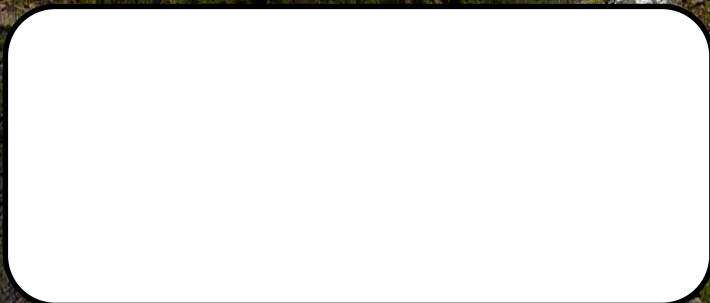
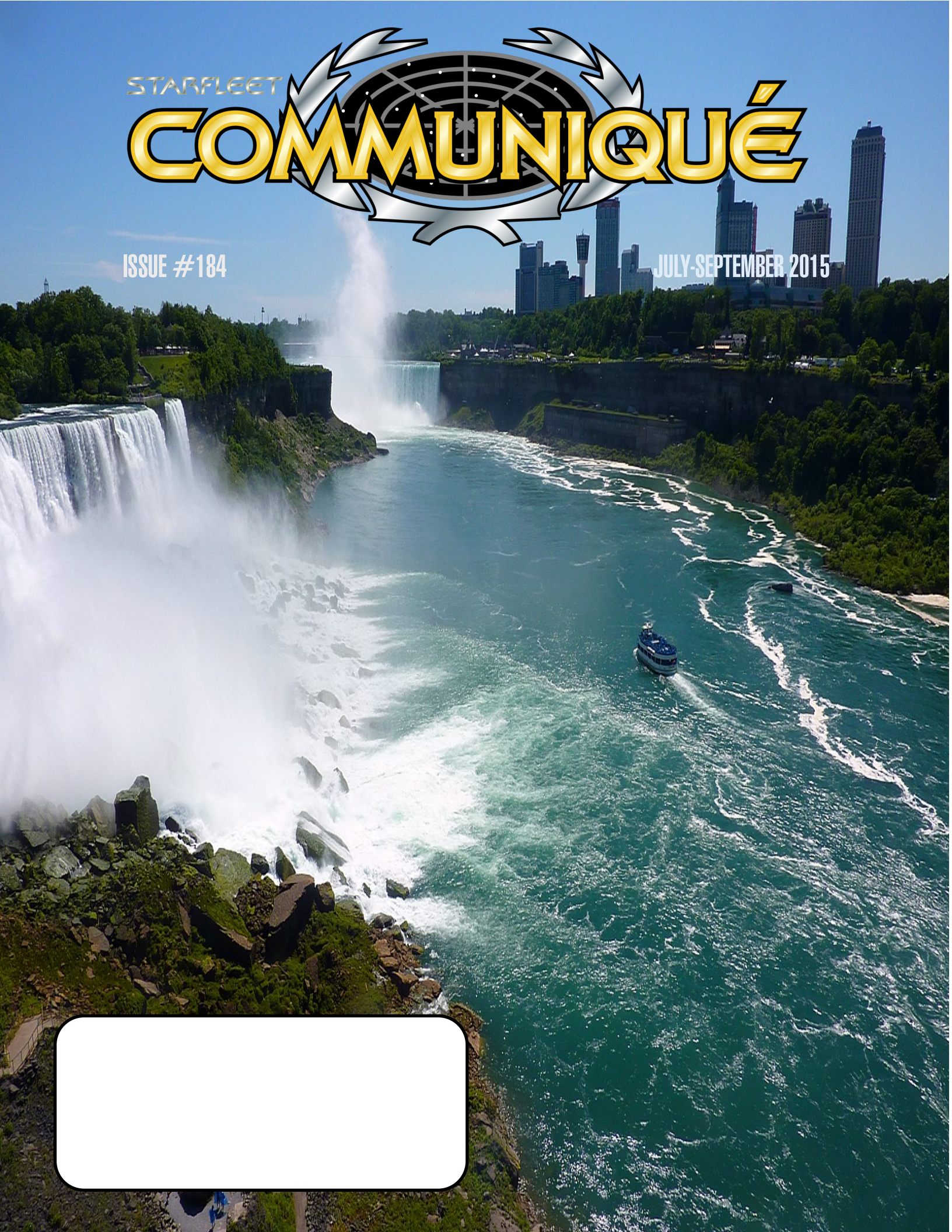


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Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

by CDRE Matthew Miller,
Editor-in-Chief,

Everyone,

Welcome to the latest edition of the STARFLEET Communiqué. As always we have some great articles from our members. Mixed in are some International Conference blurbs and pictures. Unfortunately we didn't get very many articles from those members in attendance.

What we don't have in quantity we've more than made up with quality. I'm excited by the rate with which we are getting caught up. I am very proud of the amount we have produced in such a short time.

Once the Communiqué is back on track, I can really take my time putting it together. We are still looking for volunteer writers and editors.

It's a challenge to stay motivated and put a little bit of myself into each of these CQ's. No one said being the Editor-in-Chief was easy and I didn't expect that it would be. The best part of my job is reading your articles. We have some really great people in STARFLEET.

Our members get to have incredible amounts of fun. That's one of the things I like most about being a member. Our chapters and the friends we make while having a blast. It's hard at times getting emails

from various event coordinators. They often start with, "do you have any members about three states away from your state?" Why just once can't I get some of these events a little closer to home so I can steal them for myself. I'm kidding of course it's a pleasure to see all of you having fun.

It's hard at times to find the will to start an edition and see all of those blank pages waiting to be filled. Then I realize you do most of the work for me and I smile. You are my motivation to keep up this pace.

I hope you enjoy this CQ and if you don't please feel free to volunteer. We are only as good as our material.



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STARFLEET Q3 2015 Promotions & Awards

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

From the period of July to September 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.

To the rank of FLEET CAPTAIN:

Angela Landry, USS New Orleans, Region 3
Donald Dobrin, USS Atlantis, Region 10
Jeffery Beckstrom, USS Aarushi, Region 17
Melissa Hadley, USS Gygax, Region 4
Scott Jensen, USS Virginia, Region 1

To the rank of BRIGADIER:

Erik Roberts, USS Gygax, Region 4
Jane Childers, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2
Josiah Smiddy, USS Orion, Region 12
Leo Rogers, USS Wisconsin, Region 6
Stephen Satonick, USS Tiberius, Region 2

To the rank of REAR ADMIRAL:

Christina Sievers, USS Tiburon, Region 17
Ralph Planthold, USS Dark Phoenix, Region 12

To the rank of MAJOR GENERAL:

Julie McGowan, USS BortaS, Region 12

To the rank of COMMODORE:

Brian Landry, USS New Orleans, Region 3
Dan Adams, USS Stargazer, Region 20
Greg Mortensen, USS Tydirium, Region 11
John Yelverton, USS Haise, Region 2
Martha Ingles, USS Constitution, Region 15
Robin Woodell-Vitasek, USS Aurora Vulcanus,
Region 4

To the rank of BRIGADIER GENERAL:

Michael Romero, USS Callisto, Region 15
Shane Russell, USS Orion, Region 12

To the rank of VICE ADMIRAL:

Jennifer Cole, USS Angeles, Region 4

To the rank of ADMIRAL:

Bran Stimpson, USS Tiburon, Region 17
Chrissy Killian, USS Peacekeeper, Region 4
Richard Heim, Jr. USS Alaric, Region 1
Tammy Willcox, USS Ma'at, Region 1

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Orders of Merit (July to September 2015)

ORDER OF BABEL (RECRUITING)

Second Class

John Lee, USS Richthofen, Region 7

Third Class

Bryan Teske, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

ORDER OF COCHRANE (TECHNOLOGY)

Second Class

Mary Lighthouse, USS Southern Cross, Region 11

Third Class

William Knopes, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

ORDER OF DARMOK & JALAD (OUTREACH)

First Class

Freddy Heller, USS DaVinci, Region 2

James Cozine, USS Trident, Region 2

Third Class

Bryan Teske, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

David Dean, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Scott Roop, USS DaVinci, Region 2

Seth Morris, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Stig Crandall, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Todd Kes, USS DaVinci, Region 2

ORDER OF DIONYSUS (ACTIVITY PLANNING)

Third Class

Tracey Vogelsang, USS Richthofen, Region 7

GRANKITE ORDER OF TACTICS (EVENT PLANNING)

First Class

Debbie Blaser, USS Hadfield, Region 13

ORDER OF HERODOTUS (HISTORY/RECORDKEEPING)

Second Class

David Goldsberry, USS Gygas, Region 4

Third Class

Richard Heim, Jr. USS Alaric, Region 1

ORDER OF RODDENBERRY (STAR TREK)

Third Class

Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

ORDER OF S'HARIEN (INVENTIVENESS)

First Class

Denine Sanders, Retribution Station, Region 12

Justin Donovan, USS Discovery, Region 12

Michelle Westfall, ISS Katana, Region 12

Robert Westfall, ISS Katana, Region 12

Third Class

John Lee, USS Richthofen, Region 7

ORDER OF SAMARITAN (VOLUNTEERISM)

First Class

Mike Calhoun, USS Valiant, Region 12

Second Class

Beth Calhoun, USS Valiant, Region 12

Crystal Rodriguez, USS Valiant, Region 12

Dennis Bain, USS Valiant, Region 12

Josh Foreman, USS Valiant, Region 12

Mike Naas, USS Valiant, Region 12

Third Class

Anne Zecca, USS Tiberius, Region 2

Beth Perkins, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Duncan Cameron, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Era Childers, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Jane Childers, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Leah Cameron, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Melanie Johnston, USS Corsair, Region 3

Robert Childers, USS Dejah Thoris, Region 2

Stephen Satonick, USS Tiberius, Region 2

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Report from the Commander, STARFLEET

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

Welcome back to another exciting issue of the CQ! This issue is our IC issue...IC2015 in Niagara Falls was definitely a blast! The trip started by flying from Texas up to Buffalo, New York the Wednesday before IC. As someone who had never been farther north than Chicago/Rockford, I was looking forward to seeing the sights as much as possible. Glen and Ruth Diebold picked me up from the airport and took me to Niagara Falls itself. I was very impressed with the landscape...especially all of the trees! As I am from the deep-south, I had always heard about how populated New York was and how congested the traffic can get. It was quickly explained to me that the northern part of New York isn't like New York City itself. This was definitely a learning adventure for me!

I got checked into the hotel and took in the local sights. The convention center was right across the street in one direction...and a casino was across the street in another! Ch-ching!!!

On Thursday, Dave took me to see the sights of Niagara Falls. It was a remarkable experience! I did a little dance on the Rainbow Bridge at the US/Canadian border. I am shocked they let me in on either side after that! We went to Ripley's Believe It or Not, had Beaver Tails (that was an experience all by itself!), and toured a wax museum. He was a great tour guide. I got some fantastic pictures of the falls from both sides of the border. It was a breathtaking view.

Friday brought the annual ECAB Meeting. It is one of the official activi-



ties of our International Conference, so we came together to discuss the annual events of our organization and get the official business out of the way as much as possible. Friday night, we held an EC Meeting. It was great having all seven members of the EC present at this year's event!

During Saturday's General Sessions, I guess everything from this past year finally took its toll on me...literally. I broke down during my speech, thinking about what all has happened to me in a very short timeframe this year. Starting the year off recuperating from a severe accident to just losing my mom was too much for my mind to take...so I had a breakdown. I know several members were there to support me and I most definitely appreciate what you did.

Dave and his team put together one fantastic event. I did not hear a single complaint all weekend! Members loved the panels, they loved the activities, they loved the location, and the most definitely loved the FOOD! It was a great event. I loved Debbie during the auction. She has a way of getting people to spend mon-

ey...while picking on Dave at the same time! It was great!

I got one more chance to see the sights before I left. Robert and Michelle Westfall, David and Linda Kloempken, and I did a lot of walking and sight-seeing before the weekend was out. The weather was perfect for it and the sights were definitely worth the walk.

I rode back to the Buffalo airport with my Press Secretary, David Anderson. He filled in as my Chief of Staff, since Denine could not attend IC this year. TSA took their job very seriously when going through luggage...they made it clear they did not like David's phaser being in his suitcase. I guess TSA Agents are not Star Trek fans!

On the way back from IC, while I was waiting at the Buffalo airport to fly back...you guessed it, my flight was cancelled. It has been determined that I cannot fly anywhere without there being problems with my flight plans. I have gotten myself used to this fact.

I finally get back to East Texas and finish packing my things, as I am moving into a new role at work, which is causing me to move to Austin by the end of September. Talk about moving fast! Now I have to shift gears and get everything ready for the move!

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

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Report from the Vice Commander, STARFLEET

RADM Hayden Segel, USS *Potomac*, Region I

The month of August turned out to be great month for STARFLEET. This month was primarily dedicated to preparation for and attendance at the 2015 International Conference (IC 2015). A great deal of effort by a highly dedicated team was put in to ensuring IC 2015 was an extremely productive and successful event. I left knowing all Mr. Blaser and his team's hard work paid off big time.

Everyone on the Executive Committee was in attendance; something I believe has not happened for quite some time. In addition to meeting with the EC face to face for time, I also met with our Awards and Promotions director Linda Kloempken, SFMC Commandant Mike McGowan, and Robin, my Chief of Staff. Many of you who know the tumultuous



relationship I have with my email inbox, so the opportunity to meet with key personnel was a golden opportunity to get caught up on past issues, discuss many of the matters at hand, and plan for the future. I for one couldn't have been happier with the way things turned out. The best part of IC 2015 was the opportunity to address members from across the fleet both in attendance and over the internet. In addition to the many status updates I provided to the membership at large along with my annual report to the

Admiralty Board I made the announcement RADM Jack Eaton of Region Two has volunteered to be our main focal point for all things related to Star Trek's 50th Anniversary. If anyone has questions concerning STARFLEET's commemoration of this year long event or would like to make any suggestions, please feel free to contact Jack Eaton at trek50@sfi.org. Again, August was a great month for the fleet and I look forward to the months ahead.

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IC 2015 AWARDS

STARFLEET Cross Awards

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Major General David Lee Kania
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Colonel William Knopes
Major General Travis Littou
Major General Julie McGowan
General Michael McGowan
General David Miller
General Linda Olson
Brigadier James Ortega
Brigadier General Shane Russell

Major General Oliver Savander
Major General Hayden Segel
Sergeant Major Russell Selkirk
Brigadier David Sladky
Brigadier Liam Smith
Second Lieutenant Jamie Spracklen
Master Gunnery Sergeant Jerry Stoddard
Major General Edward Tunis III
Lieutenant General Jeff Victor
General Laura Victor
General Tammy Willcox

Newsletter Awards

Issued by Communications

Outstanding Regional Newsletter
The Commonwealth, Region 20

Outstanding Brigade Newsletter
Cry Havoc! 3rd Brigade

Outstanding Chapter Newsletter
Angels Flight, Region 4

Distinguished Service Cross
Jari James

Cross of Honor
Paul Dyl

Sword of Honor
Jeremy Carsten

Shield of Honor
Lisa Hergert

Star of Honor
Adam Hudson

Legion of Honor
333rd MSG

Cadet Sword of Honor (Grade 2)
Edward Tunis IV

Commandant's Meritorious Service Award
Mark Anderson

Joseph Dorffner
Barry Jackson

SFMC Service Commendation
Mark Anderson
Duncan Cameron
Joseph Dorffner
Faith Steinberg
Jared Fielder
Barry Jackson
Travis Littou
Julie McGowan
James Monroe
Linda Olson
Steve Parmley
Shane Russell
Liam Smith
Jamie Spracklen
Jerry Stoddard
Edward Tunis III

SFMC Achievement Award

TJ Allen
Timothy Barrington
E Jerry Beaulieu
Paul G. Dyl
D. Allen Glenn
David Goldsberry
Rolando Gomez
Sarah Hays
Adam Hudson
Paula Kesler
Tom King
David Miller
Andrew Peterson
Jen Peterson
Oliver Savander

Meritorious Unit Citation

120th MSG
229th MSG
503rd MSG
555th MSG

Leader's Commendation (SGM-SFMC Office)
Paul G. Dyl

TRACOM Awards
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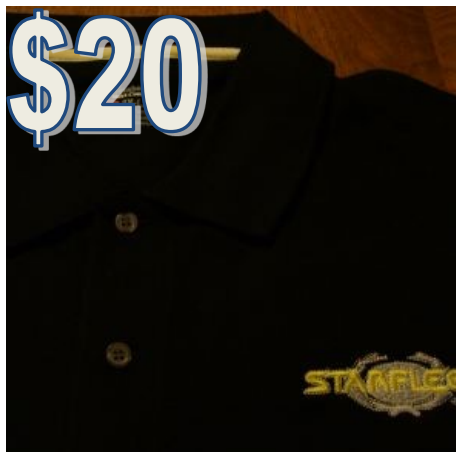
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You May Now Kiss and Mind Meld!

**By, Admiral Richard Heim, Jr.
USS Alaric, Region 01**

On May 23, 2015, two USS Alaric members – Diane Stanton and I – were married in a ceremony that had a Star Trek, Science, Superhero, and Science-Fiction theme. The local daily newspaper, Asheville Citizen-Times, began their article about our wedding this way:

“You may now kiss and mind meld,” Howard Hanger declared to the bride and groom before they placed their hands on each other’s temples – merging their thoughts, and lives, together forever.



Although not traditional, what else should be expected from a minister wearing pointed Vulcan ears in a ceremony where Corinthians was read by Batman?



Yes, it was indeed a non-traditional wedding. Guests were invited to come in their favorite costume, so there were Jedi Knights and Vulcans and Fairies and Romulans and Dark Knights and Phantoms and an abundance of Starfleet personnel in attendance. In lieu of wedding gifts, we had asked guests to make a donation to the American Cancer Society or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research in memory of my parents, or to send us copies of the wedding pictures they took. It was a wonderful and exciting and fun and unique wedding, and everyone had a fantastic time!

We had jettisoned the traditional “Here Comes the Bride” music and entrance. Instead, we had the ceremony begin with

“Christine” and “Erik” – characters from The Phantom of the Opera – entering the sanctuary to music from the movie. Diane’s mother, Barb, was dressed as Christine and her father, Don, as the phantom Erik. After the parents of the bride were seated, Jubilee! minister, Howard Hanger, announced Diane’s and my entrance with a unique Star Trek introduction which we had concocted: “Marriage, the final frontier. This is a voyage of Richard and Diane. Their Lifetime Mission: to explore this wonderful world, to fully experience life and their relationship, to boldly go expressing love and more!” Then we entered the sanctuary together to the main theme music of Star Trek, the original series.

Keeping to our Star Trek theme, my attire was Spock’s dress uniform which he wore in “Journey to Babel” and other Star Trek episodes, and which our friend, Teri, made for me. Diane chose an astronomical theme for her galaxy dress, which she and her mom made. Our close friend, Deni, dressed in a Next Generation Starfleet uniform, was my Best Person (i.e., my female Best Man), and Diane’s sister, Debbie, garbed as a

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Jedi Knight, was Maid of Honor.

Special readings by family and members of the wedding party preceded the exchange of vows. Debbie and Barb read from favorite love-themed poetry; Don sang Elvis's "Love Me Tender", drawing tears from both Diane and me; Deni reflected on how Diane and I had met; Diane read from The Prophet; and I spoke on why we chose a Star Trek-Science-Superhero-Science-Fiction theme. Diane's brother, Dale, is an engineer who spent time years ago as a missionary in Africa. Dressed in the aforementioned Batman outfit, Dale read from 1st Corinthians 13 in both English and Chalu-ba, the language of the African country he visited.

Deni drew laughs when she described how she had coached me with my Match.com profile. She reviewed what I had written and thought it was awful, but I posted it anyway. Within a few hours I had received responses from three women, Diane being the first to reply. So Diane and I met through Match.com. But that's not the full story. We had actually met a couple times years prior to my posting the dating service profile. The first was at a church-sponsored environmental meeting, and the second at a cli-

mate presentation I gave at the University of North Carolina-Asheville campus. I've given dozens of talks on climate over the decades as part of my job, so I had forgotten those two times we had met, but Diane remembered!



Jubilee! is a non-traditional church, so Howard was perfectly at ease with our non-traditional wedding. As you saw in the Citizen-Times excerpt above, after the Exchange of Vows and Exchange of Rings, Howard, clad in Vulcan ears, gave Diane and me permission to "kiss and mind meld." Mike Birkle, of Retro Reproductions, did a fantastic job with the wedding video, having us "beam out" of the sanctuary at the end of the ceremony. And the reporter from the Daily Planet, as well as the one from the Citizen-Times, did a superb job with their articles!

Instead of a bouquet of flowers, Diane carried a miniature solar system when she and I entered the sanctuary. After the ceremony, when it came time to toss the bouquet, we tossed the planets, one at a time. So there are nine (yes, to us, Pluto is still a planet) lucky folks out there who are going to be married in the future!

I had prepared a PowerPoint of slides which we projected both before (as guests gathered) and after the ceremony. The slides included sayings from scientists, philosophers, and Gene Roddenberry on science, life, Star Trek, and the human condition which encapsulated our feelings. Also included were pictures of cinematic weddings of various Star Trek, science-fiction, and superhero characters. Each slide was projected against an astronomical background scene of the Pleiades, another star cluster, the Andromeda Galaxy, or Spiral Galaxy M64. The PowerPoint served as an introduction to the philosophy of our wedding, a pictorial explanation of why we chose this theme, and an entertaining prelude and postlude to the ceremony itself. I summarized the essence of the PowerPoint slides in my presentation on why we chose a Star Trek-Science-Superhero-Science-Fiction theme for the wedding.

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Why science? Astronomer Edwin Hubble said: “Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science.”



We liked this from astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson: “Science is a cooperative enterprise, spanning generations. It’s the passing of a torch from teacher, to student, to teacher. A community of minds reaching back to antiquity and forward to the stars.”

The Apollo Moon program was in full swing when I was growing up in the 1960s. To me, Apollo represented the best minds of science working together to accomplish a common goal. To me, on Star Trek with Science Officer Spock as our guide, we were exploring strange new worlds in fiction, and with Apollo, we were exploring another world for real.

This combo made science exciting for me, and it still is!

We emphasized in the power-point the importance of preserving our spaceship Earth, the only home we know.

Earthrise and the pale blue dot were two awesome pictures we used to bring this message home. Project Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter noted that, “This planet is not terra firma. It is a delicate flower and it must be cared for. It's

lonely. It's small. It's isolated, and there is no resupply. And we are mistreating it.” Neil deGrasse Tyson said: “We are all connected – to each other biologically, to the earth chemically, to the rest of the universe atomically.” From a Native American Elder: “Honor the sacred. Honor the Earth, our Mother. Honor the Elders. Honor all with whom we share the Earth: Four-leggeds, two-leggeds, winged ones, swimmers, crawlers, plant and rock people. Walk in balance and beauty.”

Why superheroes? Again, in the 1960s, my favorite superheroes were teams who worked together to vanquish their evil foes – teams like the Justice League, Fantastic Four, X-Men, and the Avengers. These were people with special abilities who accomplished great things by joining together and working toward a common goal. And the Fantastic Four’s Reed Richards was even a scientist!

The great astronomer Carl Sagan said the very atoms of our bodies were forged in the hearts of stars: we are made of star stuff. Through the magic of carbon and biochemistry and evolution, we are the universe becoming aware of itself. Expressed another way, Eckhart Tolle said, you are the universe expressing itself as a human for a little while. This is awesome, almost spiritual! In fact, Dr. Sagan said: “The very act of understanding is a celebration of joining, merging, even if on a very modest scale, with the magnificence of the Cosmos. Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality.”

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So, from science we learn that we are special, in the cosmological sense. Now, Jesus said, we are but children!



Gene Roddenberry built on this idea when he said, "I believe in humanity. We are an incredible species. We're still just a child creature, we're still being nasty to each other. But we're growing up, we're moving into adolescence now. When we fully grow up – we're going to be something!"

And that was Gene's philosophy in Star Trek. It was a positive philosophy. He said:

Star Trek was an attempt to say that humanity will reach maturity and wisdom on the day that it begins not just to tolerate, but take a special delight in differences in ideas and differences in life forms.

He said: Star Trek speaks to some basic human needs, that there is a tomorrow - it's not all going to be over in a big flash and a bomb, that the human race is improving, that we have things to be proud of as humans. No, ancient astronauts did not build the pyramids - human beings built them because they're clever and they work hard. And Star Trek is about those things.

Gene said: It is important to the typical Star Trek fan that there is a tomorrow. They pretty much share the Star Trek philosophies about life: the fact that it is wrong to interfere in the evolution of other peoples, that to be different is not necessarily to be wrong or ugly.

Charles Shaar Murray and Mike Marqusee said: "In the annals of science-fiction, where dystopias rule the imaginative roost, Star Trek stood nearly alone in

telling us that our future would be better than our past, that our common problems would be solved, that we, as a species, were fundamentally good, and that the universe would reward us for our goodness."

This is why a Star Trek-Science-Science Fiction-Superhero Theme!

Diane's and my wedding was not only a celebration of our union, but an expression of our feelings and beliefs. It was a wonderful day and wonderful event, and we are very happy that we were able to share it with our relatives and colleagues and Star Trek friends!



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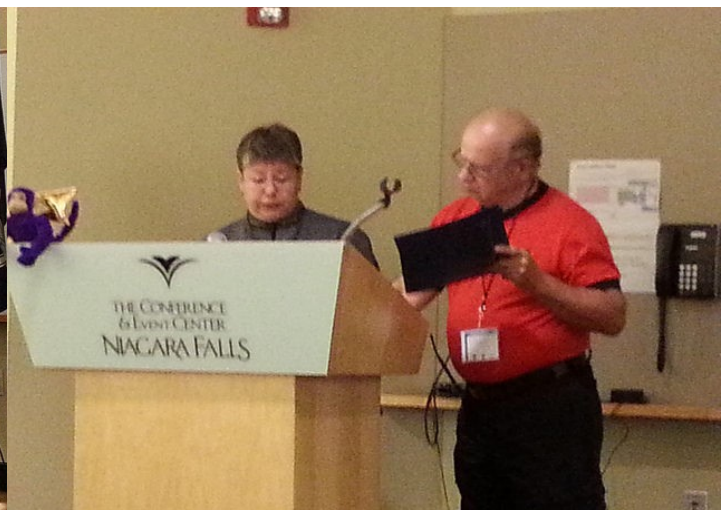
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PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS



LINDA OLSEN AND LAURA VICTOR REPORTING



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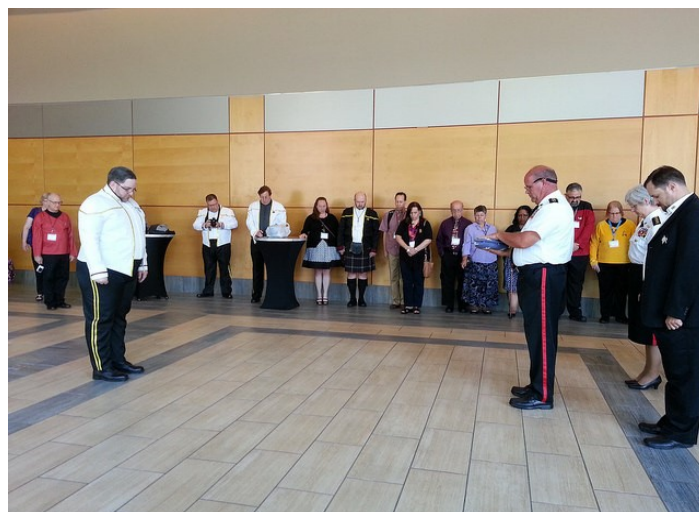
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MOMENT OF SILENCE



MEET THE BRASS



WAYNE AND DAVE TAPED TOGETHER FOR CHARITY



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Apollo 13 Lands in Georgia

By Jana Sandarg, USS Star League

Two icons of space history visited Georgia Regents University in Augusta, Georgia, on April 25, 2015, to explain the phrase, "Houston, we've had a problem here." James Lovell, the commander of Apollo 13, spoke the famous words when the craft suffered an explosion. Apollo 13 launched April 11, 1970 with a crew consisting of James Lovell, John L. Swigert Jr., and Fred W. Haise Jr. These astronauts worked with Gene Kranz, the flight control director, to save the mission. For their role in saving the craft and those aboard, President Richard Nixon awarded them all the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

All science and science fiction enthusiasts are well acquainted with the mission, the astronauts, and the terrifying scenario played out in space. Nonetheless, it was thrilling to hear two of the major players – Commander Jim Lovell and Gene Kranz -- give their personal testimony. Especially to those of us who followed

the events in 1970 as they unfolded.

Hanging on their every word were university students, scientists, community fans, and assorted geeks, including several members of the USS Star League: Fleet Captain Carnell Eubanks (CO), Commodore Jana Sandarg (XO), Fleet Captain Peggy Eubanks, Lt Lucille Skipper and Ensign Tammy Smith.

Kranz spoke first, with the classic statement "Failure is not an option" projected on the screen behind him. The sentence was the title of his book published in 2000, which served as the basis of the History Channel documentary on Mission Control, broadcast in 2003. Kranz painted a vivid background of space exploration leading up to the launch of Apollo 13. Lovell narrated the hair-raising story of the explosion and the crew's response to each ensuing emergency. Both presented details not publically revealed at the time of the event. Their suspenseful stories, one from the perspective of earth-bound mission control and

the other from the depths of space, exceeded every possible thrill from a tale told on screen or even on the holodeck!

Time travel is not an option (yet) in the 21st century, but we traveled back to the 20th century to relive the drama of Apollo 13. For those of us who saw Kranz and Lovell as young men in 1970 and as legends in 2015, it was truly an evening of awe. "Of greatness and of humility" aptly describes these giants of space history who are down-to-earth story tellers. They fired our imaginations and our aspirations. Even humble folk can travel to the stars.



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HYPOSPRAY

Colonel Gregory Fant, STARFLEET Medical, Surgeon General

Grand Rounds: Good Samaritan Laws, First Aid course, "If your blood sugar numbers are out of control....," An disease from "Star Trek" and a possible connection to real-life, and Invitation to offer a topic for HYPOSPRAY July 9, 2015 Topic #1: Good Samaritan Laws Summary by Dr. Douglas Reagan, PhD, EMT-P SG Senior Advisor- Administration BGEN, STARFLEET International (Marine Corps), SFMD Have you ever come up on the scene of an accident on the side of the road within minutes after it happened? Have you ever seen a child of animal in a vehicle in the parking lot? Too many kids and pets die in hot cars every summer, either left behind by parents and caregivers or by going into an unlocked car. People who walk by a car and see a child in it alone on a warm day can help prevent tragedies. A recent survey of parents by Public Opinion Strategies for Safe Kids showed that many people are worried about getting involved in such incidents. Some say they are hesitant because they fear a lawsuit. Please don't let that be a reason to stop you. The large majority of states have a law giving people immunity from a lawsuit if they act to protect a life or answer an emergency. The central focuses of any state's Good Samaritan laws make particular the aspect of acting in good faith, not demanding or receiving compensation for your services, and helping without causing or acting in gross negligence or misconduct. Even if you are a licensed medical or emergency care



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provider, you are free of any form of litigation by following your state's Good Samaritan laws, if you attempt to prevent loss of life or further harm to a person in dire need. Check out your own state's laws concerning your ability to render assistance in response during an emergency. Topic #2: Personal Reactions: Emergency First Aid at Work - Level 2 Course; Attended: 16 June 2015 Summary by Amanda Barrow ASG/R20 (UK) LCDR, STARFLEET International, SFMD The 999 operator stayed on the telephone line during the twenty minutes it took the paramedics to arrive. The lady's voice remained calm and the instructions clear find the spot at the center of the chest with the heel of my hand, place the other hand on top and press down for a count of after 20 years the specifics have dimmed but in between my compressions, mum breathed life into dad's limp, prostrate form. Painful memories of that warm August evening surfaced in my mind quite unbidden this morning as I was part of a

group gathering around Ann - our practice CPR dummy. Under the watchful eye of our class Emergency First Aid at Work instructor each of us took turns in practicing the rapid pushing down on the chest punctuated by two 'rescue' breathes. It was exhausting. The amount of effort needed to hear Ann's chest click was so much more than anticipated. The positioning tilt of the head was awkward when trying to bend far enough down to perform the two compression breathes required. Yet in the classroom environment, whilst slightly embarrassed to be on ones knees patting the somewhat docile 'patient' and asking it 'she was alright? And did she need any help?' it was brought home to each one of us the total and absolute importance why we were learning this new skill. Training in a safe environment is preferable than facing an emergency without any clue what to do and just succumbing to blind panic. Learning about the 'Recovery Position' threw up some interesting points of interest...it was remarkably easy to turn even a heavier personage using the leverage of the raised knee and arm than first anticipated and that secondly 'arms don't naturally 'do' right angles from the body'. Although the days course was quite long, it was great mixture of 'how to' videos, and hands on practice and I thoroughly recommend each and everyone to attend this type of training, you just never know when we may have to use our training for real.

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STARFLEET Operations Report

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



REPORTING STATS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

MSRS RECEIVED: 206

MSRS MISSING: 32

TOTAL CHAPTERS: 238

REPORTING %: 86.97% of all chapters

CHAPTERS LAUNCHED

USS Belknap (R01) - 15 September 2015

USS Tarvos (R03) - 15 September 2015

CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED

None

REGION	MEMBERS (CHANGE)	CHAPTERS (CHANGE)
01	926 (+17)	52 (0)
02	527 (-4)	27 (0)
03	461 (-7)	25 (0)
04	450 (+5)	19 (0)
05	179 (+4)	9 (0)
06	114 (0)	9 (0)
07	604 (+1)	29 (0)
08	6 (0)	1 (0)
09	56 (+5)	3 (0)
10	60 (-8)	2 (0)
11	104 (-2)	6 (0)
12	414 (-6)	24 (0)
13	128 (+1)	6 (0)
14	2 (0)	0 (0)
15	178 (-1)	11 (0)
16	0 (0)	0 (0)
17	114 (0)	7 (0)
18	6 (0)	0 (0)
19	0 (0)	0(0)
20	223 (+13)	8 (+1)
00 & 99	16 (+15)	0 (0)
TOTAL	4,654 (+18)	238 (+1)

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STARFLEET Communications Report

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



Chief of Communications:

It has been a long month and a half completing CQ 184. I decided to take a little bit more time with this one since we didn't have many articles from this time period. We still don't have very many IC related articles but it's still a good edition.

Vice Chief of Communications:

Duncan has decided to leave Communications because of personal issues. I thank him for his service and dedication.

Communiqué Staff:

Kevin is continuing his work on CQ 185. Now that I've completed 184 we will be able to breeze through to CQ 186 (Jan-Mar 2016).

List Moderators:

No issues to report.

Facebook Admins:

Staying active and posting lots of interesting things to our Facebook page.

Director of Public Relations:

Nothing to report.

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

February 1-7th

7 Hours

February 8-14th

7 Hours

February 15-21st

5 Hours

February 22-29th

8 Hours

Total Hours: 27

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

March 1-7th

5 Hours

March 8-14th

7 Hours

March 15-21st

5 Hours

March 21-28th

8 Hours

Total Hours: 25

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STARFLEET Academy Report

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

I finally had an opportunity to attend an IC and the 2015 IC at Niagara Falls was wonderful. It was great to finally be able to put faces to names and give many of you hugs. Several awards were given out. Below you'll find the list of Scholarship recipients and the ginormous list of SFA Awardees. Congratulations to all.

If you see your name and have not received a certificate and/or it isn't listed in the database, please contact the Chief of Recognitions Services.

2015 SFI SCHOLARSHIPS

ADM Tammy Willcox
(scholarships@sfi.org)

We had several excellent candidates for three of our scholarship categories this year and it was very close

competition between our candidates. We awarded three scholarships this year, and the recipients are:

Engineering- Margaret Murphy

Miscellaneous (Space Explorers Memorial)Scholarship - Michael Denman

Artistic Scholarship - Galen Pischke

Congratulations to Margaret, Michael and Galen! Thank you to all of our candidates for applying for the our scholarships and remember that the deadline for applications for next year is June 15, 2016.

SQUAD AWARDS

RED SQUAD LEADER
Adam Wenclewicz

RED SQUAD ASST LEADER
David Goldsberry

RED SQUAD MEMBERS:

FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL
Jeremy Skelton

STARFLEET OFFICERS LEADERSHIP COLLEGE Richard Sams

COLLEGE OF CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT
Anne Miller



ANDORIAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE

John Radle

BOJORAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE

Michael Caruso

CAITIAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE

David Anderson, Jr.

CARDASSIAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE,

David Goldsberry

COLLEGE OF BIRG TECHNOLOGY

David Anderson, Jr.

FERengi ORIENTATION COLLEGE

Erica Turrigiani

THE GORN ACADEMY

Paul Dyl

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY

John Radle

ORION ORIENTATION COLLEGE

Quinn Maryse

ROMULAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE

John Fenison

VULCAN ORIENTATION COLLEGE

David Anderson, Jr.

COLLEGE OF XENOSTUDIES

David Anderson, Jr.

CHAPLAIN SERVICES COLLEGE

Kate Foster

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Sean Waitman

COLLEGE OF ECONOMICS

Adam Wenclewicz

COLLEGE OF ENGLISH

Angela Spugnardi

COLLEGE OF GENEALOGY

Angela Spugnardi

COLLEGE OF LAW

Scott Peter

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Elizabeth Worth

COLLEGE OF UNUSUAL KNOWLEDGE

Patricia Lewis

COLLEGE OF ANGEL & BUFFY

Kate Foster

COLLEGE OF CHARMED

Holly Beech

COLLEGE OF FANTASY REALM

Jude Peace

COLLEGE OF MACABRE

Franklin Newman III

COLLEGE OF SUPERHEROES

David Goldsberry

COLLEGE OF VAMPIRES & WEREWOLVES

Franklin Newman III

COLLEGE OF ZOMBIES AND MUMMIES

Franklin Newman III

COLLEGE OF HISTORY

Christopher Johnson

COLLEGE OF MILITARY HISTORY

Lee Vitasek

COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS

Christopher Johnson

COLLEGE OF SOUTH AMERICAN INDIANS

Christopher Johnson

COLLEGE OF US PRESIDENTS

Phillip Gilfus

COLLEGE OF BOND JAMES BOND

John Prushko

COLLEGE OF BURN NOTICE

David Goldsberry

COLLEGE OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

Joshua Shaw

COLLEGE OF INTELLIGENCE IN MOVIES

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John Prushko		Hooper	COLLEGE OF HUMOUR
COLLEGE OF INTELLIGENCE IN SCI-FI		COLLEGE OF MICROORGANISMS	Martin Lightheart, Sr
Kate Foster		Angela Spugnardi	COLLEGE OF VIDEO PRODUCTIONS
COLLEGE OF INTELLIGENCE ON TV		COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES	Adam Wenclewicz
David Goldsberry		Gillian Shearwater	COLLEGE OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
COLLEGE OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS		COLLEGE OF VERTEBRATE BIOLOGY	David Phillips
David Miller		Adam Wenclewicz	COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE		CMIK: NATIONS BEGINNINGS	Larry Balsley
David Miller		Hooper	COLLEGE OF EVIDENCE
COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE		CMIK: ANCIENT MILITARY	Larry French
Frances Brock		Patricia Lewis	COLLEGE OF FAMOUS FIRES IN HISTORY
COLLEGE OF DOWN UNDER		CMIK: CIVIL WAR	Adam Wenclewicz
Jeanne McCartney		Stephen Satonick	COLLEGE OF FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE: BASIC
COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE STUDIES	LAN-	CMIK: ELECTRONIC AGE	Oliver Savander
Gillian Shearwater		Stephen Satonick	COLLEGE OF FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE: NIMS
COLLEGE OF UNITED KINGDOM		CMIK: MILITARY TRIVIA	Stephen Staonick
Jeanne McCartney		Patricia Lewis	COLLEGE OF FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE: RESCUE
COLLEGE OF AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT ON TV		CMIK: WWII EUROPEAN LAND BATTLES	Stephen Staonick
Jeanne McCartney		Adam Wenclewicz	COLLEGE OF FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE: HAZMAT
COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT ON TV		CMIK: WWII PACIFIC LAND BATTLES	Donald Dobrin
Adam Wenclewicz		Stephen Staonick	COLLEGE OF FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF BRITISH LAW ENFORCEMENT ON TV		CMIK: WWII PACIFIC NAVAL BATTLE	Megan Schroeder
Patricia Lewis		Stephen Staonick	COLLEGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
COLLEGE OF DETECTIVES IN CINEMA		COLLEGE OF MILITARY MOVIES	Hooper
Thomas Pawelczak		Franklin Newman III	COLLEGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSETS
COLLEGE OF DETECTIVES IN TELEVISION		COLLEGE OF SECURITY	Hooper
Rosy Dorffner		Andrew Carlson	COLLEGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY
COLLEGE OF JAG		COLLEGE OF SECURITY IN TREK	Larry French
Kate Foster		Bernard Darcy	COLLEGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES
COLLEGE OF NCIS		COLLEGE OF STARSHIP OPERATIONS	Larry French
Steve Tweed		Andrew Kerr	COLLEGE OF SURVIVAL STUDIES
COLLEGE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES		COLLEGE OF ACTION & DRAMA	Larry Balsley
David Phillips		Sharon Norris	COLLEGE OF WORLD WIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT
COLLEGE OF ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY		COLLEGE OF CHARLES SCHULTZ	Adam Wenclewicz
Jeremy Skelton		Rayne Vitasek	COLLEGE OF AERODYNAMICS
COLLEGE OF ANIMAL TRIVIA		COLLEGE OF CIRCUSES	Adam Wenclewicz
Larry Balsley		Adam Wenclewicz	COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY
Katherine Lightheart		COLLEGE OF EDUCATIONAL TV	Lee Vitasek
COLLEGE OF FOOD KNOWLEDGE		Kate Foster	COLLEGE OF ACOUSTICS TECHNOLOGY
Rayne Vitasek		COLLEGE OF CINIMATIC COMEDY	Michael Caruso
COLLEGE OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE		Thomas Pawelczak	
Eric Johannson		COLLEGE OF ENTERTAINMENT KNOWLEDGE	
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE		Patricia Lewis	
		COLLEGE OF GAMING	
		Jayden Tyronian	

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COLLEGE OF COMPUTER HISTORY
Michael Caruso

COLLEGE OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Christopher Johnson

COLLEGE OF ARCHAEOLOGY
Cynthia Duran

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
David Anderson, Jr

COLLEGE OF GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE
Xavier Woodell

COLLEGE OF GEOLOGY
Larry French

COLLEGE OF MATHEMATICS
Carol Warneke

COLLEGE OF PALEONTOLOGY
Adam Wenclewicz

COLLEGE OF PHYSICS
Patricia Lewis

COLLEGE OF ROBOTICS
Josephine Fisher

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL
Ralph Bringham

COLLEGE OF THERMODYNAMICS
Allen Anderson

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
Amy Coble

COLLEGE OF ALIEN CONTACT (SCI-FI CINE-
MA)

Franklin Newman III

COLLEGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
(SCI-FI CINEMA)
Janice Graham

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES (SCI-FI CINEMA)

Franklin Newman III

COLLEGE OF SPACE TRAVEL (SCI-FI CINE-
MA)

Christopher Roberts

COLLEGE OF TIME TRAVEL (SCI-FI CINE-
MA)

Stephen Griswold

COLLEGE OF STAR WARS
Franklin Newman III

ASIMOV FEDERATION COLLEGE
Elizabeth Worth

COLLEGE OF DUNE
Douglas Raegan

COLLEGE OF SCI FI WRITERS
Barbara Paul

COLLEGE OF ALIEN CONTACT (SCI-FI TV)
Adam Wenclewicz

COLLEGE OF BABYLON 5
David Goldsberry

COLLEGE OF DR. WHO

Christopher Roberts

COLLEGE OF BATTLE STAR GALACTICA

Jeanne McCartney

COLLEGE OF FUTURE (SCI-FI TV)

Pamela Nery

COLLEGE OF RED DWARF

Amy Coble

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
(SCI-FI TV)

Allen Anderson

COLLEGE OF SPACE TRAVEL (SCI-FI TV)

Michael Caruso

COLLEGE OF STARGATE
Nancy Hall

COLLEGE OF STARGATE ATLANTIS
David Goldsberry

COLLEGE OF TIME TRAVEL (SCI-FI TV)
David Goldsberry

COLLEGE OF ASTROBIOLOGY
Adam Wenclewicz

COLLEGE OF ASTROCARTOGRAPHY
Adam Wenclewicz

COLLEGE OF ASTRONOMY
Eric Johannson

COLLEGE OF ROCKETRY
Allen Anderson

COLLEGE OF SPACE EQUIPMENT
David Hines

COLLEGE OF SPACE FLIGHT HISTORY
Jason Schreck

COLLEGE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN
MOVIES
Carol Warneche

COLLEGE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS RE-
SOURCES

Andrew McDonald

COLLEGE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS
TRAINING
Megan Schroeder

COLLEGE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS
UNITS Judy Waidlich

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

James Ferguson

COLLEGE OF PARALLEL STUDIES
Beverly Lighthouse

COLLEGE OF STAR TREK ACTORS
Matthew Bergin

COLLEGE OF STAR TREK EPISODES
David Anderson

COLLEGE OF STAR TREK LITERATURE
Ashley Hulme

COLLEGE OF TEMPORAL PHYSICS
James Ferguson

COLLEGE OF TREKNOLOGY
James Ferguson

GOLD SQUAD LEADER

Lee Vitasek & Robin Woodell-Vitasek

GOLD SQUAD ASST LEADER

Stephen Griswold & Maria Griswold

GOLD SQUAD MEMBERS:

COLLEGE OF XENOSTUDIES

Jonathan Casas & Casey Casas

COLLEGE OF TREKNOLOGY

Stephen Griswold & Maria Griswold

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Robert DiMatteo & Donna DiMatteo

COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL
LANGUAGE STUDIES

Mary Lighthouse & Katherin Lighthouse

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Paul Dyl & Timmothy Dyl

CMIK: CIVIL WAR

COLLEGE OF GEOLOGY

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RESOURCES

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Katherine, Cynthia & Martin Lighthouse

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Cynthia Lightheart & Martin Lightheart, Jr

BLUE SQUAD LEADER

Donald Arnold

BLUE SQUAD ASST LEADER 111

Cynthia Lightheart

BLUE SQUAD MEMBERS:

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Donald Arnold

CADET VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Cynthia Lightheart

CADET COLLEGE OF MATHEMATICS

William Turner

COLLEGE OF INTELLIGENCE IN MOVIES

Paul Dyl

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Hannah Burdorf

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Nikkita Matthews

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Emily McDonald

CADET COLLEGE OF XENOSTUDIES

Martin Lightheart, Jr.

CADET PREPAREDORTY COLLEGE

Austin Hudson

STAFF AWARDS

COMMANDANT'S STAR AWARD

Franklin Newman III

INSTITUTE OF THE YEAR

Institute of International Studies

Jayden Tyronian

Glen Diebold

David Hines

Patricia Lewis

DEAN OF THE YEAR

Glen Diebold

ASSISTANT DEAN OF THE YEAR

George Ann Wheeler

COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

College of Security

Tyler Carr

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

George Ann Wheeler

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Carol Thompson

SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Franklin Newman III

CADET STAR AWARD

6/14/15 Donald Arnold COMM (adult college)

6/21/15 Donald Arnold ROC (adult college)

6/22/15 Donald Arnold SOAC (adult college)

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!

Riddle me this

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.

ANSWER: DOOR

NEW Riddle:

It flies without wings,

Drops without fear,

But held in warm hands,

It will soon disappear.

ACADEMY INFORMATION

Further information about the Academy, its staff and faculty, courses offered, and scholarships will be found at the following website:

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

ACADEMY NEWS

For a listing of graduates and other news not included in t

his article, please check out the following website:

<http://academy.sfi.org/news/news.php>

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STARFLEET Computer Operations Report

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

CompOps has returned from the International Conference in Niagara Falls, NY, with a lot of feedback from our leadership and our general membership, as well as a new direction for our department. There is a tremendous workload on the shoulders of CompOps, and our staff has been tremendous in meeting the challenges we face in the ever-growing online presence of STARFLEET. I've made this IC a time to recognize that talent and effort, and to cultivate the next generation of CompOps leadership.

The biggest change has been the resignation of our Vice-Chief John Halliday, who has had to devote more time this year to family obligations, and it feels like the end of an era. John has been with CompOps on and off for 6 years, serving as CompOps Chief during Sal Lizard's administration, and later serving as Vice-Chief for both Larry French and myself during the current administration. He's worked single-handedly to fix the Member Database when it went belly-up several years ago, taken point on database issues over the past few years, and has been a tremendous asset in our department, as well as a true friend. I wish John and his family well, and hope we'll be teaming up again soon.

So, in light of this, I've taken a different approach to choosing my Vice-Chief. Historically, CompOps is a department that can foster major burnout, and the last thing I wanted to do was promote a staffer to Vice-Chief, loading him/her up with duties across the broad range of CompOps' responsibilities, only to end up looking for another Vice-Chief in a year. So I've designated 3 new Vice-Chief positions, each dedicated to a distinct aspect of CompOps:



Captain William "Tony" Knopes: Vice-Chief, Database Operations

Fleet Captain James Ortega: Vice-Chief, Helpdesk

Commodore Greg Mortensen: Vice-Chief, Web Services

All 3 of my new Vice-Chiefs have been working in CompOps for some time now in their respective fields of expertise, and have been

In addition, I've put out a call both at IC and on our discussion lists 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)

Now please bear in mind, we're looking for people with ANY of these skills, not ALL of them (and if you have all of them, I may just give you my job and run off to Risa.) You don't need to be expert level – this is definitely a good place to learn on the job, and work ethic matters just as much as skill. Wanna join up? Please send me an email at compops@sfi.org, or find me on Facebook.

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 step was 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 have also moved over our main Web sites: www.sfi.org, and will soon move 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.

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STARFLEET Financial Report

GEN Linda Olson, Chief Financial Officer



	July	August	September
STARFLEET Main Checking Account			
Opening	\$41,576.37	\$42,646.22	\$34,108.26
Credits	\$3,997.91	\$6,606.54	\$1,631.07
Debits	\$2,928.06	\$12,684.50	\$4,793.72
Closing	\$42,646.22	\$34,108.26	\$31,945.61
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	\$3,745.47	\$4,215.52	\$545.47
Credits	\$500.00	\$4,700.00	\$2,598.90
Debits	\$29.95	\$29.95	\$29.95
Closing	\$4,215.52	\$545.47	\$3,144.37
SFMC Checking Account			
Opening	\$6,233.39	\$6,241.77	\$5,866.97
Credits	\$44.99	\$2,568.81	\$519.04
Debits	\$36.61	\$123.50	\$87.59
Closing	\$6,241.77	\$6,375.08	\$6,301.12
STARFLEET Scholarships Savings Account			
Opening	\$6,683.24	\$6,683.41	\$6,947.58
Credits/Interest	\$0.17	\$264.17	\$0.17
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing	\$6,683.41	\$6,947.58	\$6,947.75
SFMC Scholarship Savings Account			
Opening	\$2,729.57	\$2,729.62	\$2,729.67
Credits/Interest	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.17
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing	\$2,729.62	\$2,729.67	\$2,729.71
STARFLEET Scholarship CD			
Current Balance	\$1,117.37	\$1,117.37	\$1,117.44
Rate	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Matures On	2015-08-15	2015-08-15	2015-08-15
STARFLEET Savings CD			
Current Balance	\$14,040.32	\$14,040.32	\$14,041.28
Rate	0.04%	0.04%	0.08%
Matures On	2016-03-30	2016-03-30	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's project will be invisible ink. You will need the following:

- Half a lemon
- Water
- Spoon
- Bowl
- Q-Tip or Cotton ball
- White paper
- Lamp or other light bulb

Instructions:

1. Squeeze some lemon juice into the bowl and add a few drops of water.
2. Mix the water and lemon juice with the spoon.
3. Dip the cotton bud into the mixture and write a message onto the white paper.
4. Wait for the juice to dry so it becomes completely invisible.
5. When you are ready to read your secret message or show it to someone else, heat the paper by holding it close

What's happening?

Lemon juice is an organic substance that oxidizes and turns brown when heated. Diluting the lemon juice in water makes it very hard to notice when you apply it the paper, no one will be aware of its presence until it is heated and the secret message is revealed. Other substances which work in the same way include orange juice, honey, milk, onion juice, vinegar and wine. Invisible ink can also be made using chemical reactions or by viewing certain liquids under ultraviolet (UV) light.



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

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**

WWW.SFI.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

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 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 Scholar-
ship for Business, Language Studies &
Education

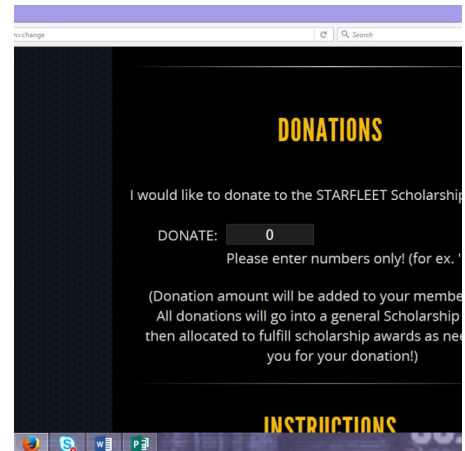
This Scholarship is for business and management studies, the study of foreign languages or studies abroad, and for teaching.

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.

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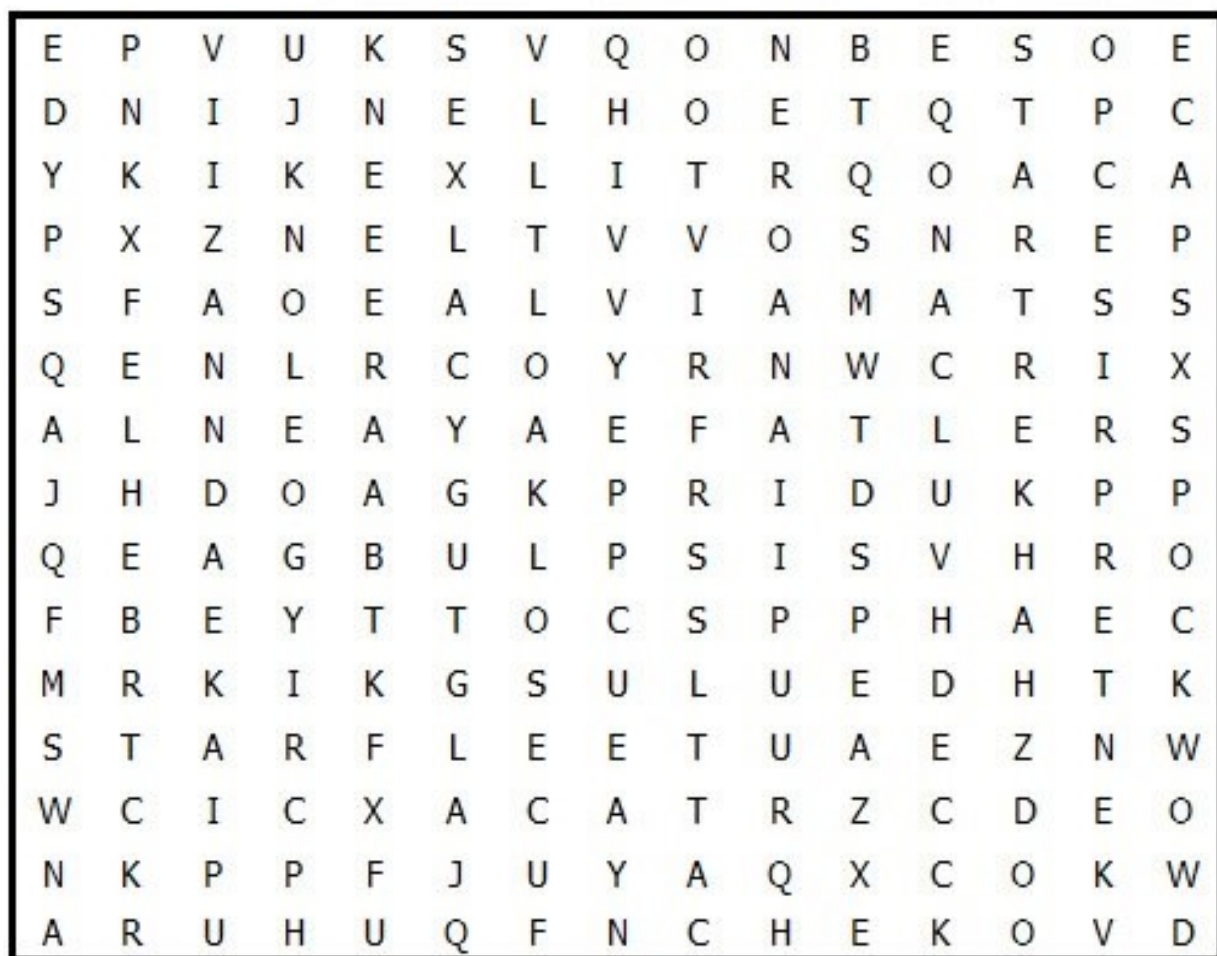
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ATTENTION ON DECK!

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State of the STARFLEET Marine Corps

GENERAL Michael J McGowan, Commandant SFMC

Greetings Marines,

This is going to be pretty brief this time around.

I enjoyed International Conference 2015 a great deal. Dave and his team should be commended for throwing a great bash.

SFMC awards issued at IC 2015 have already been posted. What follows is a list of SFMC awards issued as a result of activities at IC 2015.

International Service Ribbon

David Anderson
Mark Anderson
Tim Barrington
William Devine
Cynthia Duran
Michael Garcia
Thomas Guertin
Barry Jackson
Paula Kesler
Michael McGowan
Matthew Miller
DJ O'Brien
Paul Reid
Hayden Segel
Robert Stronach
Russell Witte-Dycus

Great Barrier Expedition

David Anderson
Mark Anderson
Tim Barrington
Michael Garcia
Barry Jackson



Paula Kesler
Michael McGowan
Matthew Miller
DJ O'Brien
Paul Reid
Russell Witte-Dycus

Embassy Duty
David Anderson
Mark Anderson
William Devine
Cynthia Duran
Matthew Miller
Michael Garcia
Thomas Guertin
Barry Jackson
Michael McGowan
DJ O'Brien
Hayden Segel
Russell Witte-Dycus

Marine Honor Guard
Anbinder, Mark
O'Brien, DJ
Guertin, Tom
Killough, Wayne

Olson, Linda
Olson, Wade
Segel, Hayden
Ueffing, Joost

The new edition of the Marine Force Manual has been released. It may be found at: <http://www.library.sfi-sfmc.org/downloads/mfm1508.pdf>. There are two new uniforms included as well as enough other items of change that I would encourage marines to read the new manual thoroughly.

Next year's IC is to be in Louisville, KY. I would encourage all of you to seriously consider attending that event. The weekend should be jam-packed with things to do, and the area is positively stuffed with things to do and see. I sincerely hope to see you all there.

With that, I'll send you back to your previously scheduled programming, already in progress.

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Office of the Deputy Commandant

GEN Jim Monroe, DEPDANT, SFMC



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State of FORCECOM

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

Good day, Marines.

Quick reminder. There are two positions open at Forces Command: 7 Brigade Officer in Charge and Electronic Certificates Officer. Even though both positions are titled 'Officer' any qualified member of the SFMC may apply. The positions close on 18 September 2015 so please contact me ASAP if you have an interest.

This month I'm going to focus on some concerns I have about the reporting process.

**** First off , 'please' do not make changes to your Unit's information without clearing it with FORCECOM first. No changes to unit name, nickname, slogan, branch of service, etc. By this I mean do not simply make a change to your unit report. You need to send me an email asking about the possibility of making your change.**

It's not an automatic that this can happen. There may be another unit in another Brigade that is already using that name. That means no matter how much energy and enthusiasm you've already invested in it, you can't have that name. If someone is already calling themselves 'The Lollypop Guild', you're out of luck. I'm sorry if you've asked the SFI ship registry to change your ship's name so it ties in with you unit [and it was approved]. Equally sorry if you've already invested a lot of bucks in have a friend who's a graphics designer come up with a new logo. Check first. We may be able to come up with something fairly close, but it's right of prior domain.

When submitting reports the online



reporting for asks for Unit. Please just use the unit number. Do not use your Unit name, use special characters [1st, 53 rd, etc], etc. Your report is logged in and archived by unit number. Anything extra you add or change has to be fixed manually on my end and just adds extra steps no one needs.

Don't use unit names. Believe it or not, I don't have you all memorized.

And there are only two unit types for administrative records: Marine Strike Group [MSG] or Marine Expeditionary Unit [MEU]. Ignore the MUC and MTU options. We don't use them.

Acceptable: 305 MSG, 88 MSG, 920 MEU

Not acceptable: 305th, The Jolly Rogers, The 299th MTU

Now 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 on the database. No one's going to know something is missing but you so it's a good to get in the habit of reviewing your personal records every couple of months or so.

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 emphasis 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'.

That's all for now. Keep it safe out there and be nice to each other.

Stand easy, Marines.

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State of INFOCOM

BGEN Mark Anderson, COINFOCOM, SFMC



Greetings Marines,
I made it back safe from IC this year. It was a great trip. I have always wanted to visit Niagara Falls and with IC 2015 there this year the old saying two birds with one stone comes to mind. It was great seeing some old friends and meeting a few new ones. The International muster and SFMC panels went well. My thanks to Colonel Russell Witte-Dycus and Lt. Colonel David Anderson Jr. for their assistance with the SFMC panels. I can't believe how fast the time flew, seems I only got there and it was time to leave.
I am in the process of moving and testing the SFMC websites to the new host, site5. I have the files moved

and I'm currently testing the functionality of the sites on the new host. Chief of Computer Operations Admiral Laura Victor was able to get the SFMC quartermaster site moved and it looks like it is functioning within normal parameters. The major issue will be the reporting as the current site uses the old SFMC website for reporting. This

may be the biggest issue with the site move. More details to follow as they become available.

In closing here's the ping-
dom stats for July 2015.

Uptime: 100%

Outages: 0

Downtime: 0

Response time: 337 ms

State of FINCOM

MGEN Barry Jackson, COFINCOM, SFMC

The numbers for the month of June are as follows:

Opening balance for the month of June \$5714.32

Credit: \$307.58 PayPal transfer

Credit: \$285.00 R3 quartermaster sales

Debits total - \$70.97

USPS - \$58.33 QM postage

Wal-Mart: \$5.32 envelopes for QM

Refund postage to B. Detamore: \$7.32

Closing balance for the account was \$6235.93

We had 13 orders last month.

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State of the NCO Corps

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

Greetings Marines!

As usual, I'm in the booth in the back in the corner in the dark of my local NCO Club, where we could really use a big shovel or maybe even a Combat Engineering Vehicle to clean up the "fertilizer" that stacks up during some of the late night "discussions", and the mandated weekly meeting of Senior NCOs is still opened the same way: "Jacks or better, nothing Wild but Top."

By now, you should be aware that the latest revision to the MFM is available for download at the Library section of the SFMC Website. That would be a **STRONG** Hint, folks. I won't spoil it for you, but I will say that the most extensive changes were made in Section 7 (Uniforms), including a new TNG era Class B uniform, and a new, "off the rack" Class A uniform, as well as organizing all the little "bits and bobs" authorized for wear on our uniforms.

And, with the publication of a new edition of the MFM, it's once again time I reminded you all (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, and kittens (and alien equivalents)! Check the current Marine Force Manual (MFM) **FIRST** ...

Since this is the "State of the NCO Corps", it's perhaps time to look briefly at a couple of numbers from a recent data dump from



the STARFLEET database. The following information may be assumed to be B.A.D. (Best Available Data). Of the roughly one quarter of STARFLEET's total membership identified in the database as Marines (Active or Reserve) holding any sort of adult rank (which would exclude Cadets and those with no rank assigned), 20.1 percent hold enlisted ranks. When we add those excluded into the total, 23.7 percent of the SFMC does NOT hold an "officer's" rank. In other words, about one Marine in five is enlisted, and only about three out of four Marines are officers.

As I promised last month, I'm going to briefly touch on the report I gave the Commandant for IC. In addition to my duties assigned by the MFM and Policy Manual, I continued to oversee and promote the March for the Disabled campaign. This component of the Commandant's campaign has now been expanded to run all during the calendar year. And, I "put my money where my mouth is" by logging and reporting up the Chain of Command 20+ hours on this campaign since IC 2014, despite my personal disability and remote location. I also had to note that I quietly celebrated the milestone of serving over seven years in this post, spanning three

administrations, and concluded with "Did NOT shove anybody, living or otherwise, headfirst into the trash disposal system, despite possibly justified provocation."

That last bit is keeping with the last of my stated goals for the coming year, which included continuing to do the jobs assigned me by the MFM, Policy Manual, and Commandant, explore the possibility of collecting all the "History Lesson" segments into one document and making it available to the SFMC Library (a few folks have asked me to do this - feel free to add your voice if you'd like to see it happen), and finished up with "Take my position seriously, but not TOO seriously to avoid burnout."

As I've said many times before: SFMC does not stand for "STARFLEET Martyrs Collective." We are supposed to be doing what we do because it's fun, and keeping that firmly in mind is one of the reasons why I've lasted over seven years as SGM SFMC. Having said that, here's my usual reminder that community service is a big part of what we do, but it 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. And remember: "If you don't report it, we can't reward it."

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.

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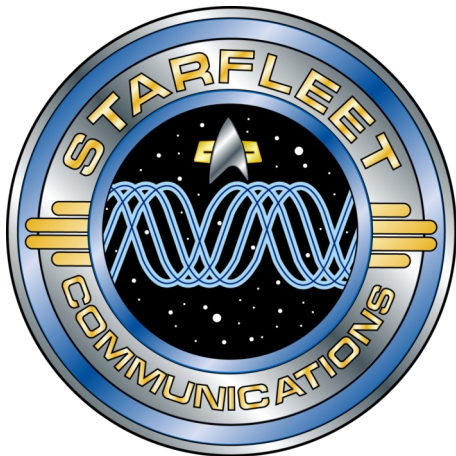
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