region 13

Commander,  
STARFLEET



# The Second Fiddle

It is my hope that the entire membership of STARFLEET has had a joyous holiday season. I personally enjoy this time of year to get together with family and friends. The holiday season exhibits many of the same attitudes that we strive for all year long here in STARFLEET. Even during the holiday season the Office of the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET remains busy not only with maintaining our increased level of member service but also on looking into ways to increase that service, trying to tap into the happy and positive spirit that naturally exists this time of year.

The member experience is and will continue to be the focus of the VCS office. With Membership Processing and Member Services leading the way, we strive to keep our membership wants and needs at the forefront. The SFMC, Annual Campaign, PetFleet and STAR are always looking inward to improve upon the member experience. All departments recognize that without our members, there is no STARFLEET

It has been a year since Blaser/Stimpson won the election and what a year it has been. Working for the membership is why I ran with Dave for the office. I have always felt that the membership of STARFLEET is the key to the organization. It is the membership that drives the growth and expansion of STARFLEET. It is the membership that forms chapters and that talk with their friends and

help spur growth. You, the membership, are what make this organization really cool. I am still honored every day to serve as your elected Vice-Commander. My email box is always open for any of you for any STARFLEET topic you may wish.

I hope that this year you have seen some improvement in the overall experience of STARFLEET. Overall Membership Processing turnaround times are down. Our two processing teams work quickly to get each member, no matter whether renewing or just joining, their membership materials. Member Services continues to respond to inquiries at a blistering pace, sometimes within minutes of the ticket being submitted. Annual Campaign has worked with the Commander, STARFLEET in creating the Fleet Admiral's Challenge, and, as of this article, over a dozen chapters are participating. The SFMC continues to improve the member experience for just about 25% of STARFLEET. PetFleet gives an avenue for those of us that are animal people to share our joy with others. The STAR program is an avenue for those interests that each of us have, from exploring space with STARFLEET Science to learning CPR and First Aid with STARFLEET Medical. Any and all of those departments would be more than happy to hear from any of you. Do you have an idea, suggestions, or praise or even a complaint? We are waiting to hear from you.

As with everything, there are always bumps along the way so please understand that every member of the Office of the Vice-Commander and every other EC office are doing their best to bring you the best organization we can.

There have been some changes within the office:

- PetFleet
  - Due to personal time and commitments, Director James Cecil stepped down in late November. I want to thank James for the work he put forth as PetFleet director. We have decided to not immediately fill this position. We want to take advantage of some exciting capabilities with a new database we are developing and tie in Petfleet. At the same time we will retooled how Petfleet functions and that would be a perfect time to do so.
- STARFLEET Applied Research Program (STAR)
  - STAR is getting a name change and a more clearly defined focus. The new name for the program will be STARFLEET Holodeck. The reason is that many members have expressed that they do not understand the purpose of the program from the name itself. In addition, members have asked, "If I wanted to start a

new program in STARFLEET, where would I go?" Thus with this name and focus change, we are endeavoring to address both of these needs of the membership. So look for exciting announcements, the new look and feel for this department around the time you are reading this article.

- Membership Processing
  - Our new mailing system now generates an email informing the international member when their packet will be shipped. This will not speed up the transit of the packet but it at least will give the member an idea when to expect it.

As you can see the office remains busy and focused on your experience within STARFLEET. I hope that 2012 will be an exciting year for all of us and STARFLEET as a whole. There is the 25th Anniversary of Star Trek: The Next Generation and a year worth of rumors for the second JJ Abrams STAR TREK movie. The VCS office will continue to work to improve the membership experience for 2012 and beyond. I look forward to communicating with all of you throughout the year and again please feel free to contact me if I may be of any service.



MGN Bran Stimpson  
USS Tiburon  
Region I7  
Vice Commander,  
STARFLEET

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# STARFLEET Academy News

## PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following on a well-deserved promotion:

Glen Diebold to Vice Admiral  
Donald Dobrin to Captain  
Anne Glover to Commodore  
Leo Rogers to Colonel  
Scott Schaller to Fleet Captain  
Judy Waidlich to Rear Admiral

The total Grad count is 5,204 which is an average of 1,735 for the 3rd Quarter 2011.

## CADET STAR AWARD

It is with great pleasure to announce the first recipient of our Cadet Star Award for the completion of all courses with honors within a college of the Institute of Cadet Studies. Claire Bressie for the college of Cadet Preparatory College

Congratulations, Claire.

## From the desk of the SFA Newsletter Editor: FCPT Cher Schleigh

I would like to draw your attention to our Academy Monitor newsletter which is generated quarterly. It includes Dean/Director/Staff changes, new college information, graduate lists, academy degree and Boothby award winners. The newsletter also includes news around the Academy, Promotion announcements, Interviews with Star Trek actors and a Kartoon Korner, which will tickle your funny bone.

You can access the newsletter by navigating to <http://acad.sfi.org> and clicking under "Who We Are."

Oh, and by the way the total Grad count is 5,204 which is an average of 1,735 per month for the 3rd Quarter 2011.

## From the desk of Coordinator of Academics: ADM Carol Thompson

There have been several changes among the Staff at STARFLEET Academy. The following are the individuals who now fill the seats of said departments.

Dean of IOLS  
Wayne Killough

College of Babylon 5  
Patricia Baxter

Bajoran Orientation College  
Josephine Fisher

Caitian Orientation College  
Barbara Paul

Cadet College of Science Fiction  
George Ann Wheeler

College of Economics  
Josephine Fisher

College of Recruiting  
Chris Tolbert

College of Sci-Fi Cinema:  
Artificial Intelligence  
Gary Amor

College of Sci-Fi Cinema:  
Space Travel  
George Ann Wheeler

College of Sci-Fi Cinema:  
Time Travel  
George Ann Wheeler

Vulcan Academy of Science  
Judy Waidlich

We have had many new courses created for your fun/education and the course counts for the 13 Institutes totals to 2394 as of October 26, 2011. I'm sure this number has already changed. We're busting at the seams.

## From the desk of the Assistant Boothby Awards Director: CAPT Scott Schaller

### JULY BOOTHBY AWARDS

July was a busy month. Erik Stubblefield received the 1100 Truman Temple on 07/01/2011 and received 1150 Gold Star on 07/08/2011. George Anne Wheeler received the 1250 Diamond Star on 07/01/2011 and the 1300 Dilithium Star on 07/09/2011. Josephine Fisher received her 1350 Titanium Star on 07/03/2011 and 1400 Zirconium Star on 07/18/2011.

1150 Gold Star  
07/08/2011 Stubblefield, Erik

50 Bronze  
07/07/2011 Hewitt, Christopher  
07/18/2011 Balzen, John  
07/29/2011 Niemeyer, Lauren  
07/31/2011 Reinleib, Jordan

200 Latinum  
07/09/2011 Wilson, John  
07/31/2011 Glover, Anne

350 Titanium  
07/03/2011 Beaulieu, E. Jerry  
07/08/2011 Garcia, Ricardo

400 Zirconium  
07/17/2011 Schleigh, Cher

450 Platinum  
07/31/2011 Lewis, Patricia  
07/31/2011 Skelton, Jeremy

550 Amber  
07/01/2011 Ruhland, Russell

700 Amethyst  
07/01/2011 Newman, Franklin

750 Pearl  
07/22/2011 Miller, Marlene

900 Ruby  
07/15/2011 Hewitt, Richard

1100 Truman Temple  
07/01/2011 Stubblefield, Erik

1150 Gold Star  
07/08/2011 Stubblefield, Erik

1250 Diamond Star  
07/01/2011 Wheeler, George Ann  
07/09/2011 Smith, Wayne

1300 Dilithium Star  
07/09/2011 Wheeler, George Ann

1350 Titanium Star  
07/03/2011 Fisher, Josephine

1400 Zirconium Star  
07/18/2011 Fisher, Josephine

### AUGUST BOOTHBY AWARDS

Here is the Boothby Report for the Month of August. You can see it's been a busy month. Special Highlight... Franklin Newman earned Pearl 750 on 08/06/2011 and Opal 800 on 08/28/2011. Larry French earned Dilithium Star 1300 on 08/07/2011 and Titanium 1350

on 08/31/2011. We currently have 308 members that have at least one (50) Boothby. Out of 4034 that do not have a Boothby. That is including STARFLEET, SFMC, and SFMC Reserve members.

Bronze 50  
8/31/2011 Nery, Pamela  
08/27/2011 Waitman, Sean  
08/27/2011 Jones, Bryan  
08/23/2011 Worth, Elizabeth  
08/02/2011 Wagner, John  
08/01/2011 Wandall, Ed

Silver 100  
08/01/2011 White, Joseph  
08/23/2011 Landry, Brian

Gold 150  
08/01/2011 White, Joseph  
08/06/2011 Conner, Jerome  
08/19/2011 Baxter, Bobbie



ADM Peg Pellerin  
USS Constitution  
Region I5

Commandant,  
STARFLEET  
Academy



<i>Latinum 200</i> 08/08/2011 Baxter, Patricia	09/14/2011 Schroeder, Megan 09/11/2011 Middleton, Talib 09/09/2011 Sinaulan, Berthold
<i>Dilithim 300</i> 08/01/2011 Waidlich, Judy	<i>Silver 100</i> 09/26/2011 Reinleib, Jordan 09/12/2011 Michaud, Pamela 09/05/2011 Wagner, John 09/01/2011 Wandall, Ed
<i>Trilithium 500</i> 08/08/2011 Lewis Patricia	<i>Gold 150</i> 09/09/2011 Bressie, Deanna 09/05/2011 Wandall, Ed 09/01/2011 Krogh, Michael
<i>Garnet 600</i> 08/02/2011 Ruhland, Russell 08/22/2011 Schaller, Scott	
<i>Pearl 750</i> 08/06/2011 Newman, Franklin	
<i>Opal 800</i> 08/28/2011 Newman, Franklin	<i>Latinum 200</i> 09/16/2011 Baxter, Bobbie
<i>Sapphire 850</i> 08/07/2011 Dobrin, Donald	<i>Dilithium 300</i> 09/01/2011 Rogers, Leo
<i>Ruby 900</i> 08/02/2011 Allen, TJ	<i>Titanium 350</i> 09/06/2011 Rogers, Leo
<i>Omega 1000</i> 08/08/2011 Pawelczak, Thomas	<i>Zirconium 400</i> 09/06/2011 Garcia, Ricardo
<i>Bronze Star 1050</i> 08/02/2011 Diebold Glendon	<i>Trilithium 500</i> 09/23/2011 Schleigh, Cher
<i>Gold Star 1150</i> 08/31/2011 Hollifield, Gary Tiny	<i>Topaz 650</i> 09/15/2011 Ruhland, Russell 09/10/2011 Schaller, Scott
<i>Latinum Star 1200</i> 08/31/2011 Johannson, Eric 08/17/2011 Stubblefield, Erik	<i>Pearl 750</i> 09/18/2011 Savander, Oliver
<i>Dilithium Star 1300</i> 08/08/2011 Smith, Wayne 08/07/2011 French, Larry	<i>Sapphire 850</i> 09/09/2011 Newman, Franklin
<i>Titanium 1350</i> 08/31/2011 French, Larry 08/12/2011 Wheeler, George Ann	<i>Ruby 900</i> 09/22/2011 Newman, Franklin
<b>SEPTEMBER BOOTHBY AWARDS</b> Here is the Boothby report for the Month of September, 2011. Please notice the multiple awards by the same recipients throughout the month. These were some busy people. We currently have 317 members including FLEET, SFMC Reserve and SFMC that at least have a Boothby.	<i>Emerald 950</i> 09/21/2011 Schulman, Eric 09/01/2011 Hewitt, Richard 09/01/2011 Allen, TJ
<i>Bronze 50</i> 09/29/2011 Lane, Ruth 09/28/2011 Barr, Rufus 09/16/2011 Swann, John 09/16/2011 Bingisser, Dewayne 09/14/2011 Lechner, Leslie A	<i>Omega 1000</i> 09/16/2011 Allen, TJ
	<i>Gold Star 1150</i> 09/14/2011 Rowlette, Bill
	<i>Latinum 1200</i> 09/19/2011 Hollifield, Gary Tiny
	<i>Diamond Star 1250</i> 09/27/2011 Stufflefield, Erik 09/18/2011 Johannson, Eric
	<i>Titanium Star 1350</i> 09/19/2011 Smith, Wayne

Riddle Me This

What Is:  
Brought to the table.  
Cut and served.  
Never eaten.

Look for the answer in the next issue!  
Last Issue's riddle: *What Is: Bloodless and boneless, It travels about. Yet it never leaves home.*  
ANSWER: *Snail*

<i>Zirconium Star 1400</i> 09/17/2011 Wheeler, George Ann	<i>Trilithium 500</i> 10/26/2011 Parker, George 10/14/2011 Skelton, Jeremy
<i>Platinum 1450</i> 09/12/2011 Fisher, Josephine	<i>Amber 550</i> 10/21/2011 Schleigh, Cher
<i>Trilithium Star 1500</i> 09/28/2011 Fisher, Josephine	<i>Amethyst 700</i> 10/16/2011 Schaller, Scott
<i>Topaz Star 1650</i> 09/01/2011 Thompson, Carol	<i>Ruby 900</i> 10/06/2011 Dobrin, Donald
<i>Amethyst Star 1700</i> 09/26/2011 Thompson, Carol	<i>Emerald 950</i> 10/07/2011 Newman, Franklin
<b>OCTOBER BOOTHBY AWARDS</b> As you can see from the below Boothby Awards report, we had a busy month. There were several members receiving multiple awards within the month. We have 319 members out of 4313 within STARFLEET including SFMC active and Reserves that have a Boothby Award. We'd love to see more members taking more courses at SFA.	<i>Omega 1000</i> 10/26/2011 Newman, Franklin 10/17/2011 Hewitt, Richard
<i>Bronze 50</i> 10/24/2011 Muench, James 10/20/2011 Ulen, Katarina	<i>Bronze Star 1050</i> 10/10/2011 Allen, TJ
<i>Silver 100</i> 10/16/2011 Lechner, Leslie A 10/01/2011 Polanis, Mark	<i>Truman Temple 1100</i> 10/12/2011 Diebold, Glendon
<i>Gold 150</i> 10/18/2011 Polanis, Mark	<i>Gold Star 1150</i> 10/01/2011 Killough, Wayne
<i>Latinum 200</i> 10/19/2011 Wandall, Ed 10/01/2011 Wilson Marie	<i>Latinum Star 1200</i> 10/31/2011 Killough, Wayne
<i>Zirconium 400</i> 10/03/2011 Paul, Barbara	<i>Dilithium Star 1300</i> 10/09/2011 Johannson, Eric
	<i>Zirconium Star 1400</i> 10/17/2011 Smith, Wayne 10/01/2011 French, Larry
	<i>Platinum Star 1450</i> 10/30/2011 Smith, Wayne 10/29/2011 Wheeler, George Ann
	<i>Pearl Star 1750</i> 10/19/2011 Thompson, Carol



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## Featured Colleges

### CADET COLLEGE OF SPOOKY FRIENDS



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The Cadet College of Spooky Friends consists of exams specifically

written for cadets, ages 6 through 9 and 10 through 18. The exams are based on spooky TV shows and movies.

Junior Cadets may also take Cadet exams as the exams are different in length, content and difficulty.

Some TV exams may be completed through Internet

sources (IMDB.com; Wikipedia and TV.com).

All Junior Cadet movie exams are based on G or PG movies. Cadet exams may be based on some PG-13 movies. Parents are encouraged to

screen all movies for appropriateness of material based on their personal values as well as for the appropriateness for their individual child.

Course Tuition:

Free with the submission of a stamped, self addressed envelop (regular size for course only, legal size for certificate).

Courses are free by email.

#### School of Cadet Spooky Movies

Ages 6 to 9

CM-ADM101 - The Addams Family

CM-GHB101 - Ghostbusters

CM-GMR101 - The Ghost and Mr Chicken

CM-WAR101 - Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit

(2005)

Ages 10 to 18

CM-ADM201 - The Addams Family

CM-GHB201 - Ghostbusters

CM-GMR201 - The Ghost and Mr Chicken

CM-WAR201 - Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005)

#### SOURCE MATERIALS NEEDED:

Access to the movies or TV series listed

Some exams may be completed using:

- IMDB.com
- TV.com
- Wikipedia

### COLLEGE OF UNUSUAL KNOWLEDGE

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Course Tuition: Course Free via email  
These courses are a test of your knowledge of things you don't use every day.

The courses are designed so the course taker may use any source to find the answer as long as the reference is noted on the exam sheet.

#### School of Animal Knowledge

SAK 101 - Animal Knowledge Part 1

SAK 102 - Animal Knowledge Part 2

SAK 103 - Animal Knowledge Part 3

SAK 104 - Animal Knowledge Part 4

SAK 105 - Animal Knowledge Part 5

SAK 106 - Animal Knowledge Part 6

#### School of Math and Science Knowledge

SMSK 101 Math and Science part 1

SMSK 102 Math and Science part 2

#### School of Geography Knowledge

SGK 101 Geography part 1

SGK 102 Geography part 2

SGK 103 Geography part 3

#### School of General Knowledge

SGeK 101 General Knowledge part 1

SGeK 102 General Knowledge part 2

SGeK 103 General Knowledge part 3

SGeK 104 General Knowledge part 4



### COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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The COES gives members the opportunity to take real-world based courses in medical and fire sciences. Right now the medical courses are online and allow you to learn the basics of first aid, CPR, and experience what it is like to test for the emergency medical technician and paramedic exams!! The material is up-to-date with the latest protocols and will be updated accordingly. Courses must be taken in sequence for each new course is based upon the information learned from the previous course.

The College of Emergency Services is in conjunction with the

soon-to-be unveiled STARFLEET Fire Rescue department. This new department will allow chapters and members to experience what has been sorely ignored in the ST universe but was found predominantly in the new Battlestar Galactica series: Damage Control. It is my hopes that chapters will form their own damage control/fire suppression teams with fire department like t-shirts, etc. Let's face it; if it wasn't for the damage control and fire teams, everyone on the ship would be dead including the bridge officers. A uniform has been designed with a custom badge and citations that can be earned via the completion of the above mentioned SFA courses.

Courses available are:

EMS 101 Blood Borne Pathogens

EMS 102 CPR/AED

EMS 103 Basic First Aid

EMS 104 Basic Life Support [BLS]

EMS 105 EMT-Basic

EMS 106 EMT-Intermediate

EMS 107 ACLS [Advanced Cardiac Life Support]

EMS 108 Paramedic – Part I

EMS 109 Paramedic – Part II

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Coming soon – EMS 110 HazMat for First Responders

Completion of EMS 105 allows the graduate to wear the new SF Fire Rescue and STARFLEET EMT patches. These are custom patches for SFI. Pictures of the patches can be found on the SF Medical website: <http://medical.sfi.org>. Further completion of EMS 108 and EMS 109 will allow the graduate to wear the STARFLEET

Paramedic patch!!

The College of Emergency Services can be found under the Institute of Law Enforcement and Evidence (IOLEE).



# COLLEGE OF BATTLESTAR GALACTICA



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Course Tuition:  
\$2.00 and two loose First-Class  
stamps per course if conducted by  
mail. Courses are free by email.

## School of Classic Battlestar Galactica

BSG101 - Battlestar Galactica Char-  
acters (1978)  
BSG102 - Battlestar Galactica Tech  
(1978)  
BSG103 - Battlestar Galactica Trivia  
(1978)  
BSG80101 - Galactica 1980

## School of Battlestar Galactica Miniseries

BSG2MS101 - Battlestar Galactica -  
Mini Series - Characters (2003)  
BSG2MS102 - Battlestar Galactica -  
Mini Series - Technology (2003)  
BSG2MS103 - Battlestar Galactica -  
Mini Series - Trivia (2003)

## School of Caprica

BSG2C101 - Caprica - Characters  
BSG2C102 - Caprica - Episodes  
BSG2C103 - Caprica - Technology

## School of Razor

BSG2R101 - Razor - Characters  
BSG2R102 - Razor - The Stories

BSG2R103 - Razor - Tech & Trivia

## School of The Plan

BSG2TP101 - The Plan - Main  
Characters  
BSG2TP102 - The Plan - Special  
Episode  
BSG2TP103 - The Plan - Tech & Trivia  
BSG80101 - Galactica 1980

SOURCE MATERIALS NEEDED:  
DVD's and Internet sources.

# Computer Operations Report

As we reach the end of the year,  
it becomes a time for holiday cheer,  
gift giving, and...database program-  
ming?! For the Computer Operations  
Department, that is exactly what is  
going on over this holiday season!  
As you read this article, our new  
STARFLEET Database is being pro-  
grammed and readied for testing and  
implementation! It is a very exciting  
time for us here in CompOps!

**Speaking of uniforms,**  
**we're offering a**  
**special 15% discount for**  
**custom-made uniforms**  
**at CosPlaySky.**



How will the new database help you  
as a member? Here's a few of the key  
features:

- Have one login for the database  
and sfi.org. Submit news, add  
and update events and update  
your chapter's information us-  
ing your database username &  
password.
- Improved chapter information  
available to prospective mem-  
bers – let members find you  
by location, by type of chapter  
(meeting/correspondence), or by  
your chapter's primary interests  
& activities.
- Allow Chapter Commanding Of-  
ficers to edit chapter info, upload  
chapter logo images, and reas-  
sign members without approval  
from DB admins.
- Auto-fill Regional and SFMC re-  
porting forms with chapter/MSG  
reporting data – making it easier  
for RCs and Battalion/Brigade  
OICs to do their job.

The test version of this database  
should be up around March of 2012!  
We will be keeping members ap-  
prised of the details!

Another thrust of the CompOps  
department has been on STARFLEET's  
presence on social networking sites  
such as Facebook and Twitter. If  
you make use of Facebook, Twitter,  
LinkedIn, and Flickr, you can join our  
groups on those sites! Here's where

to find us:

Facebook (1,161 fans):  
<http://www.facebook.com/starfleetsfi>  
Twitter (266 followers):  
Sfi\_org

LinkedIn (118 members):  
Join the group "STARFLEET - The In-  
ternational Star Trek Fan Association"  
Flickr (69 members):  
[http://www.flickr.com/groups/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/starfleet)  
starfleet

A big part of Star Trek fandom is  
wearing uniforms. The one problem  
a lot of fans have is getting a uniform  
made. After all, not everyone can just  
grab some fabric and stitch together a  
great uniform. It helps to know where  
to go to get custom made uniforms!  
So we're creating a new section of sfi.  
org: the STARFLEET Uniform Guide,  
a treasure trove of resources, advice  
and vendor information for building  
your own uniform (whether you buy  
off-the-rack, have a uniform custom-  
tailored by a professional, or fire up  
the sewing machine and create one  
yourself.). We've also introduced  
the STARFLEET Costumers' Group, a  
discussion list for costuming enthusi-  
asts. Wanna join the conversation?  
Sign up at: [http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.](http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.cgi/sfi_costuming-sfi.org)  
[cgi/sfi\\_costuming-sfi.org](http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.cgi/sfi_costuming-sfi.org)

Speaking of uniforms, we're of-  
fering a special 15% discount for  
custom-made uniforms at CosPlay-  
Sky. Check out their extensive collec-  
tion of Trek, sci-fi, fantasy and anime  
costumes at <http://www.cosplaysky.com>

com (get the discount promo code  
for CosPlaySky, and all our other  
member discounts, by logging into  
the STARFLEET database at [http://](http://db.sfi.org)  
[db.sfi.org](http://db.sfi.org) and going to "Member >  
Membership Perks".

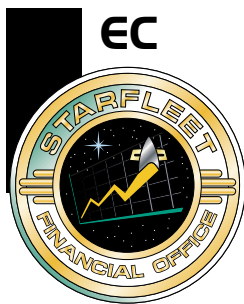
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tabase, Web site and Vessel Regis-  
try updated without you! Has your  
chapter's mailing address, contact  
e-mail, or Web site address changed  
recently? Please update the database  
at <http://db.sfi.org>. See any errors on  
the Chapter listings on sfi.org, like  
CO rank, or an outdated logo? Please  
email us at [chapterupdates@sfi.org](mailto:chapterupdates@sfi.org)-  
and we'll correct it ASAP.

That about does it for me this is-  
sue. As usual, if you run into any is-  
sues or have any questions that I can  
assist with, my door is always open.  
Please let me know at [compops@sfi.](mailto:compops@sfi.org)  
[org](mailto:compops@sfi.org) and I will try to take care of things  
as soon as possible.



COMM Chris Carothers  
USS Richthopen  
Region 7

Chief Computer  
Operations,  
STARFLEET



## CFO Report

Hi folks! Linda's taking a little side trip right now to visit the grandbabies, so I'm filling in for her with the report this time around. The finance department has been incredibly busy the last couple of months. We were preparing to finalize our Form 990, which was due November 15, and we determined that there was a discrepancy between how the administrations were posting items in Quickbooks. This mainly relates to how deposits and expenses were categorized and posted.

Of course, it is vitally important that we report our finances correctly to the IRS, so rather than report information that needed to be re-categorized, we opted to request an extension to the filing of the Form 990 to make the corrections to the Quickbook entries. This extension was filed prior to November 15th and the Admiralty Board was informed of the situation.

Now, before anyone jumps to

conclusions, I would like to make sure that everyone understands that this is not a case of the current administration blaming the previous administration for any wrongdoing. It is more a matter of miscommunication and misunderstanding in the crossover of administrations. In many ways, the finance department is the most complex part of our organization and it is very difficult to transition and train tasks this complex via phone and email.

Pat Spillers has been very helpful in helping us work on resolving the issue and we don't expect any difficulties in meeting our extended Form 990 deadline of February 15th. I would like to thank Pat for all of her hard work and her willingness to help out during this busy holiday season.

As you can see, the finance department has had a lot on their plate the last couple of months. In addition to working on the books, we are

in the process of finding candidates for the position of Internal Auditor. By the time you read this newsletter we hope to have the AB approve their candidate of choice and have them working diligently on reviewing the books.

I am returning to school on December 19th to begin work on my Master's degree. Additionally, I will be working at JTH Financial as a supervisor during tax season. I am going to have a pretty crazy few months and since my Master's program will become more in depth the further into I get, we knew it was time to hire on some additional help within the finance department. We have advertised and are taking applications for a Financial Assistant position. This person will process the financial portion of the renewals, do some data entry tasks and assist with reconciliation and account review.

Currently, we have money in the bank – here are the account figures:

- Starfleet Main Account - \$22,259.96
- Starfleet Scholarship Account - \$24,194.23
- Starfleet Marine Account - \$4,374.17
- Starfleet Marine Scholarship Fund - \$2,725.59
- IC 2012 - \$1,227.46

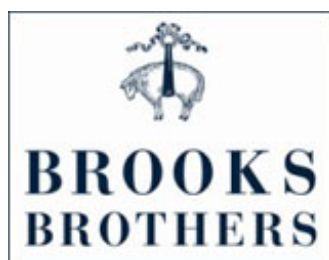
I would like to note that the reason that the scholarship account is so high at the moment is because we cashed out a CD and we are working on getting a new CD set up with a higher interest rate.

It's time for me to get back to work on other finance projects, so I'm going to close this report out. Here's wishing all of you a Happy New Year!

RADM Tammy Willcox  
USS Maat  
Region I

## Did you know your STARFLEET membership gives you access to exclusive discounts?

Log into the database at [db.sfi.org](http://db.sfi.org) under Member/Membership Perks for deals on everything from hotels, to printing, to costumes and uniforms and even special SFI only extras in Star Trek Online!



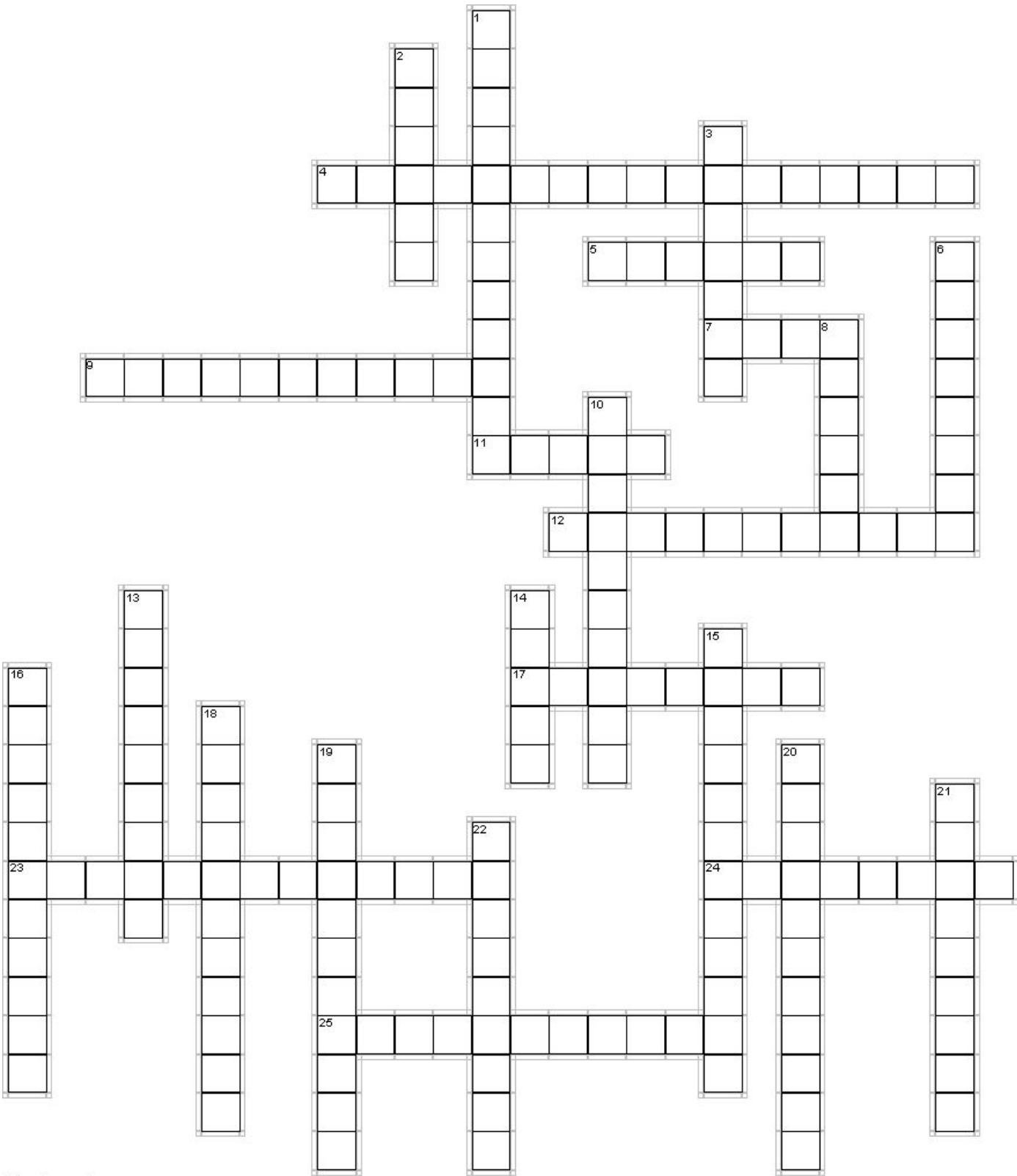


Across

- 4. According to Gene Roddenberry, Kirk's character is loosely based on this other fictional Captain.
- 5. Mother
- 7. Home state
- 9. Kirk is buried here.
- 11. While saving the Enterprise-B, Kirk was sucked into the \_\_\_\_\_ and presumed dead.
- 12. The mother of Kirk's son
- 17. Kirk is allergic to this
- 23. A famous no win situation
- 24. 13-year old Kirk was the only eyewitness to the massacre on this planet
- 25. Kirk made this promotion at age 37.

Down

- 1. Kirk's first Enterprise was a \_\_\_\_\_ class ship
- 2. Father
- 3. Kirk fell in love with her after his first retirement from Starfleet
- 6. Middle name
- 8. Kirk won an award for a mission here in his 1st year at SFA
- 10. Kirk was framed and sent to this Klingon prison in 2293.
- 13. Kirk almost died from a fall off this mountain in Star Trek V.
- 14. Kirk discovered the first silicon-based life form, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Kirk's best friend in "Where No Man Has Gone Before"
- 16. Kirk fell in love with her after traveling through the Guardian of Forever
- 18. Kirk was a tactical officer on this ship
- 19. Kirk's son
- 20. First posting was aboard this starship
- 21. In the original timeline, Kirk was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he was promoted to Captain of the Enterprise.
- 22. Kirk brought these back to the future in Star Trek IV



EclipseCrossword.com

# STARFLEET Marine Corps Reports

News and updates from the marines.



## State of the SFMC

Greetings to all Marines!

Like everyone else writing at this time, it is hard to believe Christmas is only a corner or so away and that 2011 is almost over. There's a fine balancing act between squeezing the juice out of life and being totally wrung out - and yet no matter how hard we do try, the months seem to hurtle by regardless of how much we try to maximize whatever it is that we need to get from our day-to-day existence to try and "slow things down". For myself, I am still wondering what happened to September, October and November. Something keeps telling me that it still is really August. And a point to my opening ramble here is to yet again bring focus of attention to the amount of time, energy and effort that is applied by every single volunteer out there who is working on behalf of the Corps.

Scattered throughout our organization are individual marines who are prepared to put their time, energy, intellect, and passion into supporting something they either believe wholeheartedly in, or at the very least have genuine desire to derive pleasure from. These are the myriad Marine Volunteers that make up our organization. Generally putting aside their own expectations of "fun enjoyment", these volunteers are committed to ensuring that the machinations of the SFMC roll on pretty much uninterrupted and with efficiency and regulation. So no matter where you are placed within the Corps and no matter how large or small the tasks you perform on behalf of your fellow marines - I wish to offer up a gigantic "thanks Marine" to you all.

I would also like to take this time to thank those marines who have helped this GS through the first year of office and to acknowledge the support and encouragement provided by the many, single individuals who have offered ideas and suggestions and who have willingly assisted us in carrying out our duties.

### COMMANDANT'S CAMPAIGN

With the Christmas Holiday Season about to pounce on us all, it is

timely to remind you of any participation in the Commandant's Campaign. Significant amongst these at this time of the year will of course be Toys for Tots - but that does not preclude the many other volunteer or charitable activities that are being conducted in the various communities world-wide.

For all those marines out there working through Toys for Tots activities during this very busy month, I offer my personal commendation to you. I am sure that the SFMC marines so involved will continue as always to provide a huge amount of effort and commitment to this very worthwhile cause. Well done Marines!

### MARINE FORCES

#### MANUAL (MFM) REVISION

Another reminder that we are working through the next re-publication of this critically important manual. If you have any questions, queries or comments to make on this revision we are undertaking, we will certainly value your input. Please direct any such communication to my office in first instance as I will be most happy to discuss any issues, ideas or even concerns with you. The MFM is the "go to" resource for all marines and for any potential new marines - so we need to make sure it is kept well updated, instructive/educational, accurate and effective.

### NEW MARINES & UNITS

While on the subject of new marines, it is extremely pleasing to note the increase in active Units since my last report (five new units added since 01 November) and that Corps membership numbers continue to reflect around slightly above 24% (and increasing) of total STARFLEET membership. While these numbers will of course fluctuate with timing issues associated with any membership renewals, the reported number of new marines entering our ranks is really encouraging. We welcome all new members to the Corps and congratulate you on stepping forward to join what is the best Star Trek military-focused organization on the

planet. This is also a good time to remind any of the "recruiters" who may be responsible for these new marines of the SFMC Recruiting & Retention Award. Make sure your name is being put forward!

### SFMC FACEBOOK PAGE

Not being the best "FaceBooker" around, I am nevertheless very impressed to note the steady and growing activity with our own page. Discussions are definitely mixed with some "real" policy discussions, questions, and queries as well as being filled with the usual banter that Facebook seems to generate. While it is never intended that Facebook replace the Corps-list as our major communication outlet for Corps business discussions, I can't help but acknowledge that the free and easy style associated with such social interaction is certainly working well.

I am absolutely positive that all of the SFMC Facebook participants will welcome your input to this group, so why not sign on today? You never know who you will find "out and about" and in general terms, it is proving to be a great way to get to easily meet and interact with many of your fellow marines.

### SFMC QM STORE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

As has already been advised by the COFINCOM in his recent "State of.." report, the SFMC QM Store is running a special on the SFMC playing cards - just in time for Christmas. At 50% off list price, these cards would make an excellent gift for the marine in your life - or even as a gift to yourself. All inquiries for this should go direct to the SFMC Quartermaster who can be reached at [qm@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:qm@sfi-sfmc.org). You should also check out the other range of items held in our store - you never know what you might find....

### UNIFORMS

There has been a fair bit of discussion lately on SFMC uniforms and SFMC dress code policies. This is an

important subject and something that is close to every Marine who wishes to visually reflect their individual role-play as a member of the Corps. Such discussions, suggestions, comments and ideas are very valued. We need to hear your thoughts and desires on this subject to ensure we simply don't keep marching down the same road without looking to what the horizon may hold. But I would simply ask here, that if you do have any suggestions, queries or ideas on our dress code policies that you would like to get an answer on, or to take further, that you follow up with a post to the DepDant who is the officer responsible in first instance for this element of SFMC policy. There are a lot of ideas out there and we would truly like to hear them.

And on that note, I close off for 2011. As I said at the beginning, I sincerely thank those many Marines who have give encouragement and support in the last twelve months to this GS - and especially to those who have helped this far-flung International Marine to hold this important office.

I wish you all the very best for a safe and happy Christmas Season for you and your families and look forward to a bright new 2012 bringing us all lots of promise from the doom and gloom that has seemed to have surrounded us for so long. Merry Christmas Marines!

BGN Bruce O'Brien  
USS Southern Cross  
Region II

Commandant SFMC



# Looking Towards the Next Thirty Years

It's hard to believe, but by the time you read this, we'll be enjoying the early weeks of 2012, and starting to plan for this summer's celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. Just as the SFMC's 20th anniversary was celebrated from the beginning of IC 2002 to the end of IC 2003, we'd like to plan on spending the year that begins at IC 2012 outside Memphis commemorating what's brought us together.

Do you wear the SFMC 20th Anniversary Ribbon? Otherwise known as the Jim Harris Ribbon, it's one of the earliest ribbons I earned, as I learned more about the Corps from friends and got more and more involved. It's hard to believe that ten years have passed.

## Recruiting & Retention Award

Speaking of ribbons, at the end of October, I announced on Corps-L the arrival of a new Recruiting & Retention Award, geared toward recognizing our members for one of the most important services they can perform for the Corps — helping it grow. The ribbon is awarded to a Marine who successfully recruits five mem-

bers into the SFMC. A particularly successful recruiter, who recruits 25 members, is authorized to attach a gold frame to the ribbon.

Following suggestions from our fellow members, the General Staff decided to extend eligibility for this new award to holders of the previous SFMC Recruiting Badge, which was withdrawn from service. See the separate award description for complete details on the ribbon itself, and how to establish eligibility based on current recruiting or the past award. Uniforms

One of the biggest areas of recent discussion about SFMC uniform policy regards allowing for regional variations. There are two primary facets to this issue: allowing variations that reflect regional history or traditions, and allowing substitutions due to lack of availability of certain prescribed items outside the U.S.

We've had requests to allow a particular Brigade to wear berets of a different color than the usual black, in honor of military tradition in that part of the world. That's the sort of local color that's perfect to allow, and it's why Brigade OICs are allowed

to authorize variations for their own members. What we can't do is allow the use on SFMC uniforms of patches or other devices that come from real-world military organizations, past or present. (Wearing these on personal jackets and the like is absolutely fine.)

Another matter entirely is the difficulty of finding the specific ribbons and other accouterments described in the MFM for members outside the United States, as even when vendors are willing to ship overseas, the cost in having them do so can be prohibitive. We're very interested in your suggestions as to how items could be affordably shipped to overseas members, perhaps (as already suggested) involving SFMC Quartermaster representatives in a few areas of the world keeping separate stocks that can be shipped more locally. As well, we'd entertain the idea of using similar, locally available items in place of those, such as metallic torch devices, commonly available in the U.S. Let me know your thoughts at [depdant@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:depdant@sfi-sfmc.org).

## Goings-On

I mentioned in my last column that I was looking forward to seeing some STARFLEET and SFMC members at the upcoming Dragon\*Con in Atlanta. Well, who better than Sword of Honor awardee Shane Russell? I was glad Shane tracked me down, and we got to check out a local watering hole together, around the corner from the con hotels.

Because of the change in dates for San Diego Comic-Con, and the resulting change in dates of quite a few other cons, I doubt I'll be at either Comic-Con or Shore Leave this year. Other than the International Conference and International Muster, scheduled for the first weekend of August, are there other events I should check out this year? 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.

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.

# Announcing the SFMC Recruiting & Retention Award

It's my pleasure to announce the implementation of a new award that will recognize our members for one of the most important services they can perform for the Corps — helping it grow. This award went into effect on November 1st, 2011.

Placement and Order of Precedence: Right breast 1/2 inch above the Name Plate, below any other Qualification Badges and to the inside of any Wilderness Challenge Award.

Issuing Authority: FORCECOM

Frequency: As needed

Ribbon Description:

Gold/Green/Gold/Green/Gold (Vanguard # 3649 - available SFMC QM)

Description:

Recruiting is very much a part of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. It is how the SFMC grows, and therefore special recognition is bestowed upon those who take time to grow the SFMC's membership. The SFMC Recruiting Ribbon is awarded to a Marine who successfully recruits five

members into the SFMC.

If a Marine has been particularly successful in recruiting and has successfully recruited 25 individuals into the SFMC, they are authorized to attach a gold frame to the ribbon. This gold frame signifies that the individual wearing the ribbon is a master recruiter.

To be eligible for this award, a Marine must submit a list of the members that they have successfully recruited (see below for criteria) to their Brigade OIC, who upon verification will certify to FORCECOM that the nominee is responsible for recruiting the names submitted, and that the required retention time has been met. The list must include the name, SCC numbers, the date joined STARFLEET and the date on which the individual joined the SFMC by changing their affiliation in the STARFLEET Database.

Before issuance of the award, FORCECOM will verify that the Brigade OIC has confirmed the recruit's

status, join and expiration dates as listed in the STARFLEET Database, if the recruit in question has appeared on any SFMC roster prior to recruitment, and has as well contacted the members on the list to confirm that the Marine nominated for the award was indeed the recruiting officer.

A recruit is considered to be successfully recruited if:

1) An individual who is not a member of either STARFLEET and the SFMC joins STARFLEET and elects to be a member of the SFMC by changing the affiliation option in the STARFLEET Database to either SFMC Active or Reserve and then subsequently renews their membership at the end of their first year. However, these individuals must not have appeared on any SFMC unit roster prior to their selection of either Active or Reserve status to count toward satisfying the total number of recruits required. Individuals who have been listed on SFMC unit rosters in the past will not be counted.

2) An individual who is currently a member of STARFLEET who changes their affiliation option in the STARFLEET Database to either SFMC Active or Reserve and then subsequently renews their membership at the end of their first year. However, these individuals must not have appeared on any SFMC unit roster prior to their selection of either Active or Reserve status to count toward satisfying the total number of recruits required. Individuals who have been listed on SFMC unit rosters in the past will not be counted.

Note: The six-month period for issuance of this award begins when the 5th successful recruit is achieved. In order to place all Marines on an equal footing, recruiting counting towards this award will begin on November 1st, 2011.

Holders of the previous SFMC Recruiting Badge (now withdrawn from service) will be eligible for the SFMC Recruiting and Retention Award upon submission of accept-

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GEN Mark Anbinder  
USS Accord  
Region 7

Deputy  
Commandant

able documentation of the previous award to CO FORCECOM. This documentation may include a copy of a certificate or e-cert, a public announcement (such as newsletter or mailing list) by the issuing authority, or a private notification (such as letter or e-mail) from the issuing au-

thority. Responsibility for providing this documentation does not lie with FORCECOM. If documentation of the previous award is not available, the member should submit any available documentation of the recruiting activity that led to issuance of the award.



New Recruiting & Retention Award



## State of the NCO Corps

Greetings Marines!

Well, once again I am coming to you from the booth in the back in the corner in the dark of the local NCO club, where everybody talks about the weather (often in terms I can't use here), but nobody does anything about it (on account of the Prime Directive – the locals do not have weather control technology), and forgetting to uncover even when in civvies is a round bought for the house unless you immediately produce your sidearm for inspection.

This fall, the Depdant announced a new Recruiting and Retention award and FORCECOM has added a Recruiting and Retention Officer to help the SFMC continue to grow. And, the key word here is "retention". While getting new people to join is nice, we need those new people to stay around, and regardless of who recruited them, by The Book, a large part of seeing that it happens is tasked to the NCOs of the SFMC. Get to know those new Marines, help show them the ropes, and never hesitate to reach out through the NCO Chain of Support to help answer their questions and address their concerns.

Now, pop quiz time: where is the FIRST place you should turn to answer those questions? Let me put it this way, Marines: every time you ask a question where the answer is clearly spelled out in the Marine Force Manual (MFM), somewhere a cute, innocent little kitten gets promoted to Second Lieutenant. Please, think of the poor kittens, and read your MFM first. If the answer is not in there, or does not seem clear to you, your next step is to reach out for a clarification through either the SFMC Chain of Command or the NCO Chain of Support.

And if you're the one being asked the question, do NOT assume

you have the answer off the top of your head. Take a moment to refer back to The Book, and be sure you are passing on current information. Things may have changed, or you may not remember a key section letter perfect. It is always best to take the time, and get it right the first time.

By The Book, a primary focus of the SFMC NCOs is taking the lead in their unit/chapter when it comes to community service projects. I want to take this time to remind all Marines that community service does not always mean finding a big national or international cause to get behind. Community service can be something as simple as volunteering to spend some time cleaning up a local park, or helping a small town library shift a bunch of books around. The SFMC offers some rewards for community service activities, but, really, the biggest reward is knowing that you gave someone who needed it a hand. No matter how small the community you live in, there is ample opportunity for Marines to make a difference. No effort is too small, and please let me know of special efforts' in your units so I can give you due praise in this report.

When I first took on the job of SGM/SFMC, the perception was that the enlisted members of the Corps were a fairly small minority. Best guesses ranged around the 10-15 percent range. (We call that anecdotal data). But, nobody had any real numbers to back that up, and so in 2011 I began a project to collect some real data and get some feel for how many of my fellow Marines were in the enlisted ranks.

Beginning with the reports filed for February of 2011, I grabbed a sample of five SFMC brigades, and began the labor intensive process of going through their reports and

counting how many Marines were enlisted. The sample consisted of BDEs of various sizes, and in widely separate geographical locations, and ended up being about forty percent of the SFMC's total strength.

Using every other report (because of the labor intensive nature of the data collection process), I came up with some numbers that frankly surprised me. It turns out that, based on this data sample over time, we can expect about one Marine in four to hold an enlisted rank for any given reporting period (The actual data sample is closer to 28 percent, but includes a BDE whose percentage of enlisted members is significantly outside the range of the other four BDEs in the sample.) On average, the data predict any given BDE to consist of roughly 20 to 30 percent enlisted members. Of course, some BDEs will fall outside this range, either high or low.

And, saving the best for last, it appears that, overall, the percentage of enlisted members in the data sample is actually slowly trending upward by a couple of percentage points.

So, to sum up, there are more enlisted members in the SFMC than anybody (including me) would have guessed, and those numbers are, at worst, remaining a constant significant fraction of the overall SFMC membership over time, and may actually be slowly but steadily increasing.

To put those numbers in context for the overall STARFLEET organization we are all members of: roughly a quarter of STARFLEET are either Active or Reserve Marines. Doing the math, that means about one member in sixteen of STARFLEET is likely to be an enlisted Marine.

As always, 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. And remember that some of us tend to read and follow the SFMC group on Facebook, so feel free to comment and share with your fellow Marines there.

Now, it's time for Top's History Lesson. Back in November, I chanced on a news photo that, frankly, sent a thrill through me. Taken at the Veteran's Day parade in New York City, it showed a smiling young US Marine crouching next to an old man in a wheelchair, wrapped in a blanket against the cold. The young Marine was 23 year old Sergeant Dakota Meyer, the newest living recipient of the Medal of Honor. The old man braving the chill of a November day (by all reports directly against his doctor's orders) was 94 year old Nicholas Oresko, who back in January of 1945 was Master Sergeant Oresko, C Company, 302nd Infantry Regiment, part of Patton's 3rd Army.

Near Tettigen, Germany, on January 23, 1945, C Company was pinned down by heavy fire from enemy bunkers, and their advance had stalled. Oresko, displaying outstanding courage, single handedly attacked one of the bunkers with a grenade, and followed it up with point blank rifle fire, clearing the strong point. Another bunker opened up with its machinegun, hitting Oresko in the hip, but the gutsy NCO continued to lead his platoon forward despite a serious wound. Weak from loss of blood, he then, on his own, attacked the second bunker with a grenade, and finished it off with his rifle. Oresko refused evacuation until he was assured that C Company's mission had been successfully completed.

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

Sergeant Major  
SFMC



Citing his “quick thinking, indomitable courage, and unswerving devotion to the attack in the face of bitter resistance and while wounded”, on October 30, 1945, President Harry Truman awarded Oresko the Medal of Honor.

Fast forward to 2011, when Ores-

ko got out of the car he was riding in during the Veteran’s Day Parade, wanting to “march” with the rest of the troops being honored. It was then that cameras captured the youngest and oldest living recipients of the Medal of Honor together. The respect and joy on the face of Sergeant

Meyer is easy to see as he shared a moment with someone else who has been there, done that, and wondered what all the fuss was about.

In their minds, they were just soldiers, doing what had to be done. Maybe that’s true ... if the job in question is being a genuine hero.

All I know is the image of those two outstanding men, the past and the present together, made my day, and learning of Oresko’s stubborn determination back in 1945 and again in 2011 served as a reminder: never underestimate a good NCO.

Semper Fi!

## INFOCOM Report

Greetings Marines,  
I’m still not used to setting here at this desk. Every so often I expect Major General Niemeyer to come through the door and tell me to get my feet off his desk.

Pingdom Report  
This month our server uptime, as reported by Pingdom, was 99.66%. There were four outages for a total down of 2 hours 30 minutes 00 seconds.

Staffing  
My staff is starting to pluck away at their daily chores. Some of them have even made requests to increase their staff.

Website  
Starting in 2012, I will be transitioning website maintenance to our new ADOIC Web and his staff. For now, I felt it easier to continue making updates to the site while Mark and his team get their feet wet.

The ADOIC’s team will also be building us a new website. I like our existing site, but I feel its bit cumbersome and bloated with unnecessary information. I am leaving all the design details in the ADOIC’s hands. The plan that we have been crafting in INFOCOM is to build a Wordpress site that is slimmed down and functional.

The new site will follow the guiding principles of AoD:E, “Who We Are, What We Do, and How We Play.” Anything more than that is not necessary and could be spun off into themed sites designed by INFOCOM or by Corps members running those functions.

Attention on Deck: Extra  
AoD:E should be back next month. We are currently polishing it up for printing. I have been sending Thomas Carroll copies of the various “Status of...” commands reports that the GS members have been writing.

Communications  
Achievement Award

Do you build websites or blogs? Do you like to draw or compose music? These are just a few of the ways you can earn the Communications Achievement Award. If you would like to submit a project that you did, then feel free to drop me a line at infocom@sfi-sfmc.org or michaelj.timko@gmail.com and we will see if we can get you an award or cluster for your uniform.

What do you want from the SFMC?  
The SFMC is always looking for new ideas and new approaches. If you have a good idea, then please share it.

SFMC



BDR Michael Timko  
USS Vortex  
Region I

CO INFOCOM SFMC

## State of TRACOM

Greetings Marines,  
By the time you read this you will, hopefully, have had safe and happy holidays.

The basic rundowns for 2011 are as follows: (Jan 1 – Dec 9)

Total Grades Issued: 1920  
Unique Students 233

School Grades		TRACOM Items Issued	
AE	182	Academic Excellence Award	54
AR	92	Advanced Medical	
Cadet Academy	70	Proficiency Award	3
CE	72	Advanced Studies	1
CA	1	Aeromedical Wings	6
IN	112	Aerospace Wings	31
LD	114	Combat Medic Insignia	3
MO	108	Infantry Advanced Device Silver	16
ME	34	Initial Entry Training	96
MD	72	Leadership Silver Wreath	38
MH	8	Leadership Gold Wreath	22
NCO	94	Leadership Gold Wreath	
OD	141	w/Red Background	4
PD	377	Marine Proficiency Ribbon	37
SO	122	Mecha Cape	4
ST	4	Mecha Sash	13
SU	77	Mecha Wings	3
XA	37	Medical Device	4
XB	18	Medical Proficiency Award	13
XC	63	NCO Development Ribbon	16
XJ	18	Parachutist Wings	21
XK	55	Professional Development Award	25
XR	26	Special Operations Device	5
XV	22	TRACOM Commander’s	1
		Team DELTA	4
		Total Issued	420

In the year since taking office, I have hired nine people to fill posts within the command, including creating two new posts. Generally, vacancies have lasted only the time required to allow the prescribed thirty day application period to expire.

Looking forward, TRACOM is moving towards complete replacement of all TRACOM manuals dated prior to 2010 and updates of 2010 manuals. We will be continuing toward improving our customer support response and effectiveness. Overall, I’m pleased with the performance of TRACOM and the Academy in providing service to our members



LGN Michael McGowan  
USS Bortas  
Region I2

CO TRACOM SFMC

# FORCECOM Report



MMSGT  
John "Kiwi" Kane  
USS Hornet  
Region I

CO FORCECOM  
SFMC

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen of the Corps,

Well it has been a crazy busy couple of months, sorry for not getting a State of ForceCom Report for October but the end of October was crazy busy. What with changing jobs, school just been crazy busy with tests and quizzes and then the Rugby World Cup was on as well, it got forgotten.

At the time of this report the 1st Brigade had 23 units and 94 Active and 99 Reserve Marines for a total of 193 Marines which is the Biggest Brigade in the Corps.

There are over 4 brigades that have over 100 marines; they are the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. The largest unit in the corps is a tie between the 503rd MSG "The Spartans" of the 5th

Brigade and the 888th "Tiger Sharks" of the 17th Brigade. Congratulations to those fine units for their great work at recruiting and retention.

In case you are wondering what the biggest units are in the different brigades here is the biggest units in each brigade:

1st Brigade = 173rd "The Black cats" with 16 Marines

2nd Brigade = 631st Fighting Ospreys" with 13 Marines and the 677th "Spirit Builders"

3rd Brigade = 300th "Titan Squadron" with 20 Marines

4th Brigade = 1st "Border Bandits" with 15 Marines and the 75th "Death Dealers" with 15 Marines

5th Brigade = 503rd "The Spartans" with 28 Marines

6th Brigade = 832nd "Hearts of Ice"

with 7 Marines

7th Brigade = 787th "White Knights" with 12 Marines

8th Brigade = 360th "The Spirit Riders" with 3 Marines

10th Brigade = 424th "The Smiling Cats" with 6 Marines

11th Brigade = 372nd "Warriors of Justice" with 17 Marines

12th Brigade = 225th "Dedex" with 18 Marines

13th Brigade = 455th "The Fighting Wolfpack" with 7 Marines

15th Brigade = 95th "Sentintals" with 17 Marines

17th Brigade = 888th "Tiger Sharks" with 28 Marines

20th Brigade = 399th "Night Fury" with 11 Marines

Congratulations to all those units that made this list.

We have hired a couple of new staff members to Forces Command. I would like to welcome Brigadier Thomas Guertin who is going to be working on keeping the Alert Roster and the Unit Logos and Mottos up to date. The other addition is Lieutenant Colonel Jason Garrett who is going to be the new Recruiting and Retention officer. I am sure the unit OICs will be hearing from these fine gentlemen in the future.

I would like to encourage all of the units to participate in the programs that the Corps runs like the Reading Challenge, giving toys to the USMC's Toys for Tots (or your country's equivalent) and the Special Olympics.

Until next time,  
Stay safe out there

## An overview of Operation Marmora

A Short Story by LTC Ken Kadin, DOIC 726thChapter  
USS Storm

Greetings Marines:

As you know on Stardate 2011.616, the 726th Marine strike group, along with the USS STORM, were ordered to the Planet Marmora, near the Romulan Neutral zone.

Marmora is an Earth like planet whose major pursuits are Industrial and Agricultural. There is a small Military presence that is highly trained, well lead, and with land, sea and air capabilities. Even with such it is believed that they would not last long in a full Planetary invasion.

The Romulan Empire has been conducting hit and run raids on Marmora, testing their planetary defenses, in preparation for an invasion and take over. The Marmoran Governing Council has considered joining with the Federation and has requested our assistance in this matter.

The 726th was deployed and divided into three (3) groups: The first, being led by Colonel Dimatteo, the second being led by yours truly, and the third under the command of Sargent Major Sladky. The F.A.R.R.P.'s (Forward, Arm, Re-arm, Re-fuel Points) were under the command of Major Neigut. Fire support and orbital defense was carried out by the USS STORM under the

command of Capt. Sladky. Also let's not forget our Intrepid Shuttle Pilot, Warrant Officer Seruya, who not only flew re-supply mission, but also carried out faints against known and suspected Romulan positions.

After initial coordination with the Marmoran Military, it was decided to establish our base camp on the Northern most continent on Marmora. Recon missions were conducted on all four continents and it was discovered that there were several Romulan groups' planet side. It should be noted that on several occasions SGM Sladky and his troops were within the Romulan camp's perimeters without being detected. Kudos to the Sargent Major and his troops.

Combat operations lasted for several days. With the help of the fire support from the USS STORM, all Romulan encampments were cleared by the Marines. All remaining Romulan's were allowed to collect their injured and board transports to return to their Home world. All of this was accomplished without casualties to the Marines or the STORM; unfortunately the Marmoran Military suffered a few casualties. A job well done.

More to come, SEMPER FI!!!







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To join STARFLEET, complete this form and mail with payment (US Funds payable to STARFLEET) or Credit Card information to: **STARFLEET Membership Processing: PO Box 8213, Bangor, ME 04402.**

### Member Information

Name:	Date of Birth:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	State/Province:	Postal Code
Country:	Telephone:	
Email:		
Chapter Affiliation:	Rank:	
PAYMENT INFORMATION:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check/Money Order		
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # <input type="text"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa/Mastercard	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	Expiration Date <input type="text"/>	
	CVV Number (located on Back of Card) <input type="text"/>	
Authorized Signature	Date	

### Membership Rates

Membership Classes	CIRCLE WHERE APPROPRIATE		
	USA	Canada	Other
Individual	\$15	\$16	\$20
Family of 2	\$22	\$23	\$27
Family of 3	\$25	\$26	\$30
Family of 4	\$28	\$29	\$33
Family of 5	\$31	\$32	\$36
Family of 6	\$34	\$35	\$39

- ☐ New Membership  
☐ Membership Renewal  
SCC: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Contact Info has Changed

#### Membership Materials:

- ☐ I would like my material on a CD.  
☐ I would like my material on Paper.

Please Note: List all participating family members names in the section below. List SCC numbers only if renewing memberships

### Family Membership Member Information

	Family Member Name	SCC Numbers	Rank (if Applicable)	Date of Birth	Chapter	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
02						
03						
04						
05						
06						
Family memberships are limited to six family members, and include one copy of each issue of the Communiqué.						

### Starfleet Scholarship Donation (Optional)

STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, in cooperation with Star Trek personalities, supports educational efforts with contributions made by our members. If you would like to support this effort, please make a donation (minimum \$1 per box checked) to one (or more) of the following scholarship funds. Please note: Donations are not required and must be included with your membership fees. Additional information on specific programs available upon request. Scholarship donations are not currently tax deductible.

LeVar Burton <input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Stewart <input type="checkbox"/>	Marina Sirtis <input type="checkbox"/>	Armin Shimmerman <input type="checkbox"/>
James Doohan <input type="checkbox"/>	DeForest Kelly <input type="checkbox"/>	George Takei <input type="checkbox"/>	Gene Roddenberry <input type="checkbox"/>
Law & Order <input type="checkbox"/>	Space Explorers <input type="checkbox"/>	Total Scholarship Donations Enclosed: \$_____	

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Communique Survey

CQ Format and Content

1. Overall, which format of the CQ would you prefer?

- ☐ Magazine Format (8.5 x 11.5 - like CQ # 166)
- ☐ Tabloid Format (10 x 10 - like CQ 167)
- ☐ Electronic Format (PDF - Pages formatted to 8.5 x 11 for easy printing)
- ☐ Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. How important is color content to you?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Photo Spreads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Front and Back Cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please rate our content sections and ideas for new sections. What do you like to read?

	love to read	sometimes read	seldom read	never read
EC Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STARFLEET News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Star Trek Feature Articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feature articles about chapters or regions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SFMC Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STARFLEET Dept Reports (Chaplains, Science, Etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fan Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Articles about non Star Trek science fiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Convention lists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classified ads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MSR Summaries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. How do you feel about these features...

	Do Not Want At All	Would Like, But Not At Any Additional Cost	Want, And Worth Paying More For	Must Have, Regardless The Cost
Magazine Format	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All Color Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Color Cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Color Center Spread	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Syndicated Trek Content (ie, buying content)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exclusive content from Trek companies and content producers (ie, Roddenberry.com)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. How do you feel about outside advertising in the CQ?

- ☐ I enjoy having outside advertising, as long as they're Sci-Fi / Star Trek related.
- ☐ I'd prefer not to have any outside advertising, but it's ok if it helps offset the cost.
- ☐ I don't think we should have any outside advertising at all.
- ☐ Other (please specify):\_\_\_\_\_

6. Any other feedback for us? Any features that we do not run that you'd like to see?

7. How do you prefer to read the Communique'?

- ☐ Online, as a PDF, as soon as it is available.
- ☐ In print, once I receive the CQ in the mail.

8. Costs for the Communique' are anticipated to rise, regardless of which format STARFLEET uses.

Below are some possible concepts on how to deal with that added expense. Please share your feelings on some of these concepts.

	I would support This Concept	I would not Support This Concept	This would Be My Preferred Concept
Concept One: Maintain 6 paper Communique's to all member households, and raise dues to cover any anticipated cost increase.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concept Two: Keep paper Communique's but reduce the number of issues per year. There still may be a dues increase.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concept Three: Move to two types of membership packages - an Electronic CQ delivery at one rate, and a Paper CQ delivery at a higher rate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. How do you feel about STARFLEET membership costs?

- ☐ Membership Costs are too high, and are impairing our ability to grow the club.
- ☐ Membership Costs are at a good level now, and we should strive to maintain them.
- ☐ Membership Costs are at a good level now, but could be higher if need be to cover increased expenses.
- ☐ We should do whatever it takes to eliminate Membership Costs.

10. What is your Region? \_\_\_\_\_

Please Complete This Survey And Mail To:

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Attn: CQ Survey  
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Blue Springs, MO 64015

Or Take It Online At:  
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