

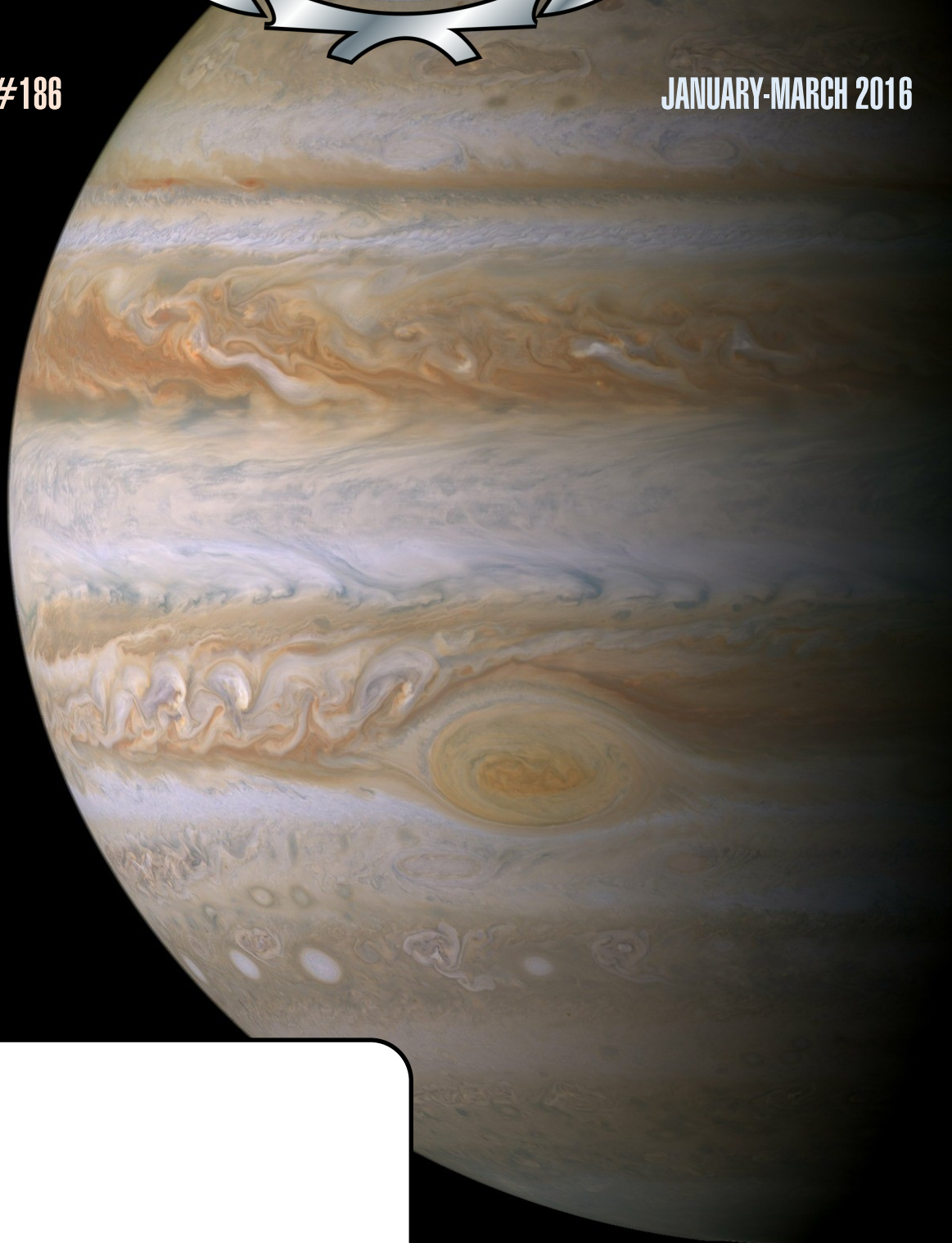


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# STARFLEET Q1 2016 Promotions & Awards

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

**F**rom the period of January to March 2016, 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](mailto:promotions@sfi.org).

## To the rank of FLEET CAPTAIN:

**John Sullivan, USS Reval, Region 9**

**Scott Crawford, USS Haise, Region 2**

**Chris Szverra, USS Richthofen, Region 7**

## To the rank of BRIGADIER:

**Christopher Thissen, USS Vahalla, Region 6**

## To the rank of COMMODORE:

**Jeremy Bergdorff, USS Odin, Region 1**

**Darlene Fairweather, USS Hadfield, Region 13**

**Jill Tipton, USS Jurassic, Region 1**

**TJ Allen, USS Robert de Bruce, Region 1**

**Caroline Signol, USS Ronald E McNair, Region 1**

**DJ Powers, USS Ronald E McNair, Region 1**

**Denise James, USS Ronald E McNair, Region 1**

## To the rank of REAR ADMIRAL:

**Judith Durall, USS Aries, Region 1**

**Bruce Dolan, USS Harry Mudd, Region 2**

**Lee Vitasek, USS Aurora Vulcanus, Region 4**

## To the rank of VICE ADMIRAL:

**Paul Dyl, USS Helen Pawlowski, Region 1**

**Jamie Delantonas, USS Constitution, Region 1**

## To the rank of LIEUTENANT GENERAL:

**Rosa Jackson, USS Trident, Region 2**

**Oliver Savander, USS Tiberius, Region 2**

## To the rank of ADMIRAL:

**Richard Hewitt, USS Jamestown, Region 1**

**Bethany Theilman, USS Haise, Region 2**



# Orders of Merit (January to March 2016)

## Axanar

### Second Class

Andrew McDonald, USS Selene,  
Region 3  
Steven Bice, USS Harlequin, Region 3

### Third Class

Bruce O'Brien, USS Southern Cross,  
Region 11

## Tarbolde of Canopus

### Second Class

Jeffrey Blaauboer, USS Invincible,  
Region 7

### Third Class

Steven Bice, USS Harlequin, Region 3

## Babel

### Second Class

Andrew McDonald, USS Selene,  
Region 3  
Trisha Tunis, USS Corsair, Region 3  
Brian Landry, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Angela Landry, USS Harlequin,  
Region 3  
Brandon Case, USS Selene, Region 3  
Keith Rombach, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3

Sarah Toball, USS Neptune, Region 2  
Kristen Coolman, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3

## Cochrane

### Third Class

Susan McDonald, USS Selene, Region 3  
Tiffany Brown, USS Neptune, Region 2  
Keith Rombach, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3

## Darmok & Jalad

### Second Class

Mike Brown, USS Neptune, Region 2  
Sarah Toball, USS Neptune, Region 2

### Third Class

Raymond Boudreau, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3  
Paul Bileci, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Shannon Cory, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3

## Dionysus

### First Class

Sarah Toball, USS Neptune, Region 2

### Second Class

Brandon Case, USS Selene, Region 3  
Paul Bileci, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Andrew McDonald, USS Selene,  
Region 3

Jennifer Shores, USS Selene, Region 3

## Grankite

### Second Class

Andrew McDonald, USS Selene,  
Region 3

### Third Class

Devin Moore, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Paul Bileci, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Jeff Caradona, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3

## Prentares

### Third Class

Keith Rombach, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3  
James Coolman, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3  
Jeffrey Redmond, USS Valkyrie, Region 4

## Roddenberry

### Second Class

Steven Bice, USS Harlequin, Region 3

### Third Class

Andrew McDonald, USS Selene, Region 3  
Raymond Boudreau, USS New Orleans,  
Region 3  
Brian Landry, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Angela Landry, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Brandon Case, USS Selene, Region 3  
Keith Rombach, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Sarah Toball, USS Neptune, Region 2  
Kristen Coolman, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Mike Brown, USS Neptune, Region 2  
James Coolman, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Michael Scott, USS New Orleans, Region 3  
Frank Schiavo, USS New Orleans, Region 3

## Samaritan

### Third Class

Andrew McDonald, USS Selene, Region 3  
Steven Bice, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Brian Landry, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Angela Landry, USS Harlequin, Region 3  
Brandon Case, USS Selene, Region 3  
Mike Brown, USS Neptune, Region 2  
Jennifer Shores, USS Selene, Region 3  
Liz Meinert, USS New Orleans, Region 3

## Surak

### Third Class

Dawn Jenkins, USS Jurassic, Region 1





# Recruitment: Enough is Enough?

by CAPT Jeffery Redmond, USS Valkyrie

Of the many regions throughout the Starfleet International organization, our Region Four is doing quite well. We have 455 SFI dues paid members, with many more interested people on the Region 4 Facebook page. So, life is good... or good enough.

However, we can't get lazy, and expect everything to continue along on its own inertia. Quite a few chapters have ended by complacency, and allowing interest to disappear. It's always good to let others know about Starfleet and R4, especially all who are Star Trek fans. Everyone knows someone who's a Trekker, or Trekkie, or both (if that's possible).

There are more than a few who want to get involved with Star Trek and science fiction, but don't know how. They haven't been invited, and would if they were. Many a chapter has the luxury of not really needing more members. Only a minimum of ten are required to stay commissioned. So there doesn't have to always be pressures to recruit and coax others to join.

Region Four has both meeting and correspondence chapters. We are scattered all over in California, Nevada, Texas, and Arizona. Nothing in Hawaii yet, but perhaps that's a classified top secret. We communicate by e-mails, postal mail, telephone calls, personal visits, Facebook posts, and perhaps even by psychic mind melds. Well, I don't have any psychic powers myself, but some of you others probably do.

Science Fiction used to have far more males than females involved. Fortunately this has now changed to a more equal ratio, with Starfleet memberships reflecting increases of girls and women joining. Some younger females will leave when they get married and have children, but they can (and will) be invited to return someday soon. Of course older people pass on to the next life, and we have to wait awhile for newborn babies to get a little bit older.

Our region will continue to grow, slowly but surely, in the upcoming seasons and years. The R4 crews range in all ages from pre-

teens to 90's. There are a more equal number of male and female crew members, and this includes the officers who have passed both Starfleet exams. Some currently inactive people will return when (and as) they can. New members will be recruited and join.

The Database is an excellent way to sign up, and annual dues are still only \$10. There are hundreds of interesting classes to take (for free!) at the Academy, and all kinds of fun activities to participate in. Starfleet currently has more than 4,600 members, organized into 236 chapters, in its 18 regions, all over this world. There's no need to assume that everyone is from Earth, as there is no need for any discrimination about planet of origin. Star Trek is for all worlds, and all futures. Gene Roddenberry is proud!



# Star Trek Recreation

by VADM Lucy Ferron Franck, USS Zavala, Region 3

It did not go without notice by Star Trek writers of the various series and movies that even a starship crew must have down-time or recreational time. As far as I can remember, the first look at a recreational area on the Enterprise (TOS) was in "Space Seed." In a very plain-looking room (we know they were always worried about money on the set), the crew and some of the followers of Khan are seen playing games, playing music, conversing with each other off duty, and conceivably enjoying beverages and food. Reading was shown several times in various episodes, on desktop-like units and in later versions using tablets. Who can forget the joy expressed by Scottie that he was being confined to quarters by the Captain and he cheered up realizing he could catch up on reading his technical manuals! Physical fitness is always important and some mention is made in each series about a work out area where Worf was teaching or leading a group in Tai Chi exercises. Workout equipment is also seen in the

room. I can't remember the name of the episode but Kirk was shown on a stationary bike. Shore leave was granted in numerous episodes so crew members could "stretch their legs" and engage in other activities not available perhaps on the ship.

ST: TNG famously had Ten Forward for recreation. There off-duty personnel conversed with others, consulted Guinan, had beverages of many types, and could even get some snacks, like Deanna Troi's favorite chocolate sundae. Viewing ports were also visible on this set so the crew could see the wonders of space as they traveled through. ST:TNG introduced us to the technology of the holodeck and many episodes involved simulations there, of intellectual or investigative type and also the purely entertainment type, like Dixon Hill, P.I. Holodeck use was so popular that crewmen had to schedule usage time in advance for personal recreation. In various episodes we also saw concerts, plays, and movie nights held on the ship. ST: Voyager al-

so had holodecks. My favorite holodeck scenes were in "The Adventures of Captain Proton: Bride of Chaotica!" I loved Kate Mulgrew as Arachnia. I don't remember seeing a rec room per se on Voyager but they had a mess hall ruled by Neelix and his, shall we say, unusual cooking. Voyager also had movie nights and Tom Paris usually had the job of picking the movies to watch, most of which we would today call "B movies."

ST:DS9 probably had the most frequently shown recreational areas on the promenade of the station, including Quark's Bar. For drinks, games, holosuites, and conversation, Quark's seems to have been unequaled in the galaxy. Quark and TNG's Guinan have all the assets you can imagine a first rate barkeep to have, though Quark expected payment and we all know about Ferengi's and profit. They both provided a friendly atmosphere for relaxation and an ear for troubled crewmen. DS9 episodes also showed festivals, celebrations

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## Yuri's Night: A Celebration of Technology and History

by Colonel Derek Allen, USS Stephen Hawking, Region 04

"We live in interesting times"

I don't know who said it, but when I looked it up on Wikipedia there were way too many entries for me to discover the origin. Although when I did look up the quote there were about 5 Star Trek movie and character references.

Thing is no matter who said it, it turns out to be true generation after generation for different reasons each and every decade. Tomorrow there will be people walking on Mars, and viewing the Earth from orbit in a regular basis. Today there are electric cars, they are working on vehicles that will drive themselves, and NASA is allowing private companies to take payloads into orbit, so that the space agency can focus on Mars. And the Past, oh the marvelous past.

Only 50, in fact less than 50 years ago, the humans of this planet first reached beyond our thin atmosphere into orbit around our world, then to set foot on our nearest celestial neighbor.

Recently one of the members of my chapter invited me to a celebration of that past. A celebration



so vital that those of the present are bringing it, because they know our future depends on remembering our past achievements. On April 12th 1961, Lieutenant Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, Russian pilot and cosmonaut, sat in the Vostok spacecraft and

became the first person to view the planet we live on from far above any spot previously recorded. After getting the lift off message from the Baikonur Cosmodrome, call sign "Kedr"

( Siberian Pine or Cedar ) proclaimed what would soon become a historical phrase in his country, it's a phrase we should all be aware of.

Korolev: "Preliminary stage.... intermediate... main... lift off! We wish you a good flight.

Everything is all right.

Gagarin:

"Poyekhali !" {pronounced Pú-eyuckalee}

(translates into Let's Go! or Here We Go!) And with that word; the Space Age began!

Several interesting milestones of Yuri Gagarin's amazing life should be mentioned here:

Later in 1961 Gagarin toured the world lauded as Hero of the Soviet Union, by Nikita Khrushchev. Yuri's visited Italy, Germany, Canada, Brazil, Japan, Egypt and Finland. Three months after the flight, Yuri visited the United Kingdom going to London and Manchester. The rise to "fame" took its toll on Yuri. He was taken out of the political game after some incidents, after a little while Lt. Colonel Gagarin was re-







turned to flight duty. He became Deputy Training Director in Star City cosmonaut training center, in December of 1963. On

February 17th 1968 Dr. Yuri Gagarin defended his thesis on Space-plane Aerodynamics

Configurations with a flash and a bang! Yet only a month later Yuri and flight instructor Vladimir Seriyogin died in a jet plane crash while flying the MiG ISUT1.

The heroes ashes were placed in bricks and they were layer in Moscow's Red Square.

In 2010 a Space Foundation survey ranked Yuri Gagarin in a sixth place tie with fictional James T. Kirk of Star Trek, for the most popular space hero. There have been four commemorative coins minted with his image. Two in the former Soviet Union and two in Russia for anniversaries 20th, 30th, 40h and 50th consecutively. Several places including

cities have been renamed for Yuri Gagarin over the years including his home village Klushino.

Apollo 11 astronauts left mementos of Gagarin and other American astronauts and Russian

Cosmonauts (The fallen who died in the race for space) in a small satchel on the surface of the Moon.

Since 1962, for more than 50

years now April 12th is celebrated as Cosmonautics Day in the East.

In 2011 the 12th was declared "International Day of Human Space Flight" by the United

Nations, (and because this is what this article is about) in 2001 Yuri's Night began as a way to

help us to remember the milestones of Space Flight as an international celebration. Next year during Star Trek's 50th anniversary, it will also be the Yuri's Night 15th annual event.



Since 2015, had the theme of Star Wars, (Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens, comes out in December) next year will be Star Trek in theme, so set your phasers on stun and dress in uniform!

Cofounder of Yuri's Night, Loretta H. Whitesides states: " Yuri's Night is also a celebration of the future. Our intention is that it be celebrated 10,000 years in the future, [We hope]

humanity will still remember the

first human to leave Earth. (We will of course be scattered among 12 star sectors by then). I also think there is a link in that Yuri's Night is committed to helping bring about the culture of the sci-fi (and specifically a Star Trek!) future, to go along with the communicators, replicators, and spaceships, we are creating today. "

There have been many events and historical events which have linked the fictional Star Trek universe with real Space flight and research over the years. While reading a book that was released a couple of years ago Star Trek and History by Nancy Reagin, put something

important to the front of my mind as I write this. As much as we think of Star Trek as a tale

about a positive human story, many of the episodes were written from the standpoint of the past. The Enterprise crew was constantly traveling to the past or having the past brought to them in order to tell a story about the future.

We can't move into the future without paying homage to the pioneers of the past, when we reach out for the Stars, we will need everyone from all walks of



## Yuri's Night: A Celebration of Technology and History

life to help us get there. We will want to do all the things we are comfortable with out there on our voyages, everyone has a role. And there will be new "entry level" work we may not have thought of yet.

Just like In Star Trek, nationalities, race, religions won't matter, only our drive, our desire, our enterprise will be of any consequence. Since history has proven that especially when it comes to science, fiction soon becomes fact, which means even dreamers will be required personal.

We must continue to be interested in Space, and remember good science to take us there with us.

Join the 2016 Yuri's Night celebration, it's worldwide! In the Los Angeles area where the worldwide flagship event is held be sure to set your calendar for Sat April 9, 2016, under the Space Shuttle Endeavor. You don't have a huge event, check in with the folks at [www.yurisnight.net](http://www.yurisnight.net) they can help you find a Yuri's Night near you, or help you start one of your own. Remember the flight and what it meant for humanity, how our space age began on that day in 1961. So go to a coffee shop with a few close friends, check out an exhibit on space or science at age

museum or library. Do something fun, and have a good time celebrating our new Space Age. We live in interesting times, when private companies will take us into space orbit and we have that chance to feel like Yuri Gagarin. We can feel as if we have seen our world from above for the first time.

Let's all remember to shout Poyekhali! when our feet leave the ground in remembrance of how it all started.



Photos provided by Derek Allen and Yuri's Night Staff



## Star Trek Recreation

and religious observations. ST: TOS, ST: TNG, and ST: DS9 all showed a chapel used for religious ceremonies, private contemplation (and mourning), and weddings. So even though all the starships and star bases included those things necessary for the crew to survive, explore, and

Fight, crew recreation was also part of the design. Those of us who are earthbound know that our lives would not be complete without different forms of recreation to, not only entertain us, but to keep us mentally and physically sharp. Humans and many other species enjoy and appreciate the opportunities to interact with our crewmates. As members of the Zavala, we work to accomplish goals such as promoting STARFLEET, raising funds for non-profit organizations, and charitable work. But we must never forget the need we all have for good old plain FUN and recreation with each other. That keeps us stronger as a unit.

Our next major recreational opportunity is coming up on Saturday, April 9th, when we celebrate First Contact Day and the opportunity to put work aside and have fun together. Chuck

and I look forward to hosting you all at our house for food, fun, talk and entertainment. Live long and party!







### STARFLEET ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

- May 13, 2016 - September 05, 2016 (Ottawa, Canada)  
⇒ Canada Aviation and Space Museum
- July 09, 2016 - October 31, 2016 (NYC, New York)  
⇒ Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

### STAR TREK: EXPLORING NEW WORLDS

- May 21, 2016 (Seattle, Washington)  
⇒ EMP Museum At Seattle Center

### STAR TREK (2009): LIVE IN CONCERT

- July 08, 2016 - July 09, 2016 (Los Angeles, California)  
⇒ Hollywood Bowl
- July 13, 2016 - July 14, 2016 (Minneapolis, Minnesota)  
⇒ Orchestra Hall



### STAR TREK 50 ARTISTS. 50 YEARS ART EXHIBITION

- July 21, 2016 - July 24, 2016 (San Diego, California)  
⇒ San Diego Comic-Con
- August 19, 2016 - September 05, 2016 (Toronto, Canada)  
⇒ Canadian National Exhibition
- October 07, 2016 - October 09, 2016 (Birmingham, UK)  
⇒ Destination Star Trek Europe - NEC Birmingham
- August 03, 2016 - August 07, 2016 (Las Vegas, Nevada)  
⇒ Star Trek Las Vegas - The Rio Suites Hotel

### STAR TREK LAS VEGAS

- August 03, 2016 - August 07, 2016 (Las Vegas, Nevada)  
⇒ Rio Suites Hotel

### STAR TREK: MISSION NEW YORK

- September 02, 2016 - September 04, 2016 (NYC, NY)  
⇒ Javits Center

### STAR TREK: THE ULTIMATE VOYAGE CONCERT

- September 25, 2016 (Paris, France)  
⇒ Palais Des Congres

### DESTINATION STAR TREK EUROPE

- October 07, 2016 - October 09, 2016 (Birmingham, UK)  
⇒ National Exhibition Centre

### STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS: LIVE IN CONCERT

- December 30, 2016 (Baltimore, MD)  
⇒ Meyerhoff

### STAR TREK: THE CRUISE

- January 09, 2017 - January 15, 2017 (Miami, FL)  
⇒ The Carribean



# Meeting of the USS Heimdal

by Johnathan Hatter, USS Heimdal, Region 1

The monthly meeting of the USS Heimdal was held on March 19th, 2016 at Madison Heights Library. Admiral Smith conducted a brief business meeting that included details surrounding the charity auction in August; it's time for us to start collecting those donations. She also discussed the Heimdal's 32nd Anniversary Party and its fantastic entertainment.



The meeting's guest speaker was Heimdal friend and costumer extraordinaire, Alan Provo. Alan has joined us in the past with samples of some of his fantastic costuming and makeup work that

never fails to amaze us all. Accompanying Alan were his daughter, Sarah and their seamstress, Debbie Carrico.

Alan arrived in his Royal Manticoran Naval uniform complete with white beret while Sarah was in Revolutionary War style piece.



The Manticoran uniform is worn by characters in the Honor Harrington series of books, also known as the "Honorverse." Written by author David Weber, these books follow the life and missions of Captain Honor Harrington as she performs duties required to protect her Queen and the Star Empire from its enemies, including

the People's Republic of Haven: aka "The Peeps." Fans of the series should note Mr. Weber will be the guest of honor at the 2017 Mysticon Convention in Roanoke. Alan brought with him several other examples of his magnificent work that ranged from the Manticoran uniform to some "Furry" pieces complete with their beautifully painted eyes.



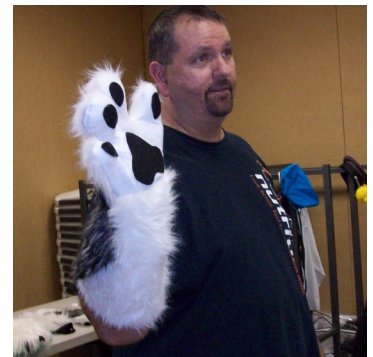
Anyone who saw these can testify to their amazing details and craftsmanship. Some members tried on the headpieces, complete with moving mouthpieces, to really understand what it is to "become" one of these char-





acters. Sarah gave us an interesting discussion of how to modify wigs, as this is one of her specialties. She demonstrated how to put extreme curls into them and make them stay that way. She showcased some of her creations including a Slytherin robe from the world of Harry Potter and discussed how to properly wear your wigs. Several members were wearing Vulcan style ears (Willy and I) and Sarah discussed how to apply Vulcan eyebrows using glue sticks, yes you heard that right, glue sticks. Debbie discussed how she has worked with Alan and Sarah to develop costume patterns and sew them through to completion. It was amazing to hear how they have collaborated to design various costumes and the effort that goes into their completion. Also, Debbie received many requests about uniforms and inquires into sewing lessons. The enthusiasm that all three

share is amazing and contagious. They are all incredibly talented and creative. Their generosity was also evident as both Alan and Debbie told us they would be willing to make donations to the Heimdal's annual charity auction involving their time and materials. We always enjoy having Alan show us his work and it was wonderful to have Sarah and Debbie join him to enlighten and entertain us. We also found the stories of their convention experiences funny and interesting. Alan will be our meeting guest speaker in November presenting a make-up workshop.



Thanks to them all!





# 11th Brigade Wilderness Challenge: Preface

by 1st LT Wayne McAliece, USS Southern Cross, Region 11

Ok before you get into the report and go on the Challenges Journey, I wish to tell of my approach and this Wilderness Challenge Journey. I came up with this idea way back in October 2015, with the first tentative emails back and forth to the respective command staff. I got the ok to take it to the next level, so I began to write the proposal for the Wilderness Challenge Committee. I never do anything half-hearted as the Committee now knows and the proposal was rather weighty. But I and everyone who helped me (and there were many!) tried to think of everything that could go wrong and right and plan for it.

The area that 11th BDE patrols is vast so having everyone in one place at one time to do the Challenge was probably not going to happen. So I would need to set multiple locations which as you can believe would get “interesting”. In the end, with a huge help from Linda and the committee, I ended up with two locations, one here in Melbourne Australia and another in New Zealand. Myself commanding the Melbourne Away Team and Col Angie Smith, SMAJ Marie Smith and Cadet Lance Corporal Sean Smith participating in NZ. When you have to run something like this over such huge distances you need to know your

other team is safe and I knew that the second team was in great hands.

I learnt a huge amount organizing this year’s Challenge and as to next years? Well I think I have ironed out some of the tribbles but we’ll find out, won’t we?!





# 11th Brigade Wilderness Challenge: Unknown and Mysterious Planet, Pt I

by 1st LT Wayne McAliece, USS Southern Cross, Region 11

0930hrs The away team beamed down to a never before explored M Class planet. We set off to map a small rocky outcroft near the planet's largest ocean.



The ship's scans had had trouble accurately scanning the terrain and we were to find out that the planet's atmosphere was the cause of this trouble. It would also give the away team trouble throughout the mission to keep in communication with the outside ship.

The terrain started off quite easy; the views were stunning. We stopped frequently and took a large number of holographic pictures and numerous scans of flora and insectoid fauna. We heard many calls from what we took to be a flying genus and came across a number of large droppings which we assumed to be from a land based species. Along the way we were caressed by soft sea breezes and protected from the elements by overhanging trees.

1100hrs After a while the terrain did become somewhat more difficult, with protrud-

ing tree roots and large ascents and declines to challenge us but the team pushed on hoping that we would find some sort of civilization or higher life form.

After hours of walking, although we had heard rustlings, we had seen no specific sign of life. We then found a clearing that we believed would be the best place to hold up for a while.



1230hrs The Marines set up a security perimeter





# 11th Brigade Wilderness Challenge: Unknown and Mysterious Planet, Pt II

by 1st LT Wayne McAliece, USS Southern Cross, Region 11



and we rested for an hour. And then finally... indigenous life! Although we were unable to establish communication the life form seemed to have no trouble understanding that we had food! After close inspection and observation, we believe the life form was indeed female and that she had no problem relieving us of all of our food.

1330hrs We broke camp and began to head back to the beam-in sight. Thankfully we had

been able to get through the interference at sporadic points on the away mission to alert the ship of our intention to return and complete the survey.

We continued to walk on and approximately 45 minutes later we happened upon our second indigenous life form. This was a complete thrill!

As we progressed further along the way we also came across tracks that had worn down the soil in various places....quite obviously a thoroughfare for some sort of large animal. Close inspection revealed that this may have come from a heavy, large species with a long tail and powerful hind legs.

1530hrs We finally made it back to the beam-in site. Thankfully we had had no casualties and there were smiles all round for a job well done!

1630hrs Just before leaving the planet we finally found a primitive village where we were able to secure food. All agreed that it was very nice food! Gifts were exchanged and a few of us were privileged to take a souvenir home.





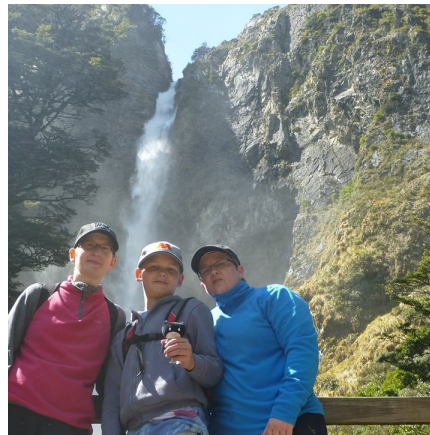
# 11th Brigade Wilderness Challenge: Personal Log, Pt I

by COL Angie Smith, USS Battle Born, Region 3



Due to the difficult to reach location and atmospheric conditions the away team were unable to beam to this never explored small Class M planet. They therefore took a shuttle which set them down close to a small settlement. Arriving close to nightfall the away team were able to secure some accommodation and food with the locals before settling in for an early night's rest as it would be an early start for the team with many km's to cover the next day.

0800, or thereabouts, the away team set off with a quick check in at a local ranger's office for the weather conditions for that day. As our trek would take in some mountainous walking we needed to be aware of the weather. Especially as those atmospheric conditions would put us out of contact with our ship.



We first took in a natural sight called 'Devils' Punch Bowl', a huge waterfall that has naturally formed a bowl shape. We then began the long trek known as Arthur's Pass walking track. This took us through mountain

woodland. The highlight here was some huge steps we had to climb down and back up the other side of this ravine. They were clearly man-made, yet by someone who had much longer legs than we had. On the way down the mountain side we passed Jack's Hut, a rare surviving example of a roadman's cottage. Crossing the only road in Arthur's Pass we stopped at a river to take a break and have a 'paddle'.

Back on the trek we found ourselves heading towards 'Dobson's Memorial'. A memorial to Sir Arthur Dudley Dobson (1841 – 1934), who led the first party of Europeans across this pass in 1863. The route took us through





# 11th Brigade Wilderness Challenge: Personal Log, Pt II

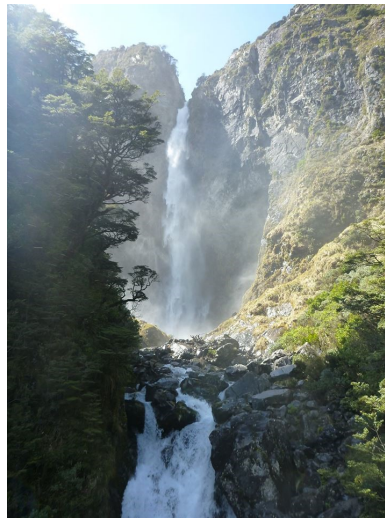
by COL Angie Smith, USS Battle Born, Region 3

a nature walk which displayed information boards on many of the local fauna and wildlife. Upon reaching the memorial we then had to begin the long and arduous trek back towards the village.

There were some interesting signs along the route. Avalanche warnings, although as we didn't have the training we tried to stay away from these areas. Also signs about Kiwi's, although we weren't lucky enough to see one of these. We did see the cheeky Kea though when we returned to the village. These are native mountain parrots, highly intelligent and quite mesmerizing to watch.

Due to incoming nightfall the away team chose to stay another night and departed by shuttle the

next morning after a much needed and refreshing night's sleep.



Photos provided by Col Angie Smith, SMAJ Marie Smith and 1Lt Wayne McAliece .





# HYPOSPRAY

*Colonel Gregory Fant, STARFLEET Medical, Surgeon General*

## World TB Day

Every year, on 24 March, the world marks World TB Day (WTBD), one of the world's top health challenges with 9 million new TB cases and the deaths of nearly 1.5 million people each year. The Day is an occasion to mobilize political and social commitment for further progress towards eliminating TB as a public health burden by 2035.

### Scale of the problem:

More than 2 billion people, equal to one third of the world's population are infected with TB out of this, 1 in 10 will go on to develop TB during their lifetime. Out of the overall 13 million TB cases in 2013, 9 million were new cases but consistently 3 million people were either not diagnosed, not treated, or officially not registered by national TB programs (NTPs). Many of those missed will either die, follow some unknown treatment but most will continue to infect others. Major efforts are needed to close this gap as despite



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our best efforts, the proportion of missed cases has been nearly the same for the past seven years.

Among those missed are those most vulnerable to falling ill with TB including very poor and/or malnourished or undernourished people, people living with HIV/AIDS, children and women, migrants, prisoners, refugees and internally displaced persons, miners, the elderly, ethnic minorities, indigenous populations, drug users and homeless persons.

### What we really mean

The post 2015 End TB Strategy aims to end the TB pandemic by 2035. A dramatic change needs to take place over the

next few years in how we fight TB. Our current tools use technology that is old and outdated, with treatment regimens that are long, complicated and with huge side effects, and with a vaccine that is 90 years old and not very effective, with no point of care diagnosis. It is an opportunity to start thinking out of the box through several ways. [In particular....]

4. Broadening the spectrum of partners' engagement in the fight against TB by engaging with partners in tobacco, nutrition, diabetes and others as well as non medical partners to include social development, urban planning, and the private sector.

See this link for more ideas.

(<http://www.stoptb.org/>)



# STARFLEET Operations

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



## REPORTING STATS FOR MARCH 2016

MSRS RECEIVED: 212

MSRS MISSING: 26

TOTAL CHAPTERS: 237

REPORTING %: 89.45% of all chapters

## CHAPTERS LAUNCHED

None

## CHAPTERS COMMISSIONED

USS Hyperion (R20) - 1 February 2016

REGION	MEMBERS (CHANGE)	CHAPTERS (CHANGE)
01	956 (+16)	53 (+1)
02	531 (-9)	27 (0)
03	513 (+12)	26 (0)
04	455 (-7)	19 (0)
05	177 (+15)	10 (0)
06	98 (-1)	9 (0)
07	570 (-6)	26 (-1)
08	10 (+0)	1 (0)
09	57 (-3)	4 (0)
10	71 (-2)	2 (0)
11	107 (-1)	6 (0)
12	437 (+5)	24 (0)
13	130 (0)	6 (0)
14	1 (-1)	0 (0)
15	150 (-5)	8 (-1)
16	0 (0)	0 (0)
17	107 (-14)	7 (0)
18	18 (0)	0 (0)
19	0 (0)	0(0)
20	212 (+2)	8 (0)
00 & 99	8 (+1)	0 (0)
TOTAL	4,608 (-12)	240 (+1)



# STARFLEET Communications

CDRE Matthew Miller, Chief of STARFLEET Communications, USS *Alaric*, Region 1



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

May 1-7th

7 Hours

May 8-14th

7 Hours

May 15-21st

5 Hours

May 22-29th

8 Hours Total

Hours: 27

## Chief of Communications:

We are officially caught up with 2016 and look forward to continuing that trend.

## List Moderators:

No issues to report.

## Facebook Admins:

Keeping up with regular posts on the STARFLEET Facebook page.

## Director of Public Relations:

Nothing to report.

Special thanks to Jon Lane for creating this wonderful new 2016 CQ design.





# STARFLEET Academy Report

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

If you interested in trying out for a scholarship? Will you have been a member of one year or more by June of 2016? If so, contact ADM Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET Scholarship Director [scholarships@sfi.org](mailto:scholarships@sfi.org)

The Scholarship Program is always looking for donations. Many of you have made donations via auctions at your regional summits and some even through chapter activities, but here's a couple of other ways you could help the program gain more funds to continue with the scholarships. One is to add \$1.00 to each membership renewal and another is a coin jar at your chapter meetings. Many chapters of made a "piggy bank" that is dedicated to change for the Scholarship Fund. You may contact Admiral Willcox to get more information about how to help fund the Scholarship Program at the email in the above paragraph. Thank you for all you do.

Congratulations to the following cadets for completing the notated college with Honors &/or Distinctions and earning the Cadet Star Award.

- Emma Bayonet  
Cadet College of Pokemon
- Emma Bayonet  
Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science



- Darin Debrestian  
Cadet College of Pokemon

FEATURED INSTITUTE: Institute of Leadership Studies Admiral Peg Pellerin, Dean

Officer Training School (OTS) will allow the student to learn about the real-world of STARFLEET and prepare the individual to become a commissioned officer. It is a prerequisite for anyone becoming a Chapter Commanding Officer (CO) or Executive Officer (XO), as well as for anyone wanting to complete Officer Command College (OCC). GEN Jill Rayburn, Director [jazdansfa@gmail.com](mailto:jazdansfa@gmail.com)

Officer Command College (OCC) will expand the student's knowledge of STARFLEET as an organization, as well as strengthen their knowledge of being a commissioned officer. It is a prerequisite for anyone becoming a Chapter Commanding Officer (CO)

or Executive Officer (XO), as well as for anyone wanting to complete Flag Officer School (FOS). Officer Training School (OTS) is a prerequisite for Officer Command College. GEN Jill Rayburn, Director [jazdansfa@gmail.com](mailto:jazdansfa@gmail.com)

Flag Officer School (FOS) is the third College installment within the Leadership Track at STARFLEET Academy. FOS will further expand the student's knowledge of STARFLEET as an organization, with an emphasis on the commissioned flag officer. The concept of FOS is to focus on how STARFLEET is configured as an organization, the fundamentals of leadership, and what it means to command. Officer Command College (OCC) is a prerequisite for Flag Officer School. VADM Paul C. Dyl, Director [Usspawlowskico@gmail.com](mailto:Usspawlowskico@gmail.com)

STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College (SOLC) is an expansion of STARFLEET Academy's leadership curriculum. The college is designed to increase the student's knowledge of various roles within STARFLEET. It also forces the student to give a critical eye to the organization, its design, and its structure. The essay exams give the student the opportunity to make proposed changes to the organization and explain their reasoning behind their decisions. Cap-



tain Jessica Reynolds, Director  
usslibertyco75012@gmail.com

The STARFLEET Academy Orientation College (SAOC) presents all of the instructions and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) developed over time for students wishing to take courses at STARFLEET Academy and for Directors and Deans to administer their Colleges and Institutes. GUNSGT Tim Barrington, Director academy.nco@gmail.com

The College of Chapter Development (COCD) is a series of courses that have been divided into specific "modules", each of which deals with a different topic. These topics are intended to help not only newly-established chapters, but also established chapters that might be looking for additional help with their membership. Lt. Andrea Debrebian, Director andreeadee2016@gmail.com

The Academy Degree Program (ADP) Here is where you gather all the certificates you have earned over the years and earn Academy-wide Degrees. COMM Franklin Newman III, Director franklinnewman3@gmail.com

The Bridge Officer Certification Program (BOCP) is a series of examinations for STARFLEET Officers

who wish to qualify themselves a command-ready in the department of their choice. This opportunity is not one to be taken lightly. The BOCP was created for members of STARFLEET to become "certified" in their chapter department(s) as a command-level officer. This program is similar to the Vessel Readiness Certification Program (VRCP), except this is for individual members instead of an entire department. It is awarded in the STARFLEET Database as an Academy award. COMM Franklin Newman III, Director franklinnewman3@gmail.com

Vessel Readiness Certification Program (VRCP) In the ages before starships roamed space, the United States Navy required that each of its ships pass a series of tests or drills in order to become certified for sea duty. A starship, space station, or other vessel should also pass inspection before it is put into service. Each department, and ultimately the entire vessel, can earn its certification. COMM Franklin Newman III, Director franklinnewman3@gmail.com

Riddle me this

It can move over water,  
But cannot fly.  
It can move under water,  
But stay quite dry.

ANSWER: Shadow

NEW Riddle:

It is a journey whose path  
depends, on another's vision  
of where it ends.

Answer in next issue.

#### 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 this article, please check out the following website:

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



# STARFLEET Computer Operations

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

As we look at our progress in 2016 so far, let's talk about an issue that's at the forefront of many STARFLEET members' minds.

As you may already know, the STARFLEET Helpdesk has recently moved from the office of the VCS to CompOps. And as part of that transition, we've been taking a closer look at root causes behind a lot of support tickets that Helpdesk receives. In plain English, there are issues which keep getting reported again and again – some are common questions that have a simple answer, like “how do I change chapters?” and can be answered by our Helpdesk staff or by our Frequently Asked Questions documentation. And others point to a larger problem that needs to be resolved. Sometimes it's a technical bug, like an issue with submitting MSR's in the database, where the DB team will need to diagnose and fix that problem. And sometimes, the problem is caused by a human process not working properly.

Over the past months, more and more Helpdesk tickets have been related to Membership Processing issues. True, some are fixes that need to be manually performed by a Helpdesk staffer (ex. Moving a member from a family membership to an individual membership.) But many have been indicative of a larger problem with MP itself; not only have we been receiving more tickets from members not getting their new membership or renewal processed, or receiving their membership packets, we have also been receiving follow-up tickets complaining that MP did not reply to their original ticket.

At that point, it's not just an issue of a few packets getting lost in the mail, it's an issue of a serious disconnect between MP processes and the membership's needs. The Helpdesk has always served as a “canary in the coalmine,”



warning STARFLEET leadership about urgent technical issues as well as slowly growing staff issues. When we received multiple issues about members with certain email domains not receiving automated emails from the Member Database, we knew we needed to a Web host that wasn't spam-blocked by AOL or other major web domains. When we received multiple reports of members not getting their renewal reminders, we knew it wasn't a matter of a bad email address in the DB, there was an issue with the automated reminder functions that needed to be addressed by the DB team.

And when we received an overwhelming amount of problems with Membership Processing, it was clear the issue was systemic, something where the whole process was breaking down. And the results were widespread and will most likely be long-lasting: members getting disgusted with their stalled membership, letting their membership lapse and not bothering to renew. It devalues STARFLEET membership, and in turn the organization as a whole. Helpdesk staff has been continually overwhelmed by the complaints from angry members, and these complaints have been shared with the CS, both by myself and many others in the membership.

As a result, STARFLEET has responded – Membership Processing is being re-staffed, with a new membership team being formed in Kansas to take over the daily operations of MP. In addition, as we roll out our new electronic-only membership packages, we have given members the option of electronic-only packets as well. By choosing “Download” when you join or renew, you can opt to not be sent a membership packet, downloading the membership materials instead. This will not only get materials in members' hands faster, but will also decrease the # of packets being shipped out, cutting down on MP's workload.

This issue is a great illustration of how SFI's departments are interconnected: MP is not under CompOps, but when that department is having issues, it's CompOps that gets the problems. And as much as Helpdesk worked to get answers to members' issues, there's only so much we can do – the department itself needs to change. And now that this change is being made, I am positive that the burden on Helpdesk will lighten, as the MP backlog shrinks.

To you the membership, I want to give my apologies for these membership issues, on behalf of the Helpdesk staff, CompOps and the Executive Committee. But that and \$5 will get you a latte. I also want to give you my promise to do better in the future. And even though CompOps doesn't handle Membership Processing, and can't influence that process very much, there are still changes we can make to do better in the future. To that end, CompOps is moving to a new Helpdesk tool, one that will be more helpful in tracking and reminding departments of their progress of open tickets, to cut down on the number of issues that “fall through the cracks”. We will do better.





# STARFLEET Financial Report

GEN Linda Olson, Chief Financial Officer



	January	February	March
<b>STARFLEET Main Checking Account</b>			
Opening	\$37,331.61	\$42,944.40	\$37,768.37
Credits	\$5,836.61	\$3,337.07	\$4,007.01
Debits	\$223.82	\$8,508.10	\$5,087.44
Closing	\$42,944.40	\$37,768.37	\$36,687.50
<b>IC Even Account</b>			
Opening	\$1,898.53	\$2,688.70	\$3,170.25
Credits	\$790.17	\$500.00	\$471.21
Debits	\$0.00	\$18.45	\$37.32
Closing	\$2,688.70	\$3,170.26	\$3,604.14
<b>IC Odd Account (Not reported)</b>			
Opening			
Credits			
Debits			
Closing			
<b>SFMC Checking Account</b>			
Opening	\$7,466.05	\$7,660.32	\$7,876.37
Credits	\$214.23	273.15	\$317.38
Debits	\$19.96	\$57.10	\$44.16
Closing	\$7,660.32	\$7,876.37	\$8,135.69
<b>STARFLEET Scholarships Savings Account</b>			
Opening	\$5,000.26	\$5,000.39	\$5,000.13
Credits/Interest	\$0.13	\$1,117.72	\$0.13
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing	\$5,000.39	\$6,118.11	\$5,000.26
<b>SFMC Scholarship Savings Account</b>			
Opening	\$2,729.85	\$2,729.90	\$2729.80
Credits/Interest	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.05
Debits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing	\$2,729.90	\$2729.94	\$2729.85
<b>STARFLEET Scholarship CD</b>			
Current Balance	\$1,117.47	\$1117.49	\$1117.55
Rate	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Matures On	2016-08-15	2016-08-15	2016-08-15
<b>STARFLEET Savings CD</b>			
Current Balance	\$14,041.74	\$14,042.22	\$14,043.61
Rate	0.04%	0.04%	0.08%
Matures On	2016-03-30	2016-03-30	2016-03-30



# ATTENTION ON DECK!

JANUARY - MARCH 2016

## State of the STARFLEET Marine Corps

GENERAL Michael J McGowan, Commandant SFMC



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# State of FORCECOM

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

Good evening, Marines.

With some Brigades gearing up for their annual awards cycle, I'd like to review some specifics.

**Commandant's Campaign Award:** This is the reporting cycle for units to report activities for the Commandant's Campaign Challenge. Don't know what that is? To quote the 'Marine Force Manual': This ribbon is given for completing or participating (certain criteria may have to be met to qualify) in a Commandant's Campaign. Still not much? This award is issued by the Commandant for those who volunteer in support of 'Toys for Tots' and the 'Special Olympics'. For the 2015 award cycle any hours spent in support of the Sargent Major's 'March for the Disabled' will continue to be counted.

If someone wants to use another project, there is no guarantee that it will count - that will be on a case by case basis as decided by the Commandant.

The data collection period covers from 1 Jan 2015 through 31 Dec 2015. Please have this information to your BDE OIC in the Feb 2016 report. This way I can make sure I get a report from every brigade and nothing gets missed. This info needs to be to me by 28 Feb 2016. If for some reason you forgot to include the information in your unit report, please send an email to your Brigade OIC ASAP with the specifics.

Needed info: Unit #, Rank, Name, SCC#, what project you were involved in, what you did for them, where the activity happened and how many volunteer hours spent. A minimum of 4 hours of service is required for consideration for this award. I will



compile the list and submit it to the Commandant for his consideration.

**FORCECOM's Reading Challenge:** My DCO BDR Liam Smith has the oversight for this project. This is a year long inter-Corps competition to encourage folks to read more and it's honestly very simple to get involved. You can not count books that you are required to read for work. E-Books do count since you still have to read them. Audio books do not count at this time.

Your Unit OIC will need the following data ASAP and the rest of the year until the June report: Unit #, Rank, Name, SCC# and then the book title, author, ISBN and page count.

The Reading Challenge runs from 1 June to 31 May. I will compile all the data submitted and winners will be announced at IC this year. There are winners for Brigade, Battalion, Unit and individual [adult and cadet]. The top three in each category will receive certificates and first place in each category will be authorized to add a streamer to the Guidon [white with black block letters that says 'READING (year won)'].

**Awards and Nominations:** As mentioned above, it's coming up on that

time

of year to start your thinking about award nomination. As the Sergeant Major is fond of telling me 'If you can't come up with a reason why your unit and it's members are the best of the best, there are problems.' Okay - I paraphrased that a bit, but it gets the point across.

Here's the URL for the online form: <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/awards.php>

If anyone is having problems using the online forms, please report this to me ASAP. [We can't fix it if we don't know it's doing it.]. If it's a nomination for a Brigade level award, also let your BDE OIC know ASAP. The person making the nomination should be getting an email telling them their nomination went through so if you don't see that in your inbox, report the problem.

If you're wondering what awards are out there, who issues what and if you'd be eligible for something, you can find descriptions of the awards on the SFMC website here: <http://www.library.sfi-sfmc.org/> - or in the Marine Force Manual starting on page 57 - Section 8 - Awards, 8.2 SFMC Achievement Awards.

And if you've got questions, always remember to use your chain of command. Everyone from your Unit OIC up to the members of the General Staff are here to help you. Just run your thoughts and concerns up the chain and we'll help you out.

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

Stand Easy, Marines.





## State of INFOCOM

BGEN Mark Anderson, COINFOCOM, SFMC



Greetings Marines,  
Sorry for the brief report this month. I have been a busy month with my day job and I was out of town for a week. I hope things will settle down soon as several projects I'm working on will finally be complete.  
I'm still trying to find something to replace the Pingdom report I receive every month but it is difficult to find something to meet the two criteria I have set. Easy to use and free. Usually I can find one but not the

other. If you have any suggestions, please send me an email to [infofocom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:infofocom@sfi-sfmc.org) and I'll check it out.  
To my surprise I got a Pingdom report, might be the last one.

Here are the Pingdom stats for February.  
Uptime: 99.96%  
Outages: 1  
Downtime: 15 Minutes  
Response time: 368 ms

## State of FINCOM

MGEN Barry Jackson, COFINCOM, SFMC

Here are the numbers for the SFMC bank accounts for January.  
SFMC Checking Account

The SFMC checking account opened the month of January with a balance of \$7466.05 Credit - \$214.23 Debits total - \$19.96 breakdown of debits USPS -\$19.96 QM postage

Closing balance for the account was \$7660.32

There were 4 orders in January.

SFMC Savings Account (scholarship payments)

Opened with \$2,729.85  
Credits - Interest earned \$0.05  
Debits - 0  
Current balance on account - \$2,729.90

The SFMC checking account opened the month of February with a balance of \$7660.32

Credit - \$273.15 paypal transfer of funds Debits total - \$57.10 breakdown of debits USPS -\$47.90 QM postage Walmart - \$5.32 envelopes for mailing qm merchandise Echeck refund - \$3.88

Closing balance for the account was \$7876.37

There were 9 orders in February.

SFMC Savings Account (scholarship payments)

Opened with \$2,729.90  
Credits - Interest earned \$.04  
Current balance on account - \$2,729.94



# State of the NCO Corps

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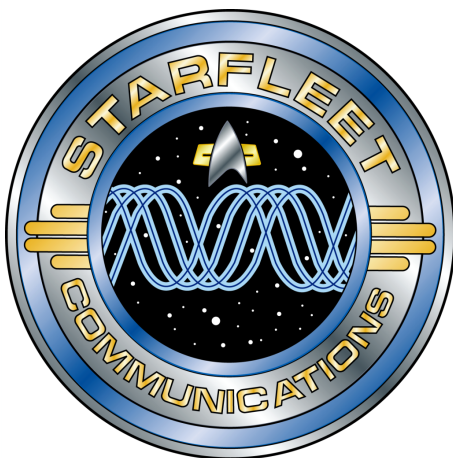
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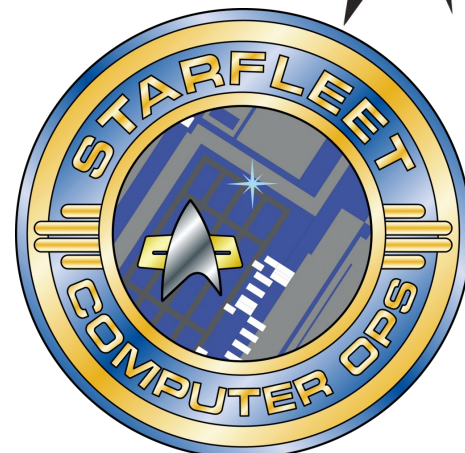
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