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# Communique

Time is Fleeting  
40 Years of  
**STARFLEET**



# STARFLEET Is Turning 40 – Come Help Us Celebrate!

2014 is STARFLEET's 40th anniversary, and we're excited to be celebrating with you! There are a couple of projects in the work that we need your participation to really make shine.

## Anniversary Issue of the CQ

We'll be producing a special 40th Anniversary issue of the *Communiqué*, which means we need all of YOU to help us to get lots of history to showcase in this issue.

Want to tell us about your chapter's history? Your region's? Want to research the history of a particular position or the mythical "30-mile rule" (it's a guideline!). How about your personal history... why not tell us about the best day you ever had in STARFLEET? We want to know! Member content is really going to drive this special issue, so I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with.

Of course a key component of this issue will be *lots of embarrassing photos*. Did deep in your vaults and mortify your fellow 'Fleeters!

Submissions are due by September 30 to [cq@sfi.org](mailto:cq@sfi.org) (please remember to include caption info on photos). You can also submit pictures is to add them to our Flickr pool at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/starfleet/>. Tag pictures with "SFI 40" and we can all take a walk down memory lane together.

## You're Invited to Be Part of Project: HAPPY

by Rear Admiral Jon Lane

If you haven't heard Pharrell Williams' Oscar-nominated song "Happy" from "Despicable Me 2" yet, you might be living on another planet. The music video for this chart-topping song features a series of 3-to-5-second clips of different people dancing, clapping, smiling, and just looking happy. One clip just cuts into the next, with folks on the street, inside schools and churches, over bridges, on the beach, and even in a bowling alley...just about anywhere

they can dance. Such a simple idea for a music video has inspired countless versions posted by people from around the world—from Croatia to Singapore. There was even a version filmed in the ruin of the Tatooine filming location in Tunisia featuring fans dressed as various "Star Wars" characters. However, at the time of this writing, I can't find any "Star Trek" version of the "Happy" music video posted anywhere.

Let's fix that.

As part of our 40th Anniversary celebration, STARFLEET is going to make and post the first-ever "Star Trek" version of the "Happy" music video (or if not the first, then certainly the best!). After all, we're one big, happy fleet—and here's our chance to show it!

It's a fun project that can literally feature every chapter, since the video clips will all be less than 5 seconds. And it's easy for any member or chapter to participate. Just get someone to film you and/or your crew in uniform and/or make-up and/or in some kind of Trek costume dancing or clapping. The dancing doesn't even have to be good! (Let's face it, we're Trekkies...no one's expecting much.)

Then just send in your video before July 15 [*editor's note: now extended to September 30!*], and I'll edit together the footage we receive. The finished video will debut at IC 2014 in Rockford, Illinois and then be put onto our website and YouTube. With luck, we'll go viral and get some decent exposure to potential new members. But even if we don't become an Internet sensation, the music video will still be a great addition to feature on [sfi.org](http://sfi.org) and just a lot of fun to put together.

**Guidelines for submissions are available at**  
**<http://happy.sfi.org>**

I happily and enthusiastically encourage everyone to participate! It's not hard to do, and it can be a real blast for you and your chapter to be part of. The more video clips we get, the better the finished product will look. I'll try to post periodic





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## Commander, STARFLEET

FADM Wayne Lee Killough, Jr, Retribution Station, Region 3

**T**his past quarter had several ups and downs for me. Back in June, Tyler Carr, Marian Murphy and I headed down to Houston for the Region 3 Summit. Summit Chair Penelope McFadin, along with her team, made us feel welcome and did an outstanding job of ensuring the attendees enjoyed their visit and had a wonderful time. Next year's Region 3 Summit will be held in San Antonio, a trip I am already looking forward to!

Right before heading down to Houston, my work schedule started to dramatically increase due to a side project I had been assigned to. Once I came back from Houston, my work schedule turned insane. I was working so many hours that I technically disappeared for a short period of time. To add to the craziness, Hayden was going through a very similar situation with his job. Robert Westfall jumped in and helped out where he could, which definitely made a difference. Kudos to Robert for his assistance during this time!

My crazy schedule lasted until July. That gave me just enough time to work with the rest of the EC and get reports put together for the annual ECAB Meeting, vote on submissions for Honorary and Lifetime memberships, process Scholarship applications, etc. That rounded out the rest of the month. We rolled directly into August, starting the month off with an ECAB Conference Call prior to IC, similar in design to last year's call, so that the majority of reports were reviewed and votes were cast to get them out of the way. This is a great idea that Dave started and it worked again this year. That was the first weekend of August.

A few days later, I started my trip to Rockford, IL for IC, and that trip was a treat! I missed my flight from Tyler to Houston due to a flat tire making me late (even though according to the Tyler Airport website, I WAS on time for my flight). That caused me to take a



later flight from Tyler to Houston, which caused a later flight from Houston to St. Louis. I finally made it to St. Louis almost 8 hours later than expected! Thursday morning, Denine Sanders, Marian Murphy, Justin Donovan, and I loaded the van and headed to Rockford. The drive was nice and gave us a chance to talk and get caught up.

Once we hit the host hotel, it was work from the moment we arrived until the moment we left...which was great (yes, I am sick and twisted...I enjoy work!). Jeff Higdon and his staff put together a memorable International Conference. Thanks for all of the memories, gang! Denine, Justin, and Marian were quick to jump in and help where needed, as were Robert Westfall and his wife, Chelle. Dave Blaser, Michael Garcia, Steve Gordon, and Eddie Allen all four were a huge help all weekend, as they were jumping in to help out wherever they could. Many thanks to you all for your support and dedication to STARFLEET! While at IC, I had the pleasure of presenting the Honorary and Lifetime Memberships for 2014. I would like to congratulate Brigadier General Matthew Ingles for being the recipient of the 2014 Honorary Membership and newly promoted Admiral Laura Victor on being the recipient of the 2014 Helen Pawlowski Memorial Life-

time Membership. Both of these fine officers are deserving of their awards due to their many years of service to STARFLEET.

Marian fell while we were at IC and wound up breaking her hip. She had to stay in Rockford to have not one but three different surgeries to finally get her to a point to start healing. As of the time of writing this article, she is finally back in Texas and recuperating at her son's house. Please join me in wishing Marian a speedy recovery!

Since the trip to Rockford was so "interesting", I figured the trip back would be smooth-sailing. Yeah.... Not so much! On the way back to St. Louis, we were notified that rioting had broken out not too far from where we were heading. Nothing like a large riot to put a damper on your trip! We get to the airport the next day and my flight takes off on time. I was in the air and smooth sailing...WRONG! The flight was routed to Oklahoma City since we were heading toward a massive storm system and we didn't have enough fuel to get around it. We arrived in Houston very late and my flight back to Tyler had been cancelled so I spent the night in Houston. I finally made it back home approximately 36 hours after I should have. It was the first time I was honestly thankful for being back in Deep East Texas!

After getting back from IC, it was catch-up time at work and on emails. I have had my hands in multiple areas working on reports, Help Desk tickets, projects, etc. At the end of August, I moved the rest of my belongings into storage, as my new apartment will now not be ready until the middle of September (at the earliest). Whoever has the "Wayne as CS" voodoo doll...please pull the needles out!! :)

That's all for this issue. See you next quarter!

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## Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

RADM Hayden S Segel, USS *Potomac*, Region 1



**T**his past quarter has been one of growth, change, and substantial activity. Through it all, the Member Services team has been steady as a rock! Under the stewardship of CAPT Melissa Hadley, they are responsible for administering the member helpdesk, a one-stop-shop for members to address and resolve any and all issues associated with STARFLEET membership. Melissa and her team must be, and are, ready for just about anything. They not only deal with a wider array of issues than any other office in the Fleet, they do a bang-up job at getting answers, referrals, and resolutions to their member customers. I salute Melissa and her entire team for a job extremely well done!

Moving from the topic of consistency to that of change, I unfortunately had to accept the resignation of Membership Processing Director, BGEN Matt Ingles. We know full well how our lives outside of STARFLEET can make what we want to do for this organization difficult or even impossible to realize. Matt had the foresight to make the hard choice, to do what he felt he must before the consequences became insurmountable. I want to thank Matt for his years of service and selfless dedication as Membership Processing Director. He will be missed.

Crisis, however, was surely averted when Matt's hand-picked successor, former Vice Commander, STARFLEET and current Region 17 Regional Coordinator, LGEN Bran Stimpson stepped in to continue the hard work and dedication that is Matt's legacy to the Membership Processing operation. Since taking over, Bran has successfully transitioned with Matt and aggressively attacked the processing backlog by leaps and bounds, while at the same time giving each member's product the individual attention it deserves. Bran's assumption of responsibilities has been a blessing in what otherwise could have

been a dismal situation, and for that, Bran has my gratitude and admiration.

Next, I would like to give all of you an on-going project update. Earlier last quarter, this office received a request for written minutes of past Admiralty Board meetings. The question was not whether the audio recordings satisfied regulatory requirements. The CS and I agreed that honoring the request by producing and providing written meeting minutes was, indeed, the right thing to do. A concise written record of corporate activities made available to the general membership goes a long way in giving you, our valued members, a better understanding of how the organization is administered on your behalf.

Upon meeting the intent of the initial request, the plan was to not just move forward, but backward as well. So, in addition to the written record of future meetings, minutes from past meetings will be produced, based on audio recordings or other verifiable sources, at a rate of one to two a month for the remainder of our term of office. The minutes shall be made available upon request or (hopefully by the time this report is published) by accessing the Member Database. Requests can be made to me, my Chief of Staff, your Regional Coordinator, or your Chapter CO. I would like to bring

this subject to a close by expressing my personal gratitude to my Chief of Staff, FCAPT Robin Woodell-Vitasek. Robin has put forth phenomenal effort poring through hours of recordings, transcribing and compiling information, and conducting interviews with participants, both past and present. Hats off to you, Robin, for your tireless endeavors.

The rest of the VCS staff has been very active. The Surgeon General's office and the Chaplains' Corps are enjoying the ability to bestow new and unique awards to deserving members. They are also taking advantage of the opportunity to work in concert through the Fleet Resource Council, a program which has proven to be another valuable tool in building teamwork and mutual cooperation. Petfleet continues to take shape by conducting the necessary research to avoid "Reinventing the Wheel" and has established its own Facebook Group. Fleet members who are Facebook users and are interested in being a part of Petfleet are invited to visit and join the Petfleet Facebook Group. There you can download a Petfleet member application, get the latest updates on Petfleet, and have conversations with other Petfleet members throughout STARFLEET. The Petfleet member Facebook Group can be accessed now by visiting [www.facebook.com/groups/664108667000740/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/664108667000740/).

Well, that about sums it up for this quarter. Allow me close by congratulating all of our award recipients and those promoted at IC 2014. Each of you, and the chapters represented, put forth incredible effort well deserving of such recognition. I look forward to more great things in the quarter to come and the opportunity to share the experiences with you.

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# STARFLEET Operations

ADM Robert Westfall, ISS *Katana*, Region 12

**A**nother IC has come and gone, my first as an EC Member... which meant more work, slightly less fun, and not nearly as many pictures as I would normally have taken. :-)

Two of the best things I had the privilege of doing was personally launching the Shakedown Chapter USS *Orion* and commissioning the USS *Missouri* on Saturday morning during the General Session. I also had the opportunity to present the "Not Next Tues-



day" award to chapters with a perfect MSR reporting record over the prior year as well as numerous anniversary certificates.

Below is the list of chapters that received the "Not Next Tuesday" award for the Reporting Period July 2013 through June 2014:

## REGION 01 -

USS *ALARIC*  
USS *APPOMATTOX*  
USS *ARIZONA*  
USS *BONAVENTURE*  
USS *CHARON*  
USS *COLUMBIA*

USS *COLUMBUS*  
USS *ENDEAVOR*  
USS *HEIMDAL*  
USS *HELEN PAWLOWSKI*  
USS *HORNET*  
USS *JURASSIC*

USS *KITTY HAWK*  
USS *LAGRANGE*  
USS *LIBERATOR*  
USS *OHIO*  
USS *POTOMAC*  
USS *RENEGADE*

SS *ROBERT DE BRUCE*  
USS *RONALD E McNAIR*  
USS *STAR LEAGUE*

## REGION 02 -

USS *CONTINUUM*  
USS *DAVINCI*

USS *HEPHAESTUS*  
USS *JUDAH*

USS *ROBINS*  
USS *TIBERIUS*

USS *VICTORIOUS*

## REGION 03 -

SS *ARK ANGEL*  
USS *ARTEMIS*  
USS *BATTLE BORN*

USS *BEXAR*  
USS *CORSAIR*  
USS *DIAMONDBACK*

USS *MAVERICK*  
USS *NEW ORLEANS*  
USS *RACHEL GARRETT*

USS *REGULATOR*  
USS *SPIRITWOLF*  
USS *ZAVALA*

## REGION 04 -

USS *ANGELES*

USS *EAGLE*

USS *GYGAX*

USS *GOLDEN GATE*

## REGION 05 -

USS *ANTARES*

USS *AURORA*

USS *JACK FLETCHER*

## REGION 06 -

USS *THUNDERCHILD*

USS *VRE'KASHT*

USS *WISCONSIN*

## REGION 07 -

USS *ALBANY*  
USS *BRITANNIC*

USS *HIGHLANDER*  
USS *MATRIX*

USS *MOEBIUS*  
USS *PRIDE OF BALTIMORE*

USS *RICHTOFEN*  
USS *SUSQUEHANNOCK*

**REGION 10 -**USS *KING EDWARD***REGION 11 -**USS *ARAFURA*ISS *ISAAC*USS *ORION STAR*USS *TYDERIUM*USS *SOUTHERN CROSS***REGION 12 -**USS *AUX ARC*USS *BLACK HAWK*USS *DARK PHOENIX*USS *HORIZON*USS *JEANNETTE MADDOX*USS *KRAKATOA*USS *MARKO RAMIUS*USS *OKLAHOMA*USS *PHOENIX*USS *STARFIRE*USS *THUNDERBIRD*USS *UMIAK*USS *WILLIAM WALLACE***REGION 13 -**USS *EMPRESS*USS *SINCLAIR***REGION 15 -**USS *CALLISTO*USS *TANG***REGION 20 -**USS *ALBA*USS *CUCHULAIN*

Commissioned Chapters celebrating 'Milestone' Anniversaries in 2014:

**5 YEARS (2009 TO 2014):**USS *ODIN* (12 JAN) - R01USS *POSEIDON* (3 FEB) - R02USS *ODYSSEY* (7 MAR) - R02USS *AURORA* (11 APR) - R05USS *HECATE* (14 APR) - R07USS *PRIDE OF BALTIMORE* (12 JUN) - R07USS *GANYMEDE* (29 JUN) - R04USS *ENDEAVOR* (13 AUG) - R01USS *EXETER* (7 SEP) - R02USS *COMMONWEALTH* (11 SEP) - R01USS *LEXINGTON* (1 OCT) - R15USS *ABRAHAM LINCOLN* (14 NOV) - R07USS *WOLF359* (23 DEC) - R05USS *WESSEX* (29 DEC) - R04**10 YEARS (2004 TO 2014):**USS *INFERNO* (2 FEB) - R07USS *GUNSLINGER* (7 FEB) - R03USS *TRINITY RIVER* (12 FEB) - R03USS *INDIANA* (1 MAY) - R01**15 YEARS (1999 TO 2014):**USS *RICHTOFEN* (10 JUL) - R07USS *OSIRIS* (1 AUG) - R07USS *ASGARD* (8 AUG) - R01USS *JUBILEE* (10 NOV) - R02USS *ARIES* (22 DEC) - R01USS *CENTURION* (22 DEC) - R04**20 YEARS (1994 TO 2014):**SS *BENNU* (4 JAN) - R01USS *Joan of Arc* (6 Jan) - R03USS *Highlander* (13 May) - R07USS *DESTINY* (28 MAY) - R05USS *Peacekeeper* (2 Jun) - R04USS *Tycho* (1 Jul) - R01USS *JURASSIC* (16 AUG) - R01USS *Ronald E McNair* (5 Nov) - R01USS *Justice* (23 Dec) - R07**25 Years (1989 to 2014):**USS *Columbus* (19 Aug) - R01USS *Guardian* (1 Sep) - R02USS *Sovereign* (14 Sep) - R07USS *Hephaestus* (24 Oct) - R02USS *Thor* (25 Oct) - R07USS *Powhatan* (25 Dec) - R01USS *Renegade* (25 Dec) - R0120140701-  
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## STARFLEET Operations (continued)

**30 Years (1984 to 2014):**USS *Heimdal* (1 Apr) - R01USS *Czar'ak* (1 Apr) - R06**35 Years (1979 to 2014):**USS *Eagle* (1 Apr) - R04

Otherwise things in OPS have been moving along fairly smoothly... aside from my real-life work hours going up and thus giving me less time each day to spend on OPS-related matters (thankfully only a temporary issue). Though no worry, while it might take slightly longer, things are still getting done. I have a great staff who are more than capable of stepping in when I need them to - which thankfully hasn't had to happen yet. Just please be a little more patient with me, as it might take me slightly longer to reply to e-mails and voice-mails.

Below is a list of new and departing chapters since my last article.

**NEW CHAPTER LAUNCHES**USS *Neverland* NX-2048 (R03) - 2 June 2014USS *Independence* NX-75029 (R04) - 6 June 2014USS *George Washington* NX-7374 (R01) - 20 June 2014USS *Hammerhead* NX-61977 (R10) - 20 June 2014USS *Scorpius* NX-63542 (R06) - 24 June 2014USS *Bellerophon* NX-74705 (R01) - 5 July 2014USS *Olympus* NX-75003 (R02) - 11 July 2014USS *Reval* NX-72707 (R09) - 23 July 2014USS *Orion* NX-21041 (R12) - 8 August 2014USS *Caroline* NX-63544 (R20) - 16 August 2014USS *Liberty* NX-75012 (R01) - 16 August 2014USS *Freedom* NX-71817 (R01) - 24 August 2014USS *Sirius* NX-1744 (R07) - 26 August 2014**CHAPTER COMMISSIONINGS**USS *Leonidas* NCC-71801 (R04) – 22 May 2014USS *Missouri* NCC-2224 (R12) – 08 August 2014**CHAPTER DEACTIVATIONS**

None

**CHAPTER DECOMMISSIONINGS**USS *Rising Moon* NCC-6018 (R02) - 28 June 2014USS *Sandstorm* NCC-72701 (R04) - 29 June 2014USS *Hellfire & Brimstone* NCC-3143 (R12) - 10 July 2014USS *Serenity* NCC-1496 (R03) – 10 July 2014USS *Anasazi* NCC-62001 (R17) - 11 July 2014USS *Britannia* NCC-2211 (R20) - 15 July 2014USS *Rogue Phoenix* NCC-75005 (R02) - 17 July 2014USS *Chicago* NCC-75011 (R01) - 30 July 2014**FLEET STRENGTHS (AS OF 30 AUGUST 2014)**

REGION #	MEMBERS	CHAPTERS
REGION 01	982	48
REGION 02	603	33
REGION 03	529	27
REGION 04	405	21
REGION 05	205	10
REGION 06	118	9
REGION 07	553	29
REGION 08	12	1
REGION 09	36	3
REGION 10	64	3
REGION 11	146	6
REGION 12	390	23
REGION 13	115	8
REGION 15	171	10
REGION 17	188	8
REGION 20	187	7
REGIONS 00 & 99	26	N/A
TOTAL	4,736	246



# STARFLEET Academy

ADM Peg Pellerin, USS *Constitution*, Region 15

**W**elcome to the great Halls of Learning and loads of FUN!

OK, so we don't have amusement rides, fun houses and such, but we do have some of the coolest courses which you probably won't find in any other fan club or anywhere else for that matter.

STARFLEET Academy is the education/entertainment branch of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., offering a wide variety of courses. Besides the courses that cover trivial knowledge of the STAR TREK universe, there are courses that cover a wide variety of subjects, and often challenge students to do additional research, therefore expanding general knowledge.

SFA is geared for all ages. We have courses for adults (standard courses) as well as for our younger members. The Institute of Cadet Studies is designed for the youth members of STARFLEET, or those members who, due to some impairment, are unable to complete the standard course.

If you're a member who is interested in other science fiction trivia, we have loads of courses for that. There are trivia courses for those adventure fans out there. You say you like something in the genre of the macabre... we have courses covering that as well. What if you're someone who likes to just brush up on their history or other real world knowledge? It's covered.

So come on, try us out, you'll like us.

Oh, by the way, our STARFLEET Academy SFA Statistician, (CS) Wayne Killough, Jr., who loves to crunch numbers, gave us this interesting tidbit.

- Total Courses Completed in 2013: 12,668
- Total STARFLEET Members that Completed Courses in 2013: 867



Repeat after me, "Holy Guacamole!"

We have nearly 5,000 members, so come on, folks. What are you waiting for? Don't miss out on what 867 members have already found to be fun, entertaining and informative.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Every year at IC time, we attempt to give out five Scholarships. Congratulations to the following recipients of this year's Scholarships of \$1,000 each.

James Doohan / Montgomery Scott - Engineering & Technology Scholarship: Aleksander R. Nordgarden-Rodner, USS *Vanguard*, Region 9

DeForest Kelley / Dr. Leonard McCoy Scholarship -Medicine & Veterinarian Scholarship: Kylie Larkin, USS *Revelation*, Region 1

Gene Roddenberry Memorial / Patrick Stuart-Artistic Scholarship: Ashley R. Walker, USS *Bellerophon*, Region 1

Armin Shimerman / George Takei / LeVar Burton Scholarship-Business / Management / Education Scholarship: Scott Alexander John Peter, USS *Alba*, Region 20

Space Explorers' Memorial Scholarship General Scholarship: Galen L. Pischke, USS *Kitty Hawk*, Region 1

Good luck in your college endeavors.

## CADET STAR AWARD

The following Cadets have earned the Cadet Star Award by completing the entire college listed with Distinctions and/or Honors. Any Cadet completing an adult college is allowed one Passing grade.

5/28/14 Donald Arnold  
College of Humour (adult course)

6/19/14 Donald Arnold  
College of Starship Operations (adult course)

7/03/14 Donald Arnold  
Andorian Orientation College (adult course)

7/06/14 Michel Hardegree-Ullman  
Ancient Military Knowledge (adult course)

7/07/14 Michel Hardegree-Ullman  
Norman Invasion Knowledge (adult course)

7/07/14 Michel Hardegree-Ullman  
Napoleonic Wars Knowledge (adult course)

7/15/14 Donald Arnold College of Chapter Development (adult course)

7/16/14 Donald Arnold College of Genealogy (adult course)

7/21/14 Donald Arnold Caitian Orientation College (adult course)

Congratulations, Donald and Michael!

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## 2013 STARFLEET ACADEMY AWARDS

ADM Peg Pellerin, Commandant

**RED SQUAD**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AWARD</u></b>	<b><u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u></b>
Franklin M. Newman, III	Leader	
Bill Rowlette	Assistant Leader	
Adam Hudson	Member	College of Law & School of Justice
Adam Walter Wenclewicz	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- The Civil War
Adam Walter Wenclewicz	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- WWI -- European Land Battles
Adam Walter Wenclewicz	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- WWII -- Pacific Land Battles
Adam Walter Wenclewicz	Member	College of Entertainment Knowledge
Aleksander R.N. Rødner	Member	College of Parallel Studies
Aleksander R.N. Rødner	Member	College of Law Enforcement History
Aleksander R.N. Rødner	Member	College of Communications
Allen Anderson	Member	College of Science on Television
Allen Anderson	Member	College of Alien Contact on TV
Andrea Matthews	Member	College of Animal Knowledge
Anni Potts	Member	Officer's Command College
Anni Potts	Member	Vulcan Orientation College
Barbara Paul	Member	College of Psychological Perspectives
Barbara Paul	Member	College of Medicine
Barbara Paul	Member	College of Microorganisms
Barbara Paul	Member	College of Intelligence Operations
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Detectives on TV
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Foreign Law Enforcement on TV
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Foreign Language Knowledge
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Intelligence on TV
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of the Macabre
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Superheroes
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Technology on Television
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Science on Television
Bill Rowlette	Member	College of Charles Schultz
Cameron Houser	Member	College of Future on Television
Carolyn Donner	Member	College of United Kingdom Science Fiction Writers
Christel Cornwell	Member	College of Buffy and Angel
Cynthia Valdez	Member	College of Vampires and Werewolves
David Hines	Member	College of Temporal Physics
David Hines	Member	College of Law Enforcement Assets
David Paul Goldsberry	Member	College of Cartography
David Hines	Member	College of Paleontology
David Paul Goldsberry	Member	College of Intelligence in Media
David Paul Goldsberry	Member	College of Intelligence in Sci-Fi
David Paul Goldsberry	Member	College of Bond, James Bond
David Paul Goldsberry	Member	College of Military Intelligence
David Pitts	Member	College of Unusual Knowledge
Debbie T'Plon Fee	Member	College of Genealogy

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ADM Peg Pellerin, Commandant

## RED SQUAD (cont'd)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u>
E. Jerry Beaulieu	Member	College of Science Fiction Cinema
Elizabeth Worth	Member	College of Presidents
Elizabeth Worth	Member	College of Star Trek Actors
Elizabeth Worth	Member	College of NCIS
Eric Johansson	Member	College of Chemistry
Erica Turrigiani	Member	Vulcan Academy of Science
Erik S. Stubblefield	Member	College of William Shakespeare
Erik S. Stubblefield	Member	College of Sherlock Holmes
Frances B. Brock	Member	College of Curriculum Development (CODC)
Frances B. Brock	Member	College of Engineering
Frances B. Brock	Member	Klingon Warrior Academy
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of American Law Enforcement on TV
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of History
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Military History
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of History of South American Indians
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- The Electronic Age
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Military Movies
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Zombies and Mummies
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Alien Contact
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Computer History
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Physics
Franklin M. Newman, III	Member	College of Economics
George Ann Wheeler	Member	College of Education on TV
George Hildebidie	Member	College of Anthropology
George Hildebidie	Member	College of Abnormal Psychology
George Hildebidie	Member	College of Archaeology
Isabel Valdez	Member	College of Medical Knowledge
Jan Sleight	Member	College of Battlestar Galactica
Janice Graham	Member	College of Fantasy Realm
Jason Schreck	Member	College of Spaceflight
Jason Schreck	Member	College of Special Operations Units
Jason Schreck	Member	College of Space Travel on Television
Jason Whitman	Member	College of Star Wars
Jayden Tyronian	Member	College of Time Travel on Television
Jeanne Wilson	Member	College of Australian History and Culture
Jeanne Wilson	Member	College of English
Jeffrey Redmond	Member	Flag Officer's School
Jeremy Bergdorff	Member	College of Special Operations Training
Jeremy Skelton	Member	College of Starship Operations
Jeremy Skelton	Member	College of Humour
John Koulos	Member	College of Security in Trek
Joseph Fuller	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- Military Trivia

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**RED SQUAD (cont'd)****NAME****AWARD****INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE**

Josephine Fisher	Member	College of Vertebrate Biology
Josephine Fisher	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- A Nation's Beginnings
Larry Dale French, Sr.	Member	College of Fire & Rescue Technology
Larry Dale French, Sr.	Member	College of Law Enforcement Resources
Larry Pendleton	Member	College of Survival Studies
Lauren Peterson	Member	Ferengi Orientation College
Leo Rogers	Member	College of Charmed
Lori Winterhoff	Member	Bajoran Orientation College
Marie Smith	Member	College of United Kingdom
Marie Smith	Member	College of Down Under
Mary Lighthouse	Member	College of Security
Matthew Begin	Member	College of Stargate
Megan Schroeder	Member	College of Worldwide Law Enforcement Agencies
Michael Brown	Member	College of Burn Notice
Michael J. Caruso	Member	Andorian Orientation College
Michael Lewis	Member	College of Babylon 5
Oliver J. Savander	Member	College of Fire & Rescue Studies: Hazmat
Pamela Nery	Member	Chaplain's Services College of Spirituality
Pamela Nery	Member	Officer's Radio School
Patricia Baxter	Member	College of Stargate Atlantis
Patricia Lewis	Member	College of Classic Detective Mysteries
Patricia Lewis	Member	College of History of North American Indians
Patricia Lewis	Member	College of American Science Fiction Writers
Patricia Lewis	Member	College of Food Knowledge
Patricia Lewis	Member	College of Xeno Studies
Patrick Litton	Member	College of Geology
Paul Dyl	Member	College of Special Operations in Movies
Paul Dyl	Member	College of Time Travel on Television
Rahadyan Sastrowardoyo	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- WWII - Pacific Naval Battles
Renee Shehan	Member	College of Mathematics
Richard Hewitt	Member	College of Military Knowledge -- Coming of Age
Robert Simon	Member	College of Strategy & Tactics
Rose Marie Caratozzolo	Member	College of History of Dr. Who
Rose Marie Caratozzolo	Member	College of Dr. Who
Scott Peter	Member	Officer's Leadership College
Stephen Satonick	Member	College of Evidence
Stephen Satonick	Member	College of Law Enforcement
Stephen Satonick	Member	College of Fire & Rescue Studies: NIMS Reporting
Stephen Satonick	Member	College of Special Operations Resources
Steven E. Bice, Jr.	Member	College of Red Dwarf
Steven E. Bice, Jr.	Member	College of Federation Studies
Steven Wilkey, Jr.	Member	College of Borg Technology

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### RED SQUAD (cont'd)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u>
Thomas Pawelczak	Member	College of Action Drama
Thomas Pawelczak	Member	College of Space Travel on Television
Thomas Pawelczak	Member	College of Cinematic Comedy
TJ Allen	Member	College of Fire & Rescue Studies
TJ Allen	Member	College of Fire & Rescue Studies: Basic Firefighter
TJ Allen	Member	College of Emergency Technology
Victor Vanderheyden	Member	College of Treknology

### BLUE SQUAD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u>
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Leader	Institute of Cadet Studies
Katherine Victoria Lightheart	Assistant Leader	Institute of Cadet Studies
Charlotte Wilson	Member	Cadet College of Law
Jessica Lightheart	Member	Cadet Cardassian Orientation College
Jessica Lightheart	Member	Cadet College of Science Fiction Studies
Katherine Victoria Lightheart	Member	Cadet Vulcan Orientation College
Katherine Victoria Lightheart	Member	Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science
Katherine Victoria Lightheart	Member	Cadet Romulan Orientation College
Laurens Cranssen	Member	Cadet College of Federation Studies
Liam Wilson	Member	Cadet College of Security
Martin R. Lightheart, Jr.	Member	Cadet College of Spaceflight History
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	Ferengi Orientation College
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Foreign Language Knowledge
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Military Knowledge: A Nation's Beginnings
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Military Knowledge: The Civil War
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Military Knowledge: World War II: Pacific Land Battles
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Military Knowledge: Military Trivia
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Survival Studies
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Geology
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	College of Paleontology
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	Vulcan Academy of Science
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science
Michael Hardegree-Ullman	Member	Andorian Orientation College
Sam Wilson	Member	Cadet College of Mathematics
Sean Smith	Member	Cadet College of Superheroes

### GOLD SQUAD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u>
Lightheart family	Leaders	Beverly, Cynthia, Jessica, Katherine, Martin Jr., Martin Sr. & Mary Lightheart
Vitaseks	Assistant Leaders	Lee Vitasek & Robin Woodell-Vitasek

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<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AWARD</u></b>	<b><u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u></b>
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Cryptography
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Cryptography
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Cryptography
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Engineering
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Engineering
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Evidence
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Evidence
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Evidence
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Federation Studies
Cynthia Lighthouse	Member	College of Federation Studies
Jessica Lighthouse	Member	College of Federation Studies
Katherine Victoria Lighthouse	Member	College of Federation Studies
Martin R. Lighthouse, Jr.	Member	College of Federation Studies
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Federation Studies
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Food Knowledge
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Food Knowledge
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Food Knowledge
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Foreign Language Studies
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Foreign Language Studies
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Foreign Language Studies
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Intelligence Operations
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Intelligence Operations
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Intelligence Operations
Cynthia Lighthouse	Member	Cadet Romulan Orientation College
Katherine Victoria Lighthouse	Member	Cadet Romulan Orientation College
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Security
Cynthia Lighthouse	Member	College of Security
Jessica Lighthouse	Member	College of Security
Katherine Victoria Lighthouse	Member	College of Security
Martin R. Lighthouse, Jr.	Member	College of Security
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Security
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Technology on Television
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Technology on Television
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of History of Dr. Who
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of History of Dr. Who
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of History of Dr. Who
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Special Operations Resources
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Special Operations Resources
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Special Operations Resources
Beverly Lighthouse	Member	College of Charles Schultz
Martin R. Lighthouse, Sr.	Member	College of Charles Schultz
Mary E. Lighthouse	Member	College of Charles Schultz

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<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AWARD</u></b>	<b><u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u></b>
Cynthia Lightheart	Member	Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science
Katherine Victoria Lightheart	Member	Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science
Martin R. Lightheart, Jr.	Member	Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science
Donna DiMatteo	Member	College of Security in Trek
Robert DiMatteo	Member	College of Security in Trek
Joanna Sylvester	Member	College of Burn Notice
Michael Sylvester	Member	College of Burn Notice
Lee Vitasek	Member	College of Psychological Perspectives
Robin Woodell-Vitasek	Member	College of Psychological Perspectives
Lee Vitasek	Member	College of World Wide Law Enforcement
Robin Woodell-Vitasek	Member	College of World Wide Law Enforcement
Lee Vitasek	Member	College of the Macabre
Robin Woodell-Vitasek	Member	College of the Macabre

### **STAFF AWARDS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AWARD</u></b>	<b><u>INSTITUTE AND/OR COLLEGE</u></b>
Glendon Diebold	Dean of the Year	Institute of Military Studies and Institute of Police, Fire & Rescue
Carol A. Thompson	Assistant Dean of the Year	Institute of Life Science Studies
Glendon Diebold	Director of the Year	All of the Colleges of Military Knowledge and the College of Security in Trek
Patricia Lewis	Assistant Director of the Year	College of Animal Knowledge, College of Educational Television Shows, and College of Alien Contact on Television
Carol A. Thompson	Support Staff Member of the Year	Administrative Services Support
		Glendon Diebold, Dean; Glendon Diebold, Director, Colleges of Military Knowledge;
		James Herring, Director, College of Military Movies;
Institute of Military Studies	Institute of the Year	Tyler Carr, Director, College of Security;
		Glendon Diebold, Director, College of Security in Trek;
		Bruce O'Brien, Director, College of Starship Operations;
		Bruce O'Brien, Director, College of Strategy & Tactics
College of Security	College of the Year	Institute of Military Science

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**TIME IN SERVICE AWARDS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AWARD</u></b>
Gregory Staylor	20 Year Award
Darlene Fairweather	10 Year Award
Glendon Diebold	10 Year Award
Robert Westfall	10 Year Award
Russell Ruhland	5 Year Award
Brian Pickett	4 Year Award
Brian Jones	4 Year Award
Cher Schleigh	4 Year Award
Darlene Harper	4 Year Award
Franklin M. Newman, III	4 Year Award
Jacinda Thorsen	4 Year Award
James Herring	4 Year Award
Jeff Triz	4 Year Award
Jill Tipton	4 Year Award
Joanne Schoenthaler	4 Year Award
Ken Purdie	4 Year Award
TJ Allen	4 Year Award
Barbara Buffington	3 Year Award
Brian Landry	3 Year Award
Deanna Bressie	3 Year Award
E. Jerry Beaulieu	3 Year Award
Eric Johansson	3 Year Award
Eric Schulman	3 Year Award
John Wilson	3 Year Award
Leo Rogers	3 Year Award
Patricia Lewis	3 Year Award
Mike McCoslin	2 Year Award
Steven Tweed	2 Year Award
Tyler Carr	2 Year Award
Adam Wenclewicz	1 Year Award
Cynthia Valdez	1 Year Award
David Hines	1 Year Award
Frances B. Brock	1 Year Award
Kevin Plummer	1 Year Award
Matthew Miller	1 Year Award
Michael Caruso	1 Year Award
Pamela Nery	1 Year Award
Rosa Jackson	1 Year Award
Sam Black	1 Year Award

**BOOTHBY & DEGREE RECIPIENTS****JUNE - AUGUST, 2014****Boothby Awards ♦ June, 2014**

Bronze (50)

LTJG Jude Peace

ENS 3C Samantha Stauffer

LTJG Laura Perkins

Silver (100)

LCDR Michael Houle

Latinum (200)

LTC Jared K. Fielder

Dilithium (300)

LT David P. Goldsberry

Emerald (950)

CAPT Jeremy Skelton

Amber Star (1550)

LTC Adam Wenclewicz

Bellatrix Star (2500)

VADM Glendon L. Diebold

Benzite Star (2550)

VADM Glendon L. Diebold

Deneb Star (3200)

FCAPT Josephine Fisher

Romii Star (3750)

FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III

Sol Star (3800)

FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III

Tau Ceti Star (3850)

FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III

Procyon Star (3600)

ADM Carol A. Thompson

**Boothby Awards ♦ July, 2014**

Bronze (50)

LT Allen Anderson

BDR Duncan Cameron

James Ferguson

MID Sarah Jungling

MAJ Andrew McDonald

ENS Warren Thompson

Silver (100)

COL Marcus Cupps

CMDR Michael Denman

FCAPT Richard Jolitz

MAJ Roon Marchant

MID Margret Murphy

ENS 3C Samantha Stauffer

CMDR Cynthia Valdez

# 2013 STARFLEET ACADEMY AWARDS

## Gold (150)

ENS Donald Arnold  
LCDR Larry Balsley  
LTJG Kate Foster  
ENS 3C Samantha Stauffer

## Diamond (250)

LTC Steven Bice  
LT John Hardy  
CMDR Pamela Nery

## Titanium (350)

COMM Jayden Tyronian  
LT David P. Goldsberry

## Zirconium (400)

COMM Jayden Tyronian  
FCAPT Robin Woodell-Vitasek

## Topaz (650)

COL Stephen Satonick

## Pearl (750)

VADM James Herring

## Gold Star (1150)

CAPT Frances B. Brock

## Garnet Star (1600)

LTC Adam Wenclewicz

## Betelgeuse Star (2600)

VADM Glendon L. Diebold

## Breen Star (2700)

LGEN Larry D. French, Sr.

## Epsilon Eridani Star (3250)

FCAPT Josephine Fisher

## Regulus Star (3650)

ADM Carol A. Thompson

## Rigel Star (3700)

ADM Carol A. Thompson

## Romii Star (3750)

ADM Carol A. Thompson

## Vega Star (3900)

FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III

## Wolf 359 (3950)

FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III

## Boothby Awards ♦ August, 2014

### Bronze (50)

RADM Karen Mitchell Carothers  
CAPT Debbie T'Plon Fee  
LCDR Stephen Griswold  
CAPT Michael Lewis  
COL James Nelson  
FCAPT Richard Sams  
1LT Joshua Shaw  
LT Gillian Shearwater

## Silver (100)

LT Allen Anderson  
CMDR Michael Hartley  
MAJ Andrew McDonald  
LT Bryan Teske

## Gold (150)

MAJ David W. Anderson, Jr.

## Latinum (200)

MAJ David W. Anderson, Jr.  
LCDR Larry Balsley  
LTJG Kate Foster

## Diamond (250)

LCDR David Phillips

## Dilithium (300)

LTC Steven Bice  
RADM Paul Dyl

## Titanium (350)

CAPT Matthew Bergin

## Platinum (450)

COMM Jayden Tyronian  
CMDR Elizabeth Worth

## Bronze Star (1050)

MGEN Oliver Savander

## Diamond Star (1250)

CAPT Donald Dobrin

## Zirconium Star (1400)

VADM Patricia Lewis

## Topaz Star (1650)

LTC Adam Wenclewicz

## Amethyst Star (1700)

LTC Adam Wenclewicz

## Bolarus Star (2650)

VADM Glendon L. Diebold

## Breen Star (2700)

VADM Glendon L. Diebold

## Caldos Star (2750)

VADM Glendon L. Diebold

## Genovese's Star (3300)

FCAPT Josephine Fisher

## Tau Ceti Star (3850)

FADM Wayne L. Killough, Jr.

## USS Agamemnon (4000)

FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III

## Academy Degrees ♦ June, 2014

CAPT Frances B. Brock  
Doctorate in Arts & Culture  
Doctorate in Command Studies  
Doctorate in Communications  
LT David P. Goldsberry  
Doctorate in Communications

## Academy Degrees ♦ July, 2014

None

## Academy Degrees ♦ August, 2014

VADM Glendon L. Diebold  
Bachelor in Alien Studies  
Doctorate in Arts & Culture  
Associate in Command Studies  
Master in Communications  
Associate in Fantasy, Horror, & Supernatural  
Doctorate in Federation Studies  
Doctorate in Fire & Rescue Studies  
Doctorate in Intelligence Operations  
Master in Law Enforcement Media  
Doctorate in Law Enforcement Science  
Doctorate in Military Media  
Doctorate in Military Science  
Bachelor in Performing Arts & Entertainment  
Doctorate in Physical Science Studies  
Bachelor in Science Fiction Media  
Associate in Science Fiction Television  
Master in Technology Studies  
LGEN Larry D. French, Sr.  
Doctorate in Alien Studies  
Doctorate in Command Studies  
Doctorate in Federation Studies  
Doctorate in Fire & Rescue Studies  
Doctorate in Intelligence

## Operations

Doctorate in Law Enforcement

## Media

Doctorate in Law Enforcement

## Science

Bachelor in Military Media  
Associate in Physical Science

## Studies

Doctorate in Science Fiction Studies  
Doctorate in Science Fiction

## Television

Doctorate in Technology Studies

## LT David P. Goldsberry

Doctorate in Federation Studies

## FADM Wayne L. Killough, Jr.

Doctorate in Fire & Rescue Studies

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Doctorate in Law Enforcement  
Media  
Doctorate in Law Enforcement  
Science  
Doctorate in Military Media  
Doctorate in Physical Science  
Studies  
Doctorate in Science Fiction  
Television  
Doctorate in Technology Studies  
  
FCAPT Franklin M. Newman III  
Doctorate in Fire & Rescue Studies  
Doctorate in Law Enforcement  
Media  
Doctorate in Law Enforcement  
Science  
Doctorate in Military Media  
Doctorate in Physical Science  
Studies  
Doctorate in Science Fiction  
Studies  
Doctorate in Science Fiction

Television  
Doctorate in Technology Studies  
  
COMM Wayne M. Smith  
Doctorate in Special Operations  
  
LT Bryan Teske  
Associate in Command Studies  
  
ADM Carol A. Thompson  
Doctorate in Alien Studies  
Doctorate in Arts & Culture  
Doctorate in Command Studies  
Doctorate in Communications  
Doctorate in Fantasy, Horror, &  
Supernatural  
Doctorate in Fire & Rescue  
Studies  
Doctorate in History &  
Government  
Doctorate in Law Enforcement  
Media  
Doctorate in Law Enforcement  
Science

Doctorate in Life Science Studies  
Doctorate in Military Media  
Doctorate in Military Science  
Doctorate in Performing Arts &  
Entertainment  
  
Doctorate in Physical Science  
Studies  
Doctorate in Science Fiction Media  
Doctorate in Science Fiction  
Television  
Doctorate in Special Operations  
Doctorate in Technology Studies  
  
LTC Adam Wenclewicz  
Doctorate in Alien Studies  
Doctorate in Arts & Culture  
Doctorate in Command Studies  
Doctorate in Federation Studies  
Doctorate in History & Government  
Doctorate in Intelligence  
Operations  
Doctorate in Life Science Studies  
Doctorate in Military Science



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## IC2014 PHOTO GALLERY

Photos by FADM Dave Blaser, COMM Michael Garcia, ADM Jeffrey Higdon, and ADM David Kloempken



*Marian Murphy and James Herring cutting a rug at the IC2014 dance.*



*Lee Schmidt opens the mystery item at the charity auction while auctioneer James Herring and USS Discovery CO Justin Donovan watch on and the Commander, STARFLEET's Chief of Staff Denine Sanders processes auction sales.*

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1 — Illinois Senator Steve Stadelman reads a proclamation from the Illinois State Senate in recognition of STARFLEET's 40th Anniversary

2 — The cake celebrating 40 years of STARFLEET

3 — Michael Garcia, Vice Chief of Communications, enjoying dinner at The Tilted Kilt

4 — Linda Kloempken reminds us about how important it is to get your award and promotion nominations in on-time

5 — Jerry Tien, Region 4 Coordinator and CO of the USS Eagle, one of the first chapters of STARFLEET, enjoys a first piece of the 40th Anniversary cake



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1 — Marine Color Guard: Barry Jackson, Larry French, Paul Reid, Sunnie Planthold, Mark Anderson, Lee Schmidt

2 — IC2014 Chair and Region 12 Coordinator Jeff Higdon

3 — Region 6 at the IC: David Kloempken, Michael Urvand and Tom Moore



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1 — Dave Blaser pouty in the ECAB Meeting as CFO Proxy

2 — Mark Anderson, VCS Proxy

3 — Five R12 Regional Coordinators

4 — Laura Victor, Region 11 Proxy

5 — The Final Mission: Sam Black, Ralph Planthold, Debbie Blaser, Matt Moyer, Sunnie Planthold, Larry French & Mark Anderson

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1 — Chief of Operations Robert Westfall addresses the General Session

2 — Jeff and Laura Victor enjoy a drink and poutine in the IC2015 Hospitality Suite

3 — Matt Moyer is always the life of the party!

4 — Debbie French cuts Jack Eaton's hair for charity

5 — Chief of Operations Robert Westfall, Commander, STARFLEET Wayne Killough, Academy Proxy Debbie French and Vice Chief of Communications Michael Garcia at the Meet the Brass panel



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1 — Jeff Victor, Region 7 Proxy

2 — Marian Murphy, IC Liaison

3 — STARFLEET Marine Corps International Muster: Mark Anderson, Michael McGowan, Wayne Killough

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## The STARFLEET IC 2014

Rockford, IL 8th –10th August, 2014

By: CAPT Scott A J Peter, CO, USS *Alba* NCC-75024, VRC, R20

The origins of my trip to the IC began last year, while sitting at my PC watching the live stream from IC 2013 in Dallas. Despite being 4,000 miles away, I felt part of the proceedings and, more importantly, felt part of the wider STARFLEET community or family. I suggested to my other half taking a holiday in the USA for the summer of 2014, and Maggie was very much in favour of the idea. She asked me what prompted the idea and I said STARFLEET.

Maggie tolerates my Star Trek hobby to a point and I thought I had pushed it too far this time, but I was wrong! Within 48 hours we had booked our memberships and accommodations for the 2014 IC. Over the next few weeks, Maggie carefully planned and coordinated the booking of the rest of our trip. As a result, we spent four wonderful weeks touring the states of New England before going on to the IC.

We arrived the night before the IC was due to start – it normally kicks off with the Fleet ECAB meeting (Executive Committee/Admiralty Board). As Vice Regional Coordinator of Region 20, I was the region's official representative at this meeting as Dan's (the RC's) proxy. There were various technical problems to begin with, and it looked for a while like a quorum wouldn't be formed, as we couldn't get Dan on the phone conference call. Although I was there as proxy, North Carolina state law, under which STARFLEET is incorporated, does not allow for proxies to take the place of the RC when dealing with official business. This is something the ECAB is currently looking into! A quorum was finally formed, and the business of the day was settled in record time after that. I was informed that this was a record for the ECAB! Overall, it was a great experience to see how business is conducted at Fleet level of the organization.

Friday night was the opening ceremony of the IC and the Marine Mess meal. It was great to meet and greet many fellow members. It was an opportunity to put the faces to the names I knew already. Being from R20, everyone I met was very welcoming and wanted to know more about what we do for fun at the chapter and regional level. It was a pleasure to take part in the Marine Mess meal, a semi-formal occasion, opened with honor and colour guard provided by our marine colleagues. I had the opportunity to sign the official guest book on behalf of the 385<sup>th</sup> Unit, The Kilted Warriors.



The general session took place on the Saturday. This was an opportunity for the top brass to make official reports to the membership and more importantly, it's when the Fleet awards are announced. I was honored to accept several awards on behalf of Region 20 members, which will be passed on at our regional summit in Leicester, or posted out. On a personal level, I was delighted to be awarded Red Squadron membership of the Academy and even more honored to be awarded a STARFLEET scholarship of \$1000 USD towards my MSC studies at the University of Aberdeen. The scholarships are open to ALL members, not just those in the USA. If you would benefit from a scholarship, I would urge you to apply for next year. More information available here: <http://www.sfi.org/wp/scholarships/>

The Fleet roll call takes place on the Saturday, at the start of the general session. All the regional reps were lined up from R1 through to R20, and we were formally announced as we entered the main conference room to the soundtrack of The Wrath of Khan. Being R20, I was at the end of

the line, which meant I just had to follow the person in front and not worry too much about where I was going. It was then my turn to announce the Region 20 chapters for the roll call... very nerve-wracking! I hope I managed to pronounce *Iceni* and *Cuchulain* ok!!

The rest of Saturday was taken up with panels, presentations and workshops. The International Marine Muster also took place. Or if you just wished to chill out and chat with fellow members, you could do that, too. This year's sessions included a discussion and presentation on recruitment and retention, how to bid for an IC, how to run a successful IC, Klingon Self Defence (the killing of Terrans was prohibited on this occasion), a Tae Kwon Do session, a presentation from the Colonial Ministry of Defence (Battlestar Galactica fan club run by some SFI members), a session with the Academy, the SFMC Special Ops, the Chaplain Corp, and a Meet the Brass session. Jack Eaton, RC of R2, also had his hair cut off for charity! The afternoon was concluded with Final Mission, where tribute is paid to all members who have passed away over the year. It was then time to get the glad rags on for the Admiral's Banquet!

Having brought my kilt all the way from Edinburgh, I just had to wear it. I added my rank pips and comm badge and was ready to go. Many people were impressed with my outfit and I had several photos taken by admiring American colleagues! We had a magnificent meal, topped off with great company and conversation at our table. The charity auction then took place, with a vast array of donated Star Trek goodies to be won. The prize of the night was the opportunity to visit the set of the new Axanar production and see filming take place. Unfortunately, I had to slip away to the IC2015 hospitality suite to taste Dave Blaser's Canadian whiskey! So I'm unsure who had the highest bid on the Axanar prize.

The closing ceremony on Sunday morning was soon upon us... the weekend had gone so quickly. It was an amazing experience to be part of STARFLEET's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IC. Maggie and I made some very good lifelong friends at the IC, with whom we will definitely be meeting up again. IC 2015 is at Niagara Falls, New York, and IC 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky. We are saving up for 2016, a special year in the Star Trek calendar, a trip to Las Vegas, and hopefully another IC!

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# STARFLEET Financial Report

GEN Linda Olson, Chief Financial Officer



## JUNE

### STARFLEET

#### Main Checking Account:

Opening ..... \$42,740.70  
Credits ..... 3,451.41  
Debits ..... -4,724.33  
Closing ..... \$41,467.78

#### IC 2014 Account:

Opening ..... \$4,461.97  
Credits ..... 544.72  
Debits ..... -31.00  
Closing ..... \$4,975.69

#### IC 2015 Account:

Opening ..... \$100.00  
Credits ..... 29.95  
Debits ..... -29.95  
Closing ..... \$100.00

#### SFMC Checking Account:

Opening ..... \$4,602.36  
Credits ..... 514.45  
Debits ..... -272.79  
Closing ..... \$4,844.02

### STARFLEET

#### Scholarships Savings Account:

Opening ..... \$5,610.52  
Credits ..... 0.14  
Debits ..... -0.00  
Closing ..... \$5,610.66

#### SFMC Scholarship Savings Account:

Opening ..... \$2,728.96  
Credits ..... 0.06  
Debits ..... -0.00  
Closing ..... \$2,729.02

#### STARFLEET Scholarship CD:

Opening ..... \$1,116.87  
Rate ..... 0.04%  
Matures On ..... 8/15/2014  
Interest Paid Last Year ..... \$2.86

#### STARFLEET Savings CD:

Opening ..... \$17,026.66  
Rate ..... 0.08%  
Matures On ..... 9/30/2014  
Interest Paid Last Year ..... \$34.52

## JULY

### STARFLEET

#### Main Checking Account:

Opening ..... \$41,467.78  
Credits ..... 4,176.81  
Debits ..... -1,287.62  
Closing ..... \$44,356.97

#### IC 2014 Account:

Opening ..... \$4,975.69  
Credits ..... 615.00  
Debits ..... -200.00  
Closing ..... \$5,390.69

#### IC 2015 Account:

Opening ..... \$100.00  
Credits ..... 0.00  
Debits ..... -29.95  
Closing ..... \$70.05

#### SFMC Checking Account:

Opening ..... \$4,844.02  
Credits ..... 659.28  
Debits ..... -1,181.71  
Closing ..... \$4,321.59

### STARFLEET

#### Scholarships Savings Account:

Opening ..... \$5,610.66  
Credits ..... 0.14  
Debits ..... -0.00  
Closing ..... \$5,610.80

#### SFMC Scholarship Savings Account:

Opening ..... \$2,729.02  
Credits ..... 0.05  
Debits ..... -0.00  
Closing ..... \$2,729.07

#### STARFLEET Scholarship CD:

Opening ..... \$1,116.87  
Rate ..... 0.04%  
Matures On ..... 8/15/2014  
Interest Paid Last Year ..... \$2.86

#### STARFLEET Savings CD:

Opening ..... \$17,026.66  
Rate ..... 0.08%  
Matures On ..... 9/30/2014  
Interest Paid Last Year ..... \$34.52

## AUGUST

### STARFLEET

#### Main Checking Account:

Opening ..... \$44,356.97  
Credits ..... 5,868.56  
Debits ..... -11,326.46  
Closing ..... \$38,899.07

#### IC 2014 Account:

Opening ..... \$5,390.69  
Credits ..... 622.00  
Debits ..... -205.82  
Closing ..... \$5,806.87

#### IC 2015 Account:

Opening ..... \$70.05  
Credits ..... 518.08  
Debits ..... -29.95  
Closing ..... \$558.18

#### SFMC Checking Account:

Opening ..... \$4,321.59  
Credits ..... 867.92  
Debits ..... -177.15  
Closing ..... \$5,012.36

### STARFLEET

#### Scholarships Savings Account:

Opening ..... \$5,610.80  
Credits ..... 0.14  
Debits ..... -0.00  
Closing ..... \$5,610.94

#### SFMC Scholarship Savings Account:

Opening ..... \$2,729.07  
Credits ..... 0.05  
Debits ..... -0.00  
Closing ..... \$2,729.12

#### STARFLEET Scholarship CD:

Opening ..... \$1,117.05  
Rate ..... 0.03%  
Matures On ..... 8/15/2014  
Interest Paid Last Year ..... \$2.86

#### STARFLEET Savings CD:

Opening ..... \$17,026.66  
Rate ..... 0.08%  
Matures On ..... 9/30/2014  
Interest Paid Last Year ..... \$34.52

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# STARFLEET Computer Operations

LGEN Larry French, Sr., Chief

Computer Operations here, saying that I really enjoyed my first IC on the EC. I not only served on the EC for the IC, I also served as IC Staff. I handled the Registration software, some website programming, the Final Mission, and the Honor Guard.

My wife and I arrived Thursday afternoon, so I was raring to go for the ECAB Meeting on Friday morning. After a few technical glitches with the hotel's wi-fi connection, and getting the conference call established for those attending by phone line, we got the meeting over with by lunch time. That night started with the Honor Guard posting the colors, and then continued with the presentation of promotions and other announcements. My wife was promoted to Vice Admiral.

Roll Call was held on Saturday morning at General Session, followed by the EC Reports. We also had several other presentations. Throughout the weekend, there was a hand-built TOS Captain's Chair for photo opportunities. The then-current version of the Project Happy video was also presented. After lunch, there were various panels, followed by the Final Mission. After that, we attended the Admiral's Banquet followed by music and dancing.

A large percentage of CompOps' helpdesk issues have been in Membership Processing and corrections to the report screen. In addition to taking on more of the simple requests, such as password requests, CompOps has been investigating and resolving bugs in the new and renewing membership processes as they are reported. CompOps is preparing to launch a re-write of the MSR submission pages to improve reporting experience for the CO/XO's and also to eliminate errors with multiple submissions in a month. This will be a great improvement to the MSR part of the system.

Another major issue has been dealing with our web host. CompOps dealt with two major transitions within the past year. First is the blocking of email addresses from AOL, Comcast and Yahoo from receiving sfi.org emails, including discussion lists, automated emails from the Member Database, and password resets. This has proven to be a major inconvenience to our members. Due to this, STARFLEET is currently exploring migration options with other web hosting companies.

The second issue has been the transition of our web sites to the latest edi-



tions of PHP. For certain custom-built web sites, this has required extensive testing and edits to accommodate. Our CompOps team has done an excellent job of addressing the issue in a timely manner, performing repairs and upgrades to the Member Database, the main Quartermaster site and the Marine Quartermaster site.

Further, our main site, [www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org), was in need of transition to a friendlier and safer content management system. In June, CompOps launched the new [sfi.org](http://sfi.org) in WordPress, complete with a new look and feel, mobile-responsive design, and the ability for members to register and login to contribute events and content to our site. This is Phase 1 of the addition of new features, and consolidation of external web sites, including the Quartermaster store and the CQ Online, into the main WordPress install. One login will let you post events, submit articles to the CQ Online, and shop at the SFI and Marine Quartermaster store. And soon, much, much more.

The near future should see the addition of a new feature for [SFI.org](http://SFI.org), which should be a great resource for all members, especially our international, unassigned, and correspondence chapter members. In cooperation with several international members, CompOps is developing the SFI forums, which will work in conjunction with [sfi.org](http://sfi.org), and which will allow for a much broader conversation beyond our current email lists, as well as providing a fun environment for new and prospective members to meet and discuss all things STARFLEET, as well as all things Star Trek and sci-fi.

On the horizon for phase 2: STARFLEET has approved budgeting for

hiring an online voting service for our next CS election. This is a huge step forward in allowing greater convenience for our members, while still providing the ability to mail in ballots for those without Internet access. Look for these changes in our next election for Commander, STARFLEET, beginning in June 2016.



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# Some Thoughts for Your Pennies: A Little Change Can Go A Long Way!

By BDR Justin Donovan, CO *USS Discovery*, Region 12

**Y**ou never know when an idea is going to strike. When it does, you never know if it's going to work. But at this year's International Conference in Rockford, Illinois, I was reminded that when an idea strikes, STARFLEET usually makes it work – especially when charity is involved.

Any charity exists only as long as there are donations supporting it. STARFLEET's primary, and self-created, charity, the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund, is no different. The Fund, and the students that it supports, is one of our greatest legacies. While sitting with friends on the Friday of the International Conference, celebrating STARFLEET's 40th year, I envisioned a way that all members and chapters could potentially raise money to keep our scholarships active and healthy. It all hinged on the smallest, most insignificant of things – pennies.

We all have pennies. They're frequently, at best, the major component of any person's 'change jar.' You know what I'm talking about – that old jar, cup, bowl, where you dump spare change. And even in the age of electronic money, we ALL have change. But what if we could turn that small change into a positive change – a contribution to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund?

It is probably fortuitous that it was currently school supply shopping season. So, there I was, with a few willing volunteers (we all know who they are)

scouring Wal-Mart for the props needed to make this idea a reality. Six pencil boxes, some stickers for decoration, a clear plastic tub in the shape of a bear filled with animal cookies, and a pink owl piggy bank later – a fundraiser was created. Now it just had to be tested.

Thanks to the graciousness of the hosts of the 2014 International Conference and our own Commander, STARFLEET, the idea was given an introduction at General Session. The concept was simple. The pencil boxes would be placed in each of the panel rooms for people to throw their spare change into. At closing ceremonies, the change would be counted. One hundred percent of the money collected would go to the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. Easy!

I didn't even make it back to my seat at General Session before the change started coming in. Since I was pinch hitting as AV guru for three panels, throughout Saturday afternoon, my lovely assistant, Commodore Michelle Westfall of the *ISS Katana* (R12), checked from room to room on the small pink pencil boxes. Were there pennies? Yes. But there was more! Nickels, dimes, quarters and even dollar bills began to fill the boxes.

What's more, while walking around the IC carrying the newly-introduced pink owl piggy-bank, now named 'Penny', members of STARFLEET began putting in fives, tens, and to my complete surprise, twenties. I was stunned. But that wasn't all. While taking a break outside the hotel with 'Penny', I was approached by non-STARFLEET strangers who naturally asked what a grown man

(6'3" and north of 240) was doing carrying a pink owl piggy-bank. I told them we were raising money for a scholarship program, and do you know what happened? Total strangers pulled change from their pockets to "feed Penny."

At the end of the panels, what had been collected was tallied. In just a few short hours we already had almost \$60 for the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund, and 'Penny' was just getting started. While sitting on our table at the Admiral's Banquet, she got fed even more. Everything from pennies to twenties went in. It was incredible! And that's one of the things I have always loved most about STARFLEET. Give the members of this organization a chance, and they will make miracles happen.

The next morning at Closing Session, 'Lane' joined the party. The giant plastic bear, now empty of its animal crackers, became the tally jar for the donations. While 'Penny' made a final 'flight' around the room at Closing Session, all of the pencil boxes were emptied, one by one, into 'Lane.' Then, 'Penny' was also emptied of everything that had been collected. Thanks again to Michael Garcia, our Vice Chief of Communications, for taking the bear around the room to get a few more donations before the counting started.

At the end of General Session, there was a total of \$202.91 collected, included were 331 pennies. Pennies. That's where it started, but it wasn't done. During the whole thing, two STARFLEET chapters, Retribution Station (R3) and *ISS Katana* (R12), had pledged to match whatever 'Penny' had collected. So, in a little over 24 hours at the 2014 International Conference, an idea that started while sitting around with some of my fellow STARFLEET members resulted in a total of \$608.73 being raised for the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund.

'Penny' and I headed home, very happy knowing that 'feeding Penny' isn't over – it's only the beginning. She's spawned a movement... she's inspired conversation... she's created ideas... some powerful things from the smallest seeds. Please, STARFLEET, let's keep Penny flying high... And let's keep our scholarships soaring!

Anyone want an animal cracker?



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# The 7th Fleet Celebrates Star Trek In Cherry Hill, NJ

By RADM Mike Stein and ADM Bob Vossler, Region 7

The 7th Fleet was well-represented at the April 25 - 27 Creation Con held in Cherry Hill, NJ. Among the chapters represented: *USS Challenger*, *USS Sovereign*, *USS Justice*, *USS Robert E. Lee*, *USS Susquahannock*, *USS Storm*, *USS Malverne* and *USS Abraham Lincoln*. The Justice's crew had a good sized away team, including Dave and Maria Fricke, Rose Marie Caratozzolo, Art Lobdell, Jim Miller, and commanding officer Mike Stein.

This year's con had some great costumes. The winner of the costume contest was a girl dressed as the lionfish, named Livingston, in the large fish tank in Picard's ready room.

There were a lot of other people who spent much time and effort



Costume contest finalists line up.

making their costumes, but it looked as though everyone thought her idea for a costume was a sure winner. It may be what they called the "Wow Factor." When first observed at the convention, it didn't even occur to viewers that she was even wearing a costume. Other people were dressed as Borg and as Klingons, and they all did an outstanding job in putting together their outfits.

Some of the guests were very entertaining and apparently did a lot of preparation for their performances on stage. Suzie Plakson, who played a Klingon on many episodes, was a joy to watch, as was Anthony Montgomery who was a very dynamic speaker.

STARFLEET members, attending the con, agreed that one guest was very disappointing, actress Terry Ferrell, who played Dax on DS9. "She's been out of show business for the past 10 years and it showed. However, she was very warm and quite beautiful when I had my photo taken with her. She just didn't really

have much to say about DS9, though," Stein said.

"She was putting people to sleep," *USS Challenger* Counselor Emily Vosseller remarked.

It was mutually agreed that Kate Mulgrew was the best guest.

"She's like an old time star. She has classic presence," said Emily Vosseller.

"She was the biggest star there and rightly so. She was exciting to watch and listen to. Last year I had my photo op with her, so I skipped it this year. I have met Robert Picardo at many conventions prior to this one,



A crowd of Star Trek fans gather in the ballroom awaiting Kate Mulgrew

but he seems to get better as time goes on, or I'm just noticing how great he really is. Robert Beltran, who played Commander Chakotay on *Voyager*, was also very entertaining and funny. I didn't know he was so humorous, as was, James Darren who played Vic on *DS9* was there as well. I spoke with him and told him how much I liked him in the show, "Time



Karaoke - Robert Picardo invited attendees to join him in singing "Love

Tunnel." He remembered that show very well, of course," Stein remarked.

R7 members also agreed that, next to Shore Leave, this convention (despite it being a production of Creation Entertainment) was one of the better Sci-Fi conventions held during the year.

"I understand they plan to skip next year and have a great celebration in 2016. We'll have to wait see what happens then," Stein said.

While some fans were being bored by Ferrell, others were entertaining the staff of the Friendly's restaurant across the street.

"The staff took photos of us. I am sure we made their day," said Admiral Bob Vosseller, VRC Region 7 and longtime commanding officer of the *USS Challenger*.

"No wonder they put us in the back of the restaurant," Lincoln CO Keith Shikowitz opined.

"It was great fun seeing everyone and having a car-a-van over to



Enterprise plush toy - port view

Friendly's. And piling into three tables was great fun as we stuffed our faces, caught up on SF, Regional and personal news, and compared notes about this convention," Admiral Vosseller said.

Photos provided by *USS Justice* member Maria Fricke

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# "First Contact" launches 2014 at Alberni Deep Space Port

By LT Gillian Shearwater, *Alberni Deep Space Port*, Region 10

"First Contact" is Alberni Deep Space Port's major year-opening social event, held in January. Everyone puts their best Neelix factor into creating a potluck Trek feast. Sometimes the dishes are from Trek cookbooks, sometimes they're adaptations with Trek-like names, and sometimes they're original creations. One of our members hosts First Contact and can add any theme of their choice.

On 2014 January 26, host Cindy Greve (aka "One of One", a freed Borg), welcomed ADSP personnel with posters warning that assimilation was imminent, and resistance futile. The STARFLEET flag reigned over the feast table. The menu included a selection of appetizers, plomeek soup, salad, vegetables, and main courses including both meat lasagna and vegetarian. For those who could assimilate even more, there was a fluffy dessert that looked (but did not taste!) like Klingon blood pie. An exotic

fruit tray (including dragon fruit, coconut gel, cactus fruit, etc) looked suitably alien. There's always a break in the feasting so that each member can offer a toast on any Trek-related topic. Seven members and two guests had such a good time that we came away with just one photo!

Aboard ADSP, Shore Leaves are social events. The host is captain of their home and has the centre seat for the duration of the event. First Contact (this was our third) rapidly became an ADSP tradition. It's adapted from the Japanese tradition of the Shin-nen kai (New Year party), held in January, rather than the Bo-nen kai (Old / "Dead" Year party) held in December. This leaves our members free for their busy family schedules in December, and starts the year fresh when everyone has more time and more energy in their personal warp cores.



Before the Feast—STARFLEET above all!

Photo by: G. Cameron

## Columbus Celebrates 25 Years

By VADM Darlene Harper, *USS Columbus*, SVRC, Region 1

On Saturday, August 16, 2014, the *USS Columbus* NCC 72401 celebrated her 25th Anniversary with a party at Hometown Buffet. There were awards given, short speeches and door prizes.

We were honored to have shared this milestone with R1RC Vice Admiral Ruth Lane, and members of the *USS Asgard*, *USS Liberator*, *USS Ohio* and *USS Renegade*, as well as a local independent ship, and the owner of Starbase Columbus, a local sci-fi store where we normally meet.

Two of the original crew were also in attendance: Captain Ralph Winans III, the current commanding officer of the *USS Asgard*, and Fleet Captain Marcia Carson, who is still an active and valued member of the *Columbus*.

We honored the past and we celebrate the future of the *USS Columbus*, Region One and STARFLEET International.



Admiral Roger Scritchfield, Sarah Kincaid, Paul Kincaid, Wyatt Cook

Vice Admiral Steve Harper (Current *Columbus* CO),  
Commodore Betty Downing, and  
Fleet Captain Ralph Winans III (current *Asgard* CO and former  
*Columbus* CO)



Vice Admiral Ruth Lane, Vice Admiral Steve Harper, Admiral Roger Scritchfield, Admiral Barbara Buffington, Captain Melinda Coates, Fleet Captain Ralph Winans III



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# Away Mission to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

By LT Gillian Shearwater, *Alberni Deep Space Port, Region 10*

It was months in the making, but worth every bit of planning. On 2014 March 23, Alberni Deep Space Port personnel hit the beach in Canada's world-famous Pacific Rim National Park Reserve on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Tsunami debris had been coming ashore for more than a year, in the aftermath of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami disaster of 2011 March 11. It was scattered along miles of sandy and rocky beaches -- many walk-in only. This would be our first major environmental Away Mission.

CO Shearwater obtained the necessary park permits well in advance. EFT Cindy Greve provided the shuttlecraft for the one-hour drive to the park. Our all-female away team included EFT Greve, CRA Vicky Bellas, new ADSP Resident Elizabeth Tawzer, and CO Shearwater. Our task was to check in with park administration, collect beach clean-up kits, and hike the trail to a recommended beach for the day. Park staff were supportive and great to work with.

Weather was perfect! Sunny skies looked down on nearly-deserted beaches. Breezes blew, blue-green Pacific ocean waves rolled onto sand, pebbles, and solid, black rock.



Pacific Rim Cleanup  
Cindy's Trophy!

EFT Greve made the first major find -- a Bridgestone tire and rim -- at the far end of the beach, and a good 35-minute hike from our base. RES Tawzer snagged a wrecked crab trap, and CRA Bellas joined the cleanup of a dumpsite

of litter piled right where the access trail joined the beach. LT Shearwater recovered a broken freight pallet and fishing float. We recovered one hazardous item -- a (thankfully unbroken)



Pacific Rim Cleanup  
The Haul VB

fluorescent tube. All team members collected plastic bottles, footwear, and styrofoam. The styrofoam had already degraded -- most pieces were finger-sized or smaller. By 2015, this plastic would have broken down into bits too small to recover, and would have integrated itself into the environment forever.

The hoard of debris had to be hauled back to park administration, via beaches, trails, stairs, and a boardwalk. RES Tawzer's crab trap became a "litter" for litter. CRA Bellas created an axle for the heavy tire, using salvaged PVC pipe -- demonstrating the spirit of Trek ingenuity. Everything else was hauled by hand. Hew-mon muscle-

Pacific Rim Cleanup  
Hauling Out



power is the only way to get debris off these more remote beaches.

Will we do this again in 2015? It's already on the agenda.

NOTE: Pacific Rim National Park Reserve of Canada is open year-round:

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/index.aspx>



Pacific Rim Cleanup  
Peaceful Cove

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# M's Run – Klingons Against Cancer

By SGTMAJ M Smith, OIC 376<sup>th</sup> – ISS *Isaac*, VRC- Region 11

**S**pace: Our Final Frontier. These are the voyages of the Moon Joggers. Their ten year mission: to connect and challenge all human beings on planet Earth to start running; to explore the moon, planets and sun of our solar system; and to boldly run where no human has run before.



At

the beginning of this year, fellow crewmembers aboard the *Isaac* and I, as well as many members throughout STARFLEET, signed up to Moonjoggers (<http://www.moonjoggers.com/>). Moonjoggers is a virtual running community that unites walkers, joggers and runners of all fitness levels and ages across the globe. Throughout the year, there are several challenges that members can take part in if they choose, with distances from 5k up to full-marathon. The how, where and distance you undertake is a personal choice. Only the month in which the challenge takes place is dictated. February 2014 was our first event, the Enterprise 5k & 10k. The completion of this earned participants a beautiful 'Enterprise' medal. Yes, the first event was *Star Trek*-themed.

Then, in March of this year, I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of stomach cancer, signet ring adenocarcinoma. Since then it's been a roller coaster ride: chemotherapy, removal of my stomach and currently I am on yet more chemotherapy. Throughout that time I had the Moonjoggers community behind me, helping me get back on my feet and out walking again. In fact I took my first steps the very day I had my stomach removed, soon followed by laps of the ward. Exercise is quite important following both surgery and chemotherapy. It aids recovery, so the support I received from this community was and has been amazing.

Then, imagine my surprise when I was

approached by Angie Webb, the CEO of Moonjoggers, about a new event for January 2015, 'M's Run: Klingons Against Cancer 5k'

(<http://www.moonjoggers.com/ms-run-klingons-against-cancer-5k/>), an event not only dedicated to me, raising money for 'No Stomach for Cancer', but also *Star Trek*-themed. This time the medal is a Klingon vessel.

Last year's medals sold out within weeks - the *Star Trek* community and charity events seem to go hand-in-hand. So if you do one thing in 2015, check out Moonjoggers' 'M's Run – Klingons against Cancer' and help us raise awareness of this little-known cancer.



M Smith and her CO, Col Angie Smith of the ISS *Isaac* in Region 11, undertaking a Moonjoggers challenge at Taylors Mistake in New Zealand

# Wreath-Laying at the Alamo

By MAJ Alvina Bryant,  
USS *Crockett* NCC-21040,  
Region 3

**O**n August 16, 2014, members of the USS *Crockett* NCC 21040 went to the Alamo. The Alamo is located in downtown San Antonio, TX. This is the second year the ship has laid a wreath at the shrine to honor Davy Crockett's birthday (which was actually August 17, 1786). This was the 328th anniversary of Crockett's birthday. As you may know, the Alamo is the "Cradle of Texas liberty" where about 186 brave men laid down their lives to free Texas from Mexico. The crewmembers pictured are: Steve Graf, Andrew Bartosch, Bill Reed, Edward Thomas Jr, Steven Guevara, Alvina Bryant, Edward Hemeyer, Henry Hemeyer, and Jason Hemeyer. Our CO, Mariann Gutierrez, was behind the lens taking the picture.



The crew of the USS *Crockett* laying a wreath at the Alamo for Davy Crockett's birthday on August 16, 2014.



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# Recruiting & Retention at the 2014 IC

**VADM James Herring, Head of STARFLEET Domestic Recruiting & Retention**

**A**t the 2014 International Conference in Rockford, Illinois, I presented a panel on Recruiting and Retention. After a bit of technical difficulty getting started, I gave my panel and handed out a Taco Bell gift card to the person who traveled the farthest. I also gave an "IC Survival Kit" as a random drawing door prize. There were some questions, but one in particular made me stop and think. In fact, it kept me thinking throughout that weekend. After doing some research, I wanted to share the question, my response, and a possible expanded solution.

I was asked what to do about people who came to ship meetings but didn't want to join. Now these people weren't just coming and sponging off the fun; they brought food and regularly participated. They just had no desire to be card-carrying SFI members. So the question was what to do about them.

If you can get people to come to your meetings, three-quarters of the battle is over. You have bodies there and the more people you have, the better the pictures look, the better time everyone has and the more visible as a chapter you are, wherever you go.

The downside is, of course, that they do not add to your crew roster. A chapter in STARFLEET International must have a minimum of 10 dues-paying members. That does not mean that, if you have people who come to play, they are not entitled to having the same fun as everyone else.

Aboard my old ship, and now as the newly commissioned USS Missouri, we welcome everyone who wants to come and have fun. But to hold a rank, position, and a vote, you must be a member of SFI. So what to do about these people who either don't have the funds or just don't want to join?

First, find out why. Perhaps they think it costs more than it does. Perhaps they think they are going to be on mailing lists and get junk mail and e-mail. Maybe they have had bad experiences with other people or the powers that be. Or perhaps they just don't have the extra money. But you won't know unless you ask.

Second, show them the benefits of belonging. They get access to STARFLEET Academy and the thousands of courses it has to offer. If they have kids, explain to them about the scholarship funds. Or if they want a voice aboard your ship, usually they have to be a

member. And if they want a rank, position and responsibility, and might like to be XO or CO someday, they must be members, have taken OTS and OCC, and be of age.

So what if this person has the money but nothing else seems to convince them to join? What can you do?

Aboard my old ship, we had a group of Ambassadors. These were authors and artists that we wanted to recognize for their contributions in the areas of military, fiction, science fiction and fantasy. They would get our newsletter, a certificate (suitable for framing) and a name badge.

The way we did promotions was that, from Crewman up to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, a person had to attend six meetings, thereby receiving a one-rank promotion. For officers, the more they did and the harder they worked, the sooner they would get promoted, up to the rank of Commander. My idea would be to make those people who attend, participate, and have fun, Ambassadors of the Diplomatic Corps. Make a ceremony involving them. Get with these people and see from what planet they would like to be a diplomat. Have them work up a personnel file. Get the spotlight on them. Put their file in your newsletter or online. The more you get

them into it, the more fun they will have, as that's part of the whole Star Trek universe: being someone you aren't.

Once they are part of the Diplomatic Corps, they would start out as an Assistant Attaché for a rank/position. A suggested progression is:

- Assistant Attaché
- Attaché
- Third-Secretary
- Second-Secretary
- First-Secretary

After that, they move up to the officer/command rank/position:

- Minister-Counselor
- Ambassador
- Ambassador-at-Large

What exactly they do as their rank/position would of course be up to the chapter. But this way, you get as many people involved in the Trek universe as possible. There may come a time that they join SFI. If they don't join, at least you can reward them in a Star Trek way.

And as I have always said: what works for one chapter may not work for another. But at least try something before you decide it doesn't work.

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# Enticing New Attendees to an IC or Summit!

COMM Ralph F. Planthold, CO, *USS Dark Phoenix*, Region 12

I've been hearing from a variety of respected sources lately about the softening attendance figures for ICs and for regional summits. The company for which Sunnie and I are Independent Associates encourages new Associates' attendance at meetings and events by means of special offers. This could work for ICs and summits as well.

You might be able to entice members who haven't attended an IC or your Regional Summit to come to at least one to see if they enjoy it, by offering "Two Registrations for the Price of One", but only for those who haven't attended an IC or your Region's Summit in at least X years (where X is any value you wish). Granted, you'd have to keep and check attendance records going back X years, but you're probably already keeping them anyway.

NOTE: This *isn't* the same as offering an individual a "Half-Price Registration". This would require IC or Summit "virgins" to register in *pairs*. In order to qualify for the one-time discount, one newbie would have to

persuade another newbie to attend as well, thereby potentially doubling the number of first-time attendees at the event.

**Q:** Should you extend such a discount offer to first-time Summit attendees from *other* Regions?

**A:** Look at it this way: Would it be so bad if you enticed additional *pairs* of out-of-Region people to shop in your Quartermaster Store and to bid in your auctions, on the chance that some of them might have so much fun that they'd return for years to come paying full registration price?

**Q:** Should you similarly discount banquets and/or room rates?

**A:** Now, that *doesn't* seem plausible. Those are whatever they are. Since people would understandably wish to save on room rates, you might consider offering a

roommate matching service, especially for registrant pairs who may not wish to room together.

Additional *possible* eligibility requirements for this "two-fer" discount could include one or both of the following:

-At least one member of a registrant pair must pay for a room at the host hotel. (This can help if you're concerned whether you'll satisfy your minimum contracted number of room nights.)

-Each member of a registrant pair must pay for a banquet meal at the host hotel (also, a way to help ease concerns about satisfying your food & beverage minimum figure contracted).

After attending a thoroughly enjoyable IC2014 (the first Sunnie and I've been to in nine years!), I submitted a very similar version of the above proposal to the Commander, STARFLEET, to four RCs and a VRC, among others. Comments received to date have all been favorable.

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## SFMC Commandant's Report

**GEN Mike McGowan, Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, USS Bortas, Region 12**

**T**his issue's article is a bit out of the ordinary. I was saddened greatly to hear of the passing of my dear friend Gary "Tiny" Hollifield Jr. on 20 September. He was a fine officer, a shipmate aboard the USS Bortas (Region 12), and a fellow member of the 225th Marine Strike Group. Mostly, however, he was one of my closest friends both in and out of STARFLEET. News of his passing came as a great shock to us all. Though his health hadn't been good for a number of years, nothing prepares you for the death of such a person.

Tiny had worked for STARFLEET and the SFMC in capacities too numerous to recount. He was a kind and gentle man whose wit, determination, and thoughtfulness touched people all across the Fleet and the Corps. He had a passion for all things STARFLEET and that passion never left him.

Within the SFMC, Tiny had served in several roles. He served as a Branch Director in the SFMCA Maritime Operations School, as well as several of the Xeno Schools. He served as New Course Director for TRACOM, as well as DCOTRACOM. Finally, he served as CO-



TRACOM. His dedication to the SFMC was such that several times he, quite literally, worked himself into the hospital.

Of my friend, I will say this: He meant a great deal to me. His influence made me a better, more centered person. I miss him greatly. Rest well and in peace, Tiny.

Now, on to the previously scheduled programming, already in progress...

As I write this, summer draws to a close in the northern hemisphere and we prepare for fall and winter. It was an eventful summer, culminating in IC 2014. As the photo might tell you, I had a great time. There was, unfortunately, a mix up with a few of the SFMC awards. That has been cleared up and

the cause determined and eliminated for the future. The corrected SFMC IM 2014 Awards list is published elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations to all!

As the holiday season approaches, it is important to remember that Toys for Tots continues to need our help. People in the United States who are interested in assisting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in this year's effort should take a look at: <http://www.toysfortots.org> for information. This is a very important and worthwhile project and it is a qualifier for the SFMC Commandant's Campaign.

Another thing to consider as winter approaches is that the holidays are peak times of use for your local food bank. Contacting your local food bank to coordinate a food drive to help with the demands of the season is good important community service work, as are donations you may make to existing food drives.

Finally, if the predictions are to be believed, this is going to be a really ugly winter for those of us in North America. Please take all reasonable precautions for your own health and safety this winter. Take the time and make the effort to check on each other as well. We are all in this together.

Marines in the southern hemisphere, enjoy your summer! Stay safe in any travels you make. Stay cool and remember to use sunscreen.



GEN McGowan and FADM Dave Blaser at the Tilted Kilt in the Clock Tower Resort—IC 2014

## FINCOM Quartermaster Report

**By: MGEN Barry Jackson, COFINCOM, USS Robert de Bruce, Region 1**

**A**s you know, several months ago, we had to change our SFMC logos so as not to infringe upon the United States Marine Corps logo.

We have the following items are on the Quartermaster site:

New SFMC flags are in and they are \$35.00 each.

The new shoulder patches have arrived

and are selling at \$5.00 each, which is \$1 less than the old ones.

The new Aerospace wings have arrived and are \$8.00 each.

New Challenge coins have arrived and are \$10.00 each.

As the supplies of older items are depleted, we will be replacing them with new ones bearing our new logo.

The link to the site is: [gm.sfi-sfmc.org](http://gm.sfi-sfmc.org). You may order at will.

Please join me congratulating BDR TJ Allen who has been appointed as DCOFINCOM.

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## State of FORCECOM

**BGN Jari "Gato" James, COFORCECOM**  
**USS *Thermopylae*, Region 5**



**T**his will be a brief note from the Office of Forces Command.

With another International Marine Muster come and gone, and with the major awards season over, now is a good time to check out your personnel records in the database. No one's going to know something is missing but you, so it's good to get in the habit of reviewing your personal records every couple of months or so.

And besides, you may discover an award or two you didn't know you received. That's always a nice surprise.

It's a fact of life in electronic record keeping that sometimes things go missing. An email may get eaten by a spam folder. Records can be lost on a hard drive. It is the responsibility of the individual to keep a copy of all his or her personal records, awards received, courses completed, etc. If you find an error, it's certainly acceptable to point it out and request the data be added, updated or changed. Just know that you'll need to provide documentation so that the appropriate correction to the database can be made. Documentation can be a scanned copy of the certificate, an email from the issuing authority, a copy of a Unit or Brigade report noting the award, etc.

I can't emphasize this point enough: if it can't be documented, it can't be changed, corrected or added. If this all sounds familiar, it's something I try to stress every few months or so. It's never a good idea to wait until the last moment to discover something's missing, especially if you're getting ready for a formal dress event like your Unit Holiday formal dinner or an upcoming Brigade Muster.

Just think of it as 'preventative maintenance'.

And now, to close with a few numbers.

Breakdown of Assigned Marines based off of the August 2014 Brigade reports:

138 active Units spread over 14 Brigades

- 1BDE: 189 Marines assigned to 23 units [Active 109 / Reserve 80]
- 2BDE: 128 Marines assigned to 16 units [Active 96 / Reserve 32]
- 3BDE: 141 Marines assigned to 22 units [Active 85 / Reserve 56]
- 4BDE: 99 Marines assigned to 6 units [Active 78 / Reserve 21]
- 5BDE: 75 Marines assigned to 10 units [Active 40 / Reserve 20]
- 6BDE: 34 Marines assigned to 5 units [Active 24 / Reserve 10]
- 7BDE: 114 Marines assigned to 19 units [Active 65 / Reserve 49]
- 8BDE: no units reporting
- 9BDE: no units reporting
- 10BDE: 13 Marines assigned to 2 units [Active 8 / Reserve 5]
- 11BDE: 83 Marines assigned to 5 units [Active 64 / Reserve 19]
- 12BDE: 116 Marines assigned to 11 units [Active 71 / Reserve 45]
- 13BDE: 20 Marines assigned to 4 units [Active 13 / Reserve 7]
- 14BDE: no units reporting
- 15BDE: 58 Marines assigned to 7 units [Active 23 / Reserve 35]
- 16BDE: no units reporting
- 17BDE: 23 Marines assigned to 1 unit [Active 5 / Reserve 18]
- 18BDE: no units reporting
- 19BDE: no units reporting
- 20BDE: 52 Marines assigned to 7 units [Active 29 / Reserve 23]
- Unassigned: 522 Marines

If, on review of your own unit or Brigade roster, you think the numbers are adding up wrong, please contact FORCECOM as soon as possible so we can start figuring out why the numbers don't match.

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## State of INFOCOM August 2014

**MGEN Mark "Slayer" Anderson,  
SFMC COINFOCOM, Team Delta**

First off, I wanted to say I had a great time at IC this year. It was great meeting new folks and seeing friends I've haven't seen in a while. The flight to and from Chicago was uneventful. The possible problems with the hotel turned out to be nonexistent. My room was pleasant and my interactions with the hotel staff were good. It wasn't the Beverly Hilton but it's about what you would expect from an IC hotel. I really looking forward to IC 2015 at Niagara Falls. I have always wanted to visit and, with having the IC there, well, that will be two birds and one stone, so to speak.

Congratulations to Shirley Kolb of the 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade on receiving the SFMC Communication Service Award at the International Muster.

I ran across an interesting article the other day and wanted to share some of it with you. A quick Google search will find you more information on this. "Marines deactivate decorated Walking Dead unit." Being a fan of the TV show, I had to see what this was about. I consider myself fairly well versed on military history, but after reading the article, it just shows me how much of our military history I don't know.

This Marine Corps battalion has been decorated for extensive combat in World War II and Vietnam, and earned the nickname "Walking Dead". Now designated 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, it also saw action in Iraq and



Afghanistan. It was deactivated during a ceremony last week (the week before Labor Day) at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Marine Corps historians believe the battalion appears to have gotten the nickname because of its high casualty rates during the Vietnam War. But the unit also had a reputation for heroism that included Medal of Honor recipients from World War II, including Guam and Iwo Jima, as well as two in Vietnam.

Formed during World War I, the battalion had previously been deactivated in 1994 and reactivated in 2007. Its insignia depicts a cloaked grim reaper carrying a scythe.

Retired Marine Colonel Wesley Fox,

who received the Medal of Honor while leading a company within the battalion in Vietnam, said he wasn't happy about the deactivation. He was quoted as saying "Not a better battalion in the world. I don't know why they're the ones who keep getting put on the bench, but that's the way it goes, I guess."

The article goes on to mention that, on the eve of the deactivation, Colonel Fox recalled first hearing the nickname in 1968 from a personnel officer. "He asked me if I wanted the 1/9, and I said that sounded good to me. He did the paper work." Col. Fox is now 82. "Then he asked: 'Have you ever heard of the Walking Dead?' My response to him was: 'Maybe a better name is the Walking Death.'"

My thanks to Colonel Fox and all the Marines in this and other units who picked up a rifle, stood a post and took my place for me when they were called upon. May they all live long and prosper in peace.

## STARFLEET Cross Awards

**FADM Wayne L. Killough, Jr.  
Commander, STARFLEET**

At the International Conference this year, I had the privilege of awarding the STARFLEET Cross to worthy members of the STARFLEET Marine Corps. These Marines have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving the Corps and STARFLEET. Please join me in congratulating the 2014 recipients:

BDR Daniel Adams  
BDR T.J. Allen  
BGN Mark Anderson  
LGN Wayne Augustson  
GEN Sam Black  
BDR Duncan Cameron  
COL Jeremy Carsten  
SGTMAJ Brian Chappell  
MGN Norman DeRoux  
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LGN Bran Stimpson  
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# State of the NCO Corps

**MGSGT Jerry Stoddard, Sergeant Major of the SFMC,  
USS Thermopylae, Region 5**

**T**he Commandant has requested that I do something a little different for my “report” in the Communiqué this time. For years now, as part of my monthly “State of the NCO Corps”, which can be read on the STARFLEET Marine Corps email list, Facebook page, and website, the second page of that report has included what has become known as “Top’s History Lesson”, wherein I glean through the past and tell the story of an enlisted member of the military who, in some way, left a mark on history and who offers the enlisted members of STARFLEET Marines someone to inspire them. So, the Dant asked me to pick one for this issue and share it with all of STARFLEET. Which one, though? After a lot of thought, I finally made a decision, and so, it’s time for Top’s History Lesson.

In 1537, long before the United States Marine Corps or the Royal Marines were the proverbial twinkle in the eye, Charles V of Spain created the *Infantería de Armada* (Navy Infantry) by permanently assigning the *Compañías Viejas del Mar de Nápoles* (Naples Sea Old Companies) to the Mediterranean Galley Squadrons. They have changed and evolved over time, but they have been in service ever since, making the Spanish Navy Marines the oldest extant Marine Corps in the world.

As you might expect, a history that long includes a few notable events. For instance, the first recorded female Marine in the world, Ana Maria de Soto, disguised herself as a man in 1793 and served honorably until 1798. When it was discovered that “Antonio Maria de Soto” was not all “he” seemed to be, “he” was given a full pension and honors. The Spanish Navy Marines were almost disbanded in 1931, but the Spanish Civil War intervened, and brought about a strange situation in

which the corps split, with some units serving in the Nationalist forces and some on the Republican side. Despite that, they continue to serve today and they can lay claim to arguably the most famous former Marine of all. Admittedly most folks don’t KNOW that he was an enlisted Marine and a combat veteran. And that’s where I can shed some light.

In the pivotal naval battle of Lepanto in 1571, a force drawn from several European powers met the galleys of the Ottoman Empire in a decisive slugging match that featured extensive use of naval gunfire and desperate boarding actions. The Navy Infantry was in the thick of it with their muskets and swords. One of those Marines was a young man from Castile serving aboard the galley *Marquesa*. Although weak from a high fever, he begged to be allowed to fight, saying he would rather die in service than remain below as ordered, and he got his wish. He fought bravely, by all accounts, and took three gunshot wounds: two in the chest and one in the left arm. It took him six months to heal, but he survived. Although his left arm was rendered pretty much useless, he stayed in the Marines until his capture by Algerian corsairs in 1575.

He was a prisoner and slave for years, despite four escape attempts, and was finally ransomed by his family and the Trinitarians (a religious order) in 1580. His days as a Marine were behind him, but his experiences led him to a new career, and eventually, worldwide fame. He was later to say that he “had lost the movement of the left hand for the glory of the right” and rightly so, because in 1605, Miguel de Cervantes set pen to paper and introduced the world to Don Quixote de la Mancha. By writing the first



“modern” novel, Cervantes claimed a place in history that will endure, and a story that continues to be read, studied, and enjoyed over 400 years later.

I’m not sure even Chesty Puller can top that and that’s saying something. But I’d guess that even Chesty would nod in approval at the young Marine who refused to stay on sick call when there was a fight to win, refused to meekly remain a prisoner despite his handicap, and refused to quit trying to make something of himself when his time as an active Marine was over.

They say the pen is mightier than the sword, and for one Marine that proved to be the case. To this day, the modern *Infantería de Marina* is justifiably proud that Cervantes was one of their own.

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# IC2015: You'll laugh, you'll cry, it'll be better than "CATS"!

FADM Dave Blaser, IC2015 Conference Chair, USS *Hadfield*, Region 13

**H**i, everybody! I'm here to invite all of you, our fun loving friends and fellow members, to join us next August 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> in Niagara Falls, New York, for the 2015 STARFLEET International Conference, to take part in the fun, and to come and experience some fantastic sights and excellent tastes that the Niagara region has to offer.

Those members who were in attendance at the 2014 International Conference got a chance to taste some of what Niagara is all about. We held a wine and whiskey tasting in the IC2015 Hospitality Suite, as well as trying some local cuisine in the way of poutine and wings. The Niagara region is known for some of the best vineyards in the world, and I honestly believe that Niagara wines are among the best that you'll ever try.

The hosts of IC2015 (the USS *Acord*, the USS *Hadfield*, the USS *Niagara* and the USS *Serling*) are planning a great event for everyone, along with making arrangements for some local tours of the area so that those of you who haven't ever been to Niagara Falls can come and see one of the most amazing sights in the world. (No, we know that Niagara Falls isn't among the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, but we think it really should be, and we want to share that with all of you!)

But you get will not get only the beautiful sights and experiences of be-

ing in a fantastic town with some great tourist attractions. We're also planning some discussion panels for members to participate in, and we've got a great variety planned that cover both STARFLEET-specific and more general Star Trek topics, including:

- ◆ The Walking Red: How the "expendable crewman" became a protected species in the Trekverse.
- ◆ Crowdfunding and Star Trek: How Star Trek fans are using crowdfunding platforms such as Kickstarter to expand the Star Trek universe. From talks of a Season 5 of *ENTERPRISE* to Star Trek: *Axanar*, we'll discuss what crowdfunding is, how it's being used, and what cool Star Trek-related campaigns are out there now or coming in the future.
- ◆ Guardian of Forever – How would time travel REALLY work?
- ◆ And much more!

We've set up a few different online sites where you can find out more and get an idea of some of the things you'll be able to see and do when you come for IC2015:

- ⇒ <http://www.facebook.com/IC2015> - our Facebook page has regular updates, pictures and videos. This page is updated very regularly.



- ⇒ <http://www.tumblr.com/blog/ic2015> - our Tumblr blog will have similar content to our Facebook page, but is for those who don't want to log on to Facebook. This page is updated very regularly.

- ⇒ <http://www.ic2015.com> - our website to find out the basics about pricing, registration, booking your hotel room, etc.

I'd really love for you all to come and join us in Niagara Falls, New York, next August. I think you'll have a great time not only meeting up and spending time with your friends in STARFLEET, but you'll have an experience unlike any other IC!

And please, don't forget to bring your passport! Some of the best tourist attractions are on the Canadian side of the border. I'll tell you more about them in a future article, as well as on our websites!



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# **2015 STARFLEET International Conference**

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