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Voyage

It has been our privilege and our pleasure to serve.

Thank you all!

Denine and Chelle

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"THANK YOU" Isn't EVEN CLOSE

For Chrissie & Ralph

You Did

You didn't have to do all that you did

But you did

You didn't have to give up so much time

But you did

You didn't have to put yourself out like you did

But you did

You did when I didn't expect you to

You did what no one else could

Thank you

For doing what you did

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The sentiment comes from the heart.

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Happy Anniversary Ships of the Line

Celebrating Our Chapters' Years In Service

<i>USS Alaric</i>	R01	10/01/1982	37	<i>USS Storm</i>	R07	10/30/2010	08
<i>USS Lagrange</i>	R01	10/23/1982	37	<i>USS Diamondback</i>	R03	10/22/2011	08
<i>USS Maat</i>	R01	10/31/1987	32	<i>USS Haven</i>	R02	10/29/2011	08
<i>USS Challenger</i>	R07	11/01/1987	32	<i>USS Wisconsin</i>	R06	11/15/2011	08
<i>USS Hephaestus</i>	R02	10/24/1989	30	<i>USS Crockett</i>	R03	12/17/2011	08
<i>USS Kitty Hawk</i>	R01	10/07/1990	29	<i>USS Tydirium</i>	R11	12/18/2011	08
<i>ISS Katana</i>	R12	12/07/1991	28	<i>USS Cuchulain</i>	R20	11/05/2013	06
<i>USS Northern Lights</i>	R04	12/01/1993	26	<i>USS Panther</i>	R15	12/31/2015	04
<i>USS Continuum</i>	R02	12/04/1993	26	<i>USS Caroline</i>	R20	10/01/2016	03
<i>USS Ronald E McNair</i>	R01	11/05/1994	25	<i>USS Loki</i>	R07	10/21/2016	03
<i>USS Matrix</i>	R07	11/18/1994	25	<i>USS Merlin</i>	R20	10/28/2016	03
<i>USS Justice</i>	R07	12/23/1994	25	<i>USS Andromeda</i>	R02	10/01/2017	02
<i>USS Stormbringer</i>	R04	10/31/1998	21	<i>USS White Eagle</i>	R01	10/29/2017	02
<i>USS SpiritWolf</i>	R03	11/06/1998	21	<i>USS Marie Curie</i>	R05	11/30/2017	02
<i>USS Relentless</i>	R02	12/01/1998	21	<i>USS Roger Williams</i>	R15	10/31/2018	01
<i>USS Aries</i>	R01	12/22/1999	20	<i>USS Dragonfly</i>	R05	11/27/2018	01
<i>USS William Wallace</i>	R12	12/22/2002	18	<i>USS Panda</i>	R19	12/01/2018	01
<i>USS Vanguard</i>	R09	11/05/2003	17	<i>USS Venture</i>	R07	12/04/2018	01
<i>USS Virginia</i>	R01	11/28/2008	11				
<i>USS Excelsior</i>	R09	12/22/2008	11				
<i>USS Lexington</i>	R15	10/01/2009	10				
<i>USS Abraham Lincoln</i>	R07	11/14/2009	10				
<i>USS Wolf 359</i>	R05	12/23/2009	10				
<i>USS Wessex</i>	R04	12/29/2009	09				
<i>USS Columbia</i>	R01	10/23/2010	08				



REGION 3 CELEBRATES AT



By ADM Lucy Ferron Franck
USS Zavala, Region 3



The bi-annual Region 3 event at Johnson Space Center, just south of Houston, TX, took on special meaning this year as 2019 celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, putting man's first footprints on the moon. Planned and hosted by the *USS Zavala*, sixty members of Region 3 gathered on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at Space Center Houston, the visitor's center of Johnson Space Center, for a daylong tour of discovery. Chapters represented were the *Ark Angel Station*, *USS Battle Born*, *USS Corsair*, *USS Crockett*, *USS Diamondback*, *USS Endurance*, *USS Joan of Arc*, *USS Spiritwolf*, *USS Tarvos*, 340th MEU, host chapter the *USS Zavala*, and several family members and guests.

The space center tour included tram tours that took members onto the NASA Johnson Space Center property next door to see the newly restored Apollo Mission Control Center. The approximately \$5 million dollar renovation restored that control room to its appearance on July 20, 1969, down to the last details of papers, notebooks, coffee mugs, ashtrays, flags, maps and screen displays. All details were reproduced or restored including the wallpaper, carpeting, display panels and screens, chairs, and wall décor. A special audio and video presentation accompanied the control room tour, taking you back to the minutes just preceding the first touchdown on the moon. A separate tram tour took visitors to see astronaut training areas and the mission control room used for the International Space Station.

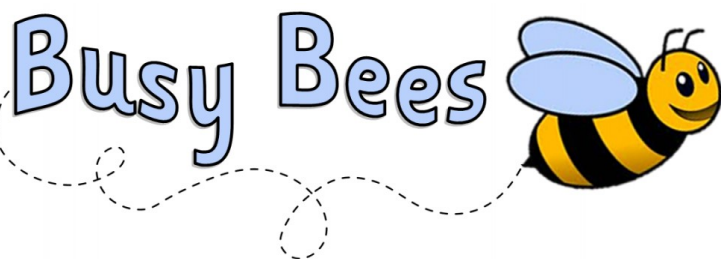
Other exciting areas to explore in the space center included Journey to Mars, Orion space capsule, historical artifacts including Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules, spacesuits worn throughout man's exploration of space up through the current ISS missions, space shuttle trainer *USS Independence*, the aircraft used to transport the space shuttles across the country, 2 movie theaters, a talk by astronaut Kenneth Cameron, Rocket Park that includes a complete Saturn V rocket, special art display celebrating the moon landing, kids' fun zone, virtual reality rides, food court, and the gift shops. I saw a lot of shopping bags from the gift shop leave the center at the end of the day!



Most of the sixty Region 3 members at Space Center Houston September 14 made it to the photo shoot!
Photo by Chuck Franck

Forty-two of the attendees were able to stay for a celebratory dinner after their day of exploration. Victor's American Diner, just next door to SCH and JSC, provided plenty of room to host our large crowd. R3 RC Jeremy Carsten greeted those gathered and recognized some recent accomplishments of region members. He also thanked the *USS Zavala* for sponsoring the event. The dinner also marked the 8th anniversary of the commissioning of the *USS Zavala*. Several *Zavala* chapter members were recognized with awards. Other than R3 Summit, the trips to Space Center Houston (of which this was the fourth) are the largest gathering of regional members and we take full advantage of that to spend time visiting with friends we don't see often enough.





USS HEIMDAL HAS BUSY, BUSY FALL AND WINTER

By ADM Linda Smith

The *USS Heimdal* is based in Madison Heights, VA, Region One.

Following the *USS Heimdal's* Annual Charity Auction in August, which brought in \$6030, the chapter has had on-going activities that have filled the fall and early winter months for our members.

Our September meeting featured a presentation by the two students *Heimdal* sent to NASA's Space Camp in June. Adam Bryant, Jr. went to Advanced Space Academy while Abby DeFord went to Robotics Camp. Both gave excellent presentations of slides and a power point while wearing their flight suits. Twenty eight people, including *Heimdal* members, parents and interested people from the community, came out to meet Adam and Abby and hear about their adventures.

The *Heimdal* received a donation in October from a local charitable foundation specifically to send a student to Space Camp in 2020. What this means is that we will be able to send 2 students again if we get 2 really good essays in our Space Camp Contest in January.

October was the *Heimdal's* Annual Halloween Party, which featured a Costume Contest with prizes and Activity Stations presented by the Department Chiefs. Everyone stayed busy and had a wonderful time. Carl Davis won the Costume Contest as Count Dooku from *Star Wars*. Jonathan Hatter as Khan from *Wrath of Khan* won the prize for Best Star Trek Costume and Jeanne Wilson won the Most Original Costume prize as SharkNado. Costumes were great this year.

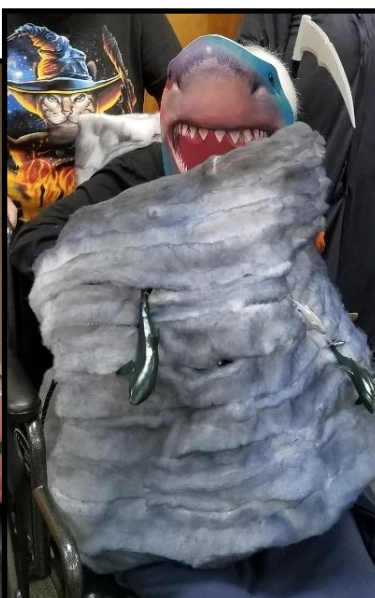
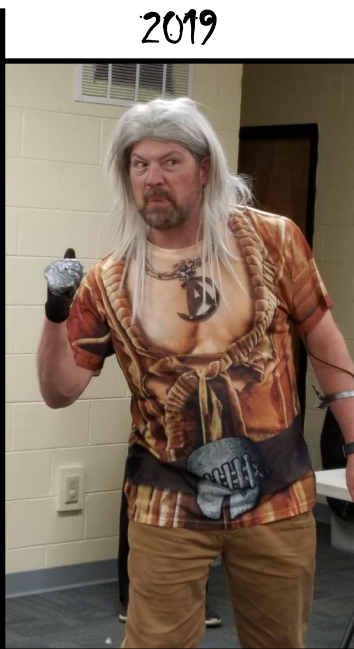


Space Camp students Abby DeFord & Adam Bryant, Jr. presenting at the September *Heimdal* meeting.

Photo by ADM Linda Smith



Halloween



Party

From Left to Right:

Carl Davis, Costume Contest winner as Count Dooku.

Jonathan Hatter as Khan - Best Star Trek Costume.

Jeanne Wilson as SharkNado - Most Original Costume.

Photo by Willy Smith



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In November the *Heimdal's* Parade Committee (Carl and Bonnie Davis, Weston and Sarah Webb, and Willy and Linda Smith) began work on the *Heimdal's* float entry for the Amherst Christmas Parade on December 6. The parade theme was **A Tropical Christmas**. After some brain-storming we built a float that included 2 elves sitting on beach chairs – one holding a surf board – looking at an almost life-size painting done by Bonnie Davis of a tropical island. The island's focal point was a volcano that puffed smoke (thanks to a fog machine) as the float went down the parade route. There was a SANDman (like a SNOWman only tan to look like he was made of sand), 2 palm trees, 2 tropical birds, 2 surf boards and a lighted flamingo wearing a Santa hat and vest. As the float approached the judges, the Parade Announcer told everyone that the *Heimdal* is a non-profit, mentioned all 10 charities we sponsor and that we sent our 10th and 11th students to Space Camp this year. We were very proud of the recognition.

Although we didn't win a parade trophy, we FEEL like winners for all our teamwork in building our float and the participation of those on the float and those who walked the parade route in *Next Gen* uniforms and Santa hats and carried the STARFLEET and UFP banners.

The *Heimdal* ended our year with a huge Christmas Party that began with a real Christmas dinner of turkey, ham, side dishes, desserts and drinks. Following dinner everyone received awards for all their hard work during 2019 ... Annual CORA Awards (Commanding Officer's Recognition Awards). The Security Department was chosen Department of the Year. Co-Crewmembers of the Year were Willy Smith and Carl Davis.

After the awards, those who came wearing ugly Christmas sweaters participated in an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. The contest was won by Dennis Henderson, who received a prize for his sweater's ugliness.



(Top Photo) *Heimdal's* float in the Amherst Parade—A Tropical Christmas

Photo by Yosep Nam

(Bottom Left) Jonathan Hatter helping assemble the float at the staging area.

Photo by Linda Smith

(Bottom Right) Bonnie Davis & her original island volcano painting for the float.

Photo by Willy Smith

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The Ugly Sweater Contest has become one of our most fun Christmas party activities.

Everyone played Dirty Santa, taking and RE-taking gifts wrapped in the most unusual ways. A gift wrapped like **Klingon Claus** was very popular this year.

The party and 2019 ended with fun, great fellowship and friendship. Now we're looking forward to our Space Camp Contest that will wrap up in late January when a winner is chosen. We also will begin working on our 2020 Annual Charity Auction in March and are looking forward to the *Heimdal's* 36th Anniversary Party in April. We have another full year ahead ... spent with friends, all of whom have SCC numbers.

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ugly Sweater Contest

(Photo Right)

Lining up for Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest - Willy Smith, Dennis Henderson, Joe Arnold, Linda Smith, Angie Arnold, seated: Alan & Jonathan Hatter.

Photo by Bonnie Davis



Ugly Sweater Winner (Above)

CO Linda Smith presenting prize to Ugly Sweater Contest winner, Dennis Henderson.

Photo by Bonnie Davis



Christmas Dinner (Left)

Dinner with Willy Smith, Linda Smith, Angie Arnold, and Richard Arnold.

Photo by Bonnie Davis



(Photo Above) Richard Arnold got the Dirty Santa gift wrapped like Klingon Claus.

(Photo Right) Security Chief, Carl Davis (center) sharing his Department of the Year award with Security Department members Joe Arnold and Jonathan Hatter.

Photo by Linda Smith



Meet the 2020-2022 STARFLEET Leadership

Dennis Rayburn

January 1 is always a day of new beginnings. For STARFLEET, it will mark the beginning of a new administration for the next three years. This new administration will mark the arrival of new faces in some positions, and the continued service for some other members of the Executive Committee.

Leading the new administration of STARFLEET as Commander, STARFLEET, will be FADM Steven Parmley. In the real world, he is a Deputy Jailer in Western Kentucky. He also serves as an assistant chief of the local fire department and as a Lt Cmdr 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, he has served as Deputy IG for STARFLEET, DCOINFOCOM, 1st BDE OIC, CO of USS Constellation, 2nd BN OIC, and Chief of Medcom in R12, just to name a few of his postings.

Starting his term as Vice-Commander, STARFLEET will be James Herring. James has does promotions, advertising, sales, publicity, and PR for a HVAC company, and is currently in the Human Resources department. He has been a professional photographer for 16 years, owned a game store for 10 years, run the classifieds section of a newspaper for 6 years, owned and run a bed & breakfast for 3 years and was president of 2 alumni associations, both of which were 501 (c) (3). He previously served as STARFLEET 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.

In the new administration, Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons has agreed to stay on in the new administration as the Chief of Operations, bringing his experience and continued service to that position. In the Computer Operations department, with the new database in development, and the continuing work toward full implementation of GDPR, Tony Knopes will be continuing on as Chief of Computer Operations. His qualifications are evident for all to see in the work he has been doing and will continue to do for STARFLEET.

The new Chief of Communications will be Jeff Higdon. Jeff has served STARFLEET in many different ways, including STARFLEET Academy, the STARFLEET Historian's office (where he wrote the official history of STARFLEET), served a term as R12 Regional Coordinator, and was Chair for IC 2014. In the real world, he holds a BA in Communications from Freed-Hardeman University, and has worked for several television stations over the years

Linda Olson will continue to serve STARFLEET in the coming administration as Chief Financial Officer. Her experience in the position is well known and will be a great help for us during our term in office.

Coming into the Chief of Education Services office will be Carol Thompson. She has been in STARFLEET for over 25 years with most of that time being spent in the Academy in some form or fashion. She has done everything in 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.

Rey Cordero will be starting his time as the new SFMC Commandant on January 1st. Rey has served STARFLEET as 1st BDE OIC, and as Helpdesk Administrator. In the past he as served as DOIC of the 7th BDE, BN OIC in 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, Helpdesk VC Admin, and held regional staff positions in Region 1.

One other new face in STARFLEET Headquarters will be Antonio T De Angelis III who will be serving as Steven's Aide-de-Camp. I believe this will be Antonio's first major posting for STARFLEET, serving as Steven's confidential assistant. He brings to this position his experience of 12 years serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Please welcome these folks to their new positions of responsibility. Next issue, we will be running what each of them plans for their term, and a short progress report of what has been accomplished to that point.

From the Desk of the New CQ Editor

Dennis Rayburn

As I sit down to write this, I'm reminded of the lyrics of a song by Bob Dylan, "Come writers and critics Who prophesies with your pen And keep your eyes wide The chance won't come again And don't speak too soon For the wheel's still in spin And there's no tellin' who that it's namin' For the loser now will be later to win For the times they are a-changing."

The times are certainly changing for me and for the Communique on January 1st as incoming Chief of Communications Jeff Higdon has honored me with the job of being Editor for this publication for the next three years. As one who has written professionally for the last few years, it creates an interesting situation for me personally as I'm used to writing a column, article, etc and then submitting it to the mercies of an editor and awaiting their actions on said project. Now I'm the one who gets to make the decisions. Yes, Bob Dylan was right.

For those who don't know about me, just a little background information. I'm semi-retired, but still doing writing as a free lancer. I've written for various fan publications over the years, including this one. I've also had the honor to be a columnist for Roddenberry.com, AirlockAlpha.com, and SoEntertain.Me in recent years. I've also had an article published in a major diving publication that I wrote covering the Roddenberry Diving team.

I take on this responsibility with excitement and a vision for the publication. Over the last several months, I have been hearing from the membership of STARFLEET that they are wanting more Star Trek in their CQ. That is a vision I share and plan in implement. It is my goal to not only keep bring members news about our organization, but some Star Trek content in the form of fan fiction, comics for example. My goal is that it will be a balanced approach with a good amount of both news and Trek in each issue.

The CQ has a lot of great individuals who have been writing and performing tasks for the publication over time and I have asked them all to remain on and keep writing for you, the membership. Note that I said write for the membership, not for me or any leaders in the organization. This is YOUR Communique. I want it to reflect what YOU want to see in it.

I want to hear from all of the members in STARFLEET on what you would like to see in your CQ. For that purpose, I've set up the email address of STARFLEETCQ@gmail.com where you can reach out to me and give me your feedback.

I want to also encourage anyone who has the wish, desire, or inclination to write something for the CQ to publish to please do so and send it to us as cq@sfi.org and let us take a look at it. We want to be the voice of STARFLEET and present articles, columns, comics etc that you write. Please don't be shy about it. The opportunities I cited above in my writing resume were a direct result of my writing for this and other fan publications over the years. This is your chance to make your viewpoint and thoughts heard.

A wise man once said that the journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. Why not take that first step and let us publish something by you?

Think about it!

When Doves Cry

James Schmerer

Writer: *Star Trek: The Animated Series*, "The Survivor"

14 June 1938 – 04 October 2019



William Wintersole

Actor: Abrom, *Star Trek: The Original Series*, "Patterns of Force"

30 July 1931 – 05 November 2019

Steven Marlo

Actor: Zabo, *Star Trek: The Original Series*, "A Piece of the Action"

13 July 1927 – 07 November 2019

Michael John Pollack, Jr.

Actor: Jahn, *Star Trek: The Original Series*, "Miri"

30 May 1939 – 21 November 2019

Dorothy Catherine "D. C." Fontana

Writer and Script Editor:

Star Trek: The Original Series, The Animated Series, The Next Generation, and Deep Space Nine

25 March 1939 – 02 December 2019

Robert Walker, Jr.

Actor: Charles Evans, *Star Trek: The Original Series*, "Charlie X"

15 April 1940 – 05 December 2019

Michael Lamper

Actor: Acamarian Gatherer, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, "The Vengeance Factor"

1958 – 07 December 2019

René Murat Auberjonois

Actor: Colonel West, *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*

Chief of Security Odo, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*; Ezral, *Star Trek: Enterprise* "Oasis"

01 June 1940 – 08 December 2019

In Remembrance

To Those Who Have Passed

Our friend and crewmate



Carolyn Irwin

November 21, 1938 - August 30, 2019

*Though she has left on
her journey into the
Undiscovered Country,
her friendship and acts of
kindness live on in our
hearts!*



Photographer : Carnell Eubanks
Enterprise Bridge Set, Kingsland Georgia

*If love could have saved you,
you would have lived forever.*



Takoda

*May 10, 2010 to December 14, 2019
Pet Fleet Member and beloved companion
of Chris Lynch*



2019



THE SPECTACLE OF DRAGONCON

By RADM Jana Sandarg
Executive Officer, USS Star League
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DragonCon is an incredible spectacle, and this year's event did not disappoint. Each year the parade gets longer, and although the *Star Trek* species were few and far between, there was a STARFLEET presence, felt beyond the Force. Con goers were decked out in every costume imaginable, from the original series to *Discovery*. The annual photo op took place on the steps of the Hilton, with about two hundred costumed fans posing for snapshots. No other group commands such attendance. There is a central intelligence that draws us to the same spot, year after year, to celebrate the *Star Trek* universe and its enthusiastic supporters.

There is a *Trek* track, which featured workshops ranging from costuming and kids' fest to presentations on holographic life forms and how technology shapes *Star Trek*. There are talks by authors, *Trek* Blogs, genetic engineering.... and of course, the Miss *Star Trek* Universe Pageant packs the house, with Garrett Wang working the audience into a frenzy.

The Question and Answer sessions by the series' actors are by far the most popular. They draw such huge crowds, that they have been displaced from the Sheraton to larger venues, such as the ball rooms of the Marriott or the Hilton. This year George Takei and William Shatner gave several solo performances, and both are impressive raconteurs. They brought the house down with hilarious, and sometimes poignant, tales. Having seen them both perform over the decades I was moved by the quality of their interaction with their fans. Takei and Shatner have developed their skills and polished their art, for certain; truly, they are masters at spinning a story!



(Left Photo) William Shatner captivates his audience with tales about experiences that are so bizarre, they can only be true. No one can tell it like Shatner! (Right Photo) George Takei regales the fans with stories from his childhood and escapades on the set of *Star Trek*.

Photos by Jana Sandarg

Star Trek Discovery actors drew the crowds as well. Mary Chieffo (L'Rell), Emily Coutts (Keyla Detmer), Shazad Latif (Ash Tyler), Anson Mount (Captain Christopher Pike) and Ethan Peck (Spock) held several Q & A sessions, where their answers were as entertaining as the banter among the panelists. They all had

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booths at the Walk of Fame, but alas, the ballroom was too small to accommodate the hordes of fans.

DragonCon has grown to 85,000 participants. It was fun to see downtown Atlanta converted into a micro universe of fantasy. It wasn't so fun waiting in line for hours to see our favorite stars. But the collective enthusiasm is enthralling. It's a place where we can live our fantasies with likeminded folks. If you haven't gone to DragonCon, be sure to beam over next year!



2020

September 3—7th, 2020



Discovery stars

(Photo Above) *Star Trek: Discovery* comes alive on stage with (L-R) Emily Coutts, Ethan Peck, Anson Mount, Shazad Latif and Mary Chieffo.

Photo by Jara Sandarg

Star Trek Fans

(Photo Below) About 200 fans converged on the steps of the Hilton to portray characters from the original series to *Discovery*. Bottom right is Jana Sandarg, the XO of the USS Star League (Region 1).

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Star Trek Saved My Life, Literally

The fandom friendships forged through 'Trek' rescued me when addiction left me ready to give it all up.

BY

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I shouldn't be here. I shouldn't be writing this article.

I don't mean I should be somewhere else. Some other space, some other time.

I mean, to be completely frank, that I should be dead.

I didn't try to go out in a blaze of glory, saving the galaxy. I tried to overdose— on purpose.

I'd reached a point in my life where I didn't want to go on anymore. I'd been through two back-to-back toxic relationships. I'd nearly lost my mom. I'd lost one job and become painfully dissatisfied with another, similar one. With my depression festering untreated, I started self-medicating with crystal meth. I went from smoking to shooting meth in about a year.

I didn't know how to stop. I tried. I really did. On paper, I had a great job, in a profession that's in high demand. I lived in San Francisco, the future home of Starfleet Command. But I was shattered inside.

But friends, some of whom I met through a mutual love of Star Trek, saved me. If it weren't for Star Trek, I'd be dead today and, unlike Spock, I'd stay that way.

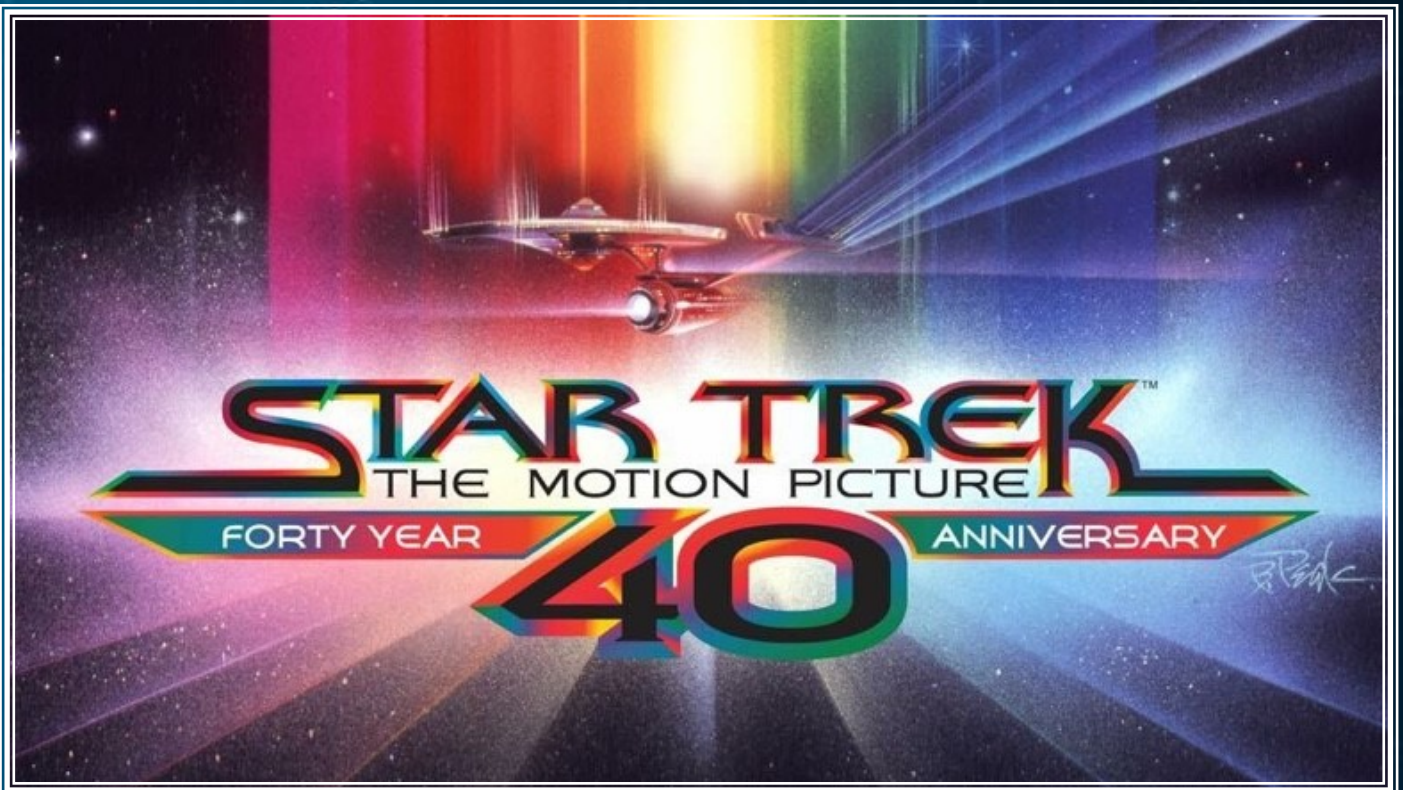
CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAR TREK: THE MOTION PICTURE

By RADM Jana Sandarg
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When I saw “*Star Trek: The Motion Picture*” forty years ago, I was blown away by the spectacular special effects and the breathtaking view of outer space. Forty years later, I saw the re-mastered film, and again, I was blown away by the spectacular special effects and the breathtaking view of outer space. Even though technology has progressed exponentially, the sense of awe I experienced forty years ago is equal to the awe I felt today. As always, *Star Trek* is on the cutting edge.

And so were the attendees at the special showing of the film on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at Regal Cinemas in Augusta, Georgia. Members of the *USS Star League* held a Trivia Contest at the beginning of each showing, and the audience was as sharp as ever. COMM Carnell Eubanks (our CO), CRM Ingrid Warden and LCDR Tammy Smith posited the queries and awarded the prizes. Certainly, the moviegoers were die-hard fans, as every single question was answered in a nano second. Nice to see that Trekkers are on top of the game!

Outside, the crew of the *USS Star League* manned a STARFLEET table to recruit new members. A “Tableful of Tribbles” beckoned them to peruse our displays and to take home free *Star Trek* items as a souvenir. All except the trove of Tribbles. CRM Warden guarded them from raiding hands, since they will star in upcoming ship events. As it should be since the cooing critters multiplied under the watch of CRM Warden. A containment field has been erected to confine the explosion of Tribbles. Coming soon to a theater near you.



A letter from Gene Roddenberry to Star Trek fans promoting the Planetary Society

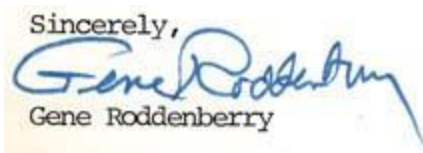
Dear STAR TREK Friends:

You probably know that the STAR TREK following is one of the largest groups of its kind in the country. As such, I have frequently been asked to endorse many worthwhile causes. What you may not know is that I have never done so, nor have I ever made available any STAR TREK mailing list for these purposes.

But now I am breaking with that tradition to tell you of The Planetary Society, an organization formed by Carl Sagan and Bruce Murray to encourage and popularize our exploration of the solar system and the search for extraterrestrial life. Let me tell you why. The essence of the STAR TREK missions are to discover, to learn more about our universe and to apply that knowledge to the benefit of mankind. STAR TREK is, of course, fiction. But its idea is very real and very important. It is this idea which The Planetary Society is devoted to and I believe they can help turn into a reality. If we humans are to continue our exploration of the solar system on a peaceful, rational and scientific basis, then it is important to demonstrate to the decision makers in our country that millions of us want our space programs to continue. To prove our point, all of us must join together in a focused effort, scientists and non-scientists alike, to insist that our elected leaders reflect our support of space exploration.

In addition to Carl Sagan and Bruce Murray, many other distinguished people have helped in the formation of the Society. They include James Michener, Ray Bradbury, Isaac Asimov, Paul Newman, and Johnny Carson, just to name a few. Their presence underlies the significance of this not being a strictly scientific effort but a truly cultural one. The Planetary Society will support both manned and unmanned exploration of the solar system. The Planetary Society is also encouraging the development of the solar sail, of missions to asteroids and comets (in particular to Halley's Comet at this next apparition), the development and ultimate utilization of extraterrestrial resources such as might be found on asteroids or on the moon, the continued exploration of Mars by robot rovers and from returned samples and, I believe in our lifetime, by man establishing a permanent presence on neighbor planets. They will also promote the development of the search for extraterrestrial life -- by radio searches in this galaxy and of nearby galaxies, by the search for other planetary systems and by analyses from probes in this solar system to possible places where life may have once been or may yet still have a chance of forming -- Mars, Titan, the interior of asteroids or the upper layers of the Jovian atmosphere.

The links between science fiction and science are well established and I am very pleased to associate myself with the Planetary Society. If you are interested in supporting those goals by joining The Planetary Society too, write for information to: ~~Carl Sagan, c/o Jet Propulsion Laboratories, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, California, 91103.~~

Sincerely,

Gene Roddenberry

For more information on the Planetary Society, please visit:

<https://www.planetary.org/>

STARFLEET Companion QUÉ

It's been three years since our first issue. We have enjoyed bringing the news, events, and celebrations of all of the "wild and wacky members" of STARFLEET. As our time with the CQ draws to a close, we would like to take some space to recognize all of the contributors who have graciously given their writings and talents to STARFLEET's newsletter. You have made our newsletter the fine publication it is. THANK YOU!

- Denine & Chelle

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