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# Through the Eyes of a Redneck

by: ADM Brad Pense, Regional Coordinator  
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Howdy,

The Regional Executive Committee met on January 20th, 2007 for the 9th Annual Regional Retreat in Dallas, Texas at the Radisson Hotel and Suites Dallas. The retreat provided the REC with a working weekend for planning the year's events and for addressing any matters or issues that may have been presented to them. With input from the 17 Region Three chapters represented, the REC was able to accomplish this and a lot more. Some of the events for 2007 include the biennial trip to Scarborough Faire Trip, the biennial trip to Space Center Houston the Region Three Summit and the annual R3 Game Day. A more detailed list of upcoming Region Three events will be included in upcoming issues of Fleet Channels.

The first event planned for 2007 will be a family outing to Scarborough Faire on Saturday, April 7th which is during the Family Adventure Weekend where three (3) children age 12 and under are admitted free with each paid adult. For more information on Scarborough Faire you can go to [www.scarboroughhennfest.com](http://www.scarboroughhennfest.com) or call 888-5-FESTIVAL (533-7848) toll free.

Next is the Region Three's Summit '06 on June 8th - 10th at the Radisson Hotel and Suites Dallas located at 2330 W Northwest Highway in Dallas. You can

call (800) 333-3333 or (214) 351-4477 to make room reservations for \$75/night (plus tax), for Singles and Doubles (1-4 people per room) and \$99/night for a Suite. Be sure to mention Region Three Summit Code of Reg3 to guarantee the Summit room rate.

Then the Biennial Region Three trip to the Space Center in Houston, Texas is set to take place in September. Until more information is announced, keep a watchful eye on our web site for updates.

Or, you can e-mail ADM Michelle Fanelli ([vracs@region3.org](mailto:vracs@region3.org))

with questions or for more details. And last but not least, the annual Region Three Game Day scheduled for November 9th - 11th in Round Rock, Texas.

Events being held during the weekend will include open gaming, Pool and Darts, the Third Brigade Fall Muster and much more. For more information you can go to [www.ussarkangel.com](http://www.ussarkangel.com) or contact COMM Jeff Webb ([DCoS@region3.org](mailto:DCoS@region3.org)) for more details.

In closing, while this will be my last year to serve as your Regional Coordinator I will not forget all of the friends that I have made over my last 12 years in office.

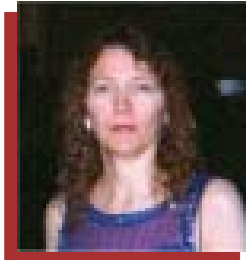
In service to the Fleet,

ADM Brad Pense,  
Commander, Third Fleet



## SOUTHERN SPACEDOCK

Senior Vice-Regional Coordinator  
Vice-Regional Coordinator, South  
by: ADM Michelle Fanelli  
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Howdy, Howdy,

Retreat 07 was a lot of fun, with some work thrown in. Ok, would it be a retreat without that mix? I want to thank everyone

who showed up, plus everyone from the Trinity River who helped support the weekend. Big thanks to Robyn and Ed for hanging around while we got Old Patton looked at. What can I say; he does not like cold weather. I really liked the side trips, so I am sure Summit 07 will be a wonderful happening in June. Getting my book list ready for the return to Half Priced Books.

I am very exciting about the regional calendar. We have such offerings as Scarborough, Space Center Houston (shameless plug), Game Day and maybe the return of Pool and Darts in Killeen. Keep your fingers crossed, I have missed those Moose Steaks. So as you are filling out your travel plans, keep Region Three in mind.

Congratulations to the new command team for the *Joan of Arc* Robin Van Cleave and Tahnya Abbott. I wish you two much success in your new posts.

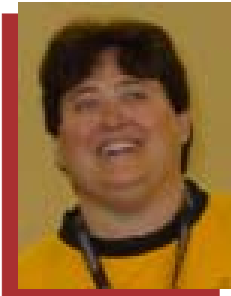
The holidays and the winter were very good for the south. All had their annual parties, celebrating friends and family. Many of our projects to help the less fortunate received support. As we gear up for what 2007 will bring, I think we all are hoping for some warmer weather.

Thanks to the folks who congratulated The Catt on surviving the path to Doctor. Our cruise was once in a lifetime for the

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## NORTHERN LIGHTS

Vice-Regional Coordinator, North  
by: COMM Robyn Winans  
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Here in the North we've survived the ARCTIC BLAST as the breaking News calls it!

I promise it will be much warmer for Summit.....

The Retreat 2007 in Dallas went well and our calendar looks pretty full for the year. We hope to see any of you for Scarborough Fair in April.

Summit will be held June 8th thru the 10th in the Dallas area at the Radisson on NW HWY and 35 E. The rates are good for three days before and three days after so you can come early or stay late and enjoy the many fine family attractions in the DFW area.

For Summit

Radisson Hotel and Suites Dallas  
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Dallas, TX. 75220  
Reservations: (800) 333-3333 USA  
Telephone: (214) 351-4477  
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www.dallasradisson.com  
Reservation code is REG3

Keep your feet on the ground as you reach for those stars!

Commodore Robyn  
VRC-North Region 3  
CO, USS *Trinity River*, Dallas TX.

## GO WEST YOUNG MAN!

Vice-Regional Coordinator, West  
by: VADM Sam Black  
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The frontier offices are gearing up for a fun and busy year ahead.

Things kicked off with the annual retreat weekend. Decisions made include putting to rest everything to do with IC '05 and a forthcoming donation to the STARFLEET Scholarship fund from Summit '04 and NYE '05 and to the USS *Lone Star* from NYE '05. Alongside these financial issues, we also established the year's events; including splitting back apart the Pool and Darts tourney from Game Day. Look for more info on that and the rest of the regional events as details firm up and announcements are made.

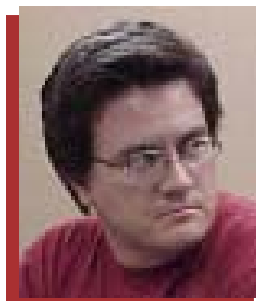
Things are already hopping out west. Right off the bat, you'll soon be reading about all the recognition coming from the joint *Gunslinger/Lone Star* Anniversary Celebration at the end of February in Lubbock. This is to be quickly followed by area-wide recognition of STARFLEET and the USS *Lone Star* at the Lubbock Cotton Kings hockey game, the area's only professional sports team. Stay tuned for more news and events from way out west!

Last time, I began talking about potential and why STARFLEET hasn't achieved its full possibilities. One theory I have is related to simple respect. Respect for the documents by which we agree to operate. Respect for the rules. Respect for each other. Respect for the truth. There are those who couldn't care less about anything except for their own reputation, agendas, and personal distastes. Others simply love to see controversy, stirring the pot at every oppor-

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## Chiefly Yours...

Chief-of-Staff Report  
by: RADM Raymond Ford  
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Random Comments About Retreat

I always manage to have a good time at Retreat. Although, over the years, I seem to be more fo-

cused on being productive at Retreat than having fun; which is a pity, since I rarely have the chance to see everyone otherwise.

A note for future reference -- make sure that someone gives the Regional Coordinator a wake up call if the RC is not staying at the hotel.

Another note for future reference - do not go to the IHOP nearest the hotel. The VRC-South will back me up on that one.

To clarify a couple of points of order for those who are unaware. The REC meeting is for members of the Region Three Executive Committee and certain members of the Region Three Staff. The RC gives the REC its marching orders during this meeting. The REC meeting is a closed meeting. The CCO meeting is where the Congress of Commanding Officers conduct their business, including setting the Region Three calendar for the year. The COs attending are free to invite anyone they wish to the CCO meeting, effectively making it an open meeting.

The REC meeting was productive, once it got going. Anyone planning future Retreats may wish to insure that the room set aside for the REC meeting has plenty of wall outlets. And well padded floors for the people who will trip over everyone's power cords (myself included).

The CCO meeting was also productive,  
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*Fifely Yours...*

Deputy Chief-of-Staff Report  
by: COMM Jeffrey Webb  
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Summits and BattleMechs, oh my!

This is your friendly neighborhood DCoS, coming to you with news of what's going on in my corner of Region Three. The big project right now is the Summit Manual, which will provide pointers and advice for chapters who want to try their hand at running a Summit. Planning and executing a Summit is a big job, so big that when my chapter undertook the task for Summit 2006 we appointed TWO chairpersons, neither of which was CO of the vessel. There's THAT much to do.

Prospective Summit chair (or team) needs to undertake a massive amount of tasks. Everyone knows about securing a hotel and banquet, but there's so much more that goes into those two basic needs. How many room-nights does the Hotel want Region Three to guarantee them to make the deal? Can you expect to fulfill that amount of rooms? How much have previous Banquets spent, and what are you going to charge? How much meeting room will the Summit need?

Answers to a lot of these questions will be discussed in the Summit manual, which should be ready in rough draft form by Summit this year. Hey, speaking of Summit this year: we didn't have ANY bids for Summit 2008. Come on, Region Three! Summit should be an honor bestowed upon the chapter who came up with the best bid, not something that's handed to the only chapter energetic enough to put any sort of bid at all together or worse yet-handed over to the Regional Staff to plan and execute. At least a chapter has the advantage of hav-

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ACROSS THE  
SUBSPACE NET

Regional Communications Report  
by: VADM Mark A. Vinson  
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Greetings and Welcome to the Inaugural Electronic Edition of *Fleet Channels*!

I hope that you enjoy the new look I have given *Fleet Channels*. It is a work in progress and as I get used to the freedom that an electronic publication affords us, more changes will surely follow. I look forward to any suggestions and input. If you want to see something special in future issues get with me and let's see what we can do.

Here is a small list of what has changed from last year to now:

A.) The newsletter is now Magazine size (up from the digest size we have used since 1992)

B.) A larger newsletter also means a larger type for the text. As most of us grow older each year you will appreciate it. Also, more space means an increased word count for all articles from 350 to 500 or so.

C.) We are now COLOR!

E.) As it once was, it is again, *Fleet Channels* is available to all!

F.) With the elimination of mailing and printing costs for *Fleet Channels* and moving the Regional website to a more affordable server there is NO MORE Regional Assistance Program!!

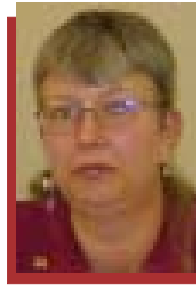
I want to add more flavor to the newsletter and to that end I need Caricature artists/cartoonists for an idea I have had. If anyone has a member or members that can draw and want to help with my idea, please have them get with me.

I also need good head shots from all the R3EC, Division Chiefs and Support Staff for your reports and I need color logos

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## Ops Central

Regional Operations Report  
by: RADM Stephanie Izard  
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Hello Region Three! Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday Season. For the most part mine was with just one exception; I had to finally retire my desktop computer. Yes, that monstrosity that I've

haunted to the last several Summits has been put out to pasture. Actually it's going to become a boat anchor in the near future. Then while I was getting everything I could off the old machine to get the new laptop up and going, my ISP decides to change some of their protocols. So I've had a rough time getting back online. But I'm up and going now -- so look out -- some of you will be getting those annoying Summit emails very shortly.

Retreat was a great weekend. We got a lot accomplished and it didn't take all day to do it. The 2007 Region Three Calendar was set. There will be an outing to Scarborough Renaissance Festival in April, Summit '07 in June, Johnson Space Center in September, and Game Day in November. Also, the possibility of Pool & Darts, back at the Moose Lodge, in Killeen in July.

With regional business out of the way and a large part of the afternoon left on Saturday, many of us ventured out to find that Half Price books that Robyn has told us so much about. I must say that she was right, it is the mother ship of Half Price Books. I'm already planning a trip back during Summit weekend.

That's all for now. Be planning for Summit the second weekend in June. Online registration should be on the R3 web site very soon.

  
RADM Stephanie Izard,  
Regional Operations Officer



## Special Projects

Regional Special Projects Report  
by: RADM Heather Ford  
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Hi all! Once again, I have the pleasure of bringing to you another potential way to contribute to the community. I'm really finding this fun. It's refreshing

to look out there and see so many worthy causes, and how some folks have found ways to support them.

So, this issue, I present to you "Box Tops for Education." Those of you who are parents of school-age children probably are already familiar with the program. If you look on the packages in your pantry, you may find the small icons in pink, white, and yellow that looks a lot like Betty Crocker Points. They don't appear everywhere, for example, you won't find them on Kellogg products (it's sponsored by General Mills). But a quick glance in my pantry shows them on boxes of Ziploc bags, Old El Paso Taco Shell boxes, and General Mills cereals, for starters. These icons can be cut out and donated to the school of your choice to help them raise funds for a variety of purposes. Last year, Grace's school added on a new gym, so they used the money from "Box Tops for Education" to purchase a rock-climbing wall for it. This year, the donated funds are being used to repair and update playground equipment.

This takes less time and commitment than the OCP, for those chapters concerned about maintaining an ongoing supply. It's also something that individual members can do as the mood strikes them - no waiting on the Sunday paper for coupons. To find out if a school in your area is collecting ask a parent, or call the school. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to find out more about the program.

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## OUT IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE

Regional Quartermaster Report  
by: CMDR Reed L. Bates



Not much happening with this office...yet. I've been so busy since last Summit when I took the position. I spoke to Brad a bit at Retreat and have some con-

tacts that I need to make. I also have a few volunteers who are willing to help me and my mind meld with me to give me some knowledge, but I will have to look forward to that in the future. It's not just me that's busy. Everyone is.

I still have your suggestions that were made during Summit in Austin for renewing items, and we are definitely out of some of our more popular commodities. I will endeavor to reorder the most wanted items, revisit the ones we have, and think about some new ones. I do plan to have a web page up for my fellow region three-ers to visit, take a look at what's available, and maybe even purchase. I'll have to work out all the details, especially about postage and handling, but I think at least we can drum up some business and pre-sell items that I can then bring to Summit in the Big D.



I did sell one coffee mug at Retreat. Thank you. The coffee mugs are actually very nice quality and seem sturdy. They are also good size to hold lots of coffee or your other hot beverages.

For those with staff positions that need a shirt, please e-mail me with your size. I'll get them ordered in time for Summit. I'd

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family and for those at retreat, you heard the tales. Back to reality, though I can daydream about those beaches.

Now with Retreat's conclusion, we can look forward to the changes we have going on in the region. Great new website. Love the colors Aaron. And I cannot wait to see what Mark does with the new improved Fleet Channels. No matter what is happening in the Fleet or in our real lives, we as a region always come together to grow, to change, to improve, and to contribute. I have always felt as a team, we were the best because of those special qualities. One of the reasons I enjoy whatever a new year brings to Region Three.

Next regional event is April's Scarborough. Looking at their website, they will have a lot to do and see. I hope many of us will be able to do time travel with Region Three.

And may the good news be yours.

*Michelle Fanelli*  
Admiral Michelle Fanelli,  
Vice-Regional Coordinator, South

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tunity. Those people are nothing but a cancer on this organization, driving good honest hard-working people away from stepping up and putting themselves forward for various opportunities. Their First Duty isn't to the truth. Their First Duty isn't to the organization. Their First Duty seems to be to causing damage and then attempting damage control so they can look like the heroes. Unfortunately, the damage was already done and the war of attrition continues. Members get tired and don't renew. Chapters decommission. Regions shrink. STARFLEET dwindles. Now, don't get me wrong. I don't think STARFLEET's going to shrivel up and blow away in the dust tomorrow; however, if something isn't done at the grassroots level and quickly, it might as well. An organization with such potential to have its face out there on the national and international scale, becoming noth-

ing more than a fond memory in a few folk's memories. Is there anyone out there who cares about doing the right thing? Is there anyone out there who cares what the rules are? I think there are still a few of us here who do care about these things; who care about working towards making STARFLEET the crown jewel in Star Trek fandom. I know I am one of these people. Are you?

VADM Sam Black, VRC-West

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but tended to wander in spots. The RC and COs may wish to consider another way to put together and publish an agenda before Retreat. It might help with organization. Last minute ideas could always be added during the meeting.

Please note that there are a few unfortunate souls who must attend both the REC and CCO meetings. I am one of them. If I seemed out of sorts that morning, it was because of the dread in my heart at the prospect of having to sit through hours of meetings that day. Please try to be understanding.

Lunch was nice, but I understand that it conflicted with other things planned for Retreat. It is important to remember the different attitudes that different people have regarding a schedule. For some, it is "locked in" and cannot be changed without formal notification. Others take a more casual view. Both are right and both are wrong.

On a final note, I wish that I could have spent more time with everyone at Retreat, but I had obligations elsewhere. Hopefully, I will make up for it at Summit.

Rear Admiral Raymond Ford  
Chief of Staff, Region Three

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ing most of their talent in one city. We, the staff, are scattered all over Texas. Let's see some bids — Some good ones.

At Retreat, we found a new source of Bragging Rights. In Plano, there's a game store called GameWyze. Located within that store are eight BattleTech simulator pods, think a flight simulator, but for tanks with legs. We organized an all-nighter, and were joined by members of the Trinity River. We had a GREAT time playing Battletech and Red Planet (a racing game) on these sim pods. We ran a mini-tournament, with Major General Aaron Murphy and Private James Post taking honors as the best two-pilot team. That is... until we get to play again...

So here we are, planning another all-nighter to take place Saturday night during Summit. Don't worry, it starts late enough in the evening that you'll be able to partake of banquet and other festivities, but bring a little cash for Jolt cola, cuz we'll be playing L A T E. Some of us will no doubt crash in the pilot's lounge for a catnap here and there. But we will play, and it'll rock. Come join us.

See you all at Summit!

COMM Jeffrey A. Webb,  
R3 Deputy Chief of Staff

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from all the chapters.

I am also in need "Fresh Blood" as it were for content. As I announced last year, the Region Three Press Corps is open to all and I am hoping for new and varied insights will be brought to the newsletter. Please encourage your members and friends to download this issue and help contribute to future ones.

Til Next Time, LLAP

VADM Mark A. Vinson,  
R3 Communications Officer

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Big soup eater? Like those Goldfish crackers? Campbell's has a similar program called "Labels For Education." Check out [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). Now if I can just figure out how to safely get that label off the Pace....

Until next time!

Rear Admiral Heather Ford  
R3 Special Projects

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really appreciate it.

Well...From shirts to key chains and cups to Frisbees, I have lots to sell. Stop by and see me some time.



CMDR Reed L. Bates,  
Regional Quartermaster

### Region Three's Family Weekend April 7, 2007 at Scarborough Faire

Join us as we journey to the past for a day of Merriment and Fellowship in Jolly Old England! April 7th is the opening day of the annual Renaissance festival and our Bi-Annual trip to this wonderful RenFest. Only 30 minutes south of Dallas/Fort Worth near Waxahachie, Texas

During this Family Adventure Weekend at the Faire, three children, age 12 and under, are admitted free with each paid adult admission.

Tickets are \$19.99 per day per adult



USS Aurora Vulcanus, NCC-1888  
Fleetwide Correspondence Vessel  
CO -- ADM Michelle Fanelli  
auroravulcanus@region3.org  
XO -- CAPT Catt Fanelli  
Commissioning Date: July 4, 1983  
Motto: "Creatively Sailing in  
Exploration of the Imagination"

Chapter members enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Some traveled far and wide, Europe or Disneyland, while others stayed closer to home. All took a much needed break to gear up for the adventures and the activities of the coming year.

*The Madam's Log*, our command newsletter, was published mapping out plans for the next few months in terms of updates and deadlines for writers. Also shared what was happening in the Fleet and Region.

Chapter did celebrate the graduation of our XO The Catt from Chiropractic College. Maybe there is a crew discount for treatment.

The group is welcoming a new member Steve Burchett to the chapter. He looks like he has some interesting ideas for stories and characters.

The Fanelli Family cruised the Caribbean. They report what and what not to do. Just say no to the Mexican Ferry. They had a wonderful time exploring and stargazing. They plan to put some photos up on our yahoo club.

Shell and The Catt also attended Retreat in Dallas and gave it thumbs up. High marks to the Half Price Books and Mercado Juarez restaurant. A side trip was made to the Frontier of Flight museum. They did have a return problem, but a visit by Triple AA resolved it. They are looking forward to Summit up there in June.

Coupon clipping continues in 2007. We hope to have another great year for OCP.

We are also looking at future interactive fictions as well as putting together another regional trip to Space Center Houston.

Until Next Time,  
MCPT Jared K. Fielder



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Motto: "Legends Endure"

Each Ship has certain traditions for celebrating the end of a Year & welcoming the new year. The USS *Joan of Arc* both ends and begins the year with a BANG! The annual Christmas Party definitely qualifies here. It was held on Dec. 16th at a local restaurant much to the amazement of the other patrons. We welcomed a small away team from the USS *Victory* to share the holiday fellowship with us. The club wore their duty uniforms reserving the dress ones for the Anniversary Party. After Dinner, the festivities began. A new portion of the party was started here: One crew member sang some familiar carols that had been 'slightly' tweaked. The song I remember most was "Doctor the Hologram" to the tune of "Frosty the Snowman".

The poem followed with the main event: the White Elephant/Ferengi Gift Exchange happening after that. Some of the gifts this year showed a lot of thought especially in their packaging. These were the ones that were traded multiple times until the game finished.

When all the normal festivities ended, the results of the three polls were announced

by the *Victory* Away Team. We had a new CO; A new Standard Bearer; & a new ambassador all for '07.

The final act at the party was to declare Holiday Shore Leave for all to enjoy time with their families both instate and out.

The crew was recalled from Shore Leave on Jan. 4 to prepare for our 14th Anniversary Party on Jan. 6th. What made this party even more special was that it was held on St. Joan's actual birthday. This was also at another local restaurant in Corpus Christi. Most of the crew enjoys Chinese so it was decided to have the party at the MaoTai Restaurant. This is the most formal of ALL the parties/events the Joan holds all year, so if you had a dress uniform Now was the time to wear it.

Dinner was served, and then it was time to get down to the business at hand. As retiring CO, I made a short speech mentioning the year in review. After that I handed out promotions, awards, and introduced to person who was to be our Ambassador for the coming year. He was presented his Ambassadorial Certificate. Lastly, I officiated the Standard Bearer Exchange before Rear Admiral Jim Van Cleave began the Change of Command Ceremony. I relinquished command to FCPT Robin Van Cleave. Another of our valiant crew set another record for the shortest time as Standard Bearer: She became the XO passing the Standard Bearer duties to the Alternate Bearer. LCDR Tahnya Abbott held the position of S.B. for a total of 10-15 minutes before being installed as XO. At the conclusion of the party everyone congratulated both Robin & myself before dispersing to our many homes.

Beginning with the Feb. meetings, the Joan will start a new command and promises to have many new things on the horizon.

FCPT Kris Dobie,  
RVA, USS Joan of Arc





Space Station Maverick, SFR301  
Sector 8 -- Idalou, TX.  
CO -- FCPT Margi O'Neill  
maverick@region3.org  
XO -- CAPT Doug Hogan  
Commissioning Date: July 2, 2005  
Motto: "*Honor, Courage, Commitment*"  
Greetings from Lubbock!

The members of the S.S. *Maverick* would like to take a moment to reflect on what is important to us. We formed the West Texas *Star Trek* Fan Club a couple of years ago to have a chance for fun-minded people to get together and enjoy each other's talents and have fun activities in a laid-back atmosphere. We've succeeded! We've made road trips, attended educational and social functions, done community service activities, cheered at sporting events, shared lots of potlucks, and celebrated the many interests of our members. We've attended multiple Starfleet Region Three functions and a Starfleet International Convention. Some of our members have made the "pilgrimage" to the Las Vegas Hilton for *Star Trek: the Experience*, and enjoyed several different conventions. *Maverick* members have met lots of stars and made lots of friends in the short time we've been a station. It continues to be quite a journey.

With this, the inaugural electronic version of *Fleet Channels*, we see a change in not only our Region, but also a change in our *Star Trek* fan community. We just got bigger and more available to a lot of people. The online version of *F.C.* will be timely, easy to enjoy at home or at work (oops, here comes the boss), easier to put together, full of color graphics, and best of all, free. Here's to the advancement of technology - warp speed!

Doug Hogan  
XO, Space Station *Maverick*



USS Regulator, NCC-73337  
Sector 1 -- Fort Worth, TX.  
CO -- BDR Mark West  
regulators@region3.org  
XO -- MCPT Kyle Schugart  
Commissioning Date: October 1, 1992  
Motto: "*Defending the Final Frontier*"

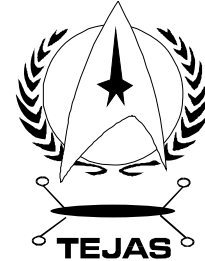
Well, so far we've survived the blizzard of 2007, cancelled our away mission because of too much rain -- I can't believe I said that -- and the CO and XO have returned from Retreat. It's starting to look like an interesting year so far. We have postponed our away mission to later in the year - we were going to see the Texas Civil War Museum on the west side of Fort Worth. I'm told it's got a lot of clothing, weapons, furniture, etc from the 1860 time period. There is also a video that talks about Texas role during the Civil War.

We are working on having activities on the odd months and regular meetings on the even months. Our cadet corps has grown over the last few months; we now have about eight junior members in the crew. We are really excited to have them and they have some interesting ideas of away missions.

We have also scheduled our Quark's Casino and Auction for the first weekend of October this year. I will keep you informed as to if it will still be in the same location and the times. We have been doing this now as the USS *Regulator* for four years and each year we amaze ourselves at how well we do. We will strive to do even better this year.

Guess that covers everything for now.

FCPT Liz Goulet,  
Communications Officer,  
USS *Regulator*



USS Tejas, NCC-9756  
Sector 7 -- Vernon/Wichita Falls, TX.  
CO -- CAPT Brent Chapman  
tejas@region3.org  
XO -- COMM Chrylon Stroud  
Commissioning Date: May 16, 1998  
Motto: "*Embracing Friendship Through Flights of Fancy*"

Things are looking good, for the *Tejas* crew, this new year. The crew had their elections in Jan. 2007 and voted to keep the current set of officers, so I am CO for another term. Actually there is not a whole lot going on up here in this section of space, but true to our ship we are keeping an ear out for distress calls and here is why: the U.S.S. *Tejas*, NCC-9756 is a special ship manned by a special crew. While all Starships are called on to assist any vessel in trouble, the *TEJAS*, when called upon, the vessel actually goes to a planet that is being attacked. Their mission is to rescue as many colonists as they can even while they are under fire. Therefore, the ship has been fitted with multiple transporters, computer capabilities, shield emitters and extra crew quarters capacity in order to be able to accommodate the colonists this statement is also on our site <http://www.thesite2.bravehost.com/>

Well, the transmission will terminated Now (Have Fun)

CAPT Brent Chapman,  
CO  
USS *Tejas*



## Region 3 Retreat

by: BDR Mark West, CO -- USS *Regulator*, NCC 73337



**R3EC Meeting Before Retreat**

Of all the times I needed to talk with the Weather Modification Network Controllers, it was Retreat Weekend. After two years of basically skipping winter and having a prolonged summer, winter returned to North Texas in time for Retreat, and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.



**Whaddaya Mean there's no DP?**

Exec and I drove the treacherous roads (the norm anytime of year, but always just that much more fun in bad weather) between Fort Worth and Dallas and only got



**Steve, TJ & Sharon of the Victory**

lost after we arrived.

Kyle wanted to go see his son play hockey in Frisco between lunch and the late afternoon meetings, and I wanted to get rid of the Region Craps Table I have had since Summit last year.

I managed to fulfill my objectives, but thanks to some faulty directions and no familiarity with Dallas roadways, we managed to miss 2/3rds of his son's game. They did win, but I only managed to see about 5 minutes of the final period. Next time, the



**Cookies! Get Your Cookies Here...**



exec drives himself to the game. After that, we went to the Mecca of Half Price Books, and I need a week's vacation to thoroughly go thru it. That, and to win the lottery to pay for everything....

It was great seeing lots of people that I missed since Summit at retreat, and I hope to see all of you again soon.

Michelle, I will try to save some Thin Mints for you for Summit!



**Lloyd Bates Hams It Up For The Camera**



**Ed Dravecky and Robyn Winans waiting to go to dinner**



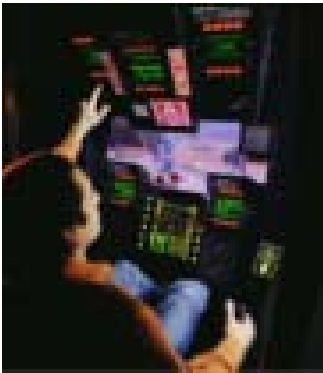
**The R3 Trek Nerds Invade Texas Land & Cattle**





# MARINES & MECHS -- Love at First Sight

by COMM Jeff Webb



After all the meetings, the planning, the lunch a contingent of personnel entered the city of Plano in search of GameWyze -- what it

would look like, what it would contain we had no idea save one item. The pods. We knew they had the pods. And that was why we were there.

In 1985 FASA Corporation released a game called *BattleDroids*, in which warriors in a neo-feudal future piloted twelve-meter tall robots adorned with weapons and armor in a bid to restore the heads of their respective nations to the empty seat of the *First Lord of the Star League*. One legal note from Lucasfilm later over the property of the word "droid", and *Battletech* was born. "A Game of Armored Combat" that consisted of both a tactical board game, and an intriguing world that was part *Dune*, part *Napoleon*, seasoned with *Samurai MechWarriors*, *Knights*, *Nobles* and high romance. It was a lot more than just a game.

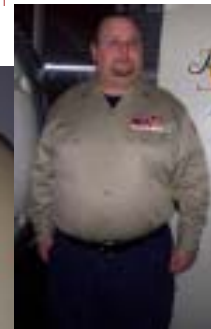
Technology rolls on, and in 1989 Activision teamed up with FASA to produce *MechWarrior*, a PC game that allowed for the first time someone to simulate the MechPilot experience from the cockpit, not the third-person perspective of the board game or the freeware Amiga version of *Battletech*. With the advent of the *MechWarrior* simulator came the

dream of building a full-size cockpit in which to play. Virtual World was born. The System 1 and 2 pods were built of wood, and contained computers running a very *MechWarrior*-like *Battletech* simulation. Immersion was total, once buttoned up inside one of the cockpits; it was easy to forget it wasn't for real. The Tesla (3.0) pods were even better, with a 3-D projector system that made the cockpit view even better, and more complex vehicular management- adding to the immersion. These pods are what we hoped to find upon our arrival.

work-enabled games. There were drinks available, nearly all being of the energy drink, soda, or Jolt-cola variety. A pilot's lounge was in the back, with a sofa and a couple of chairs, with monitors that showed the engagements taking place in the virtual worlds generated by the Pod. Ah, the pods. Back in the corner were the pods. Tesla-II, the last pods produced before Virtual World Entertainment ceased production of the beasts. Each off-white upright disk had a sliding cockpit door allowing a pilot to mount his or her vehicle. Atop each pod was an elec-

tronic marquee that displayed the call sign of the pilot embarked. Each pod had nose art, and a name. This was our mission.

We had arrived early, so the team invaded the little Italian buffet place down the strip center from GameWyze. We ate our fill of truly tasty pastas, pizza and salads. Carb'd up and ready to go, we returned to GameWyze. It was time to drive a BattleMech. We met our hosts, who went by their call signs, with the exception of Tiffany, who manned the store itself. "Dax",



**Clockwise from Left: SSGT Dixie Hill, CPL Jessica Hench, SGM Jeff Webb and MCPO Randi Spears in front of their pods.**



GameWyze was everything the hardcore gamers of the USS *Ark Angel* could have wanted under one roof. First of all, they carried tabletop wargames and Role-Playing games. In addition, they had a full LAN center. For those who aren't familiar with LAN centers, LAN stands for Local Area Network, consisting of top-of-the-line PC computers loaded with games. This is done so players can compete as individuals and as teams on net-

"Apophis" and "Thor" were to be our instructors and technicians. It was time for each of us to choose a callsign of our own. Some, like Major General Aaron "Raven" Murphy and Master Chief Randi "Sorsha" Spears have callsigns they use already. Some used call signs that played on their names, like myself -- "Spider-Man". Get it? Some chose call signs

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**Marines -- continued from page 11**

from pop culture. Staff Sergeant Clint "Jester" Hill and Chief Warrant Officer Matt "Slider" Hill chose Top Gun for their inspiration. Master Chief Spear's fiancée, Rick "Tomato Paste" South had the most entertaining call sign, save perhaps for Corporal Jessica "Giggles" Hensch.



**LT Wyatt in the cockpit of a pod**

Sitting down inside a Tesla II pod, it's hard to resist the urge to buckle in. The first thing that strikes you is the sheer number of controls. The second is the powerful bass hum of the Mech engine at idle. Surround speakers help get you into the mood. The cockpit door slides closed, cocooning you inside your machine. In your right hand is the joystick, which controls your aiming point, and can turn your 'Mech at the waist. In your left hand is the throttle that controls the speed and forward/backward movement of the 'Mech. Under your feet are the pedals that direct the direction in which the 'Mech walks. As if all this wasn't enough, the Multi-Function displays allow full customization of your 'Mechs systems. Want to route more power to your legs for speed? Upper center MFD. Put your missile launchers on the pinkie trigger? Bottom right and left MFDs. Re-route coolant to the arms of the 'Mech to cool off your lasers? Top right MFD. Lots to do. Between your knees is the radar screen, with options for thermographic vision, magnification, and spotlight control for nighttime missions.

Entering a mission, you throw the throttle forward to pick up some speed. Check the upper right MFD and select a target. Watch the radar for target location, and a map view of the field. Watch the Heads Up Display for the range countdown. Place your aim point on an enemy 'Mech, and let fly. Score! A hit! The target zone on the enemy 'Mech darkens with damage, and you cut the 'Mech's feet around

to the left while throwing the joystick to the right. Your 'Mech begins to turn left, while the waist twists to the right to follow your stricken opponent. You circle, waiting for your weapons to cool off and recharge. BOOM! Your opponent hits you hard. A female voice says in your ear "Warning! Coolant Leak" Your hand leaves the throttle and reaches for the coolant MFD. One of its eight buttons is blinking urgently at you. Hitting the button, you see the coolant leak is in the legs of the 'Mech. Tabbing the button and then hitting the shutoff, you stop all of your coolant from leaking, but now the 'Mech slows as its locomotive systems are unable to bleed waste heat. You fire your autocannons again and again, and as their barrels begin to glow, you hear the alarm claxon that lets you know that the ammunition for the guns is beginning to burn. Toggle the cannon MFDs over to ammunition dump mode, and drop the ammo. BOOM. You're hit again! Gotta get that ammo out. Done. Back to business. Another volley of missiles into your opponent and his 'Mech explodes. Class kill. But his allies are right around the next mountain...

As you can see, this can get pretty involved, and VERY exciting. We're planning on doing it all again, once before Summit, and late Saturday night at Summit after banquet, etc. And there will be a tournament... At the Retreat event Major General Murphy and Private James Post claimed the bragging rights. Will you and a teammate unseat them?

Come join us! Or if you live in the area, go visit GameWyze and tell them "Spider-Man" and the 342nd MSG sent you!

## **Summit 2007 June 8 thru 10**

by: COMM Robyn Winans,  
Vice-Regional Coordinator West

Radisson Hotel and Suites Dallas 2330  
W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX. 75220  
Reservations: (800) 333-3333 USA  
Telephone: (214) 351-4477  
Fax: (214) 351-4499  
Summit Code - Reg3

Room Rates are \$75 a night includes breakfast Suite Rates are \$99 a night includes breakfast I am told this code should also work thru the 800 number. I'd suggest letting them know that there will be four people in your Room. There is no extra charge per person with our rate. This will allow you to get four breakfast coupons for each day you are the hotel. Your extra coupons can be shared with those groups who have more than four in their room or members who aren't staying at the Summit hotel.

If you encounter any problems please E-mail Robyn Winans privately. After you have made your reservation please e-mail her with your reservation code. This will allow her to verify with the hotel that no one gets lost in the system before summit. Robyn can be reached at vrcw@region3.org.

## **FADM to be Deployed Vice-Commander Replaced**

by: VADM Mark A. Vinson

Fleet Admiral Les Rickard, Commander, SFI is, in real life, a Police Officer in North Carolina and a Naval Reservist. His duty as a Reservist will cause him to be deployed to the Middle East in February of this year.

Les does not plan to stand down as FADM because he will have Internet access while deployed. Les also feels that he now has a good staff in place to keep the fleet running smoothly. On 01/29/07 Les replaced VADM Sal Lizard as Vice-Commander, SFI because during his deployment he needs someone who is more accessible To that end General Mark H. Anbinder is now VCS.

Les wishes to express his continued thanks to all those that have sent messages of well wishes and support. He also hopes that all will help keep an eye on Heather, his wife, as she is expecting their first child. She is due around early October and Les hopes to be home for the birth but that will be up to Uncle Sam.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## OPEN Regional Staff Positions

by: ADM Brad Pense, Regional Coordinator

Listed below is a complete list of ALL Regional Staff positions and the current Region Three Staff member holding the position. The Regional Staff Positions that are being opened up to anyone interested in submitting their resume will have a status of "Open" in the Status column.

Open positions are ones that have been filled by the current staff member for longer than the term length listed in Section 02:05:02 Sub-Section C of the Region Three Handbook. While consecutive terms may be served (as long as the staff member wishes to serve the Region), it has been decided to open these positions to others who might be interested in serving the Region. In no way does this mean that the Region is looking to replace the staff member that is currently in the position. If that were the case, it would be handled in a different manner.

If you are interested in submitting a resume (Real Life and Fleet) for one of the empty or "open" positions listed below, you will need to contact the Region Three Chief of Staff at [cos@region3.org](mailto:cos@region3.org) or the Regional Coordinator at [rc@region3.org](mailto:rc@region3.org) and let them know that you are interested. If you do not have e-mail capabilities, they can also be reached by sending a letter to the Region Three mailing address of PO Box 1756, Coppell, TX 75019.

Resumes **NEED** to be in no later than **15 April 07** so all of the positions can be staffed by **01 May 07**.

Position	Staff Member	Status
Regional Coordinator	ADM Brad Pense	N/A
VRC - North	COMM Robyn Winans	N/A
VRC - South	ADM Michelle Fanelli	N/A
VRC - West	VADM Sam Black	N/A
Chief of Staff	RADM Raymond Ford	Open
Deputy Chief of Staff	COMM Jeff Webb	—
Chief of Operations	RADM Stephanie Izard	—
Chief of COMMunications	VADM Mark Vinson	—
Chief of Shuttle Operations	RADM Dave Walker	Open
Chief of CompOps	MGN Aaron Murphy	Open
Senior Enlisted Advisor	CMCPO Randi Spears	—
Regional Awards Officer	COMM Billie Clifton	Open
Regional Counselor	COMM Kat Sweeney	Open
Regional Financial Officer	RADM Heather Ford	—
Regional JAG Officer	FCPT Emilio Martinez	—
Regional Quartermaster	CMDR Reed Bates	—
Regional Special Forces Officer	COL Jeff Schnoor	—
Regional Special Projects Officer	RADM Heather Ford	—
Regional Youth Services Director	COMM Robert Ybarra	—
Regional Operations Officer	FCPT Alex Trevino	—
Regional Engineering Officer	CIV Eric Kristiansen	—
Regional COMMunications Officer	FCPT Evan Richards	Open
Regional Security Officer	BGN Byron Flynt	Open
Regional Science Officer	FCPT Bill Downs	Open
Regional Medical Officer	LT Terrie Thomas	—
Special Advisors	VADM Bill Schwab	—
	VADM Mark Vinson	—
	COMM Becky Thane	—
	FCPT Ranna Pense	—

## REGION THREE FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

by: ADM Brad Pense,  
Regional Coordinator

Opening Balance (09/30/06) 8,270.36

Income	
PayPal Fees/Interest	3.06
Bank Interest	10.88
Total Income	13.94

Expenses	
Summit '06	1,956.56
Region Three Server (old) *	345.00
Region Three Server (new) *	322.80
Fleet Channels	58.12
Game Day	36.00
Total Expenses	2,718.48

Closing Balance (12/31/06) 5,565.82

\* **NOTE:** the old server cost \$115/month and the new server cost \$322.80 for 2 years

## CHAPTER REPORTING

by: ADM Brad Pense,  
Regional Coordinator

Below is a list of ALL Region Three chapters that filed a Monthly Status Report for the months of November and December 2006.

### November

*Ark Angel, Aurora Vulcanus, Bexar, Fire Bird, Freedom III, Gunslinger, Joan of Arc\*, Laredo\*, Lone Star, Maverick, Panther City, Regulator, Renaissance, Rhyanna\*, SpiritWolf\*, Tejas, Thunderwolf, Trinity River and Victory*

### December

*Ark Angel, Aurora Vulcanus, Bexar, Fire Bird, Freedom III, Gunslinger, Joan of Arc, Laredo\*, Lone Star, Maverick, Panther City, Regulator\*, Renaissance, SpiritWolf, Tejas, Thunderwolf, Trinity River and Victory*

\* Denotes late reporting

## MOOSE LODGE UPDATE

by: VADM Mark A. Vinson  
Regional Communications



Just to let everyone know we stand on the possibility of resuming our annual Pool and Dart tournaments at the Kileen-Harker Heights Moose Lodge.

On January 23rd I sent an e-mail to the two addresses associated with the lodge and I also placed a phone call and left a message on their machine. A week later after I received no response to either communication I sent a letter via US Mail reintroducing ourselves and asking if there was any way to get us back in there. As of 02/10/07 I still have received no communication. I will keep trying.

Anybody going that way anytime soon and can drop in for a visit?

## STARFLEET SHIRTS

Shirts are offered for Starfleet members in a huge variety of types! Polo shirts are available in sizes from Small to 4XL, in colors of purple, dark blue, gold, maroon, black and teal. A few shirts in white and light blue are available, but please email to confirm availability before ordering. The Starfleet logo is embroidered on these shirts on the upper left front. Starfleet T-shirts and Starfleet Academy t-shirts are available in sizes from Small to 3XL, in grey. Denim shirts are available in sizes from Small to 4XL, in blue, in long sleeve and short sleeve. The Starfleet logo is embroidered on these shirts on the upper left front.



Polo Shirt



Long sleeved Denim



Short sleeve denim



Starfleet t-shirt



Academy

Go to <http://members.aol.com/pdmohney/sfqm.html> for order forms and the SFQM catalog showing all of the quartermaster items, or email [quartermaster@sfi.org](mailto:quartermaster@sfi.org) for more information.



# DATELINE: STARFLEET

## ABRAMS MAY DECIDE THIS WEEK WHETHER TO DIRECT 'TREK XI'

By Michelle of TrekToday  
February 7, 2007

J.J. Abrams will reportedly decide this week whether or not to direct the next *Star Trek* feature film.

In a feature on the departure of Joss Whedon from the Wonder Woman feature project, The Hollywood Reporter hinted at recent rumors suggesting possible conflict between Abrams and the studio, stating, "Over at Paramount Pictures...there is now a question whether

J.J. Abrams will direct *Star Trek XI*." Paramount's official line has always been that Abrams was attached as producer with an option to direct, but in July, then-studio

president Gail Berman had stated that Abrams would direct the *Star Trek* feature as well.

LatinoReview.com claimed that Abrams would not direct *Star Trek XI* but instead would take the helm of *Cloverfield*, another Paramount feature. TrekMovie.com, which noted that LatinoReview.com had also circulated the now-debunked rumor that Abrams had left *Star Trek* altogether, cites an inside source as stating that these new rumors are "so totally wrong" as well. Since Abrams has a multi-picture deal with Paramount, it is conceivable that he could

direct both films.

IGN, which stated that Abrams is still undecided about whether or not to direct, interviewed Abrams' longtime friend Greg Grunberg, currently appearing on *Heroes* as mind-reading policeman Matt Parkman. Grunberg said that he had not yet seen the *Star Trek XI* script but he knew that Abrams had been finishing it the previous week. He also explained that

Abrams has had three different films greenlit by the studio, including a comedy in which Grunberg hopes to appear.

As to what Grunberg

knows about Abrams' directing plans, "One week, he told me, 'No. I'm definitely just producing.' And then just last week he was like, 'Man, I'm really excited to do it.' I said, 'Are you doing it?' He said, 'I don't know.' I mean, honestly, it's like he's still really up in the air. But he's really happy with the script."

Until Paramount officially announces a director, all stories must be treated as rumor, but it seems that Abrams will certainly remain a driving force behind the next *Star Trek* feature whether he ends up directing or not.



## Green Lantern creator Nodell dies at 91

By ADRIAN SAINZ, AP Writer  
December 12, 2006

MIAMI - Martin Nodell, the creator of Green Lantern, the comic book superhero who uses his magical ring to help him fight crime, has died. He was 91.



Nodell died at a nursing home in Muskego, Wis., on Saturday of natural causes, his son Spencer Nodell told The Associated Press on Tuesday. He previously lived in West Palm Beach.

Nodell was looking for a new idea for a comic book in 1940 when he was waiting for a New York subway and saw a train operator waving a lantern displaying a green light, said Maggie Thompson, senior editor of Comics Buyer's Guide.

Nodell imagined a young engineer, Alan Scott, a train crash survivor who discovers in the debris an ancient lantern forged from a green meteor. Scott constructs a ring from the lamp that gives him super powers, and becomes a crime fighter.

He brought his drawings and story lines to All-American Publications, which later became a part of National Periodical Publications, the company that was to become DC Comics, Thompson said.

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## Original Series Action Figures to Include Khan

By Michelle of TrekToday  
January 31, 2007

A series of *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* action figures will be released this summer to celebrate the film's 25th anniversary, with characters including Kirk, Khan and a limited edition Captain Terrell.

Toy News International has images of the figures, sculpted by Art Asylum with the same level of articulation as their previous *Star Trek* designs.

In addition, an exclusive Kirk figure available through Diamond Previews shows the admiral with blood on his uniform, as he appeared after staying with Scotty's nephew on his deathbed.

The figures will come with accessories based on those from the film and will be in the same scale as previous Art Asylum original series releases. They are scheduled to ship in June 2007.

In addition, Action-Figure.com has images from the UK ToyFair last weekend which show upcoming action figures from Diamond Select that very much resemble the old Mego original series figures.



## Tige Andrews & Lee Bergere Die

By Michelle of TrekToday  
February 6, 2007

Tige Andrews, the Klingon from "Friday's Child", died on January 27 of cardiac arrest at age 86.



**Tige Andrews as Kras**

Andrews, who is best known as Captain Greer -- the recruiter of the three undercover cops who made up *The Mod Squad* -- played numerous policemen and detectives. During his a long career, noted StarTrek.com, Andrews went from a childhood in Brooklyn to a career on Broadway and then to Los Angeles.

A graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Andrews played Mack the Knife in the original New York production of *The Threepenny Opera*. His first movie role was in the screen production of *Mr. Roberts* after playing the same role onstage. Andrews was a World War II veteran. Married for 46 years to a fellow performer, Andrews is survived by six children and eleven grandchildren.

Actor Lee Bergere, who played Abraham Lincoln in the episode "The Savage Curtain", has died at age 88 after a long and prolific career.

StarTrek.com eulogized the actor, who passed away on January 31st in New Hampshire, by recalling that *The Star Trek Compendium* called Bergere "a warm and intimate Lincoln" with an affectionate paternal relationship with Kirk. Lincoln was

a hero to Gene Roddenberry, who named his merchandising venture Lincoln Enterprises after the US president.

"He still gets many, many fan letters about the show. It's incredible," the actor's daughter Mimi Bergere told the Associated Press of his *Star Trek* fame. Bergere also acted in over 200 television roles, including a regular character on *Dynasty* opposite "The City on the Edge of Forever" guest star Joan Collins and a recurring role on another nighttime soap, *Falcon Crest*, with Robert Foxworth.

Bergere began his career on Broadway and performed in the musical *Man of La Mancha* as the villain for its Los Angeles premiere. That theatrical experience changed him, said Mimi Bergere: "He strived to live the kind of life that Don Quixote lived, always striving for that unreachable star, never giving up." As a performer, she added, "Everybody knew his face, but nobody really knew his name."

The Los Angeles Times also memorialized Bergere, a World War II veteran who was born in Brooklyn, New York but lived his final years in New Hampshire. During the war, stated the article, Bergere was



**Lee Bergere as Abraham Lincoln**

stationed in North Africa, where he was in charge of entertainment services for soldiers.

Mimi Bergere, the daughter of Lee Bergere, thanked fans for recollections of her father as she recalled visiting him on the set of "The Savage Curtain" and having a wonderful experience.

"I just wanted to thank you for your

website. My father, Lee Bergere, would be so happy with the comments that have been posted and I have taken great comfort from them," Mimi Bergere wrote to The Trek Nation after reading some of the remarks posted at the TrekBBS. She invited TrekBBS members to leave comments in Lee Bergere's online memory guest book at Legacy.com.

"I went to the set the week that my father was doing *Star Trek*," recalled his daughter. "The cast and the crew were wonderful to me." Her father, she added, "loved the opportunity to portray his hero", Abraham Lincoln, who was also a hero to *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry.

## Takei Finds 'Heroes' A Worthy Successor to Star Trek

By Michelle of Trek Today  
January 30, 2007

George Takei (Sulu) is having nearly as busy a year as his fellow original series star William Shatner (Kirk), and he's not embarrassed to admit that "It's good to feel hot."

In a new interview with TV Guide's Michael Logan, Takei discusses his latest high-profile role as Hiro Nakamura's father on NBC's smash hit *Heroes*, where he made his first brief appearance in last night's episode. Though Takei had to audition for the role, which requires him to speak in fluent Japanese, he finds it very appropriate that a former *Star Trek* actor should play the role of *Star Trek* fan Hiro's conservative father, though the actor also has another series and a film in the works.

"I'm a big fan of *Heroes*," Takei said. "I like to think we blazed a trail for it. Like Gene Roddenberry's vision for *Star Trek*, *Heroes* tackles the big themes with a very

diverse, multiethnic cast of characters." But unlike *Star Trek*, which was cancelled after three years on NBC in the 1960s, "*Heroes* does something we never did — it gets great ratings!"

Takei explains that his character is extremely wealthy and wants Hiro to return to Japan to work as the industrial leader that his father has become. "Hiro has mysteriously vanished to the United States, and that is intolerable!" Takei explained. "My character is very old school and believes in learning the business from the bottom up. He was brought up that way by his father, and he wants his son raised that way, too." This is why Hiro worked in a cubicle before he discovered his time-bending powers, even though he will likely inherit a fortune.

*Heroes* creator Tim Kring told Logan that the elder Nakamura opened a major story arc for the series' next season, which will explore Hiro's family background. "Isn't that tantalizing?" asked Takei, noting that the Nakamura dynasty stretches far into the past: "In ancient times we were in the shogun class...only samurai were allowed to carry swords, and the upper echelon had the best of the swords, so therefore they became heirlooms." Takei believes it is possible that the legendary sword for which Hiro is seeking may connect to his family, which pleases Takei, who has a "legendary samurai" in his own family tree.



Takei said that he was very proud of his television son Masi Oka and enjoys seeing the attention the character is getting. "It's really remarkable that on a major network prime-time TV series, there are whole segments done in a foreign language with subtitles," he said. "Isn't that a great commentary on how global our society has become?" However, Takei and Osa speak to each other on the set not in Japanese, but in Spanish, which they both speak as well.



Next up for Takei is a Tom Hanks movie, *The Great Buck Howard*, as well as episodes of Disney Channel's *Cory in the House* and radio work on Howard Stern's show. "Who knew this would be happening 40 years after *Star Trek*?" Takei mused.

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The first Green Lantern appearance came in July 1940, an eight-page story in a comic book also featuring other characters. The character then got his own series, and Nodell drew it until 1947 under the name Mart Dellon.

After its cancellation in 1949, the series was reborn in 1959 with a revised story line, and it has been revived several times.

Meanwhile, Nodell left the comics field for an advertising career. In the 1960s, he was on a design team that helped develop the Pillsbury Doughboy.

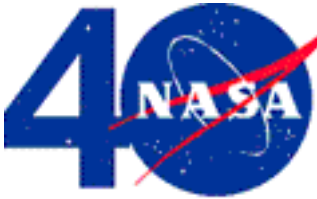
In later years, Nodell traveled the comic book convention circuit with his wife, Caroline, who died in 2004.

"There were myriad of fans who would come up to my dad and would say 'Green Lantern got me to read' or 'Green Lantern got me to do something in my life,'" Spencer Nodell said.

Nodell was born in Philadelphia and studied at art schools in Chicago and New York. Besides Spencer Nodell, survivors include another son, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



# NASA'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE HONORS HEROES 01.29.2007



While we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the birth of *Star Trek*,

another, more somber 40th anniversary is being observed this week in the space community. *Star Trek* was midway through its first season and — what may seem tragically poetic — “Tomorrow is Yesterday” had just aired the night before. NASA astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee were testing the experimental *Apollo 1* spacecraft when an electrical arc in a pure oxygen atmosphere set off a fire that consumed their vehicle with them inside.

That anniversary, January 27, has begun a week-long commemoration of 17 brave souls who paid the ultimate price for the sake of humanity's future in space. Twenty-one years ago yesterday, Space Shuttle *Challenger* was lost upon lift-off with seven astronauts aboard including teacher Christa McAuliffe. Four years ago on Thursday, *Columbia* — after which the NX-02 in *Enterprise* was named — burned up in re-entry, sacrificing seven more citizens of Earth.

NASA's annual Day of Remembrance takes place today, and NASA.gov is currently running a special presentation paying tribute to those who “gave their lives in service to their country in the ongoing exploration of humankind's final frontier.”

In a statement posted at the NASA site, administrator Michael Griffin says, “Today, we honor the *Apollo 1*, *Challenger* and *Columbia* astronauts, as well as others at NASA who have given their lives in pursuit of the dream of flight. In recognition of NASA's Day of Remembrance, I and some of our astronauts will visit Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath in memory of those members of the NASA family who have fallen in the line of duty.”

Griffin continues, “From the dawn of the space age, we have known that space-flight would bring with it unique new challenges, opportunities, rewards, and risks.

“The *Apollo* fire, which occurred forty years ago on January 27, 1967, was a particular blow, because so few had anticipated that our first tragedy would occur during a ground test. The fire, and the loss of *Challenger* and *Columbia*, are stark reminders that we must use our ut-

most ingenuity to anticipate all of the risks before us, not just those that are obvious. To imagine the ways in which a complex new machine might fail is the most difficult of all engineering challenges, yet it is the one we at NASA have accepted as the price of learning the arts and sciences of flight in all its forms.

“This Day of Remembrance also reminds us that despite our losses, the American people have never wavered in their support for space exploration. They know that it brings out the best in us, our creativity, our curiosity, our courage in the face of the unknown. Space exploration reminds us of what it is to be a human being, in ways that have been, and will be again, both supremely gratifying and deeply humbling. But through it all, through both failure and success, we continue our work

to know, to experience, to understand, to become a space faring civilization.”

Let us in the *Star Trek* community also remember these selfless heroes who have helped pave the way for future generations of space explorers. Without the sacrifices of Grissom, Frank Scobee, Rick Husband and all the others, the Captain Archers, Kirks and Picards of centuries hence could not go boldly further into the unknown, expanding the human adventure and establishing mankind's place in the heavens.

## *Apollo 1*

January 27, 1967

Virgil “Gus” Ivan Grissom  
Edward Higgins White, II  
Roger Bruce Chaffee

## Space Shuttle *Challenger*,

Mission STS-51-L

January 28, 1986

Francis R. Scobee  
Michael J. Smith  
Judith A. Resnik  
Ellison S. Onizuka  
Ronald E. McNair  
Gregory B. Jarvis  
Sharon Christa McAuliffe

## Space Shuttle *Columbia*,

Mission STS-107

February 1, 2003

Rick D. Husband  
William C. McCool  
Michael P. Anderson  
Kalpana Chawla  
David M. Brown  
Laurel Blair Salton Clark  
Ilan Ramon



**Virgil I. “Gus” Grissom,  
Commander *Apollo 1***



## February

**Monday the 12th:** Lincoln's Birthday  
**Wednesday the 14th:** Valentine's Day  
**Monday the 19th:** Washington's Birthday (observed)  
**Tuesday the 20th:** Shrove Tuesday (Christian)  
**Wednesday the 21st:** Ash Wednesday (Christian)  
**Thursday the 22nd:** Washington's Birthday

## March

**Sunday the 4th:** Purim (Jewish)  
**Sunday the 11th:** Daylight Saving Time starts  
**Saturday the 17th:** St. Patrick's Day  
**Wednesday the 21st:** Vernal equinox  
**Saturday the 31st:** Prophet's Birthday (Islamic)

## April

**Sunday the 1st:** Palm Sunday (Christian)  
**Tuesday the 3rd thru Tuesday the 10th:** Passover (Jewish)  
**Thursday the 5th:** Maundy Thursday (Christian)  
**Friday the 6th:** Good Friday (Christian)  
**Saturday the 7th:** Regional Biennial Scarborough Faire® the Renaissance Festival Trip -- Only 30 minutes south of Dallas/ Fort Worth near Waxahachie, Texas -- to celebrate Family Weekend. Kids are FREE this weekend and we will be going both days. We will meet Saturday at the front gates for opening ceremonies at 10:00 A.M.  
**Saturday the 7th:** Holy Saturday (Christian)  
**Sunday the 8th:** Orthodox Easter (Orthodox Christian) / Easter Sunday (Christian)  
**Monday the 9th:** Easter Monday (Christian)  
**Sunday the 15th:** Yom HaShoah (Jewish)  
**Tuesday the 24th:** Yom HaAtzmaut (Jewish)

## May

**Saturday the 5th:** Cinco de Mayo  
**Sunday the 6th:** Lag B'Omer (Jewish)  
**Sunday the 13th:** Mother's Day  
**Thursday the 17th:** Ascension Day (Christian)  
**Wednesday the 23rd:** Shavuot (Jewish)  
**Sunday the 27th:** Pentecost (Christian)  
**Monday the 28th:** Memorial Day

## June

**Sunday the 3rd:** Trinity Sunday (Christian)  
**Thursday the 7th:** Corpus Christi (Christian)  
**Friday thru Sunday 8th - 10th:** Summit 2007 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites in Dallas, TX. 75220  
**Sunday the 17th:** Father's Day  
**Thursday the 21st:** Summer solstice

## July

**Wednesday the 4th:** Independence Day  
**Friday the 13th:** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Premieres  
**Saturday the 21st:** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows debuts  
**Saturday the 21st:** Resumption of the Annual Pool and Darts Tournament at the Kileen-Harker Heights Moose Lodge -- Hopefully  
**Tuesday the 24th:** Tisha B'Av (Jewish)

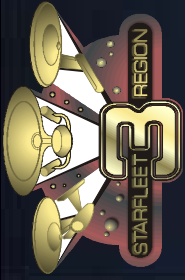
## Fleet Channels Deadlines

The following is a list of the upcoming deadlines for *Fleet Channels*:

March/April Issue -- April 1, 2007  
 May/June Issue -- June 1, 2007  
 July/Aug. -- Aug. 15, 2007  
 Sept./Oct. Issue -- Oct. 15, 2007  
 Nov./Dec. Issue -- Dec. 15, 2007

ALL e-mail submissions should be sent to: [fleetchannels@region3.org](mailto:fleetchannels@region3.org).

Note: Reminders of approaching deadlines will be posted on the R3 list.



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