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Regional Coordinator Update

Interim Regional Coordinator
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Confessions of an RC

by: ADM Michelle Fanelli, Regional Coordinator
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Some of you knew about the family issues I have had since mid March. My own health has been going downhill and I pushed it for Retreat. I had been looking at shifting some of the work to Robyn to start gearing down to leave at Summit. I knew I would need to focus more on what needed to be done in real life, but wanted to give it time to wrap things up and say good bye. When I got home and felt horrible, I knew that plan was wrong. I have been working with Robyn to get her the records and the accounts in her area before the end of the month. Once that is done, I will officially step down.

But first, business! Reports from Region Three for the month of January 2009

Ark Angel, Aurora Vulcanus, Azrael, Bexar, Corsair Firebird, Freedom III, Gunslinger, Joan of Arc, Maverick, Lone Star Regulator, Rhyanna, Serenity, SpiritWolf, Palo Duro, Tejas, Thunderwolf, Trinity River, Victory

Reports from Region Three Status for the month of February 2009

Ark Angel, Aurora Vulcanus, Azrael Bexar, Corsair, Firebird (reported some database issues and thought it was entered.), Freedom III, Lone Star Maverick, Palo Duro (After the date and will count for March), Regulator, Rhyanna, Serenity, SpiritWolf, Tejas, Thunderwolf, Trinity River, Victory

In January we had most chapters report in and before the 5th of the month. February was a little off, we had two after the late date, and so everyone is trying.

Remember if you want to be on time please report in by the 5th. It will be considered late after that date. Last day to report in is the 10th of the month. If you are experience problems with getting reports in, please let us know. Remember if using email please use msr-submit@sfi.org only. The ops@sfi.org address is not for submitting msrs.

Again my thanks for reporting and keep it up.

Not much to report in the money world. We had no bills to pay. Yea!!

The end February balances stand at Checking \$1,129.21, Saving \$1,273.78, and Pay Pal \$20.11.

We will not be looking at bring back the Regional Assistance Fee. Since Summit 2009 is different, we are looking at collecting donations to defer the cost of the meeting space on Sunday. If we get any over it would be used to help pay for the regional awards. We also plan to have a summit shirt for purchase to remember your vacation with the region.

My thanks to my family for donating the Region Three ad in the Aggie Con program. They didn't want to deal with me at the copiers. They know how machines love.

Again, hope everyone understands as we transition over. I thankeveryone for their past support and wish all the best.

Michelle Fanelli



As many of you know shortly after we returned from Retreat, Michelle Fanelli stepped down from the Regional Coordinator (RC) position for personal reasons. Michelle isn't leav-

ing the Region, just her position of RC. We will still be seeing Michelle at Regionial events. She'll still be part of the various email lists that we have here in the Region.

Michelle, thank you for the work you have done over the years for Region 3 from being a CO, VRCS and finally as RC. Enjoy your retirement.

Region Three currently is at the beginning of the RC election process. While we go thorough the process the REC's motto is "Stay the course". We'll continue on with our Region 3 calendar and activities. The REC has received two proposals for a Summit and those have gone to the CCO for voting. By the time you read this we hope to have an announcement made. We are still looking for other activites to make our summer enjoyable an hope to have an upate on Pool and Darts for you soon.

Robyn A. Winans

Northern LIGHTS

Senior Vice-Regional Coordinator
Vice-Regional Coordinator, North
by: RADM Robyn Winans
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Here in the North, Spring is finally here and visions of the new Movie Star Trek are dancing in our heads.

Region stuff first- The VRCs are working our way thru the unassigned list as well as reviewing Chapter Strengths. So be on look out for us. Please let us know how we can help you. A few folks are only down by a small number and we hope that folks will be renewing soon to bring everyone back up to speed.

The Sector 1 meetings are under way and with 1 ship in Sector 2 Beau and I converse via email,facebook. Beau has also been able to volunteer for several Dallas Comic con and its always nice to see him in person.

Sector 1 is looking to do a picnic gathering to celebrating the Shuttle Trinity River's launch this June. Plans are in the works for recruiting at various conventions using a variety of Methods. For 4 members of the Trinity River who attended ConDFW in February a good time was had with David Weber and Jim Butcher in attendance. Members also attended panels on costuming, steampunk and others.

The USS Regulator is keeping busy with activities such as Pot luck dinner and movie outings. The Regulator will be using the movie as a great opportunity to have it on the same day as a club meeting. What better way to end a Star Trek fan club meeting then to see the Star Trek movie.

The USS Trinity River will take advantage of the Movie with Pizza and combined strength. We'll be gather with the members of ORAC

another local Science Fiction group and trying to eat the Studio Movie Grill out of Pizza.

We look forward to seeing everyone at summit this year and other regional activities.

Now to the Fun stuff.

We've lots of recruiting and volunteering activity with the various conventions in North Texas through out the Year and the Northern members are looking forward to a good time

Sci Fi expo in April was a great time. Right on the heels of the BSG finale Michael Hogan (Colonel Saul Tigh) and Mark Shepherd (Romo Lampkin) visits with us and 2 of the nicest guys you'll meet. Tony Todd from many Star Trek roles was also among the guest as were Glenn Morshower (Star Trek:Generations, regular on 24 and more), Johanna Cassidy (Star Trek:Enterprise, Blade Runner, and more)

If your wanting to stay close to home this summer and thinking of attending conventions Check out <http://www.texassf.org/> Conventions in the Texas, OK, LA area are listed as well as many others. If your travel near, far and wide then check out the convention link on the region 3 list. If you've got a convention that isn't on **either list** please let the appropriate webmaster know. Your fellow fans will appreciate it.

Texas Frightmare is the first weekend of May and Yes the Terminators are coming. Ok actually The actor who plays John Connors. Alice Cooper as well will be in town to rock the

night away. As well as serveral of our local favorite authors. Christopher Fullbright, Angeline Hawkes and Charlee Jacob.

End of summer sees another Dallas Comiccon and Sept starts our Fall with Fencon VI where you can meet Toastmaster Paul Cornell of Dr. Who fame, noted for Episode The Family blood and many others, He's also written for other British TV as well as written books for Marvel Comics and others. Guest of Honor Lois McMaster Bujold Hugo award winning author (The Sharing knife Series, Miles Vorkosign series and many other books)will also be in attendance. Author Keith RA DeCandido (Grand Master of Media Tie ins) will also be in attending as a special guest and hosting a writers workshop. Keith is well noted for his many Star Trek books including the Starfleet Engineers Series. Keith has also written in many of branches of Star Trek including many Klingon books. Keith has written the novelization of the Serenity movie as well is other tie in books for movies, comics and TV

And finally the way to end any year is a Star Wars Fan Day III at the Plano Center. Who could resist a chance to meet David Prowse (Darth Vader) and Ray Park (Darth Maul),Jeremy Bullock (Boba Fett), Elvis Storm Tropper, Clone Wars favorites Tom Kane (yoda), Michael Lanter (Anakan), Catherine Tabler (Padme), Steve Sansweet (Lusasfilms) and many more?

It's gonna be a great year so hang on for the Ride!

SOUTHERN SPACEDOCK

Vice-Regional Coordinator, South
by: RADM Jeff Webb



Since I took over the position I've been working to make sure all the chapters in the south have the required number of members to be a STARFLEET chapter. At the time

of the this report I just finished an IRC chat with Robyn and John to work the region's unassigned members. After reviewing the southern chapter rosters e-mails have gone out as friendly reminders to those chapters who have less than the required number of members or if their MSR's haven't been filed by the deadline & let them know if assistance is needed to contact me. A southern flyer is in the works for use by all the southern chapters for recruiting purposes.

Robert C. Graham

Fleet Channels Deadlines

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

May/June Issue -- June 30, 2009
July/August Issue -- August 30, 2009

ALL e-mail submissions should be sent to: fleetchannels@region3.org.

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

Go West Young Man!

Vice-Regional Coordinator, West
by: COL John Johnston
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Good day, ladies and gentlemen! Here is the world famous VRC-West, doing his monthly report for you all.

On Saturday, March 7th, the crew of the USS LoneStar and USS Gunslinger celebrated their commissioning anniverseries. The guests of the anniversary party included ADM Pat Spillers, Vice Chief Financial Officer of Starfleet, FCapt (Ret) Robert Olivares, founding captain of the USS Gunslinger, Captain Brent Chapman and Chyrlon Stroud of the USS Tejas, Uncle Kahn and Lady Lukara of the House Klag, Reed Bates, Mathew Wabindato, and Kasey Like of the Station Freedom Three, and Mary Webb from the Ark Angel. As VRC-West, I got to participate in presenting the awards and promotions for the LoneStar. The meal was tasty, and fun was had by all! I can't wait for next year.

Everyone is anxiously anticipating the new Star Trek movie! It is an excellent recruiting opportunity for your areas. I would like to hear what your ideas on utilizing this event for recruiting. Email me at tailsjedi@aol.com.

Well, that's all I have for now. Till next time...

Chiefly Yours...

Interm Chief-of-Staff Report
by:LGN Aaron Murphy
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"May you live in interesting times."

Greetings Region Three, It seems that interesting times are indeed upon us, whether we dread them or welcome them. With the upcoming changes in the regional staff, the work being done to switch the focus of Summit on short notice, and this month's release of Star Trek TOS v2. The region has abundant potential within its grasp. It is up to the membership and their leaders on whether the potential is for great benefit or abundant chaos. Personally, I would love to see us drive through this and emerge as a stronger group because of it.

I encourage everyone to get involved in the mailing lists. Ask questions of your candidates for Regional Coordinator. Make an informed decision. Then take those decisions back to the ones in the position to make the choice of this region's future, your Commanding Officers. The new RC Will help to set the course that the region will follow for the next two years.

Summit this year will be different than previous years. Instead of hosting our own event and doing everything from registration to programming, we are going to piggy-back on another event. We will still have things that are uniquely ours like our opening/closing ceremonies, awards, and such, but we will also be able to have access to new and exciting programming. Although this is not going to be the norm for our upcoming Summits, I hope that we will all get out, support the efforts of the REC, and enjoy this change of pace.

In the short time I have left as your Interim Chief of Staff, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I will not claim to have all the answers. However, for those answers that I don't already know, I can usually figure out where to track them down in relatively short order. Let's endeavor to work together to adapt and overcome.

Open Frequencies

Regional Communications Report
by: FCAPT Trisha Tunis
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Ahoy Region 3! This is your new (and Acting), Chief of Communications bringing you this fine newsletter. Many thanks to Mark and Robyn for getting me the templates, for Aaron giving me access to the Fleet Channels account, and to everyone for getting me some articles to print!

The next Deadline for Fleet Channels will be June 30. For those that like to program their Outlook calendars, I'd like to keep the deadline the last day of every even month.

One of my goals as Acting CoC is to help those that want to get Chapter flyers or even help with some market-ing/recruiting tips.

To get you started, here are a few of my favorites to assist you getting some new members.

- Always have business cards with your Chapters information on it. You never know when you might run into a ST fan at the supermarket! I found the best ally in finding new members is a bookstore manager. If they are willing, give them a stack of business cards to hand out to people that buy Star Trek novels.
- Try to station someone in front of the information table to talk to people. Its much more approachable.
- Update your website. Forgive me for stepping on CompOps territory, but the latest calendar of events on your site should NOT be from 2006. If you need help with a website, please let me know, I can steer you towards some inexpensive resources to get you back up to speed.
- Be familiar with other chapters activities in your area that way you can promote how diverse Region 3 is!
- Always asked open ended questions at the information table. Good conversation starters like who is your favorite charater, quote, funny episode, etc. The

idea is to engage the propective member and see what they are interested in.

- Have a membership application always at the ready at table, and offer to send it it. If the person is paying ALWAYS give them a receipt.
- Learn how to write an effective press release, and take advantage of many newspapers free online calendar of events.
- Support your local fan based convention by buying a vendor table, rather then opting for a free fan table. I find usually the traffic is better in a vendor room, plus you build up good karma by helping to support the convention financially. I've been able to work out at a local convention that we were able to host several Star Trek related panels which raised our visibility at the convention.
- Have some sort of fun activity to do at your information table. Tribbles are fun to toss around, if there is space, a nerf gun shooting gallery...something to draw people in.
- Volunteer at local charity events. There are some great classic Star Trek Tshirts out there that I've been encouraging my crew to wear to these events like walk a thons, where polos are just too warm.
- My new favorite resource of the month is Clubflyers.com. You can get inexpensive business cards, postcards, and other printed materials done.

Need more tips? Have an idea for a flyer that you can't do? Let me know. I'm here to serve until they kick me out the airlock.

At the Keyboard

Regional Computer Operations Report
by: LGN Aaron Murphy
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Greetings Region Three,

CompOps has a few irons in the fire these days. I am working on a possible new look for the site (yes, again). It's

nice to keep the webpage looking fresh. New features for the site are also being evaluated, like an RSS feed, image gallery, and CAPTCHA verification on the form submission pages. Beta-testing is in progress for a regional calendar. As we roll out these features, I will post them to the R3list and to my article in FleetChannels.

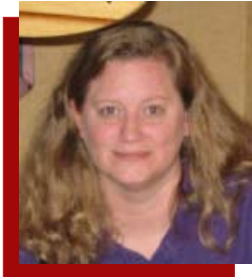
As what seems like an ongoing project, I am constantly editing the chapter and personnel information on the website and trying to keep the list subscriptions updated and spam-free. This is where I need your help. As chapter officers, please go out to the chapter list and confirm that all your information is correct. This is especially important after Change of Command ceremonies. I do not keep up on every chapters' events, so I may not be aware that PVT Joe Snuffy was just elected as CO of the U.S.S. Lollipop. This is where dropping me an e-mail or using the Contact Us page comes in handy. I appreciate it, as I'm sure you do when you see your information is up-to-date.

See you again in sixty...

Aaron Murphy

REED'S SHOP On the PROMENADE

Regional Quartermaster Report
by: CAPT Reed L. Bates



Well, Hello my Region 3 buddies and pals. This article from the quartermaster is going to be short. Since Region Three Vacation has been canceled,

and since the REC and CCO are contemplating a couple options, I don't have much to say in the way of the region three quartermaster business.

I was prepared to sell some "Vacation" t-shirts right after Retreat, but as you know, some things happened and didn't happen, as it were, and me selling those t-shirts was up in the air.

Here is the logo as designed by Mark Vinson, of the SS Freedom III and former R3 Chief of Staff, and I thought the logo looked pretty darn good. I thank him for whipping it up even if it's not used.



Since we are in transition, I can only tell you that if you wish to have some shirts of any kind from Queensboro with the Region 3 logo on them, let me know and I'll come up with a cost estimate and price list, etc. Or if you want your own ship's logo on some shirts, then use the link from Region 3's website and it gives the Region a special credit to be used for later merchandise credits. The minimum to order is 4 of whatever you purchase, and you can mix and match shirts as long as the placement of the logo is

the same on all of shirts in the same order. If you want some embroidered items, like hats, then you must place 4 of the same kind of hat order. But, once you get it down, it's pretty simple. Also, please stop by our Cafe Press store in the Future section of the Quartermaster's website. This way you can have some Region 3 merchandise but you only need to order 1 item, and you handle all the other particulars, like shipping and handling. If you have any suggestions for items to add to our Cafe Press store, then please let me know at qm at region3.org.

Appreciate you being patient as we transition. Love you all.



Information Table at CoastCon staffed by Region 2 & 3
(From left to Right) COMM Edward C. Tunis, FCAPT Trisha Tunis, (USS Corsair), Jennifer McFarland & FCAPT Lucy Ferron (USS Haise)

S.C.O.P.E

Shakedown Operations Report
by:FCAPT Beau Thacker
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The sad truth is that , Region 03 has lost two valiant ships manned by the best of crews. Good news is that this summer, the USS Serenity will be commissioning and , we hope to have the

Lake Charles shuttle started by then, I am looking forward to more shuttles and people joining our family,

Security Details

Regional Security Report
by:FCAPT Beau Thacker
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Last convention in Richardson went smoothly. We had to protect some BSG guest stars, but they were pretty cool.



USS Ark Angel, NCC-1889
Sector 5 -- Round Rock, TX.
CO -- LGN Aaron Murphy
arkangel@region3.org
XO -- Commander Dixie Hill
Commissioning Date: January 1, 2001
Motto: "The Price of Freedom
is Eternal Vigilance"-- JFK

The USS ArkAngel has had a fun couple of months. In March, we went to College Station for AggieCon and Retreat. We had fun playing 4th edition Dungeons and Dragons with the Role-Playing Gamers Association (RPGA). Those of us of a less destructive bent went to a local wine-tasting and we all met up for dinner at Golden Corral, where we enjoyed good food and good friends.

In April, we had a productive meeting where we discussed things from RC nominations to the upcoming Star Trek movie to our trip to Scarborough Faire in May. We'll be seeing the movie and doing some recruiting opening weekend at Alamo Drafthouse. Yes, beer is good... After the meeting, we visited a new LAN center in Round Rock called Titan Gaming. We had a blast killing zombie Nazis, playing Wii Sports, and having a Battletech Tournament. This place is nice, I look forward to an almost certain return there.



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"

AG #1 was delivered in March. We have several fun creative stories including a Marine offering. The editors are hunting for members to pen reviews on the end of Battlestar Galactica and the new Trek film for the newsletter. We have designed a new membership certificate for 2009. Yes, we are playing again. Roster updates were out the end of March.

Coupon clipping total so far is \$3,190.64. Not too bad.

Houston members visited the Battleship Texas to see how the restore efforts are going. Also attended first drag race. It was very interesting with a cool and windy good time was had. Hope to make a return in the future. Beginning of NASCAR season was enjoyed also.

Welcomed Adam Day to the chapter family and sent out well wishes to our Ops Officer Bill Downs who is in the hospital this winter.

Members planning away trip to Denver's Starfest. Lucky. It looks like a fun event.

Our away to College Station for Retreat at Aggie Con is just returning. Looking forward to their report about the weekend. Wondering how The Catt enjoyed Messina Hof Winery side trip. Little Basil is back on the road.

Until Next Time,
Major Jared K. Fielder



USS Corsair, NCC-26556
Sector 3 -- Baton Rouge, LA.
CO -- FCPT Trisha Tunis
corsair@region3.org
XO -- COMM Edward C. Tunis III
Launch Date: July 29, 2007

The USS Corsair attended CoastCon 2009 the weekend of March 20-21, 2009. Away Team Members Edward, Trisha, Derrek, and Sherri decided to take advantage of the surf, sun and great atmosphere provided by the CoastCon staff. Ed and Trisha hosted three panel discussions:

Organizing Your Fan group-The Corsair wonderful time discussing the ins, outs, and all the glorious perks that come with leading a fan organization. We also swapped stories of some of the more humorous episodes of fandom we've experienced.

Star Trek movie discussion-Ed/Trisha dissected the movie trailers to date, compared/contrasted the original crew vs. the new and improved one, our fears and hopes, and whether JJ really even bothered to watch a TOS episode before doing the script.

World of Warcraft Mixer-Both Horde and Alliance emerged from their keyboards and discussed the current state of the game, how much the Zombie invasion, well, bit the big one, and why we obsess over levelling up.

Sherri and Derrek enjoyed participating in the tabletop games set up in the main area, especially "Bang, Bang" which Sherri managed to place second. Of course, she had to do it over Derrek's "Dead" body, but all's fair when it come to grabbing a share of the loot, right?



USS Joan of Arc, NCC-73289
Sector 6 -- Corpus Christi, TX.
CO -- FCPT Robin Van Cleave
joanofarc@region3.org
XO -- LCDR Tahnya Abbott

Commissioning Date: January 6, 1994
Motto: "Legends Endure"

When we last left the Joan of Arc's crew, they were recovering from excessive laughter after watching Jeff Dunham's most recent video. Now it's the end of January and we are having the first poker night of '09. It was held in Sinton at the Butter Churn restaurant but had a low turnout for a variety of reasons, conflicting work schedules most common.

We had enough to have a combined guppy/shark table... rather interesting for the most part. Being a small group meant that everyone for a treasure to take home happily.

We were supposed to meet at the new restaurant named "Jamba" for our Feb. general crew meeting but as before the place closed and was sold prior to our actual meeting day....

February's fun event was bowling on the third Sat. at the Saratoga lanes. There were enough crew to use two lanes!!! All who went had a good time, they even had special 'kid ramps' It gave the ball a boost so that it actually reached the pins.... On Lane one, Alex won the first one with Jim in the lead when the time ran out. John W. and Dion split a pair on Lane two.. The evening was finished at the Van Cleave's watching Star Trek 5 the movie.

The Club meets in Sinton once every three months so it was back to the Butter Churn for a general crew meeting. We had almost a full crew and was good to see so many people there. Plans were discussed for the following three months, more on that as it happens. It was decided to try to have a gaming evening as our 'fun event' in March... This was held at Jim's house

from about 5:00 until much later... Food was very prevalent as we had HUGE chicken burritos with all the trimmings, fresh mushrooms, guacamole, Chips, sodas, and a platter of California Sushi. All those people who needed new characters created them during dinner. The gaming truly started close to 7:30 AND CONTINUED UNTIL 11p. It was a delightful evening run by our resident DM Tahnya Abbot. March ended with about 5 people traveling up to TAMU-- main campus in College Station for the combined Aggie Con/R3 retreat.

Hurray! the April crew meeting went well with no real problems. It was held at the Sirloin Stockade on April 4th. We each gave reports about the varying parts of the meetings we attended at Aggie Con. It was a less than stellar Con but all the same did have a couple of shining moments, especially for a student run event. Another topic was that a friend of the club (in more ways than one), suffered a disaster when part of his property burned up in the wind driven fires close to Sandia Tx. The club continues to collect clothes, household goods, and dry dog food to help him get back on his feet.

The Marines pushed those who can and want to attend the Wilderness Challenge to sign up soon. The deadline is April 15th. Plans for the following months were discussed then will be finalized at the May crew meeting.

Two other small notes are on the medical front: Our Chief of Security Lt. Rhonda Dobie had been SMOKE FREE for 14 months. Congrats to her. Secondly In the program 'Cadets in Education Excellence', all three cadets, Alex Kearney, 7th grade; Christopher Van Cleave, advanced 1st grade; and Isabo Turner, 3rd grade; made the A-B honor roll at their respective schools. We are sooo proud of their hard work.

Check back with the Lady J later in April then take a deep breathe as we launch in to the May Madness.... that is soon to come..... Birthdays, movies, camping who knows what else!



USS Regulator, NCC-73337
Sector 1 -- Fort Worth, TX.
CO -- BDR Mark West
regulators@region3.org
XO -- LTC Kyle Schugart

Commissioning Date: October 1, 1992
Motto: "Defending the Final Frontier"

Well, we are collecting new toys from the new movie. The CO has two new phasers, the XO has a phaser, tricorder and communicator and the Communications Officer (me) has four mid size figures and one large size. All come with attachments of some sort or other. I haven't seen the book out yet but will mostly get it when it hits the bookstores.

The crew is planning an outing for the movie, but haven't nailed down a date yet. A couple of the locate theaters would like to have some of us in costume show up for the early, early, early, bird showing on Thursday-Friday 12-midnight spot. We are still deciding who can afford to go to work sleepy and who can't.

We are planning to attend this years Summit but at this time aren't sure how many can make it. Will show up for meetings if nothing else. Nothing Earth-shaking to report.

We are just hanging in there - At least there seem to be some good movies coming out this summer so it won't be completely dull.

Liz Goulet, Flt Capt,
Communications Officer
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USS Thunderwolf, NCC-1653
Sector 6 -- San Antonio, TX.
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XO -- BGN Byron Flynt

Commissioning Date: July 2, 2005
Motto: "We Hear the Call to Roam the Stars"

ALL GOOD THINGS

Stardate: 2009.04.01.
ISS Thunderwolf XO's report.
Things have not been going to good over the past few months. The Commanding Officer Brigadier General Jeff Schnoor has disappeared. I have tried everything I know to locate him with no luck, the other bad part of this is, over half the chapters crew was his family and their memberships are over.

There is no way with the remaining members we can keep the ship running.

On January 23 this year I went to the VA hospital in Dallas for minor surgery on the back of my neck, when I woke up I found out that something had gone very wrong. A strong cleaning solution had gone down the side of my head and in to my right eye and now I am blind in the right eye. So I do not have the time to get things going again.

We have made many friends out there and we wish you all the best. The best thing about the clubs was. The first thing I saw after joining Starfleet in 1991 was looking up and seeing a VERY BEAUTIFUL lady and we have been married for 14 awesome years. Michelle, Joy and I will pray for you. So after a long history, Rear Admiral Joy Flynt with 19 years in Fleet and I with 18 years, we have to say goodbye to Starfleet. So with heavy hearts Joy and I will not be renewing our memberships in the Fleet.

On the bridge of the ISS Thunderwolf (OX) "Computer, This is the XO, Brigadier General Byron Flynt confirm voice print"
(Computer) "Confirmed"
(OX) "Computer in one hour you will set a course of 182 mark 204 at warp 8."
(Computer) "Can not comply. This course would set the ship on a collision with a classification "T" super gas giant planet in the next star system. Doing so would destroy the ship and ignite the gases of the planet. It would transform the planet in to a small sun"
(OX) "Override safeties authorization BADWOLF 3691 ASURAN"
(Computer) Confirmed override BADWOLF 3691 BATA. This override will need one other Officer to confirm this order."
(SO) Computer, This is the Second Officer Rear Admiral Joy Flynt confirm voice print"
(Computer) "Confirmed"
(SO) "Execute the XO's orders. Authorization Farscape 31163 Aeryn Sun"
(Computer) "Override of safety enabled. Course set at warp 8, in one hour I will execute the orders. Time of impacted 2 hours, 16 minutes, 38 seconds."
(OX) This is the XO Brigadier General Byron Flynt to all hands of the Thunderwolf (and Region 3). The Second Officer Rear Admiral Joy Flynt and the remaining officers have decided that the chapter can no longer sustain normal operation we cannot let the Federation or anyone else get their hands on this ship. So we are going to destroy it. ALL HANDS ABANDON SHIP I repeat ALL HANDS ABANDON SHIP.

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Three weeks later a Federation Starship finds a star system with a new second sun.

WELCOME ABOARD TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF REGION 3



Cadets Robert Takashi Ford
and
Carl Tadashi Ford
(ship assignments pending)
Born: 4/13/09, 11:14 AM & 11: 15 AM, 5
lbs 11 oz and 5 lbs 14 oz, respectively
Proud parents:
Rear Admiral Heather Ford, CO, USS
Rhyanna
Vice Admiral Raymond Ford, USS Ark
Angel
Welcomed by Sister Cadet Crewman
Grace Ford, USS Rhyanna



Letters of Intent to run for Regional Coordinator

Editors note: According to the Inspector General, Chapter CO's have until May 22nd to submit their nominations. We are presenting both of them for review.

Nominee **Captain Reed Bates, S.S. Freedom III**

Ahoy, Mates!!!

I wish Shell hadn't resigned but she has. I wish her the best in all her endeavors and hope she sticks around the Region. She's always been a friend to me and a super terrific "Mother" to many chapters, both new and old.

Since she made it known to the Region that she was stepping down, I thought long and hard about running for RC. Call me Crazy, but I have made the decision! I am seeking your chapter's nomination for Regional Coordinator for Region Three.

Most of you know me but some may not. Let me introduce myself to those who don't. Let me start by saying, I believe I will make a good RC. I have experience dealing with volunteers and running organizations the size of Region 3. For example, I was President of Sunshine Community Gardens and had to solve all sorts of problems between the gardeners and other gardeners, between the property owner (State owned lands) and the Gardens, and between the public and the gardeners. I helped with situations from stolen tractors and poppy seed heads to fundraising at the annual

plant sale and buying tools for the gardeners' use, on down to the state wanting some of the land for their own purpose so we had to move gardeners to a new location within the gardens. Believe it or not, many gardeners even praised me for how I made collection calls when they hadn't put in their required labor hours.

In addition to the garden, I was on the volunteer board for a non-profit with a half a million dollars budget, hired and fired employees, and organized many events—both for fundraising and for fun.

All of these things were on my personal time, as I have a full-time job (crossing my fingers to stay that way in this economy), but I learned some valuable lessons about how to work with people and make use of the support of volunteers and staff.

Yes, I know that being an RC places me on the Admiralty Board of Starfleet. I am prepared for that. I know personally and have communicated with many members of the AB and the Executive Committee as well. I am looking forward to you giving me the opportunity to add input to any issues that come before the board. I also have experience on the Fleet level being the Scholarship Director. I believe I will represent the Region and its members and chapters to the best of my ability. I have already planned to go to IC this year whether I'm elected RC or not.

I do not have a slate of officers that I am running with currently. If there is an open position for which someone wishes to apply, please do so. Please let everyone know that you don't have to know someone in order to work on staff. I also plan to ask those who are currently in positions to stay for the next year to finish out their terms of duty.

I have some ideas for how things should go, but they are definitely not set in stone. I would like to hear other members' opinions. Some ideas are:

I would like to change the Region in structure. I don't want to get rid of anyone who wants to be on the staff. I would like to evaluate each position and talk with the member in that position. If the position is needed, keep it and make sure all tasks are completed and assign any support staff members to that position for backup and support for the larger jobs. If the position is not needed, then we can try to find a place for the person who's in that position so they can be helpful to the Region.

I feel one of the main purposes of the Regional staff is to support the chapters.

One area of support is, I believe, a Regional Calendar should be made available to all chapters who wish to have their meetings or events on the calendar so there is one place some-

one could go to check out what the chapters are doing in the region. This would make the Regional Calendar a better recruiting tool as well, especially for those chapters who do not have a website. For instance, if my job was to take me out East to Louisiana, I could just check one place to see which chapter was meeting or having an event closest to my location, instead of me having to check each website, and if they didn't have a website, I'd have to find their email from the regional contact page and email them, and if they didn't answer...on and on. It seems much simpler to have one place to coordinate events from all chapters.

Another area of support is, I believe, the Regional staff should be more like "event planners" in regards to Summit

The purpose of Summit is to help the Regional chapters connect with other Regional chapters for fun and mingling, to provide a venue for recognition of accomplishments on behalf of their chapter and Region, and to raise money for a charity, is it not? Coming from the point of view as someone who co-chaired a Summit, we shouldn't expect a chapter to have to figure out all the contracts, money, and whatnot without having the experience or knowledge that a seasoned staffer might have. The Region should have a guide setting standards and practices for hosting a summit, including budgets and anticipated expenses, to make it easy for a chapter who wishes to host a Summit to do so. I would like to see the Regional Staff handle Summits and have a Host Chapter, who can use their energies for building and promoting the fun and putting their own flair on the Summit. Having the Regional Staff be the "event planners" working in conjunction with the Host Chapter, would allow smaller chapters the ability to host a Summit just as easily as a larger chapter.

For other support of the chapters, as to other events, maybe we were doing too many Regional activities and we, from

time-to-time, get sick of each other? Maybe not. What if some other events throughout the year were "hosted" by a chapter—where the chapter invites regional members to an event that's being run in their area—to spotlight their chapter—but the Region helps in coordinating communication, rides, rooms, etc.? This might enable the chapter and the Regional members participating to get bigger discounts as a group and allow those coming from other areas to save some money by rooming with others and carpooling.

I would also like to see more transparency with regards to the Region's finances and see the financial statements made available to members of the Region. For example, I believe that as soon as possible after Summit (or any other fundraising event), the amount raised for the charity, including which areas made what (i.e. the Auction made \$X, the casino made \$Y, the Klingon Fashion Police made \$Z), should be announced to the Region and a check should be cut on the very same day. This should realistically be within 30 days of the event, but sometimes hotels do take their sweet time getting invoices out so it could take as long as 90 days, but the goal should be as soon as possible.

The above are some of my ideas. I will endeavor to work on more in the next 30 days and will try to implement them as soon as possible after being elected.

Feel free to contact me at reed_ranger@yahoo.com and pass on this information to your ship.

Thank you in advance for your and your ship's nomination of me for RC.

Reed Bates

Nominee LGN Aaron Murphy U.S.S. Ark Angel

Members of the Third Fleet,

I am writing you today to seek your nomination for Regional Coordinator.

Most of you are aware of my current positions:

- * Chief of Computer Operations, Region Three
- * Acting Chief of Staff, Region Three
- * Commanding Officer of the USS Ark Angel
- * Deputy Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps

I have been active in Fleet for the past seventeen years, in three different regions with both Fleet and Marine positions. This has given me a unique familiarity with the two major components of our association. It is this background, coupled with a desire and motivation to see the Region grow and prosper with a strong hand on the helm that brings me before you now, with a request for your support.

As our current situation has developed, I've considered, as I'm sure many of you have, what I would do differently to address some of the concerns of my friends, family and shipmates. After quite a bit of time considering the goals and objectives that would best benefit the Region and its members, it occurred to me I was making a plan to achieve those goals and objectives. I believe this plan just might work

There are four areas of focus, I believe, that would give us a good start down the path of recovery. Here are some of my thoughts.

COMMUNICATION - Being the most vital element within any sort of organization; in which we have been in need of improvement within this Region; it must be considered the most crucial skill of a leader.

In my experience, without a good, solid two-way line of communication between leaders and members, there is no way to be informed about what your organization is doing - or not doing. Any information about projects like Summits, intra - chapter, or even inter - chapter events become impossible without communication.

If the members don't pass along their hopes, dreams, aspirations, and opinions then the leadership has no idea how best to serve them. Along the same lines, if the leaders don't pass along their concepts, expectations, goals, and visions, then the member has no way to understand how to best serve their chapter or region. The leadership needs to initiate and support this process, to make sure that they are open to communications, not just from the Commanding Officers and other higher-ups, but from the average member.

MOTIVATION - Star Trek fandom in general doesn't have the draw it once had. The days of easy recruiting and without really trying are long past, save that lucky encounter with a Trekker who may not have heard of us. Although Trek isn't the media giant that it used to be; a spur of renewed interest is on the horizon. With the new movie soon to be released, fandom in general, could see a whole new generation of members along with renewed energy. To make the most of this opportunity the chapters of Region Three need to take to the streets, harness the new energy, and truly make Star Trek fandom great again. While each chapter must see to their own efforts, I believe the Region can help, such as planning and executing Regional events and providing sharp-looking recruiting materials. Let's get back some of our esprit de corps that sense of teamwork Region Three has known in the past as chapters come together toward a common goal.

STEWARDSHIP - As elected leaders, the REC and other staff, it is "our" responsibility not only to administrate the affairs of the Region, but also to lead, and to train up the Next Generation of leaderships. These jobs won't be ours forever and there needs

to be a tier of newer members ready to move up when the time is right. While we're in office, it will be ours to treat the Region as owners and stewards would - we want to run it with the care and attention we would give our own families and affairs. To do otherwise is to break trust with the members that elected us. We need to show that commitment through action and communication- to use the resources and personnel we have available to build a better, more active Region Three.

VISIBILITY - Leaders must lead. To do that effectively, one must lead from the front, visible to every member regardless of their position, accessible to those in need, and always willing to listen. Administration is one thing, leadership is quite something else. Your leaders must be visible, have good communications, and be accountable and active.

Like any organization, the Third Fleet needs strong leadership - one with a purposeful vision and willing to cooperate in order to grow and prosper. Already we have shown endurance - we've made it this far. We've shown potential with chapters here and there reporting strong event schedules despite the general slowdown. I see a crossroad ahead for the Region. We can take one fork, and continue with the status quo - treading water, being content with the way things currently are. The other fork holds momentum of the new film, with some work and enthusiasm on our part we can harness the excitement of the Abrams vision of Star Trek, and try to use that surge to renew the spirit and commitment of Region Three. I don't hold all the answers to the trails we'll face, but I'm not afraid to ask for help from staff, COs... or any member who feels they have something to contribute. In the finest traditions, we can adapt and overcome.

Respectfully,
Aaron Murphy

New Regional Summit Announced!



The new location for the Regional Summit will be FENCON taking place September 18 through 20, 2009 in Addison, Texas.

Guests include:

Guest of Honor: Lois McMaster Bujold

Music Guest of Honor: Carla Ulbrich

Fen Guest of Honor: Warren Buff

Artist Guest of Honor: Kurt Miller

Toastmaster: Paul Cornell

Special Guest: Keith R.A. DeCandido

To make room reservations: The room block for FenCon VI in the Crowne Plaza is now open. Rooms are available at the great FenCon rate of just \$92 per night for one to four guests in a king or double standard room and just \$112 per night for one to four guests in an executive suite. Call 972-980-8877 or reserve online and use code FNC when making your reservation.

IMPORTANT: The FenCon room block and rate guarantee ends on August 30th.

To pre-register, please go to:

<http://www.region3.org/summit>

by September 1 in order to qualify for Region 3's special pre registration rate of \$25. Anyone after that date will not get a badge, and will have to register at the door at the higher rate of \$40.

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