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Planning ahead to 3rd Quarter 2019—Submission Deadline 15 September 2019

Communiqué 200th Issue

STARFLEET LOVE STORIES

Did you and your mate meet because of the wild, wacky world we call fandom? We want to know. For the 200th issue of the Communiqué, we want to tell your story. Was it at a convention? A chapter meeting? Did STARFLEET help bring love into your life? Let us know. A couple of sentences or the entire story, send it in. Pictures of then and/or now are welcome as well.

THE HISTORY OF THE STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

For the 200th issue, we want to recount the history of our International Conferences. We want to know where they have been, who helped run them, and stories from those who attended. Send us whatever you have to help us all remember the good times we've had at our annual conference. Pictures! Pictures would be great! Dig out those blackmail photos. We want to see how we've all changed over the years.

ARTICLE REPRINTS

Is there an article from a previous CQ that changed your life? Tell us how, and if you can, give us the article. We'll reprint it and see if it changes someone else's life.

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Tribute to Mother Nature's awesome power she
has been showing us all Winter along with her
promise of better things to come.

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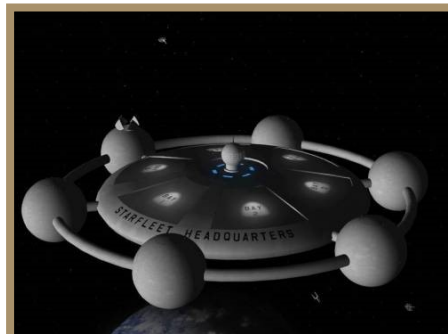
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The Home Stretch

Wow! I cannot believe that there are only six months left of the term. It seems like it has flown by and, despite some setbacks, is moving forward as we had planned. So far this year, we have reworked the system for awards and promotions. I know that this has been a pain lately; however, the new process seems to be turning around votes in about 20 days. The only time there is a hold up is if the EC has additional questions for the nominator.

We are continuing to work on the new database. Right now, the team is working on integrating our member expiration system into the existing source code. Once they have that to a point where they like it, we will move on to data purging. Because there is a ton of old unusable data in the database, we are going to be purging a lot of it. For most members they will not even notice. For those that have let their membership lapse, when we get to this step we are going to be asking all of you to reach out to old FLEET friends. We want them to understand that after we have finished this purge, their SCC number and awards will be gone and will not be able to be recovered. So, if you know of some people who are on the fence about joining again, let them know they should do it sooner than later.

Lastly, as most of you know, we have started the election season. Our team is dedicated to a clean, well-thought-out transition. I will never allow the kind of shenanigans that happened last time to happen under my watch. We already have a schedule in place to make sure that we do everything in our power to assist the new CS in hitting the ground running.

IC 2019

Our annual meeting is fast approaching. I am looking forward to it with trepidation. As some of you know, I lost a bet last year and I will be getting my head shaved on Thursday night. If you want to witness this event, make sure that you are there Thursday so that you can see it in person. I believe this is going to be a very exciting IC. I had a phone call last night with the chair and some of the guests and their panels look really interesting. I also hope that we are going to be able to get in a lot of fun and some extra surprises this year. I look forward to seeing many of you there in August.

BAD Information

Well, as with any organization, some bad information is going around the FLEET about some of the things we are doing. First, there is some confusion about the database. I want to assure you that once the development phase has been completed, the database will be fully owned by STARFLEET. We will have the source code and be hosting it on new servers dedicated to us. So, if you have heard that another organization is hosting or running this for us, that is not correct. Once it's to the point where CompOps likes it, it is ours forever.

(Continued from previous page . . . FROM THE KEYBOARD OF the Commander, STAFLEET)

Another rumor I have heard through the grapevine is that there seems to be some confusion about what a non-profit can do with its money and its members. So I will try to explain. A for-profit organization has either owners or shareholders to whom the profit of the organization gets distributed each year. A non-profit does not have this; the money that our organization makes is to be spent on the organization. Does that mean that we cannot pay a member for a specialized service? No, we absolutely can pay a member for a service as long as it is not higher than what can be found on the market. There are some non-profits that pay their Board of Directors to serve. Many pay their management and officers. I have served on one that repaid mileage for every meeting that I had to attend. So, it is not illegal nor does it break best practices to pay members for special services. In fact, doing so often benefits the organization because the member would charge a much lower rate than we would be able to find out on the market.

CS Traveling Man

To close this article I would like to share some of my adventures that I had around the FLEET in May. At the beginning of the month, I was lucky enough to be able to visit Region 20 for their summit. I must say that my wife and I had a blast. We got to put faces with the names of some great members in the FLEET and had so much fun roaming around the city of London. It was truly an honor to be able to promote some hard-working members in person on their home turf.

Over Memorial Day weekend here in the States, I embarked on what I now refer to as Operation: Bi-Coastal Personality Disorder. On Friday, I flew down to the Region 2 Summit that was being held at Treklanta Convention. I got to spend Friday evening socializing with members in Region 2, and on Saturday I was able to participate in their summit. Once they were winding down, I hopped on a plane and flew out to San Francisco for the Region 4 summit held at Baycon. There, I was a guest for a couple of really great panels about recognition and getting along with other fan clubs (something I think we all sometimes struggle with). Then we wandered around San Francisco and even had lunch at the Regional Coordinator for Region 4's deli, which was really delicious. I want to thank Region 20 and all the officers for their awesome hospitality, Region 2 and the workers at Treklanta, and Region 4 and the workers at Baycon for making May 2019 an unforgettable experience for me.





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First, I would like to apologize for the lack of columns in the last two issues of the *CQ*. There's really no excuse for not reporting to the membership, although I feel that between the live video chats, voice chats, text chats, tweets, and Tumblr blogs in which I've been engaging with the membership recently, my attention to the *CQ* fell off. In the future, however, if you're curious about these other methods, please be sure to reach out to me via email; I can guide you to finding out about the next opportunity to engage and get information for all members.

Having said that, let me bring you up to date on what's going on within the Office of the Vice-Commander.

New Directors and Posts

Colonel Wallace Cady, SFMC, has taken on the role of Director of STARFLEET Member Services. Member Services houses the Office of STARFLEET Human Resources, the STARFLEET Helpdesk, and the Recognition Department. To assist him in his duties, Captain Kelli Caplette has been appointed as Deputy Director. Colonel Cady and Captain Caplette are also taking on direct responsibility for Recognition, handling all incoming nominations and shepherding them through the process for approval. If you have an interest in joining the Member Services team, please contact them at memberservices@sfi.org.

Major Melyssa Dennis, MACO, is now the Director of STARFLEET Engage! That organization houses all of the Internal Departments of STARFLEET, including STARFLEET Sciences, STARFLEET Medical, and PETFLEET. Her primary duty will be to reach out to chapters and assist them with ideas toward retaining and engaging their rosters to help maintain activity, as well as providing assistance to burgeoning interest groups in becoming organized and potentially recognized as a future Internal Department of STARFLEET. If you're interested in assisting, please reach out to her at engage@sfi.org.

Captain Diane Bulkeley, the Director of STARFLEET Marketing and Branding, continues to work on marketing materials for STARFLEET. We're presently working on a new marketing project for all chapters that we plan to unveil at IC2019, so I hope to see you all there to take part. We also plan to make those materials available for download via the website and social media avenues, along with instructions on how best to utilize them. If you're interested in assisting her, please reach out to her at marketing@sfi.org.

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Parker, SFMC, was appointed last November in the role of Special Counsel to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. He holds a Juris Doctorate from Washburn University, is a practicing attorney with the National Litigation Law Group, and an adjunct professor at Bellevue University. His primary duties have been to assist us with document review, specifically the bylaws and membership handbook, to ensure that we have clarity and reduced or eliminated conflicts with our text, as well as providing advice on reviewing marketing and branding materials to prevent any infringement that may leave our organization exposed to liability.

Membership Handbook

And since we're on the subject of documents, the 2019 revision of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook is presently in progress, to be unveiled after IC (following any resolutions that make changes to the MHB during the ECAB meeting). Captain Bulkeley's office has been working tirelessly on a brand new layout as well as making the MHB accessible utilizing the PDF format for text-to-speech applications. Furthermore, we will be handing off this layout to the next administration to facilitate more efficient and timely updates to the handbook in the future. Part of the hindrance in producing this update was the complete lack of previous materials, leading to the creation of new materials to reproduce the handbook. This revision is mandatory due to the need to reflect multiple resolutions passed since 2015.

On the other hand, the STARFLEET Bylaws have had no changes made and do not require a 2019 update or revision.

Upcoming Election

Before I leave you this issue, I wanted to talk a little bit about the triennial election cycle in which we now find ourselves. Although we're currently (as of this writing) in the middle of the nomination phase, by the time you see this issue, we'll only be a couple of short weeks away from the general election phase. As you're deciding who will be the best choice for STARFLEET's future, please be aware that my office will be doing everything within its power to ensure a smooth transition to the next administration.



What this means is that I will be working with the rest of the Executive Committee to write and publish transition documents/manuals for each department to better assist our successors in taking the baton and hitting the ground running. The intent is to ensure that the next administration spends as little time as necessary to get up to speed, to proceed with its plans to continue to improve the organization. Over the final six months of this administration, that is going to be a priority mission for the Executive Committee.

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!



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To Admiral

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Happy Anniversary Ships of the Line

Celebrating Our Chapters' Years In Service

<i>USS Eagle</i>	R04	04/01/1979	40	<i>USS Reprisal</i>	R01	05/01/2010	09
<i>USS Czar'ak</i>	R06	04/01/1984	35	<i>USS Stargazer</i>	R20	06/02/2010	09
<i>USS Heimdal</i>	R01	04/01/1985	34	<i>USS Battle Born</i>	R03	04/19/2011	08
<i>USS Avenger</i>	R07	06/21/1985	34	<i>USS Dominion</i>	R07	05/14/2011	08
<i>USS Yeager</i>	R01	05/01/1987	32	<i>USS Drakonia</i>	R01	06/25/2011	08
<i>USS Hornet</i>	R01	06/02/1987	32	<i>Station Robert de Bruce</i>	R01	05/19/2012	07
<i>USS Republic</i>	R02	05/14/1988	31	<i>USS Alba</i>	R20	05/21/2013	06
<i>USS Bonaventure</i>	R01	06/26/1988	31	<i>USS Leonidas</i>	R04	05/22/2014	05
<i>USS Albany</i>	R07	06/27/1990	29	<i>USS George Washington</i>	R15	04/11/2015	04
<i>USS Star League</i>	R01	04/27/1991	28	<i>USS Reval</i>	R09	04/12/2015	04
<i>USS Khai Tam</i>	R02	04/04/1992	27	<i>USS Orion</i>	R12	04/29/2015	04
<i>USS Thunderchild</i>	R06	04/09/1992	27	<i>USS Valkyrie</i>	R07	05/10/2015	04
<i>USS Imperium</i>	R06	04/20/1992	27	<i>USS Freedom</i>	R01	06/16/2015	04
<i>USS Arizona</i>	R01	04/03/1993	26	<i>USS Narrgansett</i>	R15	06/21/2015	04
<i>USS Golden Gate</i>	R04	05/01/1994	25	<i>USS Endurance</i>	R03	05/22/2016	03
<i>USS Destiny</i>	R05	05/28/1994	25	<i>USS Appleton</i>	R20	04/22/2017	02
<i>USS Peacekeeper</i>	R04	06/02/1994	25	<i>USS Balthasar</i>	R04	04/25/2017	02
<i>USS Wind Spirit</i>	R17	04/01/1995	24	<i>USS Blackstone</i>	R12	04/29/2017	02
<i>USS Haise</i>	R02	04/27/1995	24	<i>USS Coyote</i>	R04	06/24/2017	02
<i>ISS Pegasus</i>	R04	06/05/1996	23	<i>USS Vector</i>	R13	05/16/2018	01
<i>USS Angeles</i>	R04	05/14/1998	21	<i>USS Liberty Belle</i>	R20	05/18/2018	01
<i>USS BortaS</i>	R12	04/15/2000	19				
<i>USS Dark Phoenix</i>	R12	05/11/2002	17				
<i>USS Magellan</i>	R13	05/20/2002	17				
<i>USS DeBraak</i>	R07	06/23/2003	16				
<i>USS Indiana</i>	R01	05/01/2004	15				
<i>USS Corsair</i>	R03	04/19/2008	11				
<i>USS Vre'Kasht</i>	R06	06/28/2008	11				
<i>USS Hecate</i>	R07	04/14/2009	10				



Welcome to the Fleet

Commissioned: 4 JULY 2019

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Great Mills, Maryland ▲ Region 07

CO: FADM (RET) Edwin "Les" Rickard

XO: FADM (RET) Michael W. Malotte

Launched: 8 MAY 2019

USS CHIBERIA ▲ NCC 97008

Harvey, Illinois ▲ Region 12

CO: CMDR Erica Washington

XO: LCDR Harlie Des Roches

Launched: 7 MAY 2019

STATION NORTH STAR ▲ SFX 1301

Sault Saint Marie, Ontario, Canada ▲ Region 13

CO: CAPT Kyle Stewart

XO: CAPT Gerome "Gerry" Knight

Launched: 18 JUNE 2019

USS MINERVA ▲ NCC 26287

Guadalajara, Mexico ▲ Region 18

CO: CMDR Jose Carlos Gomez Palacios

XO: LCDR Jose Alfredo Pena Uribe

OPERATIONS



AB RESOLUTIONS January 19, 2019



From the 19 January 2019 meeting of the Admiralty Board held by teleconference

Chair: RADM Michael Garcia (VCS, acting)

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Region 01: ADM Ruth Lane

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Region 06: ADM David Kloempken

Region 07: VADM Wayne Augustson

Region 08: RADM Owen Swart

Inspector General: COMM Steven Stott

Region 09: FCAPT John Sullivan

Region 10: ADM Paul Reid

Region 11: FCAPT Eileen Reed (absent)

Region 12: COL S. Christopher Boggs

Region 13: FCAPT Rebecca Herber

Region 15: COMM Corey Grant

Region 17: FCAPT Jerry Spalding (absent)

Region 20: RADM Richard Sams

Record of Votes:

19-01: Region 3 Motions to rescind and replace AB Resolution 99-01 with the following:

If an area of a currently existing Region or Regions wishes to separate from the Region(s) in which they reside, certain conditions must first be met:

- A. *Said area must contain at least two full chapters.*
- B. *Said area must have boundaries based upon pre-established state, provincial or national borders. No state, province or nation shall be shared, in whole or in part, by more than one Region. Additionally, areas wishing to form their own Region must also share a common border and not alienate an existing portion of a Region from the rest of the Region.*
- C. *Petitions to make region changes may be brought in two ways:*
 - C1. *Per the STARFLEET By-laws, section 14.1, a petition may be brought to the AB by all the voting members of the Region. This petition must be overseen by the STARFLEET Inspector General (IG).*

OR

- C2. *The representative of the group of wishing to form a new Region must first notify in writing, by registered postal mail, OR OTHER OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION, all chapters within the affected area, in addition to the Regional Coordinator/s of the Region/s in which the affected area is located, of their intentions before submitting a petition to the Admiralty Board for their consideration.*
- D. *IN EITHER METHOD, the representative of the group wishing to form a new Region must file the petition, including the signatures of no less than SIXTY-SIX percent of the combined full chapter Commanding Officers OR 50% +1 of the Voting Members, in the affected region, with the Admiralty Board. This petition must conclusively indicate that the creation of a new Region is a justifiable benefit to all members and chapters in the affected area.*
- E. *Within sixty days after receipt of a petition for a new Region, the AB shall vote to approve or disapprove of the petition.*
- F. *This motion specifically rescinds and replaces AB Resolution 99-01.*

Discussion is opened on the original motion.

Region 3 withdraws his original motion and submits revision based on discussion points.

Discussion is opened on the revised motion.

Region 2 motions for cloture to bring discussion to a close by voice vote. Region 4 Seconds.

Voice vote, all ayes, no nays, two absent.

Regions 2, 4, and 5 Second the revised motion.

Vote by Roll Call on 19-01.

Ayes: R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R12, R13, R15, R20.

Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: R11, R17.

Motion passes 14-0-0-2.

AB RESOLUTIONS January 19, 2019



19-02: Region 3 Motions that upon review of the submitted petition to change the Republic of Ireland to Region 9 or to a separate region, to the AB, by Alan O'Shea (by way of the Regional Coordinator of Region 20) to not satisfy the requirement of "This petition must conclusively indicate that the creation of a new Region is a justifiable benefit to all members and chapters in the affected area." of AB Resolution 19-01. As such, no changes to Regions 9 and 20 are authorized at this time. Region 7 Seconds.

Discussion is opened on the motion.

Region 20 motions for cloture by voice vote. Region 4 Seconds.

Voice vote, all ayes, no nays, two absent.

Vote by Roll Call on 19-02.

Ayes: R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R12, R13, R15, R20.

Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: R11, R17.

Motion passes 14-0-0-2.

19-03: Region 3 Motions to replace Section 07:04 of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook with the following complete text:

Section 07:04 –

COMMANDING AND REGIONAL OFFICERS

The Commanding Officers of all STARFLEET chapters shall serve at the discretion of their chapters' crews, and except under the circumstances as set forth in Section 03:01, the removal of such Officers by anyone other than the chapters' members shall not be permitted. Regional Officers, such as Vice-Regional Coordinators, serve at the discretion of the Regional Coordinator, and removal of such officers by any other person other than the Regional Coordinator shall also not be permitted.

Internal Departments, as defined in Section 10:01, wishing to appoint a Department Officer that share an area of responsibility (AOR) with a given region will have guidance from their respective department and/or the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET (VCS), as to the appointment of officers in charge of that shared AOR. These officers are NOT inserted, inherently, to an RC's staff, nor under the RC's direct supervision. However, given the inherent need of the role to work with the RC and their staff, the RC's advice and consent is needed for the appointment of the departmental officer. Further, these Departmental Officers will copy the RC on their required reports, as defined by their departmental guidance.

Discussion opened on the original motion.

Region 3 withdrew his motion for revision and resubmitted with the above text.

Discussion opened on the revised motion.

Region 4 motioned for cloture to end discussion. Region 5 seconds on the motion.

Region 4 motioned for voice vote in place of roll call. Region 5 seconds on the motion.

Voice vote taken. All ayes, no nays, four absent (R7, R8, R11, R17). Motion passes.

Region 5 motioned to adjourn the meeting by voice vote. Region 2 seconds on the motion.

Voice vote taken. All ayes, no nays, four absent (R7, R8, R11, R17). Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 1031 PST.



AB RESOLUTIONS May 4, 2019



From the 4 May 2019 meeting of the Admiralty Board held by teleconference



Chair: FADM Dan Toole (CS)

Vice-Chair/Secretary: RADM Michael Garcia (VCS)



Region 01: ADM Ruth Lane (absent)

Region 09: FCAPT John Sullivan (absent)

Region 02: RADM Ryan Case

Region 10: ADM Paul Reid

Region 03: BGN Jeremy Carsten

Region 11: FCAPT Eileen Reed



Region 04: ADM David Nottage III (absent)

Region 12: COL S. Christopher Boggs

Region 05: BGN Mitch Dunn (absent)

Region 13: FCAPT Rebecca Herber

Region 06: BDR Leo Rogers(absent)

Region 15: COMM Corey Grant



Region 07: VADM Wayne Augustson

Region 17: FCAPT Jerry Spalding (absent)

Region 08: RADM Owen Swart

Region 20: RADM Richard Sams

Inspector General: COMM Steven Stott



Record of Votes:



19-04: Region 7 Motions to confirm the nomination of Johnathan Simmons as the new Chief of STARFLEET Operations. Region 13 Seconds.

Vote by Roll Call.

Ayes: R2, R3, R7, R8, R10, R11, R12, R13, R15, R20

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: R1, R4, R5, R6, R9, R17.

Motion passes 10-0-0-6.



19-05: Region 7 Motions to confirm the nomination of David Goldsberry as the new Chief of STARFLEET Education Services. Region 3 Seconds.

Vote by Roll Call.

Ayes: R2, R3, R7, R8, R10, R11, R12, R13, R15, R20

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: R1, R4, R5, R6, R9, R17.

Motion passes 10-0-0-6.



Region 20 motions to adjourn meeting by voice vote. Region 7 Seconds.

Voice vote, all ayes, no nays, six absent.



Meeting adjourned at 1707 PDT.



SPECIAL ADDITION

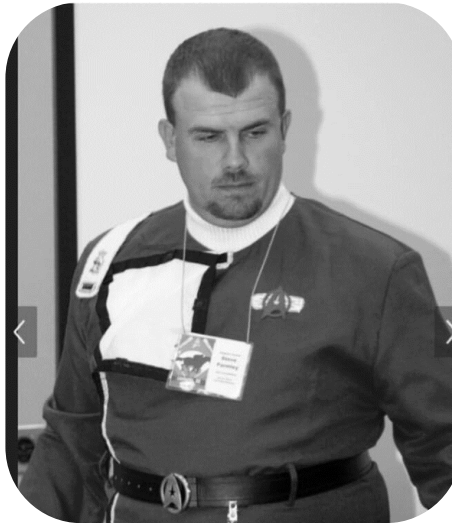
Greetings, fellow members of STARFLEET! I am Steve Parmley; and I am running for Commander, STARFLEET in the upcoming election. I want to take a few moments to tell you about myself, my team, and what we have planned for our administration.

In the real world, I am a maintenance sustainment supervisor for a nationally-known cable company. I also serve as an assistant chief for my local fire department. I am also a LCDR in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, responsible for 115 cadets and 37 instructors in my posting as the regional commander for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In STARFLEET, I am currently on leave as Deputy IG for STARFLEET. I have served as DCOINFOCOM, 1st BDE OIC, CO of the *USS Constellation*, 2nd BN OIC, and Chief of Medcom in Region 12, to name just a few of my current and past postings.

James Herring is running for VCS alongside me. Jim handles promotions, advertising, sales, publicity, and PR for an HVAC company. He has also run his family farm, been a professional photographer for 16 years, owned a game store for 10 years, ran the classifieds section of a newspaper for 6 years, owned and run a bed and breakfast for 3 years, and was president of 2 alumni associations, both of which were 501 (c) (3).

In STARFLEET, he has served as Chief of Operations, Head of Department of Technical Services, and Commander, STARFLEET. He has also been a Senior Vice Regional



Coordinator and Regional Coordinator for his region. Currently, he holds several regional and FLEET-wide positions.

Our choice for Chief of Operations is S. Christopher Boggs, who has been a member of STARFLEET for many years. He currently serves as the CO of the *USS Blackstone*, Regional Coordinator for Region 12, 12th BDE OIC, Dean of the Institute for Police, Fire, & Rescue, and Director of the CFRS-Basic Firefighter and Andorian Orientation Colleges in STARFLEET Academy. Having also served in the real world as a board member and former president of several successful theater organizations, he brings experience from both within and outside of STARFLEET to his position.

With the new database in development and the continuing work toward full implementation of GDPR, we have asked Tony Knopes to continue as Chief of Computer Operations during our administration. His qualifications

are evident for all to see in the work he has been doing and will continue to do for STARFLEET.

Our choice for Chief of Communications is Dennis Rayburn. He served as Vice Chief of the department under Jonathan Lane during Sal Lizard's administration and brings his experience from those years in that position. He has also written professionally for several websites over the years and continues to be a freelance writer when he is not enjoying the retired part of being semi-retired.

Linda Olson has honored us by agreeing to remain as Chief Financial Officer for our administration, and we could not be happier. Her experience in the position is well-known and will be a great help for us during our term in office.

Our Commandant of STARFLEET Academy will be Carol Thompson. She has been in STARFLEET for over 25 years, most of that time spent in the Academy in some form or fashion. She has done everything there from being Acting Commandant to sweeping out the place at night! She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the post of Commandant for the Academy in our administration.

We have chosen Rey Cordero to be SFMC Commandant in the Parmley/Herring administration. Rey currently serves STARFLEET as 1st BDE OIC, and as Helpdesk Administrator. In the past, he has served as DOIC of the 7th BDE, BN OIC in both the 1st and 7th BDEs, and has served in staff positions in both of those BDEs as well. He has also

formerly served as Infantry Director in TRACOM and as Helpdesk VC Admin and held regional staff positions in Region 1.

We believe we have assembled a team with the skills and motivation to help us lead STARFLEET into the next decade.

Our team's motto is "Members First, No Excuses." For too long, this organization has strayed away from its commitment to the membership to make this a fun experience. Instead, it has become a club controlled by a certain viewpoint in which the needs of the membership are a minor item of importance. This will end on day one of the Parmley/Herring Administration by bringing the following ideas to light and starting **immediate** action on them:

Enhance the member's experience in STARFLEET and reinforcing the idea that STARFLEET works for them – Everyone in any leadership position in this organization, from the Fleet Admiral to the least-known position in FLEET-level leadership, must remember that we work for you. In our administration, leadership will no longer look down at the membership but will work with them and for them in our common goal of celebrating our fandom of a truly incredible franchise, and focus our enjoyment into efforts to help our fellow man in the spirit of "Let Me Help."

Improve membership recognition by a total revamping of the FLEET-level awards system – There are many members of SFI who are deserving of recognition but are not receiving it for many different reasons. Instead of assigning blame, our administration is going to undertake a complete and total review of the recognition program and make any changes required not only to prevent deserving members from falling through the cracks in the process but also to streamline the system to give recognition quickly when

deserved. One major change we are looking into is the establishment of an award, similar to the SFMC's STARFLEET Cross, available as an award to FLEET members at the discretion of the Commander, STARFLEET for exceptional service to the FLEET.

Improve membership processing for all members – Our membership processing system needs a detailed examination to determine how best to serve all of our members around the globe. We will be examining all facets of the system to make sure that we are not only processing memberships promptly but also that we are attentive to the particular needs of international members.

Provide access to STARFLEET's online activities to accommodate any physical challenges members face – The current administration has made great strides in the area of protecting the security of our membership's personal information as required by international law. However, we are not quite in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act here in the U.S., which requires access to be made available for those of us who deal with various physical challenges. This administration will start working **from day one** toward the goal of providing complete accessibility to our online experience, where all can be equally involved. That also includes working on getting the Fleet Manuals on audio for our members who are unable to read due to physical differences.

New FLEET-level activities for all members of STARFLEET – This administration will work to enhance the experiences of all members, regardless of age, with new FLEET-level activities. This enhancement will be done not only by ideas from this team but also by ideas from you, the membership. Remember, STARFLEET belongs to all of us, not just a few. We need to be open to

new ideas, concepts, methods, and activities to help all enjoy the *Star Trek* universe.

Official Facebook groups – Members have expressed concerns with various aspects of the discussions that are allowed to take place in the Members-Only and Business-Only Facebook groups. Our team will be putting measures in place that will ensure that everyone is treated with respect in both groups. Also, in the Members-Only group, discussion of any science-fiction topics will be allowed, as long as it is family-friendly. *Star Trek* may have brought us here; but for many of us, it is not the only passion that we share. This will allow members to strengthen friendships by discovering more of what we have in common.

Fleet Manuals - Our team will work on getting all the STARFLEET manuals updated, as they should have been long ago. They are outdated; this is something that needs to be done for our members. This will include working to offer critical documents in other languages, the better to serve our international members. This, as with many other plans and projects, will start on day one of our administration.

We welcome any questions and discussion of our plans. If you have any questions, please send them in; we will happily answer them.

We will make no excuses.

We will make things happen.

We will lead, not manage.

If something or someone doesn't work, we will find something or someone that does.

No Excuses.

MEMBERS FIRST, NO EXCUSES

SPECIAL ADDITION

My name is RADM Denise “De” Rush, and I have been an SFI member in good standing for 10 years.

I am 63 years old, married, and currently retired for the second time in my life. I am a Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. Nothing can prepare someone better for leadership than the vast multitude of experiences of a long, eventful life.

I graduated from an accredited State University with a BS in Science, which truly doesn’t relate to anything SFI except my passion for Space exploration. I have been told my leadership style is that of a firm hand in a velvet glove. I listen, ask questions, analyze, and come to a logical conclusion. I believe in delegation and in giving people well-defined responsibilities and granting them the authority to carry them out without micro-management from above. I also encourage people to be the best they can be, then try to get them to extend themselves a little bit more. Most of them are quite surprised by what they can actually do with a little bit of support.

I am quite proficient in both written and vocal communication and have had a great deal of experience in financial management. I previously owned several businesses and was employed for several years as a Senior Customer Service Rep for an International Corporation. I have participated in and worked with non-profit organizations while serving seven years as a Commanding Officer. I have dealt with the issues of both 501(c)(3) non-profit, and 501(c)(7) not-for-profit, and am well acquainted with their governing processes and rules.

My current husband graciously offered me the luxury of retirement once again; and this time, I’m thoroughly enjoying it. My hobbies include creative writing, dancing, Tai Chi, baking, and



firearms (I’m not your traditional “Granny”). I have enjoyed several other outdoor hobbies such as snowmobiling, race car driving, off-roading, and water sports, that had to be put aside since I broke my back on Christmas Day, 2016.

I have served SFI in various capacities:

- Captain of the *USS Antares*, R5 and currently of the *USS Longbow*, R2
- Vice Regional Coordinator, R5
- Acting Asst Director and Chief of Operations - MACO (formerly SFSO)
- Deputy Surgeon General, Chief of Operations - SF Medical
- Asst. Surgeon General, R5 & R4
- Webmaster, SF Medical
- Dean of the Institute of the Arts - SF Academy
- Director of seven Colleges in the SF Academy

These positions have enabled me to gain firsthand knowledge about the specific issues that affect our organization.

If elected is my intention as CS to attend as many Summits and various meetings as possible, barring any scheduling conflicts or real life.

I have chosen VADM Theresa Bristow as my Vice Commander. She also has been a member in good standing for

over 10 years. Her experience and knowledge as a previous VCS and CS will prove to be invaluable to our Team and the Organization.

The rest of the EC is as follows:

Chief Operations Officer
RADM Cher Schleigh

My long and winding road began when I found the local library. I happened upon a book called The Red Planet by Heinlein. It was so good that I couldn’t, from that day forward, stop reading. Then came Star Trek. From that show, I learned that all types of peoples could live together, embracing the ideals of IDIC. I went from there...

I have been in Starfleet for 25+ years. I served as XO aboard the USS Sovereign earlier in my career. I have been the Director of many Colleges throughout the years and am now the Dean of Alternative Medicine. I am now working in Membership Processing, and I was accepted as Vice Chief of Finance. I also publish the Academy Monitor. And now here I am...

Chief of Operations, I realize, is a position of heavy responsibility. I realize this and will do my best to serve Starfleet International, its various departments, and chapters. Our Operations Department will ensure that the physical information of chapters is secure by making sure the right persons only have the required Information thru support from Comp-ops. We will also be updating manuals to streamline launches and commissioning and to detail what members need to start a chapter. We will be working hard to make sure Operations fulfills its obligations to Starfleet International with professionalism and by building a cooperative environment to ensure timely answers to questions and fulfillment of requests.

Chief of Communications
CAPT Jessica Odell
I joined SFI in 2016 and became active

when my chapter needed a new XO. I jumped into the breach and became involved immediately in Chapter and Regional events. I am also very much invested in SFI as a whole, and I hope that all departments can work together to move the organization forward.

Commandant, SF Academy
ADM Carol Thompson

Twenty-six years ago, in 1993, I joined STARFLEET because I was a fan of TOS and the new ST:TNG but had no one with whom to "talk Trek." Two years later, I wrote my first College, Survival Studies, and never looked back. I found my niche in Academy, and since then have written many Colleges and held many positions across the campus.

To me, Academy is a project of love: love of learning, love of being a part of a large, like-minded academic team, love of serving the members, whom we serve. My motto is, "The Members are our First Duty." Everything else: rank, position, reputation, is a distant second to that duty.

I look forward to helping Academy adjust to the changing educational needs of our members, not only in using the technology but also in providing content to which the younger generations can relate.

Chief of Information Services
COMM Tony Knopps

I first started my STARFLEET career in the engineering department of the USS Republic in the early 1990s. I rose to the position of XO and then left to co-found a shuttle on the South-side of Atlanta, the Shuttle MacLeod. Shortly after, I left STARFLEET when I left Atlanta for a brief time. I returned to STARFLEET in 2013 and joined aboard the USS Dejah Thoris as Second Officer. In 2014, I had the unfortunate luck of responding to a request for help in the CompOps department and soon became the primary database handler. In 2016, I stepped into the Chief's position when the last chief had to step down.

I have had many years of production support and troubleshooting, infrastructure design and management, LAMP development and programming, and automation experience working in the IT field for the last 20 years.

Chief Financial Officer
GEN Linda Olson

My name is Linda Olson. Some of you might remember me as Linda Oakley,

back when I first joined STARFLEET in Region One, 1994. I started as the Chief of Public Affairs. I later became the Chief Finance Officer and the Summit Coordinator for Region One. I also began to work with the SFMC Quartermaster, which was just getting started. Somewhere in 2000 or 2001, the office of FORCECOM became vacant. I held that office until the office of FINCOM was created, and I was asked to step into that role.

In 2011 I was asked by then-candidate for CS Dave Blaser to join his ticket as CFO. I was a bit concerned about taking on such a task; but he convinced me to give it a try, and I have been here ever since. Sometimes I have to ask myself, "Why? Why do I stay in a position that requires so much of my 'free time,' and what do I get out of it?" Then I remember all the wonderful people in this organization, who appreciate the little things I am able to do for them; and I have to smile.

My team and I also spend many hours a week processing memberships in the database, trying to make sure that every member has a good experience in STARFLEET. Do we make mistakes? Yep, we are only human, even if we prefer to be Vulcan. But the one thing I know is when the day is done, I did my best.

I often tell folks that if they need help to call me, email me, or message me; and I will do what I can to get them an answer. Can't always get the answer they want, but will always do my best. I truly believe that if something is worth doing, it is worth doing right, and I will always give 100 percent.

Our Administration Team:

Chief of Member Services - MGN Steve Parmley

Commandant, SFMC - BDR Brian Allen

Commandant, MACO - MGEN TJ Allen

Surgeon General, STARFLEET - ADM David Miller, MD

Director of the Diplomatic Corps - COMM Caroline Signol

Chief of Staff - COL Wallace Cady

Inspector General - COMM Stephen Stott

JAG - BDR Mitch Dunn

Each of them has been selected for the experience, knowledge, and uniqueness that only they can bring to the

organization. They will also have a team of their choosing to work with them, to make the inner workings of SFI as smooth as possible.

The primary issues of our campaign will be the following:

Improving and making communication between the members, the SFI entities (SFMC, SF Medical, SF Academy, and MACO), and the EC more effective and bidirectional -

We will do this by making our Team available not only to each other but to every member from the newest to the oldest, regardless of rank or position. Everyone has a voice and fresh ideas that need to be heard, contemplated, and perhaps instituted. We are going to make that happen!

Reviewing and bringing the SFI Manuals up to date -

We are reviewing all of the current SFI manuals to bring them up to date. We are also making them available in different languages for our International members.

Refining and improving the current processes for member recognition -

This has been a sore spot for years in SFI. It is a lengthy, outdated procedure that is being updated to a faster, more efficient process. No more waiting months for an outcome.

Instituting support at the Chapter level for recruiting and retention -

We are going to introduce a new Captain's Manual to aid chapters in recruiting and retention, along with new updated materials they can use.

Putting the "International" back into SFI by promoting an environment of inclusion with our international members. -

We are doing this by integrating International members into the EC and peppering them all throughout our Administrative Team.

As a Team, we believe we can make this happen, but not without your help.

We would greatly appreciate your support in our endeavors by voting for "Team Rush/Bristow 2019".

TEAM RUSH/BRISTOW 2019

STATE OF TRACOM

JUNE 2019

MGN Shane Russell, SFMC
COTRACOM, SFMC
OIC, 229th MSG



Greetings everyone,

I want to wish all a happy Father's Day and happy 4th of July. I want to thank all Marines for their feedback and comments about making SFMC TRACOM move forward. As we all lean forward in the foxhole, we continue to refine. It has always been my goal to improve and train the SFMC Forces throughout. I would like to thank everyone who has submitted course ideas and new exciting courses for us to review. If anyone has any ideas or improvements for SFMC TRACOM, please let me know.

First, I would like to say a few words about a few cadres that have given a lot of their time and input into their respective departments in SFMCA. I would like to thank Josephine Fisher, Larry French, Eric Schulman, and Faith Steinberg. I am sincerely grateful for their time in SFMCA (SFMC TRACOM).

Second, I would like to welcome our newest directors to SFMCA. I would like to welcome back GEN Mike McGowan as Strategy and Tactics Director. Frank Gonzalez will be the MURP/MOSC Director. I welcome him to his new billet. Mike Brown will be taking over as the Xeno-Vulcan Director. Mike has had a lot of experience in SFMCA, and I feel that he will be a great director. Additionally, Mike is also working on revising MECHA material to re-open the MECHA college. I will be working in the interim to fill the OD Director billet. If anyone is interested in it, please submit your application through the HR SFI website.

I will also be running the ADC Office for the next couple of months due to ADM Barbara Paul recovering. I would like to ask everyone to continue to say any prayers and express well wishes for her speedy recovery. As every member of the SFMCA knows, she is a valued member of the force.

SFMC is currently looking at making some revisions to various materials and policies. If anyone would like to assist us, we are currently looking for writers and artists.

Sincerely,

Shane Russell
MGN, SFMC
COTRACOM, SFMC
OIC, 229th MSG
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Region 3 Makes It So at Summit

VADM Trisha Tunis
Commanding Officer
USS Corsair, Region 3



Texas and Louisiana chapters of STARFLEET International Region 3 gathered June 7-9, 2019, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to celebrate Captain Picard Day. The R3 Summit had a special focus on CAPT Jean-Luc Picard and actor Patrick Stewart. It was hosted by the Red Shirts of the *USS Corsair* and other STARFLEET International Region 3 chapters, including the *USS Zavala*, *USS Battle Born*, and *Ark Angel Station*. Special away missions included the I-10 Forward Bar Crawl and a tour of the Three-Rolls Estate Rum Distillery.

Over \$1,700 was raised for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and the *USS Kidd*.

Admiral's Banquet Attendees



Photo credit Jeffery Lord
Ark Angel Station

\$20



For the 2019 R3 Summit, there was a challenge coin created. There are still some available for purchase! \$20, email qm@Region3.org.

Photo Credit Michael Trujillo



Photo Credit Jeffery Lord
Ark Angel Station



New Lifeform Tigger and
COMM Tank Clark, *USS Sea Tiger*.

Photo Credit Glenda Stephenson
USS Diamondback



Photo Above
Commanding Officer of the Year, and her Chapter, the *USS Zavala* won Chapter of the Year, VADM Lucy Franck

Photo Below
Congratulations to the newest Commodore of STARFLEET International, John Johnson of the *USS Tavros*!

Photo Credit Jeffery Lord
Ark Angel Station



Photo Right
The *Ark Angel Station*'s Jeffery Lord [in the yellow security *Next Gen* t-shirt] (hereby appointed Auctioneer for Life) had a blast auctioning off memorabilia and even the old Region 3 Banner. The most touching donation of the night was Marion Murphy's old STARFLEET flag. Lloyd Bates was the winning bidder on that item.

Region 3 Award Winners

Junior Member of the Year

Kendalyn Jarrett

Enlisted Member of the Year

Lee Richey

Officer of the Year

Donna Jarrett

Commanding Officer of the Year

Lucy Franck

Chapter of the Year

USS Zavala

Zenith (print Media)

USS Diamondback

Maelstrom Navigation Award

Kelly Hayes

Glen Corbin Mentorship Award

Edward Tunis III

Steven "Doc" Jessup Distinguished Service Award

Larry Pendleton

Marian L. Murphy Meritorious Service Award

Steve Sardeson

Region 3 Commendations
For Raising Over \$1,000 for Charity

Ark Angel Station

USS Battle Born

USS Diamondback

USS Zavala

There were two programming tracks at the Region 3 Summit: WWP (What would Picard Do) Leadership Track and the Captain's Holiday (Fun) Track.

WWPD Leadership Track

The term "Fleet First" has been mentioned a lot around Region 3, and the 2019 Region 3 Summit provided a unique interactive discussion of marketing techniques to help chapters grow. For this panel, VADM Lucy Franck of the *USS Zavala* set up their informational display to demonstrate recruiting techniques and generate ideas for other chapters to incorporate. VADM Trisha Tunis also set up the *USS Corsair*'s smaller "quick set-up" information table and showed off her "Fleet First" marketing materials. BGN Jeremy Carsten explained the importance of

the program and how it could be implemented in chapters. Regional Coordinator BGN Jeremy Carsten also educated commanding officers about GDPR and how it impacts chapters in his discussion "SFI Leaders in the Modern Era." The importance of member recognition was address by VADM Lucy Franck in her panel, "How to be an Award-Winning Chapter."

Captain's Holiday Fun Track

Patrick Stewart's career and portrayal of CAPT Picard was examined in several debates. The Summit also held a panel about *Discovery* and *The Orville*.



Photo Credit Glenda Stephenson, *USS Diamondback*



The Dress Mess Attendees



Dress Mess Head Table

Photo Left
The Third Brigade hosted a formal Dress Mess Friday evening with a special grog bowl, hacks, and comradery.

Middle Left Photo
Brig General Edward C. Tunis III with the Oracle of the Mess, Gail Perrin.

Bottom Left Photo
The Vice Chief of the Mess, COMM Tank Clark, *USS Sea Tiger* and his assistant CMDR Tracy Clark had some fun with the participants of the Dress Mess and had them doing games appropriately tailored to their SFMC Branch of Services. For example, Medical had to prove their golfing skills and Maritime Operations duelled each other with foam swords to simulate battle.



Lower Right Photo
The Third Brigade dress mess honored the *USS Kidd*. Left Brig General Edward C. Tunis III, OIC Third Brigade, right Tim NesSmith, Ship Superintendent of the *USS Kidd*
Photo Credits Glenda Stephenson
USS Diamondback





It was a dark and cold morning; rain lightly and continuously fell. It was the kind of rain that would find its way into everything, no matter how much you covered yourself. The hills were shadowed in fog, and there was an eeriness that laid across everything like a blanket.

Something was stirring just outside. We watched, waiting for when the coast was clear, so we could exit our warm shuttle to step out into the cold, wet day...

Hey, I wanted to set the scene for everyone. Now, down to reality. Yes, the day was cold, and it was wet. But to be honest, we got lucky, and the weather held out for us. From peering out of the shuttle window in the early morning, it wasn't looking great. But I genuinely liked being wrong this time. I'm not saying that we didn't get rained on, because we did. But it could have been so much more miserable of a day than it was.

So, who beamed down for this Away Mission? Dan Stooke, Lyn McAliece, and myself, Wayne. We were operating on Plan C (yes, we had three plans in place just in case of weather, etc.). This plan involved us leaving one shuttle at the main base camp and, whilst under impulse, traversing the asteroid field to the beta camp. I was carrying a few injuries, so we thought it would be better to have one shuttle at each end in case of trouble. And if I am involved, there will always be trouble.

We set off at around 0930 hours. The map below will show the course we took. Again, with me, we decided it was better and safer if we trekked a track we had already done once. By approximately 0945 hours, we headed off in the direction of the second shuttle. As always, I was bringing up the rear. I'm not sure how I ended up there (ooh, sorry for the pun!) in that position, but it has become mine – a.k.a. Tail-End Charlie.

The trek went well, as you can see by the photos that accompany this report. The views were simply breathtaking. I know everyone says that about their local area; but, well, I'll let the visual spectacle do the talking.



Okay, that's long enough about the awe-inspiring views. Let's pick up the pace, as we have a long way to go, and we are not getting any younger. Unless, of course, we hit a temporal anomaly – my knees are beginning to feel like they did when I was twenty... Sorry, went off in a dream.

The trek went on, and I would have to say that we were making good time (well, I believe that we were). As you will see in the photos, this year's Challenge, I have to say, was the first time we actually got to see planetary wildlife. Yes, I know they are hard to see; but they are camouflaged, and an excellent job of it they did, too. There are what

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we believe to be six large mouse-like creatures with long tails (thanks to “Sylvester Q. Pussycat” for this description), a.k.a. kangaroos, in this photo. If you’re having trouble seeing them, it’s okay. We had enough trouble spotting them, and we were there.

We pressed on... (Makes it sound very adventurous, doesn't it?) The trek went on for the better part of six kilometres; that was a pretty good accomplishment. It wasn't a totally expert trek; nevertheless, it was challenging, which is what the whole thing was about. The other great thing was that we had so much fun. Another significant point was that when subspace communication allowed for it, we could also bring the rest of the *Cross* and 377th into the trek via the internet. It was like having them along for the hike.



Photo: Lyn McAliece

During our trek, we came along a battlefield. As this holo-photo shows, tribbles littered the landscape. Songs will be sung about this grand victory for the Empire. Sorry, but I'm not kidding! The first thought I had when I saw these was of the Great Tribble Hunt. Don't worry – they are just Wattle flowers that have fallen off the tree. But honestly, they do look like tribbles – please, someone agree with me. I'm hanging out of the airlock here a little.

As the day went on, we got rained on again. But hey, we are STARFLEET and STARFLEET Marines; and we were outdoors; it could have been a lot worse!

We made fairly good time in the end. I have to admit that by the time we got to Shuttle Base Two, I was exhausted. I know the others probably could have gone on for a much longer trek, but I was happy to see the end. But as I said earlier, that is what the Wilderness Challenge is all about — challenging yourself, pushing yourself to your limits. That doesn't mean climbing Mount Everest; it

means pushing yourself to do new things, to find a new line in the sand so you can push beyond it.

We also had two other Away Missions going on for the Wilderness Challenge, one in New Zealand and the other in Queensland, Australia.

One small postscript – I don't know what I did wrong, but what happens on the Challenge, ends up over the cliff.

The Wilderness Challenge 201905.04

Brisbane Away Mission

After-Action Report

LCDR Kelly Winterstein

USS Southern Cross, Region 11

G'day from the Daisy Hill Koala Conservation Park in Daisy Hill, Queensland, as Cadets Ashleigh Miava and Savannah Young, along with myself, LCDR Kelly Winterstein, made our way along the “Paperbark Trail” – one of many nature walk trails within the conservation park. There was plenty to do at the park. It is quite large, with a massive picnic area in which people relax and hold BBQs and other functions, and plenty of trail walks where people can view the different areas of the park as well as wildlife that live there. Plus, the conservation park is the home of the Daisy Hill Koala Centre, where some of the local koalas reside for one reason or another.

Today, we got to walk along the Paperbark Trail, which is one of the many trails within the park. There are plenty of signs placed throughout the trails, with info on the different animals and plant life living in the park, and there was even a special machine where Cadets Ashleigh and Savannah were able to hear the sounds of the different wildlife that reside in the park. It was quite cloudy today, but we were very lucky. It didn't start raining until mid-afternoon, meaning that we were able to do our Wilderness Walk in the morning before the rain started.

The Paperbark Trail was a very interesting trail, as it resembled a combination of rainforest in some areas and normal forest in other sections. We managed to spot and listen to a lot of birds on our walk,

some of which were small birds that were flying close to the ground among the trees. We were able to see a variety of plant life, from eucalyptus trees to rainforest-type trees and palm trees. Most trees were standing upright, but some were down and allowed us to see what the base of a tree looks like, as one was very visible along the path. As well as getting to learn about the different wildlife and plant life, it was a great way for us to get out and get some exercise, and



Wayne & Lyn McAliece
Photo: Dan Stooke



Photo by: Kelly
Winterstein



Photo by:
Kelly Winterstein

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to do something that we wouldn't normally do.

**11th BDE Wilderness Challenge
New Zealand Away Mission
SGM M Smith, OIC, 376th MSG**

So, we were meant to hold our 4th Battalion part of the 11th Brigade Wilderness Challenge up at the Port Hills here in Christchurch. However, due to access restrictions, we quickly had to choose another location and a date that worked with those who were participating. We also needed the weather on our side.

The location was Washpen Falls, situated in the headwaters of Washpen Creek, which is the longest tributary of the Hororata Rivers and about an hour's drive from the main city of Christchurch. Described as "a pocket of paradise where Moa once roamed," Washpen Falls is a conservation project that started 80 million years ago with a major volcanic blow. The eruption created a deep canyon and gorges at Washpen Creek, at the southern end of the Malvern Hills.

The canyon forest was burnt off in the early part of the last century to enable farming the land. Sixty years later, native trees are regenerating all over the land, including an extraordinary number of regenerating southern rata, a tree endemic to New Zealand



Photo by: Angie Smith

The Wilderness Challenge 4.5.2019

CDT PFC Ashleigh's Report

We went for a walk and looked for animals like the koala and the lace monitor, but we could not see any. But we did come across a special machine that let us listen to their sounds. We heard a cockatoo, along with other beautiful birds and wildlife, while on our walk. We saw water in a waterhole, and we saw many trees. Some were standing, and some were lying down broken, with moss growing on them. We even saw some palm trees. We walked along two types of paths on our walk: one was a timber path, while the other was a cement path. We went on the Paperbark Trail, which had plenty for us to look at and listen to. This was one of the many trails that we were able to take within the conservation park.



Savannah & Ashleigh
Photo by Kelly Winterstein

**The Wilderness Challenge
4.5.2019**

CDT PVT Savannah's Report

We went on a walk at the Koala Conservation Park. We got to learn about the jumping ant, the koala, and the cockatoo. We got to see some birds flying among the trees as well as listen to calls from other wild birds living in the park. We got to read about the different plants and animals that live in the park. We saw a big tree that was down, which was showing what its roots look like. We walked along one of the park's many trails, the Paperbark Trail, where we got to see plenty of plants and hear lots of wildlife. It felt like we were in a jungle. We walked along a timber bridge and saw a small waterhole. I had a lot of fun today on the Wilderness Challenge.

that produces masses of red flowers in the summer.

So, it was on Wednesday, 24th April, that we embarked on our hike. This amazing track started at Old Washpen Falls Woolshed and took us through a Volcanic Canyon reserve filled with lush native bush and wonderful birdlife. This unspoilt area is easily accessible via constructed tracks, stairs, and boardwalks. Although there hadn't been any rain for several days, the tracks were still very thick with mud. You can tell why this walk isn't recommended after recent rainfall.

Interestingly, Washpen gains its name from when European farmers started grazing the hills here with sheep, believing that their wool would sell better if it were washed before being shorn. So, pens were built in the stream, the creek was dammed, and the unfortunate sheep were washed.

As we began to climb up towards the bluff lookout, there were some amazing rock formations; and that's not forgetting the cave formed by the rapid cooling of extremely hot lava following a lateral volcanic explosion. These caves provided shelter to Maori Moa hunters and, more recently, served as a lair for wild boar.

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However, from a plant growing over them, these rock formations had some unusual red colouring that impressed us.

At the top of the climb, we were rewarded with fabulous views across the Canterbury Plains to the sea. The plains are 250 kilometres in length and 60 kilometres wide and are a series of giant alluvial fans (triangular-shaped deposits of water-transported material, often referred to as alluvia), built up by major Alpine-fed rivers which have deposited huge quantities of rock and gravel eroded from the Southern Alps.

As we descended back down the canyon, the track took us alongside sparkling spring-fed creeks and stunning waterfalls, creating the longest tributary of the Hororata river. One of the waterfalls is named "Armchair Waterfall" because of its slight resemblance to an armchair. It is fed from above by a permanent spring. It is also shrouded in green moss, of which there are 500 species in New Zealand.

Beside the lake, there is a rustic covered shelter that blends beautifully with the surroundings and is a great spot for a picnic. The lake itself was dug out in the early 1920s by Tom Stone as a water storage pond for the hydroelectric power scheme he constructed further down the stream. We got to see this hydroelectric power plant that provided electricity to the property for over 40 years before state power came to the district. The generator was obtained from a First World War submarine. The generator produces 230 volts DC and has a running cost per year of 2 shillings (about 20 cents) for the grease to apply to the Pelton Wheel bearings.

We were quite sad when we came to the end of our hike. This adventure had such a variety of different scenery, from forests to valleys, waterfalls to rock formations. If anyone ever gets a chance to visit Washpen Falls, I urge you to do so. It's breathtaking.

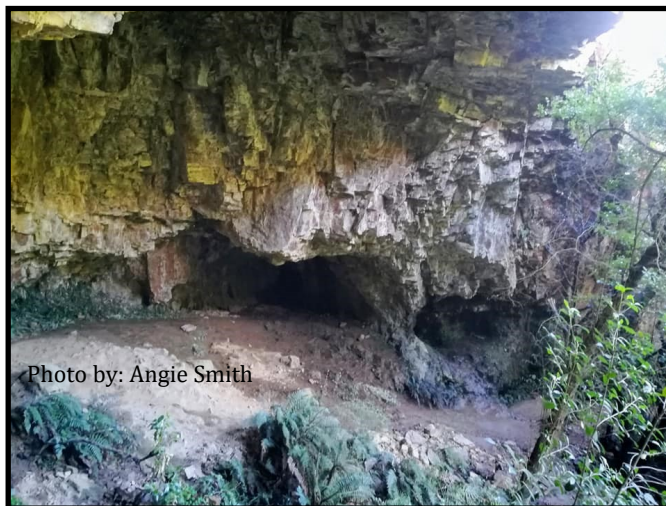


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Marie Smith
Photo by: Angie Smith



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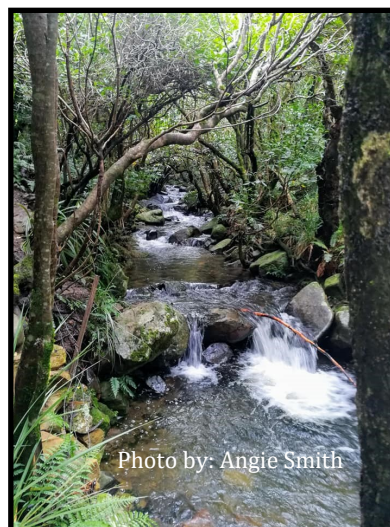


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We Were ALL Irish

USS Angeles Anniversary Party

FCAPT Dave Mason
Commanding Officer, *USS Angeles*, Region 4



PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA — On this day we were all Irish. And our Irish eyes were smiling as Janice Willcocks, our second officer and founder, presented *USS Angeles* members with Blarney prizes at our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 16.

We also celebrated the 24th anniversary of the *USS Angeles* during the party at her home. The six of us won several prizes each. Each prize was Irish or green or both.

Gloria Rodriguez struck gold with Lucky Charms cereal as one of her prizes. She also received a can of the well-known split pea soup made by Pea Soup Andersen's restaurant in Buellton in northern Santa Barbara County. Lisa Sobien and I eat there from time to time and love the all-you-can-eat split pea soup.

First Officer Jennifer Cole's prizes included another delicious delight, Oreo Thins, the thin mint variation of the classic cookie.

Candi Rosales won something refreshing—Irish Spring Body Wash—as one of her prizes.

Paul Szyborski received a bottle of Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner, a shamrock necklace, and other prizes for himself and Jenny Taylor, who wasn't able to attend the party.

I won bars of Irish Spring soap as well as Spam—with a jalapeño twist. I took home those and other prizes for myself and Lisa, who also couldn't be there.

Before the Blarney prizes, we enjoyed Guinness beer and delicious dishes, including potato salad, fruit, sodas, chicken, pizza, and a lime cake made by Janice. We also talked about *Star Trek: Discovery* and several other topics on a day when we had more than a wee bit of fun.

Thank you for hosting, Janice!



From L to R: Janice Willcocks shows her Blarney prize, a Hot Wheels car. Jennifer Cole is happy with Oreo Thins, her minty Blarney prize. Gloria Rodriguez wins a magically delicious Blarney prize, Lucky Charms, and Andersen's split pea soup. Paul Szyborski proudly shows a shamrock necklace. Candi Rosales humorously shows off her Irish Spring.

Photos by FCAPT Dave Mason
USS Angeles



Heimdal Celebrates 35

Life is a song - sing it.
Life is a game - play it.
Life is a challenge - meet it.
Life is a dream - realize it.
Life is a sacrifice - offer it.
Life is love - enjoy it.

- Sai Baba



By ADM Linda Smith
Commanding Officer
USS Heimdal, Region 1

The *USS Heimdal*, based in Region 1, had no monthly meeting in April. Instead, we celebrated our 35th anniversary as a STARFLEET chapter with a huge party at the Holiday Inn. Fifty-three people attended, including guests from the *USS Hornet* in North Carolina: the *Heimdal's* very first Chief Medical Officer and Chief Communications Officer. One of the students who won our Space Camp Contest and his family also attended. He was dressed as Shawn Mendes and was in the Costume Contest playing his guitar.

Special LIVE entertainment was provided by vocal impressionist McKinley Cardwell who entertained for approximately 90 minutes by singing songs from many eras and impersonating singers both living and dead. He was PHENOMENAL!

The theme for the party was, **"Be Your Favorite Singer (dead or alive) on the Holodeck."** Attendees were dressed as Elvis, Lady Gaga, Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, Ozzie Osbourne, KISS, Cyndi Lauper, Guns and Roses, and other cool singers.

Following a delicious Southern Buffet dinner, Willy Smith presented a video of the *Heimdal's* activities last year. The phenomenal LIVE entertainment followed, to everyone's delight; and there was a Costume Contest with prizes. Three people (Debbie Spencer, Teresa Simpson, and Billy Spencer) dressed as KISS won First Prize. Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash (Carl and Bonnie Davis) won Second Prize, singing and playing guitar and a zither. Entertainer McKinley Cardwell and his guest judged the Costume Contest.

A welcome table was set up in the hotel lobby flanked by stand-ups of Cher, Willie Nelson, Prince, Elvis, and a *Star Wars* Stormtrooper.



Weston & Sarah Webb in Costume Contest as Guns & Roses.

Photo by Willy Smith

Nikki Kessler, artist extraordinaire, was there painting original tattoos on those who wanted them; and most people did. There were religious, *Star Trek*, and general category tattoos that everyone enjoyed.

Everyone received a "Goodie Bag" with fun stuff inside like animal noses, Leprechaun Poop candy, Unicorn Poop candy, a *Heimdal* pencil, a space rubber duck, a glow stick, Alien Bubbles, and other fun silly items.

Member Dennis Henderson's daughter, Jennifer, created hand-made place cards for each seat at the table with the *Heimdal* logo and "35th Anniversary" on them. They were lovely mementos of the evening.

It was a WONDERFUL celebration, and we had so much fun being our favorite singers (dead or alive) for an evening. While we hate that it's over, our adventure continues as we look forward to our 36th year.



Bonnie & her husband, Carl Davis, dressed as Johnny & June Carter Cash later won Runner Up prize in the Costume Contest

Photo by Linda Smith
USS Heimdal

Heimdal Celebrates 35



Upper Left: McKinley Cardwell singing to Heimdal member, Kathy Whately, who was his 10th grade teacher (small world).

Photo by Willy Smith

Upper Right: Annette Overstreet in Margaritaville costume.

Photo by Linda Smith

Middle Left: Willy Smith as Elvis with a stand-up of Elvis.

Photo by Linda Smith

Center: Costume Contest winner Billy Spencer, Debbie Spencer & Teresa Simpson as KISS.

Photo by Willy Smith

"You wanna rock!" Group shot of attendees.

Photo by Darrell Millner



When Doves Cry



SCPO Deborah Hill Kirby

Crewman, *USS Ronald E. McNair*
15 March 1952 – 22 April 2019



Vonda N. McIntyre

Writer: "*The Entropy Effect*", "*Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan*".
"*Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*", and "*Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*"
28 August 1948 – 1 April 2019

Seymour Cassel

Actor: LCMR Hester Dealt, *ST Next Generation*, "*The Child*"
22 January 1935 – 7 April 2019

Jessie Lawrence Ferguson

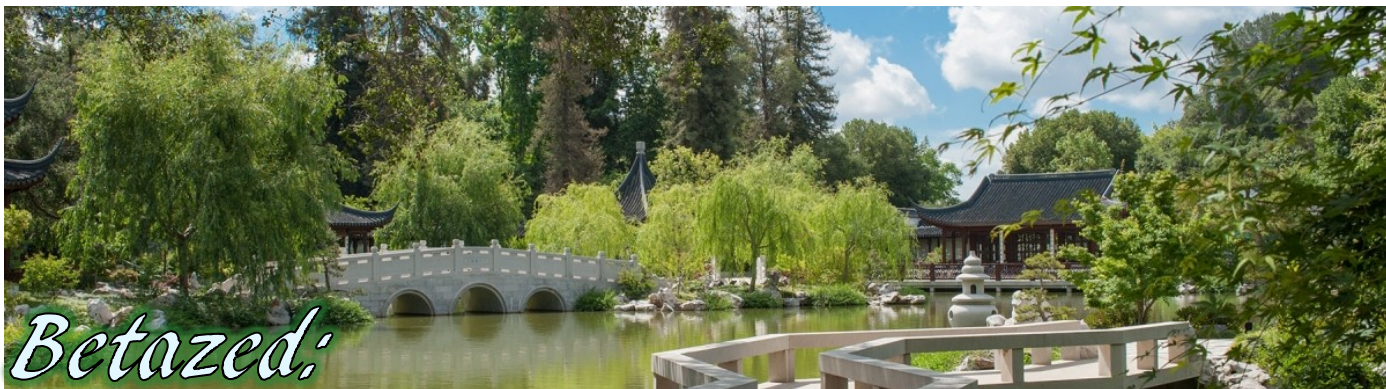
Actor: Lutan, *ST: Next Generation*, "*Code of Honor*"
8 June 1941 – 26 April 2019

Stephen Mines

Actor: LT Robert Tomlinson, *ST: TOS*, "*Balance of Terror*"
3 February 1939 – 21 May 2019

Keith Birdsong

Illustrator: Cover Art several *Star Trek* Pocket Novels
including "*Metamorphosis*" by Jean Lorrah
and portraits of Kirk, Spock and McCoy for the 25th Anniversary Postal Envelopes
14 July 1959 – 4 June 2019



USS Angeles Explores Troi's Diverse Planet

LTJG Lisa Sobien

Assistant Chief of Communications, *USS Angeles*, Region 4

SAN MARINO, CA —

Have you ever wanted to kiss a dragon?

How about to find a cactus with a face?

Or to see a jungle waterfall and a desert in the same day?

You can do this and much more on Betazed!

Dave Mason and I beamed down to the legendary planet on February 23 for the *USS Angeles* mission to the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino (near Pasadena, CA). You may recall this as the Pasadena-area filming site for “Ménage à Troi,” the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episode in which Will Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis) have a date on Betazed.

Then—spoiler alert—Mom (Lwaxana Troi, played by the talented Majel Barrett) interrupts the mood! She shows up at the date. Things get worse from there in the third-season episode. A Ferengi captures them all!

No Ferengi tried to capture Dave or me this time, but the gardens did capture our hearts and imaginations.

Hungry after our drive from our home in the Santa Barbara area, we first stopped at the 1919 (the main café) for some food. My Italian sandwich turned out to be delicious, though at \$9 it was a bit pricey. Are the Ferengi running this place?

Next, we saw an interesting spherical metal structure that uses sound reverberation to great effect. That was NASA's Orbit Pavilion.

Then we were off to the Lily Ponds to see the filming location for the “Ménage à Troi” episode. The location has changed a bit with bushes and trees having been added and substantially grown since it was used for the episode. However, the lily ponds were still recognizable as Betazed.

After many photos at the lily ponds, we took off to explore the gardens further.

We wandered a bit through the tall bamboo of the jungle to get to the desert. How many people can ever say that in southern California?

As we walked the desert garden, we saw exotic plants that looked very alien. Then we saw that one cactus even had a face!

Cutting between the Australian and subtropical gardens, we got to another big attraction here, the Japanese Garden. It was here that we posed with dragon statues (I pretended to kiss one), saw many bonsai trees, and then came upon the most fantastic view of all near the Japanese house: Beautiful flowering trees and various statues set the mood in a small valley with a stream running through it in the Japanese Garden.



Lisa Sobien greets a dragon at Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens near Pasadena in Southern California.

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason
USS Angeles

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Photo Left
A diversity of plants grace Huntington Gardens.

Photo by LT jg Lisa Sobien
USS Angeles



Photo Below
A plant shows its face at the gardens.

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason
USS Angeles

We had a great view as we walked along one side of the ravine among the blooming camellias to get to the Chinese Garden. There, we saw a gorgeous waterfall right next to the beautiful structure that features the Freshwater Dumpling and Noodle House.

Now hurried out by attendants, we passed an interesting domed structure called the Brody Botanical Center and the Washington, DC- and Grecian-inspired Scott Galleries of American Art.

Then we got a bit turned around and headed back into the North Vista and Camellia gardens rather than out to the parking lot.

As we walked a path of fully-blooming camellias, I saw a fantastical fountain surrounded by Greek statues that I knew I had to photograph. This site has appeared in movies!

Next, we saw the Grecian-inspired Dibner Hall of the History of Science and Huntington (European) Art Gallery. The latter is known for showing artist Thomas Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" and "Pinkie" paintings.

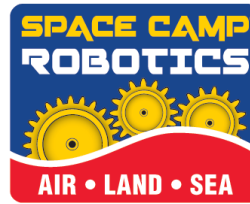
This year, Huntington Gardens is going a step further with Project Blue Boy. Visitors can watch Huntington Gardens perform conservation work on "Blue Boy."

Finally, we were back to where we started our journey through the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. We found our exit. With tired feet but happy hearts, we left the grounds declaring that we would be back again soon to see and explore more.



FCAPT Dave Mason and LT jg Lisa Sobien visit Betazed, aka Huntington Botanical Gardens. We determined we were standing in the same area as the filming site of a *ST: The Next Generation* episode.

This was Betazed.



By ADM Linda Smith
Commanding Officer, *USS Heimdal*, Region 1

The deadline for getting essays about “**Why I Want to Go to Space Camp**” returned to the *USS Heimdal*’s Space Camp Committee from participating schools for entry into the Space Camp Contest was Friday, March 15. Because Space Camp now includes Aviation Challenge Camp and Robotics Camp, all on the Space Camp campus and at the same price, the *Heimdal* encourages contest entrants to write an essay for the camp they would most like to attend. Included with essays for Space Camp this year, we received one entry for Robotics Camp.

It was a difficult choice, but the *Heimdal*’s Space Camp Committee read and voted on the two essays that best met the qualifications the Committee was looking for. Those were a desire to go to a specific camp, *why* the student wanted to go to camp, how they felt it would benefit them in the future, and that they also looked forward to having fun. The *Heimdal* chose our two winners: a 12-year-old girl who wanted to go to Robotics Camp and a 15-year-old boy who wanted to go to Advanced Space Academy. Sending two students this year will probably be a ONE-TIME-ONLY event.

How does the *Heimdal* fund two trips? This year’s trip was entirely funded by **BWX Technologies**, who donated \$1,500 last year to the *Heimdal* specifically for sending a student to Space Camp this year. The second trip was funded by a donation made to our Space Camp Program by *Heimdal* member Paul Muse. Not only did these donations allow the *Heimdal* to send a second student to Space Camp this year, but they allowed us to double the amount of our monetary donations to our ten Christmas charities. It was a WIN-WIN situation.

Our student who will be going to Robotics Camp is 12-year-old Abegale DeFord from Altavista Middle School. Our winner who will be going to Advanced Space Academy is 15-year-old Adam Bryant, a ninth-grade student from Amherst High School.

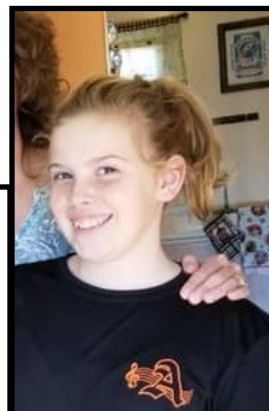
Over the years, the *Heimdal* has sent 11 students to Space Camp. Abegale and Adam will be students #12 and #13. Both students will be taking their trips in June.

The *Heimdal* has been truly blessed to be able to continue sending local students to Space Camp through successful fundraisers and to have gained credibility within our community to receive several large corporate donations for the last three years. Those donations have sustained our Space Camp Program and assured the continuation of our sponsorship of ten charities at Christmas.

Congratulations to both these students as they begin an adventure of a lifetime!

Left photo: Abegale DeFord winner of Heimdal's Robotics Camp trip. Photo provided by her mother, Renata Ford

Right photo: Winner of Advanced Space Academy trip, Adam Bryant, Jr. Photo provided by his mom, Melissa Bryant



2019 ARMAGEDDON

EXPERIENCE THE INCREDIBLE

SGM M Smith, CO
ISS Lonestar, Region 11

With our mission to try and attend as many Armageddon events throughout New Zealand as we possibly can, it was Wellington's turn on 13th April 2019. There were three of us from the *Lonestar* crew that flew up to the bottom of the North Island on 12th April: CRR Sandra Isaacs, Chief Engineer; PVT Angie Smith, DOIC of the 376th; and I (SGM M Smith, CO of the *Lonestar*). We also met one of our civilian members, Charlotte Wilson, there.

Wellington is a beautiful city and has been our capital since 1865. The New Zealand Government, Parliament, and Supreme Court are based here. The government building is one of the largest wooden buildings in the world, and the city is also home to several of the oldest cultural institutions in New Zealand, such as the National Archives, the National Library, and the amazing Te Papa, our national museum, which we were lucky enough to visit during the weekend. Wellington is also host to the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the Royal New Zealand Ballet. It is an amazing cultural city. For me, what sold the city was the number of bookshops. Being a huge reader, you can imagine my delight when, while visiting a large second-hand store, Arty Bees Books, I was given a map showing 18 different bookshops in the city alone. It was so great to find actual books from the likes of Harry Turtledove and David Weber. But the city really comes alive in the evening, with an amazing number of eateries, bars, and clubs to suit all different types of people.



Now that I've sold you on Wellington (it is an amazing city that I'd recommend to everyone), we visited Armageddon Wellington at the Westpac Stadium on

Saturday, arriving early to avoid the possible queues. Our costumes for the event were classic *Star Trek* Mirror Universe (a costume made for me, complete with bag, by a civilian member of our crew), classic Spock, and Supergirl. Charlotte went in disguise as a regular girl.

The layout was interesting: the various stalls were in the corridor that ran around the stadium in a circle. This layout gave the impression that there weren't as many stalls as there are in other Geddon events, such as in Christchurch or Auckland.

You are walking around in a circle, only seeing a few stalls immediately in front of you. Being so open as well, it was quite cold; although I wasn't wearing all that much, so that possibly didn't help.

We found the event itself to be lacking in cosplayers, which is part of the reason why we like to go to these events; but we did have a good laugh. We got to sit on the "Iron Throne" and meet Groot, played at being a dragon with a local author, and Spock got close to a Dalek. When we did leave the event, still in costume, we had a laugh while walking through the city and playing on a playground – the usual you do. But our Wellington adventures didn't stop there.



Private Angie Smith (Spock)
with Dalek at "Welly Geddon"
Photo by M Smith,
ISS Lonestar



M Smith and Sandra Isaacs
at "Welly Geddon"
Photo by Angie Smith,
ISS Lonestar

We were there for the weekend; and an amazing, vibrant city awaited. A must-do in the city is to visit Te Papa. This museum is huge, and we were lucky to get tickets to see the Terracotta Warriors. These sculptures depict the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. They were buried with the emperor in 210-209 BCE to protect the emperor in his afterlife. There is something surreal about these warriors when you see them; it's almost as if you can see their souls. If you ever get the opportunity to see them, don't just look and leave. Spend a quiet ten minutes or more, just being in the

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room with them. Also at the museum was the amazing “Gallipoli: the Scale of Our War” exhibition. This groundbreaking exhibit, created with the help of Weta Workshop, tells the story of the Gallipoli campaign in World War I through the eyes and words of eight ordinary New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. It was truly a breathtaking exhibit. Weta Workshop is a multi-award winning design studio and physical manufacturing facility. Their design and effects work can be seen in films such as *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *King Kong*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Avatar*, *District 9*, and *The Hobbit* trilogy, to name a few. So you can imagine how amazing this exhibit was.

We were sad to leave Wellington; we all truly love the city and certainly can't wait to visit again. We went for Armageddon, but the city offered us so much more.

Our next Geddon adventure was back in Christchurch on 1st June 2019. This is by far our favourite Armageddon event, as the cosplayers here are much greater in number. Although the weather certainly wasn't on our side – the city had been hit by some serious torrential rain that had caused widespread flooding, and with the snow in the passes, these had been closed off, too. We feel that this may have discouraged attendees, along with the change in weapons policy. Still, we weren't going to let that stop us. So this time I dressed as a Borg, Sandra was dressed in a classic *Trek* uniform, and Angie was once again Mr. Spock.

There is a strict prop check to get into Christchurch Armageddon; upon noticing my Borg outfit, the lady doing so commented, “Oh, you **are** a prop.” But once in, it was great to see that there were quite a few people in *Trek* outfits of one variation or another, probably due in part to the *Star Trek: Enterprise* panel with Connor Trinneer and Dominic Keating. One lovely girl we met dressed as Data, and her costume was amazing. Funnily enough, we met her while we were looking at the Classic *Trek* Transporter Console built by students of the engineering department at ARA Institute of Technology. It was also great to see someone dressed as Blodreina (Octavia) of Wonkru, if you have ever seen *The 100*; and we had a laugh with the guys from the 501st. Of course, we didn't assimilate any of their tech – too inferior.



(Above) Part of the Te Papa Exhibit and
(Below) WWI Soldier from the Gallipoli
Exhibit at the Wellington Armageddon.

Photo by M Smith,
ISS Lonewolf



M Smith as a Borg

So, after attending three different Armageddon events, Christchurch wins out as our favorite, as it has the most attendees in costume. But that's not to say that we didn't enjoy Wellington or Auckland; they each had their merits and helped us spread the word about this little lone STARFLEET chapter here in New Zealand.

Angie Smith &
Sandra Isaacs at
Christchurch
Armageddon.



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ROBIN HOOD

USS ANGELES VISITS FOREST SITE FROM NEXT GEN'S "QPID"

FCAPT Dave Mason

Commanding Officer, USS Angeles, Region 4

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE, CA — I became a merry man as I searched Sherwood Forest for CAPT Jean-Luc Picard.

Picard, a.k.a. Robin Hood, talked about how he and his crew suddenly appeared among oak trees in the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* story "Qpid."

So I looked for oak trees as I hiked around Descanso Gardens, the La Cañada Flintridge, CA, filming site for the episode.

I represented the *USS Angeles* during what turned out to be a solo mission on April 20.



Dave Mason stands in the Descanso Gardens area that became Sherwood Forest in "Qpid."

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason

The first bunch of oak trees on this comfortable, partly cloudy day were too neat and orderly. The grass around them was too short. I kept walking until I found oak trees that grew tall and wild, with their curved branches embracing their freedom.

Aha, this was Sherwood Forest!

I knew I was in the right place. Lisa Sobien and I had just watched "Qpid" the previous night at our Goleta home. That was the episode where the mischievous Q (John de Lancie) turns Picard and his crew into Robin Hood and his band of merry men and women.

It's up to Robin Hood to save Maid Marian, a.k.a. Picard's girlfriend, Vash (Jennifer Hetrick).

During my away mission, I saw no sign of CAPT Picard, his crew, or Vash; but I wasn't surprised.

Patrick Stewart, who plays the popular captain, is busy starring in *Star Trek: Picard*, which started filming this spring on Santa Clarita sound stages and will air soon on CBS All-Access. See the trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3om4V-Y0Q.

And Jonathan Frakes, a.k.a. Will Riker, has been directing episodes of CBS All-Access' *Star Trek: Discovery* and Fox's *The Orville*.

The latter features Marina Sirtis, a.k.a. Counselor Troi, as a schoolteacher on the *Orville*, a starship similar to the *Enterprise-D*. It was Frakes' idea to cast his longtime friend in the role.

Back on Earth, I quickly discovered I wasn't the only person thinking of *Star Trek* at Descanso Gardens.

I overheard a couple admiring flowers talk about the episode in which spores from plants made Spock (Leonard Nimoy) downright giddy.

"That was the episode, 'This Side of Paradise,'" I told them.



Marina Sirtis & Patrick Stewart in ST: TNG "Qpid"

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"You're right," the man said, then told me he had been on the set of "Turnabout Intruder," the last episode of the original *Star Trek* series.

After we chatted a bit, I invited the couple to join our club for activities. They said they would take a look at www.ussangeles.org and seemed interested.

As I left them, I saw that Descanso Gardens was far bigger and more diverse and timeless than I had imagined. I explored everything from a giant garden of roses to cactuses and a Japanese garden.

Descanso Gardens has an impressive garden of cycads, green plants with fern-like leaves that date back to the time of the dinosaurs. Egads, was I suddenly in *Jurassic Park*?

Seeing no T-rex above me (whew), I walked happily—wow, I was a merry man!—to the colorful camellias and later the massive garden of brilliant red, yellow, and white roses.

Hybridists, who experiment by crossing species of plants, have experimented to create blue roses; but the closest they've come is purple. I bet that famous amateur botanist, LT Sulu (George Takei), could figure it out.

After I found the wild oaks area, I enjoyed hiking a loop of California native plants. As I walked higher, I had breathtaking views of the massive gardens. What I enjoyed the most was the sense I was in another time.

As I looked into the distance, I swore I saw a castle.



Descanso Gardens includes its Japanese Garden.

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason



Left: A giant garden of roses graces Descanso Gardens.



Right: Camellias add their brilliance.

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason



Discovery's Pike and Spock Visit USS King Edward In Calgary

By LCDR Patrick Nichol
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Calgary, AB, April 26, 2019 – Some cities give keys to honored guests, but Calgary adds a little more panache to its official gifts.

A custom-made white Smithbilt cowboy hat is awarded during a special "white hat ceremony," investing the recipient as an honorary Calgarian. And this year saw *Star Trek: Discovery* stars Anson Mount and Ethan Peck white-hatted during the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo.

Mount and Peck appeared shortly after bowing as Captain Christopher Pike and Mr. Spock in season two of the CBS web series. Both stars had a healthy appreciation for Calgary's *Star Trek* fans.

The duo accepted an invitation from the *USS King Edward* to visit its booth and observe the *Artemis* bridge simulator. The *King Eddy* teamed up with Untamed Space to offer fans a unique starship combat experience.

It's a classic Local Area Network cooperative-style game for 2-6 players acting as the crew of a starship. Mount and Peck delighted players and game runners alike.

Still wearing his cowboy hat, Mount switched to Pike mode, barking "Report!" as status panels lit up the screens. Peck beamed as operations were explained to him.

Later, the *King Eddy* honored them with their own ceremony - awarding each star with a *USS King Edward* ball cap.



Photo Above

Ethan Peck addresses a fan at the Calgary Expo

Photo Below

USS King Edward CO Brig. Derek France, left, explains the *Artemis* bridge simulator to *Star Trek* Discovery stars Anson Mount and Ethan Peck.



HEROIC ÉPIC:

USS ANGELES SEES



AVENGERS: ENDGAME

By FCAPT Dave Mason
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USS Angeles, Region 4

LOS ANGELES, CA — We cheered, laughed, and cried with superheroes during a wild journey through space and time.

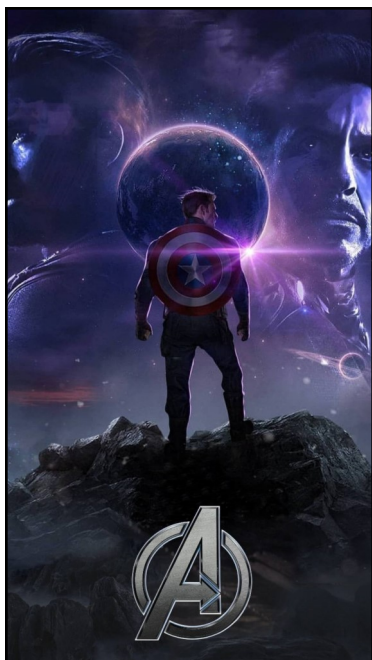
That's how much *Angeles* members and other fans have invested emotionally in the Avengers.

Lisa Sobien, Jennifer Cole, and I loved *Avengers: Endgame*, which wraps up not only the Avengers' story but eleven years of Marvel Cinematic Universe movies.

We saw the movie on April 27 during an *Angeles* mission to the Cinemark 18 & XD. The theater is part of the Promenade at the Howard Hughes Center in Los Angeles. Afterward, we enjoyed dinner at the nearby Dinah's Family Restaurant.

The enthusiastic audience at the Cinemark 18 & XD got into the spirit of *Avengers: Endgame*, a film with heroes who represent the best of humanity and other species.

The brilliantly-written, directed, and acted movie took us through great moments with Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Black Widow (Scarlet Johansson), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Ant-Man (Paul Rudd), Hulk/Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman), The Wasp (Evangeline Lilly), Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen), and other heroes.



The Avengers work to undo the deeds of Thanos (Josh Brolin), who, with a snap of his fingers and six Infinity Stones, randomly wiped out half of the lives in the universe in last year's *Avengers: Infinity War*.

Among those who disappeared were Spider-Man (Tom Holland), Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), and *Guardians of the Galaxy* members Groot (voice of Vin Diesel), Star-Lord (Chris Pratt), Drax (Dave Bautista), and Mantis (Pom Klementieff).

To restore all those lives (which include Hawkeye's family), *Endgame* takes a unique spin on time travel. That allows *Endgame* to revisit previous Marvel Cinematic Universe films, which started in 2008 with the first *Iron Man* film.

The plot spoilers will become more specific from this point on.

While fans love *Endgame*, *Avengers* enthusiasts disagree with some of the film's story points. I was strongly against the death of Black Widow. She was an incredible hero who did a lot without superpowers. Also, while the number of female superheroes has increased, we still need more of them in today's movies.



From left Lisa Sobien, Groot and Jennifer Cole gather outside the Cinemark 18 & XD in Los Angeles after seeing "Avengers: Endgame."

Photo by FCAPT Dave Mason
USS Angeles

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I am hopeful, though, because of the work that has been reported on a *Black Widow* movie. Will that be a prequel? Or will *Black Widow* come back to life? As Marvel's Agent Coulson (Clark Gregg) can tell you, the dead can rise again.

One of the best moments of *Endgame* is Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) in her version of the Iron Man suit, working with other female heroes such as General Okoye (Danai Gurira) and Shuri (Letitia Wright) from *Black Panther*. They help Captain Marvel (Brie Larson) in the climactic battle, which inspired cheering in the audience as we watched many heroes gathered to fight Thanos and his army. It was the ultimate, all-star Marvel moment.

"Avengers, assemble," Captain America said.

Angeles member Paul Szymborski, who saw the film at a different theater, enjoyed the overall story but disagreed with the merger of Bruce Banner and his alter ego, the Hulk. "It turns him into a wimp."

I liked the new Hulk but missed the conflict between Dr. Banner and the beast inside him. Still, I joined fans who laughed as the new Hulk reluctantly smashed a few things.

"His heart isn't into it," Lisa said in the theater.

Later came the moment that left other fans and me in tears: Iron Man died.

I didn't realize the extent of Downey's acting and the great writing over the years until that climactic moment. Downey and the writers made Iron Man real.

Our sadness was replaced with joy as Captain America went back in time and had a long romance with the love of his life, Agent Peggy Carter (Hayley Atwell).

Eleven years of epic stories couldn't have ended better.

Elsewhere in Los Angeles, Logan Comerford rooted for his heroes in the movie.

The young boy got excited, his great aunt, Karen Hoagland, said. She saw the film with Mary and Dan Hovey, her sister and brother-in-law and fellow *USS Angeles* members, at the AMC Fallbrook 7 in the West Hills area. Logan is Mary and Dan's grandson.

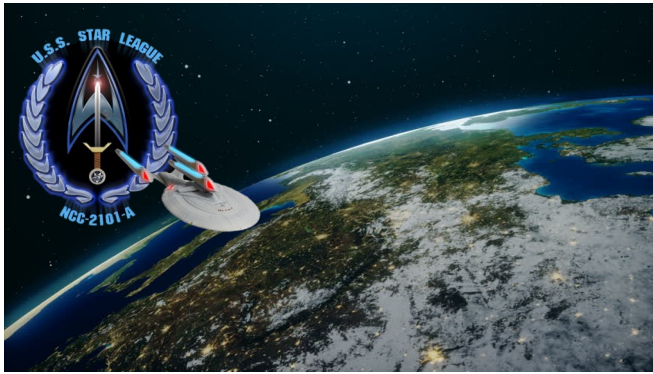
"We really enjoyed the movie," said Karen, who lives in West Hills along with Mary and Dan. "I could hear Logan sitting next to my sister, cheering. It was cute."

Karen continued, "One thought I had was how was he (Thanos) able, by himself initially, to beat the combined power of the Avengers without any Infinity Stones? I guess it wouldn't have made for a very interesting ending otherwise."



From left: *Angeles* members Mary Hovey, Karen Hoagland and Dan Hovey gather after seeing "Avengers: Endgame" at the AMC Fallbrook 7 in West Hills in the Los Angeles area. Logan Comerford, Mary and Dan's grandson and Karen's great nephew, decided not to be in this photo. He may have been on a secret mission!





BON VOYAGES OF THE *USS STAR LEAGUE*

COMM Peggy Eubanks
USS Star League, Region 2

The *Star League* continued its journey to seek out fellow *Star Trek* fans while having fun and keeping the principle of the "Let Me Help" spirit in all our activities. With our new partnership with the Augusta Richmond County Library, we held our first and hopefully annual *Star Trek* Day on April 6.

Our special guest and keynote speaker was Mr. Mark Davis, former commanding officer of two United States Navy submarines. His lecture on how Hollywood draws from life in the submarine service to help portray life aboard a starship was very informative and enjoyable. The crew of the *USS Star League* also gave several powerpoint presentations: "Women of *Star Trek*," "Literary References in *Star Trek*," and "Science Fiction in *Star Trek* That Has Become Fact." One of our crew members gave a presentation of Space Camp from firsthand experience. We had a coloring table set up for the kids (and kids-at-heart) along with refreshments. *Star Trek* books were given out along with bookmarks and posters.

Our next adventure was a visit to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta - Egleston Hospital. Here, the crew read *Star Trek* Little Golden Books and colored with the children that were feeling well enough to join us. The tribbles that our XO Jana Sandarg brought along were a big hit with the little ones as well as the adults. This was a very moving experience, and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children and their families!

The crew also set up a recruiting table and a gaming table at our local comic book store, Augusta Book Exchange, for Free Comic Book Day on May 4.

At these events, we were in *Star Trek* uniforms or crew shirts to represent our chapter, region, and STARFLEET, with which we are proud to be associated.

Until next time, the crew of the *USS Star League* continues its journey.



Photo Top Far Left:
From L to R: Jamie Knowles, Peggy Eubanks,
Carnell Eubanks, and Jana Sandarg visit the
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston
Hospital.

Photo Left:
Mr. Mark Davis, former submarine commander
of the U.S.S. North Carolina and the U.S.S.
Montpelier, presents on life on a submarine.



Photo Bottom Left
Cindy Krell gives a presentation on Space Camp.



Photo Left
The crew of the
USS Star League at the
Augusta Book Exchange Free
Comic Book Day

2019 Pink Ribbon Tea

SGM M Smith

Commanding Officer, *ISS Lonewolf*, Region 11



New Zealand Flag and a Breast Cancer Foundation NZ pen

Photo by: SMAJ M Smith
ISS Lonewolf

We were going to hold the “Pink Ribbon Breakfast,” Breast Cancer Foundation NZ’s biggest fundraising campaign, only every other year. But when we held the event last year, as part of the 376th MEU, it was not only a huge success but also a lot of fun. So, talking with the members of our new chapter, the *ISS Lonewolf*, we decided to host another event this year; and CRM Sandra Isaacs, the *Lonewolf*’s Chief Engineer, offered her home for the event location.

Many people choose to host a breakfast, but we found that a morning tea goes down much better here in New Zealand. Also, with cancer, particularly breast cancer, affecting many New Zealanders in one form or another, this campaign is one for which many feel personally supportive. You see, nine women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day, and that’s where Breast Cancer Foundation NZ come in. They

try to ensure that all New Zealanders have the support they need during treatment and recovery, because no one should be on this journey alone. They provide counselling, rehabilitation programmes, an online support community, and a breast nurse helpline. But all this costs money.

Likewise, they push for scientific breakthroughs in the treatment and management of breast cancer; and to-date they have distributed well over \$4.6 million for breast cancer research and medical grants, including supporting the consolidation of several breast cancer registers into one hub that is revolutionising breast cancer research. But, as always, more money is needed so they can keep up this amazing work. If you would like to read more about the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, then feel free to follow this link: <https://www.breastcancerfoundation.org.nz/>

So, these events are usually held in May. For those of us based locally on the *Lonewolf*, we chose the 26th May to hold our event and started spreading the word, as well as choosing what to bake. The food is always an important decision.

On the day itself, we had an amazing spread of food, including lemon cake, banana loaf, cupcakes and cookies, cream cheese and sweet chilli scrolls, sausage rolls, and chips and dip, to name just a few food items on offer. We also had a great turnout, with close to twenty people popping in, giving a



Table of food with our Chief Engineer Crewman Sandra Isaacs, ISS Lonewolf

Photo by: SMAJ M Smith
ISS Lonewolf

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donation, and enjoying some of this fantastic food, with a hot or cold beverage of their choice, and even bringing some of their own to share. Of course, there was also conversation.

The day was such a success; and with online donations from those who couldn't attend, we raised an amazing \$269 and are still expecting more donations over the coming days. Suffice to say, it was a wonderful day for the crew of the *Lonewolf*, our guests, and the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ. Roll on next year's event, to which we are very much looking forward.



Photo Above
The table of food with attendees in the background.

L to R: Leanna, Alex, Karen, Jo, Amber (Civilian *Lonewolf* members), Private Angie Smith – DOIC 376 MSG, and Sarah

Photo by: SMAJ M Smith, *ISS Lonewolf*

Photo Below
Our Cadet and the cuisine!

Cadet Sgt Sean Smith, 376 Cadet Team Leader, with the bountiful spread.

Photo by: SMAJ M Smith, *ISS Lonewolf*



Photo Above

The crew and guests of the *ISS Lonewolf* enjoying this year's Tea.

From left to right (starting at the back): Karyn, Andrea, Phil, and Crewman Sandra Isaacs. Sitting on the floor are Gemma & Sam and on the sofas are Private Angie Smith, Jo, Amber, and Karen, and Alex (Civilian *Lonewolf* members).

Photo by: SMAJ M Smith, *ISS Lonewolf*



USS King Edward

Donates \$1000 to

Roots 2 STEM - 2019

SPACE CAMP



Calgary, AB, June 15, 2019 – Answering the call to public service, the *USS King Edward* has donated \$1,000 to a Calgary-based space camp for kids.

Roots 2 STEM is an organization devoted to inspiring future scientists, engineers, and technologists through creative hands-on learning and the arts.

Its ongoing mission is to share the passion of STEM + A (science, technology, engineering, and math, plus the arts).

The Space Camp 2019 syllabus offers a “young astronauts in training” program for ages 12-17. It runs throughout July and August, offering courses including off-world living conditions, off-world science experiments, and commanding mission control.

The trainee astronauts each get a jumpsuit, ball cap, mission patches, and a Mars Rover they design and build.

The *King Eddy* crew extended the \$1,000 donation following a visit to the training facility.

"The *USS King Edward* is excited to be helping out with the Roots 2 STEM Space Camp this year," Commanding Officer Derek France wrote in a letter to the society.

The donation will allow at least four kids to attend this summer, including Eden Gelfand, the ship's cadet.



ASTRONAUTS IN TRAINING

*Interested in becoming an astronaut? The most exciting day for anyone who wants to travel into space is the day they are selected to join the **astronaut** program. It can take up to two years of **training** to become a fully qualified **astronaut**. Candidates must learn the science and engineering of working in space, in a spacecraft or space station, and on other planets.*

This camp is perfect for youth who are seeking more experience and knowledge as an astronaut. During the week Astronauts In Training will experience

- off-world living conditions
- train like an astronaut
- flight training with missions to the space station
- build Mars rover in our engineering room
- run off world scientific experiments in our science room
- command the mission control centre
- rover and drone missions
- learn about astronomy, navigation and spacecraft
- and more.

Source of description and additional information about Roots 2 Stem is available at

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