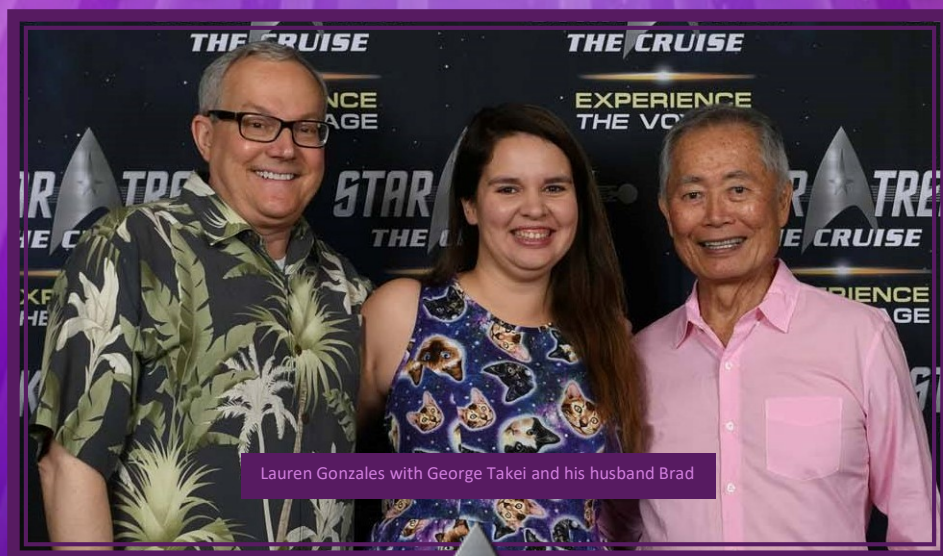


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OFFICE OF THE VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



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I had to rewrite this a couple of times because so much had changed between the first draft and this one. By now, I'm sure many of you have been made aware that I was appointed and confirmed to be your new Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. It's a privilege to be here, serving the members in this billet; and I would like to thank Dan Toole for his faith in my abilities.

A little about myself: I've been a member of STARFLEET since 2008, and I joined the correspondence chapter USS *Indomitable* (R5) as the ship's executive officer. In 2010, I formed a new chapter with an amazing group of people here in R4, USS *Gygax*. Since then, I've worked in Region 4 as the Chief Engineer, Chief Communications Officer, and Vice-Regional Coordinator. I've also worked the Helpdesk (three separate administrations), as the Vice

-Chief of STARFLEET Communications, and as Chief of STARFLEET Communications.

In the professional world, I've also held a myriad of titles in my storied career: In the legal sphere as a litigation support specialist and eDiscovery administrator. In the world of journalism as a managing editor and a freelance writer. For radio productions, I've been an executive producer, marketer, public relations campaign manager, and on-air talent. Within corporate education, I've been a corporate trainer, instructional design specialist, and content developer. Mostly, though, a lot of my roles focus on customer service and technical support; and it's those that I feel are the most relevant to being the Vice-Commander.

This office is made up mostly of departments and divisions that are designed to serve the members. Departments such as Membership Processing, Recognition, Help Desk, and the new Human Resources office are all designed to facilitate members' needs. In addition to the above, we're also trying our best to support chapters and regions with recruiting materials through our Marketing and Branding Office, and to retain new members through the new STARFLEET: Engage! Office. Engage! is all about offering resources to chapters and regions regarding activities and other ideas designed to keep your members active and participating under the STARFLEET banner. Whether that's by joining one of the many interest groups (SFMC, MACOs, Sciences, etc.) or through Challenges and Events hosted at the international, regional, and chapter levels, we want to provide support. Helping chapters hold on to their members is the best way to help STARFLEET keep its numbers up.

Now, I'm under a much tighter time constraint than most Vice-Commanders get; less than two years to reform my office into a more efficient model, and even then, there's absolutely no guarantee that the next VCS will agree with all my changes. We're going to execute in the best way we know how, try a lot of new things, and not let the excuse of "tradition" or "status quo" get in our way.

If you have ideas, suggestions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at vcs@sfi.org, or leave me a voicemail at 1-888-SFI-TREK (734-8735), extension 702. I look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Anniversary Ships of the Line

Celebrating Our Chapters' Years In Service

<i>USS Paegan</i>	R02	03/01/1983	35	<i>USS Wildhorse</i>	R05	02/12/2007	11
<i>USS Thunderbird</i>	R12	01/01/1987	31	<i>USS Brittanic</i>	R07	02/12/2007	11
<i>USS Umiak</i>	R12	01/04/1992	26	<i>USS Antares</i>	R05	02/15/2008	10
<i>USS Marko Ramius</i>	R12	02/08/1992	26	<i>USS Odin</i>	R01	01/12/2009	09
<i>USS Onizuka</i>	R04	02/21/1993	26	<i>USS Odyssey</i>	R02	03/09/2009	09
<i>USS Joan of Arc</i>	R03	01/06/1994	24	<i>USS Victorious</i>	R02	01/31/2010	08
<i>USS Sunflower</i>	R12	01/28/1995	23	<i>USS Susquehannock</i>	R07	03/04/2010	08
<i>Dark Silence Station</i>	R02	03/10/1995	23	<i>USS Constellation</i>	R01	03/12/2010	08
<i>USS Tycho</i>	R01	02/11/1996	22	<i>USS Aux Arc</i>	R12	03/12/2010	08
<i>USS Helen Pawlowski</i>	R15	02/16/1996	22	<i>Retribution Station</i>	R03	03/15/2011	07
<i>USS Lone Star</i>	R03	03/02/1996	22	<i>USS Premonition</i>	R02	01/24/2012	06
<i>USS DaVinci</i>	R02	03/16/1996	22	<i>USS Crockett</i>	R03	02/17/2012	06
<i>USS Black Hawk</i>	R12	03/23/1996	22	<i>USS Riviera</i>	R05	03/03/2012	06
<i>SS Ark Angel</i>	R03	01/01/2001	17	<i>USS Gygax</i>	R04	03/14/2012	06
<i>USS Ares</i>	R15	01/01/2001	17	<i>USS Potomac</i>	R01	03/28/2012	06
<i>USS Darwin</i>	R15	02/12/2001	17	<i>USS Charon</i>	R01	02/09/2013	05
<i>USS Pioneer</i>	R17	02/19/2001	17	<i>USS Hope</i>	R02	03/18/2014	04
<i>USS Niagara</i>	R07	02/07/2003	15	<i>USS Artemis</i>	R03	03/15/2014	04
<i>USS Liberator</i>	R01	03/03/2003	15	<i>USS Alaster</i>	R07	01/24/2015	03
<i>USS Inferno</i>	R07	02/02/2004	14	<i>USS Bairoko</i>	R12	03/26/2016	02
<i>USS Trinity River</i>	R03	02/12/2004	14	<i>USS Apollo</i>	R03	01/01/2017	03
<i>USS Regulator</i>	R03	02/01/2005	13	<i>USS Excalibur</i>	R01	01/01/2017	01
<i>USS Dauntless</i>	R08	02/10/2005	13				
<i>USS Sinclair</i>	R13	03/16/2005	13				
<i>USS Thermopylae</i>	R05	01/27/2007	11				
<i>USS Riverside</i>	R06	01/28/2007	11				

Welcome to the Fleet

Commissioned: 9 JANUARY 2018
USS ARROWHEAD NCC 75015

Highland, CA Region 4
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XO: CMDR Kathleen West

Commissioned: 12 FEBRUARY 2018
USS PARALLAX NCC 72399

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XO: CMDR Aaron Sharp

Commissioned: 20 FEBRUARY 2018
USS VULPINE NCC 71810

Ramsey, IN Region 1
CO: CAPT Chance Walker
XO: CMDR Andrew Lynch

Commissioned: 21 FEBRUARY 2018
USS YORKTOWN NCC 1704

Kingsport, TN Region 1
CO: VADM Kimberly Donohoe
XO: COMM Thomas Donohoe

Launched: 1 JANUARY 2018
USS TYR NCC 60591

Greeley, CO Region 17
CO: CMDR Jerry Spaulding
XO: LCDR David Peters

Launched: 31 JANUARY 2018
USS ROGER WILLIAMS NX 74685

Providence, RI Region 15
CO: MDR Franklin Gonzalez
XO: LCDR Meredith Skelly

Launched: 12 FEBRUARY 2018
USS MUSKEGO NX 74700

Muskego WI Region 6
CO: CAPT Walter Trulove, Jr
XO: COL Russel Page Witte-Dycus



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Launched: 22 FEBRUARY 2018
USS DAKOTA NX 71805

McClosky, ND Region 6
CO: CMDR Larry Gessner
XO: LCDR Rob Ehlers

Launched: 3 MARCH 2018
**USS DARK FURY NX
74928**

Lawrence, KS Region 12
CO: CAPT John "Sparky" Bevans
XO: LCDR Tony Celeste


Launched: 3 MARCH 2018
USS PANDA NX 74686

Beijing, China Regions 11 and 19
CO: CMDR Xiao Dan Zhou
XO: LCDR Daniel Duns

Launched: 18 MARCH 2018
**USS FUTURE
IMPERFECT NX 1763**

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Things they are a changing... As I'm sure you all know by now, I'm looking for a new Vice Chief of Communications. Matthew has decided to step down. Matthew, thank you does not begin to cover it. I would have been lost these last 15 months without you. I feel sorry for your successor you're a tough act to follow. I should know as I had to follow you.

There are four STARFLEET Newsletter of the Year Awards available this year and they will be presented at International Conference

Electronic Newsletter of the Year Chapter Level
Electronic Newsletter of the Year Region Level
Printed Newsletter of the Year Chapter Level
Printed Newsletter of the Year Region Level

The qualification period is published date from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018

For those wishing to enter a submission for electronic newsletter please email either the electronic copy or a URL to access it to comms@sf.org no later than August 4, 2018.

For those wishing to enter a submission for printed newsletter please mail the copy to the address below post marked no later than August 4, 2018:

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528 Ottawa Street
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Include with your submissions:

Chapter/Region
Editor(s) / Staff
Frequency of publication

Why you feel the submitted issue is the best representative of your newsletter for the year
Address where to send the award certificate if you or a representative are unable to attend IC.

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There have been a lot of changes in CompOps this past month.

Helpdesk

The Helpdesk has moved to the Membership Office under the VCS. This section will be removed in future reports.

Website

The Vice Chief, Greg Mortenson, and his web team have been working hard and communicating (via voice chat) and have made headway with brainstorming ideas as to what will be added to the new members-only section and what items could use a cleanup. User friendliness is also a priority.

The old site content, award, and promo forms are being exported to the new site. The downloads site is under review.

The main site has been looked over for copyrighted material, but more work on that is taking second to completing the member's area.

The Vice Chief hopes to have the member's area completed by April 1st.

Database/Member Portal

Cleaning up of member records continues to be high volume work. As time permits, we're working on some scripts that will be better able to manage this work—even to the point of having the MP team being able to run cleanups. The family management functions are still a problem, but I have them next on the list.

Clean up of the 100000+ SCC numbers continues. It's slow going because it's not just a simple deletion of the SCC number. We have to check the family membership, renumber the membership if necessary, or delete if it's a duplicate. We're at about 50 as of today, down from over 600 last year.

I don't have any status on the development of a new database, but I'm moving forward with evaluating outsourcing the database at this point. Evaluation of platforms will begin within the next week or two.

Current active members (from the database): 5,427

Misc Projects

The development of a page for digital member certificates was completed. Allowing the MP team to create one for someone automatically is still in development.

Completing the migration off DreamHost is always on the table. We need to evaluate what is still running there and determine what still needs to be moved.

OFFICE OF THE STARFLEET ACADEMY COMMANDANT

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Actions taken since 1-1-18

The Academy has fully integrated the Moodle request system into the Academy website, which allows for the immediate request and procurement of courses from the database once the student has registered with the system.

We have initiated an award for students who show not only an understanding of the material but also display the knowledge by receiving grades of Distinction. The Academic Excellence Award requires the student to complete all the courses in a college with Distinction grades for all exams.

The Medical College, which had been closed, has been reopened; and the schools within the medical institute have been increased to include courses of studies in 24 fields, as well as a college on human anatomy, *Star Trek* medicine, and three other specialties.

The College of Law has been closed and is in the process of being rewritten and updated to include courses in civil law, criminal law, family law, and other studies to give the student a wider understanding of what is happening should they come in contact with the legal system.

The Command Staff has been gathering the information on graduates and courses completed, to allow the awarding of this year's Squad and Academy awards to deserving students and staff.

The Yearly Scholarship awards are in the final stage of receiving applicants, so that they can be posted and announced during the IC.

During 2017, 24,068 courses were taken; and 1,176 Star Fleet members enrolled in the Moodle system. These numbers are on track to be exceeded this year.

Upcoming

Upgrades to existing courses and changes of Directors continue as we progress through the year.

We are utilizing a wide range of people as Directors and Asst Directors for the diverse courses; and we hope to continue to spread the wealth so that the loss, either temporary or long-term, will not disrupt the offerings to the students.

The Academic Coordinator is reviewing all graphics and references currently in use in colleges and courses to make sure nothing will potentially cause any copyright infringement problems. So far nothing has been identified, but the review continues.

We have been providing the Special Operations group with graduates in related courses, as well as STARFLEET Medical.



Scholarship Information

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I am accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 Scholarship award season. To be eligible, the member must have joined STARFLEET prior to June 15, 2017 and maintained the membership throughout the entire year. The scholarship awards will be presented at the International Conference in Bloomington, MN on August 10th – 12th, 2018.

Scholarship Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the STARFLEET Scholarship Program, you can make it during your renewal process, or you can send a

PayPal payment to epayments@sfi.org and make sure to notate that the funds are to be utilized for the Scholarship Program.

Check payments may be made payable to "STARFLEET Scholarship Fund" and sent to this STARFLEET mailing address:

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PO Box 1701
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If you would like to request an application or have any questions about the STARFLEET Scholarship Program, please contact me at scholarships@sfi.org, and I would be happy to assist you.



STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WE WANT YOU!



For the upcoming school year, we have five (5) distinct scholarship categories: four (4) denoting specific areas of study and one (1) general scholarship for those members who have a major that does not necessarily fit into one of the other categories). Each category may award a scholarship of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000 USD). The scholarship categories are as follows:

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

James Doohan/Montgomery Scott Engineering & Technology Scholarship

This very popular scholarship covers any field related to engineering and other fields of study involving technology, computer science, etc.

MEDICINE & VETERINARIAN

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

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

ARTISTIC

Gene Roddenberry Memorial/Sir Patrick Stewart Scholarship for

Aspiring Writers & Artists

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

BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT/EDUCATION

Armin Shimerman/George Takei/LeVar Burton Scholarship for

Business, Language Studies & Education

This scholarship is for business and management studies, the study of foreign languages or studies abroad, and for teaching, and any related field in these areas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Space Explorers' Memorial Scholarship

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



STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



WE WANT YOU!

Who? For what? All STARFLEET members who have been in STARFLEET for at least one calendar year prior to the Application Deadline (June 15th) are eligible to apply for one of five (5) scholarships to help you continue or begin your studies at community colleges, four-year colleges, most technical schools, junior colleges, universities, graduate schools, or any other accredited institution/organization that offers a certificate/ diploma or degree program. The scholarships may be split each year, half going for the fall semester and the remaining half for the spring. (If your school does not run on a traditional calendar, note that on the application.)

When? The application periods runs from January 1 until June 15 of each year. All scholarships will be announced at STARFLEET's International Conference ("IC"). In 2018, IC is August 10 - 12, in Bloomington, Minnesota. After the announcement has been made, the scholarship award winners will be notified and checks will be mailed directly to the schools to be used toward tuition, books, fees, loans, and/or other school necessities. All applications must be received by June 15-the "Application Deadline." Don't be late!

How? Easy! Simply submit your completed application packet (this form, your essay, references, transcripts and employment history to the Scholarship Director, Tammy Willcox, in by sending the application in one of the following ways:

For an application, visit:

http://sfi.org/Backup/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/SFI_Scholarship_Application_2018.pdf

Electronic Mail: Scan and send your completed application packet to scholarships@sfi.org

Postal Mail: Mail your completed application packet to:

TAMMY WILCOX
STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
316 DUBLIN RD
ASHEBORO, NC 27203

The contents of your COMPLETED application packet should include:

- The STARFLEET Scholarship Application Form filled out in its entirety.
- A two-page personal essay addressing the following items in detail: (1) Why are you applying for this scholarship? (2) What STARFLEET activities are you involved in? and (3) Other activities you participate in such as academic, athletic, interscholastic, non STARFLEET interests, career- related, volunteer opportunities, etc.
- A brief employment history, if any. If you have not worked, please include a resume of any volunteer activities you have performed.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation with signatures from the persons making the recommendation. These recommendations can be made by teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, academic advisors, professors, employers, and other community or volunteer leaders.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a member of STARFLEET in good standing that has achieved the rank of Captain or above.
- An official copy of your latest transcript. If your school needs a written request from the scholarship office, contact the director ASAP.
- If you are currently in high school going into college, you need to include a copy of your acceptance letter.

PROMOTIONS

TO FLEET CAPTAIN

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Erik Burnett, *USS Umiak*, Region 12

Christopher Johnson, *USS Bonaventure*, Region 01

Peggy Moshell, *USS Continuum*, Region 02

TO REAR ADMIRAL

Ros Haywood, *USS Wessex*, Region 04

(I apologize to RADM Haywood. Due to a clerical error her promotion was mistakenly published as to being Commodore in CQ 193 - Denine Sanders Chief of Communications)

Alejandro Barreiro, *USS Trident*, Region 02

Cheryl Schleigh, *USS Sovereign*, Region 07

Chris Tolbert, *USS Aux Arc*, Region 12

Jayden Tyronian, *USS Atlantis*, Region 10

TO VICE ADMIRAL

Ralph Planthold, *USS Dark Phoenix*, Region 12

Beau Thacker, *USS Reaper* Region 03

AWARDS

ORDER OF DIONYSUS

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

First Class

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Liz Meinert, *USS New Orleans* Region 03

Terrin Scott, *USS New Orleans* Region 03



LT Frances Smith, DVM
USS Neptune, Region 2
PETFLEET Director and Veterinarian



Fleas, Ticks, and Mosquitos, Oh My!

The weather is changing all around this third planet of the Sol system. In the northern hemisphere, things are or will be warming; and in the southern hemisphere, cooling. The change of seasons brings concerns for people and pets alike. One constant in our world is parasites. Equatorial regions, although they enjoy consistent weather, must endure these parasites year round. Other parts of the world have different parasite concerns in different seasons. External parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mosquitos are a major concern as temperatures change. It is important to note that even in colder environments these parasites can thrive in microenvironments where temperatures stay more consistently warm, such as indoors. But fear not! There are measures you can take to protect your pets and yourself from these annoying and sometimes dangerous pests.

Fleas

Fleas: The very word can make you a bit itchy. The fact that hundreds of species thrive in various environments and prefer a variety of hosts doesn't make one's skin stop crawling, literally or figuratively! They can bite and irritate the host animal, transmit some diseases and other parasites, and, in large populations, feed on enough blood to make the host anemic. If your pet happens to be allergic to flea bites, the itching misery can be significantly worse. There are many topical and oral medications for pets to take to kill fleas, but it is important to note that this is only killing the adult part of the flea's life cycle. Also of importance is the fact that nothing will keep fleas present in the environment off pets completely. Please consult your pet's veterinarian for recommendations on appropriate flea control, because some products are not suited for all pets. There are general age and weight restrictions as well as cautions for use in pets with certain conditions. ALL pets in the household must be



treated to assure adequate flea control in your home.

Since flea control medications given to each pet only affect the adult stage of the flea life cycle while it is on the pet, it is important to take measures to treat the other life stages. The other stages of the flea are the egg, larvae, and pupae (cocoon).

These can make up 95% of the total flea population and are in the environment. The pupae can remain in their cocoons until environmental conditions are more favorable for survival, making it easy for them to winter over in colder climates or remain dormant in areas without any available hosts, such as empty houses. In proper temperature and humidity conditions, fleas can complete their life cycle, from egg to adult, in as little as two to four weeks. It is easy to see how flea populations can grow exponentially in a relatively short period. For effective flea control, one cannot neglect environmental treatment, which can often be accomplished with products available for purchase

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PETFLEET

Pet 1 Information New: ☒ Renew: ☐ PCC: ☐ Mascot: ☐
Name: Tank Birthday: 07/13
Species: Canine Breed: Smooth Collie

Pet 2 Information New: ☒ Renew: ☐ PCC: ☐ Mascot: ☐
Name: River Birthday: 07/13/08
Species: Canine Breed: Border Collie

Pet 3 Information New: ☐ Renew: ☐ PCC: ☐ Mascot: ☐
Name: Imzadi Birthday: 7/15/06
Species: Feline Breed: Domestic Shorthair

Guardian Information
Name: Frances Smith, DVM Rank: SCC 75452
Address: 113 Bradford Circle
City: Ocean Springs State: MS Zip Code: 39564
Email: fr-smith63@hotmail.com
Region: 2 Chapter: USS Neptune NCC 75013

Sample PETFLEET Application

in many places. Professional exterminators are also an option. Even though the initial cost of hiring a professional may be more, the results are often better. This can save you time, misery, and sometimes money in the long run.

Ticks

Ticks are another creepy, crawly parasite that comes in many species, with varying life cycles. Ticks can directly cause irritation, blood loss that could result in anemia, and secondary infections at the site of the initial bite. Some species can produce a toxin that may cause a flaccid (floppy) paralysis that begins in the rear legs and progresses toward the front end of the body. Removing the tick usually results in improvement in a few hours and resolution of the paralysis within one to three days. Ticks can also transmit diseases to animals and humans. New tick-borne diseases continue to be discovered. Specific tick species transmit certain diseases, but these diseases are being identified in more species of ticks and in different areas of the world. Most tick species thrive in areas with higher humidity and precipitation, but some are quite drought tolerant and can survive in higher temperatures and low humidity.

One of the main reasons for tick control on pets and in the environment is to prevent transmission of diseases directly from the tick. Some of these diseases can be quite serious and even life-threatening. Tick-borne diseases of concern include human and animal ehrlichiosis, rickettsial diseases such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and other spotted fevers, tularemia, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, hepatozoonosis, and certain hemorrhagic fever diseases.

Small numbers of individual ticks can be removed manually using forceps and gloves. This is to prevent transmission of disease to the human from exposure to the blood inside the tick. If large numbers of ticks are present, a quick-acting acaricide (a chemical compound that will kill ticks) may be necessary. There are tick treatment and control products for dogs that are topical, in collars, and oral. Each product has age and weight



restrictions and should not be used on sick or debilitated animals. Tick control products for cats are limited because some of the ingredients used for tick control on dogs can be extremely toxic to cats. When there are many, many ticks in the environment, you may still find ticks on your pet even with the regular use of approved products on your pet, but those ticks should die. Please consult your pet's veterinarian for specific tick control recommendations for your pet.

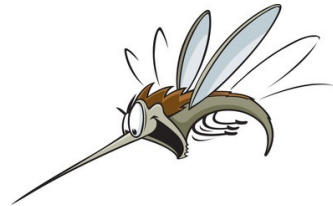
Environmental treatment and control are also important. These include keeping grass cut and bushes trimmed, removing brush piles and leaf litter, as well as the use of effective acaricides in infected areas and around the perimeter of the property. Year-round tick control is recommended because of the potential for transmission of so many serious diseases.

Mosquitos

There are over 3000 species of mosquitos recognized throughout our world. Some are nocturnal; some feed intermittently throughout the day; but most are crepuscular (active around dusk and dawn). Only females feed on blood, while males are nectar feeders. Each species of mosquito has a host preference, but all feed on the blood of vertebrates. Some can hibernate over winter, and most breed during warmer months. They can survive in many different habitats, but all species need water for at least one phase of their life cycle.

The mosquito life cycle consists of egg, larva (wiggler), pupa (tumbler), and adult. After a blood meal, the female mosquito lays eggs in moist areas and at or near the water's edge. The eggs can produce a cuticle that makes them resistant to desiccation, although some species are more resistant than others. The eggs hatch in water as larvae. They feed and develop in the water before proceeding to the next stage, pupa. The pupae continue to live in the water but do not feed. The adult mosquito emerges from the pupal case onto the surface of the water after 2-7 days. The entire life cycle usually takes about two weeks but can range from four days to about a month.

Environmental control is a very important part of preventing many diseases that are transmitted by this annoying parasite. One important method of environmental control is emptying containers that can fill with rainwater and provide an ideal environment for mosquito development. Birds,



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bats, and fish can feed on various stages of the life cycle of the mosquito and may aid in control. Mosquito traps can also be useful but should not be the only method of control used. Spatial repellents and products designed for use in larger areas should be used carefully, following label directions precisely, or should be left to professionals.

Mosquito bites can cause a skin reaction that forms the characteristic red bump. It can vary from mild to severe allergic reactions and may cause intense itching. Anaphylactic reactions are not common. These bites could potentially develop a secondary infection. Large populations of mosquitos can impact the health of an entire herd of animals. However, by far, the biggest threat mosquitos represent is as vectors in disease transmission.

Mosquitos can transmit pathogenic (disease-causing) protozoa, nematodes, and viruses. More than a million human deaths per year can be attributed to diseases transmitted by mosquitos. Some of these diseases include malaria, Yellow Fever Virus, Dengue Virus, Zika Virus, West Nile Meningoencephalitis Virus, and various other encephalitis viruses. Dogs, cats, horses, and other animals can also contract diseases from mosquitos. In horses, Eastern, Western, and Venezuelan Encephalitis Viruses are of concern. In dogs and cats, heartworms (*Dirofilaria immitis*) are of major concern.

Heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitos and can be found in North America and many other locations throughout the world. Heartworm disease affects dogs, cats, and ferrets as well as some wildlife such as wolves, coyotes, foxes, and sea lions. Humans can be affected, but it is very rare. The life cycle of the heartworm is complex. It takes about six months from the time of the infecting mosquito bite until the development of adult heartworms that can be detected by most tests run in veterinary hospitals. Dogs cannot transmit heartworms directly to other dogs. The mosquito MUST transmit them.

Pets need to be given heartworm preventative medications regularly to prevent heartworm disease. It is important to note that these drugs do

not prevent infection but do prevent development of the parasite to the adult stage. Many preventatives are given monthly and treat for what the animal has been exposed to over the previous month. This is why it is VERY important to give them EVERY month, at the SAME TIME each month. If you give it at the beginning of one month and the end of the next, you missed one, leaving your pet susceptible to the development of this parasite. Mosquito control is also important. There are a variety of topical products that treat for fleas and ticks that can also help repel and kill mosquitos that come near the dog. Do not use these products on cats, because the main ingredients that work against the mosquitos are very toxic to cats. If your pet has heartworm disease, it can be treated; but like the long, complicated life cycle, the treatment process requires several months to complete. It is much better to prevent this disease than to treat it. Environmental mosquito control is also important. For more information about heartworm disease, please see the website for the American Heartworm Society at www.heartwormsociety.org.

Fleas, ticks, and mosquitos are annoying and potentially dangerous parasites. There are many ways that we can help control them to keep our pets, as well as ourselves, healthy and happy. For more information about parasites in companion animals, please talk to your pet's veterinary team and go to the website for the Companion Animal Parasite Council at www.capcvet.org.



AB RESOLUTIONS



AB18-01 – Suspend Section 03:02 (AB 12-10) for a subsequent vote on a VCS nominee.

Motion Made By: FADM Dave Blaser (RCR13)

Motion Seconded By: COMM Ryan Case (RCR02)

Voting Period: 2 FEB 2018

AB18-02 – Confirm Michael Garcia as Vice Commander STARFLEET

Motion Made By: COMM Chris Tolbert RCR12

Motion Seconded By: ADM David Nottage (RCR04)

Voting Period: 2 FEB 2018

BOTH PASSED (11-2-0-2)

Votes:

R01 ADM Ruth Lane	NAY	R09 FCAPT John Sullivan.....	NOT PRESENT
R02 COMM Ryan Case.....	AYE	R10 ADM Paul Reid	AYE
R03 BGN Jeremy Carsten.....	AYE	R11 RADM Greg Mortensen	AYE
R04 ADM David Nottage.....	AYE	R12 COMM Chris Tolbert.....	AYE
R05 VADM Mitch Dunn	AYE	R13 FADM Dave Blaser.....	AYE
R06 ADM David Kloempken.....	NOT PRESENT	R15 MGN Jerry Beaulieu	NAY
R07 VADM Wayne Augustson	NAY	R17 ADM Bran Stimpson	AYE
R08 RADM Owen Swart	AYE	R20 COMM Richard Sams.....	AYE

ABNX-01

Motion Made By: RADM Chris Tolbert, Region 12

Motion Seconded By: RADM Greg Mortensen, Region 11

Voting Period: 15 March 2018 to **01 April 2018**

Motion: At the conclusion of an exhaustive research study into the productivity of the Board of Directors of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., the following recommendations are being adopted by all members. The Board resolves that, from this date forward until such time as the Board deems necessary, all meetings shall have refined beverage options in favor of increased productivity. As caffeine levels have demonstrated a rise in awareness, alertness, and action items, the traditional beverage of coffee served at all official STARFLEET functions will no longer be diluted with other substances. This includes, but it not limited to cream, 2% milk, 1% milk, skim milk, soy milk, coconut milk, almond milk and all substances marketed under the auspices of "flavored creamers" using the aforementioned ingredients. These beverage options will be mandatory at all official functions which includes, but is not limited to the annual International Conference, all Region Summits, Family Reunions and other gatherings where more than one Admiralty Board member is in attendance, all chapter meetings or gatherings where more than one Admiralty Board member is in attendance. The only allowable exception to this resolution is when, during official functions, adult beverages are being served. In this instance, each member of the Board of Directors is allowed one single serving of their preferred adult beverage to be mixed with their coffee at the conclusion of an official banquet or dinner event.

Votes:

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

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

2018 REGION 2 SUMMIT SUMMARY

By VADM Richard L. Trulson

USS Wernher von Braun, NCC-72069, Region 2

All Photos by ADM Freddy Heller

The annual Region 2 Summit returned to north Alabama on March 9th-11th, 2018. Our theme, "When Worlds Collide," represents our interest in a wide variety of science-fiction and fantasy, not just *Star Trek*. The Summit was held at the Best Western Plus in Madison, AL, just a few miles away from the more popular, larger Huntsville, home of the US Space and Rocket Center and Space Camp, where many chapters have sent their cadets.



Region 2 members gather together for annual Summit

casual Meet and Greet, followed by the Admiral's Dinner at Logan's Roadhouse. The card game action started later that night with Region 2's traditional *The Great Dalmuti*, which has been a part of the region since the late 90s. So it was no surprise when ADM Danny Potts of the USS *Hephaestus* became the Greater Dalmuti, since he was one of those responsible for popularizing it within the region. Speaking of Danny, who is a former Region 2 Coordinator among many positions he's held within the Fleet, the Region was surprised and thrilled to have the entire Potts family, including his wife Denby and son Matthew, in attendance after a long absence from the Summit. We're honored they chose our Summit to attend. Welcome back!

COMM Ryan Case, Region 2 Regional Coordinator and XO of the USS *Haise*, started Saturday off with the Opening Ceremonies. Ryan presented several of the awards during Opening Ceremonies to speed up the actual Awards Ceremony later that night. He also held the Region 2 chapter roll call and made a variety of announcements.

Strangely, something went wrong at the end of Opening Ceremonies. The Summit theme, "When Worlds Collide," was fulfilled when two incarnations of the Doctor (Matthew Kresal as Seven and Outofcloset Cosplay as Ten) from *Doctor Who* showed up



THE GEEK STRIKES BACK

MAY THE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR

STAY SHINY

LIVE LONG AND PROSPER

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

DON'T LET THE MUGGLES GET YOU DOWN

ALLONS-Y

NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER ARE LOST

I BELIEVE IN SHERLOCK HOLMES

SO SAY WE ALL

The host committee was composed of several Alabama chapters including the USS *Dejah Thoris* chartered in Hartselle, the USS *Hephaestus* in Birmingham, and the USS *Wernher von Braun* in Huntsville. FCAPT Richard Childers, CO of the USS *Dejah Thoris*, was the Summit Chairman; and FCAPT MarkAdam Miller, CO of the USS *Hephaestus*, was the Vice-Chair. To celebrate her Twenty-Fifth Anniversary with the Summit attendees, the USS *Wernher von Braun* provided a treat bag inside the informational Summit bag. Everyone received a bag of chips, a cookie, peppermints, lollipops, Hershey's miniature candy bars, and Hershey's Kisses, along with an informational postcard about our history.

Informal festivities started Friday night with a



Cosplayers that participated in the "When Worlds Collide" skit.

Front Row: Imperial TIE pilot Mike Ponder, Spider-Man Alex Arritt, and Rebel Trooper Jeremy Athy. Back Row: Royal Guard Matt Hobbs, Seventh Doctor Matthew Kresal, Kaylee Amelie Downing, 10th Doctor Outofcloset Cosplay, and Hodor Josh Harrison.

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ADM Freddy Heller and VADM Connie Heller of the *USS DaVinci* pose in their steampunk Starfleet uniforms in front of the *USS Enterprise 1701-D* bridge backdrop provided by CAPT Michael Sylvester of the *USS Wernher von Braun*.

with their sonic screwdrivers. They were followed by the dashing Kaylee (Amelie Downing) from *Firefly* and everyone's favorite wall-crawler, the amazing Spider-Man (Alex Arritt) from Marvel comics. Things got kind of silly before they took an ominous turn. An Imperial TIE pilot (Mike Ponder) and an Emperor's Royal Guard (Matt Hobbs) showed up from the *Star Wars* universe. Fortunately, there was also a rebel officer (Jeremy Athy) trailing them to keep things under control. The final guest from *Game of Thrones* kept shouting "Hodor" (Josh Harrison with "Bran" mannequin on his back) and held the door for everyone. "When Worlds Collide," you can have a lot of fun. It also embraced the infinite diversity for which STARFLEET and *Star Trek* are known. The cosplayers and the skit were a big hit among the attendees.

Josh Harrison, President of the North Alabama Cosplayers Club (<http://www.northalabamacosplayersclub.com/>),

also provided a replica of the Iron Throne from *Game of Thrones* so Summit attendees could sit on it and pose for pictures throughout the weekend. Fortunately, attendees did not have to pay the Iron Price to do so. Speaking of pictures, CAPT Michael Sylvester, XO of the *USS Wernher von Braun*, set-up his *Star Trek: The Next Generation* *USS Enterprise* bridge backdrop for people to take pictures. He also volunteered to take professional photos of people if they wanted.

That was followed by the CO/XO meeting where we were joined by the Commander, STARFLEET, FADM Dan Toole. While we wish we could have had him join us in person, ADM Toole teleconferenced in via Skype. We "discUSsed" a variety of issues, including the restructuring of various STARFLEET positions the better to serve the members and the copyright concerns that continue to haunt the organization. We also sent our well wishes to former Commander, STARFLEET, FADM Robert Westfall.

The afternoon was filled with various educational and fun panels. They covered everything from awards submissions to newsletter production, and from making fan films to writing fan fiction. In total, there were two tracks of panels offering over ten hours of programming. If guests weren't in a panel, they were free to wander up to Moogie's Store to buy the finest merchandise from around the galaxy. They could also bid on items in the Silent Auction to raise money for the Summit charity.

The Final Mission on Saturday afternoon offered a chance for the Summit attendees to honor those who have passed on during the previous year. The Summit's official charity also had a somber aspect to it. Blanket Fort Hope (<http://www.blanketforhope.org/>) helps child victims of human slave trafficking in the north Alabama area. All the proceeds from the Auction on Saturday night went to Blanket Fort Hope.

The banquet on Saturday night had an additional treat that most banquets don't have. After we stuffed ourselves on some delectable delicacies, five beguiling Orion slave girls danced for our entertainment. Jillanna Babb (Moon Haven Studio, <http://www.moonhavenstudio.com/>) and her lovely ladies covered themselves in green body paint and performed professional belly dancing. Their hypnotic moves may have lured a few starship captains to their doom that night.



The Region 2 Summit Orions

The Saturday night Awards Ceremony had one of the widest distributions of awards so far. Some of the newer awards still need more submissions, but Ryan was very pleased overall with the submissions this year. (Award winners on next page)

The second round of cards on Saturday night involved a Texas Hold 'em Poker tournament. Again, ADM Danny Potts walked away as the champion. Of course, the *USS Hephaestus* is also known to host regular poker nights, so it will take an awfully talented card player to beat Danny. The party continued well into the late night

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Region 2 Award Winners

Most Original Recruitment Activity

USS Appalachia

Charitable Activity of the Year

USS Haise

Recruiter Award

USS Appalachia

Social Activity of the Year

USS Appalachia

Social Media Award

Scott Crawford, *USS Haise*

Overseas Coupon Project Award

USS DaVinci

Shakedown Chapter of the Year

USS Appalachia

Support Chapter of the Year

USS Dejah Thoris

Junior Member of the Year

Deanna Joy, *USS Neptune*

Enlisted Member of the Year

Nick Esslinger, *USS Wernher von Braun*

Officer of the Year

Clay Bartunek, *USS Haise*

Flag Officer of the Year

DJ O'Brien, *USS Harry Mudd*

Commanding Officer of the Year

MarkAdam Miller, *USS Hephaestus*

Ship of the Year

USS Haise

hours at the Burning Bilge, hosted by CAPT Bryan Teske and CMDR Stig Crandall of the *USS Dejah Thoris*. The Burning Bilge Quantina has been known to stockpile some of the most exquisite libations this side of the Romulan Star Empire.

The Summit was brought to a close on Sunday morning with some final announcements and awards. The chief among them is that over \$650 was raised for Blanket Fort Hope. The other bit of news is that the 2019 Region 2 Summit will be held in conjunction with Treklanta (<http://www.treklanta.org/>) on Memorial Day weekend. This is a major change to the Summit's date and organization. Hopefully, larger attendance can be obtained by holding it in conjunction with a successful, ongoing *Star Trek* convention.

Other Summits might have had more attendees, or raised more money for charity, but we still had a blast. We realize traveling to the northern part of Alabama is a bit of a trek for many, especially those from the Florida peninsula. However, we had a fantastic time and hope we provided a fun event for the attendees. "When Worlds Collide," you're bound to have a blast! Till next time, live long, and prosper!

For more fun, visit:

Summit Web Site: <http://www.raventune.fluctis.com/Starfleetsummit.html>

Summit Facebook Group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/1948917988701227>

ADM Freddy Heller's Pictures: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/120747064@N04/albums/72157694524901205/page1>

Region 2 Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Region2SFI/>



Exploring the **REGION 7 CONFERENCE**

By VADM Mike Stein

I had the opportunity to venture on an away mission to the Region 7 Conference held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ, October 27th. Having arrived just before 11 AM, I met up with Keith Shikowitz, CO of the *USS Abraham Lincoln*, who also arrived at about the same time.

Since we were supposed to have most of the day free before the R7 Conference got underway, I had previously told Keith I wanted to visit the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Keith, being a history teacher, couldn't help himself in explaining everything we saw there. That worked out fine for me since I love museums, and I had my own personal tour guide. We also did take a paid tour as well, and I have no doubt Keith loved talking about the history of the Constitution with the tour guide, who also was a retired history teacher.

On our way back we stopped at a local restaurant and had a great meal. While we were still eating, I got a call that the R7 Command Staff Meeting scheduled to start at 7 PM had gotten pushed up to 4 PM instead. Apparently, except for me the rest of the R7 Command Staff was at the hotel at the time, so they started it a lot earlier than planned. That evening there was a Mixer/Social in the RC's (Wayne Auguston) suite for everyone to attend. I didn't stay too long, since I wanted to prepare for my Region financial briefing in the morning.



National Constitution Center, Philadelphia

Keith and I got up early the following morning and headed to the breakfast buffet. There's nothing like a huge breakfast to start the day off. The Regional conference started as it usually does, with a business meeting by the R7 Command Staff along with promotion and award announcements. (By the way, I wore the SFMC Class C Uniform, Black BDUs, to this meeting. I found out they are extremely warm, and by the time the meeting was over, I had to change into my ship polo shirt.) As the R7 Financial Officer, I presented a financial overview of the past month's income and expenses, which wasn't much. The really big news was that I had switched the R7 bank account from PNC Bank to JP Morgan Chase Bank due to new bank charges that PNC Bank was going to levy on our account.



Wayne Auguston, Region 7 Coordinator, and David Sladky, 7th BDE OICE, lead the panel about relationships between chapters and their MSGs.

Once that meeting was over, the really fun part started with various panels. The first one was called, *Discovering Star Trek: Discovery*. Needless to say, just about everyone had something to say about that, both good and bad. Once that panel was over we went to lunch, and then Keith and I headed to a CO Roundtable meeting with all the other R7 COs. Other panels that followed included an XO Forum, Getting and Applying for R7 Awards, Marketing/Recruiting for Today's Fandom, The 'Other' *Star Trek*—Discussing The Orville, Building Better Relationships Between Chapters and their Marine Units, and

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also *ST: TNG* Characters We Loved and Wanted More Of.

Shortly after the last panel was over, we had a Regional dinner at a local BBQ place within walking distance of the hotel. We had gone to this same place last year. The food was good, and the prices were reasonable. At about 8:30 PM there was an R7 Halloween Party in Wayne's suite. Keith had come up with the idea the previous year to go as the Bolian (remember the barber in *ST: TNG*?) Blues Brothers. Now that was a great idea, although wearing blue paint on our faces wasn't something I enjoyed doing. I think I still felt a little blue the next morning.

The party went well; and, just like last year, Wayne gave us alternate names for our costume ideas. Most people got dressed up for the party, and we had our photo taken a lot. No doubt it was a very good idea on Keith's part.

The following morning we once again went to the breakfast buffet. However, while we were eating, one of our friends, Jay Ansky, told us that there was a bad storm headed our way. We checked the weather reports; and, sure enough, Jay was right. So Keith and I decided to go upstairs to pack and "get out of Dodge," as they say.

All in all, it was a good time.



Some furry beings attend the Region 7 Conference as well.



Photo by Mike Stein

Want to share in the fun? Here's your chance....

2018 REGION 7 CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 21—23, 2018



The *USS Abraham Lincoln* and the *USS Justice* are honored to be hosting the 2018 Region 7 Conference in Fairfield, NJ. The theme is Deep Space 9 25th Anniversary.

Pre - Registration for the conference will run \$35 for pre-registration, until September 1st, 2018, and \$40 beginning September 1, 2018 and at the door. There will be a "goodies" bag provided at check-in to all registrants, which will include a printed program, (other amenities) We will have T-shirts printed to commemorate the conference, which will be sold by **pre-order only** UNTIL AUGUST 15, 2018 at a range of \$25 - \$27 and will include the conference logo.

The banquet will be on Saturday night and will cost \$37 per person. It will be held at the Chives Restaurant in the hotel.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.podship.com/2018-r7-conf/index.php/2017/10/31/about-the-conference/>



2018 *USS Heimdal's* Space Camp Scholarship Recipient Essay

USS Heimdal, Madison Heights, VA - Region One sponsors an annual **Space Camp Contest** held in the local middle schools and the Civil Air Patrol Cadets. This year the student won a 5 night, 6 day trip to NASA's Space Academy Camp in Huntsville, AL. We include a flight suit paid for by Roy Henderson of the *USS Centurion* in California, registration fee, mission patch and \$300.00 towards travel expenses. The total package is at a cost to us of \$1469.00.

This year Peter, at Monelison Middle School, won with the following essay:

Although many people want to go to Space Camp, I think I would be an excellent choice. I have experience, determination, and a plan for the future. Space Camp would allow me to expand my horizons and increase my knowledge.

When I was in elementary school, I had the opportunity to attend LEAP (Lindbergh Eager Achievers Program) through my school district in St. Louis, Missouri. Each year in LEAP there was a specific theme ranging from Oceans to the Middle Ages, with the fifth-grade year focusing on Space. At the end of elementary school, students in LEAP were invited to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. I looked forward to that trip for four years, but before fifth grade started my father was transferred to North Carolina for a new job. I was very disappointed that I was not able to go to Space Camp.

In North Carolina, my new school began a Lego Robotics club. That club was my first opportunity to work extensively with robots. When in fifth grade, my team won best project award even though we were a first-year team. In sixth grade, I worked with a Lego Education EV3 robotics kit. In seventh grade, I was appointed Team Captain and grew in my robotics experience through application and work.

Again, my father's job moved our family. My new school was xxxxxx, VA. Whereas the school has lots of opportunities for athletics, it lacked in STEM-related clubs. I discovered there was a closet in an unused classroom of the school that had Lego NXT Mindstorm parts that had not been used in years. After determining the parts could still work and securing faculty support, I decided to start a team at school. Even though we had many challenges, we competed at one of the largest competitions in the Virginia last fall. We put forth our best effort and were honored to receive the Judges Award. The Judges Award is for a team who used their resources and time that they had to the best of their ability. A few months later, my team went before the school board to present how it affected my team and myself. My plan is to go into a field of technology, with a focus on constructing and programming robots. I would like to continue my education through the robotics program in high school and learn how to construct and program real robots. Space Camp would allow me to start on that path sooner and learn more than what is available to students in the public-school system. With this in mind, I would like you to consider me for the scholarship to Space Camp this year. I would be an ideal candidate because I have experience, determination, and a plan for the future. This trip would allow me to hone my robotic skills, fulfill a dream I missed out on in fifth grade, and meet people with similar interests.



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USS Justice Docks at the



LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

by CMDR Richard Heeren
USS Justice

Commanding Officer Mike Stein and I arrived at the *Liberty Science Center, NJ* just before noon, December 30th. The day proved to be cold and snowy, but this didn't seem to stop the hundreds of people flocking to the LSC. Mike and I took turns staying near the main entrance where a mockup shuttlecraft as well as the captain's chair, complete with lights and sounds, were on display.



VADM Mike Stein takes the CenterSeat.

This was my first visit to LSC, and I have to say I was impressed. This place is massive, four floors and so much to see it cannot be done in one day. I also have to acknowledge the LSC staff were nothing short of amazing. They reached out to us so we could interact with their guests and they took good care of us, up to and including lunch and parking reimbursement.

STAR TREK: THE STARFLEET ACADEMY EXPERIENCE was spread out in at least three different areas. There was the main entrance, the third floor with a tribble display in their living zoo area (no, sorry the tribbles were not real!); and on the fourth floor was the interactive Academy Experience. This exhibit was previously at the *USS Intrepid* in New York but was laid out a bit differently. In addition to all of this, their elevator doors carried a prominent display of the Academy Experience; and inside the elevator was signage about it as well. When you got off the elevator on the fourth floor,

there was that classic "whoosh" sound as the door opened, giving the feel of a *STAR TREK* turbolift.

The *USS Justice* was not the only ship represented at LSC that day. Other ships included the *USS Abraham Lincoln*, the *USS Avenger*, and the *USS Challenger*.

For more information, please visit:

<https://lsc.org/>



Don't feed the tribbles!

Photo by CMDR Richard Heeren

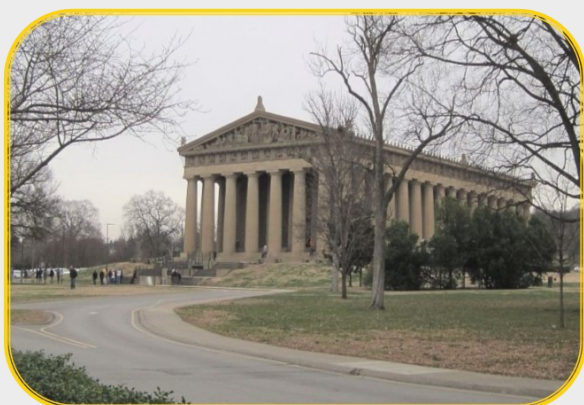
The Liberty Science Center (LSC.org) is a 300,000-square-foot learning center located in Liberty State Park on the Jersey City bank of the Hudson near the Statue of Liberty. The Science Center houses 12 museum exhibition halls, a live animal collection with 110 species, giant aquariums, a 3D theater, live simulcast surgeries, hurricane- and tornado-force wind simulators, K-12 classrooms and labs, teacher-development programs, and the Western Hemisphere's largest and most technologically advanced planetarium—the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium and LSC Giant Dome Theater. More than 650,000 students, teachers, and parents visit Liberty Science Center each year, and tens of thousands more participate in the Center's off-site and online programs. (Information provided by the Liberty Science Center website)

USS Yorktown's Away Mission to Pollux IV

by VADM Kimberly Donohoe
Commanding Officer, *USS Yorktown*, NCC-1704



The *USS Yorktown* recently completed a mission to Pollux IV. No, it was really to Nashville, Tennessee; but I can dream. LT Kristen Hawkins is completing her medical studies there; so since some of us had to be there on business, we took that opportunity to visit Centennial Park. Our away team consisted of Lon and Nancy Fields, Morgan Kirby, Will Roberts, Matt and Tom Donohoe, myself, and of course, Kristen.



Parthenon Replica, Centennial Park

Photo by VADM Kimberly Donohoe

Marbles, as well as the Cowan Collection and other temporary exhibits. The figure of Nike in her hand is of average human size. Each year during August and September there is a Shakespeare in the Park Festival. Of course, there is the obligatory gift shop, and I added another charm to my bracelet.

Outside is a monument dedicated to the Tennessee Suffragette Movement. In 1920, Tennessee was the last state to ratify women's right to vote. Suffragists, wearing yellow roses, waiting for the results. The Senate had approved, but the House was evenly split. Harry Burn, the youngest legislator, was against ratification of the 19th amendment and wore a red rose until he received a note from his mother urging him to change his mind. He voted yes, and the rest is history.

There is so much more information online about the history of Nashville's version of the Parthenon and the rest of the park. It makes for an interesting read; and if you're ever in the area, I encourage you to visit it.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks/Centennial-Park.aspx>

Tom and I are both interested in Greek mythology and ancient history, so we were excited finally to see the Parthenon and Athena statue recreation. Originally constructed for the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, this full-scale replica was later decided to be made permanent. The original Parthenon in Athens was carved from marble and took about 10 years to construct. Nashville's was created from brick, stone, and reinforced and cast concrete. It also took about 10 years to complete from 1920 to 1931. The Athena statue inside was not part of the city's original build but created years later. It took from 1982 until 1990 and is a full-scale replica as well.

The building serves as an art museum, housing the Athena Parthenos statue, the plaster replicas of the Parthenon



Suffragettes Monument, Centennial Park

Photo by VADM Kimberly Donohoe

More pictures from the ***USS Yorktown's* Away Mission to Pollux IV**



Statue of Athena



Tom Donohoe with Gryphon

All Photos by VADM Kimberly Donohoe

A LITTLE ABOUT CENTENNIAL PARK, NASHVILLE.... This park was the site of the 1897 Tennessee Centennial Exposition. It previously had been a farm purchased in 1783 by John Cockrill, the brother-in-law to James Robertson, then became the state fairgrounds after the Civil War and from 1884 to 1895 became a racetrack known as West Side Park. Construction of the buildings for the 1897 Centennial began in 1895 with the laying of the cornerstone for the Parthenon replica on October 8, and a large number of elaborate structures were built to serve the 1.8 million visitors to the Exposition from the President down. When the Exposition closed on October 30, 1897, its leadership called for preservation of the Parthenon replica and the Centennial grounds as a public park, initiating the city park movement in Nashville.

Ship Snapshot

Members of the *USS Wernher von Braun* at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. From left to right: CMDR Laura Peterson, VADM Richard L. Trulson (Commanding Officer), and PO1 Sandy Kritner



Crewmembers of the *USS Wernher von Braun* pose for a picture before marching in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Huntsville, Alabama on Saturday, March 17, 2018. This is the third year for us to march in this parade, and we had absolutely gorgeous weather.





STARFLEET MACOS

BGN TJ Allen

The Department of Strategic Operations has been in an impassioned proactive project of regrouping, restructuring, realigning, and merging the diverse divisions and teams of Rangers, Seals, Recon, Hazard, and Intel into a more centralized and refined organization known as STARFLEET MACO.

Following the Directives of the VCS to consolidate into one unique group, reexamine logos, patches, manuals, and materials, Strategic Operations (formerly Special Operations) is now MACOs.

All items of concern are in rewrite, under review, or pending approval.

Discussions with the Academy for Course Redesign and/or Development are progressing.

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Assistant Director - *Open*

Chief of Operations Section

COMM Denise Rush

Deputy Chief Ops - *Open*

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•Epsilon Group Commander

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(Title Pending)

MAJ Jan Bovier

•Gamma Group Commander

•Delta Group Commander

(Title Pending) - Open

•Omega Group Commander

•Alpha Group Commander

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Please direct all questions and concerns to: director@maco.sfi.org

SFMC TRACOM UPDATES



Greetings, everyone. I wish everyone a safe and fun St. Patrick's Day and Easter. There are lots of courses that are available to members at SFMC Academy. We have courses available on developing members through professional development and various other medical and support studies. We look forward to new students.

I would like to thank everyone for the feedback on things that they would like to see, have needed revised, and even renumbered. It is my goal for everyone to have a great experience through their studies within SFMCA. I would also like to let everyone know that we are personally taking some time to review and update course material per CS guidance on potential copyright issues. I have personally tasked the SFMC TRACOM Command and Directors to review course materials and come up with a plan to revise to be compliant. I would also like to let everyone know that there are openings for members in the various departments at SFMC TRACOM. Members can follow up with the openings through the SFI HR office.

Lastly, the Command Staff has been looking at Departments of Military Occupational Specialty Certifications (MOSC) and the Marine Unit Readiness Program (MURP). We are looking at updating our documents and unit certifications that are in the SFI Database. I have also contacted various MSG OICs to ensure that we are up to date with certifications for Marines MOSC and with MSG/MEU MURP Status.

Additionally, I am currently reviewing the SFMC Scholarship program. I know it has not been presented in many years. I am looking at the process and working with SFMC leadership on presenting this program. I appreciate the Marines that have come to me about this privately.

Best wishes,
BGN Shane Russell
COTRACOM, SFMC

Ship Snapshot

Crewmembers and friends of the *USS Wernher von Braun* celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our launching as a shuttle of STARFLEET on Saturday, December 30th.



From left to right in the back row: Laura Peterson, David Newsome, Darren Routon, Nick Esslinger, and Richard L. Trulson. Middle Row: Ryan and Kathy Peck (in Nashville, TN) from the *USS Republic* (in Atlanta, GA), Sandy Kritner, Patty McCarley, and her son Wes McCarley.

Front Row: Ella Bleu and Christianna Esslinger (Nick's daughters) and Ellie McCarley (Wes' daughter). We binge watched all nine of the first episodes of *Star Trek: Discovery*. We really appreciate Nick offering his home to us, and for allowing us to see Discovery with his premium CBS All Access pass, which removed the commercials. We watched the remaining episodes of the season on Sunday, February 11th.

When Doves Cry



Reg E. Cathey

Actor "Morag" in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* "Aquiël"

August 18, 1958 - February 9, 2018

Robert Scheerer

Director *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine* and *Voyager*

December 28, 1928 - March 3, 2018

David Ogden Stiers

Actor "Doctor Timicin" in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* "Half a Life"

October 31, 1942 - March 3, 2018

Stephen Hawking

Actor "Himself" *Star Trek: The Next Generation* "Descent"

January 8, 1942 - March 14, 2018

STAR TREK: THE CRUISE II

PVT Lauren Gonzales, USS Discovery, Region 12

I had attended the *Star Trek* Las Vegas convention twice now; so in 2015, when I heard that they were launching a *Star Trek* cruise, I knew I had to be there! The conventions have been so fun with lots of fangirl moments (Vaughn Armstrong and Casey Biggs asking to sit at my table? Yes, please!!) that I could only imagine how exciting it could be aboard a cruise ship! Not to mention the cruise is actually “captained” by one of the trek celebrities! Of course, the 2017 cruise sold out long before I had the chance of scoring a cabin, like an entire year before! I went on a waiting list, but the only cabins that became available were well out of my price range. I had not been on a cruise as an adult, so I truly had nothing to which to compare pricing. Overall the cheaper cabins seemed comparable to going to the conventions when you took into account that the cost covers your room, the “convention,” all your meals, and coffee/milk/juice. Fast forward to January of 2017 when the 2018 cabins became available—I was able to get a room with my sister and her husband! I won’t bore you with all the details, but Entertainment Cruise Productions (ECP) hit a few snags throughout the year dealing mainly with pricing (pricing dropped considerably as it got closer to the cruise dates) and child policies (for a brief moment—it lasted maybe 24 hours, ECP was going to allow children to sail free). The backlash was incredibly swift. Apparently, Trekkie cruisers don’t want to cruise with children, period. This was strange to me, if for no other reason than children are frequently at the Vegas conventions. (The age requirement went right back to 13.). Luckily we took advantage of the first problem and were able to get an upgrade to larger room with a balcony. The only thing to do now was wait for months on end!



Site of **STAR TREK: THE CRUISE II**
The Norwegian Jade

MIAMI - Day 1

We sailed on the 2nd voyage - leaving from Miami on Thursday, January 11th. 2018 is likely the only year that ECP will do 2 back to back cruises simply because it seemed like they had a hard time filling up both ships considering all the price drops. The process to get on the *Norwegian Jade* was thankfully super simple and not unlike boarding a plane. We were each given a room card that was linked to our credit card so that we only ever really had to have that room card on us while shipboard. It also meant that it was way easier for me to shop like crazy, and that was probably bad! Once on board, the first thing I noticed on the deck is that the cruise staff dressed in TOS style uniforms; and they were handing out our glossy cruise itinerary book. I didn’t even have a chance to open it up right away because, as we stepped into the ship’s atrium, we essentially stepped into *Trek* heaven. There was a giant delta shield in the middle of the atrium; the beams were made to look like tiki style *TOS* characters; *Trek* clips were showing from the deck above on a large screen overlooking the atrium; and many captain’s logs referencing shore leave were plastered on the walls. Immediately there was a server asking if I’d like a drink in a geeky tiki glass, and not just any drink but one of the special *Star Trek* concoctions. I couldn’t say, “Is the Kai Bajoran?” fast enough!

Next stop—to the salon! I hadn’t intended to go to the salon, but my sister got sucked in there; so I inevitably ended up there as well. I had refused massages, acupuncture, and botox, but I did decide I could get *Trek*-themed nail art! The bad news is that I was in the salon when the ship finally set sail for Honduras. I wound up missing the celebrity introductions by the pool, but the good news is that the nail station was next to windows that stretched the length of the deck; so I was able to watch Miami float away.



One of the many places aboard the ship where you could have your picture taken.

Photo by PVT Lauren Gonzales

Once I made it to my room, I found that my luggage was there (yay!) and on my bed a paper itinerary “mission log” for the evening. Most importantly, though, I had a cruise gift waiting for me—a full-size poster including all the celebrities present! According to the mission log, tonight’s theme was “Mirror, Mirror.” I don’t ordinarily dress up in costumes, so the themes didn’t matter much to me; but the activities planned sounded fun. The TVs in the cabins were playing all the *Trek*

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"Mirror" episodes, including the most recent *Discovery* episode (spoiler alert!). After dinner at the buffet, I attended the main show titled "Levar Burton reads..." in the Stardust Theater. Levar spoke of his podcast of the same name and even read from the book that he wrote, *The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm*. It's a wonderful and timely children's book reminding kids that even though sometimes scary things happen, there are always people who care. Right after his show, I ran down to the champagne bar to make it to Trivia. I am not exaggerating when I say that every day was jam-packed with back-to-back activities! I didn't do as well as I hoped at it, but it was fun to have Trivia presided over by Jordan Hoffman of the *Engage* podcast and Max Grodenchik of *DS9*. I was able to stay awake long enough to make it to the viewing of *The Motion Picture* poolside. They played it on the giant poolside borg cube, and I was able to watch from a nearby jacuzzi. The wind was chilly, and the water was not nearly hot enough, but the people hanging out with me were fun, and we all poked fun at the first movie.

AT SEA - Day 2

It was another packed day full of activities. I'll admit, it was so much stuff and so overwhelming that I probably didn't attend half of it on any of the days. After breakfast at the buffet (I LOVE BREAKFAST BUFFETS! Also, I spied both Armin Shimerman and Max Grodenchik eating at the buffet!) we sat by the pool and listened to Karl Urban's Q&A. Side note-Karl Urban was someone I never saw out and about on the ship. I heard that he disembarked the following day in Honduras and just flew back from there. Afterward, I was able to get my picture taken with George Takei. This was complimentary to all cabins, which was awesome! I was thrilled to see Brad (George's husband) off to the side hanging out and was able to ask him also to be in our photo! Walking away from the photo, we received that day's gift, which was a red squadron baseball cap, affectionately (or cheekily?) dubbed the "Make the Federation Great Again" hat.

log. Today's theme was Captain Sulu's Soiree, which included a fancy party that evening. During the day, I attended only an afternoon pool party that offered free cocktails for an hour, then ran off to play bingo with Vaughn Armstrong. The downside to that was you had to pay to play bingo, and that wasn't so fun because I didn't win. I did, however, get to have the *Trek* drink of the day, For the Love of Troi: Vodka, chocolate, whipped cream. What more can I say? Yum!

One interesting thing offered was the opportunity for married couples to renew their vows by Nana Visitor of *DS9*. My sister and her husband elected to do it, and the service was held in what was being called 13 Forward. During the whole cruise, Nana had been very 'Eat, Pray, Love,' so you could tell she was happy doing this type of thing. It was especially fun for me to be in attendance as I had not been able to attend my sister's wedding the first time around. Unfortunately, shortly after dinner, I was so worn out that I fell asleep watching *Star Trek* on the cabin TV. Luckily I woke up at 11 pm and was groggily able to run out of my room and down to the Stardust Theater to watch the Rat Pack show. The Rat Pack show is always one of my favorite parts of any convention, and I highly recommend them! The Rat Pack consists of Armin Shimerman, Casey Biggs, Vaughn Armstrong,



A look at Karl Urban's Q&A poolside at the Borg Cube.

Photo by PVT Lauren Gonzales



The participants in the vow renewal presided over by Nana Visitor. Picture includes Nana Visitor as well as many other couples.

Photo taken by ECP

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Ethan Phillips, Jeffrey Combs, and Max Grodenchik. I'll also admit that it doesn't hurt that I'm slightly obsessed with Casey Biggs. Earlier in the day, I had a photo op with him where he spoke with me for a few minutes. My sister ran up to us long enough to tell him that I'm a stalker (totally not true). She thought that was hilarious! All I could do was blush and run away. This would all prove unfortunate by the time we reached Mexico, but I'll tell you why when we get to that part!

ROATAN, HONDURAS - Day 3

Day 3 started off with my finding out that our cruise ship lost its docking port, so anyone disembarking in Roatan needed to tender over to the island. I didn't mind this so much, but it discomforted my sister, who had injured her knee sometime earlier and was unable to get on or off a tender boat. Since we spent today in port, not much was scheduled between 10 am and 6 pm on board the ship. A month or 2 earlier I had booked a non-cruise-line-sanctioned excursion to Little French Key and had been looking forward to this place for months. I was disappointed that the weather wasn't cooperating as I had hoped it would, as the skies were gray and the temperatures were in the low 70s. My main interest in this particular spot was that they had a large animal sanctuary, a baby jaguar with which you could swim in the ocean, and horses which you could ride along the beach and into the water. Walking through Roatan to get to our driver and even the half hour ride to get to LFK were disheartening. I've not been to many places outside the US, and I have never seen a place so incredibly poor and depressing. I wondered for a bit why a place like this would even be a cruise port, but I hope that the tourism brings decent money to the country. After this trip, I would love to get involved in something that might help the children and the animals here. Once we arrived at LFK, we had a wonderful time. The temperatures made it so that we could not bring any animals in the water, but I was able to play with baby tigers on the beach and to ride the horses through the sand as well. It was not very busy; I think we shared this small island paradise with maybe 20 other people. I would love to visit this place again in warmer weather and be able to stay on the island for a few days.

Once back on the ship, I was able to attend that night's show titled "Evening with George Takei." It was a mostly somber hour discussing his experiences growing up in an internment camp, how he got into politics, and of course, the hurdles of being gay in Hollywood. It was extremely interesting to listen to; and while the stories were sad, George spoke in a friendly, conversational manner, so you never felt unnecessarily uncomfortable getting this intimate look at his life.

I was able to keep myself awake long enough to attend the late-night comedy show featuring Ethan Phillips of Voyager. Ethan was hysterical! We had already been warned many times during the cruise that Ethan's show was for adults only; and if we were offended in any way, well, ECP didn't care, which made it that much more hilarious. Everything about his show was politically incorrect, in extremely poor taste, and could be classified as offensive. It was awesome! As long as you know what you're in for going in, it's a lot of fun. After raiding the buffet for a midnight snack, I went back to my cabin and found my mission log for the following day, as well as a gift: a really sturdy *Star Trek* backpack! Unfortunately, I fell asleep before I could even attempt to make it to that night's Q-themed costume party!



Playing with one of the sanctuary's tiger cubs on the beach at Little French Key.

Photo by Stephen Ives



Harvest Caye Pool

Photo by PVT Lauren Gonzales

HARVEST CAYE, BELIZE - Day 4

Harvest Caye is a man-made island off the coast of Belize, specifically made for

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the Norwegian Cruise Line. I know the island is fake, but I don't know if I have ever seen a place so beautiful! The day's theme was obviously Risa, which included a Festival of the Moon Party later that evening. Harvest Caye employs all Belizeans, so they tried to keep things authentic as much as they could. My sister and I sampled chocolates, hot sauces, and tasty rums. We chose not to do any excursions here; instead, we sunbathed on the beach, played in the water, found lots of cool water creatures, read on the sand, and drank island concoctions from coconut shells. The weather was perfect, warm, and very sunny! It wasn't super hot; but of course, we burned to absolute crisps, even after applying suntan lotion! We agreed it was worth it! Walking away from the island, we ran into Gates McFadden, Jonathan Frakes, and Brent Spiner, who were milling about the main part of the island. We later heard that they had joined the excursion going to the mainland and had just gotten back. I was cursing myself for not having taken advantage of some of the excursions!

Once back at the ship, I lounged around until it was time to attend that evening's show, "Gameshow Night: *Star Trek* Squares with George Takei as the Center Square." This might have been my favorite show of the whole cruise! It was styled exactly like Hollywood Squares and included Casey Biggs, Jeffrey Combs, Armin Shimerman, Connor Trinneer, Nana Visitor, Jordan Hoffman, the lead singer (Kurt) of Band 47, and the Gorn. They picked two people from the audience to agree or disagree, and our cruise host Jordan asked the questions. The questions and subsequent answers were as hilarious as you could imagine. I found out that Armin does not know what ingredients are in a tequila sunrise (especially the tequila part), and George does not know what color Moby Dick is (lavender?). Also, all of the Gorn's answers were indecipherable but were fun to guess at what he was saying.

I would like to mention again that each day was draining and I was tired all the time. I stayed awake long enough to check out some of the Risa party, especially the two-story-tall Horga'hn statue that was poolside. Band 47 had a very 80s synth sound, and trippy Trekkie graphics played along across the Borg cube. It seemed like a lot of fun, but I could not stay awake for anything. I again fell asleep watching *Trek* on the cabin TV, but not before I found my mission log for the following day and my gift of a super sleek *Star Trek* water bottle!

COSTA MAYA, MEXICO - Day 5

In Mexico, we had again elected to do a non-cruise-line-sanctioned excursion to a place called Maya Chan Resort. We had reserved months before leaving for the cruise, and they booked up fast! Once in Costa Maya, it seemed to take forever to find where to go. That might

be the worst thing about doing excursions on your own—finding how to get where you want to go! Yes, you run the risk of getting left behind by the cruise ship; but it's not likely, since these places want to continue making money. The car ride there was at least 40 minutes. Halfway through the trip, I had to wonder truly where we were being taken. It seemed like we were going on this endless bumpy path, and all you could see were broken-down buildings and tall grasses. I was infinitely relieved once we arrived at our hidden destination. Maya Chan was beautiful in a more natural sort of way. Lots of tall trees, a long stretch of beach, beach dogs, birds, and rough sand. The weather was similar to Honduras—in the 70s with grayish skies. Not weather that I necessarily wanted to swim in! What was nice about Maya Chan was that everything was included in the price we paid. You had your own private cabana with soft chairs, lounges, and hammocks. They walked you to your private spot and gave you unlimited chips and salsa and whatever drinks you wanted. I drank the rum punch (several times!), which was very refreshing. They also served a buffet style taco bar for a couple of hours in the afternoon. The staff was attentive and would bring you your drink directly out into the ocean if requested! My luck was such that once we sat down, I looked over to my right and who should be at the cabana next door? Casey Biggs, Vaughn Armstrong, Jeffrey Combs and their wives. I refer to this as bad luck only because my sister had outed me (falsely!) as a stalker and now I actually looked like one! Of all the places for us to end up with them, it's a hidden place 40 minutes away from the ship! They all seemed to be relaxing and even napping,



Star Trek Squares

Photo by PVT Lauren Gonzales

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A view of the Maya Chan Resort

Photo by PVT Lauren Gonzales

everyone. We chatted a little bit with Vaughn, who was closest to us; but everyone was pretty friendly. They rehashed some of the funny answers from the *Star Trek* Squares show and made fun of Armin's tequila sunrise mistake. Jeffrey told us that, on the previous day at Harvest Caye, Armin had tried to go to the beach; but once he got off the ship, he realized he'd forgotten something. When he tried to get back on, his card wasn't working; so he was denied access! After a lengthy process, he eventually got back on, only he didn't come back out. Everyone had a good laugh at that! Once off the taxi, we all walked back to town together then went our separate ways, with my never speaking to Casey the entire time. I was still so embarrassed!

I didn't do too much else once we were back on the ship. I wasted some time (and lots of money) in the casino and then attended Stardust Theater to see the show entitled "In Search of Lost Time," starring Brent Spiner. I wasn't sure what to expect but was pleasantly surprised to find it was a cabaret-style show! Brent sang songs, did show tunes, told stories of growing up, of his move to New York, and of meeting Stephen Hawking. It was great to have our *Trek* celebrities showcasing their other talents!

My mission log arrived, revealing the next day's activities. I watched the latest *Discovery* episode (I was thrilled to find that they aired the latest episode on the TVs), and I was fast asleep before I could even think about attending the Disco theme party for that night!

AT SEA - Day 6

Our last full day aboard the cruise ship. I was feeling a little sad about it but glad to know that I would be home soon as well. I slept in a little, ate breakfast at the buffet, and wandered up to 13 Forward to see Gorn's Gong Show. By now, I knew I loved the *Trek* game shows; and I loved Gorn. The judges were Vaughn Armstrong, Jeffrey Combs, and Connor Trinneer. Watching the contestants was an absolute delight with my two favorites being the Klingon woman who sang "Love is a Battlefield" acapella and COMPLETELY IN KLINGON(!), and the gentleman who sang a song called "Everything I do, I do it with Shatner." These people were so brave! I almost felt bad that some of the contestants had to be gonged, but it was funny to see Gorn come running out of the back to smash it.

We attended the evening show titled "BFF" with Robert Picardo and Jordan Bennett. Again, I wasn't sure what to expect but was happy to find that it was a show that the two have been doing forever that included lots of songs, funny stories, funny pictures, interactions with the audience, and costume changes. You could tell they

so I didn't bother them. We did go up to get food at the same time, and I was just loving being right there with them. I wanted to join Vaughn and his wife for a game of bags, but someone else came up before I could do so. At some point later, the staff came around to each cabana to schedule our taxi pickup times so that we were sure to make it back on time. We chose the first slot and relaxed until it was time to go. When they called our names for our taxi, they also called one more name that was going to share our taxi van with us. Casey Biggs and friends. Of course. I am now officially a stalker; thanks a lot, Lisa! The ride back went almost too quickly, but it was fun listening to



Lauren Gonzales

Photo by PVT Lauren Gonzales

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are best friends and enjoy doing this show together!

I tried one of the other *Trek* drinks, Orion's Belt, and proceeded to be drunk in just 4 sips. That thing packed a punch! We ate dinner and then caught a little bit of *Star Trek* Karaoke to finish out the evening. We made sure to buy some souvenirs in the trading post and take a few more pictures. It was sad to see that some things were already being taken down for the next cruise. We made our plans for disembarking the next morning; and once again, I was asleep before the evening *Voyage Home* theme party.

MIAMI - Day 7

I hit the breakfast buffet one last time, and then we were off the boat and back in Miami. Going through Customs was a cinch. No one checked anything of mine other than my passport, and we were outside waiting for our car in no time. We ended up standing with Vaughn again while his party was also waiting for transportation. I was sad to leave the "ship world" behind and enter the real one, but I'd definitely missed my son and was ready to be back home!

My final thoughts are that it's obvious the trip was a lot of fun. Combining a convention and a cruise is an awesome idea, and I am so thankful I could be part of this experience. Would I do it again? Probably not. I only say that because I had really wanted to share this experience with my 10-year-old son but was unable to do so with the age restrictions and won't be able to for at least 3 more years, assuming they are even still doing cruises at that point. On top of that, I was so tired all the time that I missed almost all the evening parties and so didn't meet a ton of people. I probably ended up getting more out of our excursions than anything we did on the ship itself. I was also too shy half the time to say anything to any celebrities that we encountered; and I certainly didn't want to bother them, either—cruise ships are a tight place for them, I'm sure!

I hope this helps give some insight into the cruise; if you are able to go and have the energy level of a toddler, then I highly recommend it! You will have an amazing time!



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A Rose By Any Other Name

ACTRESS SHEDS 'INNER LIGHT' ON *TNG* EPISODE

By FCAPT Dave Mason
Commanding Officer, *USS Angeles*, NCC-71840

PALOS VERDES ESTATES — Margot Rose found her dream acting role as Eline, Capt. Picard's wife in "The Inner Light."

"It was absolutely the best role I had come across on *Star Trek* and turned out to be the best role I ever got to do on television, period," Rose told a dozen or so *USS Angeles* members Sept. 9 during our annual "Star Trek" anniversary party.

"You get absolutely floored and thrilled when you work with somebody like Patrick [Stewart], and you get a script like that," Rose said at Angeles Founder Janice Willcocks' home in Palos Verdes Estates in the Los Angeles area.

We watched the popular 1992 *Next Generation* episode and heard Rose tell us about what happened behind the scenes.

On "The Inner Light," Capt. Picard (Stewart) falls unconscious on the bridge of the Enterprise-D after the ship encounters an alien probe. He wakes up to find himself on a strange world and as a different person, Kamin, an iron weaver.

She said Eline's love gave her the patience to cope as Picard wrestled with his new identity. "I think the biggest thing about the character was, he was the love of her life."

David Westbay asked Rose if there was enough in the script for her to develop the character or if she had to bring herself into the role. Rose said the well-written script sufficed. "I always found that good lines and a good script are easier to learn, easier to play than to have to construct something arbitrary as an actor," Rose said.

Gloria Rodriguez told her that fans love the heartfelt episode, which has more to its plot than just a battle or a villain. Pat Westbay said it's her favorite episode. David Westbay said he loves the story's depiction of the connection of Kamin and his family. Rose agreed. "It was so out of the box."

She said she loved acting with Stewart and told us something we didn't know. Stewart, who's shorter than Rose, stood on an apple box to be taller when he stood next to her.

She told the *Angeles* that Patrick Stewart helped Peter Lauritson, the *Next Generation* supervising producer who was directing his first episode for the series. Marvin Rush, the director of photography, was concerned about Lauritson and had suggested Stewart direct the actors while he took care of the camera angles.

"It was done in a friendly kind of way. It wasn't an abdication or a coup," Rose said. "He (Lauritson) stepped in with the best of intentions, but he was overwhelmed. I don't know if he was underprepared, but it just wasn't his wheelhouse."

Rose said she auditioned for *The Next Generation* five or more times for guest roles before finally being cast in "The Inner Light." "I figured out after a while that the casting director liked me," Rose said.

She added she loved seeing the fans at Creation Entertainment's *Star Trek* convention in August in Las Vegas. I met her at her table in the dealers' room and invited her to speak to our club.

At Janice's house, Rose, a Pittsburgh native who grew up in Delaware, told members that the acting bug bit



"I always found that good lines and a good script are easier to learn, easier to play than to have construct something arbitrary as an actor," actress Margot Rose told the *USS Angeles* at Founder Janice Willcocks' home in Palos Verdes Estates. She played Eline, Capt. Picard's sudden wife, in "The Inner Light."

Photo by Vice Admiral Jennifer Cole of the *USS Angeles*

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her during childhood when her family moved to Indiana. She and her siblings were in a youth program.

"My first starring role was in 'Heidi,'" Rose said. "I had a little perm and was 10 or 11 years old. My brother was the grandfather."

Rose loved being on stage. "I'm like a dog with a sock. I never let go. I kept going," she said. She went to an arts academy in Travis City, Mich. and studied drama at Yale University before coming to Hollywood.

She appeared in movies such as *48 Hours* (1982), *True Believer* (1989), and *A Civil Action* (1998).

Rose said most of her parts have been on TV and recalled acting in a TV movie with Kathy Bates, *Murder Ordained* (1987). Her first role on TV came in 1982 on NBC's Emmy-winning police series *Hill Street Blues*.

In addition to *The Next Generation*, she guest-starred as Rinn in the *Deep Space Nine* episode "Hard Time" in 1996. Her other guest roles have varied from *Chicago Hope* in 1997 and 1998 to *The West Wing* in 2004.

She recently performed a one-woman show at the Fringe Festival in Los Angeles. Rose said she loves connecting with fans today on Facebook and asked us to "friend" her.

And she emphasized her enjoyment of acting. "Doing what you love to do is extraordinary. How many of us get to do that?"



From left, Dave Mason, Lisa Sobien, Pat and David Westbay, Gloria Rodriguez, Jackie Freeman, "Next Generation" guest star Margot Rose, Jennifer Cole, Brian Nomi and Janice Willcocks gather at Janice's home.

Photo by Ensign Lisa Sobien of the *USS Angeles*





By SMAJ M Smith
OIC – 376th MEU/11th Brigade

Every year the SPCA here in New Zealand hold a street appeal to raise money to help care for the country's unwanted and abused animals. It is the charity's biggest fund-raising event of the year, and I was once again proud to be a 'superhero for animals who need it the most'.

The SPCA is New Zealand's 'Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals'. Every year they receive 45,000 animals through their doors and 14,000 animal welfare complaints. As a charity, they rely almost entirely on the generosity of others to carry out their life-saving work, so this street appeal is very important to them.

They normally hold the appeal over three days; and on Friday, March 10th, I was joined by a lovely older lady at one of our local malls to help raise both much-needed money and awareness. I've done this appeal several times, and what always draws attention is something different. So, this year, I put on my purple stormtrooper outfit, complete with a set of purple angel wings. "Why purple?" I hear you ask. Well, it stands out and is that little bit different; but on top of that, it was the last colour I'd sprayed the outfit when I did a charity sponsored walk for the SPCA.

It was quite a rainy day that Friday, so the mall was quieter than usual; but that still didn't stop the generosity of those people that did pass by us. Many were quite happy to donate not just their loose change but notes as well, and many even went to the bank to withdraw money to donate. The SPCA is a charity dear to many people's hearts, especially here in Christchurch, New Zealand, where they did invaluable work helping animals after the devastating earthquakes we had a few years back.

All in all, we had a great day; and we are just waiting to hear back on how much we raised for this great cause. I for one am certainly looking forward to helping the SPCA out again next year.



SMAJ M Smith as a Stormtrooper Superhero for the SPCA

The SPCA is a charity that helps protect animals who are sick, injured, lost, abused or simply abandoned. Every year, our 40 SPCA Centres across the country receive over 45,000 animals through their doors and 14,000 animal welfare complaints.

As a charity, we rely almost entirely on the generosity of New Zealanders to carry out our life-saving work, as we receive only a small amount of government funding. The majority of our income comes from public donations, bequests and our own fundraising initiatives.

We are the only charity with the power to prosecute people under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

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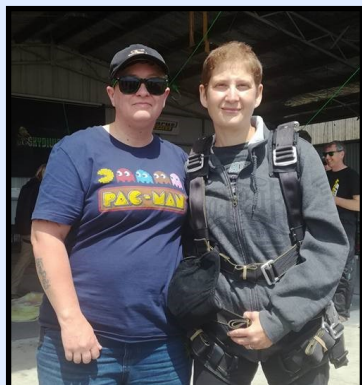
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Parachute Jump

SMAJ M Smith
OIC-376th MEU, 11th Brigade



COL Angie Smith (L) with SMAJ M Smith (R) at Jump for Cancer

Who would have thought that shortly after arriving in New Zealand I would have been diagnosed with stomach cancer? But that is what happened... and now, several years on, having gone through chemo, stomach removal, and further chemo, I'm still here fighting,

despite being given a 15% chance of surviving five years.

With the help of my loving wife, who also is my unit DOIC in the 376th MEU, I began working on my bucket list. A parachute jump has always been there, ever since my Dad did his first jump when I was a child. So, when the Cancer Society Canterbury put up their Jump for Cancer 2017, I knew this was a cause I had to support; and I'd get to knock something off my list, too.

As soon as the Doctor gave me the thumbs-up, the jump was booked for the 24th November 2017; and I began fund-raising. Pretty soon I was blown away by the generosity of others, and my total soon reached \$1506.87, enough both to pay for the jump and to ensure the Cancer Society received a nice donation as well.

On jump day itself there were several others also taking part, including George, an 87-year-old man. We were all there for the same reason; we had all been touched by cancer. Strangely, I wasn't nervous, just excited; for years I had been wanting to do this, and now that dream was coming true.

Before long we were introduced to our tandem instructors and geared up. Then we headed to the small plane. There was only room for the pilot, two tandem instructors, myself, and another lady. Somehow a sports jumper also managed to squeeze into the plane as well, but he jumped out before we did.

Despite a lovely warm day on the

ground, it was quite cold when we reached jump height. The other lady left the plane before me; but soon we were drifting down through the skies, and boy, it is so amazing, so exhilarating, just falling through the skies. There is something so calming and tranquil about it. I was lucky in that my instructor let me control my chute for part of the jump as well.

Back on the ground, we got to watch our jump videos. I can honestly say I must do this again; and to anyone else thinking about undertaking a parachute jump, do it! It is one of the most amazing experiences you will ever undertake. Thank you, Skydiving Kiwis, thank you Cancer Society, thank you to everyone who donated; and most importantly, thank you, Colonel Angie Smith, for making this happen.



SMAJ M Smith with 2 other "jumpers" and their instructors
Photo by COL Angie Smith



SMAJ M Smith in flight.
Photo by COL Angie Smith

PIZZA



ADM Linda Kloempken (right),
2018 IC Chair, with her husband,
Dave

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The recipe for Giordano's now-famous stuffed pizza is one that has evolved over 200 years.

Its creation began in a small northern Italian town near Torino, Italy. Mama Giordano was famous around town for her exquisite cooking. Of all her renowned dishes, her most beloved meal was her "Italian Easter Pie". Mama Giordano would serve this double- crusted, cheese stuffed masterpiece on special occasions. This pizza pie became a sacred tradition in the Giordano family and a legend in the town of Torino. Years later, Italian immigrants Efren and Joseph Boglio moved to Chicago to start their own pizza business. The brothers introduced their Mama's recipe for stuffed pizza. In 1974, on Chicago's historic south side, Efren and Joseph opened the first Giordano's in the world. Over the next 40 years and counting, millions of happy and loyal fans as well as hundreds of critics call Giordano's the city's "best" stuffed pizza! The rest is history you can still taste today, along with our other great starters, fresh salads, outstanding pastas and unique sandwiches.

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Greetings from the STARFLEET Discovery Recruitment Contest HQ! It's been an amazing 7 months and as of this writing, we've recruited 484 new members into STARFLEET pushing us up to 5380 members. We're solidly above the 5,000-member mark for the first time in many years and it's all due to the hard work of 117 chapters who are taking part in this project!

Here are the rankings for March 2018. The big news here is the debut of the *USS Panda*, our newly launched chapter in China and how they've exploded onto the scene tying for second place

USS Cuchulain 38; *USS Narragansett* 20; *USS Panda* 20; *USS Missouri* 16

The contest runs until 31 July 2018. Winner will be announced at the International Conference. Will the Cuchulain hold onto its lead? Will the Panda overtake the lead?

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