



USS Corsair members Crewman Derek Kyzar, Sheri Lobue, and Melissa Meyers found the elusive LGN Aaron Murphy @ Dallas Comic Con.

Upcoming Events

- **FenCon**
September 18-20, 2009
Dallas, Texas
<http://www.fencon.org>
- **Star Wars Fan Days**
September 18-20, 2009
Dallas, Texas
<http://www.scifiexpo.com/DCC/fandaysIII.html>



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USS Joan of Arc Crewmember FCPT Kris Dobie and Leonard Nimoy @ TrekExpo

Getting To Know Fleet Online

There is a new list in the STARFLEET universe called the SFI-TENFORWARD-L mailing list, which is sponsored by STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. as a forum for both member and non-members to come and share their enthusiasm for Science Fiction, specifically - though not limited to - Star Trek. The SFI-TENFORWARD-L mailing list was created to discuss Star Trek, Science Fiction and related Movies, Books, TV Shows, Records, You Tube Videos, Toys, Appliances, Cars, Teddy Bears, Costumes, and more. It is definitely not to be political. You can sign up for it at: <http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.cgi/sfi-tenforward-l-sfi.org>

Have you ever wondered how information about an event is passed out in STARFLEET? Well, they have an Announcements list that you can sign up for to receive emails with fleet related events, promotions, position changes, etc. It is a moderated list and all announcements are either made by STARFLEET HQ staff or posted by the Announcements Administrator upon receipt to this Announcements List. If you wish to post an announcement about your chapter event, you must first post to the main General Discussion List and post to this Announcements List and the Announcements Administrator will approve or reject your post. But it is an avenue if you wish to publicize your event Fleet-wide. You can get there by going to: <http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.cgi/sfi-announce-l-sfi.org>

FenCon VI welcomes Starfleet Region Three!

Russ Miller, FenCon VI Chair

The Chairman and Committee of FenCon are pleased to welcome Starfleet Region Three's Summit to our annual convention this September. We have hosted other events within the convention before, but Region Three will be the largest to date!

If you aren't familiar with general interest SF cons, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised at everything happening at FenCon this year. There will be TEN separate tracks of programming, including panel discussions, readings, demonstrations, videos, and of course all of the Region Three Summit activities.

The folks running FenCon do our best to provide something for everyone over the weekend, whether you like books, music, art, movies and TV, or just hanging out with other fans and talking. In the past we've heard that there was too much good programming scheduled - fans didn't have a chance to see it all.

All of the usual Summit items will be scheduled during the con, but we've done our best to spread things out so that everyone gets a chance to attend the other attractions at FenCon as well. And we hope that with most of the Summit activities being open, there will be convention attendees who come to Region

Three events to see what they're all about! Hopefully you'll find some new members!

Be sure and be prepared to stay up late - there will be late night discussion panels and filk sings on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as our semi-legendary Saturday night Cabaret featuring the All-Star Git-Down Filk-Sing Hootenanny. Check the FenCon website for hotel information - you'll want to be there all weekend for the fun.

Everyone at FenCon is really looking forward to seeing the Region Three group in a few weeks. We plan to show you a good time, and hope you enjoy our con as much as we do! And we thank you for giving us this opportunity to share it with you.

See you in September!



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Money Matters

This should be my last report on the finances of the Region, as we have a new Regional Financial Officer, Sydney LaJeune. She's from Baton Rouge, and is aboard the USS Corsair. She is busy entering all the data into the software, and learning our terminology and categories, to keep us in the know about our money. Here are the balances and activity as of August 31, 2009:

Checking Account:
Balance forward: \$1,169.21
Deposits (Summit): \$335.00
Expenses (PO Box Rental): -\$46.00
Ending Balance: \$1,458.21

Savings Account:
Quarterly Statement Date: 6/30/2009
Balance forward: \$1,273.92
Interest Received: \$0.16
Balance Quarter: \$1,274.09

PayPal Account:
Balance Forward: \$20.12
Income—Summit July: \$202.00
Income—Summit August: \$902.00
Dividend: \$0.01
Fees—July: -\$7.67
Fees—August: -\$32.41
End Balance: \$1,084.05

Total Funds for Region 3:
\$3,816.35

In September, we are paying FenCon for the Memberships, which totaled \$1,640.00 (64 adults, 4 youths, and 4 kids), plus \$75.00 for the Hospitality Suite Friday evening, and also \$50.00 for an ad placed in the FenCon 2009 Souvenir Program Book. There will be some additional expenses, the amounts of which have yet to be determined, for printing and/or copying of various STARFLEET Region 3 recruiting brochures and the yearly awards supplies. We do plan to take up a collection at the room parties to help offset some of these expenses.

Trinity River Celebrates!



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. William David Hazlewood. They were married on July 19th, 2009 at Joe's Pizza, Fort Worth, Texas. Flt Capt. Elizabeth Hazlewood is a member of the USS Trinity River. Congratulations to the happy couple!



I'm stuffed. I really really am, at the time of this writing. I just got back from eating a glorious lunch with some of my old crew members of the USS Ark Angel. They've started a bit of a tradition, that on holidays, we go downtown Austin and eat at Fogo De Chao, which I like to call the "Brazilian meat fest." The reason on holidays, and during lunch, is it is much less costly and probably even less crowded. This was my first time with them, and I loved it. I still ate a pretty good sized salad to start with because they have a wonderful salad bar, but I also tried all their meats, including the lamb, which I usually don't care for, but it was yummy to say the least. I think, we're already looking for New Year's Day for the next one. Come join us, won't you?

Summit is coming up, yes, I said, "Summit." No, it's not our traditional Summit in all aspects, but there are parts that are just us and par for the course, and then there are parts that are new and dare I say, exciting. The more I just to know what's going on at FenCon, the more I am looking forward to it. We are having opening ceremonies and closing ceremonies, awards & promotions, and some panels, the REC Meeting, and the CCO meeting. Along with that our group will get a one on one, or really a Region on one, private meeting with Star Trek author Keith R.A. DeCandido. Although he is best known for his Star Trek fiction, he has tie-ins with other popular sci-fi and fantasy series as well, such as Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Doctor Who, Supernatural, Andromeda and Farscape. We are lucky to have this opportunity. In addition,

there will be a scale model of the Enterprise 1701-A, with lights and sounds as well, on display during the convention. I'm really looking forward to seeing this one in person. The FenCon folks also have a Star Trek program for those to follow along when we aren't doing Region 3 panels or meetings. The children will have a 2-hour science panel as well that sounds pretty fun. I'm hosting a panel on STARFLEET DIY where we will have tables manned with all those who can answer your STARFLEET questions. I will be manning an Academy table and will also answer questions about the Scholarship program. There will be some marines there to answer questions about the SFMC and the 3rd Brigade, as well as someone from Membership processing. We might even have a few surprises, to stop on in. Hope to see you there.

We should be starting a Region 3 Biggest Loser Challenge soon as well, maybe even start it on Sunday at Summit. Be prepared to weigh in and sign up. The first R3BLC winner was John Halliday. He looked rather nice in his NextGen uniform at IC 2009. We need to get ourselves in better shape and I find that I feel it is my duty to help you with it. As a team, I know we can do it. Please join in if you are even a little overweight, and if you are lucky enough to not be, please encourage your fellow members to join in and get healthy. Please remember, our lives will have much better quality if we can do many of the things we wish to do but are unable to because of our size. Which one

From the RC to You

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of us will be the Biggest Loser this time? I challenge you!

My first ECAB Meeting was rather pleasant. If you ask me in person, I will tell you all the details, but from what I have been told, the meetings usually range from boring to explosive. My first ECAB meeting was neither. I'd say it was pleasant and normal.

Next year's STARFLEET International Conference is the first weekend in August, 2010, and is very close to Region 3. It's up in Oklahoma. So, please consider attending and try to make it a vacation. It's at a park and there is camping, but there is also a hotel, where the IC takes place, along with cabins. There are many things to do and there is also wi-fi. There's a lake and a pool for those who like

to get all wet. I'm already registered and I believe so are some others in the Region. Let's make a big showing if only to be neighborly. See www.ic2010.org for more information.

Please keep renewing your STARFLEET memberships, and do so at least a month early each year. Our Region depends on its memberships and we depend on you. There is a lot we need to do each year, and your membership counts. Please let me know if I or our staff can do anything for you to make your experience in STARFLEET, Region 3 the best.



This is a list of all the members that have requested assignments or re-assignments during the last couple of months.

We've got some members moving to other chapters and some members moving from unassigned to chapters. Pat & Gene Spillars, Vaughn Armstrong, Casey Biggs, and Richard Herd have all transferred to the USS Lone Star as they have moved to Lubbock.

Our VRCs and I have helped several members find a home. We have some new members, who are gungho and one has already joined the USS

Regulator. That member is Thomas "Tank" Clark and he's even volunteered to be on my Summit panel, so stop by and introduce yourself. The other member is Mike Tolleson. He is also up in the DFW area and is looking to be in the SFMC, but hasn't quite made up his mind. I've been having some discussions with him as well about the Freedom III, but we'll have to see who wins the fight over Mr. Tolleson. Mark West, challenge for laser tag rights to Tolleson? Christopher Tusa went from unassigned to the USS Corsair. Theresa Bristow went from unassigned to the USS Aurora Vulcanus.

Brindon Cadotte is newly assigned to the USS Firebird. Robert "Scrybe" Suttles is back aboard the USS Corsair and possibly working on a chapter in New Orleans under Trisha Tunis' fine tutelage. Catherine Dove, Dennis Dove, Jennifer Unsel, and Jason Culwell, new members who signed up during the Star Trek Movie, were assigned to the USS Bexar.

I welcome all new members to the Region, and wish those who have moved, a wonderful experience aboard their new chapters.

REED'S SHOP On the PROMENADE

Hello there, Region 3. I'm still here, acting as your Quartermaster, in addition to my duties as your RC. We're still looking for someone to take over this very important Regional position. You must be good a financial matters, as the Quartermaster is the chief fundraiser for the organization and assists chapters in their fundraising needs as well, and especially honest and trustworthy; however, I am willing to train in you are a fast learner. Please send me your resumes (both Fleet and real life) along with any ideas you have for the future of the Quartermaster position. We need you.



New on the Quartermaster front is we've started a Spreadshirt Store, just like SFMC and SFI. It is located at: <http://region3.spreadshirt.com>. I am slowly but surely working on items to add into the store. One of the better things about Spreadshirt compared to Cafe Press is that they have

colored shirts and polos. Cafe Press seemed to only have white or grey, which are okay.

We do have a CafePress site still open for business in the mean time, and you may still purchase Region 3 merchandise such as T-shirts, dog t-shirt, teddy bears, and thongs (oh wait!!! that was the USS Ark Angel's site that had the thong; The Region doesn't have one, but we could...) Check out what we really do have for sale at: <http://www.cafepress.com/region3>. How about a Sigg Water Bottle, wall clock, or throw pillow?

Also, please see your local quartermaster table at Summit at FenCon, September 18-20, in Addison, Texas. We'll be glad to sell you a Region 3 coffee mug, mini mouse pad, or frisbee. Hope to see you there.

And don't forget the Region's Store on the Promenade. See the link at www.region3.org and slick on Quartermaster. It will be updated soon, hopefully by the time you read this.

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Get Connected with Region 3

Region 3 has several email lists as well to keep you in the know. To see the instructions go to <http://region3.org/lists.php> and read the rules, then go to the bottom for a list and description of each email group. One main rule, you must be a STARFLEET member to use the Region's services.

One Regional email list we would like to highlight is the Science Fiction Series Discussion List (First-List) — This list is for discussions about many of the various Science Fiction Series on the air and off. If you wish to have discussions with your Region 3 friends on Warehouse 13, Eureka, Dr. Who, Sanctuary, and the future Stargate Universe, among others, along with old TV Series that are still on the air or on DVD rental. Go directly to sign up: <http://lists.region3.org/listinfo.cgi/first-list-region3.org>

In addition, there may be some future lists that we will present. How do you feel about a Region 3 Party/Event List that we would like to call Risa, named after Star Trek's "pleasure planet"? It would be a moderated list for announcing chapter events, parties, and other happenings. Please let your RC know if you think it's a good idea and if you would sign up to be a moderator.

Bravo Zulu Rear Admiral Lambert!



Because of her outstanding work in Membership Processing, Sharon Lambert was promoted to the Rank of Rear Admiral. Rear Admiral Lambert is the commanding officer of the USS Victory based in San Antonio, Texas.

Still At the Keyboard



Greetings Third Fleet!

It just seems odd. IC is over and we are driving on to Summit. It seems

somewhat backwards. But as with most things, the only constant is change.

This year has been full of them. We have a new RC, I'm (kinda) new to Chief of Staff, and we have several new faces in the REC. We continue to grow, evolve, and drive forward. As many of you have heard me say on multiple occasions, Adapt and Overcome.

Speaking of Summit, it looks to be a lot of fun. The schedule is coming along nicely. As with previous years, we'll have Opening Ceremonies/General Session, Third Brigade Muster,

Congress of Commanding Officers' Meeting, and Closing Ceremonies. With all the staff changes and all, we'll have an "Ask The Brass" session for those people who might not know everyone or have burning questions that they'd like to ask. There will be room parties, a costume contest, gaming, panels covering Sci-fi and Fantasy, and a video room. There is something for everyone.

Unfortunately, at the time of this article, the pre-registration deadline as passed. However, if you still want to come to

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Summit, it can be done. Registration will be available at the door. The weekend pass will be \$40.00, with day passes also available. We have also been told that the room rate of \$92.00 per night will also still be available. So, come one, come all!

Regional Chief of Staff Report
by: LGN Aaron Murphy
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Now, as my title might hint at, I am responsible for cracking the whip, I mean lovingly encouraging, the Regional Staff. I would like to report that so far, that motivation has been paying off in spades. As you will notice with this issue, Fleet Channels has gotten a facelift. Also, our CompOps chief has been shackled to his computer doing updates and, rumor has it, there is a new region3.org web design in the works. Only time will tell :)

In the coming months, we will be driving forward and working hard on making the Third Fleet even stronger and more efficient. If you have any comments or ideas, please feel free to contact me or any member of the REC. We will do our best to address any questions/concerns as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

See you again in 60.

NORTHERN LIGHTS



These ships in the North have been showing their competitive spirit this summer. During July the Regulator hosted the Trinity River in celebration of Shuttle TR launch with a bowling outing. Among the two ships there were three teams and much fun. (see photos in this issue) In fact so much fun

that another fall bowling outing is planned. Members of the Trinity River were able to show off their new club shirts, Bowling shirts that is.

Members of North also attended the Dallas Comicon in Aug to help promote Star Trek Fandom and all the fun that can be had. Members of Sector 2 were unable to make it and they were missed. We hope that Beau and his crew can make Summit.

We'd like to congratulate Trinity River Member Elizabeth Weber on her recent nuptials

Senior Vice-Regional Coordinator
Vice-Regional Coordinator, North
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to David Hazelwood.

Members of the North along with many other fan groups from the DFW area also attended the Annual Klingon Alien Ball where much fun was had and over \$400 dollars and 300 pounds of items were donated to* SafeHaven of Tarrant County. The event has been hosted by the IKV Melota since its beginnings. Check out the photos of the great time had by many.

Keep your feet on the ground as you reach for the stars.

Go West, Young Man!



Greetings to all!

Here is your friendly neighborhood Vice

Regional Commander from the West, adding his two cents to this month's Fleet Channels issue.

Is it me, or has it been really hot for everyone these last two months? July and August

has been merciless with many days of 100+ heat! Hopefully, with fall moving in, things will cool back down and make things half-way livable again.

At last, the event we've all been waiting for is upon us — the 2009 Region 3 Summit and FenCon in Addison (North Dallas) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel! Three days of fun, frolic, and merriment to be had by all! I can't wait! I had a chance to preview the Crowne Plaza back in February, and it is a nice hotel with good facilities! If it can handle 560

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furries, it can take 560 Trekkies and other Sci-Fi fans!

Finally, I am very pleased to hear the new Star Trek movie will be available on DVD by Thanksgiving! Even though the Onion thought this movie was a turkey, I'll be sure to gobble one up when it hits the stores on the release date.

Well, that's all I have for this issue of Fleet Channels. Until then, stay bright-eyed and bushy tailed! You know I will... :-)

SOUTHERN SPACEDOCK



Hello everyone,

I hope that all the Southern CO's & their chapter's members

had a good summer.

We still have many members on the unassigned list particularly in the south as of the time

this article is being written. If your chapter is expecting any new members & they're not listed on your ship's roster please e-mail me privately & we'll work to get those members on to the chapters that recruited them. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you once again in Dallas later this month. Until next time, Take care of yourselves and each other.

Vice-Regional Coordinator, South
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USS Trinity River @ The Klingon Ball



The USS Trinity River partied and helped collect canned goods and donations for a local food pantry. In the back in Tux is Ships' Captain Dan Stockelman, Second row is from L to R is David Hazelwood, Dan Dreesbach. Woman left of Dan Stockelman is Chanda Norman, VRC North Robyn Winans is in the Monster Maroon to her right is Kris Winegear and to her right is Elizabeth Weber Hazelwood. Woman down front is Kira Norman.

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Submissions are respectfully requested in the form of a Text file or Word document that can be sent via the INTERNET to FleetChannels@region3.org.

STARFLEET Special Operations Report of Region 3

By Brigadier Jeff Schnoor,SFMC

At the moment, there is only one unit in the region, it is the Black Legion off of the USS LoneStar. Capt. Joseph White Plans to recruit at Summit for more units for the STARFLEET Special Operations within the Region.

As of January 2009, Command of the STARFLEET Special Operations department passed to Captain Joseph White, of Region 3, and since then, he and his crack staff have been working to rebuild the STARFLEET Special Operations department, (Hereafter known as SFSO.) New officers have been put in place, and a new website has been designed to facilitate the disbursement of information. In cooperation with the STARFLEET Technology and Applied Research Department (STAR,) we are pleased to announce that the SFSO is open, once again, for business.

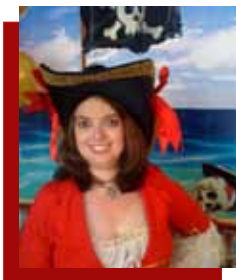
For those who are interested in joining the SFSO, (Which encompasses the STARFLEET Rangers, SEALS, Recon, Intelligence, and Support.) we invite you to turn your web browser to www.sfsosfi.org, and join with us on a great adventure.

The SFSO has it's own colleges in the STARFLEET Academy. Those colleges are the College of Special Operations Training, and the College of Intelligence Operations. The Deans of the College of Speical Operations Training and the college of Intelligence Operations have written almost 200 tests, and have many more on the way.

Any others should be answered in the SFSO Manual, and the other manuals that are soon to come.

Till the next reporting Period

Open Frequencies



A h o y there!

W h a t can this department do for you?

Besides bringing you Fleet Channels? Well, so far, the past month at least has been revolving around FenCon preparation-program books, advertisements, figuring out which King Cake to bring, what to wear to the Joan of Arc's room party..you know, all the

S.C.O.P.E

Greetings , currently we are still forming several away teams, in three different areas, that are all working towards becoming full chapters within Region Three. The first chapter will be in

north Texas, the USS Rachel Garrett . The second in south Texas, the USS Battleborn a correspondence chapter, and

CompOps

Been getting myself settled in. Aaron has been very helpful and supportive as I've gotten back into the swing of things.

Some of you know who I am, but for the rest, I'm Ken, founding Commanding Officer of USS VICTORY, and currently Ships laundry officer aboard USS JOAN OF ARC.

I left Fleet and fandom in general in 2000 and took a 5 year hiatus from anything Trek related up until VICTORY was about to celebrate her 10th

Regional Communications Report
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important things.

What does this have to do with you and your chapter? It means, that the Communications Departments isn't just for newsletters anymore! I'd like to reach out to every chapter to assist them in marketing themselves, especially those that are near the 10 member mark or just starting out.

I have available right now, sample press releases for meetings, sample welcome letters for new members, regional powerpoint template, letterheads, and busi-

Shakedown Operations Report
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finally in southwest Louisiana, the USS Lafitte.

As you may or not know , there is a great deal of effort to reach official status to become a chapter in STARFLEET. It takes time to prepare all the paperwork , recruit members, and then figure out chapter names and the correspondence with Operations and Regional Command. So I'd like to thank these brave Chapter chairpersons and their members for trying to work these issues out to become a chap-

Regional Computer Operations Report
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anniversary.

I've been a on and off 'official' member of Fleet since and hung my hat up with the JoA(they throw a great party!). This is my first foray into Fleet in any official capacity in almost a decade.

My background is mainly in IT, as well as graphic design and photography. I've also been a WW2 living historian(aka reenactor) since 2001.

Don't let yourself get stuck in a

ness cards.

This is why I need an Assistant. I'm putting out the "help wanted" sign as I need an enthusiastic person to help me edit Fleet Channels, bounce ideas off of, and help get the message out about STARFLEET.

I hope everyone enjoys the new look for Fleet Channels-I wanted to bring you a format that I could put in more lengthy features, pictures, and still keep the department reports that we look forward to.

ter in Region Three.

Remember ShOC is part of your team to help you form a Chapter. As a fellow Commanding Officer of one of our great chapters in Region Three, it is an honor to work with these new Chapters and help our region grow.

To our future I salute you.

room with me and a WW2 flick on. I'm a nitpicker 1st class with clusters :).

But enough about me.I'm in the middle of desiging a whole new website, which may or may not launch around Summit.

Will be posting on the lists just as soon as something is suitable to show.

If I can manage to shoehorn Summit in, I'll be seeing you all soon.

JAG REPORT

Greetings Region Three members!

This is an update on what is happening with the JAG department as of September 1, 2009. No reports have been made to this office that need attention by the staff. So that is good news. So since there is no business to attend to at this time, I thought I would discuss an important topic that affects all of us.

Identity Theft!

Things we do on an everyday basis can be dangerous to your pocketbook. These things we do we may not think about since we are creatures of habit and do things the same way for a long time.

Examples of this are carrying items of identification that aren't necessary for us to carry every day. Men have a habit of carrying their social security cards with them. This is a bad habit because if the wallet or purse the card is being carried in is taken someone can use this information to assume your identity.

Other things we may do is can make us victims is writing PIN's (personal identifications numbers) on the card or the card carrier.

One way to combat identity theft is so

Operations

For those of you that may not know me, I am the CO of the USS Lone Star and I have been a member of Starfleet for eleven years. I look forward to serving the members of Region Three as your Chief of Operations.

Operations is changing the emphasis of the department to one of assistance in planning and executing events. This includes everything from assisting a chapter with a bid for a region summit or other activity, to helping out with sector and quadrant events, or simply helping a chapter plan a party. Operations will be

Regional JAG Officer Report
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weed out forms of identification that are not needed on an everyday basis. You can stop carrying things with you such as voter registration cards.

How do thieves steal identity? There are several common ways. I have mentioned stealing your wallet or purse. But there are more crafty less obvious ways to get your information. The thief can steal your information from bills and receipts that are not shredded but thrown away whole. They can submit a change of address card for your address and receive your mail. This can be done after stealing bills that were taken.

Thieves can steal your information in by two methods called Phishing or Pretexting. Phishing is the thief pretending to be your banking institution or other company by email asking you for your personal information claiming that there is a problem with your account. If you suspect that there may be some problem with your account, don't answer this email but contact your bank and get the information directly from them. Don't answer suspicious emails.

Pretexting is when the thief uses false pretenses to obtain your personal information from you, your bank, telephone companies and other sources. You may not

Regional Operations Report
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there to assist whenever it is requested. Even if it is just to bounce an idea off a sounding board or help make sure everyone knows about upcoming events. Both in Fleet and "real life", I have a strong background in organizing and running events – whether they consist of a few participants or several hundred.

I am excited about this new opportunity and I will strive to be a positive resource for you, your chapter, and the regions needs.

know this has happened until you review your credit report and noticed a purchase that you made but you don't remember making such as opening another phone account or making a major purchase.

Another way to steal from you is called skimming. This is when the thief uses an electronic storage device that takes your credit card or debit card information when you process your card at a merchant or at an ATM. If you use an ATM look at the machine closely to make sure a card reader has not been placed over the real card reader already in the machine.

My advice to you is regularly check your three credit reports for errors and report them if you find them. If you believe that fraud was committed on your report you can file a police report to seek remediation. A police report and also help permanently block fraudulent information from re-appearing on your report after it has been report. A police report is usually necessary for the credit agencies to take action.

For more information on identity theft visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html>

Fleet Channels Deadlines

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

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

LTCMDR Louis Everett and his wife Desirae recently met up with some science fiction stars while attending DragonCon.



With Michael Biehn (Terminator, Abyss, Tombstone)



With Malcolm McDowell (A Clockwork Orange, Star Trek: Generations)

Brigade Report



The current state of the 3rd Brigade is in Current growth. We have gained two new units the 327th MSG Headquartered off the USS Corsair in Baton Rouge, La. A Special Operations Group. And NCO ran by 1SGT Matt Ezell as OIC with 4 Marines. The 347th MEU Headquartered in San Antonio Texas, A Combined Forces Unit Commanded by LTC Angie Schnoor with 9 Marines.

On behalf of the Brigade we welcome these new units and Marines

The current strength of the 3rd Brigade is 51 Active 60 Reserve Total of 111 Marines with in the Region Texas and Louisiana. This includes the Non assigned Marines of the Region. The Brigade currently has 13 Active

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marine Units.

We are asking all Marines of the Region to please go into the Database and click on member and than click on Affiliation and click Active or Reserve. So you will appear in the System and it will help when we are doing reports or recognizing marines for awards.

Also, if you are a Unaassigned Marine. We would like to encourage you to start a MEU or MSG. By asking your Ship CO and/ or Brigade Commander. And to please keep me informed as to your activities in the community and as a Marines so you can be recognized.

The Following Marines Recieved Valor Awards for there Outstanding Performance within the Brigade: On 7-1-2009

Cross of Valor: LGN. Aaron Murphy, 342nd MSG
Sword of Valor: COL. John Johnston, 308th MSG

Shield of Valor: BGN. Jeff Schnoor, 347MEU
Star of Valor: SGM Kaiden Kahos, 313th MSG
Legion of Valor: 313th MSG

Awarded 7-14-2009
Youth Cross of Valor: C/LCPL Izabo Turner, 313th MSG

I would like for all Marines and OICs to work on there Awards submissions and recognize there marines for the upcoming year. If anyone has questions please email me and I will be glad to help.

SGM Kaiden Kahos 3rd Brigade NCOIC would like all Senior NCO's of Units in the Brigade to email here at biohazarxllil at aol.com. We need to get the NCOs and enlisted involved and we would like to get your help in doing so. Please contact her ASAP.



This is the "rest of the story" on the USS CORSAIR's shuttlepod...

This is an update on what is happening The crew of the USS CORSAIR, had just finished their award winning "In-Training" session and the group had already set their eyes on their next major project. The much anticipated savior or death nail in Star Trek fandom known as J.J. Abrams' Christmas 2008 release of the new Star Trek movie. Fortunately, the date was changed to May 2009. This gave everyone a sigh of relief because they avoided having to explain why they wouldn't be at family holiday events because of their "silly science fiction movie".

Originally the crew had discussed that they wanted a "large show prop" for the movie. A large display always draws attention, not only from fans (who will possible be the Captains and Admirals of tomorrow) but also the media, which, if presented correctly, would help promote a club better than a million flyers in the hands of a million fans.

The movie was going to be "classic" so the group had three years (four if you count the animated series) worth of material to come up with an idea. The first idea was to build a "Guardian of Forever" but the member who was in charge of the project slowly lost interest in the project and the club.

The chapter chairperson's husband, Commodore Edward C. Tunis III, drew upon his past "command experience" while at the helm of Region Seven's award winning chapter, the USS JUSTICE. When Star Trek Nemesis came out they build a 1:1 scale TOS cloaking device (the movie was about Romulans, of course) and later the USS JUSTICE went on to build a Helm/Nav console for their video projects, which



doubled as a "recruiting prop". The USS CORSAIR needed something just as cool, just as amazing, but different.

Edward surfed the net trying to come up with an idea. Suggestions where made at chapter meetings that the CORSAIR should simply "repeat" what was done already and make something simple like the Romulan Cloaking Device or have a large model made of the chapter.

Edward found a website that talked about people building minor set props out of cardboard. Samples ranged from a play castle for kids to a parade float that looked like a pirate ship. He ordered the special rivets used to make these creations and started looking at ideas. There were people on the Internet that made models out of paper. Why not convert those plans from paper models, enlarge them by 10 times (or greater) and convert to cardboard.

Since the new film was going to be based in the "classic" years of Star Trek and no really good pictures of any of the key props were available, the thought was to go with a TOS style shuttle. After looking at all the rounded shapes it was quickly abandoned. The TNG Shuttlepod with its angular shape (and lack of rounded edges) became the model of choice to build off of.

Chapter Chairperson, Trisha Tunis, had



already started a relationship with the local movie theater where the club would be set up at for the movie premiere weekend. She told them what the club's plans were on a "prop showpiece" and requested if the club could use the old cardboard displays from the theater to help build the prop. Cardboard was collected and it was time to start drawing out the shuttle parts. The plan seemed sound. It would be light weight, and could break down for easy transport.

Regional Round-up



USS Ark Angel, NCC-1889
Sector 5 -- Round Rock, TX.
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XO -- LCDR Dixie Hill
Commissioning Date: January 1, 2001
Motto: "The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance"-- JFK



Salutations!

The USS Ark Angel just had its annual picnic in Lago Vista in August. We are now into are chapter elections phase, with our elections happening in October and our Change of Command ceremony in November.

The picnic area was beautiful and we made some new friends who just moved here all the way from Alaska!

It's shaping up to be a busy fall for us. Those of us that can afford it are looking forward to Summit at Fencon in September. We are having

our monthly meeting at the Round Rock Public Library on September 26 if anyone wants to join.

Our fall camping trip is in early October (9-11) and we'll be having our October meeting at the Star Wars Fan Days! Then the weekend of November 11th is Millennium Con here in Round Rock!!



Cadet Tunis Helps Prime the Pod

That plan lasted about a day. It was at that point it was obvious that this project would not be that impressive and would require more work then expected. It was at that time, Edward threw in the towel and listened to his father-in-law and started making new plans out of plywood. A new blueprint was needed since the original plan was using paper model



No one had an engineering degree, but the builders had heart and desire. Whole sides of construction fell apart when it was learned there were no nails in the nail gun. The old wood cutting rule is measure twice, cut one. The shuttlepod build team's motto was measure twice, measure again, rough cut, measure, cut a little more, then sand to fit.

The most interesting parts, the rear engine vents, came from a pair of bi fold closet doors which were cut to fit. These doors came from a Habit for Humanity Restore store. Cheap supplies and monies go to a charitable origination. A win/win as far as the USS CORSAIR was concerned.

The shuttlepod was originally designed to be in five pieces – 2 engines, a pair of connecting cross beams for the engines, main body and the cockpit. It was decided to leave the cockpit secured to the body to make set up easier. With a trailer and a pick up truck the shuttlepod made it's journey to the movie theater. The level of accuracy backfired on the group when it learned that the width of the shuttle was a few inches too wide for the double doors of the theater. Thinking of anyone who has moved a sofa came into play as several members (assisted my theater employees) tilted the shuttlepod and moved it into the lobby and to it's final resting place (at least for the next few months).

The shuttlepod was an instant attraction. The sister movie theater called to express their jealousy. Patrons came to CORSAIR members to say "I saw Star Trek yesterday, but I saw you guys on TV and had to see the movie again and see the shuttlecraft y'all built."

It may have been an ambitious project but the rewards were well worth it and it is now a pride and joy of old members and new! Now, what should the CORSAIR build for the next Star Trek movie in mid-2011?


instructions. The club printed out a multi profile picture of the TNG Shuttlepod from a website called "Starship Schematics Database" (<http://www.shipschematics.net/>). Not thinking about scale, Edward simply printed the graphics out as large as he could on 8 by 11 paper and thought about making his life easy by calling the scale one inch equals one foot. This shortcut would bring much amusement later on.

The trips to Lowes began. Some two by fours here some plywood there. Working a couple hours a night in the garage, Trish's Dad and husband, in the course of three months, some new tools and more lumber than previously planned gave creation to the USS CORSAIR's eye catching showpiece, a TNG era Shuttlepod and because of the guesswork – only 2 inches off from actual scale!

There were many trials and tribulations in the construction progress.



Final Set up for Shuttle Pod



USS Joan of Arc, NCC-73289
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XO -- LCDR Tahnya Abbott
Commissioning Date: January 6,
1994
Motto: "Legends Endure"

The USS Joan of Arc crewmembers spent the summer enjoying relaxing & renewing activities, so they could come back to the ship ready to revitalize the ships activities. For myself, my great summer adventure was attending Trek Expo in Tulsa OK. It was a great adventure!

Summer Shore Leave ended with a triple birthday bar-b-que at Jim & Robin's house. Crew-members, Jim Van Cleave, Christopher Van Cleave, and Robert Shaver more commonly known as

'Klingon Robert' all were the guests of honor. Each had an individual birthday cupcake complete with lighted candle!! Food wise hot dogs with multiple toppings, veggie trays, fruit trays, chips, dips, and assorted drinks both kid safe & adult proof were served. The club hosted a few of the out-of-town members: the Marines from Victoria, Ken Kopacki from S.A. & a couple of visitors Ingleside completed the guest list. We enjoyed the fellowship until the early evening when the kids watched a video & the senior officers held

a short meeting to brainstorm different ways to raise money to support the Lady J the rest of '09.

The August meeting was held in Sinton at the Butterchurn where this brainstorming continued. Check back in later editions to see what the results are.

Most of the families in the Lady J. are starting to prepare for the start of school. This year we will have 4 cadets in separate classes from 1st grade clear up to 8th grade. Alex got accepted into the new school of Science & Technology as one of forty applicants for the eighth grade. Yea for Alex! All students start classes on Aug 24th. We are looking for great things from our cadets this year.

Another group of the Joan that was also cited for achieving greatness is our Marine attachment. They gathered two major awards: Best Brigade of region 3 '09 and MSG Kaiden Kahos got NCO of '09. They put forth an astounding effort to present a memorable Marine Muster in Breckenridge Park over Memorial Day weekend. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

There will be a second Cadets' Excellence in Education in the next Fleet Channels report.

--Submitted by FCPT Kris Dobie

Meeting Mr. Spock

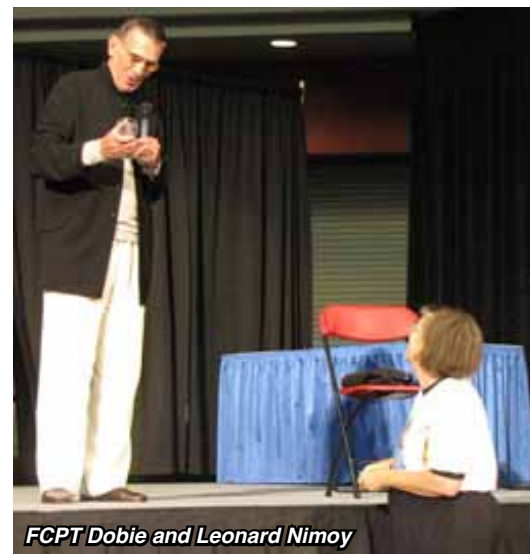
by: FCPT Kris Dobie
USS Joan of Arc

Every year for the past several years, my vacation has been to attend Trek Expo. This is a medium sized convention of about 750 to 1,000 people located in Tulsa OK. Each year there are about three to five leading actors at this convention. Leonard Nimoy topped the list this year. He was exceptionally fan friendly at this convention. Knowing how popular Spock would be, the Trek Expo Convention director, John Thornton, wisely changed the signature period from one time block to three blocks to accommodate as many of the Expo attendees as possible.

Mr. Nimoy did not have a table but audience questions were

encouraged during his two hour stage time. I decided to ask if he had a glass from Burger King, having brought an extra "Spock" from home. I excitedly lined up with the rest of the fans to ask Mr. Nimoy a question. When I introduced myself to Mr Nimoy, I asked him if he had any of the glasses from the new Trek movie. His reply surprised me as he said "No I have not" so I walked to the stage and bravely gave him his very own glass from the movie featuring "Spock of course! Mr. Nimoy was very appreciative of his gift.

This was one of my favorite highlights of this year's Trek Expo.



FCPT Dobie and Leonard Nimoy



Leonard Nimoy thanks FCPT Dobie



USS Regulator, NCC-7337
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XO -- LTC Kyle Schugart
Commissioning Date: October 1, 1992
Motto: "Defending the Final Frontier"

July and August have been interesting. In July, we had a regular meeting but only five of us showed up. But we did have some good discussion. August saw us at the Dallas ComicCon. I delivered the shirts I had made for everyone and they were a big hit. However, I had to take one back for repair but that wasn't too bad. Now everyone on the ship has a uniform shirt.

Hopefully sometime in the future we can get a group picture that we can post.

We are all looking forward to Summit09 this next month. It should be an interesting one with the new RC and having a Summit with a FenCon.

We are all waiting for the weather to change - although we know in Texas

it is suppose to be hot during the summer, even us die-hard Texans have had enough of 100 degree temperatures for this year. Bring on the 80's please.

See all you at Summit.



USS Victory, NCC-9754
Sector 7 -- San Antonio, TX.
CO -- COMM Sharon Lambert
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XO -- CMDR T.J. Arizmendi
Commissioning Date: May 18, 1995
Motto: "Now .. The Adventure Begins"

I realize that I haven't written in a while, so it's time for an update.

The Victory crew has been out and about this past several months. The crew got together for a BBQ on August 14. FCPT Gordon won a KENS 5 Backyard BBQ, sponsored by Head Country BBQ, Mission Tortillas, and Johnsonville Sausage (my personal favorite). The crew got together at the home of David Arizmendi, TJ's brother. The family invited friends and neighbors over for some tasty Texas BBQ, with brisket, chicken and bratwurst on the grill as KENS 5 weather guru Bill Taylor showed up to do his weather segment live from the party! (Who is that fool wearing a cheesehead?) I myself provided music for the party, and guests provided side dishes. The sponsors also threw in drinks, a cake and an apron (autographed by Bill!) for the host. Overall, it was a very exciting and fun affair. If you would like to view the video, here's the link: <http://www.kens5.com/video/backyardbbqindex.html?nvid=389754>.

Also, other crew members have been literally on the move. Comm...er, newly minted RADM Sharon Lambert and ADM Pat Spillers traveled to Charlotte, NC to attend the 2009 STARFLEET International Conference. The IC was...well, from what I heard, very interesting. And congratulations to RADM Sharon Lambert for receiving a promotion at IC. Shortly before the IC, Pat and husband Gene moved

to Lubbock. The crew of the Victory wishes Pat and Gene well as they begin a new life in Lubbock.

Also, several crew members took in the new Star Trek movie. TJ and I took in the movie at several venues, including the premiere in Round Rock, and in beautiful 3D at the Palladium IMAX here in SAT. The overall reaction was pretty good, with the action and special effects wowing the crew.

In other non-Trek related news, I finally graduated from Northwest Vista College with an Associate Degree in General Studies. I am currently attending Texas A&M University San Antonio campus, pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, and I will continue to go for a teaching certificate in Special Education.

The recent economic downturn has claimed many jobs. I hope that those of you who are out of work will be able to find something, and really soon. I sympathize, especially for TJ, who has been out of work since March. I am working, still at the school and at my part time job as a DJ. I feel guilty for having two jobs when so many are out of work, but I am grateful to be working.

Otherwise, life does go on.



USS Rhyanna, NCC-1892
Sector 5 -- Austin, TX.
CO -- RADM Heather Ford
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XO -- FCPT Kathy Hench
Commissioning Date:
September 24, 1991
Motto: "If we don't know it or we don't have it, we'll learn it or find it!"

The End Times

By the Crew of The USS Rhyanna

I first met the crew of the Rhyanna at the commissioning of my original chapter, the USS Intangible, in January 1992. We had never laid eyes on these people before, hadn't even heard of them, but here they were. They were just a couple of months older than us, having commissioned the previous September.

Over the years I came to know the Rhyanna crew via interaction at AggieCon and by hosting an R3 Olympics with them in College Station one year. After moving to the Austin area, Raymond and I had to decide which ship to join, the Rhyanna, or the Ark Angel. We decided to do both - Grace and I on the Rhyanna, Raymond on Ark Angel, and the rest is history. I feel honored to have had a chance to fill the position of CO on this chapter, but sad that I am the last CO. Over the eight years I've been with the chapter we've seen each other through the deaths of two of our members in a car accident, family deaths, family births, children growing up and leaving the house, marriages, lay offs, moves, and an amicable split that created the USS Serenity correspondence chapter. Our lives have changed in so many ways, and the chapter that I oversee today is not the robust chapter I joined back in 2001. Despite our decommissioning, we will always remain friends and continue to get together as time allows. We simply won't be a chapter of Starfleet any longer.

--Rear Admiral Heather Ford
Commanding Officer

I discovered the Rhyanna at a Star Trek Austin Regulars (STAR) convention at Westgate Mall in 1992. I met Gigi at the Rhyanna table and decided to join the Rhyanna. When I first started there were mostly males running the ship but soon Paula Hudson became CO and soon we became the female power ship we are now. I was trying to look for a paper showing when I started. All I could find is the date I took OTS - May 14th 1993.

One of the first big things I remember doing with the ship is the ship is Tex Trek in July 1993, that was great fun. Gigi and the people of the Rhyanna have become my best friends and my family.

--Fleet Captain Kathy Hench, XO

I am very sad to see the Rhyanna to come to an end. I have been with the Rhyanna since 1990 when it was still a shuttle. When I meet Gigi and the others I thought "Do I really want to spend the next ten years with these people?" Well, here I am 19 years later! It was the best thing I did. I have made so many wonderful life-long friends. I will always be a part of their lives. The Rhyanna coming to an end will NOT change that. My family and I have had many great times with the Rhyanna. I will miss being part of that. But I will always be a part of Starfleet, and Star Trek. I will be looking for a new Ship to join. Good Bye Rhyanna, I love you!

--Captain Sam Spradling

I have been a member of the Rhyanna since around 1995. I have been very fulfilled by participating in the collective parenting we had going for many years. I love the children of the Rhyanna, many of whom have grown up over the years before my eyes. When my first marriage ended I collected a new mate from among the ranks of the Rhyanna (Gigi). My daughter Tegan gained a brother and

Gigi's Christopher gained a sister whom he had long since called sissy anyway. Finally, Gigi gave birth to another child (Nicholas). So the Rhyanna gave birth (indirectly) to a marriage and blended family and a child alongside many other wonderful things. As the ship is retired from service, our friendships live on, and I only hope our children will find some similar community of mutual support as time passes and they take on the roles and responsibilities of adult life, especially parenting.

--Commander Brad Jacobson

Well, I guess I will finish off this round-robin of thoughts. Way back in 1990, I was member 6 on the shuttle Rhyanna. We met in a dormitory on the campus of what is now Texas State University. I was 32 and very definitely the old lady of the ship. But within 3 years we had relocated to Austin and the age was shifting. We have presided over 4 divorces, 2 remarriages (Heather's occurred on the Intangible and doesn't count!), what will soon be our 6th child, several grand children, 2 deaths (much to our regret) and the birth of 4 shuttles. In other words, life happened, inexorably rolling on.

Many of us have reached the point where our interest in Starfleet has waned. The friendships will never end. Both of my children's godparents were drawn from the ship, as my husband was! But time has sped up for many of us in our family life, and slowed down other parts. After 19 years, we feel it is time to end the ship. Some of us are joining other vessels, some of us are not. But rest assured that we will always consider each other as sisters and brothers, not just crew.

--Fleet Capt. Gigi Jacobson