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The Story of *The Starry Night* (1889)

Vincent van Gogh (Dutch, 1853—1890) is considered by many to be one of the most famous Post-Impressionist artists of all time. Though his paintings only received attention after his death, they continue to inspire generations of artists with his choice of bold colors and expressive brush strokes.

"This morning I saw the countryside from my window a long time before sunrise, with nothing but the morning star, which looked very big," wrote van Gogh to his brother Theo, describing his inspiration for one of his best-known paintings, The Starry Night (1889).³ The window to which he refers was in the Saint-Paul asylum in Saint-Rémy, in southern France, where he sought respite from his emotional suffering while continuing to make art.

Information provided by: https://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/vincent-van-gogh-the-starry-night-1889



For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.

—Vincent van Gogh





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Commander, STARFLEET

FADM Dan Toole

As the Commander STARFLEET, I often get asked the question, "Why do we do that?" Well, in this series of articles, I am going to do my best to answer those questions.

We are a fan club. Why are we even incorporated at all? This is a great question that comes up on a regular basis. I have been explaining the reasoning to people privately for a while now, but I think it's time to explain it to everyone.

Having STARFLEET incorporated means that the group is its own legal entity. This designation gives a ton of protection to the members, for not a lot of work.

Each year, all we have to do to remain an incorporated body is fill out a little form in North Carolina and pay a small fee. So, that is the work; but what about the protection?

First and foremost, being incorporated gives us the ability to transfer easily from one Administration to another. Because STARFLEET exists in a legal sense, we do not have the problem of a single person getting upset and taking all the work with them if they leave. After all, we have seen far too many groups break off from our ranks, build a membership base, get tired of running things and leave their members high and dry when they quit. We are protected from that with the incorporated status.

Secondly, being incorporated allows us to get bank accounts that actually belong to STARFLEET. I know there are other ways to get a bank account for a group, but this way allows us to have all the security of any other corporation. On top of that, there is no commingling of monies (personal funds and STARFLEET funds residing in the same account). Having these separate accounts and the bank knowing our security policies is just another way that being incorporated can protect the membership.

Being incorporated helps protect not only the members but also the EC and AB. Without a STARFLEET entity, the members of the Board would be considered owners of the organization. What that would mean for them is that their assets and STARFLEET assets would be the same under the law. Why is this a problem? Well if a member gets angry and decides to sue STARFLEET, and we were not a separate legal entity, the person suing could request personal items as well as STARFLEET funds for restitution. As much as I care for this organization, I am not willing to put my house on the line for it. Without that separate legal entity, any money that the organization made would get distributed to the Board; and they would be responsible for all the taxes owing to that. Fortunately, we are a corporation. Only STARFLEET assets are available for possible restitution, and STARFLEET's money is its own.

Lastly, incorporating allowed STARFLEET to apply to the IRS to be a 501(c)(7) not-for-profit organization. This brings me to the next question I get asked a lot.

Why are we a Not-for-Profit at all? Once again, the benefits of this far outweigh the time reporting. Each year we are required to file a 990 with the IRS, which shows our activity was all related to our mission. While this does take a little time, it is very much worth it to the Fleet.

The most important benefit of being a non-profit is that we do not have to pay corporate *income* tax.

Right now the corporate income tax rate is 21%, if we had to pay this then \$1.05 of every membership would end up going to the IRS. Being a 501(c)(7) doesn't get us out of all taxes. We still pay sales tax and some other little taxes, but getting out of *income* tax is a huge benefit for the Fleet.

But doesn't being a not-for-profit mean we can't make any money? Actually, no, this is a misconception that a lot of people have; but a non-profit *can* make money. The definition of a non-profit (or not-for-profit, the terms are used interchangeably) is that no person or group of people can get a distribution of profits or dividends. More simply, it means that all the money made by the organization has to be used to achieve its goals or for the betterment of the organization. I have worked at many non-profits over the years, and they could pay salaries, buy gifts, or reimburse mileage. As long as there is no owner taking the profits away to buy a boat, we are good.

So, does that mean that my membership fee is tax-deductible? Unfortunately no, while we do count as a non-profit, we do not count as a charity. One day, however, I could see us turning the scholarship program into a separate subsidiary, and that would be tax-deductible. But that is a conversation for another day.

So, those are four of the questions I get asked most as CS. Hopefully, I was able to help everyone understand them a little better. As always, if you have questions, you can always email me at CS@SFL.ORG. Just please remember that we are very busy at HQ, so don't get upset if it takes a couple of days to get a response. Next time, I think we will go through the order of our documents and what to do when there is a conflict between them. Until then, fair winds and following seas.

Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

RADM Michael Garcia

Since the middle of May, a lot of the discussions I've been having with Regional Coordinators, Chapter Commanding Officers, and the members-at-large involve the EU's new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and, in a post-Brexit world, the UK's own Data Protection Acts. Due to the nature of my profession, I've been embroiled in GDPR training and have learned what I could about those laws. Through those conversations with the members mentioned earlier and a well-attended Ask Me Anything (AMA) held last month, I feel that there are still several questions concerning what needs to change in our organization to comply with this law.

STARFLEET, along with all the other corporate entities on the planet, has decided to implement GDPR as a global policy. Therefore, GDPR protections are now enjoyed by all members of STARFLEET, whether they live in the EU or not.

GDPR went into effect on 25 May 2018, and it changes the nature of how we conduct ourselves within STARFLEET. Failure to comply with this may result in fines that could end the organization by bankrupting us or possibly end our affiliations with our European members. The everyday things we do within the Membership Database, like looking up a fellow member, using elevated access to find email addresses to reach out to members, these are protected under this new law. According to the regulations, the following personally identifying information items that we use within our organization to identify a member are protected:

First, middle, and last names / Birthdate/Age.

Physical Address.

Email Address. / IP addresses.

Internally Assigned Numbers (SCCs)*

* With SCCs we must be careful, as collecting, accessing, or transporting any information that has both the SCC and any other identifying information falls under GDPR.

STARFLEET chapters having international members with rights under GDPR will find themselves needing to alter their day-to-day use of the database. An example of this change will affect the oft-used CSV printouts. GDPR protects against what's known as unencrypted Data Transport, which includes printing a CSV of information on a piece of paper and leaving it out in the open. If you're a Chapter CO with a member from the EU on your ship, and you print their personal information and then lose that printout, that's a Data Breach under GDPR; and you must notify the STARFLEET Helpdesk immediately.

If you enjoy elevated access to the Database and use your rights to look up another member and then disclose any personal information to another member who does not have those rights, that's also a Data Breach and puts the organization at risk. Notify the STARFLEET Helpdesk immediately.

Following a Data Breach, STARFLEET is required by law to notify those affected. If we do not, we're in violation of the law. Any EU citizen affected by said breach may then file a complaint to the local Data Protection Authority (DPA); they will investigate our organization to determine the damage done to the affected member(s) and assess whether any sanctions or fines will be levied on us.

It is of the utmost importance that we remember that any member trusted with access to this information has a duty and responsibility to protect that data at all costs under this new regulation. Those who break that trust will find their access removed, as they pose a catastrophic risk to STARFLEET by not placing that trust above all else.

This year, at the International Conference, I will be leading and participating in discussions with the attending members on how to modify access, transport, and consent behaviors under GDPR. After my talking with its Commandant and Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy is currently working on a new set of courses for all members on GDPR compliance in day-to-day access and how to report breaches to the STARFLEET Helpdesk at <http://helpdesk.sfi.org>.

Data Protection is a team effort. Every member must contribute to make our compliance a success. By working together, we can ensure that we're doing the right thing by all members by ensuring that we protect the personal information placed in our hands. If we allow any misconduct to go unreported, we're breaking the trust given to us by our members; we're breaking the law, and we're putting the future of the organization at great risk.

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 Eagle</i>	R04	04/01/1979	39	<i>USS Vre'Kasht</i>	R06	06/28/2008	10
<i>USS Czar'ak</i>	R06	04/01/1984	34	<i>USS Hecate</i>	R07	04/14/2009	09
<i>USS Heimdal</i>	R01	04/01/1985	33	<i>USS Reprisal</i>	R01	05/01/2010	08
<i>USS Avenger</i>	R07	06/21/1985	33	<i>USS Stargazer</i>	R20	06/02/2010	08
<i>USS Yeager</i>	R01	05/01/1987	31	<i>USS Golden Gate</i>	R04	04/18/2011	07
<i>USS Hornet</i>	R01	06/02/1987	31	<i>USS Battle Born</i>	R03	04/19/2011	07
<i>USS Republic</i>	R02	05/14/1988	30	<i>USS Dominion</i>	R07	05/14/2011	07
<i>USS Bonaventure</i>	R01	06/26/1988	30	<i>USS Drakonia</i>	R01	06/25/2011	07
<i>USS Albany</i>	R07	06/27/1990	28	<i>Station Robert de Bruce</i>	R01	05/19/2012	06
<i>USS Star League</i>	R01	04/27/1991	27	<i>USS Alba</i>	R20	05/21/2013	05
<i>USS Khai Tam</i>	R02	04/04/1992	26	<i>USS Leonidas</i>	R04	05/22/2014	04
<i>USS Thunderchild</i>	R06	04/04/1992	26	<i>USS George Washington</i>	R02	04/11/2015	03
<i>USS Imperium</i>	R06	04/20/1992	26	<i>USS Reval</i>	R09	04/12/2015	03
<i>USS Arizona</i>	R01	04/03/1993	25	<i>USS Orion</i>	R12	04/29/2015	03
<i>USS Destiny</i>	R05	05/28/1994	24	<i>USS Valkyrie</i>	R04	05/10/2015	03
<i>USS Peacekeeper</i>	R04	06/02/1994	24	<i>USS Liberty</i>	R01	05/13/2015	03
<i>USS Wind Spirit</i>	R17	04/01/1995	23	<i>USS Freedom</i>	R01	06/16/2015	03
<i>USS Haise</i>	R02	04/27/1995	23	<i>USS Narrgansett</i>	R15	06/21/2015	03
<i>ISS Pegasus</i>	R04	06/05/1996	22	<i>USS Endurance</i>	R03	05/22/2016	02
<i>USS Angeles</i>	R04	05/14/1998	20	<i>USS OMNIPathfinders</i>	R18	06/27/2016	02
<i>USS BortaS</i>	R12	04/15/2000	18	<i>USS Gorkon</i>	R01	04/01/2017	01
<i>USS Dark Phoenix</i>	R12	05/11/2002	16	<i>USS Appleton</i>	R20	04/22/2017	01
<i>USS Magellan</i>	R13	05/20/2002	16	<i>USS Balthasar</i>	R04	04/25/2017	01
<i>ISS Nelson</i>	R15	05/17/2003	15	<i>USS Blackstone</i>	R12	04/29/2017	01
<i>USS DeBraak</i>	R07	06/23/2003	15	<i>USS Appalachia</i>	R01	05/28/2017	01
<i>USS Indiana</i>	R01	05/01/2004	14	<i>USS Coyote</i>	R04	06/24/2017	01
<i>USS Corsair</i>	R03	04/19/2008	10				
<i>USS North Carolina</i>	R01	05/20/2008	10				

Welcome to the Fleet



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This Summer you can expand your knowledge with the wide range of courses available from the Academy. We encourage all STARFLEET members to check out the course catalog and see the offerings available.

This issue I will be giving you a brief overview of the **Institute of Military Studies**.

For those interested in the security of the Fleet and its history, we have an online set of courses covering the job and history of Security Officers. You can take the exams directly and receive your grades shortly after completion.

Courses in strategy and tactics have you considering the actions of ships in the Fleet in various situations.

Richard Hewitt says:

I am the Director of 5 schools in the Institute of Military Studies. Remember, if you do not learn from the past, you are doomed to repeat it.

- ♦ *A Nation's Beginnings (CMIK-NB) will test your knowledge of US military history from the distant past through the creation of the United States. In this school, we will cover the Anglo-American War of 1812, both on land and on the seas, the American Revolution, the French and Indian War, and the Mexican-American War.*
- ♦ *Ancient Military Knowledge (CMIK-AMK) will test your knowledge of military history from the Egyptian wars through Alexander the Great.*
- ♦ *Coming of Age (CMIK-CA) explores the military actions from after the American Civil War through the Spanish-American War and World War I.*
- ♦ *Military Trivia (CMIK-MT) will test your knowledge of general military history and military-related facts.*
- ♦ *The Electronic Age (CMIK-EA) will test your knowledge of recent military history, from the Korean War to present.*

This school is a fun yet informative college where you just might learn something along the way. Hope to see you taking some of my courses soon.

We have courses available in world military history, from the Vikings through the Norman invasions and the Hundred Years War, to the Napoleonic Wars, the Greeks, Romans, and the Crusades, and how these conflicts influenced the world. We have courses on the history of some noted naval ships, some of which will test your knowledge of what the types of ships looked like.

We have several courses for military enthusiasts interested in subjects from camouflage and defensive tactics to rappelling and the various types of operations. You can pick up information on military equipment, helicopter flight, weapons identification and safety, or communications. You may be interested in the US Special Forces and their histories and training, as well as the special operations troops of other countries around the world.

For those who are not interested in the military but are interested in American History, the Institute of History and Government—IOHG has courses on historical sites and the US Presidents.

You will find a selection of other subjects ranging from Art Appreciation to International history, including Asian studies, African studies, and Middle Eastern history in the Institute of International studies—IOIS.

In our recently expanded Institute of Medicine, there are courses in Medical specialties and Human Anatomy, with more courses being added regularly. There are courses in STARFLEET Medicine, the doctors and nurses of *Star Trek*, as well as real-life space medicine and cancer studies. We have been expanding this college and seeing spinoff courses in Traditional Medicine, Mortuary Science, and Chiropractic Medicine.

If there is a subject you do not see in the catalog, let us know; some Colleges have been closed but can be reopened if there is interest in the subjects. Our prime purpose is to serve the members of STARFLEET by providing information on subjects which are *Star Trek* related and otherwise.

You can now take several subjects online, accessing the courses for download directly from the Academy system, where you do not have to wait to receive them. These are things you can do in one day, when rain prevents you from doing things outside, or you just want to explore the Academy.

Our Directors stand ready to assist if you have questions about courses or need courses graded and entered into the database. If your ship has taken on a challenge to see who can take the greatest number of courses, we will work with you to help you along.

Institute of Military Studies ❖ College of Military Knowledge

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Crusades Military Knowledge

If you are a fan of medieval times, knights, and the Crusades I invite you to visit the College of Crusades Military Knowledge! The college is currently undergoing updating, and we are in the final phase-Beta Testing. What is new you ask? Manuals have been created for each exam. Therefore, students no longer need to hunt the web for their answers, cutting down on the time required to take the exams. The original exam on The Religious Knights has been expanded to three exams. This gives students a closer look at the orders of the Knights Templar, the Knights Hospitaller and the Teutonic Knights.

Once the updates have been approved, there will be 17 courses available covering all the Crusades. There are no pre-requisites and the courses can be taken in any order. The courses cover the military aspects of the Crusades, as implied in the title of the College. While they are not an in-depth study of the Crusades, they give an overview, and may just encourage you to want to learn more!

Civil War Military Knowledge

The Civil War, between The United States of America and The Confederate States of America was the devastating war in the United States. This war pitted fellow citizens, neighbors, friends and families against each other. Even though The United States prevailed, both sides suffered heavy losses. The Civil War College of Military Knowledge covers the battles fought during the war. The student will meet famed Generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. You will be introduced to the battle sites themselves and recount the way the battles unfolded. Students will also get a sense of the hopes for a quick end to the war and the despondence as it dragged on. The final meeting between Lee and Grant at Appomattox stands in stark contrast to all their meetings on the battlefield; a first step towards reuniting a broken nation.

Some of the battles that are covered are Shiloh, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Chattanooga and Sherman's March to the Sea. There are also courses covering the naval battles fought during the Civil War, including one course dedicated to the battle between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia. There are 162 courses to choose from in the Civil War College. There are no pre-requisites and the exams can be taken in any order. Currently there are no manuals for the exams; all answers can be found on the web, mostly at Wikipedia.com, however, there are plans to create manuals for the exams soon. So, whether you are a history buff or just want to learn more about this chapter in United States history, please stop by and peruse the Civil War College!

Roman War Military Knowledge

The Romans have been a source of study and inspiration-their people, government, architecture, art, writings and more. The legacy of Rome spans more than 100 years and during that time it grew from a Kingdom to an Empire to a Republic. At the height of its power Rome spread it's influence over the continent of Europe, including England, and parts of the African continent. Their influence can still be felt and seen today, across the world.

This College focuses on the battles covering Rome's rise from a Kingdom to a Republic. Some of the military history covered is the First and Second Punic Wars, Gallic Wars, The Roman Persian Wars, the Jewish Revolts, the Gothic Wars and the Final Civil War. These courses do not give an in-depth look into Rome's military history, but they will give the students a look what contributed to Rome's rise and eventual fall. The Roman Military College has 34 exams available. There are no pre-requisites and the courses can be taken in any order. Currently there are no manuals for the exams; all answers can be found on the web, mostly at Wikipedia.com, however, there are plans to create manuals for the exams soon. Please stop by and get a glimpse of the epic that is Rome!





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Jay Ansky, *USS Susquehannock*, Region 07

John Hoppa, Jr., *USS Renegade*, Region 01

TO VICE ADMIRAL

Pamela Michaud, *USS Ronald E McNair*, Region 01

Ben Redding, *Bennu Station*, Region 01

ORDER OF AXANAR

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

Second Class

RJ Carter, *USS Reaper*, R03
Beau Thacker, *USS Reaper*, R03

ORDER OF BABEL

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

Third Class

David Campbell, *USS King Edward*, R10
Rob Ehlers, *USS Dakota*, R06
Zonna Ehlers, *USS Dakota*, R06
Becky Jarman, *USS Dakota*, R06
Beau Thacker, *USS Reaper*, R03

Second Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R03

ORDER OF COCHRANE

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

Third Class

Derek France, *USS King Edward*, R10
Marie Smith, *376th MEU*, R11

Second Class

Franklin Gonzalez, *USS Roger Williams*, R15
Cher Schleigh, *USS Sovereign*, R07

First Class

Greg Mortensen, *USS Tydirium*, R11

ORDER of Darmok and Jalad

Outreach – Awarded to a member for a significant act of friendship or outreach shown to a fellow STARFLEET member, or for outreach to their community on behalf of their chapter, region or STARFLEET.

Third Class

(2) Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Raymond Boudreau, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Shannon Cory, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Patrick Devine, *USS Thermopylae*, R05
Shayna Este, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Second Class

Robert Ybarra, *USS Bexar*, R03

First Class

Theresa Morello, *USS Tydirium*, R11

Order of DIONYSUS

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

Third Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Shayna Este, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Daylin Finch, *USS Robins*, R01
Brian Nietfeld, *USS Zavala*, R03

ORDER of Gaea

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

Third Class

Haleigh Parmley, *USS Constellation*, R01
Steven Parmley, *USS Constellation*, R01

GRANKITE ORDER OF TACTICS

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

Third Class

Duncan Cameron, *USS Dejah Thoris*, R02
Rob Ehlers, *USS Dakota*, R06
Zonna Ehlers, *USS Dakota*, R06
Becky Jarman, *USS Dakota*, R06

Second Class

Shannon Cory, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R03

First Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Steven Bice, *USS Harlequin*, R03
Mike Brown, *USS Neptune*, R03
Brandon Case, *USS New Orleans*, R03

ORDER OF HERODOTUS

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

Third Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03
Shannon Cory, *USS New Orleans*, R03





ORDER OF HERODOTUS CONTINUED

Third Class

Shayna Este, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Marie Smith, *376th MEU*, R11

Second Class

Beau Thacker, *USS Reaper*, R03

First Class

Mike Brown, *USS Neptune*, R03

Order of Prentares

Space Research or Exploration – Awarded to a member for significant activity in promoting the cause of space research or exploration. Activities need not be STARFLEET-related.

Third Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Raymond Boudreau, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Robert Hall, *USS Zavala*, R03

James Stewart, *USS Zavala*, R03

ORDER OF RODDENBERRY

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

Third Class

Keith Rombach, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Second Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03

John Hardy, *USS Alba*, R20

Dallas Reinhart, *USS King Edward*, R10

Erica Smith, *USS Appleton*, R20

Ian Struthers, *USS Alba*, R20

Clare Williams, *USS Appleton*, R20

ORDER OF S'HARIEN

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

Third Class

Randolph Allen, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Tony Burr, *USS Merlin*, R20



ORDER OF SAMARITAN

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

Third Class

Wesley Cameron, *USS Dark Phoenix*, R12

Karen Dickson, *USS Alba*, R20

Mary Everly, *USS Dark Phoenix*, R12

Michael Lewis, *USS Heimdal*, R01

Alexandra McDonald, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Carl McDonald, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Heather McDonald, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Tyr-a McDonald, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Ronnie Ryder, *USS Reaper*, R03

Marie Smith, *376th MEU*, R11

Luther Todd, *USS Zavala*, R03

Second Class

David Bailey, *USS Reaper*, R03

Michael Denman, *Retribution Station*, R03

Sarah Denman, *Retribution Station*, R03

Savannah Denman, *Retribution Station*, R03

Dan Gaskins, *Retribution Station*, R03

Geddy Hamblen, *Retribution Station*, R03

Allie Henson, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Samuel Hinerman, *Retribution Station*, R03

Ryan Pernelli, *Retribution Station*, R03

Beau Thacker, *USS Reaper*, R03

ORDER OF SURAK

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

Third Class

Bridget Bileci, *USS New Orleans*, R03

Carol Hall, *USS Jurassic*, R01

Connor Long, *USS Indiana*, R01

Sara McClaren, *USS Indiana*, R01

First Class

Beau Thacker, *USS Reaper*, R03

ORDER OF TARBOLDE OF CANOPIUS

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

Third Class

Francisco Beltran, *USS Hecate*, R02

Sandy Reid, *USS Reaper*, R03

Marie Smith, *376th MEU*, R11

The Sky

in July and August

RADM Eric Schulman, STARFLEET Sciences Chief Astronomer
USS Matrix, Region 7

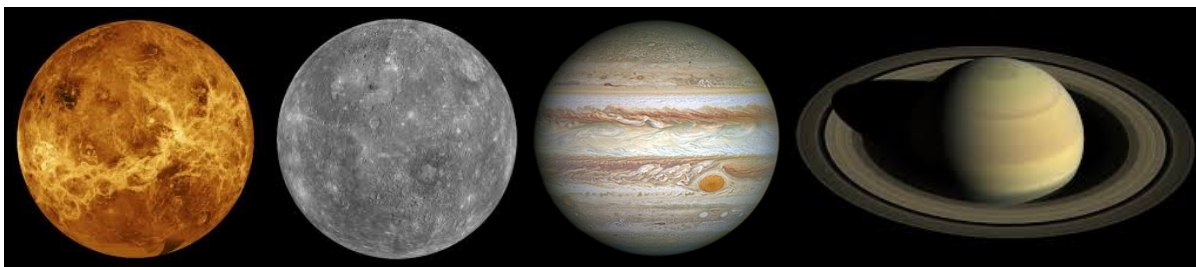
Welcome to summer for those in the Northern Hemisphere and to winter for those in the Southern Hemisphere! Here's what will be happening in the sky during the next couple of months.

The Moon will be New on July 13, which means it will be between the Earth and the Sun, rising and setting when the Sun does. This will cause a partial solar eclipse visible from southern Australia close to Melbourne, from Tasmania, and from Antarctica near Dumont d'Urville Station (where *March of the Penguins* was filmed). The Moon's orbit is inclined at a 5-degree angle, so most months we don't get a solar eclipse at New Moon (typical years have two solar eclipses; there will be three during 2018). New Moon is a good time to view the sky from a site far from city lights. There will be a Full Moon on July 27, which means the Earth will be between the Moon and the Sun, so the Moon rises when the Sun sets and sets when the Sun rises. The longest lunar eclipse of the 21st century will happen during this Full Moon: 103 minutes for Eastern Africa and Central Asia. It will also be visible after moonrise for South America, Western Africa, and Europe, and before moonset over Eastern Asia and Australia. Full Moon is a good time to observe the Moon, since it is up all night; and you can see the entire near side of the Moon (when it is not being eclipsed, of course). The Moon will be New again on August 11, causing another partial solar eclipse, this one visible from northeast Canada, Greenland, Scotland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and China. The Moon will be Full again on August 26.



Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun, which can make it challenging to observe. On July 12, it will be 26 degrees West of the Sun (just two degrees less than the farthest it ever gets from the Sun), making that a good time to observe Mercury in the evening shortly after sunset. Those who prefer mornings should go outside on August 26, when Mercury will be 18 degrees East of the Sun and so will be observable in the morning shortly before dawn.

Venus will be visible in the early evening during these months. On July 15, Venus will be about 1.5 degrees from the waxing crescent Moon shortly after sunset to viewers in North America. Venus will be 46 degrees from the Sun on August 17, making that a good evening to see Venus for a while after sunset.



Venus

Mercury

Jupiter

Saturn

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On July 31, Mars will be 58 million kilometers away, the closest it's been to Earth since 2003. Between July 7 and September 6, Mars will be the fourth brightest object in the sky after the Sun, the Moon, and Venus. It will be at its brightest between July 21 and August 3. Mars will be in opposition (on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun) on July 27, when it will be four times brighter than Sirius and twice as bright as Jupiter. Be sure to look at it if you are in the path of the July 27 lunar eclipse.

Jupiter and Saturn will be visible in the evening during these months. If you have access to a telescope, look at Jupiter to see its cloud bands and its four largest moons, and at Saturn to see its rings and its largest moon, Titan.

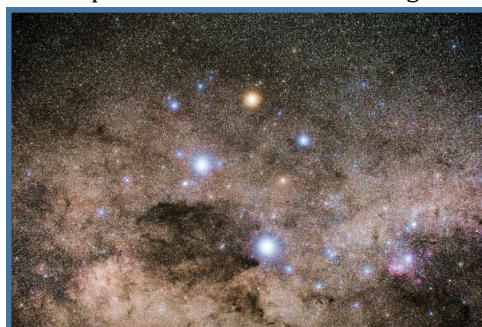


The Perseids meteor shower will peak in the evening of August 12. The waxing crescent Moon will set shortly after the Sun, making the rest of the night a great opportunity to view meteors from dark sites in the Northern Hemisphere.

So that's what's going on in the sky during July and August of 2018. But, of course, the July/August sky will also contain all the stars, galaxies, globular clusters, and nebulae that they always do.

A prominent trio of stars in the Northern Hemisphere is the Summer Triangle, which is overhead for latitudes between 9 and 45 degrees North during the Northern Summer. It consists of Altair (to which the *Enterprise* was heading before Mr. Spock diverted it to Vulcan in *Amok Time*), Deneb (home to the Denebian Slime Devil), and Vega (where the Vega colony was located). All three are bright stars and so are easily found, even from sites that aren't very dark. If you are at a dark site, you will be able to see the Milky Way going through the middle of the Summer Triangle. If you have access to binoculars and a dark site, you can see how the Milky Way is made up of an astronomically large number of stars. The Summer Triangle can also be seen from parts of the Southern Hemisphere north of about 40 degrees south. (Altair is visible to almost the entire planet, but one star doesn't make a very good triangle.) Close to Deneb is a double star known as Albireo, which is an amazing sight if you have access to a telescope because the brighter star is very yellow, and the dimmer star is very blue, providing a dramatic color contrast. Another not-to-be-missed telescope object is the Ring Nebula (M57) in Lyra, south of Vega. The Ring Nebula is a planetary nebula that was formed when a red giant star expelled much of its outer layer on its way to becoming a white dwarf. The Hercules globular cluster (M13) of hundreds of thousands of stars is also an excellent place to point your telescope. It's located between Vega and Arcturus.

The Southern Hemisphere also has a famous set of stars, which gave its name to a song by Crosby, Stills, and Nash that reached number 18 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1982: The Southern Cross. With a declination of 60 degrees south, it is a southern constellation that is directly overhead only to people who are north of Antarctica and south of South America, Africa, and Australia. But it can be seen by everyone in the Southern Hemisphere and the most southern parts of the Northern Hemisphere. Although bright, none of the stars in the Southern Cross are particularly famous. But nearby in the sky is Alpha Centauri, which is the closest star system to our Solar System. The Alpha Centauri system includes three stars, the brightest of which (Alpha Centauri A) is just a little bit more massive than our own Sun. The Southern Hemisphere has some remarkable astronomical objects visible to the naked eye, including the Large and Small Magellanic Clouds (irregular galaxies that orbit the Milky Way) and Omega Centauri (the Galaxy's largest globular cluster).



The Southern Cross is one of the most recognizable patterns of stars in the southern night sky, and forms part of the constellation Crux. The Southern Cross itself is actually classed as an asterism (as is the Summer Triangle), not a constellation, as the word 'constellation' applies to 88 specific areas of the whole night sky.

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From: <https://www.spaceanswers.com/>

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If you don't have a telescope, I highly recommend going to a star party, where knowledgeable people with telescopes who can show you the objects discussed above (assuming they are visible from your location, of course), plus many more. To find public star parties in the United States, go to the NASA Night Sky Network site at <https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/clubs-and-events.cfm> and tell it your location. It will provide you with a calendar of events in your area. For those outside the United States, search the web for Star Party and the name of your city or country.

Here are this summer's zodiac signs and their constellations.

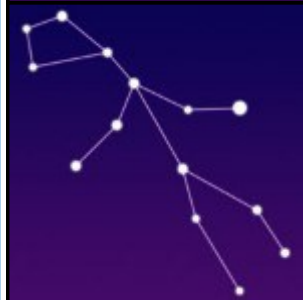
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CANCER ("crab") is the 9th biggest zodiac constellation, and the 31st largest constellation overall, taking up a 1.2% area of the sky. It is visible during autumn to spring from northern hemisphere locations, although best seen during the month of March. The brightest star in Cancer is [Al Tarf](#) (Beta Cancr), an orange giant situated 290 light years away of magnitude +3.5. Deep-Sky Objects ([DSOs](#)) in the constellation include galaxies (NGC 2775, NGC 2535 & NGC 2536, NGC 2500, NGC 2608), and star clusters (Messier 44, Messier 67). The one meteor shower associated with Cancer is called the Delta Cancrids.



LEO ("lion") is the 3rd biggest zodiac constellation, and the 12th largest constellation overall, taking up a 2.3% area of the sky. It is visible during the winter to spring time from northern hemisphere locations, although best seen during the month of April. The brightest star in Leo is [Regulus](#) (Alpha Leonis), a multiple system lying 77 light years distant of magnitude +1.35. Deep-Sky Objects ([DSOs](#)) in the constellation include numerous galaxies (Messier 65, Messier 66, Messier 95, Messier 96, Messier 105, NGC 3628, NGC 3607, NGC 3593, NGC 3384, NGC 3842, NGC 3596, NGC 2903, NGC 3626, NGC 3357), as well huge quasar groups (CCLQG, Huge-LQG)....



VIRGO ("virgin") is the largest zodiac constellation, and the 2nd largest constellation overall, taking up a 3.1% area of the sky. It is visible during the spring and summer time from northern hemisphere locations, although best seen during the month of May. The brightest star in Virgo is [Spica](#) (Alpha Virginis), a multiple system situated 260 light years away of magnitude +1.04. Deep-Sky Objects ([DSOs](#)) in the constellation include numerous galaxies (Messier 49, Messier 58, Messier 59, Messier 60, Messier 61, Messier 84, Messier 86, Messier 87, Messier 89, Messier 90, Messier 104, NGC 4435 & NGC 4438, NGC 4216, NGC 4567 & NGC 4568, NGC 4526, NGC 4261), and a quasar called 3C 273. The two meteor shower associated with Virgo includes the Virginids, and the Mu Virginids.



LIBRA ("weighing scales") is the 7th biggest zodiac constellation, and the 29th largest constellation overall, taking up a 1.3% area of the sky. It is visible during the spring and summer time from northern hemisphere locations, although best seen during the month of June. The brightest star in Libra is [Zubeneschamali](#) (Beta Librae), a blue-white dwarf lying 185 light years away of magnitude +2.61. Deep-Sky Objects ([DSOs](#)) in the constellation includes galaxies (NGC 5792, NGC 5890, NGC 5897, NGC 5885), and the globular cluster NGC 5897. The one meteor shower associated with Libra is called the May Librids.

For more information on constellations and stargazing this summer, check out the following links:

<https://stardate.org/nightsky/constellations>

<https://www.space.com/skywatching>

<https://www.astronomytrek.com/>

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-resources/annual-stargazing-events/>

The Pirates of Pigeon Forge II

A REGION 1 SUMMIT EXPERIENCE FROM TWO PERSPECTIVES

On May 17th, the *USS Star League*, for the first time in our chapter's history had the privilege to act as host for our Regional Summit. Team Summit made up of representatives of several chapters of the Region as well as many of the *Star League* crew had worked behind the scenes for several months to make this event happen. For those members of Region One who were able to join us in Pigeon Forge TN, all seemed to have a wonderful time. This coming together of chapters from across the region reflected some of the best qualities of STARFLEET International—various chapters sponsoring panels, participating in challenges and enjoying each other's company. This summit sought to bring back old favorites from the past while adding some new twists, we also added new events, while allowing members of the region to have a period of free time to renew old bonds and form new friendships. I am particularly proud of the team that joined together and the efforts my crew put forth to make this event possible. The providing of lunch and refreshments at Quarks on Risa during the Saturday night dance. It was a positive experience for everyone who attended and through the generosity of the attendees our regional charities benefited as well. Thank you to everyone who made this successful event possible. A special thank you to Admiral Wade Larkin who shared his knowledge of hosting summits, offering both his support and time throughout the process!

Carnell Eubanks

Commanding Officer, *USS Star League*



Check out pics from the Summit on the next page!



Pam Michaud
R1 Awards Director
Commanding Officer, *USS Ronald E McNair*

May 18-20, 2018 saw Region One holding their annual summit. The theme of this year's summit was "The Pirates of Pigeon Forge II". The summit officially opened at 8:30 in the evening. The video contest entries were shown shortly thereafter.

Events at the summit included panels given on various subjects such as *Star Trek Discovery*, Region One RDC Program Overview, Region One Sciences, Region One Communications, Colonial Ministry of Defense, The Mothman of Point Pleasant and Missing 411: Disappearances from U.S. and Canadian National Parks. A Star Trek Trivia was held as well. There were duck races on the lazy river as well as a scavenger hunt.

A tug of war was held between the pirates and HMS members. Alas, HMS members were outgunned. Though the HMS members put up a valiant fight the pirates prevailed in this battle.

The Region One Auction was to benefit our Space Camp Scholarship and Region One Relief Fund.

A dance contest a la *Guardians of the Galaxy*, was held Saturday evening and was won by Cadet Crewman Valerie Bazemore of the *USS Indiana*.

TREK TRIVIA

1st Nathan Mclellan – *USS Drakonia*

2nd Stephen Stott – *USS Ronald E McNair*

3rd Richard Heim – *USS Alaric*

SCAVENGER HUNT

1st Team *USS Ronald E McNair*

2nd Team *USS Heimdal*

1ST DUCK RACE OPEN

Robin Hudson – *USS Heimdal*

Grand Prize was a rubber duck named Mr. Squawk

2ND DUCK RACE ALL STAR

1st Kenny Proehl – *USS Heimdal*

2nd Stephen Stott – *USS Ronald E. McNair*

3rd Chris Thompson – *USS Heimdal*

COSTUME CONTEST

Best Sci-fi Pirate "Klingon" Kent Hawkins- *USS Renegade*

Best Traditional Pirate: "Captain Jack Sparrow"

Judith Durall – *USS Aries*

VIDEO CONTEST

Best Short Film – Expandables III – *USS Reprisal*

Best Video Editing – Carnell Eubanks – *USS Star League*

Best Actor – "Khan's Insanity Workout"

Bob Sandarg – *USS Star League*

Best Recruiting Video – *USS Reprisal*

Best Commercial – "Khan's Insanity Workout"
USS Star League

Best Music Video – "Take it Easy- *USS Reprisal*



May 18, 2018—Opening Ceremonies at the Region 1 Summit



Left to Right: Pam Michaud (CO, *USS Ronald E McNair*), Stephen Stott (XO, *USS Ronald E McNair*)



Admiral TJ Allen, *Station Robert De Bruce*, Admiral Wade Larkin, *USS Reprisal*, Commodore Carnell Eubanks, *USS Star League*, dressed for the party at the Region 1 Summit. The theme of this years summit was *The Pirates of Pigeon Forge II: A Tall Ship & and a Star To Steer Her By*.

Photo by Commodore Peggy Eubanks, *USS Star League*



Rear Admiral Jana Sandarg, *USS Star League*, collecting donations with Cap'n Skullly.

Photo by Commodore Peggy Eubanks, *USS Star League*



Captain Emilee Rochat-Dockery and Cadet Vallerie Bazemore, *USS Indiana*, with our Klingon Pirate Flag.

Photo by Commodore Peggy Eubanks, *USS Star League*



Left to Right: Jana Sandarg, *USS Star League*, with Jeanette Maddox and Cindy Krell, *USS Star League*.

Announcing the

Region 1 Annual Awards

These awards were presented at the formal awards ceremony Saturday evening during the Region 1 Summit.

Best Chapter Handbook—*USS Yorktown*

Best Overall Newsletter – “The Yorktown Courant”, *USS Yorktown*

Best Monthly Newsletter – “LCARS Network”, *USS Tycho*

Best Bi-Monthly Newsletter – “The Yorktown Courant”, *USS Yorktown*

Best Quarterly Newsletter - “The Comlink”, *USS Columbia*

Best Chapter Website – *USS Columbus*

<http://usscolumbus1.blogspot.com/>

Honorable Mention – *USS Renegade*

<https://ussrenegade.wordpress.com>

Best Fanzines – “Voyages”, *USS North Carolina*

Department of the Year (chapter) Medical—*USS Ronald E McNair*

Region 1 Staff Member of the Year – ADM Jason Schreck, *USS Columbia*

Region 1 RDC of the Year – RADM John Hoppa, Jr., RDC Communications, *USS Renegade*

Edith Keeler – CMDR Michael Mann, *USS Star League*

Cadet of the Year – CDT 3 Allen Hatter , *USS Heimdal*

Enlisted of the Year – PO3 Beth Hopkins, *USS Heimdal*

Officer of the Year – LCDR Brett Witcher, *USS Heimdal*

Flag Officer of the Year - VADM Margaret Grunwell, *USS Appomattox*

Class of Excellence (CO of the Year) - MGEN Steven Parmley, *USS Constellation*

Chapter of Excellence (2nd runner up) -*USS Heimdal*

Chapter of the Year – *USS Ronald E McNair*

Region 1 Non-Annual Awards

These members have been awarded the following Region One Awards June 2017 – March 2018:

Legion of Merit

20+ Years Service to SFI Region One

ADM Darlene Harper – *USS Columbus*
RADM J Eric Davis – *USS Columbus*
COMM Kathlene Harper Cook – *USS Columbus*
FCAPT Krystal Harper Cook – *USS Columbus*
COMM Melinda Kincaid – *USS Columbus*
RADM Susan Mahaffey – *USS Ronald E McNair*
CMDR Chris Stephenson – *USS Columbus*
CAPT Beth Wingo – *USS Ronald E McNair*

Good Conduct 15+ Years

CMDR Barbara Owens – *USS Columbus*
BDR Jonathan Wilson – *USS North Carolina*

Good Conduct 10+ Years

FCAPT Melinda Coates – *USS Columbus*
MAJ Stephen Cook – *USS Columbus*
SCPO Wyatt Cook – *USS Columbus*
MID Morgan Harper – *USS Columbus*
CAPT Michael D. Kent – *USS Indiana*
CPO Paul Kincaid – *USS Columbus*
FCAPT Wesley Kincaid – *USS Columbus*
MCPO Larry Kirby – *USS Ronald E McNair*
SCPO Deborah Kirby – *USS Ronald E McNair*
BDR Betty Ann Lawrence – *USS Robins*
Robert Rothenberg – *USS Robins*
COMM Caroline Signol – *USS Ronald E McNair*

Good Conduct 5+ Years

LTC Nathan Begnell – *USS North Carolina*
COL Rodney Billings – *USS North Carolina*
COL Richard Andrew Boudreau – *USS Robins*
ENS Brenda Burcham – *USS North Carolina*
CAPT KC Finch – *USS Robins*
CAPT Harry Grimm – *USS Columbus*
LCDR Jean Harper – *USS Columbus*
CMDR Phillip Harper – *USS Columbus*
COMM Denise James – *USS Ronald E McNair*
LCDR Dominek Kargas – *USS Columbus*
SCPO Jasmin Karges – *USS Columbus*
MID Jeremy Karges – *USS Columbus*
LT Jonathan Lee Karges – *USS Columbus*
CPO Sarah Kincaid – *USS Columbus*
COL Phillip Muller – *USS Robins*
MGSGT Derrick Wildstar – *USS Ronald E McNair*
CAPT Melissa Wildstar – *USS Ronald E McNair*
CDT Christopher Wilson – *USS North Carolina*
CMDR Madelyn Wren – *USS Columbus*

Legion of Honor

CAPT KC Finch – *USS Robins*
PO3 Carol Hall – *USS Jurassic*

Dearest Blood

ADM Marlene Miller – *USS Renegade*
PO2 Martha Stimpson – *USS Heimdal*

Enterprise “E” Award – winning 2017 *McNair* mini golf challenge
Unit Commendation

Garth Order of Tactics

LTJG Joan Savage – *USS Indiana*

Let Me Help

LTJG Bryan Arriaga – *USS Robins*
LT Ben Wheatley – *USS Robins*
CAPT KC Finch – *USS Robins*
LTJG Kylie Wheatley – *USS Robins*
LT Hunter Hughes – *USS Robins*

And those awarded at the Region 1 Summit included:

Legion of Merit

20+ Years Service to SFI Region One

Curtis Bellman – *USS Liberator*
Nanette Bellman – *USS Liberator*
Richard Heim – *USS Alaric*
Barry Jackson – *Station Robert de Bruce*
Ruth Lane – *USS Liberator*
Michael Wilson – *USS Liberator*

Region One Commendation

Steve Parmley – *USS Constellation*
Ron Seay – *USS Constellation*
Susan Seay – *USS Constellation*
Carl Irvin – *USS Star League*
Carolyn Irvin – *USS Star League*
Carnell Renew – *USS Star League*

Good Conduct 5+ Years

Jeff Angell – *USS Indiana*
Emilee Dockery – *USS Indiana*

Let Me Help

Michael Lewis – *USS Heimdal*

Phoenix Award

Carl Irvin – *USS Star League*
Lucille Skipper – *USS Star League*
Tamara Smith – *USS Star League*

Legion Of Honor (Academic Achievement)

Carol Hall – *USS Jurassic*
Andrew Long – *USS Indiana*
Sara McClaren – *USS Indiana*

Daystrom Award (Academic Achievement)

Cadet Crewman Connor Long – *USS Indiana*

Final Frontier

USS Heimdal

SOL III

USS Heimdal

Steve Parmley – *USS Constellation*
Haleigh Parmley – *USS Constellation*

A Night of Magic

USS HEIMDAL CELEBRATES 34TH ANNIVERSARY

By ADM LINDA SMITH

Instead of a regular meeting, the April meeting date for the USS *Heimdal* in Region One was the “Heimdal’s **Night of Magic**,” a celebration of the chapter’s 34th year as a STARFLEET chapter. Fifty-four people came, including friends of the *Heimdal*. Special guests included the *Heimdal*’s 2018 Space Camp Contest winner, 14-yr-old Peter Garrison, his parents, and his sister, PLUS the 2016 Space Camp Contest winner, Carl Hayden, Jr, his parents, and his girlfriend.

The entertainment for the evening was **DRYDEN THE MAGICIAN**, who was amazing. The theme of the party was “Magic”; and most people dressed in their favorite “magician’s attire,” which was the focus of a Costume Contest later in the evening.

There was a WELCOME TABLE where everyone signed in and picked up door prize tickets, Costume Contest numbers, a favor box that looked like a tiny magician’s trunk filled with numerous goofy items (like a pack of Circus Fleas and Bunny Poop novelty candy), and received a hand-painted glitter tattoo by artist Niki Kessler. There were also 3 “Face in the Hole” stand-ups for people to stand behind and have photos taken. They were a Circus Ring Master, The Bearded Lady, and The Lobster Boy ... all circus related that tied into the “Magician” theme.

ADM Linda Smith, the *Heimdal*’s Commanding Officer since the chapter began, welcomed everyone, followed by an additional welcome from the *Heimdal*’s XO, Kenny Proehl. Linda commented, “**Anything you do for 34 years DESERVES a celebration.**” (Linda and her husband, Willy, who is also the *Heimdal*’s Second Officer and Chief Science Officer, were dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Hare ... the rabbits that popped out of the Magician’s hat.)

The *Heimdal*’s Chief Chaplain, dressed in a Gryffindor robe, said the blessing. Dinner was a Southern Buffet followed by *Heimdal* video presentations including a funny dance video and the accompanying bloopers reel. There was also a Phaser Challenge video (the *Heimdal*’s competitive paintball challenge) by Jonathan Hatter. Trophies were given to all the “actors” in the video plus OSCARS to Karen Delano, who was editor / producer / director of the dance video, and Willy Smith, who was producer / editor of a *Heimdal* retrospective and the Bloopers Reel, and who was also a dance video dancer.

At the end of the video presentation, Linda invited everyone to join our “video dancers” in a little bit of line dancing. More than half of those present joined in the dance. Someone remarked after seeing a video of the moment, “**STARFLEET never has had great dancers ... but it has great people.**”

After the videos and line dancing, everyone was entertained by **DRYDEN THE MAGICIAN**, who was phenomenal. We will be thinking about some of his “magic” for months and wondering just how he did that stuff. Following his main presentation on stage, he did a 30 minute “walk-around” from table to table, meeting people and doing a special bit of magic for each group.

Following the entertainment was the Costume Contest. Karen Hatter, Julie Witcher, and Pam Giovenalli won the contest, dressed as the witches from the movie **Hocus Pocus**. They had great costumes and a delightful presentation. Carl Davis won second prize as a dashing magician.

There was a drawing for 5 door prizes plus a drawing for a STARFLEET membership. Former *Heimdal* member, Richard Arnold, won the membership; and his wife also decided to join. We’re so glad to have Richard back and to welcome his wife, Angie.

The evening came to an end much too soon. What a fantastic party!

The Heimdal’s Adventure ... and Magic ... continue.....



DRYDEN THE MAGICIAN enlisting the help of *Heimdal*’s youngest member, Allen Hatter in an illusion.

Photo by Willy Smith



Heimdal’s Chief Chaplain, Tim Hazlett delivered the blessing.

Photo by Linda Smith



A Night of Magic, continued



Left: Carl Davis as a handsome magician and Runner Up in the Costume Contest (Photo by Linda Smith)
Center: Julie Witcher, Pam Giovanelli & Karen Hatter - winners of the Costume Contest as the witches from *Hocus Pocus*. (Photo by Willy Smith)
Right: Linda & Willy Smith as Mr. & Mrs. Hare - the rabbits that jumped out of the magician's hat. (Photo by Karen Delano)



USS THUNDERCHILD

CELEBRATES 27TH ANNIVERSARY

By Fleet Captain Eugene Schnitger

The *USS Thunderchild* from Region Six celebrated 27 years on June 9th at the home of the Commanding Officer, Fleet Captain Gene Schnitger. The Captain ran his garden railroad and showed off numerous 3-D printed objects including a 3-D printed violin. A cookout was held, and after an obituary for fallen Captain Ron Hopkins of the *USS Minnehaha*, from the Starfleet Sol Sector Command, out of Sioux Falls South Dakota, a toast of scotch was made in his honor. The crew reminisced about all the good times, some incredibly sad times (deaths of past members) and looking forward to the next 27 years. A personal note from the Captain: I have been the commanding officer since 2001. Through it all I would not trade the experience for all the money in the world.

Live Long and Prosper.

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	commanding officer
○	since 2001. Through it
	all, I would not trade the
	experience for all the
○	money in the world. "



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USS Southern Cross: 2017 in Review

by MAJ Wayne "Pirate" McAliece,
MSGT Lyn McAliece, &
LT Kelly Winterstein, *USS Southern Cross*

Well, here we are with 2017 come to a close. But since we are all *Star Trek* fans here, something never really ends, not in this Fandom, anyway! If we were to use Ferengi terms, an "all right year" would be a Slip of Latinum; a "pretty good" year would be Strips

of Latinum; and a "great year" would be Bars of Latinum. The year 2017 for the *USS Southern Cross* would thus be **Bricks of Latinum**, or a "truly amazing year"!

We have gained new crewmembers not only for our chapter but also more for STARFLEET as a whole. More and more people, organisations, and other fan clubs here in Melbourne now understand what STARFLEET is. That has to be a great thing. So below is a very quick overview of what we were up to in 2017.

April 28-30 was Supanova, one of the two huge Pop Culture conventions here in Melbourne, Australia. This is a two-day event (if you don't count the Friday set-up). Setting up and packing up are the hardest parts because setting up means you still have to wait, and packing up means the fun and adventure is over.

Supanova is spread over five buildings at the Royal Melbourne Show Grounds (a huge place). The sheer size of the convention overwhelmed me. And the two-day trek to the toilet was horrendous (I might be exaggerating a little; but when you have to go, it can seem an arduous task if it's even light-seconds away while travelling on impulse power. Luckily, my wife Lyn, along with Allison, Helen, Dan, and B'Elanna were there to man the table while I trekked across the universe. Is there an equivalent of taking a wrong turn at Albuquerque in *Star Trek*? If so, I did it several times. I am directionally challenged, you know.

All in all, though, the weekend was great. Heaps of people, heaps of fun, and heaps of new friends. That may have had something to do with our table's position. We were right opposite the lines for the guest signings (wow, did we see some interesting characters)! So, every time the line grew, up we all went and "made a presence" or, as I like to call it, "got seen".



USS Southern Cross at Supanova



The next big one (AKA, the Wilderness Challenge) was Saturday 6th May. Well, this one was technically an 11th BDE event; but hey, I helped organise it, so I suppose that lets me talk about it. Fortunately, you won't have to endure my rambling on about this one again. But if you wish to (and I hope you do), it's in CQ 192, so you can go back and relive the adventure!

Next was in the same month, so we were still in sci-fi mode. It was DezaCon – a local Convention which had been around for a while, but we had never heard of it. I'm glad we did, because I have to admit it was heaps of fun. We got to have so much fun with another sci-fi club, namely, The Doctor Who Club of Victoria. We had the battle of the brains. Not a very accurate title – more like brains vs. ME –

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ha-ha. But as I said earlier, we all had so much fun. And it was the start of a great friendship; over the next few conventions, we started working with other clubs in the Melbourne area.

So, warping a short distance along, June 30 to July 2 was OZComicCon in Melbourne. This again is one of the large conventions not only in Melbourne but all of Australia as well. This was a big one for the *Southern Cross*: We did our first panel ever! It was on STARFLEET and STARFLEET Academy; we wanted to showcase the great part of being a member of STARFLEET. One of the best bits, as I have found out, is the Academy. We were told by the people from OZComicCon that ours (meaning the topic of STARFLEET) was the best and most entertaining panel they'd had all weekend. Not bad for our first go. No pressure for the next one, though!??



Wayne & Lyn McAliece at DezaCon



Conducting the panel at OZComicCon

The other big thing that we noticed was that a lot of people now remembered us; this bit was a little surprising and, to be honest, a little humbling. Once people who paid to come to the Con had made it in through the doors, they made it part of their visit to come to see us. They actually checked to see if we were going to be there. OK, that does make you feel chuffed. And one of our members, Yulia, was the ship's security during the panel. It was a good idea on paper; but in practice, well honestly, Yulia scared me, walking around as Harlequin with her newly bought "Precious" baseball bat proudly swinging behind me. Let's just say I was watching over my shoulder the whole way through the panel – I'm still watching out now, actually, ha-ha.

And another first: we had nearly the whole crew from Melbourne transport in. Lyn, Allison, Bill, Yulia, Tim, Dan, Helen, B'Elanna, Ryker, Jadzia, and Icky. This Con was heaps of fun, and we can't wait for 2018.

The next mission, Saturday 22 July, was another first-timer: Nerdmania up in Shepparton, Victoria. This was a round trip of 484 km (300 miles) but again really worth the shuttle trip. Well, not sure whether Lyn enjoyed it, as I was telling jokes the whole trip. And frankly, I don't tell jokes well. Three hours trapped in a shuttle with me in deepest space is a nightmare in the making. Again, a really great day, although it seems that most of the local and regional events are only a single day. We ended up staying a few nights. Hey, not quite Risa, but still a great time.

The next transport away was done by Kelly Winterstein, a crewmember up in Brisbane. The log is in her words.

ImagineExpo Saturday, 26 August

STARDATE: 26.8.2017

One of my local libraries, **Logan North Library**, puts on a Sci-Fi Expo the last Saturday of their Sci-Fi Month every August. I attended the Expo as a visitor in August 2016 and found it to be an extremely enjoyable experience with different sci-fi clubs there, ranging from the Brisbane *Star Trek* and Sci-Fi Alliance through to *Lord of the Rings*, *Star Wars*, and many more. There were plenty of Sci-Fi related items on display and even a sausage sizzle. There were even Storm Troopers present – one of whom delighted the crowd with his cool dance moves while the Youth Orchestra played the *Star Wars* theme song.

This year the Expo fell on Saturday the 26th August 2017, and it was both an honour and a privilege to represent STARFLEET International and *USS Southern Cross* at the Expo, now in its 11th year. I arrived at 8:30 AM to set up for the Expo. There were lots of people who attended and plenty of exhibitors as well. The *Star Wars* Group, Brisbane *Star Trek* & Sci-Fi Alliance, and *Lord of the Rings* were just a few of many exhibitors there, on top of STARFLEET International and a Youth Orchestra entertaining people with music from the various Sci-Fi Movies, shows, etc.

With the Expo going from 10 AM till 1 PM, all stands were a hive of activity during the first couple of hours before it quietened down during the last hour. I was able to mingle with people from all walks of life. The children

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CAPTAIN'S NAILS



Captain Heather Stern, CO of the *USS Augusta* in Region 4 is STARFLEET to the very ends of her fingers! Certainly, a great conversation starter, and what an opportunity to let people know about SFI!

CAPTAIN'S NAILS 7th BRIGADE

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Left to Right: Donna DiMatteo, Villate Brown
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especially enjoyed the swirl lollipops that I was handing out. Plenty of photos were taken; and, thanks to a friend of mine who arranged a photographer to come in and take photos for *USS Southern Cross*, I will be able to post more photos on Facebook within the next week or so. I am planning on attending the Expo again next year in hopes of its being even more exciting than this year's.

Live Long and Prosper!!!

OK, the final two Conventions for the year happened in October, one weekend right after the other. We were all over the galaxy that week.

Saturday, October 15 was the Bendigo Record Comic & Toy Fair. Big name; and, for a regional Convention, it was a big day. We found out while there that heaps of people love *Star Trek* in regional Victoria, and I really mean *heaps*! Again, Bill, Allison, Lyn, and I manned the table. It's always so much fun fitting four people behind a six-foot table. But hey, it's a *Star Trek* universe, so we somehow got them all to fit.



ImaginExpo 2017



Manning a table at the
Bendigo Record Comic & Toy Fair

Saturday, October 21 was DezaCon. Yes, they have two per year. This one was in a new building. It was here that I finally got to wear my latest uniform, a *DS9* uniform. Anyway, I thought it looked good on me. And again, we had a lot of people come through. Allison, Bill, Lyn, and I transported in for the away mission.

Picture Just the two of us & Well I am safe goes with this part

Apart from the Conventions, we have also been running an online Scavenger Hunt in which we have to find items and take a photo of them. We had a movie weekend in which we watched one of the *Star Trek* episodes then chatted about it. We also ran our very first Secret Santa for all our crew. I believe it went well for the first time.

It has been a good year for STARFLEET, Region 11, and the *USS Southern Cross*; and we are looking to make 2018 even bigger. Hopefully, we can finally start doing charity work where we can start giving back to the community. We are looking to be at all the Conventions throughout 2018; so, keep a lookout for updates and pictures.

Now a personal note: When I joined STARFLEET seven-ish years ago, I really didn't have any idea what was going to happen. I joined for the simple reason that I wanted to chat with other *Star Trek* fans, and STARFLEET opened me up to a large number of those fans. And for that, I am so glad I joined and will keep renewing. Then I got really lucky finding the *USS Southern Cross*. This chapter fit me perfectly. Lyn and I are really busy all throughout the year. So, a correspondence chapter has worked utterly perfectly for us. We have been privileged to meet and be able to call other *Star Trek* fans from all over the world friends, which would never have happened if we had never joined. So whatever kind of chapter or unit you are in, we all hope that 2018 will be an amazing year for you personally, for your chapter, and for STARFLEET.

Log End.

Well, for the time being, anyway.



"Well, I am safe."

Intergalactic Food Festival

USS *CHALLENGER* TRADITION RETURNS DURING
30TH YEAR!

by Operations Chief RADM Todd Brugmans and
Commanding Officer ADM Bob Vosseller, *USS Challenger*

Who needs replicators at an Intergalactic Food Festival? No one!

For more than two decades the *USS Challenger*, currently celebrating its 30th anniversary (well, technically, our birthday is July 12, 2018) has hosted an event called... "The Intergalactic Food Festival."

While we've missed the last two years due to issues related to the use of the Seaside Heights Community Center that is our base of operations, thankfully, everything worked out for us to hold the event on April 8.

The event started out as an open house to the public to bring awareness that there was a local *Star Trek* fan club in the area and that we liked other forms of science fiction as well.

The idea was to host a galactic-sized potluck party where everyone brings an edible delight that represents something from *Star Trek* or any other sci-fi show.

We've had all manner of Klingon Gagh, Raktajino, Vulcan Plo Meek Soup, fish sticks and custard from *Doctor Who*, and even a sandworm concoction from *Star Wars* one year. Beverages were in abundance, too; and we've had a variety of Romulan Ale, Saurian Brandy, and Klingon Blood Wine (none of which contained alcohol).

A particularly creative dessert brought in from a member of the public one year contained orange Jello which had tiny green toy soldiers inside, representing the Blob. No, the soldiers were not edible. J

One year we hosted a Klingon/Federation wedding; another year we adopted a Bajoran theme. But generally, it was bringing something fun, creative, and edible; and it expanded beyond *Star Trek* referenced dishes.

The tradition started out being held in January to celebrate the New Year. Then it moved to February to avoid any conflict with bad winter weather. The Super Bowl started to interfere with the event when it got moved to that month, so we pushed it back to March and



Fun, food and frolics at this year's Intergalactic Food Festival hosted by the *USS Challenger* on April 8 at the Seaside Heights Community Center.

sometimes April. It was a tradition that drew many of our crew, members of the 7th Fleet, and the general public.

Given that the center had sustained a recent pipe burst and a furnace fix, we weren't sure until a few weeks before the event if the show would go on. This event, as stated, was always open to the public to enjoy; and we always hammed it up as a uniform/costume event. As a result, we didn't get press notices out in time. Even some of our fellow chapters in Region 7, who frequent the event, could not make it on such short notice; but we had a great turnout nonetheless.

The event officially began at roughly 1:15 PM, allowing time for our heated dishes to be warmed sufficiently for



Admirals Bob Vosseller, left, and Wayne Augustson, who serve respectively as VRC and RC of Region 7 and are the Commanding Officers of the *USS Challenger* and *USS Britannic*, enjoy a moment in uniform before the annual Intergalactic Food Festival held in April starts.

All Photos provided by the *USS Challenger* crew

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public consumption.

ADM Wayne Augustson, R7 Regional Coordinator and CO of our daughter ship USS *Britannic*, came from the NY sector to be with us and brought some Apple Pie from Earth. We had 17 distinct dishes for our Food Fest this year, ranging from the savory to the sweet. We even had Tranya (the beverage featured in the *TOS* series episode "The Corbomite Maneuver"). There were Cheetos-inspired treats, Swedish Meatballs, Risotto Balls, Gramilian Sand Peas, and Ambrosia salad amidst the savories; and Kaferian Apple and Pear Crisp, Isolinear Chip Tiramisu, and Andorian cake were some of the sweets to be had.

The event lasted until roughly 6 PM. Twenty people spent a lot of time filling their faces with all the delicious selections to eat, enjoying lively conversations on a host of topics throughout the day.

We did get one visitor from the public whom *Challenger* met a week prior at the South Jersey Geek

Fest, where our ship and a member of the USS *Moebius* teamed up to promote STARFLEET in Woodbury Heights, NJ. Jim Tigar from the Philadelphia area came out to meet us and enjoyed talking to everyone.

Our good buddy Steven Lance, who appeared as an alien crew member extra in the deck scene in *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* and, by the time this article is published, will be a full-fledged member of the USS *Challenger*, provided some pumpkin seeds specially packaged as Quadrotriticale (the grain that Tribbles loved to eat in *TOS, Animated Series*, and *DS9*).

As the event also fell on the date of our meeting day, and our tradition is to decide where we are going to eat after the meeting, our Science Chief Annie Brugmans chimed in the question, "So where are we going to go to eat now?"



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The Pink Ribbon

Breakfast

SGM Marie 'M' Smith
OIC, 376th MEU, 11th Brigade, SFMC

It may have been a cold, blowy, and wet day; but the 27th May was the morning of the 376th MEU's Pink Ribbon Breakfast. Well, in our case, it was a morning tea to raise much needed money for the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ.

The Breast Cancer Foundation NZ fund many New Zealand-based research projects, including those that develop new drugs and find better ways to use existing treatments. To date, driven by generous donations, they have been able to distribute well over \$4.6 million (NZ) for breast cancer research and medical grants. Most recently they have started funding a research programme at the Ferrier Institute of Wellington's Victoria University. They are hoping to develop a therapeutic vaccine to destroy breast cancer by boosting the patient's immune system.

The event itself started at 11 AM with the house filling with the smells of home baking and fresh coffee; and soon sausage rolls arrived that were kindly donated by Una Bakery here in Christchurch, New Zealand. All the other cakes, biscuits, and treats were baked by members and soon-to-be new members of the 376th. The drinks were provided by one of our potential members, Sandra Smith, who was also co-hosting and whose company was matching any money we raised.

Before long the drinks were flowing—just teas, coffees and soft drinks—and everyone was engaged in conversation while enjoying the great selection of baked goods. It was also a pleasure to meet a fellow cancer survivor who had fought breast cancer recently and had come to support our cause, as it was personal to her. She found it nice to speak with someone who understood what it was like,

because cancer changes you even after the treatment has finished.

The event started to wind down around 2 PM, by which time we had

raised \$285.60, \$55 of which was kindly donated by GSgt Timothy Barrington from Region 10. Sandra also managed to raise a further \$56 from selling additional baked goods to work colleagues. With her business matching what we raised, \$683.20 was sent to the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ. But there still may be more coming in, as GSgt Sian Jackson is currently busy making socks to sell to raise further funds for this very worthwhile cause.

All in all, it was a very successful event; and here's to the Pink Ribbon Breakfast 2019!!!!



The spread at the Pink Ribbon Breakfast



Amber and Jo (guests), Sandra Smith (new 376th MEU member), Alex (guest), Karyn Barnfield (new 376th MEU member)

Photo by SGM M Smith



Guests of the 376th MEU—From left to right: Emily, Meela, Chris Harms and Caitlin

Photo by SGM M Smith



SFMC 7th Brigade Awards 2017

CROSS OF VALOR (Brigade Marine of the Year)

CAPT Crist, Brian Andrew - 726 MSG

SWORD OF VALOR (Brigade Leader of the Year)

LTC Erb, John Timothy - 701 MSG

SHIELD OF VALOR (Brigade Volunteer of the Year)

MCPT Brown, Craig R. - 747 MSG

STAR OF VALOR (Brigade NCO of the year)

SMAJ Freed, Anthony - 707 MSG

LEGION OF VALOR (Brigade Unit of the Year)

713 MSG - Stormeagles (*USS Susquehannock*)

OIC—COL Hutley, Jim

DOIC—2LT Dawson, Russ

PVT Dawson, Kristen

PVT Dawson, Trena Kay

CAPT Hutley, Doris

SMAJ Radle, John David

SMAJ Schmon, Carl

LTC Schmon, Penelope

MCPT Seim, Jason

CMDR Seim Sr, Michael

LTJG Shindle, Richard

MMSGT Vila, Victor

BRIGADE SERVICE COMMENDATION - For service as the 7th Brigade Command Staff

ADM Vosseller Jr, Robert

COL Kadin, Kenneth

CAPT Crist, Brian Andrew

MGEN Niemeyer, Lauren

COL Nery, Pamela Marie

ADM Augustson, Wayne

VADM Stein, Michael

LTC Stronach, Robert G.

SMAJ Schmon, Carl

LTC Schmon, Penelope

VADM Waidlich, Judy

BRIGADE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

LTC Erb, John Timothy

For securing a meeting room for the 7th BDE at the Shore Leave convention 2017

COL Raspa, Krystle

For providing shuttle service for 7th BDE command staff to Farpoint Convention 2017

FCAPT Wolf Sr., Kyle J.

For reactivating the 751st MSG in 2017

CMDR Gabriel, Parker

For filing reports for the 791 MSG for the year 2017

MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION

740 MSG - Black Diamonds (*USS Inferno*)

OIC BGN McClure Neff, James

DOIC LT Neff, Daniel Nathan

ENS Adams Jr, Mark Allen

STARFLEET CROSS

None

REPORTING STREAMERS

701 MSG - Dark Knights (*USS Dominion*)

713 MSG - Stormeagles (*USS Susquehannock*)

704 MSG - The Fighting Hell Hounds (*USS Challenger*)

726 MSG - Rolling Thunder (*USS Storm*)

787 MSG - White Knights (*USS Matrix*)

707 MSG - The Vanguarders (*USS Alaster*)

736 MEU - The Raptors

When Doves Cry



Tim O'Connor

Actor "Ambassador Briam"

Star Trek: The Next Generation, "The Perfect Mate"

3 July 1927 – 5 April 2018



Russell "Russ" Bates

Writer Co-Wrote the *Star Trek: The Animated Series* "How Sharper Than a Serpent's Tooth"

6 June 1941 – 9 April 2018

David "Dave" Russell Quashnick

Makeup Artist and Hair Stylist, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*,
and *Star Trek: Voyager*
1946 - 9 April 2018

Joseph Campanella

Actor "Arbitrator" in the *Star Trek: Voyager* "Author, Author"

21 November 1924 – 16 May 2018

Vincent "Vince" Michael McEveety

Director, *Star Trek: The Original Series*, Multiple Episodes

10 August 1929 – 19 May 2018

Jerry Maren

Actor "Copper-Skinned Alien" *Star Trek: The Original Series* "Journey to Babel".

24 January 1920 – 24 May 2018



ARMAGEDDON: A CONVENTION TALE

SGM M Smith
OIC, 376th MEU/11th BDE

The weekend of the 2nd to the 4th June, Queens Birthday weekend here in New Zealand, was also the date of Armageddon here in Christchurch. Armageddon is a weekend of total geekdom glory that is not to be missed. It is our annual “convention” of sorts, our only convention actually, and throughout the year it is hosted in various locations around New Zealand. Christchurch Armageddon is the only event in the South Island this year, so it was important that we were there to support it.

So, after spending quite a few weeks preparing our outfits, we were up at 0600 on Saturday to get ready, since getting dressed up as a Borg takes time. There were three of us from the 376th MEU going to the event, each dressed in an outfit from a different sci-fi show. SGM M Smith was attending as a Borg Drone, obviously from *Star Trek*; COL Angie Smith was dressed as a Shock Trooper from the '80s sci-fi show *V*, and CDT SGT Sean Smith went as the boy from “The Empty Child” in *Doctor Who*. We took unit business cards with us to hand out to people with whom we took photographs and to anyone else who may have been interested in our small group within STARFLEET International (SFI). We would have liked to have our own stand, but at over \$900 for the weekend, it was totally out of our price range.

Arriving at around 0730, we stood in line with those who had already arrived to wait another hour and a half before the doors would open. We had to get there early—with it being the only event in the South Island this year, you can imagine why. But time passed quickly for us interacting with other attendees, even though we were the only ones in costume at that point. Still, we got to see the KITT car from *Knight Rider* arrive, which our Borg Drone tried to assimilate.

Eventually, 0900 arrived; and after the VIP pass holders went in, those of us who had purchased tickets in advance also began to trickle in. The event hall was packed with stallholders selling everything from Pop



SGM M Smith (376th MEU)
Photo by COL Angie Smith

Vinyls and weapons to posters, t-shirts, and action figures. We even had a couple of Australasian authors. Of course, there was also the main stage for guest talks throughout the weekend, a live gaming area, autograph sections, and laser tag. We headed for Mighty Ape, as we wanted to purchase some exclusive Pop Vinyls available only at the con; then it was time to look around and mingle with other attendees. On Saturday we saw Gandalf, Wonder Woman, a Thunderbird, many *Star Wars* characters, and had the pleasure of meeting some fellow *Star Trek* fans from Auckland, to name just a few. In fact, while chatting with these Auckland fans, we were asked to do a little bit of a professional photo shoot, which was fun. Of course, many people stopped and asked us for photographs; and we were able to hand out our business cards and talk about our group and SFI.

Sunday, however, was the day for *Trek* fans as this was the day Garrett Wang, ENS Harry Kim from *Star Trek: Voyager*, was taking a panel, so of course, we had to be back for day two. It was on this day we met a lady who hand-made a tribble dress. The



SGM M Smith (376th MEU) and Auckland Trek fans
(Potential new members maybe)
Photo COL Angie Smith

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top half was a *Star Trek* dress, and the lower half was made of tribbles, so it was certainly different. It was also pleasing to see an abundance of classic *Star Trek* outfits and particularly wonderful that there were younger people with interest in *Star Trek*. Fandom just may live on.

Having never met Garrett Wang before, we were pleasantly surprised at just how entertaining he was. He told tales of practical jokes on set, and it was interesting to hear that Tim Russ led this. He also told a tale about a young fan he met who grew up with *Voyager*; for years she believed he was called "Handsome Kim" not "Ensign Kim." We'd heartily recommend you go along if you ever get a chance to see Garrett in person.

And so, a few more photo sessions later (yes, the Borg outfit was spotted by several *Star Trek* fans at Garrett's talk), we were heading home, having had an enjoyable weekend and hopefully made some new connections with fellow *Trek* fans. Roll on, Armageddon Auckland in October.



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EDINBURGH COMIC CON APRIL 2018

FCAPT Struthers, XO/QM, *USS Alba*



On Friday the 13th of April, I made my way from my home in Aberdeen to Edinburgh to meet up with members of my crew on the *USS Alba* to help man our table at the Edinburgh ComiCon on Saturday and Sunday. This was my fifth time going; the first three times I was helping man the charity table run by my friends from the Edinburgh Science Fiction Fellowship. I travelled down on Friday so I could be there on time to set up on Saturday. The first Saturday train would not have gotten me to Edinburgh until 10:30 AM.

As I was down mid-afternoon on Friday, I decided that even though I hate heights, I would climb the Scott Monument on Princess Street. I'm glad I did, as it was well worth it.

My legs were like jelly as I slowly made my way up the steps on the inside. I had a short break halfway up when I reached a room that tells the story of Sir Walter Scott. It has pre-recorded messages to which you can listen, and there are items in glass cases to do with his life. There are also some beautiful stained-glass windows. After catching my breath, I made my way to the top. The last part, going onto the upper roof deck area, is very narrow. I walked all the way around, which for me was a big thing to do. Unfortunately, the weather was not so good; if it had been better, I would have taken more pictures of Edinburgh.

On Friday night, some of us met up at the Haymarket Bar for a bite to eat, a pre-convention drink, and some chat and chill time. It was great to catch up with folks I hadn't seen since the last Regional Event. I had the Haggis, which was very nice.

As XO/QM of the *USS Alba*, I presented the CO of the *USS Appleton* with a small *Alba* logo in a frame with a plaque commemorating the joint away mission. I also handed out Scottish Care Packages, which consisted of a packet of shortbread, some Edinburgh Rock, a shot glass, a miniature bottle of Scotch whisky, and an *Alba* letter opener.

I was presented with some Regional Certificates and the official Certificate of Promotion to Fleet Captain by our VRC Scott Peter. To say I was chuffed about this is an understatement. I had the pleasure of serving as SO under him when he was CO of the *USS Alba*.

On both the Saturday and Sunday of the convention, we had a good turnout of crew, with those who were not working, not ill, not too far away, or on holiday attending at some point over the two days. I had ordered and paid for a new roller banner; but it had not arrived in time, so we used the old one. I had a banner made for the front of the table, but it was too long; so we draped it over the table. Also for the event, I had some key rings made to give to those manning the table over the weekend. One side has the *Alba* logo while the other side has the *Appleton* logo. Besides members of the *USS Appleton*, we had two members of the *USS Merlin* with us on Saturday. When I arrived to help set up, the members of the *USS Appleton* had already started setting up. The Captain's Chair was a massive hit over the weekend, with a lot of people getting their picture taken sitting in it. It is very comfortable. I hasten to add that there is a great picture of my CO, FCAPT Montgomery, sitting in it with Dominic Keating.

I had asked the crew to send me pictures of themselves at conventions, charity events, meeting celebrities, or in costume. This was because I have a notebook computer, which I used as an advertising tool to show what sort of things the crew enjoy. I had a very good response, and attendees asked about what they saw. I intend to add more pictures to those already being used.

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<https://www.byronhamburgers.com/>

After the event finished on Saturday, a few of us went for a bite to eat at Byron Burgers. I can honestly say it was the best burger I have had in a long time. We had to wait outside for a short time, as they didn't have a table big enough for us.

I had to chuckle on Sunday morning when one of the staff who work at EICC didn't want to let me in, as I was not wearing a pass. I tried to explain that we didn't have enough for all of us who were manning the table, and I said that I had left the one I had been

given on the table. I was going to show her a picture I had taken, but one of the male staff recognised me and let me in. The thing is, I spent most of Saturday not wearing one, even when wandering around; but nothing was said to me.

Erica, who is the Commanding Officer of the *USS Appleton*, came to the table and was telling us about chatting with a young female fan who had passed the stall several times but was too afraid to sit in the Captain's Chair. She had convinced her it was okay to sit in the chair; but the young fan had lost her homemade Comm Badge and pips, so she didn't want to. Erica asked if I had any spare pips the lady could borrow, and she would give her a small Comm Badge so she could sit and have her picture taken. As QM, I had brought a few sets down for crew who may have wanted to purchase them. Erica, John, and I went and spoke to the young fan, who was a bit overwhelmed when I presented her with a full set of rank pips, and John gave her a Region 20 Comm Badge. Suffice to say, she did come and have her picture taken by several of us. She was dressed as Captain Janeway. It was only a small gesture of kindness on my part to a fellow *Star Trek* fan; but if I can help put a smile on someone's face, it is well worth it.

We had a great two days with those attending the Comic Con. At one point my friend Marc, who usually takes a lot of photographs, came and asked if we could help arrange a photo op for a good friend of his who is a massive *Star Trek* fan, which we were happy to do. The lady in question has had major heart surgery and had been in pretty poor health for a while. One of the things I did was present her with an *Alba Star Trek* 50th Anniversary Comm Badge. He came and thanked me later for doing it. Hopefully, the wee gift would bring a smile and lift her spirits. It's part of why I'm a Trekkie: to help others and bring a bit of joy if I can.

I was happy to meet, chat with, and get a picture with the two *Star Trek* guests, Dominic Keating and Fintan McKeown.



<http://www.heroconventions.com/>



Commander Larry Gessner, Commanding Officer, USS Dakota

The *USS Dakota* attended its very first event, a convention called iMagon (<http://www.imagiconnd.com/>) in Minot, ND. Back in January, I got the idea to join Starfleet. I had been a fan from the very first show, and now that I am retired I have more time to devote to learning all of the things I never knew. I contacted one of my friends (Rob Ehlers) whom I had known from years ago to love all things science fiction. He signed up his whole family (6 children included) immediately and, within a day or two, asked, "Hey Larry, have you ever been to iMagon?" "No," I replied. Rob then began to tell me what a fantastic time he'd had and that it would be a great opportunity to recruit new members. I agreed.

That night I got a message from him telling me he had reserved a space and hotel rooms for us. I was elated at first, but then the dollar signs appeared in my head as I started to calculate what this was going to cost. I messaged him back and asked, "How much?" His reply was: "Larry, I will cover the cost of the even (it's cheap), if you can take care of the cost of your room ... Oh, and I got my sister to sign her whole family up, too!" (Another 4 members!) So now I was a little more at ease and feeling better. The next day he messaged me and let me know he got a better deal if we took two spaces; so he did. I was thinking to myself, "Man, he has a lot of confidence." Here's where the fun began. Not only were we beginning a new chapter, we were also going big into our first event, a mere 4 months away.

When we were about 2 weeks from the event, Leo Rogers, the Commanding Officer of our support ship, the *USS Wisconsin*, let me know that he accepted our invitation and was going to fly in to support us. Now I was getting excited; and if that weren't enough, Jessie Single messaged me to let me know that, as part of her commitment to help boost the chapters in Region 6, she would love to attend as well. So now I felt that we'd better put forth the effort to do something to show them we weren't kidding around. I remembered seeing a picture of a hallway from the 1701-D on Pinterest, so I came up with the plan to build a section of that hallway for the event, to take up some of the 16' space we'd rented.

When the 26th arrived, I loaded all of the things I was bringing to the event, drove the 89 miles up to Minot, met with Rob, and set up the first part of the archway section. I had forgotten that I am now 64 years old and that I can't build things as fast as I could have in the past. So I had to leave, drive back home, finish the other section of the hallway arch, then drive back up to Minot the next morning. A mad dash then ensued to unload the archway, get it painted, and set it up. At last we were set up and ready to meet the public. The first day seemed a little bit slow; I had expected that because it was a Friday, and people had to work. I got up early on Saturday and was still putting the final touches on the arch when the event opened. One of our members sat there at the table and seemed anxious about when I was going to get changed into my uniform. Then, all of a sudden, two bounty hunters arrived and called out my name. I was handed a list of crimes I was being detained for, then paraded up to the front of the room and placed into a cage, totaling 4½ minutes of jail time. This was awesome!

Having Leo and Jessie there was a blessing! Having the ability for new members signing up to receive their SCC numbers right on the spot was a bonus. Watching Jessie engage people stopping at the booth and interacting with them showed me it was a good way to get people talking about their love for *Star Trek*. People loved our Archway, and Rob started offering photo ops for people stopping by. People really loved that!

Meeting people who love *Star Trek* and loved seeing us there was a thrill. Learning that some fans have amazing collections was exciting. Having people tell you that their parents were part of the original support crew people on the set was amazing. Having a little girl ask me if I was on the show made my heart skip a beat. That's something I will remember forever!

Seeing how much love, time, and effort people put into creating the costumes for their characters is beyond words. If there were a better word for devotion, I would use it here to describe the emotion that overcomes you when you realize the detail that goes into these costumes. I think the best part of this experience was making a positive presence at iMagon. We signed up a total of 7 new members. I feel that making people part of the experience is a key to recruiting.

We have begun planning how to make next year even better. It takes a crew to run a ship efficiently; and, boy, do I have one! Thank you to everyone on the crew. You made this event a positive experience for all!

Commander Larry Gessner, CO, *USS Dakota* – END LOG

USS Phoenix Lands at 2018 Columbia, MO EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Written By FCAPT Paul Herring

Commanding Officer, USS *Phoenix*

STARDATE 201804.22: The USS *Phoenix* began her 2018 Spring/Summer activity schedule with hosting an information and fundraising table at the Columbia, MO Earth Day Festival, held every year at Peace Park near the University of Missouri Campus on either Earth Day itself or the Sunday following.

The festival and street fair, which has been around since the late 1980s, is a celebration of ecology, sustainability, and community. The USS *Phoenix* has had a booth at the event since 2005 and was one of 205 booths at this event, including local businesses, volunteer groups, and community organizations.

There was also a bandstand that featured folk singers, a drum circle, a children's choir, and local blues and rock bands. A children's activity area and an "Eco Avenue," where different forms of ecological awareness were demonstrated, such as solar panel use, rainwater reclamation, and compost recycling.



Shuttle Bay Sale Table

Most of the time we can raise a nice amount at the Columbia, MO Earth Day Festival; but unfortunately, the weather was not cooperating this year. It was a chilly, cloudy, and drizzly day with temperatures in the lower 50° range, which reduced the number of people attending, in turn sorely reducing how much money we brought in. We were able to complete our primary goal of getting our "ship" out to the community as well as reconnecting with friends and supporters of our chapter, even after having to put our giant FAQ board inside the tent due to the weather conditions. Over all, the members who were able to be at the booth (which include Chapter XO CAPT Chris Davidson, LCDR Akiko Harada, and ENS Reid Wilson) agreed with me that the USS *Phoenix* had another successful year at the festival.



CAPT Chris Davidson, XO—USS *Phoenix*, manning the table at the Columbia Earth Day Festival, with a solar power generator cube providing the energy for electronic devices (lower left in photo).

The USS *Phoenix* added to that theme by using a solar-powered generator cube during the festival; it powered the laptop computer and other electronic devices we used during the day. Our primary reason for being at the event was, like a lot of other non-profit groups and community organizations, to promote ourselves to the general public and try to raise funds for ship activities and projects, such as our Boone County Voluntary Action Center Christmas Basket. We raise that money with our booth's "shuttlebay sale" table, where we sell sci-fi, fantasy, comic book, and manga/anime items that members and others donate to our group, with 100% of sales going to chapter activities.



For more information, please visit: <http://columbiaearthday.org/>

Sisko's Mom

DEBORAH LACEY TALKS TO *USS ANGELES* ABOUT *ST: DEEP SPACE 9*

By FCAPT Dave Mason, Commanding Officer, *USS Angeles*

Deborah Lacey never gave up on *Star Trek*.

"I auditioned for the part Whoopi Goldberg got," the actress told *USS Angeles* members during our 23rd-anniversary party March 17 at Jeremy Kranz's home in Northridge in the Los Angeles area. *The Star Trek: The Next Generation* role of Guinan went to Goldberg.

Lacey tried out for other *Star Trek* roles such as Kasidy Yates, Sisko's eventual wife. Penny Jerald Johnson was cast instead. But Lacey remained optimistic.

"I was determined. I had auditioned for *Star Trek* for years, and I knew this was the last season (of *Deep Space Nine*)," Lacey said. "For years, they had been trying to find something on *Star Trek* for me."

The role came for her when she was cast as Sarah Sisko, CAPT Benjamin Sisko's mother possessed by the Prophet, in the final season of *DS9*.

Lacey praised Avery Brooks, who starred as Sisko, for being very supportive of her on the set and giving her helpful advice for their scenes together.

"The first time we saw each other was in the makeup trailer," Lacey said. "He saw me over there. He immediately jumped out of his seat: 'Deborah Lacey!' I thought, 'You're going to introduce yourself to me! I don't have to come to you!'" Lacey said. "He was a gentleman. From that day on, we just clicked. We were inseparable."

Lacey said the *DS9* writers noticed the chemistry between them and incorporated that into the scenes Sisko had with Sarah.

"I'm getting chills remembering it," Lacey said. "The director said, 'You guys have this little dance going on.' We were not even aware. We got close because of him (Brooks). He was so generous."

Lacey said she confessed to Brooks that she felt uncertain about acting with him. Like some other actors, she felt intimidated by Brooks' talent.



Deborah Lacey, left, talks to the *USS Angeles* about guest-starring as Capt. Sisko's Prophet-possessed mother on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." Her audience at the meeting included, from left, her sister Donna Wills Williams, Karen Hoagland and Jackie Freeman.

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason, *USS Angeles*



USS Angeles members gather with guest speaker Deborah Lacey of "Deep Space Nine" at Jeremy Kranz's home in Northridge. From left are Janice Willcocks, Jay Gerber, Dave Mason, Elizabeth Critch (in the back), Jackie Freeman, Kelly Critch, Gloria Rodriguez, Jennifer Cole (in the back), Karen Hoagland (seated in front), Deborah Lacey and Chris Mulrooney. Jeremy is kneeling in the front.

Photo by Donna Wills Williams

"He said, 'No, no, no. You're not trying to be my equal. You are the person who created me,'" Lacey said. "From that point on, he lifted me. So, I became Sarah."

Lacey said she saw a certain magic in Brooks that inspired her as she played Sarah.

"I was so proud of Avery that I wanted the mother to be proud of the son," Lacey said.

She said fans frequently ask about her first scene in which her face appears in the sand in Sisko's vision. She explained she never had to go to the desert, where the episode was filmed. It was all done through makeup and special effects.

Lacey discussed her TV and movie career, which started with her appearances on *The White Shadow* in 1979 and 1981 and continued with guest spots on iconic shows such as *ER* and *The A-Team*.

Lacey said Angela Lansbury, the star and executive producer of *Murder She Wrote*, cast her as an insurance agent without an audition. Lansbury made her decision after watching a videotape of Deborah's work.

From 2007 to 2010, Lacey played Carla, the Draper family's housekeeper, on AMC's *Mad*

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Men, the Madison Avenue series set in the 1960s.

Her more recent work includes *The Fosters*, a 2014-15 series in which she played attorney Marie. She portrayed a journalist in the 2015 movie *Straight Outta Compton*, Tressie in the 2016 film *Love Under New Management: The Miki Howard Story*, and Margret in the 2017 short *Atone*.

As she talked, Lacey and our crew exchanged insights on *Star Trek* and laughed a lot. We appreciated her sense of humor and thoughtful answers to our questions. And we were glad Lacey's sister, Donna Wills Williams, could come with her.

At the party, we included her in our Blarney Prizes as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. She received several of the prizes, which were either green or Irish, from Founder and Second Officer Janice Willcocks. Other awards varied from decorative prizes to magically delicious Lucky Charms. The prizes are a fun tradition that Janice started a long time ago.

The St. Patrick's Day party also featured stew, Guinness beer, and other Irish delights.

Later, I awarded our host, Jeremy, with a promotion to full Lieutenant. Besides regularly hosting parties, Jeremy has done a lot for our club as our recruitment officer and a frequent contributor of ideas for activities. Congratulations!

Lisa Sobien arrived toward the end of the party with a cake she bought that marked the *Angeles'* 23rd anniversary. Our event marked the first time Lacey had addressed a *Star Trek* club. Lacey told First Officer Jennifer Cole, Jeremy, and me after the gathering that she had a great time. We told her how much we enjoyed her talk. No doubt, CAPT Sisko is proud of his mom.

USS Storm Annual BBQ

July 21st at Weymouth Furnace, 2050 Weymouth Rd, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

All members of STARFLEET are invited to attend the Annual USS Storm BBQ Free, but if you want you can bring a covered dish of your favorite food.

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Hot dogs, hamburgers, and corn on the cob will be on the menu. If you want something else, feel free to make a request.

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An Interview with Loretta H. Whitesides, Yuri's Night Co-Founder

COL Derek Allen
Commanding Officer, *USS Stephen Hawking*, NCV-4744400

Loretta Hidalgo Whitesides is a public speaker, co-creator of Yuri's Night, and an author on space exploration. She accumulated over five hours of weightless time as a Flight Director for Zero-G Corporation and plans to travel to space as a "Founder Astronaut" on Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo with her husband, George T. Whitesides, current CEO of Virgin Galactic in Long Beach, California.

Ms. Whitesides received a bachelor's degree in biology from Stanford and a master's from Cal Tech, with a particular interest in astrobiology. In relation to that work she appeared in the 3D IMAX documentary, *Aliens of the Deep*, traveling alongside director James Cameron to hydrothermal vents two miles under the ocean. She has also visited Haughton impact crater in the arctic, to study plants surviving in extreme environments.

I have personally known Ms. Whitesides for 3 years, and she is a wonderful personality and a loving mother of two. She is always trying to encourage us to be the best people we can be; and since Yuri's Night LA is run by an entirely volunteer staff, we do our best for the event because Loretta is such an inspiration to us all.

On May 12th of this year, one month to the day after the anniversary of Yuri's historic flight, we all assembled for the final meeting and wrap party for YN 2018. Many ideas were tossed about and plans discussed on how we can make next year's event even better. The 2018 event was held at the California Science Center in Los Angeles, California under the Space Shuttle Endeavour. This is the third year the crew of the *USS Stephen Hawking* has lent a big hand at the event.

This is our primary charity event, and it requires more than 10 months of preparation. Over the years I've helped out, I have met two male Astronauts who have been to the moon and four female Astronauts including Dr. Mae Jemison, who appeared in an episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, the first woman of African descent to be in orbit on the International Space Station.

Without further ado, I'd like to introduce you to Ms. Loretta H. Whitesides.

DA: Hi Loretta. Thank you for taking a few minutes to answer some questions for the members of my *Star Trek* fan association. I hope that your words here will inspire others to celebrate Yuri's Night in their communities and to further interest in Space Exploration. So please tell me, Loretta, how did it all begin; what gave you the inspiration for Yuri's Night?

LHW: Well, I was working at Johnson Space center in Houston; and on the calendar there it said April 12th was the anniversary of the first Space Shuttle launch, STS 1. And I said, "What? I didn't know that the Space Shuttle launched on my birthday. That is so COOL! How did I get to be 22 and not know this?" It caught my attention, and I thought that was a neat coincidence. It was then 1996, the end of the cold war; and there was an exhibition of Soviet Space Program artifacts coming to visit Houston for the first time since the wall had fallen. I had always been really interested in the Soviet Space Program since watching *2001 [A Space Odyssey]* and *2010*, its sequel. I grew up watching these movies and seeing that Space has the power to bring countries together.

In the movie *2010*, the USA and the Soviets had to do a joint space mission to Jupiter to find out what happened to HAL; and I was like 10 years old watching this and thought, "Wow, that is so cool." Since then I was always really interested in their Space Program, but we really didn't know much about it, and so I went to the exhibit. It was



Some familiar faces at Yuri's Night 2017 including Walter Koenig, Chase Masterson, and Rico Anderson.

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always very secret, very much behind the Iron Curtain, very mysterious, and you couldn't just look it up on Wikipedia. All of this was, of course, pre-internet. At the installation, which was called "FIRST IN SPACE," the first thing you see when you walked into the installation was this giant mural of Yuri that said April 12, 1961. And I just went, "GET OUTTA TOWN!" April 12, 1961 and April 12, 1981 the Space Shuttle took off 20 years to the day after the first man to orbit the Earth. And I just went, "BAM!" What an incredible coincidence, and I had never heard of that before. It was kind of unknown because the Soviet programs were kind of unknown at that time. So, this was 1996; and I figured out that in 2001 it would be the 20th anniversary of the Shuttle flight and the 40th anniversary of the Vostok flight, and it was going to be 2001!!! I said, "Come on, we gotta do something"; so, since I grew up in the 80's with Farm Aid and Live Aid, I thought, "We gotta do a big concert!" I thought we could do something in Houston, something in Moscow, and link it up by satellite or something.

Then when I was at the United Nations Uni-Space 3 conference in 1999, I was with youth delegates from all over the world; and I was telling them about this, "Okay, you guys, this date is coming up, and we have to do something. This is too important a date that we can use to bring our communities together and the whole world together and show the power of Space just like 2010 did and how Space could bring the world together. And they said, 'YES, but we don't just want to do it in Moscow and Houston. We want to do in Johannesburg. We want to do it in Tokyo. We want to do it London. We want to do it in Canada.'" So that is when George Whitesides, the co-creator, came up with the idea to do it grassroots, open source, crowd-funded (before "open source" was a word), and distribute it all around the world.



Loretta and George Whitesides as awards Luke and Leia (2015)

DA: So, you have been doing this for over 16 years now; and you have such a close connection with an Aerospace company. Tell us a little-bit about that.

LHW: So, George and I started Yuri's Night in 2001; and we started dating, then we got married. In 2005, we bought tickets to go on a sub-orbital flight with Virgin Galactic. That was basically a dream come true for both of us. We both love space, and we thought, "What would be cooler than to both go into Space?" So, we became ticket holders for Future Astronauts (Founder Astronauts, actually) with Virgin Galactic. It was a great opportunity to become involved with the company and with that extraordinary community of customers. Virgin Galactic has customers in 58 countries around the world. So, George became hired on as a consultant and ultimately became the CEO of Virgin Galactic. That's what brought us back to California to get that program going.

DA: What a great piece of background Loretta! Now, I know one thing about you, my friend, from helping with Yuri's Night for the last three years. Loretta, you are a big *Star Wars* fan. My readers would like to know, WTH? How does your love for *Star Wars* fit into Yuri's Night? How do you make that fit in?

LHW: Wow, well obviously, in my costumes it comes out a lot. One of my favorites was when I got to do "Throne Room Leia" and to give the award to Han Solo and Luke Skywalker (who was George that night), which was a lot of fun, you know, with the R2-D2's in the all about and the music playing in the background, it was perfect. I marched into my wedding to the Throne Room Theme, one of my favorite pieces of music. (At the time I was asking this question, the "Leia" Theme was actually playing from someone's playlist on a speaker in the courtyard.) How does it play into Yuri's Night? I think the ethos of *Star Wars* has been really influential on me. I've always identified as a Jedi, that's who I am at my core. What I like to say is that I'm here on Earth to help bring about the culture of the science fiction future to go on to the space ships. Because if we are the same jerks on Mars as we are here, well then, who the hell who cares? I want to make sure that when we go out there, we go out there to use that as an opportunity to be our best selves as individuals, as a community, and as a species.

DA: There was something you said once at the first wrap party I attended in 2016, and it's always stayed with me. I find myself



Loretta as Rey from The Force Awakens (2016)

mentioning it whenever we have one of these get-togethers. It was something like, "When we reach out there and move to the stars, everybody is going to be needed. There isn't going to be a job that isn't in some way going to be needed to help bring us to that point." Could you please elaborate on that?

LHW: Yeah, well, we are taking our whole community with us. You are going to need to have someone who is going to know how to make bread; you need someone who knows how to grow wheat. You need someone who knows how to keep us safe, someone who knows how to communicate and tell our stories back to the home world. Educate the next generation and the things that are going to be life-critical for them to know. People who are going to know how to help us all get along and resolve our conflicts. Because out in space the environment is too harsh to be able to handle big conflicts. It's just too easy for one person to eliminate an entire city. So, we have to raise/elevate our game in terms of how we deal with our own issues and how we deal with conflicts in our community. So, yeah, it's going to take a whole village. It's going to take all sorts, all stripes, to make it work.

DA: So, Yuri's Night is also a little bit about community building. One of the things that I really thought was interesting was about holidays we have on Earth and the special events that we are going to take with us. That was something I always thought was interesting about Yuri's Night. How do you feel about Yuri's Night becoming a potential holiday or celebration for our future Astronauts, Cosmonauts, and Planetary Explorers?

LHW: Well absolutely, you know when we started Yuri's Night, we believed this is a holiday that will be celebrated 10,000 years in the future, when humans are scattered through 12 star systems, because the 4th of July won't have the same relevance; New Year's won't have the same relevance. But the day the first human left our planet of origin is something that could still unite our whole species, something that we could all still connect with.

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There is something profound and lovely about the reasons and the idea that is at the core of Yuri's Night that is what *Star Trek* is about, as well. From our miracle working Engineers and Technicians to our ship's counselors and security personnel. The fact that, as humans, we love reasons to celebrate as a community. The fact that we do have to raise our game to get beyond the petty things we carry with us on a day-to-day basis. This is one of the reasons I enjoy being involved in the planning and bringing *Star Trek* to Yuri's Night's flagship city. Yuri's Night is more than just "The Global Party." That is just its delivery system. The real vehicle of Yuri's Night is that dream Loretta and many of us have for our future.



Loretta presenting Colonel Derek Allen with the Dancing Snoopy award for his part in helping out with Yuri's Night. (2016)

History of Yuri's Night

Yuri's Night was created in 2000 by Loretta Hidalgo Whitesides, George T. Whitesides, and Trish Garner. The first Yuri's Night was held on April 12, 2001, exactly 40 years after the launch of Vostok 1. Since 1962, April 12 has also been celebrated in Russia (formerly the Soviet Union) as Cosmonautics Day and since 2011 internationally as the International Day of Human Space Flight.

The 2004 Yuri's Night event in Los Angeles was attended by space-related figures including author Ray Bradbury, space tourist Dennis Tito, X-Prize founder Peter Diamandis, *NSYNC's Lance Bass and Nichelle Nichols (Uhura from the original *Star Trek* series). The event included a large party with 2 dance floors and world-class DJs.

The 2007 event in the San Francisco Bay Area was held at NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field in Mountain View, CA. The event featured artistic installations, technology demonstrations, and DJ music continuing through dawn of the following day.

April 12, 2011 marked the 50th anniversary of Gagarin's historic first flight. Over 100,000 people attended 567 Yuri's Night parties in 75 countries, and the crew of Expedition 27 recorded a Yuri's Night celebratory greeting from the International Space Station.

(Continued from previous page...Interview with Loretta Whitesides)

Yuri's Night Today

Yuri's Night events "combine space-themed partying with education and outreach." Parties and events are held at NASA centers, museums, schools, bars, houses, and other locations.

Yuri's Night has been celebrated in locations including Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Huntsville (Alabama), New Orleans, Inverness, Stockholm, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Lisbon, Helsinki, Afghanistan, Latvia, Romania, Peru, Antarctica, and the International Space Station, in addition to many other locations and virtual online celebrations.

Yuri's Night is organized on a global level by an all-volunteer "Executive Team", which provides logistical and promotional support to Yuri's Night events worldwide. Individual organizers are responsible for registering and running their local events.

You can find out how to register and create your own Yuri's Night celebration on the website at <http://www.yurnight.net>.



Region One's USS Heimdal Hosts Special Meeting Speaker

By ADM Linda Smith



One of the newest members of the USS Heimdal, Chelsea Clayton, Miss Virginia Collegiate, speaking on bullying prevention.

The USS Heimdal in Region One attempts to have diverse meeting guest speakers for 6 meetings out of each year. The May meeting featured Chelsea Claytor, Miss Virginia Collegiate, who spoke to the meeting about bullying. Bullying is a subject she is passionate about and a cause she champions. She speaks throughout the state about the subject. She will be competing in June for the title of Miss America Collegiate.

Miss Claytor's presentation was serious, informative & excellent. She followed it with a Q&A session that included questions about preventing bullying & the role social media plays in bullying.

Following the meeting, which Miss Claytor's boyfriend attended with her, both joined STARFLEET /Heimdal. We wish them a heartfelt Welcome Aboard.

Chelsea Claytor graduated from Franklin County High School in 2012. In 2015, she graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in political science.

She entered the world of pageantry when she was a sophomore, and since then has held multiple titles: Teen Miss Franklin County 2011, Teen Miss America 2012 and Miss Franklin County Agricultural Fair 2016.

Claytor is an independent sales director with Mary Kay, and will be working toward a master's degree in business administration from Liberty University beginning in the fall.

Miss Claytor was awarded the Miss Virginia Collegiate title in August, 2017.

(SOURCE: http://www.thefranklinnews.com/news/local-woman-named-miss-virginia-collegiate/article_1cab9a4c-8d85-11e7-80b0-0f0e9b52e6ec.html)

Following in Footsteps

by FCAPT Dave Mason, *USS Angeles*
Redondo Beach, CA

Don't worry. We ducked.

That's how the *USS Angeles* members avoided parasitic flying "jellyfish" as we explored the filming site of the *Star Trek* episode "Operation Annihilate!"

Second Officer and Founder Janice Willcocks led us April 7 around the Northrop-Grumman site in Redondo Beach, the former TRW facility featured in the episode. Janice pointed out where the episode was filmed, from an outdoor staircase to a fountain and a red exterior wall of Building S, the cafeteria. Janice worked there when the site was TRW. (Northrop's Aerospace Systems division took it over in 2002 after Northrop bought TRW for \$7.8 billion.)

Joining Janice and me were Lisa Sobien, Jay Gerber, E.J. Jakab, and David Westbay.

In the episode, CAPT Kirk (William Shatner) and company work to save the planet Deneva from the parasites driving its residents, who include Kirk's brother Sam, sister-in-law, and nephew, to madness. Spock (Leonard Nimoy) is attacked by one of the creatures, and Dr. McCoy (DeForest Kelley) and Kirk must figure out how to save Spock and the rest of the world.

As we toured the filming site, we walked in CAPT Kirk's and Spock's footsteps.

Afterward, David had to leave; but the rest of us enjoyed a dinner at a nearby Chili's. "Deneva" still has fine restaurants!

That night at our home in Goleta, Lisa and I watched "Operation Annihilate!" I paused the DVD when we spotted where we had stood a few hours earlier that day in Redondo Beach.

The April 7 mission was the second *Angeles* trip there. Janice gave Cliff Gardner, Richard Ortega, David Yamamoto, and me a tour of the site in the 1990s. (David and Richard are former members.)

She was struck by the diverse make-up of our ethnic backgrounds when she took photos of us.

During both missions, the *Angeles* Founder was a fantastic guide as she led us through *Star Trek* history.

Thank you, Janice!



See page 45 for more information about visiting Redondo Beach, California.



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures



Janice Willcocks talks to E.J. Jakab and other *Angeles* members in front of the fountain, featured in the episode "Operation Annihilate!"

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason, *USS Angeles*



(Above) From left, Jay Gerber, E.J. Jakab, Janice Willcocks, David Westbay and Lisa Sobien gather at the Northrop Grumman site in Redondo Beach.

(Right) Deneva colonists charge down with the same building in the background in the "Star Trek" episode "Operation Annihilate!"

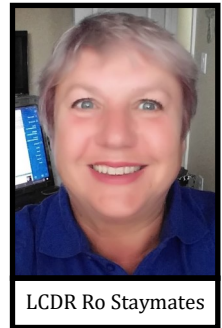


Above Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason,
USS Angeles

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Away Mission in Region 4

LCDR Ro Staymates, USS Wessex, Region 4
OPS, Chaplain, R4 Correspondent



It has been a little over thirty years since I was first assigned as an observer on the planet Ycnangerp. My assignment was to monitor their growth, both physically and technologically, to ascertain their readiness to join the Federation.

Now, thirty years later, I found myself invited to a ceremony called H'trib, in which a young one is welcomed into the clan, the community, and the Federation. It is a high honor to attend this event, one that in all my years with the Smada clan of that planet, I had heard of but never seen.

In the culture of Ycnangerp, the clans are very fluid. Younglings are brought into a clan, later grow, and leave to begin their own clans and traditions. It was Ynahteb, one of the females of the Smada clan whom I had observed and later lived with, who had invited me to the Ecnop clan's ceremony of H'trib.

I am here providing a detailed account as to what the ceremony entails, to be entered into the Starfleet Database.

The three beings who had been asked to attend all gathered in the Ecnop living space early in the morning. Each of us were designated a space to inhabit, quite comfortable furniture, while the clan head, Ynahteb, with her mate JA, entertained. Indigenous foods were provided: a kind of fowl that runs wild on the planet, covered in a thick, rich sauce and served over grain, some fermented juices, and water.

Over the intercom system, soft music was being played. I was given to believe that this music was provided by a group that had been specially selected by Ynahteb for this H'trib.

As the day went on, activity increased and decreased according to the dictates of the two leaders. Sometimes sitting quietly, talking and joking, at other times moving around the room. Candles burned, and their scents filled the air with local wildflowers and rain after a storm.

JA is a large male of this humanoid species, very broad across the shoulders. Very little hair can be seen as he is of the Warrior caste, protecting his clan and tribe from anything that might threaten their safety. At first look, he appears quite intimidating, much as the Klingons do to the uninitiated. Ynahteb is small, even for a female. Even as part of the Smada clan, in my initial contacts with this people, she was dainty and petite in appearance. As most females, her hair is long and silky, except for a shaved area on the side of her head, designating her as a clan leader and as a part of the Warrior caste as well.

As time went on, Ynahteb began vocalizing. Low growls followed by the occasional shout. The words she shouted were largely untranslatable but had to do with open hearts and hands.

At last, Ynahteb told us that it was time. JA motioned each of us into position around her. I was given a place of honor at her back. A symbolic position of trust, as I both supported her and 'had her back,' as we might say. The other two honorees were given equally important positions to either side of her, while JA knelt before her.

I would like to convey here the intimacy of this time. The world seemed to close around us as though there were only the five of us in existence. Time seemed to slow, as Ynahteb concentrated all her formidable will on the life force that she was bringing forth. JA touched, held, supported, and encouraged her as finally, with a last great shout, the young one was brought forth!

She was so tiny, and yet large for a young Ecnop. And she showed forth the will of her ancestors as she took a breath and shouted into the world.

Izzid is her name.

And we welcome her.



TIM RUSS' NEW VOYAGE

VOYAGER STAR PRESENTS *MILES TO GO* AT PREMIERE

By ENS Elizabeth Critch

BEVERLY HILLS — *Star Trek* stars came out to support Tim Russ at the premiere of *Miles to Go* April 5 at the Writers Guild of America West Theater.

The film, based on a story by Shawnda Christiansen and starring Anna Easteden, James Duval, and Christian Kane, follows June Taylor (Easteden) on her dark and dangerous journey to overcome addiction and find her missing brother. Along the way, she uncovers the gritty underworld of illicit opioid distribution in her small town. Easteden's portrayal of June Taylor is so convincing that when the producers first saw her audition tape, they suspected that an actual addict was auditioning for the lead role.

The story, based on Christiansen's real-life experiences, is well-developed; and the characters are interesting, but the script does them few favors and feels clunky and overwrought at times.

The premiere's red carpet and after-party were held in the lobby of the Writers Guild Theater in Beverly Hills. The whole cast and crew attended, as well as special guests including Vernon Wells (*Commando* and *The Road Warrior*), Richard Tyson (*There's Something About Mary* and *Kindergarten Cop*) and *Star Trek: Voyager*'s very own Robert Picardo (The Doctor).

Russ, an experienced director who played Tuvok on *Voyager*, said he felt compelled to bring Christiansen's story to the screen. Russ deftly directed this harrowing suspense/thriller, which also showcases a role for his daughter, Madison. She was previously seen in two other movies directed by her dad: *Star Trek: Of Gods and Men* and *Star Trek: Renegades*. *USS Angeles* member Chris Mulrooney helped behind-the-scenes and had a small on-screen part in the latter.

For more information about *Miles to Go*, please visit: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8009166/>



Robert Picardo, left, joins his fellow "Star Trek: Voyager" star Tim Russ, for the world premiere of "Miles to Go," a movie directed by Russ. *USS Angeles* members Kelly and Elizabeth Critch were there.

Photo by ENS Elizabeth Critch of the *USS Angeles*

Redondo Beach, California: A *Star Trek* Destination



The City of Redondo Beach has been a preferred resort destination for more than a century. A coastline and beaches rivaling the most beautiful Mediterranean resorts, a pleasure Pier for strolling, shopping and dining, a sport fishing fleet, a harbor with many seaside restaurants and cafes – all contribute to a unique and relaxing seaside ambience. With its variety of year-round attractions and events, accommodations to fit every style and budget, and shopping opportunities such as the Riviera Village and the Galleria at South Bay, the City is a wonderfully fun, easy and safe place to visit and play.

Information provided by the City of Redondo Beach website. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.redondo.org/default.asp>



Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons -Vice Chief, STARFLEET Operations

Greetings STARFLEET!

Greetings from the STARFLEET Discovery Recruitment Contest HQ! With only 6 weeks left to go, it appears that the *USS Cuchulain* is unstoppable.

Here are the rankings for June 2018.

USS Cuchulain 72; *USS Missouri* 28; *USS Panda* 24; *USS Narragansett* 21; *USS Merlin* 16; *USS Southern Cross* 15; *USS Tiburon* 14; *USS Alba* 14; *USS Appleton* 13; *USS Tydirium* 13; *USS New Orleans* 11

The contest runs until 31 July 2018. The winner will be announced at the International Conference. Can anyone take over the Cuchulain?

Stay tuned. . .

The Military in Science Fiction

Hosted by the STARFLEET Marine Corps 7th Brigade and THE ROYAL MANTICORAN NAVY: The Official Honor Harrington Fan Association

Military science fiction is a subgenre of science fiction that features the use of science fiction technology, mainly weapons, for military purposes and usually principal characters that are members of a military organization involved in military activity; occurring sometimes in outer space or on a different planet or planets. It exists in literature, comics, film, and video games.

Come chat with the people who celebrate both the Military and Science Fiction!



July 7th at the Shore Leave convention in Hunt Valley
Maryland, time and location to be announced



STARFLEET's International Conference FAQ

By COMM Jess Single, *USS Imperium*
IC 2018 Planning Committee, Advertising

The STARFLEET International Conference (IC) is not a sci-fi convention; it's a conference. What does that mean?

The conference is the business meeting of STARFLEET, the best opportunity for members to come together and talk face-to-face with their fellow members and their elected officials in Fleet. You have an idea about how to make something better? A question about how something works? An issue with how things are not working as smoothly as they could? This is the place to come and talk to people!

But you said it's not a convention and one of the things I love about conventions is shopping. Are there things to buy at IC?

You betcha! You'll want to check out the STARFLEET QUARTERMASTER <http://qm.sfi.org/> and the charity auction to help get rid of all that latinum burning a hole in your pocket.

What about dressing up in costumes? That's another thing I love about conventions.

You are welcome to dress up any way you like at IC. Many of the people attending will be wearing their favorite *Star Trek* universe attire. Dressing up is part of the fun, so let your geek flag fly!

Are there any parties?

Heck yeah! The whole event is one big celebration of STARFLEET and *Star Trek*. The level of partying varies per person; but there will be people, food, and a variety of adult beverages (caffeinated, alcoholic, and otherwise).

Okay, I'll bite. What do I need to do to come to IC 2018, August 10-12?

You'll want to register and pay the entrance fee at <http://www.ic2018.org/register-now/> and get yourself a place to stay while you are at IC. The hotel for the event is just the thing – IC event rate is \$109 per night (plus taxes and all that jazz).

Are there easy ways to travel to IC in Minnesota?

If you like to fly, check out some of the flight rates by Google, <https://www.google.com/flights/...> The local airport code is MSP, and we are a hub for Delta Airlines. If you drive in, keep an eye on <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/> for road closures and traffic conditions. Other ways to travel: <https://us.megabus.com/>, <https://www.greyhound.com/>, <https://www.amtrak.com/home.html>



See you in August!

Come to a STARFLEET Family Reunion

August 10–12, 2018 at the
HILTON MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL AIRPORT MALL OF AMERICA
Bloomington, Minnesota

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