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Below Deck Notables

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



Daryl Gooch • USS Heimdal

Daryl Gooch joined the USS Heimdal in 1999. He has been a faithful chapter member for nearly 14 years, and has gone on to recruit a number of Heimdal members himself! Daryl even presents an annual Heimdal Game Night meeting. As a Security department member, he also attends Heimdal Phaser Simulation events (paintball).

Each year, the Heimdal builds and enters a float in their local Christmas parade. Daryl is right there, either on the float or walking alongside, dressed in uniform or costume, often wowing parade crowds with his unique Ferengi costume.

Daryl has been among the top ten people bringing in auction items for the Heimdal's annual public charity auction, which funds the chapter's ten charities and also sends a local student to Space Camp each summer. What makes Daryl's auction-canvassing abilities and contributions so special is that Daryl is dyslexic and unable to drive. He manages to bring in more auction items while canvassing on foot than many of the members who ARE able to drive!



Donna Parker • USS Hornet

Donna has been a member of the USS Hornet for many years, first joining when her children were knee-high to grasshoppers. (Now her son towers over the rest of us at 6'7"!) Donna enjoys all forms of *Trek*, as well as *Star Wars*, *Dr. Who*, and many other sci-fi series. She has been our Vulcan Healer ever since she joined and she has helped with many of our charities throughout her time on the Hornet. No one knows how to extract more out of a dollar than our Head Elf!

Donna and her husband, Frank, of the USS Dominion, are also involved with the Starship Farragut fan film group, including building sets. While she has also appeared in some scenes, her main contribution has been the construction of costumes. When the Farragut "CO" gives an order, Donna makes it sew!



Valerie J. Rose • USS Indiana

Valerie Rose is a former U.S. Army Sergeant who discovered *Star Trek* as a child and became a devoted fan. She also likes the original *Battlestar Galatica*. In her long STARFLEET career, she has held just about every chapter posting there is. Valerie is also interested in Native American culture.

She maintains her *Star Trek* persona, which she describes as having "a wide range of experience". Valerie is a Marine Reservist and a former STARFLEET Ranger. The reason that Valerie still enjoys being a part of STARFLEET is because the chapters love to give back to the community. She has always enjoyed extending a helping hand where it is needed.

Letter From The Editor

Welcome to the International Conference 2012 issue of the *Communiqué*!

I hope that you enjoy this issue, and the photos from IC 2012.

For those keeping track, this is the fourth CQ. In fact, I'm typing this right after I finished typing up the Letter from the Editor for CQ 171.

Can't tell you how tempted I was to start some kind of fan fiction mini-serial. But, discretion prevailed.

I'm sure some of you are wondering: "Mike, now that we're moving to a quarterly CQ, where will we find all the EC reports?"

Well, for that, we'll have the CQ Online (<http://cq.sfi.org/>). As we move away from six print issues per year, you'll be able to go to our online site to find full copies of the EC reports. We will continue to print information from those reports in the print CQ, but remember: we're going to move the focus of the print CQ away from 'news' and more towards 'features', which is a much better focus for print, given how long it takes to get an issue out.

There will still be important news in the print CQ, to keep members who don't have online access informed, but there will be more detailed information, on a more timely basis, online.

Thanks, as always. Onward to CQ 173!

VADM Michael Dugas
Chief of Communications

We Need Your Articles!

The *Communiqué* depends on your articles and information. While we need articles of all types, this page features a section that needs your help: Below Decks.

Below Decks is an opportunity to profile members that may not otherwise be known to most of the members of STARFLEET. Please submit your small profiles (usually no more than a few sentences) and a photo to our submission address: cq@sfi.org

The Helen Pawlowski Memorial Lifetime Membership

FADM Dave Blaser
USS Hadfield

Now that the bulk of us are home and starting to recover from our various travels to and from the International Conference, I'd like to take a quick moment to make an announcement that was originally made at the IC.

During the ECAB Meeting that took place at IC2012, the Admiralty Board passed a resolution to name our Lifetime Membership in honour of one of our members who recently passed away. As such, the Lifetime Membership is now known as The Helen Pawlowski Memorial Lifetime Membership.

As we announced at IC, the first recipients of the Helen Pawlowski Memorial Lifetime Membership are:

- Linda Kloempken (Region 6)
- Bjo Trimble (Region 1)

In speaking with one of our members who had spoken to Bjo about the new naming of the lifetime member-

ship, she was very happy to hear about STARFLEET's honouring Helen in this way, and honoured to be one of the recipients.

There had been some discussion about creating a scholarship in Helen's name, but we felt that this was a fitting tribute to Helen for a couple of reasons – the first being that the Lifetime Membership is awarded annually, where not all of our scholarships have applicants each year, and therefore not all are always awarded. The second being that there are plans to refine and adjust how some of our scholarships are organized. We didn't want to create a new scholarship in Helen's name only to have it possibly change in the next year.

For those who would still like to make donations to the scholarship fund in Helen's name, we would certainly be very happy to accept donations. Another message will follow in regards to scholarship donations shortly.

Subspace Communications

News from around the fleet.



The Chaplain's Chat

Russell & Bryan

With IC 2012 come and gone, it is my distinct pleasure to announce to you, the STARFLEET membership, our annual Chaplain Services Capodanno Award recipients. This award is given of behalf of the STARFLEET Chaplain Corps to our Chaplains who made contributions above and beyond the norm, as well as those members that exhibit a strong and outstanding support to the Chaplain Corps within their region or to the overall mission of the Chaplain Corps within the fleet. And the winners are:

With Distinction

COL Douglas Reagan, USS Tiberius, Region 2
CMDR Rufus Barr, USS Zavala, Region 3
LT Stephen Griswold, USS Peacekeeper, Region 4

With High Honors

RADM Jack Eaton, USS Trident, Region 2
FCPT Rosalyn Reed, USS Judah, Region 2
BDR James Reed, USS Judah, Region 2
COMM Reed Bates, Ark Angel Station, Region 3
VADM Chrissy Killian, USS Peacekeeper, Region 4

ADM David Kloempken, USS Czarak, Region 6
MAJ Aaron Clark, USS St. George, Region 6
CPT David R.A. Grate, USS Serling, Region 7
VADM Douglas Mayo, USS Nelson, Region 15
BDR Jerry Beaulieu, USS Ares, Region 15
CMDR Robert Beaulieu, USS Callisto, Region 15
BGN Oliver Savander, USS Tiberius, Region 2

With Honors

ENS Maria Griswold, USS Peacekeeper, Region 4
CMDR Michael "Doc" Conard, USS Vre'Hasht, Region 6
CRMN Ken Gurton, USS Firebird, Region 3
CMDR Hayden Segel, USS Potomac, Region 1
COL Michael Tolleson, USS Navras, Region 3
MGN Tom Webster, USS St. George, Region 6

We thank you all for your wholehearted support of the Chaplain Corps and for all of your outstanding contributions during the past year. Keep up the great work!

Sunday morning during the IC brought with it the non-denominational service, which I am happy to say had the greatest attendance at any one service I have had the privilege to be a part of. I spoke on the subject, "Let Not Your Heart Be Tribbled" or "Why Can't We Just All Get Along." We dealt with difficulties is dealing

with media bullies and the effect it has on the innocent readers of the media. All of the services that I conduct at IC and summits are always in an open forum or discussion format and the discussion was indeed blessed. Hearts were touched and I believe all of those who were in attendance left the service with a better insight of the world we live in today. By the way, let me give my personal thanks to MGEN Larry French, Sr., for his assistance as my co-chair for this service. I do hope to see even more of our readers in attendance at the service during IC 2013 in Dallas, TX.

Until next issue, be blessed always and warp speed ahead!



Star League Food Drive

Carnell Eubanks
USS Star League

On Monday July 23rd, the USS STAR LEAGUE, like many other STARFLEET chapters, held a recruiting event in conjunction with the Star Trek: The Next Generation 25th anniversary celebration movie event.

Our local theater, the Augusta Regal Twenty, has always treated us with courtesy and a willingness to allow us to host these events, not only allowing us space, but also donating tickets for raffles for our food drive. In light of the national tragedy in Colorado that occurred just days before this event, that goodwill took on a new meaning. We were expecting that the event would be cancelled or restricted, but instead they allowed us to host the event as in the past and the manager even made a contribution to our food drive. The recruiting event and food drive were successful, but just as important, the public and theater personnel were receptive to us, costumes and all. People still came out and took pleasure from their favorite movie, they enjoyed the company of their fellow human beings, and fans were able to celebrate larger-than-life heroes on the big screen.

A famous quote reads: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." It could also be said that evil triumphs when people are robbed of the things that make life normal, such as when people of good intentions are no longer able to host events such as these. That being said, on behalf of my ship, I hope all STARFLEET chapters were able to proceed with their events. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the theaters who allowed us to host our events.

A total of \$73.25 and eight cans of food were donated as a part of the food drive. In addition to this, several people expressed interest in obtaining more information on STARFLEET and our chapter.



Star League Food Drive and recruitment event successful. Left to Right
Carnell Eubanks, Mary Holden
Photographer Michelle DeLoach



Star League Food Drive and recruitment event successful. Left to Right Standing (Back Row)
Carnell Eubanks, Rowan DeLoach, Mary Holden, James DeLoach, Tammy Smith
Bottom Row Left to Right
Megan Krell, Jerry Holden
Photographer Michelle DeLoach

First Impressions are Lasting Ones: A First Timer's Experience at STARFLEET's International Conference

Melissa S. Toole
USS Sinclair

I was excited but apprehensive about attending my first ever STARFLEET International Conference. Excited to meet some people and put faces to names; apprehensive because you never know what people are really like until you meet them. I think that there is always a concern when you're the "newbie" in a long standing group: will they accept you or see you as an outsider? I can say that my apprehension evaporated almost immediately. My fellow STARFLEET members that I met at the IC were wonderful, warm, accepting, and a whole lot of fun!

Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry, Jr. was the special guest over the weekend and I have to say he was an extraordinarily pleasant and gracious young man. He was courteous and seemed to enjoy himself as much as anyone else during the IC.

My husband Dan and I arrived on Thursday evening. We checked in, grabbed some dinner at a nearby Mexican restaurant (which was fantastic),

and headed to bed. Dan was sitting in at the EC/AB meeting as a proxy for Region 20 and I was his assistant, so our Friday afternoon was pretty much planned. Not the most exciting way to spend an afternoon, but (believe it or not) rather interesting. That evening we donned our SFMC uniforms (I'm active, Dan is reserve) and headed to the Marine Dress Mess. Great food, great conversation, and a little bit of pomp and ceremony. It was a lot of fun!

Saturday found me attending the General Session in lieu of Dan, who was feeling a bit under the weather. Awards were handed out, announcements were made (IC 2014 will be in Chicago!), and a ship was commissioned. I attended the Marine Muster in the afternoon so I was unable to attend any of the panels that were being held by assorted members of STARFLEET, but I heard that they were really quite good.

Saturday night was the banquet, which was another time for great food

and great conversation. We were surprised with a visit by an Elvis impersonator following dinner and this talented young man entertained us for an hour with some of the King's greatest songs. After dinner was a live auction and some great items were auctioned off for some great charities (the American Diabetes Association and St Jude's Children's Hospital). Dan and I were able to get some pretty cool items (including a custom made Starfleet Fire Rescue badge that we got into a bidding war with Rod Roddenberry over) and STARFLEET was able to raise a nice amount of money for the charities. (I've heard through the grapevine that it was around \$5000!)

IC 2013 is in Dallas, Texas and I strongly suggest everyone makes plans to attend. I promise you, you won't regret it! See you there!

The “Squire of Gothos” event at Branstetter Castle

Josh and Char Branstetter
USS Inferno



Captain's Log, Stardate 07235.6

The crew of the USS Inferno was running routine sensor scans on a strange planet which had a fierce, uninhabitable surface. Without warning, our crew was teleported onto the surface of the planet. But instead of the toxic atmosphere that we expected, we found ourselves in a wooded forest, with a full-sized castle in the center of a clearing. Cadet First Class Joshua Branstetter, whose hobby is medieval Earth history, identified it as belonging to a period known as the “Hundred Years War”. Upon opening the massive oaken doors, the crew discovered that the castle was furnished as if from the same time period. However, our tricorders could identify none of the materials. The sole occupant of the castle soon presented himself and introduced himself as General Trelane, but said that since his retirement, he preferred to be called “Squire”.

The crew was taken on a thorough tour of the castle, with the Squire pointing out the major features, and Cadet Branstetter explaining how many of the items were originally intended to function. From the rooftop view of the surrounding forest to the dungeon depths, the crew learned much about medieval Earth construction. The crew was then forced to participate in games of skill and luck for the amusement of the Squire, but soon found that they were enjoying themselves and had almost forgotten about the ship that they had left in orbit. A fine meal was then laid before them, and the crew was surprised and gladdened to find that it was as delicious

as it was visually appealing.

The evening continued with a projection system in the castle's great hall showing classic Earth dramas. We watched “The Squire of Gothos” (as it was the inspiration for the event), “Qpid” (for its Robin Hood theme

and castle scenes), and “City on the Edge of Forever” (because it is awesome, and it includes time travel).

The crew was then returned to their ship, which was in perfect working order, as though they had never left. The only crew member who had remained on board was Ensign JG Char Branstetter, who bore a remarkable (but surely coincidental) resemblance to the Squire. The helmsman made careful note of the location of the rogue planet, and the crew agreed that they would return after other adventures for another look at the inexplicable castle in the forest. Thus concluded the USS Inferno's “Squire of Gothos” event on August 25, 2012. Additional photos of the castle can be found at <http://www.pitt.edu/~caram/>



FRONT ROW: Cadet First Class Joshua Branstetter, Lt Commander Sharlene Hupka, LT Jacquelyn Robinson, Rear Admiral Debbie French, and Ensign Maria Dutilly. **SECOND ROW:** “Squire” EnsJg Char Branstetter, LT D. C. Barricella-McQuade, and LtJg Joseph McQuade. **THIRD ROW:** Major General Larry D. French, Sr. and Commander Ron Seymour.

SFMC Cadet Academy

Moms and Dads of the SFMC, are you tired of hearing, “I’m bored. There’s nothing to do!” Well then, look no further than <http://sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org/>. It will help keep your children busy while also learning a thing or two!

The SFMC Cadet Academy is designed for cadets of all ages. The Cadet Academy is divided up into four different age groups, with exams created specifically for each age.

Grade 1 exams are for Cadets ages 5 – 7 years old. These special exams are usually hands-on and not like any other exam you have taken. Due to the hands-on approach these exams take, parental supervision is advised.

Grade 2 exams are for Cadets ages 8-11 years old. These exams are more traditional in nature. They usually consist of multiple choice, true/false, and “matching” questions.

Grade 3 exams are for Cadets ages 12-14 years old. The exams in this group get a little harder. Along with multiple choice and true/false questions, you may also find short answer questions, and maybe even a few definitions.

Grade 4 exams are for Cadets ages 15-17 years old. These are the hardest of the cadet exams, and they usually consist of essay questions.

The best part about the cadet academy is that you do not have to take Grade 1 exams to take a Grade 2 exam and so on. Just find the grade that's right for your age, and you're ready to go.

New courses are under development and will continue to be released as they are ready. So if you don't find one that you want, check back often and keep an eye open!





Paroxysm

1st place winner in the 2011 STARFLEET Short Story Contest

A shimmering blue light broke the darkness of the twilight, in the midst of a thick jungle landscape. Lieutenant Tuvok materialized from the shining glitter-stream into the heart of the jungle. The sound of rushing water almost drowned out the ambient sound of various fauna.

Looking around, Tuvok surveyed the area, his Vulcan physiology providing superior optical and acoustic attunement. He raised his tricorder to scan the area. Confirming that there was no humanoid presence, save for himself, he reached up and tapped his comm badge. "Tuvok to Voyager. Captain, I have scanned the area and located the probe, approximately 47 meters north northwest".

"Acknowledged, Lieutenant. Proceed with caution. Remember, this planet is a pre-warp civilization. We don't want to alert them to our presence," said Janeway.

"I understand, Captain. I will be... careful." Tuvok began his trek through the thick vines and overgrown trees.

The sound of rushing water became louder and louder, until he came upon a small lake and the source of the crashing water, a pristine waterfall not more than ten meters away from his location. Tuvok opened his tricorder once more and scanned the lake. A Starfleet energy signature appeared on the display, indicating the position of the probe. Tuvok laid down the tricorder and dove into the lake, swimming to the probe's location. He attached a micro-transport-enhancer to the skin of the probe and immediately swam back up.

"Captain, you should be able to initiate transport now," he said.

"Acknowledged, Lieutenant," Janeway said. Turning towards the rear of the bridge, she said, "Ensign Kim, once you get a lock on the probe, transport it to Cargo Bay 2."

"Yes, Captain," Harry replied.

Once the probe disappeared from the lake, Tuvok addressed the transporter technician, "Tuvok to transporter room. Ready for beam out."

"Understood, Lieutenant," said Lieutenant Jones.

With another shimmering blue light, Tuvok appeared on Voyager's transporter pad, still wet from his night-time jaunt into an alien lake. The transporter technician stepped down to greet the soaking Vulcan. "Welcome back, Lieutenant. I thought you went to retrieve a probe, not go for a swim. Can I get you a towel?" Lieutenant Jones asked.

"Your concern is noted. However, I fail to see the humor in my present situation," Tuvok replied as he turned and left the transporter room.

Lieutenant Jones followed Tuvok out of the transporter room and came back in shortly thereafter with a small hand towel. As he knelt down to wipe up the mess from the transport platform, he began sniffing the air. Wiping off the water from the pad, Lieutenant Jones began identifying the smell as a mixture of mold with a hint of cranberry. Figuring the smell was from the water, Lieutenant Jones lifted the towel to his face and gave a big sniff. "What a weird planet," Jones said, as he tossed the towel in the waste reclamation unit.

"How long will it take for you to figure out what happened to the probe?" Captain Janeway asked B'Elanna Torres, as Janeway circled the now-defunct Class-2 probe, tracing her fingers along the length of the chassis.

"It's hard to say, Captain. First we have to clean out the access panel and make sure it didn't get saturated," B'Elanna replied, as she placed her tool box on top of the probe casing, took out a bolt remover and attacked the access panel. "She's pretty messy, Captain. It might take a while to clean her up."

"Thank you, Lieutenant," Jane-

way said. "Keep me posted."

"Of course, Captain," Torres replied.

"If you'll excuse me, B'Elanna, I have to get back to the Bridge. But first I need to wash my hands. That muck feels disgusting," Janeway remarked as she exited the Cargo Bay.

Lieutenant Jones walked along the corridor on his way back to his quarters. Passing other crew members, he gave a few nods of hello, until he stopped at an engineering team which was repairing the bio-neural circuitry behind a computer panel. "How's it coming along, Ensign Toomey?" Jones asked the young female.

"Just fine, Lieutenant," she replied. Adding a hint of flirtation to her voice, she continued, "So, are we still on for dinner tonight, or should I reschedule again?"

"I promise, Ensign. Tonight. My quarters, 1930 hours," Jones replied.

"I guess I'll see you there," she said, as he turned to leave.

Jones continued down the corridor but he began to stagger. Grabbing onto the wall for support, he touched his hand to his forehead as a sharp pain pierced between his eyes. After a moment, he continued on, hoping it would get better. But as he walked, his eyesight started becoming fuzzy and he couldn't see where he was going. That's when he bumped right into Captain Janeway, as she was on her way to the bridge.

"Whoa, easy, Lieutenant. I wasn't aware that Neelix procured any alcohol recently," she joked, as she grabbed on to his shoulders.

"Uh, I'm sorry, Captain," he said, as he continued rubbing his forehead. "I'm... not feeling too well. I was trying to get back to my quarters, but I think I might need to go to Sickbay."

My head is killing me and I can't see where I'm going," Jones explained.

Grabbing him by his arms, Janeway lifted him to his feet. "I got you, Lieutenant," she said. "Let's get you to Sickbay."

Lieutenant Torres stood in front of the probe, struggling with the access panel. Noticing her frustration, Lieutenant Joe Carey approached her. "Can I help you with that, Lieutenant?"

"Thanks, Carey, but I got it," Torres replied, with mild contempt in her voice. "I understand you don't like me because you think I took your job, but there is no reason for you to undermine my authority or call my competency into question at every turn. I wish you could accept that. Or will you need me to ask Janeway to transfer you to nacelle-scrubbing duty?"

Flustered and taken aback, Carey apologized. "I... I'm sorry, Lieutenant. I meant no disrespect. I accept that the Captain made you Chief Engineer. That decision was based on merit. I was merely asking if I could offer any assistance. It was not my intention to make you look incompetent." Lowering his head slightly, Carey turned as he finished, saying, "I'll go back to engineering. I need to check on the intermix chamber recalibration."

Torres turned and called out before Carey could leave the cargo bay, "Joe, I'm... sorry I snapped. Thank you. For offering your assistance."

"You're welcome, Lieutenant," Carey replied, with a slight smile on his face as he turned and left.

Focusing her attention back on the probe, Torres realized the filth on the casing had hardened over the access panel. "Ensign Daroz. Can you come over here with a tricorder and tell me what this junk is?"

The young Bolian quickly dropped what he was working on and charged right over, scanning the

probe after barely coming in range. Daroz scanned the probe for only a few seconds when Torres became impatient. "Well? What is it?"

Daroz replied, "I'm sorry, Lieutenant. I'm having trouble identifying the material. I'm getting conflicting readings. One second I'm reading life signs like bacteria, then the next second it's an unidentified chemical compound."

"Well, it can't possibly be bacteria. The transporter's bio-filter should have picked it up," she remarked. "Your readings must be off."

"The readings are spot on, Lieutenant," Ensign Daroz replied. "Could it be possible that it was showing as bacteria when it was scanned? What if it went through the pattern buffer as a chemical compound, like how it is now. There's no telling what this stuff is."

Intrigued, Torres replied, "Well, Ensign, why don't you go find out?"

The Sickbay door whooshed open, just like all the many other times it had done so. Therefore, the Doctor didn't pay any more attention to whoever was entering than he normally would. He was just a little preoccupied by the tests he was running on samples of the Phage, which he procured from the Vidiilians, who had provided their extensive medical knowledge to save Neelix's life after they stole his lungs.

So it was Kes that had the opportunity to greet Janeway as she carried the young Lieutenant into Sickbay, since he could no longer walk on his own. "Captain, what happened?" Kes asked as she hurried over to help ease the burden. Struggling, even with Kes's help, they both managed to get Lieutenant Jones to the nearest open bio-bed. "Doctor?" Kes called out, "We need you out here!"

"What seems to be the problem, Kes?" the Doctor asked as he turned the corner from his office. As he turned, he saw Kes, the captain, and Lieutenant Jones lumbering to a bio-bed.

Rushing over, he asked what had happened. Coughing and straining for breath herself, as the Doctor began scanning Lieutenant Jones, Janeway began explaining how she had run into Lieutenant Jones in the corridor and, when it was clear he needed medical treatment, she'd brought him

to Sickbay.

"He was complaining of blurry vision, but he also had a bad cough. Right as we got here, he started wheezing," Janeway said as the Doctor finished his scan.

"Kes, get me 10 cc's of Pulmozine. His alveoli don't appear to be processing oxygen that well." Looking down at his patient, the Doctor tried as best he could to triage Jones. "Lieutenant, can you hear me? How is your vision? Do you have any nausea, muscle stiffness, cramps?"

Lieutenant Jones didn't answer. All he could do was let out a mild groan. As he lay there, prostrated by some mysterious affliction, Kes leaned in and gave the Pulmozine injection. Far from having the desired effect, it did the opposite. Jones' lungs began to seize and his body started to tremble.

"Quick, Kes! I need 25 cc's of Asinolyathin for the spasms and 50 cc's of Lectrazine to stabilize his heart!" the Doctor exclaimed.

"I've got it right here, Doctor," Kes stated, proud that her training came through in a pinch.

The Doctor injected Lieutenant Jones and it was fortunately enough to bring his vitals back into the safe zone. "OK, he's stabilized for now, but I'm listing him as critical," he said aloud to Kes and the captain. "Now we need to figure out what's going on." Peering over at Janeway, who was sitting, hunched over, on the next bio-bed, he asked, "Captain, are you all right?"

"I'm glad he's stable, Doctor. Now, would you mind taking a look at me?" Janeway asked, as she started forward and landed face-first on the Sickbay floor.

The engineering team working on the intermix chamber could feel Lieutenant Carey's presence as he hovered above them, watching what they were doing. "What's the status, Crewman Bendera?" Carey asked.

Sounding a little upset at the intrusion, he curtly replied, "We're almost done realigning the dilithium crystals per Lieutenant Torres' specifications. Five more minutes and we should complete the diagnostic." When he got no response from Carey, Bendera turned around to see Carey grab the side of his head as he fell down to the floor. Bendera raced

to the prostrate Carey, turning him over onto his back. "Lieutenant, are you all right?" he asked.

Letting out only a grunt, Carey pushed Bendera out of the way, knocking him over in the process. "Carey! Joe, what are you doing?" Bendera implored, as Carey struggled to get back on his feet.

Carey's answer came in the form of a shuffled step as he clumsily raised his arm. Swinging his arm down, he crashed his fist against Bendera's shoulder, dislocating it and sending him to the floor in pain. From behind him, one of Carey's subordinates stunned him with a well-placed phaser blast to the back. The rest of the Engineering team rushed over to the two wounded men.

Tapping his communicator, Crewman Dalby said, "Dalby to Tuvok."

"Tuvok here," the Lieutenant's voice replied.

"Lieutenant, I think you better get a security team down to Engineering. Lieutenant Carey just attacked Bendera. Carey was stunned, but we don't know how long he'll be out," Dalby explained.

"Understood. Security teams are on their way," Tuvok replied.

Looking over at Dalby, Ensign Ashmore, with a sound of concern in her voice, stated, "We need to get them down to Sickbay."

Dalby wondered, "What made the Lieutenant act like this?"

"I don't know," Ashmore replied, "but I hope the Doctor can figure it out."

A security team arrived to survey the damage, and to help Ashmore and Dalby take the two injured men down to Sickbay.

Torres eagerly picked up the nearest heavy tool from her tool box and began beating the probe's casing profusely. As she began winding down, due to a sore arm, she noticed that she chipped a few pieces off, right by the access panel. She let the tool fall to the floor with such a loud clank that Daroz jumped and flung his tricorder over his head.

"My goodness, Lieutenant!" Daroz exclaimed as he bent over to pick up his equipment.

"Sorry, Ensign. I'm just so frustrated with this thing. But I think I made a dent in it," she said. Motion-

ing for him to come over, she continued, "Look here. I chipped a few pieces off. And I think I can get it open, which is a good thing. I was getting close to just beaming this thing off the ship and telling Janeway to launch a new one."

Daroz went over to the storage locker and picked up a few specimen containers. As he leaned down to pick the chips up off the floor, he said to Torres, "I hope this is enough to test."

"I'm pretty sure it will be. It'll have to be. I'm getting too tired to beat it for another five minutes just for one more piece to chip off," Torres replied.

Daroz put each piece into its own container while she began working on the access panel. Just as he was putting the cover on the last container, the access panel flew off and struck him in the head. A small slash appeared on his forehead and a blue stream of blood trickled out. Torres said apologetically, "Ensign, I'm so sorry. Are you hurt?"

Touching the wound and trying to survey the damage, he acknowledged that he was okay. "I guess since I'm going to Sickbay now, I'll take these samples down there, too, so the Doctor can analyze them."

Commander Chakotay sat at the captain's chair, reading the daily report on his PADD when he got a call from Kes. "Kes to Chakotay," she said.

Puzzled, Chakotay responded, "Chakotay here. How can I help you, Kes?"

"Sir, Captain Janeway just brought Lieutenant Jones into Sickbay, and while we were treating him, she collapsed," Kes explained.

Chakotay's face began to show concern, as the rest of the bridge crew looked at him. "What is her current status, Kes?" Chakotay asked.

Detailing Janeway's condition, she replied, "Captain Janeway is sedated at the moment. She appears to be stable, but the Doctor is listing her in critical condition. She's showing the same symptoms as Lieutenant Jones."

"Please, keep me posted, Kes, and let me know the second her condition changes," Chakotay ordered,

“Chakotay out.”

Seizing the moment, Paris spoke up, “First a fight in Engineering, and now the Captain is critical? It doesn’t look like this will be a good day.”

“Stifle it, Lieutenant,” Chakotay barked. “Those kind of comments might have been standard conversation pieces back in the penal colony, but they aren’t welcome on this bridge.”

Feeling dejected, Paris turned back to his terminal as he apologized, “My apologies, Commander.”

The Doctor stood beside Janeway as she lay listlessly on the bio-bed. He stared at the readings coming up on the screen. “Kes, how is

lix’ voice over the communication system.

Sounding annoyed at the intrusion, Tuvok replied, “What is it, Mr. Neelix?”

“Um, well, I think we need some of your security people in the mess hall,” Neelix explained. “Some of the crew members just started attacking people.”

In his usual serious tone, Tuvok replied, “Understood, Mr. Neelix. I’m on my way.”

Tuvok stepped down from his console and pressed his communicator. “Tuvok to Security Team 3. Meet me in the Mess Hall. There is some sort of altercation,” he said as he turned to Commander Chakotay. “Commander, if you don’t mind, I’d prefer to see what is going on with

ing back to life to eat the living,” he continued.

Stopping him at this point, Chakotay asked, “Seriously, is there a point to all of this?”

“I was just thinking that these attacks reminded me of those stories,” Paris said as he turned back to his console.

Chiming in on the conversation, Ensign Kim remarked, “Well, if that’s what’s going on here, then those motion pictures don’t sound too scary to me.”

Not looking up from his console, Paris replied, “If that’s what you think, Harry, then how about tonight we watch one of the classics? I think ‘Night of the Living Dead’ would be right up your alley.”

“I might be up for that,” Kim replied. “It’s a good thing the Doctor is a hologram. I don’t think zombies would be interested in eating his photons,” Kim joked, with a little laugh.

Seeing a chance to end the conversation, Chakotay spoke up, “If you feel that way, Harry, might I suggest you head down to Sickbay and see if you can lend a hand?”

Even though Harry was not happy with being volunteered for this task, he obliged. “Yes, Commander.” Then he headed over to the turbolift doors.

The Doctor sat in his lab, staring through the microscope at the blood samples from the captain and from Jones. The Doctor began scooting his chair between the microscope and another computer station, comparing results. “Interesting,” the Doctor said to himself. “Kes, come here and tell me what you can see.”

Calling back to the Doctor, Kes replied, “Just one minute Doctor. I need to finish up with the Captain.”

The Doctor went over to the spectrometer to begin an analysis on the samples that Daroz had brought him. Kes finished up her exam of Janeway and headed over to the the Doctor’s science lab.

“What did you want me to look at Doctor?” Kes asked.

“Kes, look at the sample under the microscope and tell me what you see,” he directed.

Kes leaned in and scrutinized the sample for a few minutes. “Doctor, I see something abnormal in the

sample, but I don’t know what it is,” she said inquisitively. “What is it?”

“That, my dear, is an ‘I don’t know’,” he said jokingly. “I can’t determine what this thing is, either. I’m having the computer analyze it, but who knows how long that will take.”

Kes and the Doctor began to hear a low groaning coming from around the corner. Kes was the first one out of the science lab and, as she turned the corner, she ran right into Lieutenant Jones’ hands grabbing her shoulders as his head started leaning in toward her neck. The Doctor was right behind her, with a hypospray readily in hand. Before Jones could bite Kes on her neck, the Doctor reached out and sedated Jones. “Kes, help me get him over here, so we can get him behind a stasis field,” said the Doctor.

As soon as they laid Jones down on the bio-bed, the Sickbay doors whooshed open and the security team brought in Carey and Bendera. “Doctor, Carey attacked Bendera. Where do you want us to put him?” the security team asked.

“Another one?” the Doctor asked. “Just find an empty bed and lay him down. Kes, examine him please.”

“Yes, Doctor,” Kes replied.

“Do you want me to check out Bendera’s arm or would you like to?” she asked when she saw Bendera holding his arm and wincing in pain.

“I’ll do it, Kes. Just make sure you get a full workup done and take it to the lab,” the Doctor replied. “What I’m wondering is, why do I have only Human patients affected?” the Doctor said to himself.

Suddenly, Janeway started waking up. She stumbled off the bed, then staggered over to one of the security team members. As Janeway began reaching for the security team member, the Doctor was right behind her with another hypospray. He sedated her before she could place a hand on anyone. The Doctor and the security team moved Janeway to the stasis room along with Jones.

“Kes, once you get the samples and verify that Carey is stable, have him moved to the stasis room with the captain and Jones,” the Doctor ordered.

“Yes, Doctor,” Kes replied.

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our other patient doing?” the Doctor asked over his shoulder.

“Jones’ blood pressure is a little high, 140 over 90, pulse is at 65 beats per minute,” Kes said, matter-of-factly. “He still appears to be stable right now, Doctor.”

“Very good, Kes,” he replied as the Sickbay doors opened.

Ensign Daroz walked in with the samples in one hand and the other pressed to his head. “Doctor, I need a little help here,” he said.

“I’m a little too busy to look at some random samples, Ensign. Please take a number,” the Doctor retorted.

Taking his hand off of his head, Daroz replied, “Well, do you have time for this?”

The Doctor looked back at the Ensign and realized he had jumped to conclusions. “Please, take a seat over there,” he said as he pointed to an open bio-bed. Walking over to Daroz, the Doctor asked, “So what happened Ensign?”

Letting out a little chuckle, Daroz replied, “Lieutenant Torres.”

“I see,” the Doctor said. “Well, let’s get you patched up before you bleed out.”

“Neelix to Tuvok,” came Nee-

my own eyes.”

Acknowledging the request, Chakotay replied, “Understood, Lieutenant. Please keep me posted.”

“Very well, Commander,” Tuvok replied as he headed to the turbolift doors.

Paris sat at his console, shifting in his seat. As he started looking around at the rest of the bridge crew, Chakotay caught his eye.

“Is something wrong, Mr. Paris?” Chakotay asked.

“I’m not really sure, Commander,” he replied, halting before he spoke again.

Chakotay took the opportunity to pry for more information. “Go ahead, Tom,” he said. “What’s on your mind?”

Paris continued, a little embarrassed, “Well, sir, how well versed are you in late 20th century entertainment?”

Not at all amused, Chakotay asked, “Is there a point to this?”

“Well, you’re going to think this is ridiculous, but there used to be a genre of motion pictures called ‘Horror’. You know, stories that were meant to cause extreme fear,” he explained. “A sub-genre of these films was something called a ‘zombie’ movie. They’re about the dead com-

Engineering with the probe's data recorder in hand. As she walked over to a terminal to connect the data recorder, she called out for Carey. "Lieutenant Carey, what's the status of the warp core?" she asked into the air, but getting no response. "Carey!" she yelled.

Crewman Dalby came running over. Looking a little confused, Torres asked, "Crewman Dalby, where is Lieutenant Carey?"

"Lieutenant, there was... an incident," Dalby explained. "We were finishing up the crystal realignment, when Lieutenant Carey attacked Crewman Bendera."

"He did what?" Torres exclaimed, looking dumbfounded.

"We don't understand it, either, Lieutenant. One moment, he was asking for an update, and the next minute he started attacking Bendera," he said. "We stunned him, called Security, and took Carey and Bendera down to Sickbay."

"Why wasn't I informed about this? I AM Chief Engineer," she sternly reminded him.

"You're right, Lieutenant. I'm sorry. I was so nervous and we were trying to get Security down here and take everyone down to Sickbay," Dalby apologized.

"All right, so how are we on the warp core?" she asked.

"Everything is completed and we are running at 98% efficiency," Dalby boasted.

"Very well, Dalby. Now, what I want you to do is analyze the probe's data record and figure out why it crashed," she ordered.

Dalby acknowledged the order, "Yes, Lieutenant."

"Dalby, I'm going to Sickbay to check on the status of my engineers. If anything else exciting happens, please let me know," Torres said as she started to walk out of Engineering.

"Yes, Lieutenant," Dalby replied.

Once again, the Sickbay doors whooshed open. The Doctor was too busy with his samples to see that it was Harry Kim walking in. "Now who's sick?" the Doctor asked as he left his lab.

"Uh, it's just me, Doctor," Kim replied as he walked over to the Doctor. "Commander Chakotay requested I come down to lend a hand, since you're pretty busy."

"I doubt you could be of any use to me here, Ensign," the Doctor said, as he turned to go back to his lab. "You have no formal medical training. Still, under the circumstances, I think you might be able to do some good," he said as Kim followed him into the lab.

Indicating an open station, the Doctor motioned for Kim to take a seat. "Ensign Daroz brought some samples from a material that was covering the recovered probe. Since I'm busy with a medical mystery, feel free to analyze the substance."

The sound of instant boredom could be detected in Kim's reply, "Very well, Doctor. I'm glad I can help."

The Doctor decided to check on his patients, but as he started walking out of the lab, the computer beeped, alerting him that the analysis was completed. As he sat down at the terminal, he was instantly shocked. "No, this can't be right," he said aloud. "Computer, please confirm your analysis."

The computer's voice was direct and methodical. "Analysis confirms symptoms are similar to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in Human physiology."

As the Doctor sat, still baffled, an alarm went off in Sickbay. "Doctor!" Kes yelled. The Doctor ran out of the lab to witness Lieutenant Jones seizing on the floor of the stasis room, as Captain Janeway and Lieutenant Carey began stumbling into the force field. The Doctor ran over to a terminal and had Jones beamed from the stasis room to an open bio-bed. He immediately activated a stasis field over Jones, but by the time he got over to the bio-bed, Jones had died.

As the Doctor turned to go to his office to record the event, Kim came out of the lab. "Doctor, I've confirmed that the samples show signs of being biological, but I can't find anything further. Should I summon Ensign Wildman to take a look? She's a xeno-biologist."

Appearing saddened over the death of Jones, the Doctor calmly replied, "Go ahead, Lieutenant. We need all the help we can get."

Lieutenant Tuvok was standing at his console when he got a call from the holodeck, asking for help. "Tuvok to Security Team 2. I need you to split up, one group, head to the Mess

Hall, and the rest report to the holodeck. We have more reports of crew members attacking each other."

More reports of attacks continued to pour in through the comm system and directly to his terminal. "Commander, I'm running out of security teams," Tuvok said. "What do you want me to do?"

"Not to worry, Tuvok, I have an idea," Chakotay said reassuringly.

Chakotay called down to Engineering. "Chakotay to Torres."

"Torres here, Commander," she replied.

"B'Elanna, I want you to create a holodeck simulation of a giant Sickbay. I want to be able to house everyone affected by this so-called 'zombie virus'," Chakotay explained.

"I think I can have it running in a few minutes, Commander," B'Elanna replied.

Chakotay continued his instructions, "Let me know as soon as you have it running. I want to beam each victim there, then transfer the Doctor's program to the holodeck so he has access to all of his patients."

"As you wish, Chakotay," she said, sounding a little overwhelmed.

Turning to Tuvok, Chakotay ordered, "Tuvok, begin having your security teams coordinate the beaming of all the identified sick to the holodeck."

"Yes, Commander," Tuvok replied as he focused on his terminal to work out the logistics.

Focusing on the last part of his plan, Chakotay called down to Sickbay. "Chakotay to Sickbay."

"Yes, Commander?" the Doctor asked.

"Doctor, I'm having B'Elanna create a Sickbay on the holodeck,

“So, to hypothesize,” the Doctor said out loud, “this ‘compound’, shall we call it, could be awakening some retrovirus in the Human DNA structure which is causing this hysteria.”

so you can work with everyone who seems to be affected by this virus. Once it's running, Lieutenant Tuvok will have everyone beamed to the holodeck, and B'Elanna will transfer your program."

Sounding a little amused by the whimsy in the plan, the Doctor replied, "That sounds very interesting."

"I'll keep you posted. Chakotay out."

Ensign Kim and the Doctor both hovered over Ensign Samantha Wildman as she was running tests on the samples from the probe. The Doctor began to sound very impatient and he said to Wildman, "Well, Ensign? Any progress?"

"At the present moment, I can confirm that it is biological in nature. The structure seems to be virulent," Wildman explained.

"Well, that explains a lot," the Doctor replied, wryly.

Continuing her analysis, Wildman said, "But that doesn't explain why it's also a mineral. It looks similar in structure to the amphibole mineral family."

"So, to hypothesize," the Doctor said out loud, "this 'compound', shall we call it, could be awakening some retrovirus in the Human DNA structure which is causing this hysteria."

Sounding a little confused, Ensign Kim replied, "I don't get it, Doc. If we were cured of something hundreds of years ago, how can we get it again?"

The Doctor explained, "Mister Kim, the only way a genetic sequence can ever be killed is to eliminate it completely from the genome. I bet you didn't know that the genetic code, the stuff that actually makes you what you are, takes up only about two percent of your overall genetic code. The rest of the genes you're carrying around in your body right now is essentially the history of your species."

Harry looked at the Doctor, nodded, then asked, "So how does that help me?" Harry began holding his forehead as he felt around for an

empty seat. "I really think you should hurry up with finding a cure, Doctor. I think I'm coming down with it as well."

The Doctor called for Kes to help Harry over to a bio-bed. "After you run the tests on Mr. Kim, please check on the rest of our patients."

"Yes, Doctor," Kes replied.

The Doctor returned to his terminal. "Computer, scan the current sample for any abnormal protein



USS Heimdal Charity Auction Nets \$2602

Over the years we've gotten this auction thing down to a wonderfully efficient system and we don't want to mess with it. It's good the way it is & it works.

On August 18, the USS Heimdal, based in Madison Heights, VA, Region One, held her seventh Annual Charity Auction as a public event. Sixty people attended the event, held at the James River Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA.

Heimdal members began canvassing local merchants, businesses and restaurants in March for donations and, by auction time, had accumulated 234 auction items. Eighty-four gift certificates were among those items, including a gift card from La Carreta Mexican Restaurant for \$100 and a night for two at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Each person attending the auction received a guest packet that included a bidding number, a pen, info about the Heimdal and STARFLEET, several pieces of candy, small items like bag clips and key covers, and local coupons. This year's packets also included ... just for fun ... a glow stick bracelet and glow-in-the-dark vampire teeth. Last year Kroger donated 20 \$5 gift cards to be randomly included in individual guest packets. This year they made a donation of a \$100 gift card that was included in Guest Packet #29 ... to the absolute delight of the person who had that packet.

The week prior to the auction, nine Heimdal members met at the library to bag, tag and input all auction items into the computer. The items were boxed according to number and placed in our Security Chief's van in the order in which they would be auctioned. On auction day, the items were removed from the van and easily set up in the sequence in which they would be auctioned.

Member and auctioneer Carl Davis remarked, "Over the years we've gotten this auction thing down to a wonderfully efficient system and we don't want to mess with it. It's good the way it is & it works."

Eighteen Heimdal members were present on auction day to act as security, host the Welcome Table, sell tickets for the auction's door prizes and 50/50 raffle, sell chapter

cookbooks and set up the auction. Security Chief Carl Davis was auctioneer for the seventh year in a row, with Bonnie Davis, who is also Carl's wife, coordinating set-up and acting as Carl's "Vanna." Members also acted as "runners," delivering auction items to the guests who purchased them. Karen Delano and Willy Smith computer-tracked auction purchases and accepted payment from guests at the end of the auction.

Since 2006, Bud Smith and his wife Debbie never missed a Heimdal auction. Last year Debbie lost her battle with ALS prior to the 2011 auction and Bud, who attended, made a donation of \$500 to the Heimdal auction. He said Debbie had asked him to do that because she felt so strongly about the positive things the auction funded locally. Afterward, the Heimdal auction was renamed "The Debbie Smith Memorial Auction." Bud was back at this year's auction with another \$500 donation in Debbie's memory. Although not a Heimdal member, Bud will forever be a member of the Heimdal "family."

After a much-deserved break, in December the Heimdal crew will begin work on the 2013 "Debbie Smith Memorial Auction" which sponsors 10 local charities and sends a local student to Space Camp. Because of the success of this year's auction, all charities will be covered and another student will be going to Space Camp in 2013.

During the final hectic two weeks leading up to this year's auction, Chief Science Officer Willy Smith remarked, "Nobody can IMAGINE how much work goes into these auctions." Well, of course, all 41 Heimdal members can and every one of them knows it's worth it to be such a helping presence in our community.



ADM Linda Smith
USS Heimdal
Region I

Before you dismiss SFSO as a bunch of guys or girls that are into the military side of Trek, just remember, that our training is rooted in the real world and might save a life.

One of the things that I always hear about STARFLEET Programs is, “What is in it for me?” I’ve always thought it should be, “What can it teach me?” or “What can I learn that I didn’t already know?”

Three years ago, when I asked Glen Diebold to write me some SFSO oriented classes, I had no idea what he’d be able to teach me, or how much of it would be useful in the real world. After three years and over 200 classes, I know a lot that I didn’t know before.

The SFSO has Classes? Yes, not only does the SFSO have classes, but it has courses from seven colleges in three institutes of the STARFLEET Academy. In order, they are:

- 1) Institute of Special Operations:
 - a) College of Special Operations Resources
 - b) College of Special Operations Training
 - c) College of Special Operations Units
- 2) Institute of Military Studies
 - a) College of Survival Studies
- 3) Institute of Intelligence and Espionage
 - a) College of Intelligence Operations
 - b) College of Military Intelligence
 - c) College of Cryptography

In addition to the STARFLEET Academy courses, the SFSO also urges people to study at the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy, and take courses from the following SFMC Colleges.

- 1) The Marine Development College
 - a) School of Professional Development
 - b) School of Leadership
- 2) The SFMCA War College
 - a) School of Special Operations
 - b) School of Infantry
 - c) School of Aerospace
- 3) The SFMCA Auxiliary Arms College
 - a) School of Maritime Operations

The Institutes and Colleges listed above are just for those who are interested in the Military side of STARFLEET Special Operations. In addition to the Institutes listed above, The SFSO training also encourages people to learn from the following Institutes and Colleges.

What can STARFLEET Special Operations Teach Me?

- 1) Institute of History and Governments
 - a) College of History
 - b) College of Military History
- 2) Institute of Star Trek Studies
 - a) College of Federation Studies
- 3) Institute of Science and Technology
 - a) Vulcan Science Academy or any course work desired.

What did you learn?

Every Person takes something different from the classes. In my series of articles, I’ll go through each school and highlight the classes and what I learned. Since I have to start somewhere, I’ll start with the Survival Training.

Survival Training, at least in the College of Survival, doesn’t contain all the answers to every question, but after studying at this college, the student who applies himself and actually reads the material will be able to survive at a basic level in any environment in which he finds himself.

I started this College with just enough camping experience to be very dangerous to myself and others. I knew enough to boil water and use salt tablets, and maybe to survive the night in the wilderness. However, as I got deeper into the classes, I realized that there was more survival than making it overnight. True Sur-

vivors can last for weeks and months in the wilderness, and know what animals and plants they can eat, and which to stay away from.

For instance, did you know that there are hundreds of types of mushrooms, but only a handful are fit to eat? Or, that if you must eat an animal, kill it and eat it right away. And above all, don’t eat something that’s was laying there dead when you arrived.

I learned that the human body can survive weeks without food, but only 3 days without water. That’s why they tell you to take plenty of water with you.

I also learned that the casual traveler doesn’t pack with survival in mind when driving from place to place. A seasoned survivalist will often have a special kit that he always carries with him. It will contain everything from a change of clothes to packages of medicine, water, extra food (Both fresh and dehydrated,) to hunting and fishing gear, and camping gear. I also learned that it’s a good idea to keep this kit in your car.

In conclusion, before you dismiss SFSO as a bunch of guys or girls that are into the military side of Trek, just remember, that our training is rooted in the real world and might save a life, and it could be yours, or a family members.



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Executive Committee Reports

News and updates from the head honchos.



Report From The Commander, STARFLEET

Hi, and welcome to the post-International Conference edition of the Communiqué!

I'd like to start by taking a moment to thank Warren, Matt, and the entire IC2012 team for their time, effort and dedication to STARFLEET.

For those who weren't able to be at the IC this year, you missed a very good time! STARFLEET members always have a good time at the IC, and this year was no exception. Personally, I was looking forward to meeting a number of members for the first time, some who I have known for years over e-mail or have talked with over the phone, as well as hanging out with friends who I haven't seen in some time. I wasn't disappointed in that regard, but unfortunately things still didn't work out for some members whom I would have loved to have met or seen again, but there're always upcoming summits and future ICs.

As you all know, the IC is also the time when the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board get together to have our annual business meeting in order to discuss what has taken place over the course of the last year, and what direction we would like to take STARFLEET over the coming year (and sometimes longer).

One of the major changes that the AB had voted upon was in changing the format of the Communiqué from the current tabloid newspaper format that you're reading now to the

magazine format that we had tried out with issue 166. It was very popular with so many of you that the AB agreed with the EC's desire to move in this direction.

With the change to the magazine format, due to a number of challenges that we've been seeing within STARFLEET for a very long time, the AB approved a change in a production schedule of the CQ. A bi-monthly CQ is hard to accomplish unless you're working on it practically full-time, so starting in January 2013, the CQ will be changing from bi-monthly to quarterly. This allows us to address two problems – the first is the efforts needed to get the CQ out on-time, and the second is the cost increase that a magazine format will require. By changing to a quarterly newsletter, we'll be able to produce a better quality publication without an increase in membership dues which so many of our members would like to avoid.

In order to fill the gap between the quarterly editions, Michael Dugas and his Communications team have launched the Communiqué Online – a website that you, our member, can submit your time-sensitive articles to so that news and information still gets out in a timely manner, but without the long delay between printings of the CQ. You can find the CQ Online at cq.sfi.org.

We're definitely not moving away from having a print edition

of our newsletter, but we are looking forward to the future and how STARFLEET can have a better online presence, a direction that we haven't taken as much initiative with as we could have. It's a path that we need to begin to take with STARFLEET for the long-term future of the organization.

This year at the ECAB Meeting, the AB also approved a number of changes to our Membership Handbook. The new version of the MHB will be out shortly, both on the STARFLEET website as well as in your membership renewal package when you next renew.

In honour of the passing of Helen Pawlowski, the AB passed a resolution to name our lifetime membership the Helen Pawlowski Memorial Lifetime Membership. Helen loved Star Trek and she loved STARFLEET, and we thought that this would be something that would best memorialize Helen, and something that she would have been personally touched by.

As we do every year, the EC nominated members for our Honorary and Lifetime Memberships. I would like to ask you all in joining me in congratulating Carol Thompson of the USS Atlantis for being awarded the Honorary Membership, and Linda Kloempken of the USS Czar'ak for being awarded the Lifetime Membership. Additionally, the EC requested that the AB set aside the rule of only awarding a single Lifetime Member-

ship and award a second Lifetime Membership to Bjo Trimble, recently returned to STARFLEET and one of the people was responsible for saving *Star Trek* when NBC originally wanted to cancel the series in the 1960s.

Congratulations to Carol, Linda, and Bjo!

We also announced where IC2014 will be taking place. Please join me in congratulating Jeff Higdon and his team on winning the bid for IC2014, which will be held August 8 through 10, 2014. *Editor's note: Since the announcement, the location of IC2014 has been changed to the Clock Tower Resort and Convention Center in Rockford, Illinois, about an hour from Chicago.* We'll be celebrating 40 years of STARFLEET, so please come on out to IC2014 and join in the celebration!

I've always had a fun time at STARFLEET's ICs, and 2012 was no exception. I hope that many of you will join us at IC2013 in Dallas, Texas. Marian Murphy and her team are already working hard on putting together a great time for us, including a possible trip out to Southfork Ranch in Parker, Texas! It's definitely going to be a great time, so I'm hoping that many will be able to join us.

That's all from me for this edition of the CQ, I'll talk to you in the next edition!



FADM Dave Blaser
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Commander,
STARFLEET



The Second Fiddle

Greetings, Fleeters!

Well, the 2012 International Conference in Memphis is in the STARFLEET history books! It seems that after every IC, there is that time of remorse, "Ahh, the IC is over and now I have to go back to life." Well, I hope that everyone who was able to make the IC had a great time and has since acclimated back into real life without too many issues. Christina and I had a great time at IC. The only hiccup for us was the necessity of purchasing a new car battery the day we left the hotel. Although I also would not recommend driving through the state of Oklahoma in 110 degree weather!

If you think what happens at IC stays at IC, you would be SO wrong! I am sure by now that many stories are circulating about the abilities of mix-master Tammy Wilcox. You will have decide for yourself if the stories are fully accurate or not! I am sure that there are some pictures, possibly a video and even eyewitness testimonies, that might be available if you dig around enough.

Also, if you think what happens in the marathon yearly ECAB meeting stays in the meeting, you would also be wrong. Now in all honesty, these meetings are really productive. I have

been involved in some aspect of the ECAB level for many years now, and although there are lots of discussions that take place on the email list, and now the quarterly AB calls, there is nothing like sitting in front of each other and discussing issues that face STARFLEET. Later, in this issue, you will see what Membership Handbook Changes the Admiralty Board approved. These changes are effective immediately. There will be an updated Membership Handbook put out in the upcoming months with all these changes incorporated. In the meantime, you may want to keep this issue of the CQ handy. As a quick overview, here are the changes:

- Section 03:02 The Executive Committee
 - Specifically the requirements to be eligible for Commander, STARFLEET
- Section 04:03 Restrictions
 - Changed to reflect the previous change
- Section 10 STARFLEET AFFILIATED GROUPS
 - Changed to reflect proper wording
- Section 10:01 INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS
 - Amendment of text
- Sections 11:02 – 11:14

- Removed, due to the changing nature of the Academy
- Section 11:01 STARFLEET Academy
 - changed to reflect the change in the STARFLEET Scholarship Program
- Section 02:14 STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIPS
 - new section added
- Section 02:12 COMMUNICATIONS
 - Removed paragraph dealing with Annual Newsletter Contest

Again, the specific changes, including the new wording, are located in a separate article in the CQ. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Regional Coordinator or any member of the Executive Committee.

STARFLEET is proud to offer PETFLEET, a chance for you and your best friend, whether that best friend is pet or mascot, to serve side by side, explore the unknown, face perilous dangers and experience the thrills of a mission's success. Set out on a voyage of exploration where, for \$1, your best friend can serve by your side, exploring strange new worlds, seeking out new life and new civilizations, boldly going where no other

pet has gone before.

Once your PetFleet membership is processed, you will receive, via email, a PetFleet membership certificate and membership card. Both are designed for easy printing, if you wish. Your PetFleet member will be added to our PetFleet roster and a digital profile page on the PetFleet website. Also, you will receive the newsletter, Paws to the Stars - all of that for \$1 annually.

Since all membership materials are handled electronically, all monies received into PetFleet are donated once a year to an animal related charity. You, the members of PetFleet will be polled and get to vote on to which charity the donation will go. So, if you are interested in signing your best friend up for PetFleet, head on over to petfleet.sfi.org today.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing everyone next summer in Dallas, Texas at IC 2013, and the Chicago, Illinois area for IC 2014. Remember, if you want to bring the IC to your area, contact the IC liaison Mark Anbinder at ic@sfi.org for information.

Computer Operations Report

Things continue to buzz here in Computer Operations! We have certainly been keeping busy! The biggest project for us remains the new database. As I'm sure most of you are aware, this project has run into a few roadblocks here and there. But through it all, I am proud to say that my staff, most especially Webmaster VADM Laura Victor, has performed admirably and has risen to the challenges that have come before us. Once we got this newest database programming contractor, things have moved along much better than before.

Where the project currently stands is that the programming itself is done. We now have a group of testers who are putting this new database through its paces to be sure that everything that we need is there, and that what is there will function properly. Essentially, we have a team of

folks doing their best to break it and if it doesn't break, we know we have a good product for the membership. Thus far, the feedback we have been getting from our testers has been quite positive. Once the testing is done, any final tweaks will be taken care of, and then the database will go live for the general membership to use.

I myself have seen this new database and I must say that I am impressed. It runs much more smoothly, the user interface is much cleaner, and I find the functionality much better. It is my belief and my hope that the general membership will feel the same way once it is released.

Our second project has been the redo of the STARFLEET Web Awards. As most of you know, we made the announcement that there would be no Web Awards this year, due to lack of nominations. When

this announcement went out, we got so many folks asking for it to still be done that our department elected to do it over. I am happy to announce that we then received a LOT of nominations and our judges have a hard task ahead of them.

As of the writing of this article, the judges are looking through the nominated sites and are making their final choices. Once that is done, the winners will be announced to the membership. I want to thank everyone who sent in nominations for this year's Web Awards! We got a great response and we appreciate it.

Outside of these two projects, CompOps continues to chug along in responding to user queries and problems as quickly as we can. You have my profoundest apologies if anything does go unanswered for a while. If you send in an email to me and do not receive a reply within a few days

(2 or 3), please do not hesitate to email me again to remind me.

In ending this article, I must once again send out HUGE thank yous and pats on the back to my staff. All of you have made this job so much easier and more enjoyable than I originally thought it would be. I appreciate the efforts of each and every one of you. Thank you!

EC



MGN Bran Stimpson
USS Tiburon
Region I7

Vice Commander,
STARFLEET



COMM Chris Carothers
USS Richthopen
Region 7

Chief Computer
Operations,
STARFLEET

Photos from IC 2012







STARFLEET Academy News

Due to the fact that Marlene has been overwhelmed with her real life and is concentrating on her health, she has asked to step down as Vice-Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. She stayed on with me until I found someone who I knew would want the position, who would be able to handle the day to day operations of said position if I have to be away, and who doesn't mind the politics of said position.

Wayne Killough, Jr., who knows my position very well since he was the 'Dant prior to my taking it on back in 2008, has become the new

Vice-Commandant. He missed this aspect of SFA and I know I can count on him if the need should arise for him to take over for me. He'll be my proxy at the IC, but now more so as an EC member in the Vice position. He started Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

I thank Marlene for all the tremendous help she has given me, especially when I had to step away for nearly two months, and I thank Wayne for agreeing to come in to relieve her. I do hope that, with little less on Marlene's plate, she can concentrate on her health. She will continue on as director of OCC. Thank

goodness she didn't totally walk away. I don't think I would have let her.

A very special someone to all of us has passed on to another dimension, as she would say. Our ever-young Helen Pawlowski decided to go a much larger IC, where the Commander looks upon all of us in the universe and there-on.

Her obituary even proclaimed that Helen was a quintessential Trekkie, who was an Admiral in STARFLEET (the fan organization). She had organized her own fan chapter (Space Station Troubadour) and

knitted her own uniforms. There are a couple of places people can donate to the scholarship fund in her honor and one of them is mentioned below by Marlene Miller.

From the Office Down the Hall... by Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Greetings, STARFLEET! Welcome to another exciting issue of the Communiqué! This is my first issue as your new Vice-Commandant of STARFLEET Academy, and I am very excited to be here. I would like to thank Peg for her trust in me for this position, as this is a great honor. I would also like to thank Marlene for all of her hard work and dedication to the Academy in this position, and am very glad she is staying with us as Director of Officer Command College.

A little about me for those who are new... I served as Academy Commandant before Peg, so I am a little familiar with the Command Structure of the Academy. Since that time, I have served as the Region 12 Coordinator, currently serve Region 3 as Shakedown Operations Officer, am the Commanding Officer of Retribution Station, and serve the Academy in a variety of positions. I am no stranger to Fleet, and definitely not

one to the Academy (currently in my 15th year on Academy Staff).

My first assignment as Vice-Commandant was serving as Peg's proxy at the International Conference in Memphis. Big congrats to Warren and his team for an outstanding IC! I hope everyone comes to Dallas for 2013. If you are interested in advertising in the Program Book or scheduling a panel, please drop me a line (I stay busy with Fleet, can't you tell!).

I had a fantastic time at the International Conference (as always). I met several members of the Academy Staff while there. Jamie Delantonas, Glen Diebold, Debbie French, Larry French, Brian Landry, Tom Pawelczak, Russell Ruhland, and Darlene Topp did an outstanding job promoting and representing the Academy. (If I forgot someone, I apologize... you can strangle me later! LOL!!) I personally think the Academy has some of the best members in the organization as Staff, and I am deeply

honored to work alongside them!

While in Memphis, I got to hang out with some of my Region 3 family (Reed, Marian, Lloyd, Aaron, etc.), which is always a blast! I also got to spend time catching up with some of my Region 12 family (Eddie, Khane, Jeff, etc.), which I haven't seen in well over a year!

I was deeply touched when the decision was made to rename the Lifetime Membership Award to the Helen Pawlowski Memorial Lifetime Membership Award. Helen's loss was a loss to the Academy, as several of us remember her gracing our halls for years. We all have fond memories of her... and those will always put smiles on our faces. Congratulations to Bjo Trimble (former Academy Commandant) and Linda Kloempken for being this year's recipients. Huge congratulations to our very own Carol Thompson for being this year's recipient of the Honorary Membership Award. Carol does more for the

Academy than I can count... and, as my friend, she knows she is loved and cared for by the staff and the membership... but we LOVE reminding her!

Now that IC is over, it is time to get back to work (or, in my case, get caught up)! The Academy is always advancing, and we are always looking for new Exams, Colleges, and Staff. For a complete current listing of all the courses now available, please visit <http://academy.sfi.org/> or send a long SASE to Peg Pellerin at 6 Getchell Lane, Winslow, ME 04901. If you would like to volunteer or if you have ideas you would like to see incorporated into the Academy, please feel free to contact me at academy-vice@sfi.org. My door is always open, and I always enjoy hearing from members!

Until next time...



ADM Peg Pellerin
USS Constitution
Region 15

Commandant,
STARFLEET
Academy

Support Your Local Academy... by Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

Welcome to another exciting issue of the Communiqué! I would like to thank Admiral Greg Staylor for his service to the Academy as Coordinator of Support Services. Greg will be staying on to handle our Fully Automated Course (FAC) program. The Support Staff of the Academy has been doing a fantastic job with keeping up with their respective areas, and I am ready to jump in and help where needed.

One thing I have looked at with support is the current structure. I am

all about streamlining departments, and Support is no exception. Below is the current line-up we have within Support Services:

- Chief, Administrative Services: Admiral Carol Thompson
- Chief, Electronic Services: Commodore Jayden Tyonian
- Chief, Graphic Design Services: Currently Vacant
- Chief, Online Testing Services: Admiral Gregory Staylor
- Chief, Publication Services: Commodore Cher Schleigh

- Chief, Recognition Services: Fleet Captain Scott Schaller

We are currently looking for a Chief of Graphic Design Services, as well as graphic artists for the Academy. We have several Colleges within the Academy that need new or updated logos, certificates, and other forms of graphic art. If you are interested in helping the Academy out, please contact me directly at support@acad.sfi.org. A sample of your work is not mandatory... but it would definitely assist in helping us find our

new Graphics Team.

Starting next issue, we will be highlighting each section of Support, giving you a run-down of what they do, how they assist Support Services, and what their contribution is to the Academy. I am definitely looking forward to introducing these individuals to you.

Until next time...

The Baton (And Seat) Are Passed by Admiral Marlene Miller

Just about everyone who knows me, knows I’ve been affiliated with STARFLEET Academy since the early 1980s as Commandant, Vice Commandant, Dean and Director of several courses. My most recent “title” was bestowed upon me by Commandant Admiral Peg Pellerin on November 1, 2008 when she asked me to accept the position of Vice Commandant. The position was

held by Admiral Carol Thompson. A rule that a person cannot hold a position on the EC and one on the AB at the same time caused Carol stand down as Vice-Commandant when she became Vice Regional Coordinator of Region 10. Since she was also the Coordinator of Academics at STARFLEET Academy and preferred that role over the Vice-Commandant one, it worked well on her side, too.

Her entering the regional position left the door open for me to accept the position and move into the Vice Commandant’s seat which Carol had kept warm for me.

My health hasn’t been the best in the world lately, and work commitments in “real life” have doubled since 2008 so the time has come for me to move over, and let someone else take over as Academy Vice Com-

mandant. Peg chose for that person to be Admiral Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. Having worked with Wayne for many years, I know him to be very capable. He’ll do an excellent job as Vice Commandant; therefore I’m passing the baton to him. I’ve kept the seat warm for you, Wayne!

Scholarship Donation in Helen’s Name by Marlene Miller

Several people have mentioned that they would like to donate to a STARFLEET scholarship in Helen’s honor. The scholarships are in the process of being reorganized, but our finance team has informed me that, if anyone wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund in Helen’s name, the donations can be tracked as long as they specify that it is in honor or

memory of Helen.

We have an anonymous donor who will match dollar-for-dollar all scholarship donations up to \$1,000.

Please be sure to earmark the donation as being in honor of Helen so there’s no confusion that the money is for the scholarship fund and in her memory.

You may PayPal donations to:

epayments@sfi.org

Or you may snail mail checks or money orders to:

STARFLEET
PO BOX 8213
Bangor, ME 04402-8213

Again, be sure to earmark the donation in honor or memory of Helen Pawlowski.

If there are any questions on how

to donate, please contact the finance team at cfo@sfi.org and/or cfo-vice@sfi.org.

I’m sure she would be excited and yet humbled that members of STARFLEET would like to honor her in this way.

From the desk of Coordinator of Academics: ADM Carol Thompson

FAC was down for about a month, which put a damper on those colleges who rely on FAC for the members. It is now fully operational.

There was a lot to keep track of, with directors planning their vacations and with new development. This is where assistants come in handy.

The split of College of Intelligence in the Media has taken place into the College of Intel in the Movies and College of Intel on TV.

Still waiting for the development the College of Law enforcement on TV.

Changes in faculty:

- Brian Pickett took on the directorships of College of Security and College of Security in Trek.
- Annie Wheeler accepted the directorship of the newly cloned College of Intelligence on TV.
- Patricia Baxter took on the directorships of College of Federation Studies and Cadet College of Federation Studies.
- George Ann Wheeler took on the directorship of College of Dr. Who

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

The Monitor features quarterly lists of the Academy graduates, as well as changes in faculty and Colleges.

You can view the newsletter in one of two ways. Go to our website: www.academy.sfi.org and click on “about us” or use the mirror site <http://www.pfrpg.org/sfa/news.htm>. The index page allows you access to past, as well as current, issues of the newsletter. The Monitor features

quarterly lists of the Academy graduates, as well as changes in faculty and Colleges.

From the desk of the SFA Awards Director: FCAPT Scott Schaller

I recently created the Time of Service Award to recognize the staff of STARFLEET Academy for their time and hard work through the years. The Time in Service Award is in increments of every five years. (Not like the good conduct medal for the SFMC, which is every three years.) I also wanted to say thank you to the staff for all of their hard work and dedication to STARFLEET and STARFLEET Academy for all these years.

JULY BOOTHBY AWARDS

At least 354 members out of 4,504 have a Boothby. That is 4,150 without a Boothby. C’mon, folks, what are you waiting for? Join the fun.

Bronze 50
07/11/2012 Toole, Melissa
07/07/2012 Hup, Louise

Silver 100
07/18/2012 Toole, Daniel
07/07/2012 Poston, Max
07/01/2012 Bonham, Richard
07/01/2012 Nery, Pamela
07/01/2012 Wabindato, Joshua

Dilithium 300
07/01/2012 Reinleib, Jordan

Titanium 350
07/31/2012 Pickett, Brian

07/05/2012 Reinleib, Jordan
07/05/2012 Herring, James
Zirconium 400
07/09/2012 Reinleib, Jordan
07/01/2012 Bingisser, Dewayne

Garnet 600
07/19/2012 Mayo, Douglas

Topaz 650
07/01/2012 Skelton, Jeremy
07/01/2012 Rogers, Dean

Amethyst 700
07/30/2012 Skelton, Jeremy
07/29/2012 Rogers, Dean

Opal 800
07/02/2012 Paul, Barbara

Omega 1000
07/12/2012 Dobrin, Donald

Gold Star 1150
07/06/2012 Miller, Marlene

Amber Star 1550
07/20/2012 Diebold, Glendon

Amethyst Star 1700
07/12/2012 Newman, Franklin

Pearl Star 1750
07/25/2012 Newman, Franklin
07/05/2012 Wheeler, George Ann

Ruby Star 1900
07/15/2012 Fisher, Josephine

SFA STAFF & FACULTY AWARDS for 2011

Thank you to our Awards Director, Scott Schaller, for creating the Time in Service Awards for the staff of STARFLEET Academy. Many have been here since the beginning of time. See Scott's article below for more on this.

This is the time of year where all members want to know if they have won some type of award. Below you will find Squad Awards for the best students in STARFLEET Academy as well as the STAFF/FACULTY Awards. All SFA staff and faculty put their all in their work, but during the year some just stand out a little more than the rest.

Awards, awards and more awards: The following is a showing of hard work and determination. Congratulations to all.

SFA STAFF & FACULTY AWARDS for 2011

COMMANDANT'S STAR AWARD

George Ann Wheeler – Dean of the Institute of Science Fiction Studies College of Alien Nation Director

SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Cher Schleigh – Editor of Academy Monitor (SFA quarterly newsletter) Keeps printed Course Catalogue up-to-date which constantly changes Assistant to the Support Administrative Assistant

DEAN OF THE YEAR

Glen Diebold – Institute of Law Enforcement

INSTITUTE OF THE YEAR

Institute of Science Fiction Studies Dean, George Ann Wheeler, Assist. Dean, Cher Schleigh

College of Alien Nation Director, George Ann Wheeler, Assist. Dir.

Gary Amor

College of Babylon 5 Director, Patricia Baxter, Assist. Dir., Wayne Killough, Jr.

College of Battlestar Galactica Director, Carol Thompson, Assist. Dir., Wayne Killough, Jr.

College of Farscape Director, Carol Thompson, Assist. Dir., Cher Schleigh

College of Sci-Fi Television Director, Larry French, Assist. Dir., Cher Schleigh

College of Dr. Who Director, Grady Glover, Assist. Dir., Anne Glover

College of Sarah Jane Adventures Director, Anne Glover, Assist. Dir., Grady Glover

College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Alien Contact Director, Gary Amor

College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Artificial Intelligence Assist. Dir., Cher Schleigh

College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Science Director, George Ann Wheeler

College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Space Travel Director, Gary Amor

College of Sci-Fi Cinema: Time Travel Director, Larry French, Assist. Dir., Cher Schleigh

College of Stargate Director, Wayne Smith, Assist. Dir., Josephine Fisher

College of Star Wars Director, Ken Purdie, Assist. Dir., Doug Mayo

COLLEGE OF THE YEAR:

College of Psychological Perspective Director, Cher Schleigh, Assist. Dir., Barbara Paul

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Cher Schleigh College of Abnormal Psychology, College of Psychological Perspectives, College of Federation Studies, College of Farscape

SFA SQUAD AWARDS for 2011

GOLD SQUAD

GOLD SQUAD LEADERS

Jerome Conner & Kara Conner

ASSISTANT GOLD

SQUAD LEADERS

Bobbie Baxter & Patricia Baxter

GOLD SQUAD MEMBERS

Institute of Alien Studies David Jarrett & Donna Jarrett Institute of Cadet Studies Angelica & Jacob Hollifield Preston Rogers & Tristan Rogers Sam Wilson & Sean Wilson Institute of Fantasy, Horror, Supernatural Jerome Conner & Kara Conner

Institute of Intelligence and Espionage Jerome Conner & Kara Conner

Institute of Science Fiction Studies Jerome Conner & Kara Conner Bobbie Baxter & Patricia Baxter

BLUE SQUAD

BLUE SQUAD LEADER

Claire Bressie

ASSISTANT BLUE SQUAD LEADER

Jacob Hollifield

BLUE SQUAD LEADER MEMBERS

Institute of Cadet Studies Amanda Barr, Marie Beyer, Claire Bressie, Noah Cook, Danny Glenn, Chris Hewitt, Angelica Hollifield, Jacob Hollifield, Sam Wilson, Sean Wilson

RED SQUAD

RED SQUAD LEADER

Wayne Killough, Jr.

ASSISTANT RED SQUAD LEADER

Franklin Newman, III

RED SQUAD MEMBERS

Institute of Alien Studies Deanna Bressie, Charles Fisher, Ricardo Garcia, Sarah Hays, Patricia Lewis,

Franklin Newman III, Cher Schleigh, Eric Schulman, Judith Waidlich, Edward H. Wandall

Institute of the Arts TJ Allen, Daniel Adler, E. Jerry Beaulieu, Philip Bower, John Fenison, Eric Johannson, Wayne Killough, Jr., Jordan Reinleib, George Ann Wheeler

Institute of Fantasy, Horror, Supernatural Barbara Buffington, Wayne Killough, Jr., Thomas Pawelczak

Institute of Foreign Affairs Wayne Killough, Jr., Gillian Shearwater

Institute of Intelligence & Espionage Steven Hamilton, Wayne Killough, Jr., Franklin Newman III, Fred Parsons III, Wayne Smith, Erik Stubblefield

Institute of Law Enforcement Richardo Garcia, Wayne Killough, Jr., Mark Polanis, Oliver Savander, Scott C. Schaller, Eric Schulman Institute of Leadership Studies Dewayne Bingisser, Jason Garrett, Craig Inches Institute of Military Studies Franklin Newman III, Thomas Pawelczak, Zach Perkins, Mark Tyler, Edward H. Wandall

Institute of Science & Technology Daniel Adler, Jane Childers, Amie Greist, Craig Inches, Talib Middleton, Franklin Newman III, Robert Page, Barbara Paul, Russell Ruhland, Stephen Satonick, Edward H. Wandall

Institute of Science Fiction Studies Patricia Baxter, Barbara Buffington, Jeremy DeSpain, Josephine Fisher, Larry French, Ricardo Garcia, Richard Hewitt, Eric Johannson, Wayne Killough, Jr., Patricia Lewis, Tom Pawelczak, Mark Polanis, Cher Schleigh

Institute of Special Operations Larry French, Erik Stubblefield, George Ann Wheeler, Joseph White

Institute of Star Trek Studies David Grate, Wayne Killough, Jr., Patricia Lewis, Julie Taucher

Riddle Me This

**The more
of me you take,
The more of me you
leave behind.**

Look for the answer in the next issue!

Last Issue's riddle: *Has a tongue, But never talks. Has no legs, But sometimes walks.*

ANSWER: A Shoe

structures. I believe we should be looking for a prion."

"Working," the computer chimed back.

The Doctor turned to Ensign Wildman, to have her continue with her analysis. As he called over to her, he saw her slumped over in her chair. "Great, another one. Computer, you better hurry."

The Doctor took Wildman over to the last available bio-bed and began running the tests that had become standard. He gave her a hypospray injection to keep her sedated. As he walked back to the lab, he noticed the computer had finished the query. "Analysis completed," the computer announced.

The Doctor sat back down at the terminal. "Display results," he commanded. The display lit up with the results of the analysis. On the screen appeared an unidentified variant of the Cruetzfeld-Jakob disease protein.

"Kes," the Doctor called. Kes came running into the lab.

"Yes, Doctor?"

"I've identified the cause. It's a new variant of an old Earth disease that was cured over 200 years ago," the Doctor said.

"That's wonderful, Doctor. Do you think you can find a way to treat it?" she asked.

With a voice full of confidence, the Doctor replied, "I believe I can. If we follow the same path of treatment for the old disease, we should be able to find a way to cure this variant."

"Do you need me to do anything to help?" Kes asked.

"I should be able to synthesize a treatment. I want you to get Lieutenant Carey ready, to test a solution that the computer is designing now, based on the original," the Doctor ordered.

Without another word, Kes left the lab and went over to the stasis room to retrieve Carey. After she put him on a bio-bed, Kes went back to get the Doctor. He walked over to Lieutenant Carey with a hypospray in hand.

"Kes, please monitor the Lieutenant's vital signs while I administer the drug," the Doctor instructed. The Doctor put the hypospray up to Carey's neck and injected him with the medicine. Within seconds, he reacted to the drug.

"Doctor, Carey's vital signs appear to be returning to normal. Blood pressure, heart rate, brain activity. They all show signs of healthy functioning."

"Excellent, Kes," the Doctor replied. "Please go into the lab and have the computer synthesize five more doses for the rest of our patients here."

Lieutenant Carey started waking up from his sedation. The Doctor deactivated the stasis field over the bio-bed.

Lieutenant Carey wasted no time trying to sit up. "Doctor, what happened? How did I get to Sickbay?" Carey asked.

"Relax, Lieutenant. It's a long story. But not to worry, you had the best medical treatment Starfleet has to offer in this quadrant," the Doctor jokingly replied.

Kes came back from the lab with the five requested hyposprays. They each went through Sickbay, injecting Captain Janeway, Ensigns Kim and Wildman, Lieutenant Carey, and Crewman Benders. All of the Doctor's patients immediately began stabilizing on their own, sitting up, and talking.

"Sickbay to Chakotay." The Doctor called over the comm system.

"Go ahead, Doctor. I hope you have something. This ship is falling apart," Chakotay said. "I have good news and I have bad news." The Doctor said.

"I'll bite," Chakotay said, amused. "Give me the bad news first."

"The bad news is, contrary to Mr. Paris's hypothesis, we do not have a ship full of zombies," he said.

"That's good, Doctor," Chakotay replied. "So what's the good news?" he asked.

Sounding quite proud of himself, the Doctor explained, "Well, I've synthesized an antidote and successfully tested it on Lieutenant Carey, Crewman Benders, Captain Janeway, and Ensigns Kim and Wildman."

Sounding relieved, Chakotay said, "That's wonderful news, Doctor. Now how do we get it to everyone else?" he asked.

"I believe we can disperse it through the ventilation system for maximum effect. It's safe for everyone to absorb so we should do it as

soon as possible before the disease continues to spread." the Doctor explained.

"Very well, Doctor," Chakotay replied. "Focus on your patients in the holodeck first, then flood the rest of the ship. I'll have security sweep the ship to make sure we haven't missed anyone. Get it done."

"Yes, Commander," the Doctor said.

Chakotay turned to Tuvok. "Lieutenant, once the Doctor releases the antidote, have all available security teams scour the ship deck by deck, searching for anyone we've missed. Escort everyone to the holodeck sickbay for examination."

"Yes, Commander," Tuvok replied.

Janeway sat behind her desk in her ready room, sipping coffee from her favorite cup as Chakotay finished his briefing. "Fortunately, there were only two fatalities. Ensign Toomey and Lieutenant Jones," Chakotay reported.

Saddened by the loss of two crew members, Janeway replied, "I hate losing people, especially being so far from home."

"Agreed," Chakotay said.

"What did we find out about the probe?" Janeway asked, continuing the briefing.

"The probe hit a magnetic disturbance which caused it to crash. It turns out the planet's magnetic field isn't stable. Ensign Kim estimates that the field will collapse within the next fifty to sixty years," Chakotay explained.

Intrigued, Janeway replied, "That's pretty interesting."

"We've also been tracking a Class II comet," he said.

Feigning interest, Janeway replied, "Wow, looks like I missed a lot." As she lowered her coffee cup to her desktop and picked up a PADD, she jokingly retorted, "How ever did you manage to not let the ship fall apart?"

Chakotay replied, with a small smile on his face, "I have a really good teacher."

The chime at the door broke her reverie. "Enter," Janeway said.

Paris poked his head in. "Sorry to bother you, Captain. I'm putting together a little entertainment in light of today's events," he said.

"And what would that be, Lieutenant?" Janeway asked.

"It's an old Earth form of entertainment called a 'motion picture'. I've scheduled a showing of a horror classic called 'Night of the Living Dead'."

Looking a little disgusted at the sound of it, Janeway replied, "I think I'll sit this one out, Tom. The Doctor said I should take it easy for a few days."

"Very well, Captain," replied Paris. "Commander, should I save you a seat?"

"Sorry, Tom. I have the 'graveyard shift'. Excuse the pun," Chakotay replied with a wide smile on his face. Paris left the ready room while Chakotay turned back to Janeway. "I guess I just volunteered for the night shift, didn't I?" Chakotay asked.

"I guess you did, Commander," Janeway remarked, as she took a sip of coffee and put down her cup. "I guess you did."



Operations Report

FLEET Strength		
Region	Members	Chapters
Region 1	870	46
Region 2	558	33
Region 3	563	26
Region 4	380	21
Region 5	225	13
Region 6	104	8
Region 7	528	31
Region 8	5	1
Region 9	26	2
Region 10	36	2
Region 11	115	5
Region 12	476	26
Region 13	152	6
Region 15	182	10
Region 17	169	7
Region 20	86	5
Total	4475	241

History of FLEET Strength		
Year	# of chapters	# of members
2005	247	3851
2006	246	3864
2007	244	3881
2008	220	3492
2009	215	3792
2010	231	4040
2011	242	4301
2012	241	4475

Chapter reporting has continued to increase nicely! There were 8 regions recognized at IC for perfect or nearly perfect reporting. These 8 regions represent 80 STARFLEET chapters in all, or 33% of all of our chapters. What an awesome job! Kudos to these 80 chapters and these 8 RCs for ensuring that MSRs were submitted!

Below is the chart which breaks it down by region, organized by the number of missing MSRs.

- Region 9 - 0 missing MSRs (100%)
- Region 12 - 4 missing MSRs (98%)
- Region 20 - 1 missing MSR (97%)
- Region 15 - 4 missing MSRs (97%)
- Region 11 - 2 missing MSRs (98%)
- Region 3 - 6 missing MSRs (98%)
- Region 13 - 2 missing MSRs (98%)

Joe Sare

Chief of Operations,
STARFLEET

Introducing the STARFLEET SHUTTLECRAFT PROGRAM

The information below is what was presented to the ECAB meeting. SUMMARY:

Some groups of active or prospective members may simply be too small to become a STARFLEET chapter. Some may have tried the Shakedown Program and just couldn't build up to the necessary numbers. Or perhaps the group is isolated and there aren't that many fans where they are located. This program offers these members an alternative to joining a correspondence chapter or just remaining unassigned.

The core of this program is linkage between these small groups of members and existing chapters, designed to serve the needs of both.

WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS:

This program is a means to provide links and support for small, isolated groups which are unable to build up the necessary member numbers to become chapters. It is also a support system for existing chapters. In addition, it is an opportunity for existing chapters to mentor small groups and help them grow, with the potential for them to possibly grow enough to seek chapter status at some point in the future.

WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS NOT:

This is not a mechanism for piling more groups into areas already well-served by existing chapters. It is not a support system for members to create grudge chapters. It is not a mechanism to carve up chapters by interest or other characteristics that can be accounted for within a chapter's internal structure. And it is not a program that should be applied where doing so could be disruptive to the activities of a region or other chapters.

PROGRAM PROCESS:

- 1) Chapters willing to work with and support small, semi-autonomous groups will advise Operations and their RCs. Operations will maintain a list of these "mothership" chapters.
- 2) Groups of 3 or more persons will petition STARFLEET Operations for inclusion in the Shuttlecraft Program.
- 3) DTS will verify that the group's preferred name is not in use. Since shuttle groups will be listed in

the Vessel Registry, they cannot duplicate any other existing chapters' names. Shuttlecraft registries will follow the pattern, "NCC-XXXX/YY" or "SFR-RRXXX/YY", where "NCC-XXXX" or "SFR-RRXXX" is the registry of the mothership or station and "YY" is the shuttlecraft number (as determined by the mother chapter). For instance, "NCC-1701/03."

4) When a request for inclusion in the Shuttlecraft Program is received by Operations, the list of available supporting chapters is reviewed, and a recommendation is made regarding an available mothership. This may - and often will - be the closest chapter, but that may not always be the case. Group characteristics, to the extent known, can also be taken into account, to optimize compatibility.

5) The recommendation is then forwarded to the involved RC (or RCs, if the mothership is in a different region). If the RC(s) concur with Operations's recommendation, the chapter and prospective shuttlecraft are given each others' contact information.

5A) Note that an RC can also decline to authorize a shuttlecraft in his/her region, especially if s/he feels that the presence of that group is likely to be a disruption or unstable element in the region. (Since shuttlecraft would be relatively small, isolated groups, this would hopefully be a rare circumstance.)

6) If the chapter and prospective shuttle group are compatible and get along well, the shuttlecraft group can be then be linked. The shuttlecraft's members become members of the chapter (in accordance with the chapter's mechanisms), and are listed as such in the STARFLEET Database.

7) There is no time-limitation for a shuttlecraft. Groups may operate as shuttlecraft indefinitely, if desired.

8) If, at some point in the future, the shuttlecraft is able to gather sufficient members, the group may apply for the Shakedown Program.

Shuttlecraft Program Update:

The AB rejected the proposal because there was no required reporting to STARFLEET or the Regions. The AB expressed the desire to require Shuttles report in the same way as is required by both fully commissioned and shakedown chapters, and not to

leave it up to the support chapters to stipulate reporting requirements internally.

Discussion is taking place with CompOps to create a reporting system to be used by Shuttle COs. Once that is completed, an amended proposal (with reporting requirements) will be submitted back to the AB for approval. Ops is hoping to have the Shuttlecraft program up and running by the end of this year at the latest.

Hello From the Vault

The International Conference was a great party, as you well know. I was not able to attend the business meeting, due to real life work scheduling, but I understand that a lot was accomplished there, also. We are still working on the finances of the event, and will soon have all the payments made, the repayments from the IC account made to the SFI Main account, and the SFMC Main accounts should be transferred by the next reporting period. We want to make sure that all the bills were finalized before we close out the books on this year's big-

gest event. This is also the period in which we write the Scholarship checks, so there is money that will need to be transferred from the Scholarship account to the SFI Main account to cover these checks. We were happy to report that eight \$500 scholarships were given out to members of STARFLEET this year to help further their education. Congrats to all the winners! You worked hard to apply and we hope you all do well in your various endeavors.

If anyone wishes to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund for next year's scholarship awards, you may do so by writing a check and mailing it to either:
STARFLEET
c/o Linda Olson
9020 N State Road 53
Madison, FL 32340-3541
Or to STARFLEET's primary mailing address:
STARFLEET
PO Box 8213
Bangor, ME 04402-8213

You may also donate via Paypal when you renew your membership on the website. We look forward to awarding another bumper crop of scholarships in the coming year. If you would like to apply for one of our scholarships, you can find the application on our webpage, www.sfi.org or by contacting our STARFLEET Scholarship Director, Reed Bates, at rc@region3.org.
Now the numbers.



August Finances	
STARFLEET Main Checking Account	
Opening	\$29,111.98
Credits	\$2,505.52
Debits	\$12,677.67
Closing	\$18,939.83
IC Even Account	
Opening	\$9,195.61
Credits	\$2,532.20
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$11,727.81
IC Odd Account	
Opening	\$1,504.10
Credits	\$0
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$1,504.10
SFMC Checking Account	
Opening	\$5,103.24
Credits	\$605.91
Debits	\$776.38
Closing	\$4,932.77
STARFLEET Scholarship Savings Account	
Opening	\$3,872.46
Credits	\$0.19
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$3,872.65
SFMC Scholarship Savings Account	
Opening	\$2,727.03
Credits	\$0.14 (interest)
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$2,727.17
Scholarship CD	
Opening	\$21,985.21
9 month risk free CD earning .30% matures 3/2013	

September Finances	
STARFLEET Main Checking Account	
Opening	\$18,939.83
Credits	\$337.37
Debits	\$4,414.90
Closing	\$14,862.30
IC Even Account	
Opening	\$11,727.81
Credits	\$0
Debits	\$311.77
Closing	\$11,416.04
IC Odd Account	
Opening	\$1,504.10
Credits	\$0
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$1,504.10
SFMC Checking Account	
Opening	\$4,932.77
Credits	\$172.30
Debits	\$821.68
Closing	\$4,283.39
STARFLEET Scholarship Savings Account	
Opening	\$3872.65
Credits	\$.16 (interest)
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$3,872.81
SFMC Scholarship Savings Account	
Opening	\$2,727.17
Credits	\$0.11 (interest)
Debits	\$0
Closing	\$2,727.28
Scholarship CD	
Opening	\$1,111.86
Renewal on 8/15/2013. (Interest Rate: 0.35%.)	

GEN Linda Olson
USS Relentless
Region 2

Chief Financial
Officer
STARFLEET



ECAB Resolutions

At the 2012 International Conference, the following resolutions were voted on by the Admiralty Board at the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board meeting on August 3, 2012. For details on the voting, please visit the AB Resolutions section of sfi.org.

AB12-03:

Motion to accept the minutes from the 2011 EC/AB Meeting, as amended.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay, and 0 abstentions.

AB12-04:

Motion to change the STARFLEET Communiqué to a magazine format, with a supplement of the CQ online, to be printed quarterly beginning in January 2013.

Passed by a vote of 15 voting yea, 1 voting nay, and 0 abstentions.

AB12-05:

Motion to grant an honorary (3-year) membership to Admiral Carol Thompson.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay, and 0 abstentions.

AB12-06:

Motion to temporarily suspend AB99-02 to allow the AB to award two lifetime memberships during this meeting.

Passed by a vote of 14 voting yea, 2 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-07:

Motion to grant a lifetime membership to Admiral Linda Kloempken.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-08:

Motion to grant a lifetime membership to Bjo Trimble.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-09:

Motion to amend Section 3.02 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook to read as follows:

The Commander, STARFLEET (CS) serves as the corporate President of STARFLEET and chairman of the Admiralty Board, which is the corporate Board of Directors. The CS is responsible for the overall administration and supervision of the Fleet, as

well as representing the Fleet in an official capacity to other organizations and the general public. All representatives of STARFLEET holding office in any appointed or elected capacity are ultimately responsible to report to the CS or their designee.

The CS is charged with the financial well-being of STARFLEET. They are the only member of the Admiralty Board with the authority to disburse Fleet funds on the behalf of the organization. The CS appoints the Chief Financial Officer and other assistants to perform necessary bookkeeping and budgetary duties. They are also responsible for securing an annual financial review of Fleet funds (at Fleet expense) and making the results of such an audit available to the membership.

The CS shall be fiduciary bonded in the sum of at least USD \$25,000.00 before taking office, using funds provided by the organization. Should the Commander-elect fail to obtain a bond commitment before January 1st, despite the general availability of organization funds with which to do so, the Admiralty Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the sitting members of the Admiralty Board, forbid the Commander-elect's assumption to office until such time as the Commander-elect fully complies with said bond requirement. Should such a vote be carried, the Admiralty Board may then appoint a temporary Commander, STARFLEET to serve only until such time as the Commander-elect's bond has been obtained.

The CS is elected by the general membership to serve a non-consecutive three-year term of office. The CS is required to be at least 25 years of age, bondable, and must be a member in good standing of STARFLEET for the three years immediately prior to the date the term in office begins. Regardless of current rank, at the

time they assume the duties of Commander, STARFLEET, they shall be promoted to the grade of O-12. Unless overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Admiralty Board, decisions of the CS, regarding Fleet administration and operation, are to be considered final.

If for any reason a vacancy shall occur in the office of Commander, STARFLEET, the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET shall immediately assume the office and responsibilities of Commander, STARFLEET. A replacement VCS shall be put into office, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Section 07:03 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook.

Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (Vice President-Secretary)

The Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (VCS) is the second in command of STARFLEET and serves as the organization's Vice-President and as the Corporate Secretary. The VCS is responsible for assuming the responsibilities of the Commander, STARFLEET in their absence, and for representing the CS to the members of the association, other organizations, and the general public. The office of the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET is charged with the production and revision of the Membership Handbook, the basic guide to Fleet's structure, policies, operations, and the Headquarters Informational Newsletter, the journal for STARFLEET's command personnel, is responsible for the direction of committees, task forces, boards, and departments as assigned by the Commander, STARFLEET. The VCS may delegate Secretarial duties as necessary and appropriate.

The VCS is elected by the general membership, on the same slate as the CS, to serve a non-consecutive three-year term of office and is required to be at least 25 years of age, as well as

meet all conditions required for the Commander, STARFLEET. The VCS shall report at least once per month to the Commander, STARFLEET. Provided they do not currently hold a higher rank, at the time they assume the duties of Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, they shall be promoted to the grade of O-9.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, other than as set forth pursuant to Section 07:03 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, the position shall be filled by appointment by the Commander, STARFLEET to serve out the remainder of the term, subject to the approval of a majority of the Admiralty Board. If a vacancy occurs pursuant to Section 07:03, then the procedure set forth therein shall be followed for appointment of a successor Vice-Commander, STARFLEET.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-10:

Motion to amend Section 4.03 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook to read as follows:

Section 04:03—RESTRICTIONS

In the event an election for CS and VCS cannot take place, the incumbent Commander, STARFLEET must step down immediately at the close of his or her current term of office. The Admiralty Board shall then elect, from its membership, an Acting Commander, STARFLEET, who shall discharge the duties of President until such time as a STARFLEET general election can be called, with a timetable to be determined by the Admiralty Board and otherwise conforming to the general rules and regulations as a regular Commander, STARFLEET election. The Admiralty Board may choose to appoint the sitting CS as Acting CS instead of seeking someone from its membership, as long as this does not exceed the term limits listed below.

RADM Jeff Victor

Inspector General,
STARFLEET

No person may be elected to the office of President who has not been a member for at least three uninterrupted years prior to the election. No person may be elected the office of President for four consecutive years, or for more than six years total. No person who has been elected to the office of President for three consecutive years, or acted as President for more than half the duration of a term to which another person was elected, shall be eligible to take the office of President again until a minimum of three years have passed from their last day in the office of President.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-11

Motion to amend Section 10 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook to read as follows:

SECTION 10 – INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS OF STARFLEET

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-12

Motion to amend Section 10.01 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook to read as follows:

Section 10:01 - INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

Not everyone wants to organize themselves along the lines presented in the various Star Trek-related programs. Sometimes a group finds itself wanting to organize along the lines of a common interest shared amongst its members. In order to facilitate such groups, they are given the opportunity to form an Internal Department of STARFLEET. An internal department is a faction within STARFLEET that follows its own set of guidelines or command structure, but which is still integrated within the Command Hierarchy itself. This means that, while this group has their own unique (if need be) structure, it still is ultimately responsible to someone on the Executive Committee, such as the Commander, STARFLEET.

If you know of a group of like-minded Fleet members who are interested in forming into such an internal department, the next step would be to contact the Ex-

ecutive Committee Department where the internal department is best suited. If this internal department is approved by the EC member, the EC member will convey their approval to the internal department, establish reporting deadlines, and work with the internal department to help them get started.

Though internal departments get more exposure through being more tightly integrated with STARFLEET itself, but if your subgroup is smaller in scale and you aim to keep it that way, there is no need to become an internal department — though you are of course free to do so at any time, if you so desire. There are many “unofficial” groups throughout STARFLEET and they serve us well as the cradle for future internal departments.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-13:

Motion to eliminate Sections 11:02 through 11:14 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook in favor of a note in Section 11:01 referring people to the Academy website for the current list of Institutes and courses.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-14:

Motion to amend Section 11.01 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook to read as follows:

Section 11:01 STARFLEET ACADEMY

The halls of STARFLEET Academy are the training grounds for Fleet’s brightest and most productive officers. The Academy is organized into various Colleges, each one organized into an appropriate Institute, overseen by a Dean. The academy courses are directed by dedicated individuals who are here to answer your questions, provide advice, and oversee your development as a member of a premiere group in fandom.

The Academy has an extensive awards program. This program recognizes the top students for academic achievement. The following awards are given yearly: Red Squad recognizes the “Best” students, who have attended SFA.

The Blue Squad recognizes the best Cadets who have completed SFA courses. Gold Squad recognizes those families who have completed a school together.

There are also Boothby Awards, which are given on the basis of how many courses a member has passed, in both STARFLEET Academy and the SFMC Academy, throughout his or her tenure with STARFLEET. These are given monthly, based on the total number of courses passed.

We encourage participation in all courses, but recommend especially that students begin with Officer’s Training School (OTS). Here, newer members learn how Fleet operates and begin to make basic command-level decisions. Other courses in Academy provide valuable insight into STARFLEET, Trek trivia or real life activities.

For a full list of Academy Institutes and Colleges, please contact the Academy.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-15:

Motion to amend Section 2.14 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook to read as follows:

Section 02:14 STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIPS

Any STARFLEET member who has been a member-in-good-standing for at least one calendar year (at the time of application) is eligible to apply for a STARFLEET Scholarship. Members can be attending community colleges, four-year colleges, most technical schools, junior colleges and universities or graduate school. For more information, or to request a print application, contact the Scholarship Director.

The application period runs from January 1st until the deadline of June 15th. Scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee, and scholarship winners are announced at the STARFLEET International Conference, or a reasonable date before the fall school season begins.

For more information, a list of scholarships, or a scholarship application, please contact the Scholarship Director.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-16

Motion to eliminate the following paragraph from Section 2.12 of the Communications section of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook:

Annual Newsletter Contest

The Office of the Chief of Communications also sponsors annual newsletter contests (with many different categories) for chapter and regional publications. Categories change periodically, but a listing of categories may be obtained through the Communiqué or by sending a SASE to the Chief of Communications. Many STARFLEET Regions, departments, and auxiliaries sponsor newsletters and magazines as well, detailing information about their respective programs or areas. These publications are generally available to all members, and may be obtained by contacting the appropriate department or region involved

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-17:

Motion to rename the STARFLEET Lifetime Membership the Helen Pawlowski Memorial Lifetime Membership.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-18:

Motion to accept the STARFLEET Annual Budget, as put forth by the Chief Financial Officer.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.

AB12-19:

Motion to adjourn the EC/AB Meeting.

Passed by a vote of 16 voting yea, 0 voting nay and 0 abstentions.



Awards Presented at IC 2012

2011 Annual Award Winners

Linda Kloempken, STARFLEET
Member Recognition Department

Congratulations to the winners of the 2011 STARFLEET Annual Awards, presented on August 4, 2012 at the STARFLEET International Conference.

And the winners are...

Commanding Officer of the Year

Captain Angie Smith
USS Isaac • Region 20

Enlisted Member of the Year

Sergeant Frank Stevens
USS Thermopylae • Region 5

Officer of the Year

Commander Kara Conner
USS Hood • Region 15

Flag Officer of the Year

Brigadier General Joe Sare
USS Sinclair • Region 13

Junior Member of the Year

Ensign Jessica Wolfson
USS Tiburon • Region 17

Shakedown Chapter of the Year

*USS Haven
Region 2*

Support Chapter of the Year

*USS Corsair
Region 3*

Chapter of the Year

*USS Battle Born
Region 3*

2012 Newsletter Awards

Michael Dugas, STARFLEET Chief of Communications

The Communications Department is pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 Newsletter Awards!

The awards were presented at the International Conference Opening Ceremonies by Linda Kloempken on behalf of the Communications Department.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted an entry. There are some very good Newsletters out there, and it was a hard decision to make.

Best Chapter Newsletter

The Peacekeeper
USS Niagara • Region 7

Best Regional Newsletter

Subspace Communicator
Region 4

Newsletter of the Year

The Columbia Comlink
USS Columbia • Region 1

Once again, congratulations to the winners! Keep up the good work!

Surgeon General 2011 Awards

BGN Oliver Savander Sr – *USS Tiberius – Region 2*

EMT and Paramedia Commendation

T.J. Allen, Region 1
Oliver Savander Sr, Region 2
Wayne Killough, Region 3
Bobbie Baxter, Region 5
Amie Greist, Region 5
Glen Diebold, Region 7
Josephine Fisher, Region 11
Eric Johannson, Region 12
Scott Schaller, Region 13
Dewayne Bingisser, Region 5

Congratulations to the winners

Promotions Awarded at IC 2012

Linda Kloempken, STARFLEET
Member Recognition

The following promotions were awarded on Friday, August 3rd 2012 at the 2012 International Conference Opening Ceremonies.

Congratulations to all who were promoted!

To the Rank of Commodore

Mark Anderson

USS Victorious • Region 2

Joseph Gallagher

USS Cumberland • Region 1

(Joseph's promotion was awarded posthumously, and was presented to the Commanding Officer of the *USS Cumberland*, who will convey it to his widow.)

To the rank of Brigadier General

Barry Jackson

USS Robert de Bruce • Region 1

James Reed

USS Judah • Region 2

To the rank of Rear Admiral

Karen A. Higdon

USS Black Hawk • Region 12

To the rank of Vice Admiral

Edward Allen III

USS Horizon • Region 12

To the rank of Admiral

Greg S. Trotter

USS Marko Ramius • Region 12

To the rank of Lieutenant General

Bran Stimpson

USS Tiburon • Region 17

Lifetime and Honorary Memberships Awarded

Congratulations to those selected for Lifetime and Honorary Memberships:

Lifetime Memberships Awards

ADM Linda Kloempken

USS Czar'ak • Region 6

Bjo Trimble

USS Star League • Region 1

Honorary Membership Award

ADM Carol Thompson

USS Atlantis • Region 10

LGN Michael McGowan - Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Here is a list of the awards issued at International Conference 2012. These do not include the STARFLEET Cross list nor does this list include awards that will be resulting from International Conference.

Cross of Honor

Bobbie Baxter, 506th MEU, 5BDE

Sword of Honor

Josiah Smiddy, 287th MSG, USS Krakatoa, 12 BDE

Shield of Honor

Wade Hoover, 226th MSG, USS Hellfire & Brimstone, 12 BDE

Star of Honor

Frank Stevens, 503rd MSG, USS Thermopylae, 5BDE

Legion of Honor

225th MSG, USS Bortas, 12 BDE

Cadet Cross of Honor (Grade 2)

Sean Smith, 399th MSG, USS Issac, 20 BDE

Cadet Cross of Honor (Grade 4)

Victoria Gahrman, 173rd MSG, USS Dakota, 1BDE

Cadet Sword of Honor
none submitted

Distinguished Service Cross

Jerry Stoddard

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award

Mark A Anbinder, Michael McGowan, Jari

James, Gary Hollifield, Bran Stimpson, Linda Olson, Joseph Dorffner Jr

STARFLEET Cross

Gary Hollifield Jr., Laura Victor, Linda Olson, DJ O'Brien, Patrick McAndrew, Bobbi Baxter, Norm DeRoux, David Garrett, Brian Pickett, Jari James, Bran Stimpson, Matthew Moyer, Oliver Savander, Jennifer Sontag

SFMC Service Commendation

Joe Brouhard, John Kane, Patrick McAndrew, Michael Timko III

SFMC Achievement Award (Issued by Commandant, SFMC)

Duncan Cameron, James Maarsingh, William Hof, Eric Schulman, Josiah Smiddy, Shane Russell, Thomas Carroll

Communications

Service Award (Issued by Commandant, SFMC)
Joe Brouhard, Laura Victor, Michael McGowan, Shirley Kolb

Honor Guard (Issued by SFMC Commandant)

George Pimentel, Larry French, Mark Anderson, Paul Reid, Raymond Brown, Aaron Murphy, Rolando Gomez, Barry Jackson

SFMC Team Delta (issued by COTRACOM)

Ed Wandall, Brian Pickett, Marcus Easterly, Jordan Reinleb
(Honor Inductees)
Shane Russell, Lauren Niemeyer, Mark Polanis

TRACOM Commander's Award
Gregory McIntosh

SFMC Student of the Year (issued by COTRACOM)
Ed Wandall

Naval Unit Citation
USS Krakatoa, USS Hellfire & Brimstone, USS Thermopylae, USS Bortas, USS Issac, USS Dakota

Commandant's Campaign Award

1BDE
100MSG, LTC Jimmy "Scotch" Nelson, MCPT Tonya Nelson, C/SSGT Caleb Nelson, C/LCPL Brendon Nelson
101stMEU, MGSGT John Kiwi Kane
151MSG COL Gary Hollifield Sr., Maj Donna Hollifield, Cdt MGSgt Jacob Hollifield, Cdt SGM Angelica Hollifield
161st, LGN Mary Kane

5BDE
503MSG, LTC John Caverly, LTC David Garrett, CDR Dennis Jones, LTC Gerald Purkey, SSGT Lisa Purkey, MAJ Erik Stringer-Lund, COL Jari James
506MSG, COL Bobbie Baxter, MCAPT Amie Greist, 1LT Jenn Petersen
509MSG, LTC John Gaines, MGSGT Carl Ganz
521MSG, BGN Norman E. DeRoux, BGN Stephen C. Idell, LCPL Courtney Martin, BDR Craig Martin, LCPL Sarah Martin, MCPT Nadine Romero
552MSG, MAJ Patricia Baxter
555MSG, 1SGT Jared

Larsen, CPL Robin Larsen, MGEN Patrick McAndrew, LGEN Lea Morgan

7BDE
777MSG, LGEN Joseph C Dorffner Jr, BDR Rosy Dorffner

17BDE
898MSG, LGN John Roberts, BGN Dave Reustle, COL Laurie McFarland, COMM Earl Beighley, CMDR Mike Vivian, LT Matthew Miller, CPO Marsha Beighley, COL Philip Dillard, CMDR Rich Eseke, PO3 Esther Stuedli-Miller, CDT Tristan Miller

20BDE
399MSG, CAPT Angie Smith, SGM Marie Smith, Cdt LCpl Sean Smith, Lt Sam Wilson
STREAMERS- SFMC Staff Service Award (issued by SFMC Commandant)
101st MEU - COFORCECOM
131st MSG - DCO FINCOM
155th MSG - DCO TRACOM
199th MSG - COINFOCOM
225th MSG - COTRACOM
300th MSG - DCO INFOCOM
377th MSG - COMMANDANT
503rd MSG - SGM, SFMC, DCO FORCECOM
555th MSG - COFINCOM
771st MSG - DEPUTY COMMANDANT

Congratulations one and all.

SFMC: TRACOM Annual Awards

MGEN Gary "Ting" Hollifield, Jr. - Commanding Officer, TRACOM

Now that the announcement of the TRACOM awardees has been made at the International Muster, I can safely announce them here. The decisions I had to make were tough and there are MANY qualified Marines out there. You are all a fantastic example of the future leadership of this fine organization. Without further ado, the academic calendar year of 2011-2012 Annual TRACOM Award Winners are:

Team Delta (Student Inductees)

Awarded to this Marine by the COTRACOM for having excelled beyond all others as a student in the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy in one or more disciplines:

CAPT Brian Pickett of the USS Aurora in 5BDE
LT Ed Wandall of the USS Matrix in 7BDE
BDR Marc Easterly of the USS Hecate in 7BDE

Team Delta (Honor Inductees)

Awarded to this Marine by the COTRACOM for having rendered extraordinary service to Training and Doctrine Command and the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy:

MGN Lauren Niemeyer of the USS Asimov in 7BDE
SGM Mark Polanis of the USS Dakota in 1BDE
COL Shane Russell of the USS Bortas in 12BDE

Student of the Year

This award is given to the student who has the highest overall "GPA" during the academic calendar year:

LT Ed Wandall of the USS Matrix in 7BDE

TRACOM Commander's Award

The Commander's Award is given to the Marine who is selected by the COTRACOM as having had the most influential impact on TRACOM during the previous year. Each Branch Director may submit nominees that they feel are most deserving and the reasons for that nomination; COTRACOM will then select the recipient from those nominations and it will announced at the International Muster the following year:

MAJ Gregory McIntosh of the USS Lafitte in 3BDE

Hearty congratiaons from all of us here at TRACOM to all of this year's award winners. Your certificates will be emailed to you, folks, and your records will be updated in the STARFLEET database to reflect these awards.

Do you want to see your name here next year? Ask me how you can get more involved at TRACOM!! Like companies usually say, we are always taking applications!

STARFLEET Marine Corps Reports

News and updates from the Marines.



State of the SFMC

Greetings to all Marines!

As the IC/IM is now over for another year, I can throw in my congratulations to all the recipients of SFMC Annual Awards for 2012.

As with every other year, it is always fantastic to be able to pass on awards to these deserving Marines - but it is equally important for us to also acknowledge and to recognize all those Marines who were nominated as well.

To be nominated reflects action of good cause or intent, and is a great acknowledgment in itself. So we must certainly also congratulate the many Marines whose names were put forward, for their activity on behalf of the Corps.

We also need to tip our hats to the nominators. This most important task is the very beginning of the awards process and, without responsible nominators, we would not be aware of the activities and accomplishments of our Marines.

Do not ever ease up on putting forward your fellow Marine[s] for any award - that is the whole purpose of the SFMC Awards processes. It is up to YOU to nominate your fellow Marine[s] for if you do not, he/she/they may not get well-deserved recognition. You will never hear complaints from any issuing authority for the volume of nominations received, I assure you!

And while on subject of awards, it is most important to draw attention to reporting through the Chain of Command (CoC), as it is here, in many cases (Commandant's Campaign as an example,) that your activities and actions can be best

communicated. It is therefore critically important that you ensure you have backed up any nomination procedure by making sure your Unit is reporting this within the body of the reports sent bi-monthly.

It is therefore also essentially important that BN and BDE OIC's ensure that these details are being included in their own reports, as they proceed up the Chain - thus ensuring that ForeCom is receiving all the intelligence necessary to administer these processes.

Never underestimate the importance of including everything possible into your reports. I can assure you that there is no such thing as mundane action reporting.

While speaking of the Commandant's Campaign, the 2013 Campaign inclusions are still under review and will be announced shortly. We have strong intention of extending the Campaign to ensure it covers opportunities for participation that better reflect our International Marines, by including elements that are applicable to their Brigades/country. This detailing will be published very shortly.

We are also reviewing the process of assembling the information from BDEs reporting of Campaign activity, to make it easier and more simple to administer award processes by next IC/IM, and this will be passed through to BDE OIC's by ForceCom.

During the IC, the GS team presented the set of objectives that each of the GS Commands intends to continue to work through, over the coming year/next eighteen months. These objectives are to be published

in a standard SFMC manual, which will shortly be posted to the SFMC Library, on the SFMC website, and possibly published elsewhere depending on file size.

The intention of this being that the GS Objectives of the last two years will remain actively published, thus providing documentation not only of our intent, but also providing a reference for any future GS of the plans, activities and/or goals of the current GS, which may assist with their own objective-setting during their term.

IC also saw the announcement of several new uniform accoutrements and of ideas put forward for 30th Anniversary celebrations.

Key amongst these is the SFMC Membership pin - a hard enamel lapel pin that is intended for wear to celebrate not only our 30 years of existence as an organization, but to also proudly proclaim membership in the SFMC. This pin is NOT authorized for wear on SFMC uniforms and is available exclusively from SFMC QM store. Images will be found at <http://www.qm.sfi-sfmc.org/> as soon as they have been added to that site.

The SFMC Scholarship Fund has been a topic of some serious discussion, given that we have had only one application in the last four years. Funds are just sitting there, awaiting use, and it is of concern to us that we have not been more successful in handing these on. We are therefore exploring ways in which we may make changes to the Fund that will hopefully lead to a more successful and positive distribution, and this is under review while we ensure that

any legal and ethical responsibilities are covered.

Although I may be stealing some of the thunder from ForceCom and their usual reporting functions, I would also like to point out some membership numbers.

In January 2011, the SFMC had a recorded membership of 982 members - 511 Active, 471 Reservists - representing 23% of total STARFLEET membership.

At time of writing, this figure has increased to 1,134 Marines - 573 Active, 561 Reservists - now representing 25% of total STARFLEET membership.

What this shows is that we have not only increased membership numbers, pretty much in line with increased STARFLEET International membership, but that we have also achieved the 25% total membership target set back in January 2011.

Any way you look at it, this means the Corps continues to expand and that we certainly remain an attractant to new members.

In closing I wish to proffer the thanks of this office to those members of the GS who acted on my behalf at the IC/IM. I have, at this stage, still to receive a report on the weekend, but I anticipate a successful set of conclusions to what, I am sure, was another excellent weekend in the annals of SFMC IC participation.

Hopefully, all Marines in attendance accorded themselves in a responsible manner as best befitting the Corps - meaning I am sure they had an excellent time!

State of the NCO Corps, August 10, 2012

Greetings, Marines!

As usual, I am coming to you from in the booth in the back in the corner in the dark of my local NCO club, where the annual IC Pity Party featured no unfortunate incidents, thanks largely due to the success of the Temporary Prigal Containment System (consisting mainly of a por-

table lavatory, a transporter inhibitor, several hundred meters of cargo tape, and SGT Bear, my dog, sitting right outside the door daring Prigal to come out). The latest sign above the bar reads, "Phaser beams travel at light speed. Unless your sorry tail can go FTL, pay your tab on time."

Now, let's take a look at some of

the NCO/enlisted news from IC/IM, with special attention to the Star of Honor and Cadet Star of Honor winners. It's time to learn a little more than Name, Rank, and SCC Number about these two.

The Star of Honor for this year went to SSGT Frank "Uncle Grumpy" Stevens. In late 2010, an infection

forced an emergency amputation of the lower part of his left leg, and given his age and generally frail health, the outlook seemed bleak to everybody but SSGT Stevens. In 2011, he put in three to ten hours every month on various community service projects, despite his new "tin leg", spearheaded gatherings and fun

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Commandant SFMC



State of the NCO Corps Continued

activities for his local detachment of the SFMC, and drove 12 hours each way to attend his regional summit. He constantly leads by example, and has one simple standard: The best is good enough. He also tries to fly under the radar, preferring that credit go to others - which made his reaction to being informed of his winning the Star of Honor typical of him: "They did WHAT to me?" (There was more, but that's all I can print.)

The winner of the Cadet Star of Honor is, by coincidence, another SSGT, in this case CDT SSGT Samantha "Sam" Tolleson. By another coincidence, she also spent part of the year in the hospital, but she did not let that slow her down. She takes a strong leadership role among the cadets of her chapter, and often works the recruiting table at events. She has begun taking cadet courses through SFA and the SFMCA, and done well - not surprising since she is also an above average student at school. Dedication and hard work are everyday words to CDT SSGT Tolleson, and the members of her MSG and chapter are proud of her efforts. She also recently received her first challenge coin and, in the spirit of NCOs throughout the Corps, is looking to try it out. No need for a coin here, Sam - if ever we meet, the first diet root beer is on me.

As I watched the feed from IC, I noted with pride that the nominations for STARFLEET Enlisted Member of the Year included the names of a lot of the members of the Corps I have come to know during my time as SGM/SFMC, including the eventual winner: SSGT Frank Stevens, whose cover has officially been permanently and completely blown now.

Another one of those names was that of 1SGT Philip Muller, who ran a panel at this year's IC on enlisted members in STARFLEET. Initial reports are that it went well, and I would like to thank 1SGT Muller again for making it happen. I encourage you all to consider a similar panel at your regional summits/musters. 1SGT Muller has made his notes for the panel available on the SFMC Facebook group, and I am sure he would be willing to lend you the benefit of his experience.

Continuing on with awards,

MMSGT John "Kiwi" Kane received an SFMC Service Commendation, SGM Mark "Gambit" Polanis can add a black double knot to his shoulder cord as one of the newest members of Team Delta, and MMSGT James "Fireball" Maarsingh added an SFMC Achievement Award to his honors. The list of those receiving the Commandant's Campaign Ribbon for their work with Toys for Tots and/or Special Olympics is a long one, and rather than thank each of them individually for their efforts, I will issue a general Bravo Zulu to them all at this time, and ask that everyone take time to congratulate those in your area.

Finally, a bit of a milestone: for the first time since its inception, the SFMC Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to an enlisted Marine. This Marine wishes it known that his long service to the Corps would not have been possible without the support, encouragement, and example set by his fellow NCOs, and the opportunities given him by many fine officers to excel.

Every month I take the time to remind you that community service is something the SFMC encourages (and rewards), but I also want to remind you that the biggest encouragement and reward one can get from community service is the simple knowledge that you have made a difference for someone, however small. With that in mind, please remember that almost everyone can do a simple act of community service by looking out for your friends and neighbors in times of severe weather or natural disaster. Charity, as they say, begins at home.

In that spirit, I would like to congratulate the winner of this year's Shield of Honor, GEN Wade Hoover, whose outstanding and steadfast efforts to assist the residents of a small town recover from a tornado, even after media attention turned elsewhere, were just part of a year of exemplary community service efforts on his part. Well done, sir!

In a final note from IC, I had a list of my goals for the upcoming year presented. Since those will be published separately, let me just say that in addition to those goals, I have some projects in the works that concern enlisted members of STARFLEET

in general and the SFMC in particular. I will certainly keep you posted on those projects as they develop through all the usual channels.

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. One of the marks of a good NCO is the ability to think quickly in a time of crisis. Another is personal courage. In February of 2008, LCPL Matthew Croucher of the Royal Marines Reserve demonstrated both to an incredible degree.

Croucher had already served three tours in Iraq, and had distinguished himself during his tour in Afghanistan by tending to a severely wounded comrade while under heavy fire until the medics could arrive. On February 9, 2008, he was part of a four-man patrol cautiously investigating a compound suspected of being a production center for IEDs when things went bad in a hurry.

They had done a 30-minute sweep in the dark with no sign of the enemy, and were in the process of extracting to rejoin the rest of their unit nearby, when Croucher felt pressure against his legs. In the low light, he had missed a tripwire, and an armed grenade landed right next to him. In that instant, he knew he had just accidentally put all four men in deadly danger.

He shouted "Grenade!" followed immediately by "Tripwire!" so the other three Marines would know what they were dealing with, and then had a split second to make a decision. If he tried to run, odds were he would still catch part of the blast, and at least one of his fellow Marines had no chance at all of avoiding any part of it. So, Croucher did the only thing he could think of - he fell backwards on the grenade, pinning it underneath his pack, and pulled his legs up out of the way. He had to trust his training and his body armor that there was a slim chance that he

would survive. He didn't have much hope for himself but at least it gave the other three better odds.

When the grenade went off, the rest suffered only a few cuts and bruises, and to their amazement, Croucher was still alive. His backpack and body armor had absorbed most of the blast, and incredibly his own injuries were minor enough that he refused evacuation so he could join the reception party for the enemy that came to see what their booby trap had caught.

Croucher was nominated for the Victoria Cross, but the VC specifies that is for actions in the face of the enemy, and technically speaking, there was no enemy present at the time. But, there was a ready alternative: the George Cross, whose requirements are the same as the better known Victoria Cross, except that no direct presence of the enemy is necessary. There was some grumbling from the public about that, but rules are rules, and there was certainly no grumbling from Croucher, who had expected to lose a limb at best when he made the decision to put his body on the line to protect his comrades. He said "I thought, 'I've set this bloody thing off and I'm going to do whatever it takes to protect the others.'"

In a place of honor, next to his George Cross, is the backpack Croucher kept as a trophy of the day he "beat the grim reaper". He told one reporter, "When I see it, I'm constantly reminded how lucky I am." I suspect that at least three other Royal Marines consider themselves lucky that the person who triggered that trap was also quick-thinking enough, brave enough, and willing enough to risk it all, rather than let his comrades suffer from what he felt was his mistake.

For those who would like a compilation of all the History Lesson segments to date, feel free to email me, and let me know whether you would prefer a Word document or a PDF file.

Semper Fi!

MMSGT Jerome A.
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FORCECOM Report

Greetings, Marines,
Well, the 2012 International Conference and Muster is now behind us. I would like to thank all of you who were there, who worked at the event, and who attended the Marine Dress Mess and the Muster. I hope you enjoyed yourselves

I would like to congratulate the following Marines:

Cross of Honor
Bobbie Baxter, 506th MEU, 5BDE

Sword of Honor
Josiah Smiddy, 287th MSG, USS Krakatoa, 12 BDE

Shield of Honor
Wade Hoover, 226th MSG, USS Hellfire & Brimstone, 12 BDE

Star of Honor
Frank Stevens, 503rd MSG, USS Thermopylae, 5BDE

Legion of Honor
225th MSG, USS Bortas, 12 BDE

Cadet Cross of Honor (Grade 2)
Sean Smith, 399th MSG, USS Isaac, 20 BDE

Cadet Cross of Honor (Grade 4)
Victoria Gahrman, 173rd MSG, USS Dakota, 1BDE

Cadet Star of Honor (Grade 3)
Samantha Tolleson 300th MSG, USS Navras, 3 BDE

I would also like to give a shout out to my friend, Jerry Stoddard, on being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

At this time, I would like to congratulate the following Marines for their participation in the SFMC Reading Challenge:

The Top Three Readers in the Corps:

- Joseph C Dorffner, Jr., 777th MSG with 71,318 pages
- Leah Morgan, 555th MSG with 56,027 pages
- Mary Kane, 161st MSG with 53,968 pages

The Top Cadet Readers: Cadet Grade 2

- Anya Walker, 173rd MSG with 3341 pages
- Benjamin Mabbit, 380th MSG with 2164 pages
- Sean Smith, 399th MSG with 529 pages

Cadet Grade 3

- Samantha Tolleson, 300th MSG

- with 5119 pages
- Ethan Schaffer, 102nd MSG with 1515 pages

Cadet Grade 4

- Victoria Gahrman, 173rd MSG with 519 pages
 - Marisa Glenn, 225th MSG with 218 pages
- The Top Readers from each Brigade, not including the Top Readers of the Corps:

1st Brigade

- John McLaughlin, 173rd MSG with 25,251 pages

2nd Brigade

- Anne Zecca, 631st MSG with 9,442 pages

3rd Brigade

- JJ Kelley, 318th MSG with 24,391 pages

5th Brigade

- Jari James, 503rd MSG with 24,464 pages

7th Brigade

- Pauline Lazarek, 777th MSG with 44,550 pages

12th Brigade

- Shirley Kolb , 225th MSG with 36,808 pages

15th Brigade

- E. Jerry Beaulieu, 95th MSG with 12,025 pages

17th Brigade

- Jennie Sontag, 888th MSG with 8,898 pages

20th Brigade

- Robert Mabbitt, 380th MSG with 8,542 pages

The Top Three Units in the Corps:

- 777th MSG, 7th Brigade with an average of 35,195 pages per Marine
- 161st MSG, 1st Brigade with an average of 27,907 pages per Marine
- 333rd MSG, 3rd Brigade with an average of 9,028 pages per Marine

Totals for the Top Units from each Brigade that participated in the Reading Challenge:

- 631st MSG, 2nd Brigade with an average of 1,578 pages per Marine
- 555th MSG, 5th Brigade with an average of 8,004 pages per Marine

- 286th MSG, 12th Brigade with an average of 2,659 pages per Marine
- 980th MSG, 15th Brigade with an average of 1,315 pages per Marine
- 888th MSG, 17th Brigade with an average of 481 pages per Marine
- 380th MSG, 20th Brigade with an average of 1,190 pages per Marine

The Top Three Brigades:

- 1st Brigade with an average of 2,045 pages per Marine
- 7th Brigade with an average of 1,937 pages per Marine
- 5th Brigade with an average of 1,210 pages per Marine

Brigade Totals for the Remaining Brigades:

- 12th Brigade with an average of 1,054 pages per Marine
- 3rd Brigade with an average of 1,033 pages per Marine
- 20th Brigade with an average of 943 pages per Marine
- 15th Brigade with an average of 780 pages per Marine
- 17th Brigade with an average of 268 pages per Marine
- 2nd Brigade with an average of 156 pages per Marine

I was very impressed with the totals for this year's Reading Challenge, as we had an increase of 151,972 pages. In the 2010-2011 Reading Challenge, we had seven brigades participating whereas, in the 2011-2012 Reading Challenge, we had nine brigades participating, and this time one of the participants was one of the international brigades!

In the 2010-2011 Reading Challenge, the total number of pages read was 765,217 pages, and in the 2011-2012 Reading Challenge, the number of pages read increased to 917,189 pages read.

The biggest improvement came from the 3rd Brigade. In the 2010-2011 Challenge, the 3rd Brigade read 50,089 pages, and in the 2011-2012 Challenge they read 168,340 pages. Congratulations to the 3rd Brigade!

I would like to give a shout out to the 20th Brigade as well. In their first year in the Challenge, the 20th Brigade reported 24,508 pages read!

I would like to challenge all the brigades to see if we can break the "one million pages read" mark for the 2012-2013 Reading Challenge. For those Marines who would like to participate in the Reading Challenge, here are the rules:

To be considered an eligible submission, all the following information must appear on a Brigade's report to FORCECOM for each marine:

- Marine's full name
- Marine's SCC number
- Marine's age (for Cadets)
- Title of Book
- Author of Book
- Page count
- ISBN number or publisher's information

Failure to include all the above information will result in that submission being discarded. COFORCECOM is not responsible for any lost or incomplete submissions.

Contest Eligible Material:

- Books in the genres of fiction, non-fiction, mystery, sci-fi, thriller, romance, etc. are eligible and can be either in printed or electronic form. (Kindle, Nook, PDF, etc.)
- Books and materials such as newspapers, magazines, comic books, cook books, and other such books are not eligible.
- Audio Books can only be used if the participant has a physical impairment or condition (blindness, dyslexia, etc.) which prevents them from reading a printed book.
- Marines using audio books must include the same information as a printed book. Page counts for audio books are determined by using the page count from the latest printed edition of the audio book in question.

I would like to encourage all Unit and Brigade OIC's to encourage the cadets to participate in the Reading Challenge and also to recommend them for the cadet awards at the Brigade Level

Well that is all for this time. Remember, Marines, be safe out there and have fun as well!

MMSGT
John "Kiwi" Kane
USS Hornet
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DCO FORCECOM Report

Just what is the Commandant's Campaign Award?

The Basics:
Probably one of the most misunderstood awards in the SFMC is the Commandant's Campaign Award [CCA]. Unlike the Community Service Citation [CSC], which is a Brigade level recognition aimed at individual Marines who have made a 'significant personal impact' to benefit their community, the Commandant's Campaign Award is a SFMC wide program, designed to be a platform where an entire unit can come together and work toward a specific goal.

Every year the SFMC Commandant selects at least one (but usually more) Marines who have given of themselves in support of that year's selected organizations. Note: Like any SFMC service award, it's the physical support given in volunteering time to the project that counts. Simply giving cash or donating items does not count for purposes of this award. You can't simply write a check. You can't simply pick up one more toy during your holiday shopping and drop it into the collection box on the way out of the store. You must be physically involved in the activity for a minimum of 4 hours to be recognized.

Traditionally, the data collection cycle for this award has run from the February reporting cycle to the December reporting cycle of that same year. We will be returning to that cycle.

For example: the February report of 2012 covers activities that took place in December 2011 and January 2012. The December report covers activities that occurred in October 2012 and November 2012. That physically covers one year worth of activities 1 December 2011 to 31 November 2012.

As there are possible changes to the timing of when awards will be announced, details on this will be published separately.

Who are the Marines helping?
Over the past few years there have been two main projects. One is the US Marine Corps' 'Toys for Tots' project, which provides toys and holiday cheer to disadvantaged children throughout the US, and the other is the Special Olympics, whose goal is to 'create a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability'.

While these organizations and their ongoing projects have become 'traditional activities' of the Commandant's Campaign Award, there are always opportunities provided in the award giving flexibility for the Commandant to add or develop other programs and projects that further extend the benefits of having a groups of Marines working toward a common goal.

Are there other organizations out there you'd like to see supported? Wish there were other options? Please write up a community service organization or charity that you'd

like to see become a part of the 2013 Commandant's Campaign. Send the name of the organization, a brief paragraph on what its activities are, and why you feel that it should be placed under consideration.

If you are outside the United States, is there a specific organization that your Brigade would like to see supported to help out those close to home? Again please let us know. There is no guarantee that your submission will be accepted, but you won't know until you try.

Please remember that this is an award that is administered at the discretion of the Commandant and, as such, there may be changes made from year to year as to which organizations will be part of the program.

How are individuals and units nominated?

To help streamline the information collection activity and decrease the possibility of overlooking someone, starting this award cycle, the Brigade OIC's have been tasked with reviewing all unit and Battalion reports and reporting any qualifying activity in their Brigade report. FORCECOM will review all Brigade reports and compile a master document for submission to the Commandant at the end of the award's cycle. If there is any of the needed information missing, it will be the responsibility of the Brigade OIC to follow up with its collection and provide it to FORCECOM

At the end of the data collection cycle, FORCECOM and the Brigade OICs will confirm with each other

the information they have for that Brigade and the final document will be sent to the Commandant for review and consideration for the award.

It cannot be emphasized enough that if Unit OICs do not report their unit's activities in their reports, no one will know what their unit has been involved in and deserving Marines may well not receive the recognition they have earned.

As with any other award in the SFMC, certain basic information is required for consideration for this award. To provide the Commandant the information necessary to see if the requirements of the award have been met, we'll need to know the following: who the individual is, their rank, their unit, their SCC#, what activity or activities they were involved with, what they did for that activity and when they did it.

For those individuals who are 'unassigned' to a specific Unit, but want to take part in the CCA, they are encouraged to send their information to either the OIC of the Brigade where they live or directly to FORCECOM. 'Any' individual nomination submitted without all the needed information will be returned the same way any other award nomination would be.

If you find you have further questions on this or on any award, please feel free to contact either the Commandant directly or the Office of Forces Command.

With Regards and In Service to the Corps.



COL Jari James
USS Thermopylae
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It is an honor and a privilege to personally invite you to the STARFLEET International Conference 2013, to be held at the beautiful and luxurious MCM Elegante Hotel in the heart of Dallas, Texas on August 1-4, 2013. We have a lot of surprises in store for those in attendance, in addition to all of the wonderful things you've come to expect from an International Conference!

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

Information will be added to the website as it becomes available, and we strongly encourage you to keep checking with us as 2013 approaches — we'll be posting some very exciting information between now and then.

In the meantime, if you are planning on attending IC2013, we suggest that you take this opportunity to lock in the early registration rates by printing your information on the downloadable registration form and returning it to us with your full payment to the address provided below:

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