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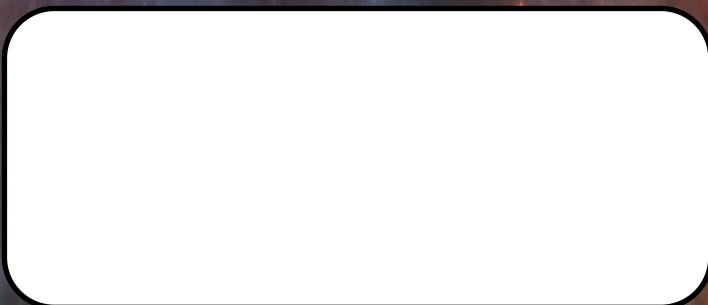
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Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

by CDRE Matthew Miller,

Dear Readers,

Welcome to CQ 183 and all the news that is news from around STARFLEET. I had a lot of fun with this issue. This will mark the beginning of a more fleet wide mentality in our writing. In this Communiqué, our feature article will be a sample of the various chapters throughout our 20 regions. I'm going to start shining a light on our newer and lesser known chapters. You are all important and STARFLEET wants to know what you're doing. We need to focus the CQ on the things that matter.

Cadets will find a new experiment and become more engaged in the cadets corner. Crosswords will still be a regular feature but from time to time I'd like to play a new game. In this edition, you will find a word search.

Maybe next time we will have Sudoku. Doing the same thing in every issue will get very boring. We still need your help with article submissions. Not that I don't enjoy getting to know all of you and digging for a good story. It would just make it easier on me if everyone contributes.

If you think your story will never get published or some big chapter is more interesting, I'm happy to say you're wrong. Some of the most interesting and well thought out stories come from individual members like you. We have a lot of talent in STARFLEET and it's time to exploit that talent.

I'm calling for volunteers as you can see from my full page ad to the right. I am also calling for you to volunteer in the other STARFLEET departments like membership processing. I know we can't do this alone but sometimes we're hesitant to ask. New members, I am talking to you, feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee and ask if you can help.

Executive Committee, I'm calling on you to accept that help and delegate some of your burden.

Now that I am done being humble, back to our fantastic content. We have some great material including a very interesting section called the "Hypospray" written by Col. Gregory Fant. Normally we don't feature many Medical Corps articles as they often offer medical advice. I'm happy to say that Colonel Fant has been fantastic and he has a very interesting article about blood donation and tobacco use. STARFLEET is all about volunteerism and empathy towards our fellow man. So if you have the time take a look at the "Hypospray."

I don't have room to talk about all of great articles so go discover it for yourself. Enjoy the STARFLEET Communiqué and remember that members like you make it possible. I definitely don't have the time and energy to do this all myself.

-Until next issue, friends.



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STARFLEET Q1 2015 Promotions & Awards

ADM Linda Kloempken, Member Recognition Administrator, USS *Czar'ak*, Region 6

From the period of April to June 2015, the following officers were promoted on the order of the Regional Coordinator or the Executive Committee, submitted for consideration by their peers using the online form at <http://www.sfi.org/promotions/>. If you know of a crewmember who is eligible and deserving of a promotion, use that form. Promotion criteria are located at <http://www.sfi.org/docs/flag-promotion-criteria.pdf>.

In STARFLEET, promotions up through the rank of Commander or Lt. Colonel, SFMC, are typically granted by the chapter Commanding Officer. Promotions to Captain or Colonel, SFMC are typically the responsibility of the Regional Coordinator. Those promotions are usually announced at the chapter and regional level. Flag Officer ranks are those of Fleet Captain (Brigadier) and above, and those promotions are voted on by the seven-member Executive Committee after reviewing nominations submitted by members. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach me at promotions@sfi.org.

The STARFLEET Executive Committee is proud to announce the following promotions:

To the rank of FLEET CAPTAIN:

Allen Hurtt, ISS Aux Arc, Region 12
Barney Cole, USS Thunderbird, Region 12
David Hines, USS Arafura, Region 11
Frances Brock, USS Columbia, Region 1
Lisa Stuckey, USS serling, Region 7

To the rank of BRIGADIER:

Jeremy Carsten, USS Battle Born, Region 3

To the rank of REAR ADMIRAL:

Jim Pugliese, USS Ascension, Region 7
Mary Ann Pugliese, USS Adamant, Region 7
Michelle Westfall, ISS katana, Region 12

To the rank of MAJOR GENERAL:

Rolando Gomez, USS Jeannette Maddox, Region 12

To the rank of COMMODORE:

Chris Tolbert, ISS Aux Arc, Region 12
George Heichelheim, USS Thunderbird, Region 12
James Carnell Eubanks, USS Star League, Region 1

To the rank of BRIGADIER GENERAL:

Cynthia Cook, USS Poseidon, Region 2

To the rank of VICE ADMIRAL:

Judy Waidlich, USS Avenger, Region 7
Lucy Ferron Franck, USS Zavala, Region 3
Thomas Pawelczak, USS Niagara, Region 7

To the rank of ADMIRAL:

Douglas Mayo, USS Nelson, Region 15
Glendon Diebold, USS Niagara, Region 7
James Herring, USS Missouri, Region 12
Sunnies Planthold, USS Dark Phoenix, Region 12

STARFLEET Orders of Merit

Each Order of Merit is named based on a cultural aspect that reflects the qualities recognized in the award. Cultures used include Terran, Vulcan and other species.

Each Order has three classes — First, Second and Third. Generally, an Order of Merit, Third Class will recognize significant achievement at the chapter level, Second Class will recognize significant achievement at the regional level, and First Class will

recognize the highest level of achievement to STARFLEET. An Order of Merit, First Class, must have its nomination endorsed by a Regional Coordinator and may only be awarded by majority vote of the STARFLEET Executive Committee.

Members wishing to submit another member for recognition for any class of Order may do so at the STARFLEET Website, using the online form at <http://www.sfi.org/merit/> or by emailing me directly at

recognition@sfi.org. The webpage has a complete description of each Order for your reference, just above the form.

On the opposite page, the following STARFLEET members were submitted to Member Recognition on behalf of their Chapter, Region, or STARFLEET for acting in the best traditions representing the service-oriented philosophy of STARFLEET and Star Trek.

Orders of Merit (April to June 2015)

ORDER OF AXANAR (MEDIATION)

Third Class

Lisa Nybaek, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Stephen Halkovic, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF BABEL (RECRUITING)

Third Class

Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF COCHRANE (TECHNOLOGY)

Third Class

Karen Bebbington, USS Cuchulain, Region 20
Kristopher Zasadil, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Stephen Halkovic, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF DARMOK & JALAD (OUTREACH)

Third Class

Lisa Nybaek, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF DIONYSUS (ACTIVITY PLANNING)

Third Class

Rhonda Allen, USS Horizon, Region 12

ORDER OF GAEA

Third Class

Carl Mogilka, USS Bellerophon, Region 1
Eddie Riddle, USS Freedom, Region 1
Linda Sneed, USS Horizon, Region 12
Megan Krell, USS Star League, Region 1
Michael McCarthy, USS Bellerophon, Region 1
Rhonda Allen, USS Horizon, Region 12
Sam Phillips, USS Bellerophon, Region 1

ORDER OF HAWKING (ACCESSIBILITY)

Third Class

Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF HERODOTUS (HISTORY/RECORDKEEPING)

Third Class

Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF RODDENBERRY (STAR TREK)

Third Class

Samuel Osborne, USS Drakonia, Region 1

ORDER OF S'HARIEN (INVENTIVENESS)

Third Class

Marie Casalaspro, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Stephen Halkovic, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF SAMARITAN (VOLUNTEERISM)

Second Class

Barbara Lariscy, USS Ronald E McNair, Region 1

Third Class

Carolyn Irvin, USS Star League, Region 1
Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Jonathan Dodson, USS LaGrange, Region 1
Judy, Mosser, USS LaGrange, Region 1
Lee Struglia, USS Horizon, Region 12
Michael Witherby, USS LaGrange, Region 1
Rhonda Allen, USS Horizon, Region 12

ORDER OF TARBOLDE OF CANOPIUS (WRITING)

Third Class

Eilidh Montgomery, USS Alba, Region 20
Alaina Damewood, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Bill West, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Kathleen West, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Kristopher Zasadil, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Marie Casalaspro, USS Valkyrie, Region 4
Stephen Halkovic, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

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Report from the Commander, STARFLEET

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

Here's another issue of the Communique ready for our members! East Texas is very slow, which is great for trying to recuperate. I am still moving slow, but I am getting around much easier than I was earlier this year. Naps are a great thing around here...otherwise I would really be in trouble (and in worse pain than normal)!

We have some new additions to the Admiralty Board. Please welcome Fleet Captain Chris Tolbert representing Region 12 and Brigadier Jeremy Carsten representing Region 3! Both gentlemen have been very active so far getting familiar with their duties and have been very vocal on the AB List asking questions, providing information, and participating in discussions. The Board has been very actively lately, which is always a great thing!

I made it to the Region 12 Summit up in Kansas City in April...and made it back safely. I tried my best to not wear myself out...but that didn't work as well as I planned. Naps once again were called into play to get me through the weekend. Jim and company put on a great event! The weekend was a blast with my Chief of Staff, Denine Sanders, her fiancée, Justin Donovan, our Chief of Operations, Robert Westfall, and his wife, Chelle. They did a good job keeping an eye on me...and trying to keep me out of trouble.



Jim Herring and company did a great job on the event. It was great seeing a bunch of my old friends from R12 again! I also want to thank Tyler Carr and his boyfriend, Jesse Ware, for going on the trip with me. I wouldn't have been able to handle the trip by myself, so the boys going definitely made sure I could attend!

I tried to make it to the Region 3 Summit in May, but unfortunately that wasn't meant to be. I couldn't get away due to a scheduling conflict (i.e. WORK) and even if I could, I would have had to drive by myself...which wasn't a hot idea at that point in time. I heard through the grapevine (and the lists) that it was a great event. Kudos to the team for pulling together a great Summit!

This year has been a solid test to my strength...physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. From the accident and the recuperation to losing my grand-

mother to losing my aunt. Nothing, however, prepared me for June 8th...the day I lost my mother. We took her to the doctor on that Monday and during the visit, she had a massive heart attack. I have always heard of people saying their whole life flashed before their eyes or that their entire world stopped. I took one look into my Dad's eyes and immediately killed all emotions. I had to be there for my family. That has always been my role...the strong, dependable one. I did what I had to do so my family could grieve. From arrangements to contacting family, that is how I kept my mind busy...to keep from thinking about it. I want to thank those who sent well-wishes, thoughts, prayers, etc. It really meant a lot. Not a day goes by without me missing her desperately...which I do not see changing anytime soon (if ever).

Life is too short. Enjoy what time you have with friends and family, as you are not guaranteed tomorrow and you never know when goodbye is truly "goodbye".

Stay safe, STARFLEET. Until the next issue...

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Report from the Vice Commander, STARFLEET

RADM Hayden Segel, USS *Potomac*, Region I



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Listowel Military Re-enactment

**By, Gianandrea Comandé,
USS Cuchulain, Region 20**

The May bank holiday weekend the USS Cuchulain's crew, The Banshees MSG (Marine Strike Group), deployed on an away mission to Listowel, Co.Kerry.

The purpose of the away mission was for a military re-enactment which the Banshees took part in. There were two battles, one on the Saturday and one on the Sunday, each with a plan of how the battles faired out, The Occupation of the town square by the Germans and then the Liberation of the town square by the Americans/British.

The first battle involved the Americans and their British counterparts moving their way up the main road into the town where minimal resistance was met by the German side, having made it to the town square the allied side came under fire by the Axis, to the point where the allies had moved into the square, German armoured reinforcements were called in, the Allies having then to retreat and having some heavy losses. The Axis kept hold on the Town Square.

The second battle was when the Allied assault would liberate the town, with no chance for the Axis to call in for reinforcements this time, the allies made their way up the main road once again, with minimal losses. This would be the liberation as the German numbers fall; we had also come up from a rear road near their armoured vehicle incapacitating it. The driver had surrendered as well as some of the SS surrendering. The allies had liberated the town from

the Axis occupation, and although triumphant the senior officers managed to get away.

Having spoken about the battle and giving you a picture of this particular away mission, nothing can express the welcome and fun we had that particular weekend, with the Chief of Security, X.O and Communications officer of the Cuchulain having attended. We met other Airsoft groups along the way, our own Banshees Drill sergeant was also present taking some lovely pictures. We had the pleasure of joining in the re-enactment with the WW2 Airsoft Re-enactors who made us feel very welcome and had let us be part of their wonderful group.

Not to mention the warm welcome and kindness of the organizers of the Listowel Military Tattoo committee. If it wasn't for them this wouldn't have been possible, it is their 4th year running, with many groups that attend. From Airsoft groups, military servicemen and women, dignitaries from different countries and the local police who help make it run smoothly, Next year they intend to do an almost D-Day sort of landing to make it even bigger.

The Banshees will be attending next year for sure, and we would welcome any chapters or MSG's to attend with us! Hoorah!



By Gianandrea Comandé

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REGION 01

USS ALARIC

ADM Richard Heim, Jr.

On May 2, the Alaric conducted an away mission to a local theater for the premiere of the new Avengers movie, Age of Ultron. The May 9 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment consisted of reports by Ken on the SpaceX launch abort system test and Saturn's moon Enceladus; by Richard on the supposed accidental discovery of a warp field by NASA; and by Tom on the announcement by Elon Musk of sales of a battery storage system for solar power. Regular officer and project reports were made, including reviews of upcoming activities, and the Alaric Council voted to approve modifications to the Alaric Crew Handbook of promotion points for uniforms. After the business meeting was adjourned, the club met at the local Barnes and Noble Bookstore to discuss David Mack's Star Trek novel, Gods of Night (Book 1 in the Star Trek Destiny trilogy). The Alaric held a movie night May 19 at which Space Cowboys and Paul were viewed. The Alaric CO, Richard Heim, and Alaric member Diane Stanton were married May 23 at Jubilee! Community Church in Asheville, NC in a Star Trek/Science/Science-Fiction/Superhero themed wedding.

REGION 02

USS CONTINUUM

FCAPT JAMES GALLOPS III

We participated in Free Comic Book Day. I brought the Captain's Chair to Price Buster's Movies & Games for Photo Ops. We also had a costuming meeting and our regular "Dinner at Ten Forward" at Outback Steakhouse.

REGION 03

USS NEW ORLEANS

FCAPT RALPH ALLEN

MAY 02 FREE COMIC BOOK DAY: 10 Members participated in events. 2015 MAY 07 COMMAND STAFF MEETING: Nine members in attendance. 2015 MAY 09 NORTHSORE STAR TREK MEET AND GREET. 3 members of the Chapter, 1 member of the of the USS NEPTUNE and nine prospects interested in joining the Chapter. 2015 MAY 10 COFFEE AND SCI-FI. Falls on Mother's Day. Three members were in attendance. On MAY 16th we went to GEEK FEST at the New Orleans Public Library. Members attended: 7 members. On MAY 16th, USS SELENE had eight members and one non-member attending 2015 MAY 21 CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING. 20 members attended. MAY 30th the USS SELENE cookout: Six members and one non-member attended. MAY 31st CHAPTER BOARD GAME DAY. Seven members attended and one non-member.

REGION 04

USS GYGAX

CDRE MICHAEL GARCIA

CDRE Michael Garcia (CO) and CAPT Melissa Hadley (XO) attended the Region 3 Summit in San Antonio, helping to represent the EC (CDRE Garcia) and Gygax' Texas residents (CAPT Hadley). A great time was had! DS9 Watchfest had a few less events this month due to activities by the hosts (such as R3 Summit), however we did have it well attended on the weekends performed. On May 23rd's Watchfest, being the anniversary of the series finale of Voyager (and TNG), we celebrated by watching VOY's Endgame parts 1 & 2! Our Extra Life team continues to grow and we're continuing awareness of our primary charity supporting Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Our chapter has continued its gaming fun together, including Star Trek Online and Where No One Has Gone Before.

REGION 05

USS WILDHORSE

RADM DAVID KANIA

5/15/15 - Cinco de Mayo Poker Party.
5/22/15 Steaks and Stogies 5/30/15 Movie Away Mission to go see "Tomorrowland" followed with burger and a beer at Bobs. Online Discussions: Age of Ultron, RadCon 6B film 2014, What the Hell, Tesla buys footprint in State of Michigan and "Tomorrowland."

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REGION 06

USS IMPERIUM

ADM MICHAEL URVAND

Members of the crew attended Wizard World in Minneapolis where they met Karl Urban and Brent Spiner. Another away team went to CONsole Room in Bloomington where they met Colin Baker, who was in the most recent episode of Star Trek Continues.

REGION 07

USS AVENGER

VADM JUDY WAIDLICH

We went to go see the new Avengers: Age of Ultron and Tommorrowland. Some of our other events include a trip to Longwood Gardens, our regular monthly meeting and NJ Renaissance Faire. In June we went to Comic Con at the Ballpark and celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a party

REGION 08

USS DAUNTLESS

RADM OWEN SWART

The Dauntless crew gathered frequently to play competitive games including HeroClix, Star Trek Attack Wing, Star Trek CCG and Magic: The Gathering. Community outreach: The Dauntless crew hosts a weekly event, Star Trek Monday, in which the crew and the general public are invited to watch Star Trek, play games and possibly sign up for STARFLEET. We also collaborated with the local 501st Legion Outpost for Star Wars Day.

REGION 09

USS VANGUARD

CAPT ALEXANDER NORDGARDEN-RODNER

Commander Steven McKean Completed level 1 training in Civil Air Patrol and now authorized card carrying member. Assigned primary duty of Leadership officer and secondary duty of Information Technology officer. Midshipman Catherine McKean Joined Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet. Started working as a volunteer in the library. Achieved the honor roll (4.0 average) every quarter for the past 5 years. Received award for being published online in anthology: (<http://i15.eportalnow.net/catherine-mckean---the-elemental-cat.html>) Lieutenant (junior grade) Bohye McKean Participated in several fun runs.

REGION 10

NO REPORTS

REGION 11

USS TYDIRIUM

CDRE GREG MORTENSEN

The first meeting at the Nerd Cave was held on April 12th, and will continue to be a monthly gathering for recreation and to discuss future events. Members showed up from across Sydney, Newcastle & Wollongong, being easily accessible considering its distance from Central Station. Our crew also attended IronFest located in Lithgow, NSW on April 18th & 19th, we had a TOS style Captains chair on display there and we might have potentially recruited a member or two out of it. Our next event at the Nerd Cave will be May 17th. The crew also attended Free Comic Book Day at Books Kinokuniya, on May 2nd. Many

members attended the event, including the first event for several of our new crew members. However, due to weather constraints, several members were unable to make the event. Our next major event is Supanova in June 19th, which many of our members are looking forward to.

REGION 12

USS HORIZON

VADM EDWARD ALLEN

87% of the chapter was active this month. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Members went shooting at Scrivner Shooting Range in Jefferson City, MO Members got together for a movie at Regal, Avengers, Age of Ultron in Columbia, MO Members got together for a dinner at Cracker Barrel in Columbia, MO Members got together for the grand opening of Distant Planet Comics in Columbia, MO Members got together for a breakfast to celebrate a \$50,000 milestone at Waffle House in O'Fallon, MO Members got together for the movie, Fast & Furious 7 at Regal in O'Fallon, MO Members got together for the viewing of the TNG episode Brothers as Virtual with Meetup Members got together for a second viewing of the movie, Avengers; Age of Ultron in St Peters, MO Members got together for a Mother's Day Brunch at Ruiz Castillo in Wright City, MO Members got together for GeekEasy, a Cosplay event hosted by members of the chapter in Columbia, MO This event drew in well over 100 people to party and enjoy the entertainment through the night Members gamed with the Wolfpack in Jefferson City, MO Members went on an Away Mission to Maryland Joint Mission with USS Missouri, USS Katana, USS Discovery 18 Members got

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together for the annual picnic at Kiwanis Park in Columbia, MO Members got together for gaming with the Wolfpack in Jefferson City, MO Members went to dinner at Vince's Asian Bistro in O'Fallon, MO Members went to dinner at Hobo's in St Peters. MO Members went to Grants Farm in St Louis, MO Members went to dinner at Pasta House in St Peter's MO Members got together for a brunch at the Egg and I in Chesterfield, MO Members went to dinner at the Brick House in Chesterfield, MO

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REGION 13

USS SINCLAIR

FCAPT DANIEL TOOLE

Spent a weekend at the Capital City Comic con in Lansing, there was great interest in the Fleet there. I will be following up with the potential members that signed up for the mailing list in June.

REGION 15

USS ARES

MGN E.JERRY BEAULIEU

A major milestone for the 95th Marine Strike Group, the SFMC Unit attached to The Ares happened this month. As every member of the chapter is a marine and part of the unit, it is a key part of our identity. With the chapter being the Ares, we found a new identity for our MSG in a way that relates to the Ares. As Ares is the Greek god of war, we thought about how to use Mars as a focus for the Unit. After some fun discussions in April, we decided on the Martian Modulators as our new name, Combat Engineering as our new Branch of Service, and "Where's the Ka-Boom?" as our new motto. All information was submitted to the BDE OIC who sent it up the chain. I am happy to say this was approved in May, and along with a new logo, the 95th Martian Modulators has a new identity. This change has seemed to help revitalize the MSG. Our embracing the new concept and building of our identity has also helped to inspire some other units to work more on their identities. Members of The Ares/95th joined the CO/OIC of the USS Constitution/942nd at the Lexington-Concord battle re-enactment. All 3 members wore Star Trek department polo shirts to support Fleet. Pictures were taken with Marvin & Daffy Duck signs representing the 2 MSGs. During one of the speeches, the speaker mentioned that he was a Star Trek fan and that

Lexington is so important that even Star Trek has had ships named Lexington. The attending Fleet members got a moment to say hi to this speaker and show their Star Trek shirts (it was cold jackets kept getting removed for pictures and things) to let him know he was not alone. Four Ares members attended the Regional Summit in person. One member (Shanni) attended from California via Skype. Shanni was on Skype for the Auction (where she won the first item) the awards (where she and her daughter both received Regional Awards) and the promotions (where she and her husband both received one.) The CO acted as summit Chairman, while our engineer ran the sound and video systems (including our tribute to Leonard Nimoy: Nimoy Night on Friday night, which consisted of all sorts of movies, TV shows, and even music videos that Nimoy was a star or guest star in.) Two members served as part of the Marine Color guard for the first color guard ceremony we have had in years. A new part of the Summit awards was the presentation of wings from the BDE OIC to those who had earned them since the last summit. Our OIC earned hers, and was the first Ares member to receive them in this new ceremony. In addition, the CO presented the MSG OIC with a commissioning plaque for the newly rechristened 95th MSG, the Martian Modulators. The plaque was a Marvin the Martian license plate. During the Marine Muster on the Sunday of the Summit, the members of 95th got to show off all the work we have been doing on the Marine side. Many other units responded favorably and are thinking

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of how they can work on their units to flesh them out more. The Ares and 95th were very front and center in all activities all Summit. It was a great, though tiring weekend for the team. Our monthly meeting was at the XO's house. 5 Ares members and the CO of the Constitution were present. We were able to spend some time outside in the nice weather, where we had the first 1/2 of the meeting. Review of the Summit and some discussion about next year's summit were some of the main topics of discussion. Every department present had some good information for their reports, including information on Mars, which will become a main feature of the Science report. We took a walk down memory lane with the Chief Engineer as he showed some certificates both he and the chapter have earned over the years. He even had his OTS cert from 1992. It led to some nice discussions, good memories, and some reminders of what we have all been through over our STARFLEET careers. The CO also re-presented the plaque from the Summit for those members who were not able to attend the Summit to see. The last major thing that was discussed at the meeting, and via Facebook since, is our Challenge with the USS Callisto. This started as a friendly rivalry between brothers (my brother is the CO of The Callisto) and when I became CO, it stepped up another notch. Last year, we had 3 challenge categories: Academy courses, Wings, and Page Count in the Reading Challenge. The Callisto had more courses and more Wings since the challenge started, but it looks like The Ares took the page count. I had already been in talks with the CO of The Callisto about doing it again this year. Everyone (who was involved in the challenge discussion) was in agreement, so on 5/31, I

issued the official challenge via The Callisto's Facebook page. This year it will be 4 parts: Academy courses (SFA and SFMCA), Branch Devices from the SFMCA, Reading Challenge Page Count, and VRCP/MURP certifications. The Callisto accepted the challenge, and then The Constitution entered the arena, and challenged both The Ares and The Callisto. It is a nice friendly rivalry that will result in some (hopefully) good natured trash talking. Members of The Ares are already fired up. Many courses have already been requested. We have discussed doing some movie nights where we watch the movie together (either in person or via Skype) and work on exams for the given movie (not sharing answers, but sharing the experience) as well as groups taking the same courses at the same time (but not together) as a way to inspire people to take courses. The command staff will be meeting to review the VRCP and MURP status to see what we qualify for and what we need to do to complete those we don't have all the qualifications for. Each of us is looking at personal challenges over this same time: this includes devices we want to earn, completing Boothby awards, BOCPs, and MOSCs. Overall, the response has been very encouraging from those people who have been involved, and I think it will lead to some more fun for all.

REGION 17

USS TIBURON

ADM BRAN STIMPSON

We setup the Tiburon Star Trek Experience at Denver Comic Con. we had costumes, characters in makeup, a Holodeck arch and a full size Borg re-

generation chamber. Great time was had by all. We also had the honor of representing Star Trek Axanar at DCC which was a fun time talking with many con goers about this awesome project.

REGION 20

USS CUCHULAIN

FCAPT ALAN OSHEA

During month of May we were busy updating our list of events to attend over the summer including planning our Summer Party in the Teachers Club on the 18th July. We also have an artemis bridge simulator training session planned for June an idea put forward by the X.O. for when we take this out on the road to events. A number of the crew went on an away mission to the Listowel Military Tattoo festival and took part in WWII on street battle reenactments, this was again led by our X.O. at the beginning of May. Also plans discussed with my counterpart on the USS Caroline with regard to celebrating the Carolines Commissioning due shortly. Ian has expressed a wish to share in this great day with the Cuchulain at our summer party which we are honoured to be part of.

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REQUEST.**

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Region 3 Summit

**By MCPO Steve Sardeson,
USS Battle Born, Region 3**

San Antonio saw the convergence of Region 3 15-17 May. We were lucky enough to have distinguished visitors in the form of the Chief of Communications, Commodore Michael Garcia and Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps, General Michael McGowan. We also had visitors from an independent Star Trek fan club, the USS Tarvos, based in San Antonio, and a group of folks from the Geekvengers. All of whom added significantly to the experience and fun time that was Summit Royale.



Photo by: Kelly Hays

Friday evening kicked off with our traditional Marine Mess Dress. Of course, in the true spirit of STARFLEET Marines, there were the ceremonial obligations that were flawlessly executed. LTCOL Jennifer Peterson was impeccable as she presented the table dedicated to the

fallen and missing comrades. The toasting proceeded with all due fanfare and courtesies. Well, needless to say, then the fining and trips to the grog bowl commenced, and that's when all HELL broke loose. If anyone is familiar with Vice Admiral Marian Murphy, then you should know that she is a hard core STARFLEET Ranger to the bone. Well, call it the beverages. Call it the bravado. Call it a mishap of epic proportions, but what happened next is one for the historical annals of STARFLEET. Admiral Murphy raised her glass, testified that she would join the STARFLEET Marines if the Commandant would state that the Rangers were first, and the Rangers were best. The response..."DONE! AND DONE! Welcome to the STARFLEET Marines!" Some would say this never happened, but rumor has it that there are over 30 people who will say that it did.

Saturday was quite the whirlwind of events from opening ceremonies until the party following the Admiral's Banquet got shut down. Rumors abound of an after party, but that carries almost as much penalty for revealing as acknowledging Section 31's exist...

The opening ceremonies started with a welcome speech from Admiral Sam Black, the

outgoing Region Coordinator with a follow on speech by the incoming Region Coordinator Commodore Jeremy Carsten. Admiral Sam Black then commenced to recognizing many members across the region for their good works on behalf of Region 3 and STARFLEET International.



Photo by: Andrew Peterson

Admiral Sam Black highlights several of the accomplishments since the previous summit



Photo by: Andrew Peterson

Jeremy Carsten, RC Elect.

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After the recognition, all hands were released to have lunch and/or set up for panel discussions. The panels established for this Summit dealt with writing effective award nominations, fan events throughout San Antonio, and how to put together a Summit. This year, the panels were limited and set in order to ensure there would be no competing interests, and it seemed to work effectively. During the panels, table top and casino gaming were in order, and the gaming tables were full for the better part of the day.



Photo by: Kelly Hays

Summit participants engage in gaming sessions.

The Admiral's Banquet was quite the gala event with great food and awesome company. In addition to the fine dining, the annual award winners were named. USS Zavala NCC-100101 was named Region 3 Chapter of the Year, LCDR Bill Milligan was named Region 3 Officer of the Year, Cadet Staff Sergeant Edward "Eddie" Tunis IV was named Region 3 Junior Member of the Year, and MCPO

Steve Sardeson was named Region 3 Enlisted Member of the Year.

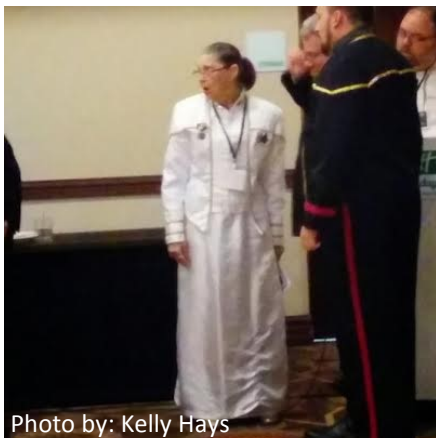


Photo by: Kelly Hays

Marian Murphy is recognized for injuries sustained during IC2014

In recognition of injuries sustained at IC2014, VADM Marian Murphy was recognized by the Third Brigade STARFLEET Marines with the Wounded Lioness Award, which she accepted with a rare grace and dignity. The dinner ended with dancing, revelry, and more gaming at the tables. Once we the hotel closed that down to reclaim their ballroom, rumors abound of clandestine parties, but that is a story for another time.

Sunday morning concluded with breakfast, a meeting with the Region 3 Staff and the Congress of Commanding Officers, and the closing ceremonies. It seemed that all hands were a bit subdued from the revelry of the night before, but everyone involved parted with smiles on faces, hearty handshakes, and great anticipation for the next gathering.

Welcome to PETFLEET!

**By Commodore Lee Vitasek,
Director, PETFLEET**

STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association is proud to bring its members PETFLEET! STARFLEET has members worldwide that have united in the appreciation of the human adventure that is Star Trek. However, STARFLEET believes that adventure should not only be limited to humans. That is why STARFLEET created PETFLEET, to share that adventure with our pet and mascot friends.

It's time for you and your best friend to serve side by side, explore the unknown, face perilous dangers and experience the thrills of a mission's success. You can set out on a voyage of exploration where you and your best friend can explore strange new worlds, seek out new life and new civilizations, and to boldly go where no other pet has gone before.

PETFLEET members include living animals, stuffed mascots, and other so loved companions. It is a free membership that comes with a certificate, PCC number, welcome letter, quarterly newsletters, as well as the opportunity to interact with other pet parents via both Facebook and Yahoo Group pages.

Join us on Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1Kx768c> or join us on Yahoo Groups: <http://yhoo.it/1CfQiA9>. You will find applications to join in both locations, or you can email direct at petfleet@sfi.org.

PETFLEET members will not have voting rights, count for chapter manning levels, or receive the Communiqué.

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HYPOSPRAY

Colonel Gregory Fant, PhD, MSHS, STARFLEET Medical, Surgeon General

TOPIC 01:

Global public health community observes the importance of continued vigilance against tobacco use and safe blood donation, world-wide.

The World Health Organization (WHO) organizes eight, global public health awareness campaigns every year. During the months of May and June, there are two global awareness campaigns:

*World No Tobacco Day, 31 May

*World Blood Donor Day, 14 June

Below, please find some “highlights” from the WHO pertaining to the two, global public health campaigns for this time-period:

World No Tobacco Day, 31 May

World No Tobacco Day 2015: Stop illicit trade of tobacco products 31 May 2015 Every year, on 31 May, WHO and partners mark World No Tobacco Day (WNTD), highlighting the health risks associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. For World No Tobacco Day 2015, we are calling on countries to work together to end the illicit trade of tobacco products. From many angles, the illicit trade of tobacco products is a major global concern, including health, legal and economic, governance and corruption.



PUBLIC DOMAIN IMAGE

Scale of the problem. The illicit tobacco market may account for as much as one in every 10 cigarettes consumed globally, according to studies, including information supplied by the global customs community. The European Commission estimates that illicit trade in cigarettes costs the EU and their Member States over €10 billion annually in lost tax and customs revenue. Illicit trade is not a problem just in high-income countries; almost all countries throughout the world are subject to illicit trade in some form or another. In response to the threat posed by illicit tobacco trade, the international community negotiated and adopted in November 2012 the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, the first protocol to the WHO FCTC. Goals of the WNTD 2015 campaign:

Raise awareness on the harm to people’s health caused by the illicit trade in tobacco products, especially the youth and low-income groups,

due to the increased accessibility and affordability of these products due to their lower costs.

Show how health care gains and programmes, tobacco control policies, like increased tax and prices, pictorial health warnings and other measures are undermined by the illicit trade in tobacco products.

Demonstrate how the tobacco industry has been involved in the illicit trade of tobacco products.

Highlight how the illicit trade of tobacco products is a means of amassing great wealth for criminal groups to finance other organized crime activities, including drugs, human and arms trafficking, as well as terrorism.

Promote the ratification of, accession to and use of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products by all Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) and its early entry into force through the active involvement of all relevant stakeholders.

The global tobacco epidemic kills nearly 6 million people each

year, of which more than 600 000 are non-smokers dying from breathing second-hand smoke. Unless we act, the epidemic will kill more than 8 million people every year by 2030. More than 80% of these preventable deaths will be among people living in low- and middle-income countries.

Key public messages :

The illicit trade of tobacco products is detrimental to your health and your interests. Here is why?

1. Illicit tobacco products hook young people into tobacco experimentation and use because they are more affordable. Such illicit products also mislead young tobacco users by not displaying health warnings and sometimes involving children in illegal selling activities.

2. Illicit trade takes tax revenue away from the Government, which could have otherwise been spent on the provision of public services, instead directing such funds into the hands of criminals.

3. Illicit trade strengthens corruption and weakens good governance.

4. Tobacco companies have been known to use loopholes in tobacco control governance systems and indulge in the illicit trade of tobacco products.

Source: <http://www.who.int/campaigns/no-tobacco-day/2015/en/>

Process Note:

For members of the STARFLEET Medical Corps, we might consider identifying recent data where members live on tobacco use along with morbidity and mortality data related to smoking. Additionally, working with like-minded persons in the assigned region, develop a list of smoking cessation programs in the local area. Then, distribute in the SFI Region via the RCs, Region Chief for Medical/Health issues, and chapter-level .points-of-contact. Trying to "quit smoking" is

tough work.

Let's offer compassionate support.

*World Blood Donor Day, 14 June

World Blood Donor Day 2015: Thank you for saving my life 14 June 2015

World Blood Donor Day campaign

The theme of this year's campaign is "Thank you for saving my life".

It focuses on thanking blood donors who save lives every day through their blood donations and strongly encourages more people all over the world to donate blood voluntarily and regularly with the slogan "Give freely, give often. Blood donation matters."

The campaign aims to highlight stories from people whose lives have been saved through blood donation, as a way of motivating regular blood donors to continue giving blood and people in good health who have never given blood, particularly young people, to begin doing so. Activities may include commemorative events, meetings, publication / dissemination of relevant stories on media outlets, scientific conferences, publication of articles on national, regional and international scientific journals, and other activities that would help in promoting the theme of this year's World Blood Donor Day (WBDD).

The objectives of this year's campaign are to:

- To thank blood donors for their life-saving donations;
- To promote regular voluntary unpaid blood donation;

- To create wider public awareness of the need for regular donation because of the short shelf-life of blood components;
- To encourage existing and potential donors to donate blood at regular intervals
- To focus attention on donor health and the quality of donor care as critical factors in building donor commitment and a willingness to donate regularly; and
- To persuade ministries of health to show their appreciation of regular voluntary unpaid donors and provide adequate resources to provide quality donor care.

Source: <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-blood-donor-day/2015/event/en/>

Process note: For members of the STARFLEET Medical Corps, perhaps the most effective activity is to help the Region Chief for Medical/Health Issues and like-minded persons at the chapter-level organize a blood drive. Another activity could be to encourage others to donate blood (and related products) in their local communities, if the individual is medically able to do so.

For the rest of this article please go to www.starfleetmedical.org/hypo

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STARFLEET Operations Report

ADM Robert Westfall, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, ISS *Katana*, Region 6



REPORTING STATS FOR JUNE 2015

MSRS RECEIVED: 210

MSRS MISSING: 31

TOTAL CHAPTERS: 241

REPORTING %: 87.14% of all chapters

CHAPTERS LAUNCHED

USS Bairoko(R12) - 2 June 2015

USS John Paul Jones(R01) - 2 June 2015

USS Selene(R03) - 4 June 2015

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED

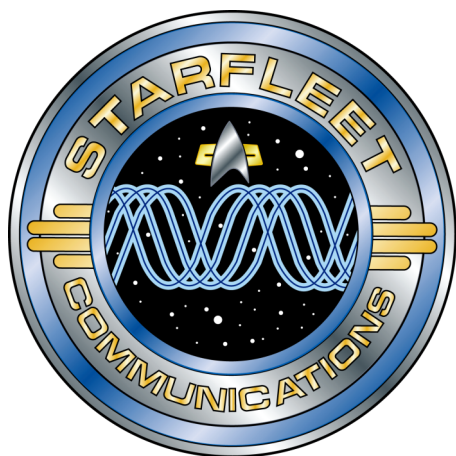
USS Freedom(R01) - 16 June 2015

REGION	MEMBERS (CHANGE)	CHAPTERS (CHANGE)
01	951 (-12)	52(+1)
02	542 (-10)	31(0)
03	464 (-17)	27(+1)
04	438 (+11)	19 (0)
05	165 (+5)	9 (0)
06	132 (+3)	9 (0)
07	582 (-12)	28 (0)
08	6 (-2)	1 (0)
09	51 (+6)	3 (0)
10	79 (+3)	2 (0)
11	125 (-2)	5 (0)
12	382 (-1)	24 (0)
13	132 (+4)	7 (0)
14	1 (0)	0 (0)
15	190 (+14)	10 (0)
16	0 (0)	0 (0)
17	142 (0)	7 (0)
18	0(0)	0 (0)
19	0 (0)	0(0)
20	225 (+8)	7 (0)
00 & 99	5 (0)	0 (0)
TOTAL	4,602 (+9)	241(+2)

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STARFLEET Communications Report

CDRE Matthew Miller, Chief of STARFLEET Communications, USS *Alaric*, Region I



Since I'm making up for past Communiqué editions this is more like a monthly report. So what I'm going to do is give you a breakdown of the hours that went into making this CQ. First, I'll give you a breakdown of the various Communications departments.

Chief of Communications:

I've personally worked on the CQ a little bit everyday except weekends. I'm getting emails and following up with various event promoters. I'm so jealous of the things a few of our members will get to attend for free this year. I have been getting very supportive emails from all of you and I'm loving every minute of it. Most of you are very kind people. I couldn't ask for a better group of folks to work with in Communications.

Vice Chief of Communications:

Duncan has been doing his best to assist me and keep me from overloading.

Thanks Duncan!

Communiqué Staff:

Great group of people and always ready to help get the CQ looking nice. I'm excited for you all to see CQ 185 that Commander Kevin Plummer is putting together for me. That way I can get a jump on the 2016 issues once I'm done with CQ 184.

Thanks Kevin!

List Moderators:

Liz Woolf is keeping us on the straight and narrow. We have been exceptionally well behaved on the business list as of late.

Facebook Admins:

These people are amazing and at times they are almost a second helpdesk. Dave Blaser would want me to remind you that the Facebook page is not the helpdesk. If you want help with membership issues please contact the helpdesk. It's funny that I never really checked out the SFI Facebook page until I became Comms Chief but we share some really neat stuff.

Director of Public Relations:

Brandt is keeping up to date with our latest plans for the 50th anniversary of Star Trek. He's gathering information from Johnathan Simmons and his Recruiting and Retention team. We should have an up to date press kit for 2016 soon.

Hours working on the CQ for the month of December 2015:

December 18-25th

21 Hours

December 26-31

15 Hours

Total Hours: 36

Hours working on the CQ for the month of January 2016:

January 1-8th

10 Hours

January 9-16th

15 Hours

January 17-24th

10 Hours

January 25-31st

10 Hours

Total Hours: 45

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STARFLEET Academy Report

ADM Peg Pellerin, Commandant of Starfleet Academy USS *Constitution*, Region 15

Rather than give you a Featured College, I thought I'd try a different approach to let you know more about what is offered at the Academy. I'll be featuring our Institutes. See a couple of our many Institutes featured further on in this article.

For the first time in my thirty-three years of STARFLEET life, I will be attending an International Conference. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in August in Niagara.

CADET STAR AWARD

No Cadet Star Awards were given this time around. Hopefully school vacation will give some of our cadets more time to spend on our courses and I can give out more awards and pins.

As a reminder about this particular award, any cadet who completes a cadet college with honors &/or distinction or an adult based college with honors &/or distinction and allowed one passing grade, receives a special certificate and pin to show how well you did at the Academy. There is no limit to receiving the Cadet Star Award. There are as many ways as we have colleges and we have LOTS!



FEATURED INSTITUTES

INSTITUTE OF INTELLIGENCE & ESPIONAGE

Dean: FCPT Franklin Newman III
Asst Dean: ADM Carol Thompson

Colleges: 6

Courses: 26

College of Bond, James Bond

Director: David Goldsberry

For over forty years, when you talked about spy movies, there were two categories: Bond and All the Rest. This college has exams based on every Bond movie from Dr. No to Skyfall. If you are a fan of this worldwide-known spy, you will enjoy this college.

College of Cryptography

Director: FCPT Franklin Newman III

If you enjoy puzzles and codes, you will enjoy this college. It is divided into three main areas. Recreational Cryptography has exams based on word puzzles, such as rebuses and anagrams. Historical Cryptography

covers the history, people, and technology of cryptography. One of the courses covers the famous Navajo code talkers of WWII. And finally, Classical Cryptography is a more practical experience with cryptography. The student will have the opportunity to use what they have learned to solve and create codes.

College of Intelligence in Movies

Director: Aleksander Rodner

This college has courses that are based on films whose main theme is intelligence or espionage. It includes classic "Stalag 17 / The Eagle Has Landed" and more up to date "Bourne Identity / Under Siege" films, as well as a few parody "Spies Like Us" films.

Riddle me this:

It can pierce the best armor, And make swords crumble with a rub. Yet for all its power, It can't harm a club.

ANSWER: RUST

NEW Riddle: It doesn't live within a house, Nor does it live without. Most will use it when they come in, and again when they go out.

ACADEMY NEWS

For a listing of graduates and other news not included in this article, please check out the following website: <http://academy.sfi.org/news/news.php>

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Boothby Awards:

April - June 2015

4750 - USS Charon

FCPT Franklin Newman III

4250 - USS Apollo

ADM Carol Thompson

3900 - Vega Star

FADM Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.

3650 - Regulas Star

FCPT Josephine Fisher

3550 - Omicron Star

FCPT Josephine Fisher

3200 - Denab Star

VADM Glen Diebold

2000 - Omega

COL Adam Walter Wenclewicz

1600 - Garnet Star

ADM Patricia Lewis

1500 - Trilithium Star

FCPT T. J. Wayland Allen

1300 - Dilithium Star

CAPT Frances Beverly Brock

800 - Opal

VADM James Herring

700 - Amethyst

PVT Ricardo Garcia

650 - Topaz

CMDR David Paul Goldsberry

600 - Garnet

CMDR Elizabeth Worth

550 - Amber

ENS James William Ferguson

MGEN E. Jerry Beaulieu

500 - Trilithium

LCDR Michael J. Caruso

COMM Lee Vitasek

ENS James William Ferguson

RADM Paul C. Dyl

450 - Platinum

RADM Paul C. Dyl

FCPT Robin Woodell-Vitasek

LCDR Allen Arthur Anderson

400 - Zirconium

LCDR David Phillips

ADM David Almon Miller MD

350 - Titanium

MAJ Gary D. Christeson

LCDR Allen Arthur Anderson

BDR Thomas Clark

LT John Hardy

300 - Dilithium

LT Jude Peace

LTC Megan Schroeder

CMDR Luis Rodriguez Pinto

CAPT Ralph Alden Brigham

250 - Diamond

LTC Andrew McDonald

COMM Janice R. Graham

CAPT Ralph Alden Brigham

COL Fred C. Parsons III

CAPT John Fenison

200 - Latinum

CAPT Ralph Alden Brigham

LTJG Margret Ann Murphy

COL Fred C. Parsons III

CAPT Christopher Johnson

1LT Michael McCarthy

2LT Charles Phillips. Sr

150 - Gold

LTJG Margret Ann Murphy

COL Anne Zecca

MCPT Joshua Ryan Shae

CMDR Cynthia L. Valdez

RADM Karen Mitchell Carothers

FCPT David Sladky

1LT Michael McCarthy

LT Bryan D. Teske

CMDR Eddie Riddle

MCPT Mark Anthony Wheeler

ENS Craig Inches

100 - Silver

COMM Michael Garcia

CRMN Chade Griffiths

LTJG Jeanne McCartney

CAPT David Sladky

CMDR Eddie Riddle

MCPO Mary Esther Lightheart

2LT Charles Phillips, Sr

LCDR Brian Andrew Crist

ENS Donald Murray

CMDR Douglas Linus Kirk

LT Alex King

50 - Bronze

LTJG Phillip Gilfus

ENS Florian Weyand

LT Alex King

CAPT Geraldine Sylvester Parsons

ENS Jelena Woodell

CAPT Berthold Sinaulan

CMDR Douglas Linus Kirk

MID Kelsey Timmons

2LT David Richards

ENS Donald Murray

ADM Peg Pellerin

FCPT Randolph Allen

PO3 Jessica Marie Lightheart

BDR Robert W. Langer

CDT2C Cynthia Nicole Lightheart

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STARFLEET Computer Operations Report

ADM Laura Victor, Chief of STARFLEET Computer Operations, USS *Challenger*, Region 7

First off, I'd like to welcome a new department to CompOps. The STARFLEET Helpdesk has been moved from the office of the VCS to our department, bringing together the helpdesk staff with the Database team that handles the lion's share of helpdesk tickets. So a warm welcome to Helpdesk Director Captain James Ortega (who has already been working in CompOps as Security Director) and I look forward to working more closely with you and your team in the future.

Next, an update on the migration to our new Web host, Site5. We've begun the process of migrating over all email to the new server, which has proven to be a labor-intensive process. The migration of email addresses has included the importing of years of message archives, going back as far as 2005.

The next step is migrating over the discussion lists, including their archived messages, users and settings, which required the assistance of Site5's customer service. After 2 weeks and innumerable support chat sessions, the lists have been migrated, and members are able to use our mailing lists the same as they did on the old Web host.



The next steps will be pointing our DNS settings to the new Web host, which will allow us to end the blocking of SFI.org emails by some popular email providers like Yahoo! And AOL. In addition, we are moving over our main Web sites: www.sfi.org, the SFA site, the Database and the SFMC Web sites and email assets. That process is being completed by our Database team, as well as our SFA and SFMC webmasters, and I hope to have the process completed by the end of the calendar year.

As I've mentioned in the last issue, we are always looking for new talent in CompOps. Contact me at compops@sfi.org if you have any of the following skills and would like to pitch in:

- HTML
- PHP
- Javascript
- Content management systems (Wordpress, Joomla, etc.)
- Graphic Design
- Print design (flyers, brochures, etc.)
- Social media (Facebook page administration, Twitter, Pinterest, etc.)

STARFLEET Financial Report

GEN Linda Olson, Chief Financial Officer



	April	May	June
STARFLEET Main Checking Account			
Opening	\$39,058.82	\$35,385.89	\$37,089.53
Credits	\$4,541.52	\$3,794.59	\$4,837.36
Debits	\$8,214.45	\$2,090.95	\$350.52
Closing	\$39,058.82	\$37,059.53	\$41,576.37
IC Even Account			
Opening	\$907.56	\$907.56	\$907.56
Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing	\$907.56	\$907.56	\$907.56
IC Odd Account			
Opening	\$3,038.35	\$3,538.35	\$3,245.47
Credits	\$500.00	\$505.32	\$500.00
Debits	\$0.00	\$292.88	\$0.00
Closing	\$3,538.35	\$3,245.47	\$3,745.47
SFMC Checking Account			
Opening	\$6,301.12	\$6,279.77	\$5,714.32
Credits	\$272.52	\$380.81	\$592.58
Debits	\$293.87	\$946.26	\$73.51
Closing	\$6,279.77	\$5,714.32	\$6,233.39
STARFLEET Scholarships Savings Account			
Opening	\$1,211.17	\$2,224.22	\$3,489.15
Credits/Interest	\$0.05	\$1,264.93	\$3,194.09
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.09
Closing	\$2,224.22*	\$3,489.15	\$6,683.24
SFMC Scholarship Savings Account			
Opening	\$2,729.44	\$2,729.44	\$2,729.53
Credits/Interest	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.04
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing	\$2,729.48	\$2,729.53	\$2,729.57
STARFLEET Scholarship CD			
Current Balance	\$1,117.29	\$1,117.32	\$1,117.32
Rate	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Matures On	2015-08-15	2015-08-15	2015-08-15
STARFLEET Savings CD			
Current Balance	\$17,038.44	\$17,039.16	\$14,039.16
Rate	0.08%	0.08%	0.04%
Matures On	2015-06-30	2015-06-30	2016-03-30

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CADET CORNER

Welcome Cadet,

I am Commander Spock of the USS Enterprise. Right now I am teaching at STARFLEET Academy and I will be your science instructor. We will be doing one experiment per visit. Does anyone know why we experiment? That's right, to find answers to the questions we have about the universe.

Today we are going to be making "Walking Water."

Here are some of the things you are going to need:

- Three clear plastic cups.
- Two paper towels
- Three different bottles of food coloring
- One giant pitcher of water
- An adult to help
- Scissors

Take two plastic cups and fill them about 3/4ths of the way with water.

Add about three drops of your favorite colors to the two water cups and stir.

Leave the third plastic cup empty, since our water has to walk somewhere.

With the two paper towels fold them lengthwise about three times.

Have an adult clip off the edge of the paper towels, so it just perfectly touches the bottom of two cups.

Put the empty cup in the center and the two water cups on the outside.

Place the two paper towels in each of the water cups, leading into the empty cup.

After about 30-45 minutes come back and check on them.



Experiment Results

1. What happened?
2. Why did you get this result?



If you are interested in learning something else from STARFLEET Academy there are a number of courses you may take. Ask your parents to go to the STARFLEET Academy website and request a course.

<http://acad.sfi.org/courses>

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STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Ever since 1990, our organization has presented monetary scholarships to special active STARFLEET members who are attending community colleges, four-year colleges, most technical schools, junior colleges and universities or graduate school, or any other accredited institution/organization that offers a certificate/certified program. If unsure, just ask the Director.

Scholarships are awarded in amounts of up to \$1,000 based on number of applicants and availability of funds. APPLICANTS MUST BE A STARFLEET MEMBER AND MUST HAVE BEEN A STARFLEET MEMBER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. The application period runs from January 1 through June 15 of each year. June 15 is the Application Deadline. At our annual International Conference each summer, the scholarship winners are announced for the next academic year beginning in the fall semester.

Over the years, the number and variety of our Scholarships have changed. The following is a list of the current Scholarships that STARFLEET offers:

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY – James Doohan/Montgomery Scott Engineering & Technology Scholarship
This very popular Scholarship covers any field related to engineering and other fields of study involving technology, computer science, etc.

MEDICINE & VETERINARIAN – DeForest Kelley/Dr. Leonard McCoy Memorial Medical & Veterinarian Scholarship

This is for medical studies of both humans and animals and is awarded for programs in medical school, nursing school, physical therapy, pre-med, EMT-Paramedic, surgical technician, biomedical technician, and the study of veterinary medicine.

ARTISTIC – Gene Roddenberry Memorial/Sir Patrick Stewart Scholarship for Aspiring Writers & Artists

This is for all those studying acting, dance, music, writing, literature, or for skills and training relating to the media, graphic artists, film making, etc.

BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT/EDUCATION – Armin Shimerman/George Takei/LeVar Burton Scholarship for Business, Language Studies & Education

This Scholarship is for business and management studies, the study of foreign languages or studies abroad, and for teaching.

MISCELLANEOUS – Space Explorers' Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the Apollo, Shuttle Challenger, and Shuttle Columbia astronauts and Russian cosmonauts that have died to further our efforts in space exploration. It is a "general duty" scholarship and applies to all courses of study not mentioned in the other 4 Scholarships. If scholarship applicant's field of study does not quite match up with one of the other scholarship types, they may be awarded this one.

**Think about it,
if every
member made
a \$1 donation
to the
scholarship
fund each
year, we could
fully fund the
program.**

When you renew, look for this box.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a search bar at the top. The main content area has a dark background with the word "DONATIONS" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the text reads: "I would like to donate to the STARFLEET Scholarship". There is a "DONATE:" label followed by a text input field containing the number "0". Below the input field, it says "Please enter numbers only! (for ex. 100)". At the bottom of the form, there is a section titled "INSTRUCTIONS" in yellow, which contains the text: "(Donation amount will be added to your member's account. All donations will go into a general Scholarship fund then allocated to fulfill scholarship awards as needed. Thank you for your donation!)"

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COMMANDER	KLINGON	VORTA
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ATTENTION ON DECK!

APRIL - JUNE 2015

State of the STARFLEET Marine Corps

GENERAL Michael J McGowan, Commandant SFMC

Marines,

Last month I was hosted by the Third Brigade on the occasion of their annual Muster. I can not say enough how much I enjoyed that trip and look forward to other such opportunities in the future. Though the weather in eastern Texas, which brought floods and mayhem to much of the region, prevented the Brigade OIC from being able to fly in to attend, the Muster and Mess were both conducted in exemplary fashion. These folks surely know how to throw a party.

I have rarely been treated so nicely by so many people. I want to thank Jeremy Carsten, the Event Coordinator, and Ed Tunis, the Brigade OIC, and their respective staffs for the opportunity and the great time I had. I truly appreciate the chance to be there.

I will be speaking, via Skype at the 11th Brigade Muster in Adelaide, South Australia on July 11th. If any other Brigades are interested in having me attend via Skype, feel free to contact me and we'll certainly set something up.

Revision of the MFM is coming along, albeit much more slowly than I would have liked. There is a lot of new material to be incorporated, so this is a pretty big job. It will be out in time for IC in August.



The period for Honor Award nominations has almost concluded. Once that is done, the GS will be making their recommendations to me for issuance. Brigade OICs, if you have not yet sent the documents to nominate your Brigade Valor Award winners for the annual Honor Awards consideration, the time is NOW! Your Brigade requires recognition for its deserving marines. The Deadline is 6JUL2015. They should be sent to dant@sfi-sfmc.org AND depdant@sfi-sfmc.org.

If I may quote the COFORCECOM, BGN James, on this subject, "We don't know these individuals so explain to us what we should consider them 'the best of the best of the best'. We'll be basing our decisions on what we're sent so make it good. Be specific. Be precise. If you have a question, ask. None of the GS will write your nomination for you but we will certainly help if we have questions."

Finally, Independence Day weekend is upon us here in the US. Highways are likely to be crowded and somewhat treacherous. Please be careful in your travels and keep this holiday weekend a safe and happy one.

For now, that is all.

Mike

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State of FORCECOM

BGN Jari James, COFORCECOM, 503rd MSG, 5th Brigade

Marines,

Due to some computer issues, health issues and general life issues, FORCECOM did not publish a May 2015 Status report so this is a combined May-June report.

Position of DCOFORCECOM & 11BDE OIC:

First off, for those who may have missed the announcement on the email lists and of Facebook, due to significant life situations, BDR Duncam Cameron of 2nd Brigade had to step down from the position of DCOFORCECOM. After a period of where applications were accepted, I have chosen BDR Liam Smith of 11BDE as his replacement. He can be reached at dcoforcecom@sfi-sfmc.org. He will be taking over the Reading Challenge, so any questions about that program should be addressed to him.

With BDR Smith moving into the DCOFORCECOM position, that leaves 11BDE in need of an OIC. Currently LTC Leo Brunelle is acting 11BDE OIC. Application are open for the position of 11 BDE OIC through 3 July 2015. Any member of 11 Brigade may apply, Please contact me for a copy of the application.

Database:

With another Marine Muster coming up on the horizon now is a good time to check out your personnel records on the database. No one's going to know something is missing but you so it's a good idea 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 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. 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,

There are policies in place to enter awards that you have been issued but, for some reason, were not entered at that time. But it needs to be made clear that the responsibility of proof rests on

the individual themselves. If you request an award to be entered, you will need to produce a copy of the award certificate, an email statement from the original issuing individual, a notation pointing to where it was announced in a newsletter, something that shows it was issued.

I am always willing to discuss things and will do everything I can to assist the individual, but one of my personal guidelines has always been 'Trust, but Verify'. Just think of it as 'preventative maintenance'.

Please Read the Manuals:

I can't stress this enough. Most of the questions I'm asked are already covered in either the Marine Force Manual [general topics] or the Policy Manual [for Unit, Battalion and Brigade OICs]. It's not that any of us on the General Staff are adverse to answering questions, but you've got then entire working policies of the SFMC available to you in those two manuals. Please take the time to look through them and consult them if you have a question. If you can't find what you're looking for, then certainly contact me.

Also PRTM in regards to who is responsible for what level of promotions. In so far as the SFMC is concerned, we do not have the ability to promote. That function belongs on the Fleet side of the house. So always check with your Ship CO and your RC about promotions.

Reporting:

Short and sweet: It's like my world of health care, folks. If it isn't in writing, it didn't happen.

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State of INFOCOM

BGEN Mark Anderson, COINFOCOM, SFMC



Greetings Marines,

As I mention last year about my decision not to ever purchase anything "on sale" during the Memorial Day weekend. I don't begrudge those that do, I just feel it is something that I want to do myself. I feel it like it is saying, sorry you lost someone in your family defending the country, but you can save 30% on a new washer and dryer set. That's just not for me.

As few weeks ago my mom called me and said she was going to visit my older brother, who lives in Georgia for his birthday. It is on the 24th Of May. Because I was off work on Monday my younger brother and I decided to surprise him and make the 8 hour drive. My older brother is currently a sky diving instructor. While he was in the Army he went to airborne school and then later started training for Special Forces. He was selected for HALO training and he was one of the First classes to complete this training. Back then the Army hadn't established the HALO badge they currently use. My Brother still keeps in touch with some of his old friends. As a surprise one of his Friends who was then a Chief Warrant Officer submitted the paper work on his behalf and got his service record amended to include the HALO

badge he had earned several years ago. He presented my brother with a certificate and the badge when he came to skydive with my brother a few years back.

You may asked what all this has to do with Memorial Day, that Chief Warrant Officer last name was McGinnis. He had a nephew that was serving in Iraq in 2008. Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis. PFC McGinnis was awarded the Medal of Honor on June 5th 2008. He was a 50 Cal gunner on patrol when an insurgent throw a fragmentation grenade into the gunners hatch. PFC McGinnis yelled "grenade" and instead of PFC McGinnis jumping to safety he decided to

protect his crew and throw himself on the grenade. His actions saved his four crew mates. I didn't know the rest of this story until this weekend. Let us not forget, it is Memorial Day not national barbeque day.

In closing here's the pingdom stats for April 2015.

Uptime: 100%

Outages: 0

Downtime: 15 Minutes

Response time: 469 ms

State of FINCOM

MGEN Barry Jackson, COFINCOM, SFMC

I missed the report for April. I have enclosed the April and May report

The numbers for the month of April are as follows:

The checking account opened the month of April with a balance of \$6301.12
Credit -\$203.02 PayPal transfer
Credit - \$69.50 R2 quartermaster sales
Debits total - \$293.87
USPS - 28.36 QM postage
Wal-Mart - 6.89 envelopes for qm
Vanguard - 258.62 (ribbon order)
Closing balance for the account was 6279.77

The numbers for the month of May are as follows:

The checking account opened the month of May with a balance of

\$6279.77

Credit -257.81 PayPal transfer

Credit - 123.00 R15 quartermaster sales

Debits total - \$946.26

USPS - 29.94 QM postage

Wal-Mart - 5.32 envelopes for GM

Pin pros Inc. - 472.00 Collar brass

Signature Coins - 439.00 Challenge Coins

Closing balance for the account was 5714.32

The new collar brass is in. Cost is \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 2. You may order at will.

Challenge coin are on the way. Do not know the cost yet.

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State of the NCO Corps

MGSGT Jerome A. Stoddard, SGTMAJSFMC, 503rd MSG, 5th Brigade

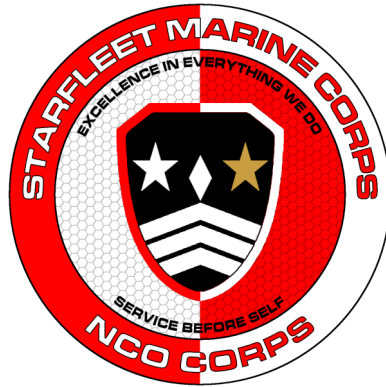
Greetings Marines!

Please join me in the booth in the back in the corner in the dark of my local NCO Club, where the air conditioning unit sometimes struggles to keep up with all the hot air from those “No Sierra ... there I was ...” stories, and the kitchen staff tends to take their own sweet time on any errands that take them into the blessed relief of the big walk-in cooler lately.

For most of the SFMC (with due apologies to the 11th BDE), we’ve slid into the time of year when outdoor activities, be it some form of community service or social activities (like picnics or various games) make having ready access to water (and sunscreen, especially for us glow-in-the-dark-pale types) a VERY good idea.

Dress appropriately for the weather, and please, keep an eye on each other for signs of distress.. Remember, it’s not just a good idea - it’s official SFMC policy. MFM 2012 p 48: “ Our members are our most important asset and must be treated with care and respect for their safety and comfort.”

And also remember, community service doesn’t have to involve any sort of organized charity or cause at all. Just giving of your time and energy to someone who needs a hand is the spirit of community service. But also make sure that whoever is filing the report for your unit knows the details, and sends it up the



Chain of Command in their official report so you can be given the recognition your efforts deserve. “If you don’t report it, we can’t reward it.”

On that note: as the time for the annual SFMC wide awards approaches, I’d be much obliged if you’d take the time to look around you at the good things some of your fellow STARFLEET Marines have been doing, then take a look through the “Awards” section of your copy of the MFM, and see what you can do about getting them some recognition at the Corps level. Any Marine can recommend another Marine for an award ... don’t wait for the Other Guy to do it, because we all know the Other Guy is famous for dropping the ball.

As always, the SFMC General Staff needs your input and ideas in order to properly do our jobs. Don’t hesitate to contact the appropriate GS member with your questions, comments and ideas. You can find all the email addresses at the

SFMC website, and, of course, we monitor the Corps-I list, and the SFMC Facebook group.

However ... when it comes to questions, it’s likely time I once again reminded you with my tongue mostly in cheek ... Marines ... every time you ask a question whose answer is clearly in The Book, or answer a question without looking in The Book to be sure you’re right, some reasonably omnipotent being somewhere in the universe takes a completely innocent little adorable puppy, fluffy bunny, or playful kitten, or their alien equivalent, and cruelly promotes them to “butter bar”. Please, Marines think of the puppies, bunnies, kittens and alien equivalents! Check the current Marine Force Manual (MFM) first and remember that the Policy Manual is included by reference in the MFM.

So read the manual!

In service and in friendship,

MGSGT Jerome A. Stoddard
Sergeant Major of the STARFLEET
Marines

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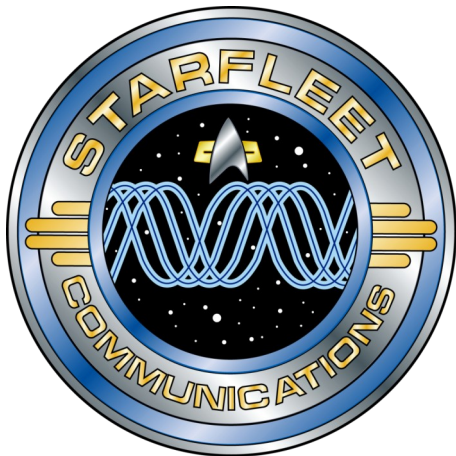
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