

Fleet Channels – Region 3's Quarterly Newsletter

Hello from Your RC!

I hope everyone is doing well. We're just upon Summit time. Are you ready? Things are planned and falling into place, some things not so but soon will be. I sure hope the weather holds out in Lake Charles.

This will be my second visit to the area since we visited the hotel in January 2010 to check it out. I also hope that many of you have a great time. We have many things planned for Summit, some written, some unknown. You just have to show up and to find out all that is planned. We'll have door prizes too.

The Status of Our Region

Our Region seems to be transforming. We're getting an influx of new members, but some of the old guard members are leaving us, but we're our numbers are still increasing a bit. Some are even returning after break, but maybe not on the same chapter. We've lost one chapter, the USS Rhyanna several months ago, but many of the members moved to the USS Ark Angel, as the two COs had a bit of an exciting merger, with the birth of their twin baby boys. I have launched 3 new chapters and re-launched 1 returning chapter in the last 3 months. The meeting chapters: the USS Rachel Garrett out of Weatherford, TX and the USS Lafitte out of Lake Charles, LA. The new Correspondence Chapters: the ISS Thunderwolf out of San Antonio, TX (returning) and the USS Navras based out of Greenville, TX. It's an exciting time in the Region with many surprises and new faces.

The RC's On the Road Again

Since the last edition of the Fleet Channels, I've been quite a few places. Up to Big D to go bowling with the members of the USS Trinity River. I wasn't able to finish my games though due to having a severe cramp in the back of my leg. Never felt anything like it. But, the



TR Members were gracious and helped me to the car. It was a fun time and we went to eat dinner afterward. I flew to Lubbock to the USS Lone Star's 14th Anniversary Party where I also got to stay in the proposed Summit 2011 location. The party was very fun, had lots of members there, including our New Zone Leader Marian Murphy, the USS Victory's CO Sharon Lambert, and the USS Gunslinger's CO John Johnston, and I got to see their shuttle pod that they take to the parades. Driving down to La Porte, TX for the Battleship Texas Hard Hat Tour and Sleepover (I didn't sleep over though, went to hotel). This was a blast from the past, literally. They have been working hard on restoring this old girl. She's looking good and the tour was very exhilarating. I drove to Fort worth for the Regulator's monthly meeting, mostly to speak to our Regional Awards Coordinator, Kyle Schugart, but also to see some members of the Regulator present their MSG's and Ranger Unit's Guidons. They were beautiful.

Communication

Although we don't have a Comms officer at this time, we are managing to keep the communication flowing. Don't forget that there are email lists on the Fleet level at:

http://www.sfi.org/portal/index.php?option=com_weblinks&view=category&id=78&Itemid=236

Go to www.sfi.org and Click on Links, then Click on STARFLEET Mailing Lists.

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For the Region, we also have several mailing lists, and if you are only on one, I would suggest the General Discussion List. This list is THE place for all announcements about what's happening in the Region and also the Chapters can use it to invite you to a party, event, or meeting. We also have a TV Show list called "First List," the 3rd Brigade has a list, and also each Zone has a list (the old North, South, and

West lists will be going away after Summit). The Region's lists can be found:

<http://lists.region3.org/listinfo.cgi>

Go to www.region3.org and Click on Mailing Lists.

Besides the chapter lists on the sfi.org website, the Region also keeps a database of contact information and regional emails for the chapters. The Region's chapter list is available:

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

Finally, if you need to get in touch with a Chapter's CO or one of the Region's Staff members and you do not know their email address, then try our Contact Us page at:

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

Our website is as up to date as our Chapter's have notified us. If your chapter's information is out of date, please send the change to Regional CompOps. If you do not notify us, we do not know.

In addition to our website, the Region has a Facebook Group page. It seems to be another avenue to get some information out and also share pictures and videos. Search for us online, as well as Starfleet also. There are even other chapters and Regions that have Facebook pages. I believe several of Region 3's chapters also have Facebook pages.

Fleet's Document Changes & Election

As some of you know, as an Admiralty Board Member, I am on the Bylaws Committee, which

was tasked with re-writing the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (currently called our Constitution) for Starfleet. Both of those documents have been drafted and have been approved by the Admiralty Board for presentation to You, the Members, for a vote. The vote will be cast at the same time as the current election. Speaking of which, it is time for the Triennial Starfleet Election, where the Commander Starfleet and the Vice Commander Starfleet are elected. There is an election list set up where you, as a member, can ask the candidates questions. If you are interested in checking that out, there may be a link on the sfi.org website or you can email the Election Coordinator Jon Lane at comms@sfi.org.

I thank you all for your time and attention.

Reed L. Bates, Fleet Captain
Regional Coordinator, Third Fleet
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Region 3 Game Day 2010

Back by popular demand, Region 3 Game Day! That's right, you asked for it, so we are bringing it to you this fall. A full day of dice rolling, card playing, and board gaming fun presented by select volunteers from across Region 3, the Trader's Crossing Live Action Role-Playing society, and the Royal Dragoon Guards Battletech organization.

The mission of Game Day: To provide an opportunity to recreate with your fellow members at games you know and love – or better yet, try something new! Each event at Game Day is engineered to require NO prior experience. Fear not, the hosts at Game Day will be planning their tables with you in mind from the first time player all the way to hard core gamer we are sure to have a game to suit you. And with a games list like this, Magic: The Gathering, Battletech, card games, dice games, board games and more, how could you not want to be a part of the fun! We're happy to provide instruction on how you can have a blast

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around a game table. Something you'd like to play? Contact us at gameday@region3.org and let us know.

This year's event will be pure, unadulterated gaming from open to close. The Travelling Ogre snack bar will be on hand to provide for the requisite snack, drink, and between game meal needs at reasonable prices. We're not Ferengi, after all! The folks from Trader's Crossing will be bringing boffer swords, rulebooks, and props to show us how to Live Action Roleplay game. Ever want to wield a sword or a spell against goblins and orcs? Ever want to deal with wily merchants on the streets of a borderland village- or BE the wily merchant? Now you can get a taste of adventure, LARP style.

Wizards of the Coast game judge Larry Hortick will be hosting a table for the immensely popular World of Warcraft collectable card game. Cards and instruction on how to play will be provided, with expert advice from a judge who has run events at some of the largest game conventions in the US.

The Royal Dragoon Guards will have a Battletech table available, showcasing the massive, 12-meter walking war machines known as BattleMechs. This game, now in its 25th year since original publication has an incredible depth of history and background material for the five Great Houses and the genetically engineered Clans. Want to find out what all the excitement is about? Come see the RDG and learn why Battletech: A Game of Armored Combat has been a staple of our game group since the Cold War.

There's going to be a lot more at Game Day 2010, so make sure to watch the R3 web site and mailing list for more information!

Region 3 Summit 2011

Planning is underway for Summit 2011 in Lubbock, Texas, June 10-12, 2011. We have a

contract with Radisson Hotel and it is gorgeous! We have special activities planned for the cadets that have never been tried before. Away missions during the weekend can even include flights aboard World War II era planes (for a fee of course). It will be a special and exciting weekend so why not extend it into a true family vacation and come in early and/or stay late. There will be enticements in Summit 2010 registration bags and more information to be share during this year's summit in Lake Charles, LA. Watch for more announcements coming down the information highways and byways.

Lisa Pruitt
Summit 2011 Chairman
USS Lone Star

Greetings from Region ShOC

First, I want to introduce myself to all. I'm 1Lt Michael Tolleson, I'm the navigations officer aboard the USS Regulator. I'm also the DOIC of the newly started 33 Rangers.

Want tell you about the activity our Region has had the last few months. We have several shuttles launched in the past few months. We have the Rachel Garrett, Navras, Lafitte, and the Thunderwolf. The two returning or restarting chapter are made of several officers with lots of experience to share with there newer members. So everyone give them a welcome if you see them. The new shuttles are:

USS Rachel Garrett
CO: Comm. Marian Murphy
XO: LTC William Trimble

USS Navras
CO: CMDR Cody Glenn
XO: Lt Brett Elliff

ISS Thunderwolf
CO: (Expired)
XO: Capt George Parker

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USS Lafitte

CO: Stuart Griggs

XO: Manual Garrett

Please if you have contact with these people welcome them to the family. On another note, I have put together a cheat sheet so to speak of. This I have done to make it easier for up coming ships or chapters to know what and when things are to be done. This will save time, so there is less time spent in the manual. This also speeds up the process in getting shuttles launched. Please look on the Region site for this. There is

also an accelerated program starting up. This is for those ships from the past or crews from the past that want to get back in the heat of thing. There is a chart that is there to show you how it is possible to do this program. And, by all means ask, these still can be trying. Look forward to hearing from all and do not hesitate to ask for help with any of these tasks starting up a new chapter.

Michael Tolleson, 1Lt SFMC
333 MSG (USS Regulator)
Region 3 ShOC

SHAKEDOWN PERIOD REDUCTION TIMES

Aspect/Characteristic	Time Reduction
1) Returning STARFLEET Chapter from 6+ years ago	2 weeks
2) Returning STARFLEET Chapter from 1 to 5 years ago	1 month
3) Group already has 10+ persons	1 month
4) CO or XO already have OCC	1 week
5) CO and XO both already have OCC	2 weeks
6) CO and/or XO have prior service (at least one year) as a CO or XO of an operational chapter of STARFLEET	2 weeks
7) Group has organizational structure already in place (Provide verifying documentation)	2 weeks
8) Group already has a newsletter that has been active for 6 to 12 months. (Provide sample issues)	1 week
9) Group already has a newsletter that has been active for more than 12 months. (Provide sample issues)	2 weeks
10) Group already has a website that has been active for 6 to 12 months. (Provide verification)	1 week
11) Group already has a website that has been active for more than 12 months. (Provide verification)	2 weeks
12) Group already has a constitution and/or bylaws.	2 weeks
13) Group already has a rank/promotion system.	1 week
14) Group CO and/or XO are ‘FLEET veterans of more than 3 years.	1 week
15) Group has 5+ members who are ‘FLEET veterans of more than 3 years.	2 weeks
16) Group has 10+ members who are ‘FLEET veterans of more than 3 years.	1 month
17) Group has membership and/or recruiting materials (Provide samples)	2 weeks
18) Group has been functioning together either independently or on a semi to autonomous basis for at least 1 year (Provide verification)	2 weeks

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Chapter Reports:

USS Azrael

NCC 73339 USS Azrael NW Louisiana Zone 2
Commanding officer Flt Cpt Beau T Thacker

Greetings, the USS Azrael is a correy chapter based in NW Louisiana of Zone 2, Region 3. Last month was full of movie premiers and still more in June. We had several guest attend the premiers and had one sign on board with possible two more coming on board soon.

The movies, Ironman 2, Robin Hood, and how to train your Dragon were viewed in June also looking forward to Prince of Persia.

We delivery several bags of cans to the fuller house project and also took items to love thy friends a, charity re sell place like goodwill.

We went to one of the local malls and did some store recruiting, leaving both flyers and cards.

Next month looking forward to Summit in Lake Charles where several members are already signed up for the event.

Working on another issue of the Dark Angel our online newsletter...

We also have a facebook, account so look us up.

Contact Me: blackskull65@gmail.com

USS Bexar

Greetings Fleet,

My name is Jesse Gutierrez. I am the Executive Officer of the USS Bexar. I am writing to update the Fleet on happenings since the last issue of Fleet Channels.

The USS Bexar had an away mission to the Markley Family Farm in New Braunfels Texas. This away mission occurred on May 22, 2010.

This farm has fresh produce for sale that you pick yourself! We picked tomatoes, banana peppers, strawberries, blackberries, green beans, lettuce, and jalapenos. The prices were reasonable and the produce in abundance. One of the coolest features for this farm that makes it more Sci-Fi like is the farm is a hydroponics farm. All of the produce is grown in a vertical containment system. How cool is that!?

The ship will be having another away mission to this facility within the next few weeks and anyone who wants to come is invited! You can get details by emailing me at xo@ussbexar.net.

Details for those who wish to make their own trips to this farm is as follows: www.MarkleyFamilyFarm.com (830) 629-4877. 394 Union Wine Road, New Braunfels TX. 78130. Their hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday: 10am to 6pm.

On June 12-13 2010 The USS Bexar will be volunteering at the Folklife Festival in San Antonio. This event is held annually at the University of Texas Institute of Texan Culture. This event showcases all of the unique and diverse cultures that have settled here in Texas. This event will have food, fun, and unique items for sale.

Information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/>

The Bexar will have its regularly scheduled meeting at the Atomic Comics store on Broadway on June 19, 2010. All are welcome.

The Bexar will be having its Anniversary party on July 10, 2010 to celebrate another year of friends and family.

Remember all a few tips to keep yourselves safe through following a few tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all time. You may not be attacked if the attacker thinks you are aware of yourself and your surroundings.

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- Do not carry your social security number, voter's registration, and any other personal form of identification with you other than your driver's license or state issued identification card. These other materials can be used against you if your purse or wallet is stolen.

Until Next time, Be safe,

Lt. Cmdr. Jesse Gutierrez
XO USS Bexar
SEA Region 3

SS Freedom III

Hello All; from acting CO, CAPT Lloyd Bates!

My CO is having a few family crises, and has stepped back to address them in full, I have been asked to step up, (at least until after R3 Summit,) so here I am writing this for all of you to know this station is still alive and kicking!

I am working on the website <http://www.ssfreedom3.org>, it needs a bunch of content updated but the site design is getting a good working over =).

Reed Bates (Our illustrious RC) and XO FIII is preparing to try to get a newsletter going or at least an email of news to all members. It seems the last one we had done was back in 2007.

We have had some new members join us and a few move on, the 303rd is still doing well from what I hear and has gained a new member as well! All in all I am looking forward to Summit and seeing everyone again, and to the IC in Oklahoma as well...hope to see you all at both events!

Lloyd Bates, The Gnome
Acting CO SS Freedom III
Chief of Operations
Slave to the R3RC (unofficial)

USS Joan of Arc

May is usually a busy month aboard the "the USS Joan of Arc." Several things occur like the

now traditional appearance on the local PBS Tele-auction. This was our 15th year to answer phones in uniform or persona costume. We served for the entire final night (8hrs) as part of the phone bank, taking bids on the services and products up for bids. Also, fun is going out for a snack immediately afterwards. People just don't know what to say or do when about 8-10 crewmembers, in persona walk, thru the restaurant to order food!! Think when was the last time you saw a Klingon, Andorian, or Ferengi at your favorite restaurant???

Later in the month we have the Monster May bash...A party involving 7 birthday's, school graduations, & summer BBQ. It was held in Victoria this year for the second time in a row. The kids (both old & young) engage in a water gun tag games, visit with friends, eat huge amts. of BBQ, & play role-playing games until the wee small hours of the morning. The birthday people each have their own cupcake & it is really funny to sing to seven people at once. Early risers generally have to navigate bodies across the floor to get to the kitchen to fix breakfast. After a hearty breakfast, (egg, potato, bacon tacos, pancakes with coffee &/or juice) most of the crew, pack up bedding, clothes, kids, and various other items to head off to their own homes.

End of school activities for 3 different schools kept crew members hopping trying to attend at least one for each Cadet. I am pleased to report that ALL 4 of the Joan of Arc Cadets made the "B" honor Role for the year. Our students range from first grade thru eighth grade.

The club will have one last crew meeting on June 5th before declaring Summer Shore Leave until the end of July. This allows families to go on vacation & enjoy the summer months together.

Fcapt Kris Dobie RVA,
Science Chief. USS Joan of Arc 73289

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USS Navras:

Greetings, and I hope everyone's having a great (albeit hot) summer so far!

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself and our chapter to the rest of you. I am Commander Cody Glenn, CO of the USS Navras, a newly-launched correspondence chapter and proud member of the best chapter in the fleet-- Region 3! We've been lucky enough to have been warmly welcomed into the region, and guided by our support ship, the USS Regulator, and sincerely hope to help raise the bar on what is expected from a correspondence chapter.

Most of our members come primarily from Star Trek Online, where we have our own fleet together-- but it definitely isn't a requirement to be a member, since we're exploring tons of other methods to participate alongside us, and we even have an IRC chat channel set up on the Fleetchat.org internet relay chat network.

We're all really looking forward to what the future has in store, and we can't wait to meet and interact with the others in the fleet as we grow. Thanks for having us, and warp speed ahead.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
CMDR Cody R. Glenn
Webmaster, Shakedown Operations Command
CO, USS Navras - NCC-94010, Region 3

USS Regulator

The last few months the USS Regulator has been busy. Several of us were trained in CPR and how to use a defibrillator. Then we went to the Zone 1 Zoo Away mission and had a meeting at Angelo's BBQ. It's been an exciting and busy first few months. We are planning to attend a CATS baseball game in July. Hope to see everyone at Summit.

Liz Goulet, Commodore
USS Regulator
Communications Officer

USS SpiritWolf

2010 has been a good year for the SpiritWolf. Several founding members came back to our ranks as well as several new members joined the crew. The CO won in the CQ lottery earlier this year and issues were distributed at several Sci-Fi & comic book stores. I hope that it will be more than just the CO attending Region 3 Summit this year. Looking forward to Lake Charles. Until I see all of you in Lake Charles take care of yourself and each other.

In Service to the Region,

Commodore Robert C. Graham
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USS Victory

The USS Victory participated in the King William Fair (a San Antonio Fiesta event) serving up Hamburgers to the masses, also the Victory volunteered to be phone crew for the KLRN Blazing Gavels and also for the San Antonio Folklife Festival. The Victory will be attending Region 3 Summit and IC 2010 in Oklahoma. As of the report, the Victory had its CO elections and Alvina Bryant was elected the Victory's new CO.

Alvina Bryant, Captain
CO, USS Victory
Captain, SFMC
OIC 324th MSG

Messages from Your Region 3 Staff

Chief of Staff

Chapter members and hitchhikers of Region 3, I am Beau T Thacker your newly appointed Chief of Staff for the region. As I take over the torch from Lieut General Aaron Murphy I promise to uphold the bylaws and constitution of both Region 3 and Starfleet, but most of all I am here for you the member to help make Region 3 a

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great place for all to enjoy in fellowship, friendship, and fun. Background information:

I am a seven /half year Fleet and a veteran Commanding officer of 3 different chapters within Fleet. I have commanded the USS Sentinel Louisiana's first Trek chapter, USS Renaissance in New Orleans and the USS Azrael currently out of NW Louisiana. I was chief of Security for Region 3 and Shakedown Chief SHOC where I assisted five Chapters in various stages of Shakedown.

I currently work for the US Military fulltime and also a reserve officer in the FBI Ingra/homeland security section. My email address is blackskull65@gmail.com where my open door policy is in effect. Contact me anytime.

Being appointed at this time with Summit weeks away the staff and myself have been working hard at planning a fun filled summit for our family Region 3. I look forward serving the Region and Starfleet in this position.

FltCpt Beau T Thacker
COS Region 3
Commanding officer USS Azrael

Operations

We are in the final days leading up to Summit 2010. If you haven't registered yet, Do it now and don't miss out on all the fun. If you have, thank you very much and I shall see you there. We have free food, free liquid refreshment (both leaded and unleaded), lots of information to disseminate, "goodies" to give out, new friends to make and old friends to enjoy, fun local places to go, and time to just relax. What more could anyone ask for? Be there for a lot of Region 3 "firsts" at this summit. In the future you can boast about I was there for the Region's first Marine Dress Mess, first trip to a casino, first summit held outside the state of Texas, first Final Mission ceremony (we have a newly donated flag that has flown over the US Capitol for use during this ceremony) and lots more. It will be a weekend to remember. The REC has

worked extremely hard to make this the best summit ever. I know many of you have never been to as Region 3 or any other summit. It is one of the really fun parts of this organization and I hope no one misses out on it. Each one has some of the same things but each one is also unique due to the theme, attendees, etc. Come celebrate with us and share in the experience.

See you in Lake Charles!

Rear Admiral Lisa Pruitt
Chief of Operations, Region 3

Zone 3 Leader

It has been a very busy year for the chapters here in Zone 3. Many have involved in various charity functions. Several great movies have been released in the past few months and the chapters have gone in groups to go see them. Many members have participated in STARFLEET Academy & passed. Congratulations to all those who passed. Hope to see many of you at Region 3 Summit in Lake Charles. Until next time, take care of yourself & each other.

In Service to the Region,
Commodore Robert C. Graham
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Zone Leader 3

Oily Waters: Concerns from a Member

To: Region 2 and Region 3, specifically the coastal areas of Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi.

As a former member of Region 2, I have spent many a happy day on the beautiful Gulf Coast, mostly fishing, but also on the sandy beaches of Pensacola, Panama City, and fishing out of P'cola Bay. Most of my R2 friends live close to

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the Gulf, and many of you have a job related to doing business related to the Gulf.

There is no getting away from the news about the BP oil spill. Every time I see images of those very same beaches and waters that so many in the Gulf States enjoy and depend upon for their livelihood, I want to shed several gallons of tears for what humankind has caused to become ruined. I have heard the promises that the Gulf will be returned to its original state. I hope that it will...someday. In the immediate future, as I see images of the rust-colored oil staining once-beautiful beaches, befouling the abundant wildlife, and hard-working coastal residents lose their incomes over something that could have been prevented, I can't help but wonder how much this will impact the future of the Gulf Coast.

As I sit here in my San Antonio, Texas home, only 140 miles removed from the Texas Gulf coast, I think about those who have spent generations living off of the Gulf waters: fishermen, shrimpers, oyster harvesters, and those in the tourism trades. I have personally enjoyed fresh Gulf snapper, Gulf shrimp, and stayed on a hotel somewhere along the Gulf Coast, enjoying fine Southern hospitality. We here in Texas can count ourselves among the lucky. We, so far, have not had Texas coastline befouled by oil (at least not yet as of this writing), but, should the currents change, we may get hit here. I certainly hope not. I am hoping that this oil spill will be contained quickly and cleaned up just as fast. I want life for all Gulf residents to return to what was normal and once again enjoy the bounties of the waters.

I continue to say prayers that this catastrophe will end, soon, and with positive results. I hope someday to return to Pensacola Beach/Pensacola Bay and enjoy fishing for the bounty of the seas, and that Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana will rebound and prosper again. But we as the human race MUST take better care of Mother Earth. With the reports of more powerful storms, global warming, and the polar ice caps shrinking,

Mother Earth is sending man a powerful and clear message: take better care of me, or man will suffer the consequences of his actions. I am also reminded of Gene's Dream and the hope that man will continue to live long and prosper.

But we will die a quick, painful death if we don't do something about our actions now. Although many have offered solutions, those in charge continue to ignore the solutions offered from the public. All we can hope for is for the spill to be stopped quickly, and for us to offer whatever assistance we can. Unfortunately, the sheer magnitude of the spill and the damage prevents us from hoping for a quick, easy cleanup. We can't just take a roll of paper towels, go out and mop it up and call it clean. This is something that will take a long time to rectify, and we must allow nature to take its course, whatever that course may be.

Until this is over, let's hope that our elected officials take the best course possible, and that we can continue with our lives as normally as possible.

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