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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Fellow Members of STARFLEET,

It has been my privilege to serve this past year as your Commander, STARFLEET. However, due to health concerns that have manifested themselves this past year, I am afraid that I will not be able to continue as such; to do so would be unfair to myself and the organization.

Therefore, effective at 12:01am Central Time on 1 January 2018, I will be resigning as Commander, STARFLEET. I am sorry that I will not be able to cross the finish line with the rest of my team and help improve the organization for its members.

I wish you all a happy and safe new years and ask that you give Dan your support as he picks up the reins.

Respectfully,
FADM Robert Westfall
Commanding Officer, *ISS-Katana*

Happy Anniversary Ships of the Line

Celebrating Our Chapters' Years In Service

<i>USS Alaric</i>	R01	10/1/1982	35	<i>USS Virginia</i>	R01	11/28/200	09
<i>USS Lagrange</i>	R01	10/23/1982	35	<i>USS Excelsior</i>	R09	12/22/2008	09
<i>USS Alioth</i>	R17	10/16/1987	30	<i>USS Lexington</i>	R15	10/01/2009	08
<i>USS Maat</i>	R01	10/31/1987	30	<i>USS Abraham Lincoln</i>	R07	11/14/2009	08
<i>USS Challenger</i>	R07	11/01/1987	30	<i>USS Wolf 359</i>	R05	12/23/2009	08
<i>USS Hephaestus</i>	R02	10/24/1989	28	<i>USS Wessex</i>	R04	12/29/2009	08
<i>USS Renegade</i>	R01	12/25/1989	28	<i>USS Columbia</i>	R01	10/23/2010	07
<i>USS Kitty Hawk</i>	R01	10/07/1990	27	<i>USS Storm</i>	R07	10/30/2010	07
<i>USS Ascension</i>	R07	11/11/1990	27	<i>USS Empress</i>	R13	10/13/2011	06
<i>ISS Katana</i>	R12	12/07/1991	26	<i>USS Diamondback</i>	R03	10/22/2011	06
<i>USS Northern Lights</i>	R04	12/01/1993	24	<i>USS Haven</i>	R02	10/29/2011	06
<i>USS Continuum</i>	R02	12/04/1993	24	<i>USS Wisconsin</i>	R06	11/15/2011	06
<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	R01	11/05/1994	23	<i>USS Crockett</i>	R03	12/17/2011	06
<i>USS Matrix</i>	R07	11/18/1994	23	<i>USS Tydirium</i>	R11	12/18/2011	06
<i>USS Justice</i>	R07	12/23/1994	23	<i>USS Valhalla</i>	R06	11/05/2012	05
<i>USS Providence</i>	R01	11/07/1996	21	<i>USS Cuchulain</i>	R20	11/05/2013	04
<i>USS Stormbringer</i>	R04	10/31/1998	19	<i>USS Icení</i>	R20	12/05/2013	04
<i>USS SpiritWolf</i>	R03	11/06/1998	19	<i>USS Valiant</i>	R12	11/07/2015	02
<i>USS Relentless</i>	R02	12/01/1998	19	<i>USS Panther</i>	R01	12/31/2015	02
<i>USS Aries</i>	R01	12/22/1999	18	<i>USS Caroline</i>	R20	10/01/2016	01
<i>USS Niagara</i>	R07	10/10/2002	15	<i>USS Loki</i>	R07	10/21/2016	01
<i>USS William Wallace</i>	R12	12/22/2002	15	<i>USS Merlin</i>	R20	10/28/2016	01
<i>USS Vanguard</i>	R09	11/05/2003	14	<i>USS Brian Boru</i>	R20	11/30/2016	01
<i>USS Genesis</i>	R11	12/31/2017	10				

Welcome to the Fleet

Commissioned: 29 October 2017
USS WHITE EAGLE NCC 2302

Jacksonville, North Carolina
CO: CAPT Aaron Himes
XO: CMD Megan Stancill
Region 01

Commissioned: 01 October 2017
USS ANDROMEDA NCC

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CO: COMM Alvin Dozier
XO: CMDR Jess Taggart
Region 02

Commissioned: 30 November 2017
USS MARIE CURIE NCC 74699

Roseburg, Oregon
CO: CAPT Brady McNulty
XO: CMDR Kathryn Griffin
Region 05

Commissioned: 30 November 2017
USS MICHAEL HEUPEL NCC 75027

Spokane, Washington
CO: COL Mike Heupel
XO: CMDR Joseph Goderre
Region 05

Launched: 04 October 2017
USS YORKTOWN NCC

Kingsport, Tennessee
CO: VADM Kimberly Donohoe
XO: COMM Thomas Donohoe
Region 01

Launched: 04 December 2017
USS FAR STAR NCC

Kerrville, Texas
CO: CMDR Dawn Kesterson
XO: LCDR Bryan Burroughs
Region 03

Launched: 13 December 2017
SPACEDOCK BIRMINGHAM NCC

Birmingham, United Kingdom
CO: CMDR Sven Harvey
XO: CMDR David Zabiela
Region 20



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SFI Members Only Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/STARFLEETMembers/>

STARFLEET Commanding Officers Network (SCONET) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCONET>

STARFLEET Recruiting Network <https://www.facebook.com/groups/starfleetrecruiting/>

STARFLEET Communique Newsroom <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cqnewsroom/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/StarfleetMarineCorpssfmc/>

STARFLEET Corps of Engineers <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1851516568405495>

STARFLEET Counselors <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186053324752356/>

STARFLEET Office of Emergency Preparedness <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SFOEP/>

Starfleet Engineering and Technology <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1712829442271689>

STARFLEET PetFleet Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/664108667000740/>

Office of STARFLEET Surgeon General <https://www.facebook.com/groups/346135198751052/>

Cult of Garak - STARFLEET International, Guild of Clothiers, Tailors, Seamstresses and Courtiers, Local 031. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CultofGarak>

Starfleet Cooks <https://www.facebook.com/groups/starfleetcooks/>

STARFLEET (SFI) Correspondence Chapters <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1179514368755260>

STARFLEET Twitter: @sfi_org

STARFLEET Discord: <https://discord.gg/Hnq6Hz4>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1832064>—Administered by ADM Victor Swindell

STARFLEET Region 4 Chaplaincy <https://www.facebook.com/groups/R4Chaplaincy/>

Region 5 Starfleet International https://www.facebook.com/groups/region5starfleet/?ref=br_rs

USS Apollo NCC-82611 Frisco, TX

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ussapollo/> (closed)

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Twitter: @USS_Apollo

USS Destiny NCC-97301 Salem, OR

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/850050221769040/>

WordPress: www.ncc97301.com

USS Discovery NCC-1308 St. Ann, MO

Twitter: @USS_Discovery

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In Memoriam (<https://www.pinterest.com/starfleetsfi/in-memoriam/>)

We Live for this Stuff (<https://www.pinterest.com/starfleetsfi/we-live-for-this-stuff/>)

Around the Fleet (<https://www.pinterest.com/starfleetsfi/around-the-fleet/>)

Let's go Shopping (<https://www.pinterest.com/starfleetsfi/lets-go-shopping/>)

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Diabetics Yahoo Group: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/FleetDiabetics/>

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FROM THE ACADEMY

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Since the first of the year you have heard me talk about the Moodle request system. This request system is now live and providing the students with the course material they desire; however, it is also causing a problem for the staff that we had never considered would have developed. Because of the high interest in the Academy offerings, the students seem to have forgotten some of the important guidelines we have in place.



With the availability of material, the students are forgetting that we have requested that courses be returned no more than 5 at a time to allow the directors time to grade the submissions. Our directors, who are completely volunteer and with lives outside of the academy, often receive submissions from multiple students daily. Presenting counts of 25 to 50 exams received a day. This response is increased when people submit say 10, 15 or 20 at a time.

Interesting subjects draw more response than you might believe, and we do understand, you are using your time to accomplish your goals, but please remember to consider the director's.

Many people expect instant gratification and we do try to return the grades as rapidly as possible but there are times when it may take some time to get the exams graded. To paraphrase what you have heard so many times when calling customer services "with the large influx of exams received your exams will be graded in the order received," Also you may not be aware that Academy policy allows for a 2-week period for directors to reply to presented exams. Many directors will have an auto reply saying your material has been received. Please remember there are circumstances in the lives of the Academy Staff as they are in yours. Family problems, deaths, sickness affect us all as do changes in work schedules nor technical outages.

Our Directors and their assistants work as hard as any real-life teacher when it comes to grading. We regrettably add more stress to the situation when they are required to report their grading each month. This is something required to make sure the students get the credits they deserve.

We have awards coming from the Academy for the hard work the students put into the courses and some who receive distinction grades for their work. The Outstanding student of the month are recommended by each director for the students from their colleges and that student who acquires the greatest number of Outstanding student reports is awarded a certificate of achievement for that month. For the students who complete a college with all distinction grades the director can request an Academic Achievement Award, which is recorded in their Fleet database record.

Each month we are activating additional courses from American History to Medicine. So, each month the interested students can have a new challenge. One thing that few are aware of is the work required to provide the best possible product. Each exam goes through a procedure meant to present a final product which is both accurate and written in a clear, understandable way. Each exam is beta tested as many as 3 or 4 times before final proofreading. After this, it is presented to the members of the Academy command staff to make sure it meets the requirements of the Academy. This entire process may take months to complete.

As we start a new year we are looking forward to an increase in the number of students taking advantage of what we are offering. We encourage all of you to look at the courses available which may be something to assist you in the promotion of education.

Respectfully,

Admiral Glen Diebold

Commandant of STARFLEET Academy



AB RESOLUTIONS OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2017



AB17-13 – Ruling on IG Report

Motion Made By: COMM Chris Tolbert (RCR12)

Motion Seconded By: BDR Jeremy Carsten (RCR03)

Voting Period: 28 Aug 2017 – 4 Sep 2017

Motion *The charges defined in IG Report #[SEALED] be put into effect and the accused be formally charged. The accused shall be Defendant A, Defendant B, and any SFI member that currently has their membership account being paid for by Defendant A*

PASSED (14-0-0-2)

Votes:

R01 ADM Ruth Lane AYE	R09 FCAPT John Sullivan NO VOTE CAST
R02 FCAPT Ryan Case AYE	R10 ADM Paul Reid AYE
R03 BDR Jeremy Carsten AYE	R11 COMM Greg Mortensen AYE
R04 ADM David Nottage AYE	R12 COMM Chris Tolbert NO VOTE CAST
R05 VADM Mitch Dunn AYE	R13 MGEN Joseph Sare AYE
R06 ADM David Kloempken AYE	R15 MGEN Jerry Beaulieu AYE
R07 VADM Wayne Augustson AYE	R17 ADM Bran Stimpson AYE
R08 RADM Owen Swart AYE	R20 COMM Richard Sams AYE

AB17-14 – Removal of Member from Organization

Motion Made By:

Motion Seconded By:

Voting Period: 30 Sep 2017

Motion: *[Contents of Motion Sealed]*

PASSED (10-0-0-6)

Votes:

R01 ADM Ruth Lane AYE	R09 FCAPT John Sullivan NO VOTE CAST
R02 FCAPT Ryan Case AYE	R10 ADM Paul Reid AYE
R03 BDR Jeremy Carsten AYE	R11 COMM Greg Mortensen NO VOTE CAST
R04 ADM David Nottage AYE	R12 COMM Chris Tolbert NO VOTE CAST
R05 VADM Mitch Dunn AYE	R13 MGEN Joseph Sare AYE
R06 ADM David Kloempken AYE	R15 MGEN Jerry Beaulieu AYE
R07 VADM Wayne Augustson AYE	R17 ADM Bran Stimpson NO VOTE CAST
R08 RADM Owen Swart NO VOTE CAST	R20 COMM Richard Sams NO VOTE CAST

AB17-14 – Removal of Member from Organization

Motion Made By:

Motion Seconded By:

Voting Period: 30 Sep 2017

Motion: *[Contents of Motion Sealed]*

PASSED (10-0-0-6)

Votes:

R01 ADM Ruth Lane AYE	R09 FCAPT John Sullivan NO VOTE CAST
R02 FCAPT Ryan Case AYE	R10 ADM Paul Reid AYE
R03 BDR Jeremy Carsten AYE	R11 COMM Greg Mortensen NO VOTE CAST
R04 ADM David Nottage AYE	R12 COMM Chris Tolbert NO VOTE CAST
R05 VADM Mitch Dunn AYE	R13 MGEN Joseph Sare AYE
R06 ADM David Kloempken AYE	R15 MGEN Jerry Beaulieu AYE
R07 VADM Wayne Augustson AYE	R17 ADM Bran Stimpson NO VOTE CAST
R08 RADM Owen Swart NO VOTE CAST	R20 COMM Richard Sams NO VOTE CAST



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AB17-17 – Formation of Data Usage Committee

Motion Made By: BDR Jeremy Carsten (RCR03)

Motion Seconded By: COMM Ryan Case (RCR05)

Voting Period: 18 Nov 2017— 28 Nov 2017

Motion To establish a committee tasked with creating appropriate information/data usage policies for all official lists, social media and data maintained by the organization. This will include if and when information from certain lists is releasable to the general public or specific officers/etc., and rules of conduct on all official mediums. This committee will provide an update to the board no later than every 30 days until proposed policies are delivered to the board for action

FAILED (7-8-1-0)

Votes:

R01 ADM Ruth Lane.....	ABSTAIN	R09 FCAPT John Sullivan.....	AYE
R02 FCAPT Ryan Case.....	AYE	R10 ADM Paul Reid	NAY
R03 BDR Jeremy Carsten	AYE	R11 COMM Greg Mortensen.....	AYE
R04 ADM David Nottage	NAY	R12 COMM Chris Tolbert.....	NAY
R05 VADM Mitch Dunn.....	NAY	R13 MGEN Joseph Sare.....	NAY
R06 ADM David Kloempken.....	NAY	R15 MGEN Jerry Beaulieu	AYE
R07 VADM Wayne Augustson	AYE	R17 ADM Bran Stimpson	NAY



AB17-18 – Confirmation of MGN Joe Sare

Motion Made By: COMM Chris Tolbert (RCR12)

Motion Seconded By: FCAPT Mitch Dunn (RCR02)

Voting Period: 29 Nov 2017—13 Dec 2017

Motion: Confirmation of MGN Joe Sare as Chief Operations Officer

PASSED (13-2-1-0)

Votes:

R01 ADM Ruth Lane.....	AYE	R09 FCAPT John Sullivan.....	ABSTAIN
R02 FCAPT Ryan Case.....	AYE	R10 ADM Paul Reid	AYE
R03 BDR Jeremy Carsten	AYE	R11 COMM Greg Mortensen.....	NAY
R04 ADM David Nottage	NAY	R12 COMM Chris Tolbert.....	AYE
R05 VADM Mitch Dunn.....	AYE	R13 MGEN Joseph Sare.....	AYE
R06 ADM David Kloempken.....	AYE	R15 MGEN Jerry Beaulieu	AYE
R07 VADM Wayne Augustson	AYE	R17 ADM Bran Stimpson	AYE
R08 RADM Owen Swart	AYE	R20 COMM Richard Sams.....	AYE



From the office of the Inspector General, **STARFLEET**:

Region 13's nomination phase has completed and Fleet Admiral David Blaser has received the required nominations for Regional Coordinator. 5 out of the 6 chapters in the region submitted nominations for him.

Effective Immediately Fleet Admiral David Blaser is requested and required to assume immediate duties as the Regional Coordinator for Region 13 with a term of office thru March 31, 2019. May God have mercy on his soul.

Please post the appropriate announcement.

Live long and prosper,
Fleet Captain Stephen Stott
Inspector General, **STARFLEET**



Writing Promotion Requests

RADM Denine Sanders, Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

While I have served Fleet in many capacities on Chapter, Region and Executive levels this past year is the first time I've served as a member of the Executive Committee before and therefore I had never had to vote on promotions. This is a rather daunting and time-consuming task. Some of this comes from a lack of understanding of how to submit a promotion request. Instructions are clear on the nuts and bolts of how to use the form but it's a little vague on what details the EC is looking for as we decide who has earned the requested promotion.

The time in grade qualifications are available for each rank. But what the EC is looking for is not at all clear. I posed the question "What are you looking for in a promotion request?" to the rest of the EC. Not surprising most of the answers were the same. Here they are:

1. Time in Grade is a qualifier, not a reason for a promotion. Not even if it's been decades.
2. Do not list anything they did before their last promotion. (If you do not know their last promotion date ask your CO, your RC, or Linda Kloempken at recognition@sfi.org.) Nothing they did before their last promotion is relevant. We want to know, in detail (dates included), what they've done since to earn *this* promotion. Do not include extraneous phases such as "this person is what I think is the definition of what a STARFLEET officer should be." or "S/He is such a nice person" We assume that, or you wouldn't be putting them in for the promotion in the first place. We go through up to a hundred promotion and award requests a month during summit season, we do not have time to weed through to find the relevant information. If the relevant is buried in the extraneous it could be missed, and the promotion could be unjustly denied.
3. Doing their job, no matter how well, is not a reason for a promotion. They are supposed to do their job and they are supposed to do it well. If they have gone above and beyond their job tell us about that, but give us details don't just say "they go above and beyond". What you consider above and beyond and what we consider above and beyond may be different. As an example: My job as Chief of Communications, among other duties, includes putting out the CQ on time, every time if I do that for the next 2 years, I am merely doing my job not going above and beyond. My predecessor on the other hand, accepted the job knowing the CQs were a year behind. He caught them up and got them on track and kept them that way (as well as doing his other duties). He took on a task others had walked away from and no one else wanted –*that* is going above and beyond.
4. Organizing or significantly contributing to a single event (ie: Region Summit, International Conference, convention, recruiting drive, charitable event) is not enough to warrant a flag promotion. It is a factor but not enough on its own. Multiples of any or all between promotions could be.
5. Taking SFI Academy courses (other than OTS and OCC) alone, no matter how many, is not a reason for a promotion. Please do not waste our time with listing the courses they have taken. If they have created a course or taken on the running of a college or some other Academy Staff position **since their last promotion**, please include those details.
6. When you are requesting promotions, we are looking for:
 - a. Fleet Captain/Brigadier: **details** of significant activity for their chapter and/or other chapters in their region and/or local community and/or involvement in/contribution to their Region.
 - b. Commodore/Brigadier General: **details** of continued activity for their chapter and/or other chapters in their region and/or local community plus significant involvement in/contribution to their region and/or STARFLEET.
 - c. Rear Admiral/Major General: **details** of continued activity for their chapter and/or other

chapters in their region and/or local community, continued significant involvement in/contribution to their region and involvement on/contribution to STARFLEET.

- d. Vice Admiral/Lieutenant General: **details** of continued significant involvement in/contributions to their region and details of significant involvement on/contribution to STARFLEET.
- e. Admiral/General requires details of continued significant involvement on/contribution to STARFLEET.

NOTES: As with merely doing your job not counting as significant involvement or going above and beyond, merely attending chapter/local/region or STARFLEET events does not count as significant involvement/contribution. We're looking for things like manning booths at conventions. Manning recruiting tables. Going to conventions or other events in uniforms or other costumes and actively promoting STARFLEET not just Trek fandom, things of that nature.

You do not have to have a Region or STARFLEET title to contribute to the Region or to STARFLEET. For example, I know several members of Fleet who routinely attend local conventions and activities and actively recruit. Not everyone the members meet is local to them so they either give the person contact information for the chapters or, with permission, pass on the person's contact information to the chapters, that are local to them.

This is a significant contribution to their Region and STARFLEET.

I hope this information assists you the next time you wish to submit a promotion request. As always, if you have any further questions please contact Linda Kloempken at recognition@sfi.org or any member of the EC, we're happy to help.

PROMOTIONS

TO BRIGADIER

Aaron Clark, *USS Blackstone*, Region 12

TO COMMODORE

Frances Brock, *USS Columbia*, Region 1
Michael McBride, *USS Victorious*, Region 2
Ros Haywood, *USS Wessex*, Region 4

TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

Jonathan Wilson, *USS North Carolina*, Region 1

TO REAR ADMIRAL

Daniel Adams, *USS Stargazer*, Region 20
Mathew Miller, *USS Aleric*, Region 1
John Yelverton, *USS Haise*, Region 2

AWARDS

ORDER OF AXANAR

Mediation or Problem Resolution – Awarded to a member who has played a key role in problem resolution or mediation between STARFLEET members, chapters or regions

First Class

Andrea Debrestian, *USS Tiberius*, R 02
Ron Seay, *USS Constellation*, R 02
Susan Seay, *USS Constellation*, R 02

ORDER OF BABEL

Recruiting – Awarded to a member for activities in the area of chapter or STARFLEET recruitment.

Third Class

Raymond Boudreau, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Robert Cerio, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Shannon Cory, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Shayna Este, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Aaron Moreau, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Terrin Scott, *USS New Orleans*, R 03

ORDER OF COCHRANE

Technology – Awarded to a member for activities in the area of technology support (such as web page creation and maintenance, mailing list moderation, etc) on behalf of their chapter, region, or STARFLEET.

Third Class

Jeffery Beckstrom, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Paul Bileci, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Raymond Boudreau, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Meg Karper, *USS Marie Curi*, R 05
Matthew Keener, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R 03

ORDER of Darmok and Jalad

Outreach – Awarded to a member for a significant act of friendship or outreach shown to a fellow STARFLEET member, or for

outreach to their community on behalf of their chapter, region or STARFLEET.

Third Class

Jeffery Beckstrom, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Matthew Keener, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Keira Russell-Strong, *USS Aarushi*, R 17

Second Class

Stephen Boggs, *USS Blackstone*, R 12

Order of DIONYSUS

Recreation Event Planning – Awarded for excellence in planning, coordinating and executing a chapter, region or STARFLEET-related recreational event.

Third Class

Paul Bileci, *USS New Orleans*, R 03
Jeff Caradona, *USS New Orleans*, R 03

Second Class

Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R 03

ORDER of Gaea

Ecology or Preservation – Awarded to a member for significant activities in the area of ecology or preservation. Activities need not be STARFLEET-related.

Third Class

Holly Bowler, *USS Centaur*, R 20

GRANKITE ORDER OF TACTICS

Event Planning – Awarded to a member for planning, coordinating and executing a chapter, region or STARFLEET-related business event (such as a Region or International Conference).

Second Class

John Brogan, *USS Alba*, R 20
Lynn Cowan, *USS Alba*, R 20
Patrick Finn, *USS Merlin*, R 20
Mark Logan, *USS Merlin*, R 20
Eilidh Montgomery, *USS Alba*, R 20

AWARDS

Scott Peter, *USS Merlin*, R 20
Richard Sams, , *USS Merlin*, R 20
Martin Strang, *SS Independent*, R 20
Ian Struthers, *USS Alba*, R 20

Connie Smith, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Janice Schweikert, *USS Ronald E McNair*, R 01
Rose Tanchyk, *USS King Edward*, R 10
Robert Wilson, *USS Icen*i, R 20

First Class

Michael Naas, *USS Valiant*, R 12

ORDER OF HERODOTUS

History or Recordkeeping – Awarded to a member for significant activities in preserving a chapter's, region's or STARFLEET's history.

Third Class

Bryan Teske, *USS Dejah Thoris*, R 02

ORDER OF SURAK

Scholarship – Awarded to a member for scholastic achievement outside of STARFLEET. Can be traditional schooling, vocational schooling, continuing education, etc.

Third Class

Kristopher Finch, *USS Robins*, R 01

First Class

Scott Peter, *USS Merlin*, R 20

ORDER OF RODDENBERRY

Star Trek – Awarded to a member for significant activity in promoting *Star Trek*, development and implementation of fun, *Star Trek*-themed ideas, and *Star Trek* fandom as a whole.

Third Class

May Ann Asmus, *USS King Edward*, R 10
Robert Litwin, *USS King Edward*, R 10
Dallas Reinharat, *USS King Edward*, R 10
Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R 03

ORDER OF TARBOLDE OF CANOPIUS

Writing – Awarded to a member for activities in the area of chapter fiction, or writing for chapter, region, or STARFLEET publications.

Third Class

Patrick Nichol, *USS King Edward*, R 10
Keira Russell-Strong, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Brittany Stevens, *USS Aarushi*, R 17
Jason Schreck, *USS Aarushi*, R 17

ORDER OF S'HARIEN

Inventiveness or Craftmanship – Awarded to a member for excellence in inventiveness or craftsmanship in an aspect related to their chapter, region or STARFLEET.

Third Class

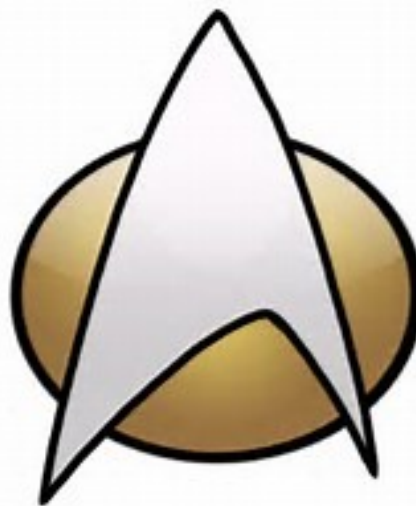
Steve Smith, *USS Aarushi*, R 17

ORDER OF SAMARITAN

Volunteerism – Awarded to a member for significant activities in the area of charity work or volunteerism. Activities need not be STARFLEET-related.

Third Class

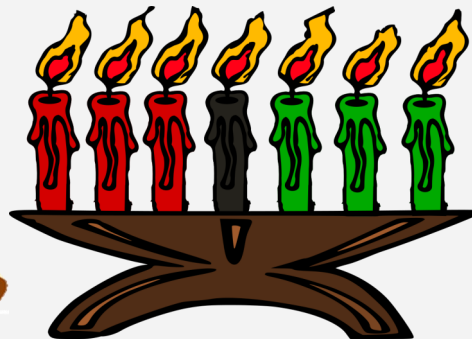
Michelle Harding, *USS Icen*i, R 20
Anni Potts, *USS Merlin*, R 20



HOLIDAY FEATURES SECTION



How
STARFLEET
SPENDS THE HOLIDAYS



Can you name these holiday symbols?

It Was a Happy *HEIMDAL* Halloween

By ADM Linda Smith
Commanding Officer
USS Heimdal, NCC-1793 - Region One

On October 21, the *USS Heimdal* in Madison Heights, VA, Region One held her Annual Halloween Costume Party. 18 *Heimdal* members attended dressed as various characters and creatures ready for the Costume Contest.

The evening began with a brief meeting followed by the party. The first item on the agenda was the Costume Contest. With most people participating, each gave a 1 to 2-minute presentation relative to their costumes, which was a huge part of the fun. This year entries included Minions, zombies, Storm Troopers, an up-town, high-falootin' witch, emojis and even Captain Nemo in full dress uniform with a genuine Navy pea coat of the era, to name a few.

Everyone received a ballot and voted for their choice of Best All Around Costume, Most Original, Best Science Fiction and Most Humorous costumes. Julie and Brett Witcher took the top prize for Best All Around Costume dressed as zombies. Dennis Henderson won the Most Original prize as Captain Nemo, Peter and Beth Hopkins won the Best Science Fiction Costume prize as Storm Troopers, and Kenny Proehl and Chris Thompson won the Most Humorous prize as Teletubbies. The costumes were fantastic.

Refreshments consisted of food with a Halloween flavor. There was a chocolate cat cake, bat cookies, pumpkin cupcakes and mummies in a blanket plus a number of other tasty items.

Following refreshments, everyone played Halloween Charades. Charade titles were TV shows, movies and books with a Halloween connection such as *Dark Shadows*, *Walking Dead*, *Psycho* and, of course, *Halloween*.

Once a year *Heimdal* members get together at Halloween and spend an evening together in costumes just for fun. On that one evening they can be anyone and anyTHING they want to be; a trip into Fantasy Land getting in touch with their inner children. We're never too old to play



Linda & Willy Smith as Minions.

Photo by Brett Witcher



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More *Heimdal* Halloween Pics



Kenny Proehl & Chris Thompson as Teletubbies won MOST HUMOROUS COSTUME prize .
Photo by Willy Smith



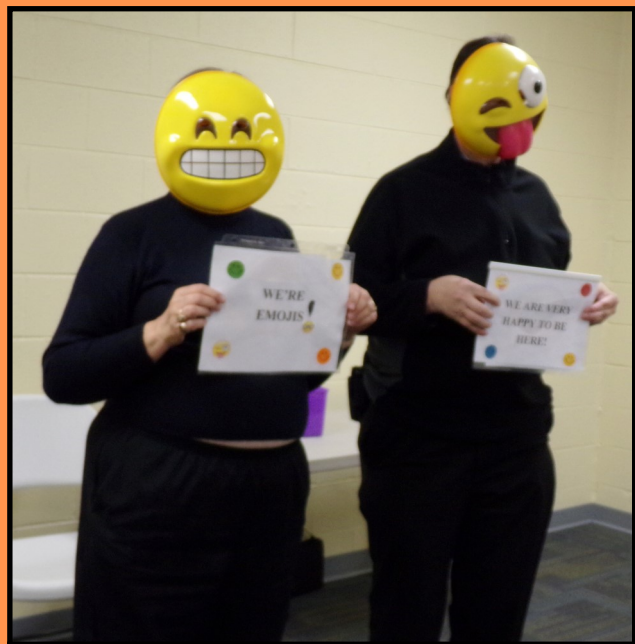
Dennis Henderson as Captain Nemo won MOST ORIGINAL prize.
Photo by Willy Smith



Julie & Brett Witcher, winners of BEST ALL AROUND COSTUME prize as zombies.
Photo by Willy Smith



Peter & Beth Hopkins, winners of BEST SCIENCE FICTION COSTUME.
Photo by Willy Smith



Dan & Glenda Blanks as emojis.
Photo by Beth Hopkins

Trick or Treat with the USS Yorktown



USS Yorktown member Kimberly Donohoe enjoys Halloween



*USS Yorktown Cadets celebrating Halloween
Photo by Kimberly Donohoe*



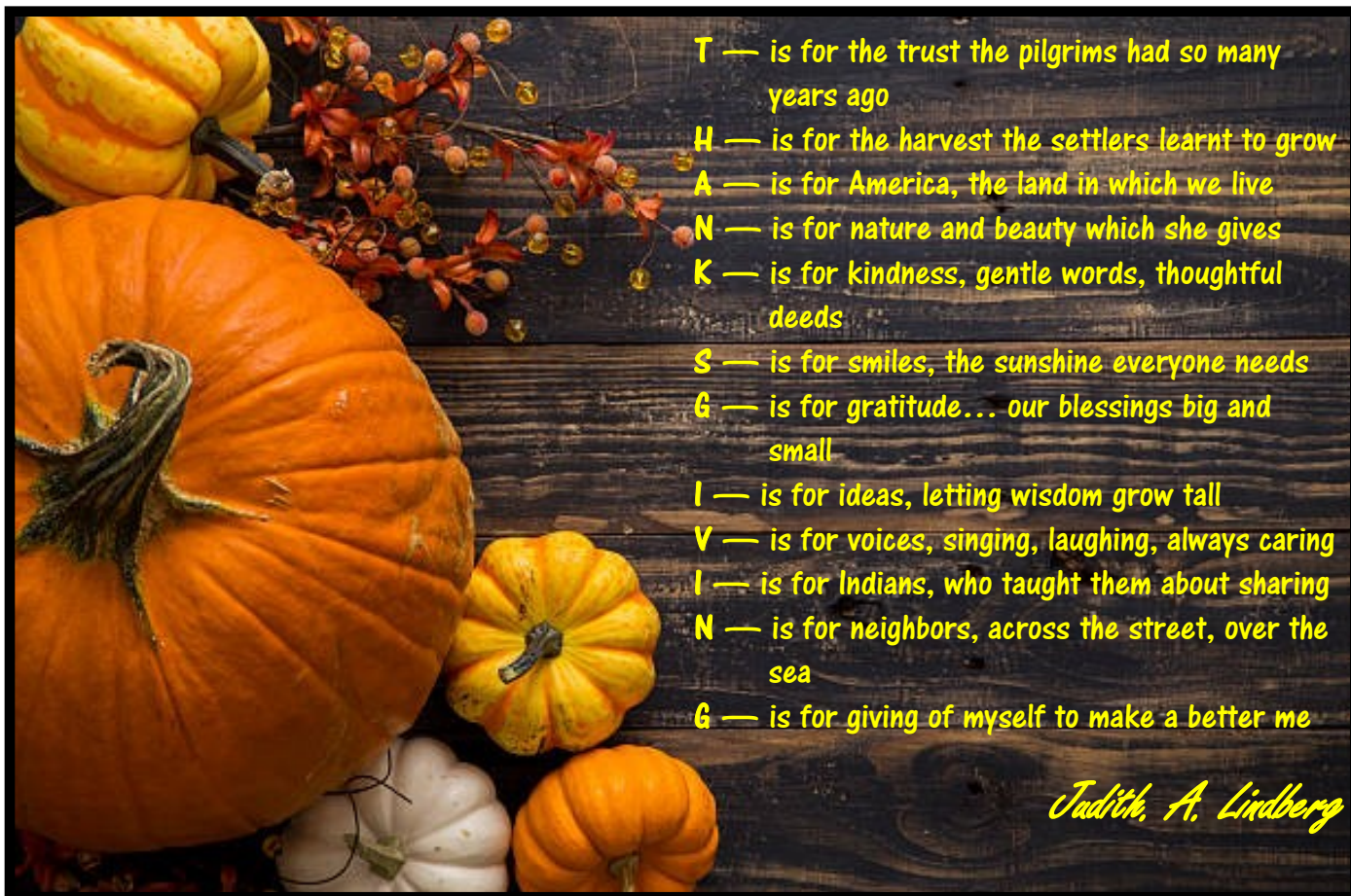
*USS Yorktown Cadets celebrating Halloween
Photo by Kimberly Donohoe*



USS Yorktown Cadets celebrating Halloween Photo by Kimberly Donohoe



*USS Yorktown member Katie Lee joins in the spirit of Halloween
Photo by Kimberly Donohoe*



Labour Day & Canterbury Anniversary Day in New Zealand

By SGM M Smith, OIC – 376th MEU

While many New Zealanders have been enjoying a Monday off, their right to enjoy it was the result of some very hard work.

Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight-hour working day, a right that carpenter Samuel Parnell had famously fought for in 1840. He believed a workday should be eight hours long, leaving eight hours for sleep and eight for recreation.

The first Labour Day was held on 28 October 1890, and it has been a statutory public holiday since 1900. On that day several thousand trade union members and supporters attended parades in the main city centres. Government employees were given the day off to attend these parades and many businesses closed for at least part of the day. These early parades drew huge crowds and unionists and supporters marched behind colourful banners and floats and they were often followed by picnics and sports events.

However, despite the fun being had, the parades were being held for a much more serious reason to highlight, and protest to change, the long and unreasonable hours people were being forced to work. Unionists wanted the Liberals to pass legislation enforcing an eight-hour day for all workers, but the government was reluctant to antagonise the business community. What the Liberals did

do was make Labour Day a holiday. The Labour Day Act of 1899 created a statutory public holiday on the second Wednesday in October, but the holiday was 'Mondayised' in 1910, and since then it has been held on the fourth Monday in October.

Although unionists and their supporters continued to hold popular gatherings and sports events, by the 1920s Labour Day had begun to decline as a public spectacle. For most New Zealanders, it was now just another holiday.

Each New Zealand province celebrates an anniversary day, which is a public holiday. Canterbury Province's was originally on 16 December, the day of the 1850 arrival of the *Charlotte Jane* and the *Randolph*, the first two of four ships to carry emigrants from England to the new colony of Canterbury in New Zealand.

However, the A&P (Agricultural and Pastoral) show, which is held annually had its Friday Show Day set for many years as the People's Day. So, in the late 1950s, the Christchurch City Council moved the province's Anniversary Day to coincide with the show and encourage greater crowds. The holiday is presently defined as the "second Friday after the first Tuesday in November", ensuring that it will follow the Melbourne Cup Racing Carnival. This change is observed in northern and middle Canterbury, but southern Canterbury instead observes its Anniversary Day on Dominion Day (the 4th Monday in September). All other regions in New Zealand have their own Anniversary Day public holidays. Essentially, like Labour Day, Anniversary Day is now just another holiday to most New Zealanders.

HO HO HO A HEIMDAL CHRISTMAS

ADM Linda Smith

USS Heimdal, NCC-1793, Region One

The *USS Heimdal's* December meeting on December 16 was also the Annual Christmas Party / Covered Dish Dinner / Dirty Santa / Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. 18 members came and had a wonderful time.

After everyone arrived we immediately got the table set with food and had a real Christmas dinner. The *Heimdal* furnished a ham and turkey platter and everyone else brought side dishes, drinks and desserts, which included a coconut snowman cake. Everyone ate leisurely and enjoyed dinner.

Dinner was followed by a brief meeting, which included *Heimdal's* end-of-year awards. Awards ranged from Distinguished Service Awards, Awards of Merit and Awards of Appreciation. Brett Witcher, the *Heimdal's* Chief Engineer, web site Web Master and Game Night Coordinator was chosen **Crewmember of the Year** by the Executive Committee. He is a wonderful choice.

Following the presentation of awards was the **Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**, which is a tradition, and everyone looks forward to it. 13 people dressed in some REALLY UGLY Christmas sweaters and participated. Pam Giovannelli won the contest in the absolute ugliest outfit – head to foot – ever to have entered a contest. She won a champagne bottle filled with candy.

Member, Paul Campbell who couldn't be at the party, donated a large portion of his science fiction collection so that everyone at the party would have a gift. It was a wonderful thing for him to do and everyone had a good time selecting a gift from his donation.

Everyone played Dirty Santa ... taking and stealing gifts from each other, which was fun. We've found over the years that the gifts wrapped in the most unique ways are stolen over and over again and people put forth an extra effort to make their gifts appealing. Some gifts were stolen so many times they had to be retired. In the end, everyone got a cool gift and had a good time playing the game.

It was a wonderful party.



The crew of the *USS Heimdal* celebrates the holidays in style.

Photo by Willy Smith



Dessert table at Christmas dinner

Photo by Linda Smith

The *Heimdal* sponsored 10 charities this Christmas. The Communications and Science Departments purchased gifts for 2 senior citizens through Home Instead and the Medical Department purchased gifts for 2 Angel Tree Children. We donated 500 pounds of food and \$420.00 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. We donated a gift card from Pet Smart to both the Amherst and the Lynchburg Humane Society shelters, funds to Gleaning for the World, to Sleepy Hollow "No Kill" Cat Shelter, to Friends of the Madison Heights Library, to support a Social Services Foster Child and this year we donated to the Free Clinic of Central Virginia in memory of lost *Heimdal* member, Sarah Sprinkle.

Being able to make these donations MAKES Christmas for us and we ALWAYS enjoy celebrating a wonderful year at our Christmas Party.

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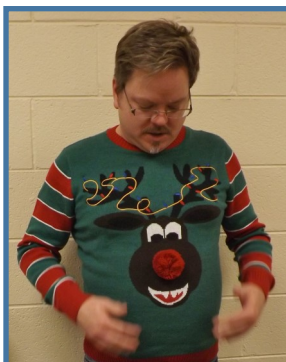
Crewmember of the Year, Brett Witcher with member & wife, Julie Witcher.
Photo by Linda Smith



CO Linda Smith giving prize to Ugly Sweater Contest winner, Pam Giovanelli
Photo by Willy Smith



Chief Science Officer, Willy Smith in his dinosaur Christmas Sweater with wife & CO, Linda Smith in her Fa La La La Lama ugly sweater.
Photo by Beth Hopkins



Upper Left: XO Kenny Proehl and the front of his ugly sweater. Lower Right: CO Linda Smith & Science Dept. member, Julie Witcher holding their noses at the back of XO Kenny Proehl's Ugly Sweater. Front has a reindeer head & back has a reindeer butt pooping Christmas candy.
Photo by Willy Smith

MERRY TREKMAS



USS Discovery, and St. Louis IDIC MeetUp friends and family celebrated a "Merry Trekmas" at Lehman's Landing December 9th. Clever Star Trek couture and fabulous seasonal sweaters filled the neighborhood bar as folks traded stories, enjoyed bar games, and threw themselves - many drinks later - into Christmas charades. Obscure Christmas song titles anyone?

Many thanks to our lovely *USS Discovery* Host, Lauren Gonzales, who organized this fantastic event and provided the Red Shirt Cake...as most "Red Shirts" it didn't last long. What a fun-loving group of Star Trek friends; we can't wait to do it again next year!



Our host Lauren Gonzales



Members of IDIC MeetUp and family



Christmas Carol Charades



IDIC Meetup and *USS Discovery* Members



Discovery XO Denine Sanders



IDIC MeetUp and *USS Discovery* Members



IDIC MeetUp and *USS Discovery* Members



USS Discovery members Lauren Gonzales, CO Justin Donovan and XO Denine Sanders



A Song for New Year's Eve

2017

Stay yet, my friends, a moment stay—
Stay till the good old year,
So long companion of our way,
Shakes hands, and leaves us here.
Oh stay, oh stay,
One little hour, and then away.

The year, whose hopes were high and strong,
Has now no hopes to wake;
Yet one hour more of jest and song
For his familiar sake.
Oh stay, oh stay,
One mirthful hour, and then away.

The kindly year, his liberal hands
Have lavished all his store.
And shall we turn from where he stands,
Because he gives no more?
Oh stay, oh stay,
One grateful hour, and then away.

Days brightly came and calmly went,
While yet he was our guest;
How cheerfully the week was spent!
How sweet the seventh day's rest!
Oh stay, oh stay,
One golden hour, and then away.

Dear friends were with us, some who sleep
Beneath the coffin-lid:
What pleasant memories we keep
Of all they said and did!
Oh stay, oh stay,
One tender hour, and then away.

Even while we sing, he smiles his last,
And leaves our sphere behind.
The good old year is with the past;
Oh be the new as kind!
Oh stay, oh stay,
One parting strain, and then away.

William Cullen Bryant

Born on November 3, 1794, William Cullen Bryant was an American nature poet and journalist.



2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





KING EDDY JOINS EXPO AT THE MILITARY MUSEUMS

By Lt. JG Patrick Nichol, Communications Officer
USS King Edward, NCC-74206 - Region 10

The *King Eddy* - NCC- 74206 - is a Defiant-class starship based in Calgary, Canada. She is named for Britain's King Edward VII, whose motto was: "No. I shall not give in. I shall go on. I shall work to the end!" Her own creed is: "Do Right - Fear Nothing."

As a meeting chapter, the ship's company regularly attends events throughout Alberta.

Calgary - May 20, 2017 - Like many nerds, members of Calgary's *USS King Edward* are military veterans and enthusiasts.

So, it was only logical that the *King Eddy's* crew joined fellow nerds at The Military Museums' first annual Expo at the Museum.



Colonel Derek France gets the sharp end from Admiral Qeliv (aka Paul Carreau) of the Klingon Assault Group - Canada.



Colonel Derek France, left, and Lt. Commander Anthony Rumpel show off their STARFLEET mess dress.

The one-day event hosted a variety of nerd culture from *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Halo* and other Sci-Fi icons.

It was a special side event of the phenomenally successful Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo.

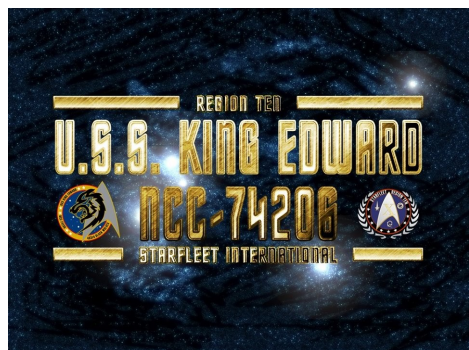
The Naval Museum of Alberta specifically asked the *King Eddy* to exhibit its tribbles and trinkets because of STARFLEET's naval connection.

According to media reports, the museum event attracted the largest one-day attendance record outside of Remembrance Day.

And in keeping with STARFLEET tradition, *King Eddy's* crew - COL Derek France, LCDR Anthony Rumpel and LTJG Patrick Nichol - "tussled with" the Klingon Assault Group - Canada.

There was also a cake cutting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Star Trek*, the 40th anniversary of *Star Wars* and Canada's 150th birthday.

There's no word yet if there will be a return engagement.



Keep updated on our activities via our website:

[https://
www.kingofstarfleet.org/](https://www.kingofstarfleet.org/)



2017 BRITISH TRANSPLANT GAMES

by CAPT Martin Haribo Strang, CO
Space Station *Independent*, Region 20

I signed up for the British Transplant Games in April last year, just after I started archery for the first time. The reason? I had undergone a lifesaving and life-changing dual transplant of kidney and pancreas. I was an insulin-dependent type 1 diabetic for 37 years (diagnosed at age three-and-a-half), which unfortunately resulted in end-stage renal failure in the tail end of 2008.



After around four years of renal dialysis, I received “the call” on the 23rd July 2012 and underwent the transplants through the night. I woke up with a new kidney and pancreas, and everything worked as soon as they were “plumbed” in. The feeling of not being constantly tired, bloated, or sick is a feeling like none other; and going from drinking 1 litre of fluid maximum a day to being encouraged to drinking at least 8 litres a day is a different feeling entirely! The biggest change for me was that after 37 years of constantly checking blood sugars and doing injections up to 6 times a day, doing nothing was a culture- and life-changer that I still can’t get over. Even now five years in, I still do the odd blood sugar test “just to check!”

Around 6 months in, I was at a transplant clinic; and my transplant co-ordinator asked if I wanted to know anything about my donor. There was limited information she could give me; however, I was told that my donor was a young man named Toby and that he had died of a brain haemorrhage. He had signed up to the organ donor registry, and he had made it known to his family that he wanted to donate. I asked if I could send a thank-you card to the family; I was told I could, but not to expect a reply. It took me awhile to write, as I wasn’t sure what to put in; but the initial card was a thank-you.

I then went on our first holiday abroad to Italy in 2015 and sent Toby’s family a card with a picture of a sunset of Lake Garda, where we stayed. We received a card back and it described that Toby’s last holiday with the family was at Lake Garda. I had just bought a motorcycle; and Toby’s father had just bought a motorcycle, as this is what Toby had wanted before he died. The similarities were amazing. I then made the decision to do the games, in Toby’s and his family’s honour and memory.

TEAM

My team was the Edinburgh Transplant Team (the team you are on is determined by where you had your transplant) and consisted of 38 members including supporters. Last year the team gained 15 medals overall; this year we gained a total of 45 medals!

Everyone in the team above has had a transplant, whether it is a kidney, liver, or kidney and pancreas. There were teams taking part from all over the country, including Bristol, Portsmouth, Ireland, and the Shetlands! The only criterion for taking part in the games is that you must have had a transplant or be a living donor.



Photo courtesy of Captain Martin Haribo Strang, Space Station *Independent*

THE FIRST DAY - WISHAW SPORTS CENTRE, NORTH LANARKSHIRE

The opening day was my event, archery. I had been training quite hard up to four times a week, including the odd trip to Perth to shoot at their club. I shoot on a Wednesday night, a Saturday Evening, a Sunday evening, and the odd Friday night at Perth. Over the whole day, there were 140 contestants; and these ranged from experienced archers to competitors who had never picked up a bow before and all different age categories. I was in the experienced and... ahem... 40-49-year age group.

I went in to the competition just wanting to honour Toby, not knowing if I would get a good enough score (I looked at last year's scores, the highest of which was 202; so, I figured if I got around the 200 mark I would be doing well!) The round was 2 dozen arrows, in 3 arrows an end. The target I was on had 3 other people from 3 different age groups and categories, and there was a great sense of humour and togetherness between us. It was a feeling you can't describe. When I shoot, I normally know if it is going to be a good competition by the way the first couple of arrows hit; and I started off pretty well, hitting nines.

The weather was typical Scottish weather, four seasons in one. It started off dull, then we had a shower, then it was roasting sun, then overcast again. Hey, we are archers; we shoot all weathers! All the judges and scorers were volunteers from various clubs, and some had travelled up from down south. The targets were loaned from various clubs around Lanarkshire. The experienced age group finished, and then it was just a case of waiting around for scores.



Photo courtesy of Captain Martin Haribo Strang,

My wife and 2nd Officer, LT Maryellen Strang, Chief of Science for the *Independent*, Chief Engineer Niki Vielma, Andy Pryde, and my parents attended to cheer me on. The biggest surprise was that my friend, LT James Saunders from the *Independent*, and his wife had travelled up from Buckinghamshire to cheer me on!

After a long wait, the scores were announced. David, Ruth, and Rob, all shooting on my target, received gold for their categories; and I received gold and first place with 214 points! I just couldn't believe it; my first games, and I received a gold!! Not only that, it was the first gold medal for the team! My teammates George and Ross were in the line-up for the beginner categories and gave me a clap and cheers.



Photo courtesy of
LT Maryellen Strang,
Space Station *Independent*

THE OPENING CEREMONY – RAVENS CRAIG SPORTS CENTRE

The opening ceremony took place at Ravenscraig Sports Centre, where all the teams were walked individually into the main stadium area and announced. The Scottish teams were last, as we were hosting the games. As we were walked in, our teams were announced and a brief rundown of who was in the team. The ceremony was compèred by Heather Reid (apparently used to be on the telly); then introduction speeches were made by the Council leader, Jim McCabe, and MLS (the games organisers). The Transplant Sport flag was then officially handed over from Liverpool to North Lanarkshire pronouncing the Games officially open.



Transplant Flame
(Photo courtesy of Transplant Sport)

DAY 2

The second day saw me take part in my second event, Ten-Pin Bowling held at Cosmic Bowl, Strathclyde Country Park. I was up at 2:15 pm; and on my lane were George and Pete (also from my team), a chap called Kez from the Freeman Heart and lung transplant unit, and I. I call him a chap, but "man mountain" was a more fitting description!!!

Kez got strike after strike; and unfortunately, the Edinburgh team were (I think the technical term is) "annihilated!!" It was all good fun, and this type of event got us speaking to other transplant recipients. It was even stranger, as Kez's wife actually lived in the house next door to our flat when we lived in Milton Keynes some 15 years ago! It's a very small world indeed. Also on Friday, there were events such as Volleyball, Fishing, Golf, Tennis, and Table Tennis.

In the evening, we headed over to Motherwell Civic Centre for an evening of Darts competition and a Ceildh. Four of our team were in the Darts competition; and one came second, gaining a silver medal. The Ceildh was well-attended, with instructions given on the various dances and moves involved, although unfortunately, my kilt kept getting in the way... ahem...

DAY 3

Saturday saw us head over to Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club to support five of our team who were taking part.

Saturday evening saw the donor run, mini-marathon, and fun run held at Strathclyde Park. LT Maryellen Strang of the Space Station *Independent* took part in the 5k donor run, which is open to all affected by transplants, including relatives and families. The weather was the lovely Scottish weather – torrential rain. It was wet, it was windy, and it was cold. However, just as the race started, the rain stopped! Mary completed her run in just over 42 minutes, and got her own well-deserved gold medal!

DAY 4

Sunday played host to the athletics and track day, which involved various activities from discus throwing, javelin, shotput, and races of various distances such as 400m, 100m, the kilt run, and the relay. It was quite amusing to see our team compete with people from south of the border in kilts. ☺ In the sports hall were also various charities' stalls, including stalls from kidney research, Great Ormond Street Hospital, and most importantly the Donor Family Network. The DFN provides support and counselling to families and relatives of people who have donated either by live donor or (unfortunately) dead donor. I took some time speaking with them and thanking them for the work they do.



Photo courtesy of
Captain Martin Haribo Strang,
Space Station *Independent*



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CLOSING CEREMONY – RAVENSCRAIG SPORTS CENTRE

The closing ceremony took place at Ravenscraig and involved awards given to the best adult teams, children's team, kidney recipient, heart recipient, and various other categories. The Transplant Sport flag was then handed to Birmingham team, as the games are being held in Birmingham in 2018. Various closing speeches were given by the organisers and Jim McCabe of the Council, and it appears these games were more successful with more competitors than last year. The evening played out with live performances from Nicholas McDonald and the band, the Kicks.

To make the event more bittersweet, when we got back I received a card from the donor family, wishing me luck (it arrived late due to the route it has to take) and letting me know that the day of my first event would have been Toby's 22nd birthday. Toby (my donor) was certainly shining down that day. Because of his gift of life, I am able to live and do something I would never have been able to do five years ago.

Would I do the Transplant games again? Let's just say the qualifying for the World Games is at next year's event, and I have already signed up to a lawn bowling club; so I will be doing archery, darts, ten-pin bowling, and lawn bowls next year, but my main focus is archery. The

Continued from previous page...**2017 BRITISH TRANSPLANT GAMES**

British Transplant Games brings people from all walks of life and all religions to celebrate one thing in common: *Life!*

For more information, please visit the following websites:

<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-to-donate/register-your-details/>
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<http://www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk/>



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The Edinburgh Transplant Team



For Toby



When Doves Cry

Peter Horak

Stunt Man - *Voyager "Fair Trade"*

May 7, 1943 - October 1, 2017



Admiral Marlene Miller

STARFLEET Academy Commandant (Retired)

Crew Member - *USS Renegade*

December 9, 1947 - November 4, 2017



Jack Blessing

"Agent Dulmer" - *Deep Space 9 "Trials and Tribble-ations"*

July 29, 1951 - November 14, 2017

Frances Kirkland

Crew Member - *USS Umiak*

February 11, 1950 - November 25, 2017

Commodore George Heichelheim

Commanding Officer - *USS Thunderbird*

September 9, 1957 - November 29, 2017

Lieutenant Colonel Rex Prior

Crew Member - *USS Hellfire and Brimstone*

June 26, 1974 - December 13, 2017

Bruce Gray

"Admiral Chekote" - *Deep Space 9 "The Circle"*

September 7, 1936 - December 13, 2017

Vanessa Greene

Writer - *Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Loss"*

September 15, 1954 - December 13, 2017

Rear Admiral Lee Vitasek

Executive Officer - *USS Aurora Vulcanus*

April 18, 1954 - December 28, 2017

Greetings STARFLEET,

I am humbly requesting any and all chapters/members who have lost a fellow STARFLEET brother or sister over the years to send me their name, rank, chapter and region number to webmaster@sfi.org so that they may be added to the STARFLEET Memorial page at www.sfi.org/memorial. Also, if they were part of a now retired chapter at the time of passing, I would like that retired chapter's name as well. Together we can help ensure that their names not be forgotten.

Regards,

Rear Admiral Greg Mortensen—SFI Webmaster



A Review by SMAJ M Smith
OIC – 376th MEU

Blade Runner, an iconic 1982 science fiction movie, acclaimed world-wide as a cult film and now regarded by many as one of the all-time best science fiction movies. In fact, it was highly influential for many subsequent science fiction films, TV series and video games.

The premise, the movie follows Deckard, a *Blade Runner* who is forced by the police to continue his old job: hunt Replicants. A Replicant being a bio-engineered android that appears remarkably human. His assignment: eliminate four escaped Replicants from the colonies who have returned to Earth. Before starting the job, Deckard goes to the Tyrell Corporation and he meets Rachel, a Replicant girl he falls in love with.

So why would a classic science fiction movie need a sequel? The first story ends on a perfect note of uncertainty. What could a sequel do, except ruin that ambiguity? Well, you have to find out, don't you? So, when *Blade Runner 2049* was announced we knew a revisit to the original *Blade Runner* was called for and for two of the 376th MEU Marines, their first visit.

Like all 80's movies the original *Blade Runner* is slow, yet complex, no playing with your cell phone while watching this movie, you'll miss something. The film creates the impression of a bleak, even hopeless, future for society as everyone hustles and bustles about business. The perpetual rain, darkness and shadow give the impression of a society, or world, that has lost its way. The human race appears quite disillusioned, having long since learned to live with the emptiness of their existence, they lack spirit, drive and direction. As a result, the Replicants appear more 'human' in their resolve, they still have hope, they still have direction.

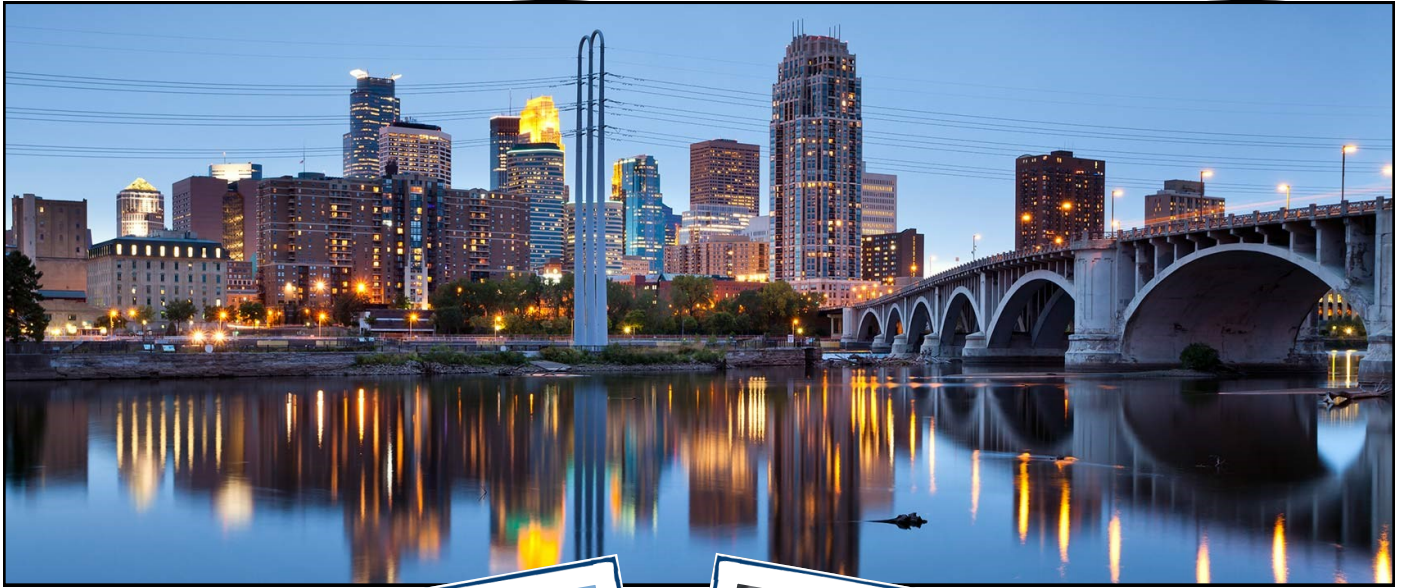
Now, *Blade Runner 2049*. Hmmm, this movie tried too hard to be the original. A slow and quiet movie. Officer K, a new *Blade Runner* for the Los Angeles Police Department, unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what's left of society into chaos. His discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard, a former *Blade Runner* who's been missing for 30 years.

Thoughts without spoilers, as a stand-alone film, fine, as an action film, it had its moments, but as a *Blade Runner* sequel, very disappointing. It might be worth watching for the cinematography alone, there is so many interesting details and you find yourself trying to look for landscape comparisons from the first film but storyline, a let-down and quite dull. The music, a dark, melodic combination of classical composition in the original 80's movie that enhanced the cinematic experience but was left mismatched in 2049, relying on being as loud as possible rather than enhancing dramatic scenes. We all agreed that it was 3-hours of our life we would never get back.



Annie Southern, Angela Hook, SMAJ M Smith
and Col Angie Smith attend a showing of *BLADE
RUNNER 2049*

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From the top: A view of the Minneapolis skyline.
Second Row (Left to Right): Minneapolis Sculpture Garden Sculpture & the Minneapolis Skyway System
Third Row: Minnesota Zoo & Mall of America



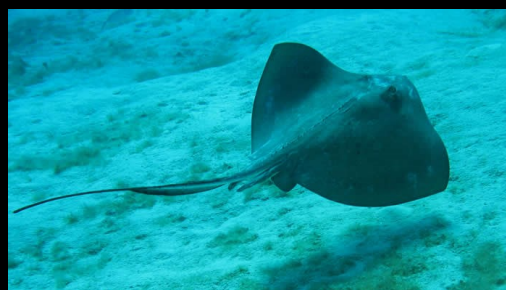
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Marvel at the majestic 6 foot sharks that skim past your face in search of their next meal. Study the grace and beauty of giant stingrays as they virtually fly through the water. The Minnesota Zoo's 218,000 gallon Shark Reef exhibit in Discovery Bay is an incredible undersea world filled with a dizzying array of colorful coral and unusual tropical fish.



Wells Fargo Family Farm

Open March 24-November 30

The Wells Fargo Family Farm engages kids and families with animals and nature. As Minnesota Zoo staff visited with farmers and with urban, suburban, and rural students, we found that there is a lot of interest to explain and also to learn about how food gets from farms to tables. Farmers have a responsibility to provide agricultural products and to protect natural resources.

The objective of the Wells Fargo Family Farm is to create a place for Minnesota Zoo visitors to become part of a community of people, plants and animals striving to maintain balance with nature.

Plan your Zoo visit during the IC in Minneapolis
By checking out all the fun at <http://mnzoo.org/>



EXPLORE AT IC IN MINNEAPOLIS
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The Minneapolis Sculpture Garden has reopened, better than ever! This crown jewel of the city's park system unites two of Minnesota's most cherished resources—its parks and its cultural life. Since opening in 1988, the Garden has welcomed millions of visitors, showcasing more than 40 works from the Walker Art Center's collections, including the iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry. A partnership between the Walker and the [Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board](#), the Garden is must-see destination for visitors of all ages. Open 365 days a year, from 6 am to 12 midnight.

THE LAND YOU'RE STANDING ON

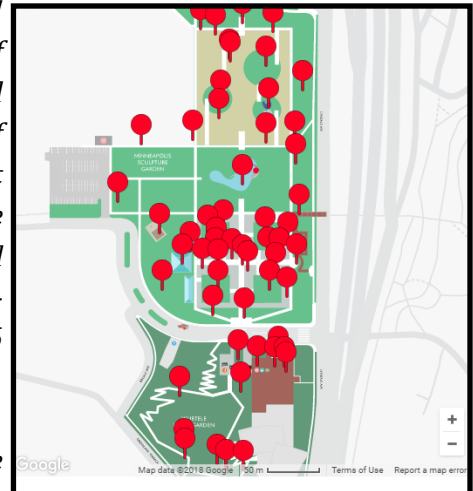
This parkland has seen many changes over time. A landscape shaped by glaciers more than 10,000 years ago, the area was once an expanse of marshland used as a seasonal camp by Minnesota's first people, the Dakota and the Ojibwe. In the late 1800s, the site held an armory and parade grounds. In the early 1900s, formal gardens and a series of sports fields were established by the Park Board. When the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden opened in 1988, it was one of the first major public/private urban sculpture parks of its kind in the United States.

THE NATURE OF ART

The Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is home to more than 40 outdoor sculptures. Generations of artists from 10 different countries around the world created these artworks. Many of the works are site-specific and made especially for this public park—from the iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry centerpiece to structures that offer spaces for gathering, conversation, or dreaming. Rediscover the Garden's art and natural beauty through Minnesota's ever-changing seasons.

All information provided by:

<https://walkerart.org/visit/>



Looking for a way to spend an afternoon. Take a look at the number of sculptures available in the Garden.

ACCESSING THE ART CENTER & GARDEN

Underground parking is available on-site at a daily rate of \$5. Enter the ramp on Vineland Place at Bryant Avenue.

Accessible parking in the underground ramp is designated near the elevator and entrance.

Free, but limited, on-street parking is available on the surrounding streets (restrictions enforced).

Bike racks and a [Nice Ride](#) bike sharing station are located on Groveland Terrace.

[Metro Transit](#) bus lines are 4, 6, 12 & 25.

Come to IC in Minneapolis for TEE TIME....

The closest attraction to our IC hotel is obviously the Mall of America. And it's full of ways to spend your free time....including 2 mini golf courses. There's the **ROCK OF AGES BLACKLIGHT MINI GOLF** for those golfers who wish a daring experience. **ROCK OF AGES BLACKLIGHT MINI GOLF** allows guests to putt their way through different eras of music, starting in the '50s all the way up to present time. There are 18 holes of fun-filled golf, sure to challenge and delight guests of all ages.



If you've got the family with you there's **MOOSE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE GOLF**. **MOOSE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE GOLF** is an 18-hole miniature golf course certain to provide a fun adventure for the entire family and contains fun cartoon vehicles including a logging truck, steam train and bi-plane. Not only will this custom crafted course be magical for all who play — it is also designed to be fully accessible — so everyone can enjoy the adventure! (For additional information, check out: <https://www.mallofamerica.com/>).

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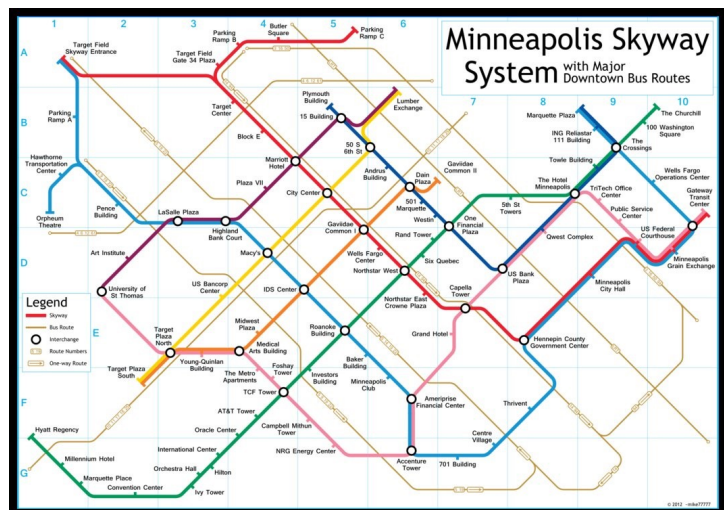
Want to get your steps in? Come to IC in Minneapolis and WALK Downtown



Welcome to the **Minneapolis Skyway System**!

What is the Minneapolis Skyway System, you ask? It's an interlinked collection of footbridges that travel throughout downtown Minneapolis. Want to stay in climate controlled conditions while you wander throughout the downtown area? This is your way to do it. This system spans over 80 city blocks or 11 miles, making it the longest system of its kind in the world!

The system started back in the 1960's when the first skyways were planned. Today, the system connects second and third floors of various office towers, hotels, banks, corporate and government offices, restaurants, and retail stores to the [Nicollet Mall](#) shopping district, the [Mayo Clinic Square](#), and the sports facilities at [Target Center](#), [Target Field](#) and [U.S. Bank Stadium](#).



While printed maps are available for the Minneapolis Skyway, an easier way to access the map may be to use <http://www.skywaymyway.com/>. This website offers searchable interactive maps that allow you to find exactly what sites you're looking for as well as navigate the entire system. There's even a mobile version available for your phone.

So when you come to Minneapolis in August for IC, there's no excuse not to get your steps in!



Keep trekking!

What can you see using the Skyway? Here's just a sample....

The Wells Fargo Museum (<https://www.wellsfargohistory.com/museums/minneapolis/>)

Mill City Museum (<http://www.millcitymuseum.org>)

Plus restaurants, art galleries, shopping & more...

Getting around during IC in Minneapolis....

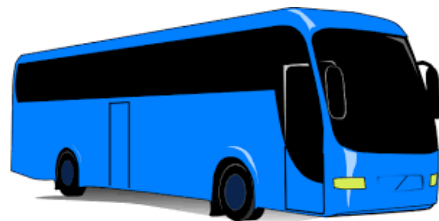
Don't want to walk. There's plenty of transportation options in Minneapolis that can link you up to the sites you want to see.

For more information, visit <https://www.minneapolis.org/map-transportation/>.

We pride ourselves having a very compact downtown so no matter where you are, we have the options to get you there quickly and easily. An award winning transit system with light rail and buses – taxis, Uber, Lyft – and bike rentals on the streets with dedicated bike lanes all over the city. Or our personal favorite way to get around – two feet.

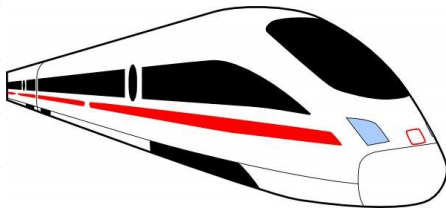
Hop on the bus

[Metro Transit](#) operates one of the largest public transportation systems in the country. Riding public transportation is a convenient and inexpensive way to get around. Fares range from \$2.00 to \$3.25, depending on time of day. If you're already downtown and need to hop a ride a few blocks, the fare is \$.50 in the [Downtown Zone](#). Look for buses marked "Free Ride" and pay no fare when boarding along Nicollet Mall or the [Minneapolis Convention Center](#).



Guaranteed Parking

Meet Minneapolis has partnered with [Parking Panda](#), the nationwide leader in online parking reservations, to allow visitors to purchase guaranteed parking near their destination. [View real-time availability and pricing at many locations within easy walking distance to many attractions around Minneapolis](#). Once purchased, parking is 100% guaranteed even if the location otherwise fills up.

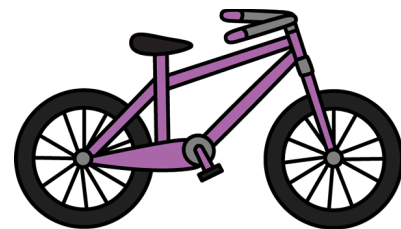


Catch the train

Zoom around town on the Blue or Green line! Light-rail transit (LRT) connects downtown Minneapolis with the airport, [Mall of America](#), Saint Paul and 43 other stations.

Bike

[Nice Ride](#) is a non-profit bike sharing system, and anyone can become a member. Simply take a bike when you need one, and return it to any station in the system when you arrive at your destination. It's fast, easy and affordable.



And if you prefer to travel by car, check out these options....

Hail a cab

Cab services are available anywhere in the metro area. Catch a taxi at the Minneapolis Convention Center and any hotel, or call ahead for service.

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STARFLEET DISCOVERY RECRUITMENT CONTEST UPDATE

The new year is here, and the contest has been running for four months with an impressive 117 chapters participating... making this the largest project in STARFLEET history! But the news gets better! Because of your efforts the contest has recruited 309 new members so far, pushing our fleet membership total above 5200 for the first time in well over a decade! Can we reach 1000 members by the end of the contest? We're well on our way thanks to YOU! Congratulations to all participants!

The current standings are:

USS Cuchlain—24 *USS Narragansett*—19 *USS Merlin*—09 *USS Missouri*—09 *USS Serling*—09

This month's news is the 3-way fight for third place between the *USS Merlin*, *USS Missouri* and the *USS Serling*. Who will win this tie? Tune in next issue to find out!