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Its that time of the year again!

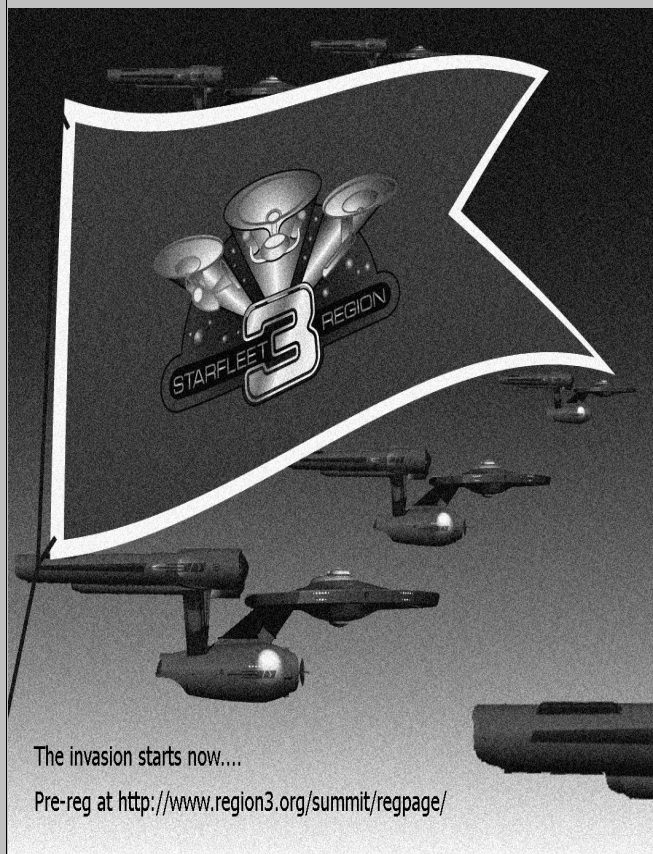


New Ark Angel CO Lloyd Bates mugging for the camera at Star Trek Fan Days

Looking for a new job beyond your chapter? Region 3 has staff opportunities for you! Details inside from our Chief of Staff on pg 14

Newsletter Editor i in sickbay for two weeks, details in the Geek Speak section, pg 5

New Year, New Retreat and Summit time! More inside.



The invasion starts now....

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Fleet Captain Reed L Bates

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Lieutenant General Aaron Murphy

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Awards Coordinator: Open

Quartermaster: Open

Region 3 is looking for you! See the Help Wanted ad pg .

REGIONAL MAILING LISTS

There are several mailing lists for the Region: The General Discussion List, the Lists for the 5 Zones, one for 3rd Brigade, and the First List for General Sci-Fi topics.

Information to subscribe can be found at the Region 3 Web Page (<http://www.region3.org/maillinglist>).



From the RC to You

FCAPT Reed Bates

Regional Coordinator

State of the Region

Since the last time we were in the holosuite together:

Game Day

The Region held a Game Day in Round Rock at the end of September, once again hosted by the USS Ark Angel. I wish to thank Lloyd Bates, Jeff Webb, and Clint Hill for planning another fun event. I also wish to thank Matt Hill and Dixie Hill for additional game mastering. Additionally, I would like to thank all those who traveled so far to be with us.

Fan Days

The next stop on the way to New Vertiform City was Star Trek Fan Days in Plano, Texas near the end of October. Where we had members from half the region represented. There were members from USS Ark Angel, USS Azreal, USS Bexar, USS Corsair, SS Freedom III, USS Lafitte, SS Maverick, USS Rachel Garrett, USS Regulator, USS Tejas, and USS Trinity River. Volunteers and staff for the con were from: USS Ark Angel, SS Freedom III, USS Rachel Garrett, USS Regulator, and USS Trinity River. Plus, I know some members of the Trinity River, the Freedom III, and the Azreal helped tremendously with the SFI/R3 recruiting table. Thank you very much.

In addition to the SFI/R3 recruiting table, the Trinity River had a table collecting boxes and boxes of Toys for Tots, the Azreal had a table selling Star Trek items to support the Children's Hospital in Shreveport, and the Regulator also had a table supporting Step Out for Diabetes.

Zone 1 Meeting

I attended the Zone 1 Meeting in Fort Worth in November 20. We started the meeting by attending the USS Regulator's monthly chapter meeting. (See more details in my

Freedom III report.)

Starfleet Election Results

The Starfleet Triennial Election results were announced on November 20 with the newly elected Commander and Vice Commander of STARFLEET are Dave Blaser and Bran Stimpson, respectively. The terms of office begin January 1 so the teams are in transition currently working to be up to speed then. Also passed in the election was a new set of Bylaws (formerly known as the Constitution) and a new Articles of Incorporation. Both of these documents will be effective January 1 as well. The Admiralty Board is madly working on a revised draft of a Membership Handbook to go with the new rules. In my opinion, it will be a piecemeal document, very similar to what we have already, but a newer, more polished version will come out at the end of February. Feel free to send any suggestions in regards to changed to your membership handbook or other documents in fleet to your CO to pass on to your Regional Coordinator.

Highlights of Upcoming Retreat

Retreat is planned for January 15, 2011 in Lubbock. The CCO and Staff will meet at noon and go until we cannot work any more. An Agenda for the meeting should be posted at least a week beforehand, but my goal is January 4 giving enough time for review and possible discussion among each chapters members. On the Agenda will be Summit 2011, Summit 2012, Retreat 2012, the Budget, revisions to the Region 3 Handbook, along with a completely new Appendices, discussion of events of interest, including possible Zone/Chapter paintball tournaments, conventions, and other trips, awards program, promotions, and anything else the CCO desires. Regional SHOC officer Mike Tolleson is planning to bring ideas of things chapters can do with little or no cost in these tight budgetary times. All COs please bring along you list of events to propose for the region to join you. If you would like the CCO and Staff to discuss something, please propose it up the chain of command by December 28, 2010.

The Regional Staff will meet via conference call the week prior to Retreat for their yearly orders and virtual floggings. Everyone attending Retreat will also be invited to join the Region in the party suite to gather for a celebratory toast with Aldebaran whiskey (or other beverage) later in the evening of January 15, 2010.

After the CCO meeting, everyone is invited to attend the USS Lone Star's 15th Anniversary Party. See the Lone Star's CO Lisa Pruitt for more details at lonestar at region 3 dot org.

*The RC Wants YOU to work for Region 3!
See pg 14-15 for more details.*

From Behind the Keyboard

LGN Aaron Murphy

Vice Regional Coordinator



Greetings,

Well, we've reached the end of another year, another election cycle (whether it's Fleet or US Government), and everything still seems to be creeping along. Oh yeah... the world's not supposed to end until 2012. No worries yet then.

Well, as many of you know, there is lots of change around us. We have a new Commander/Vice Commander, STARFLEET, a new incoming EC, new bylaws, a new Commandant, SFMC, and the same regional staff... at least some things remain stable. I hope that each of you will help get behind our new governing body and give them the support they need to move STARFLEET forward, no matter which side you voted for.

In the coming months, we have some fun stuff coming up. Region 3 Retreat/the U.S.S. Lone Star's 15th Anniversary Party will be held in Lubbock, TX. In the coming weeks, the R3EC should be communicating any important information that needs to be discussed at Retreat to the COs, so that they can plan to attend to choose their proxies, should they be required. Also, remember that Retreat serves as our planning meeting for the year, allowing us to plan the events that will be sponsored as regional events.

On a closing note, I'd like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and any other appropriate holiday wishes.

BTW, the 500 Quatloo reward for last issues missing articles was awarded to MECHA Kitty for expenses and catnip!!

Staff Reports

Chief of Staff

COMMODORE BEAU T THACKER



GREETINGS REGION 3, AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS MOMENT AND WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND FRUITFUL SEASON. REMEMBER SAFETY IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF YOUR LOVE ONES AND THOSE YOU DON'T KNOW.

WITH THE YEAR ENDING, IT HAS BEEN A REWARDING YEAR TO SEE MANY OF THE MEMBERS THAT NORMALLY WE WOULD COMMUNICATE FROM IN EMAIL. MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE REGION HAVE CAME TOGETHER IN MANY SOCIAL AND FUN EVENTS, FROM SUMMIT, IC2010, TREK FAN DAYS, AND CONVENTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, CHAPTER OUTINGS, AND ONLINE ADVENTURES LIKE THE TANK PHOTO CONTEST.

SINCE THE LAST FLEET CHANNELS MOST CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO TURN IN THEIR MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS BY THE 5TH OF THE MONTH AND I THANK YOU. A COUPLE TIDBITS ON MSR's. YOU CAN SUBMIT THEM EARLIER THAN THE 1ST OF THE MONTH BUT NO LATER THAN 5TH TO BE ON TIME. SUBMIT USING THE DATABASE, IF YOU NEED HELP ACCESSING LET US KNOW, IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINTUES OF YOUR TIME AND SOME ITEMS ARE ALREADY POPULATED FOR YOU.

ZONE LISTS, A COUPLE ZONES USE THIS LIST VERY GOOD COMMUNICATING BETWEEN THEIR MEMBERS IN EACH ZONE. IF YOU ARE NOT SIGNED UP OR KNOW WHAT ZONE YOU ARE IN, LET US KNOW AND WE WILL GET YOUR ZONE LEADER TO HELP YOU. ZONE LEADERS YOU NEED TO ALSO CHECK WITH YOUR CHAPTERS TO SEE IF THEY ARE SIGNED UP. ALSO YOU NEED TO COMMUNICATE ON THE ZONE LISTS, PLAN A ZONE MEETING AND SUCH. EVEN IF AN ONLINE MEETING USING SKYPE OR ETC,

REGIONAL CALENDER IS POSTED ON THE REGION 3 WEBSITE, AND UPDATED. ANOTHER GOOD TOOL BEING USED TO LET THE REGION AND VISITORS THAT ARE NOT ON THE ZONE LISTS, KNOW WHAT FUN WE ARE HAVING AND WHEN. CHECK YOUR PLANNING. WWW.REGION3.ORG BY THE WAY.

NEXT YEAR SHOULD BE A BLAST WITH THE MANY EVENTS AND FUN REGION 3 WILL BE HAVING. SO COME JOIN US AND HAVE FUN.

From the NCOs

Region Three Senior Enlisted Adviser quarter report.

As of this quarter, No request for service have been made.

I am making a request with each ship for an activity day that places the Enlisted against the Brass.

I'm going to ask each ship to have a game and keep score. The score can be sent to me for report to Fleet. This would be a fun event and cost effective as each ship would design and play their own games. A ship can play monopoly and send in the results.

I am also trying to setup a game day that members of the Fleet can attend and play hard. I have contacted several paintball fields in Texas to setup an event but the idea may not be cost effective for members. I will seek input using the CO list if anyone want to do this paintball event or possible a centralized game of some sort. I will accept any ideas for participation in a Region wide game. This game day can also be done at the Retreat or Summit.

Jesse Gutierrez
SEA Region Three

Syntax Errors

Computer Operations
LGN Aaron Murphy

Greetings,

I would like to give you a glimpse into the current and future plans of Region 3 Computer Operations.

Current Development

1) Region 3 Retreat website - in the coming days, I should be bringing a page online for the Region 3 Retreat and the U.S.S. Lone Star's 15th anniversary party in Lubbock, TX. Once this page is live, it will be posted to the R3 website homepage and to the R3 lists.

2) 03 Brigade website - one project that has gone way too long without progress has been the electronic home of the Dogs of War. I intend to remedy this, quite possibly also in the next couple of weeks. Once completed, it will be linked from the Region site and announced to the 03BDE list.

Future Development

1) I have some ideas for enhancements to the chapter list, including ship type, logos, etc. I will be working with the individual chapters to make sure that I have current, high quality logos. In the cases of those chapters who don't, I'll be offering my graphics skills to create one for you.

2) A little more of a long-term project will be a Regional Awards database. It will most likely be rolled out in two stages, the first being current awards. Later, as the data gets retrieved and sorted, we will try to enter previously earned awards for each member/event.

Maintenance

Site maintenance and updates continue on both the R3 website and in the daily fight against malicious spammers and phishers. As your chapters change your information, please remember to update me so that I can keep your chapter listing accurate.

In Service to the Region,

Aaron Murphy
Lieutenant General, SFMC
Chief of Computer Operations
Third Fleet, STARFLEET

The Commo Geek Speaks

BGN Mark West

Greetings and Holiday Wishes to my fellow Region members.

Well, since the Creeping Crud hit me at the beginning of the month, this issue is running behind. I guess someone up there wanted me to make sure its done right. Thanks to Beau for helping collect reports!

I am working on a couple projects for the Region, and they depend on you and your chapters getting me information as soon as possible.

I am trying to keep the Region Calendar updated and current. So what I need from all of you is to send me the events that you want the Region to know about in advance.

THE REGION CALENDAR IS THE PLACE TO ADVERTISE!! Send me your information on the event far enough in advance, at least a month ahead please, and we will make sure it gets on the Calendar so people will know when and where. Calendar at region 3 dot org is the place to send the info too.

<p>I want to thank everyone who did manage to send me their articles this time around, I don't have to change the filler topics this time for those who didn't send in. On the topic of articles, I am not asking for much from the ones who didn't send, just a few sentences about your chapter. Heck, people are curious, I know I am! That should be enough to get you talking. Lets get the fingers clicking on the keys and get something in next time. I'd like to have some of you chapters that didn't submit something in the next Fleet Channels.</p>	<p>paid for by the Regional Coordinator.</p>
<p>So, if you didn't guess, I am STILL asking for articles for Fleet Channels, especially from those who haven't been sending things in. You know who you are!</p>	<p>We have a new year to plan, new information to take back to your chapter members, the latest news on Summit 2011 and Joint Summit 2012, plus all the fun and fellowship of getting together with old friends and making new ones. The RC will send out an Agenda and any documents for review by January 7, so pay attention to the Regional mailing lists. When in doubt of what to do at the hotel, go to the 6th Floor and go into the Waylon Jennings Suite where the Region has lots of room to gather and play. Hope to see everyone there.</p>
<p>The next deadline for the first Fleet Channels of 2011 is:</p>	<p>Don't forget to sign up for Summit 2011 in Lubbock June 10-12, 2011. See the Region's website for details.</p>
<p><u>February 28, 2011</u></p>	<p>The current prices are listed, but adults are \$20 and covers the entire weekend of fun, except for the banquets. The Friday Night Marine Dress Mess is in the planning stages, as well as the Saturday evening Awards Banquet and Dance. Once the two banquet menus and costs have been decided for those items, they will be posted to the regional mailing lists with instructions on how to sign up.</p>
<p>So, you again have been warned!!</p>	
<p>See you in a couple months.</p>	
<p>Region 3 Financial Summary <u>LT Sydney Le Jeune</u></p>	<p>Make you hotel reservations or locate someone to share with, pack your bags, and get ready for an informative and fun weekend. We have a new year to plan, new information to take back to your chapter members, the latest news on Summit 2011 to share, besides all the fun and fellowship of getting to gather with old friends and making new ones. Be sure to register at the Region 3 web site so we know how many to plan for. Also, if you are not driving in, let us know your travel schedule so that we can be sure everyone is picked up in a timely manner.</p>
<p>For the regional finances, we have \$976.30 in our accounts at the end of the quarter, September 30, 2010. We had some expenses during the quarter, including payment to the Summit 2010 hotel of over \$2,500, travel for the RC and her Assistant to IC in Oklahoma of approximately \$1,000, awards supplies of \$80, charity flow through of \$440 from the charity auction, and Louisiana sales tax of \$3.03. Although Summit was in the second quarter, it took a while for the hotel to produce an invoice and then cash the check, so that is why the hotel was paid in the third quarter. We had some income for the quarter was mostly for Game Day and a few early bird registrations for Summit 2011.</p>	<p>After those activities are over, we hope you will join the USS Lone Star as it celebrates its 15th anniversary. We love to share milestones such as this with all our friends throughout Region 3.</p>
<p>It's time for Retreat! Make your hotel reservations or locate someone to share with, pack your bags, and get ready for an informative and fun weekend. Retreat is the weekend of January 15 in Lubbock. See the Region 3 website for all details, but there is no cost to attend Retreat other than travel and food. Please RSVP as soon as possible to the Chief of Staff Beau Thacker for Retreat at cos@region3.org. In addition, if you're attending the CCO meeting, please notify the RC at rc@region3.org whether you like turkey or ham sandwiches (or any special dietary requirements) for lunch being provided to the CCO and Regional Staff</p>	<p><u>Menu:</u></p> <p>Wedge salad with choice of dressing</p> <p>7 ounce steak AND 7 ounce grilled chicken breast</p> <p>Baked potato with trimmings</p> <p>Bread</p> <p>Brownie Topped with vanilla bean ice cream and hot fudge sauce.</p> <p>Coffee and tea</p>

A vegetarian selection is also available.

Cost is still \$25.00 for adults

Children's menu:

Chicken strips

French fries

Fruit cups

Cost for children is \$12.00

It will be off site from the hotel but transportation will be provided if needed.

I understand there has been some concern about the cost of apparel for the dinner. Since it is so close after the holidays, we will step back some. Dress uniforms are definitely appropriate (salt and peppers, monster blacks and maroons, white dinner uniforms, and admiral jackets). For the gentlemen, a suit or even nice pants, dress shirt, and tie are appropriately. Ladies, a nice dress or dressy pant suit is also appropriate. The main thing is **NO SHORTS, JEANS, TSHIRTS, OR TANK TOPS!**

No one has to go out spend a bunch of money for clothes for our dinner. Most everyone has something in their closet that will do.

After the meal and awards it will be party time back at the hotel.

I need a head count by Monday January 10th to give to the caterer at lonestarlisa at att dot net.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me.

Hope to see everyone face to face at the party.

Operations out.....

ShoC-ed Report

MCPT Michael Tolleson

Greetings from the ShOC office,

We have several ships moving forward nicely in the Shakedown phase of our program. The ships that are in shakedown are as follows:

USS Navras

Commanded by: CMDR Cody Glenn

ACTIVITIES :

Conducted regularly-scheduled meetings, continuing to plan their chapter commissioning.

Plans being made for a February trip to Orlando, FL, to see a shuttle launch.

Membership recruitment drive being pushed.

FLEET MEMBERS :

CMDR Cody Glenn
ENS Bruce Koehler
LTJG Paul Dennis
LT Floyd Whittiker
LT Brett Elliff
ENS Thomas Hickey
LTJG Jonathan Martindale
LTJG Mark Benson
ENS Jeremy Mayes
ENS David Cherrington
ENS Marshall Sattler
ENS Matthew Elliff

USS Battleborn

Commanded by: LTC Jeremy Carsten

CMDR Glendanne Block
LTC Jeremy Carsten
Clint Block
MAJ John Considine
ENS Sarit Carsten
CPL Marjie Chauvaux
ENS Carey Minchew
Reba Scott
ENS Dreaux Minchew

ACTIVITIES:

The Battleborn is designing there web-page along with schedule meetings.

USS La Fitte

Commanded by: Stuart Griggs

Rachael McVicker
Michelle Haynes
Garrett Manuel
Kevin Cinqemano

Michael Roussel
Gregory Roussel
Stuart Griggs
Duane Bergeron
Roger Stelly
Molly Metreon

ACTIVITIES:
Nothing to Report

USS Serenity
Commanded by: RADM Stephanie Izard

RADM Billie Clifton
David Clifton
Rhonda Dobrovolski
Mary Izard
Jenni Slocum
Joseph Slocum
Tabitha Slocum
Tabitha Tracy

ACTIVITIES:
Nothing to Report

And finally we have a new chapter starting in Abilene. I have just sent the info out to the commander to get things rolling, so please when you hear from them make them welcome and offer any help you can. Thanks

Across The Zones

Zone 1 RADM Marian L Murphy

Greetings from Zone 1;
I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and I wanted to say thank you to the Regulator for allowing me to hold the Zone 1 meeting after their meeting on the 20th.

4 chapters out of the zone were present; Calendars and holiday plans, i.e. parties were discussed. Several ideas for trying to make the zone meetings ... a little less "dry" were suggested, and hopefully at the next meeting there will be more!!! No reason we can't meeting and still have a little fun. With the holidays (and after) so busy, the next Zone 1 meeting will be SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 2011 at the Weatherford Public Library or would you prefer some where we can have lunch/or a little fun. The floor is open for suggestion, and if I don't get any then we have to do the "same ole

same old".

Don't forget the Region 3 retreat in Lubbock on Sat. Jan 15th, 2011.

In service to Starfleet and Region 3
Marian L. Murphy

Zone 2 COMM Trisha Tunis

Zone 2 Report-Second to None

Avast there me mateys!

The big news in the Zone is we got a gathering happening in New Orleans the weekend of January 29-30th. If you like Star Trek (which I really hope you do, since you're in this club!), Buffy, B5, comics, Star Wars...let's just say the guest lineup is impressive and this is the con to attend. Headlining are Lou Gossett Jr, Claudia Christian, Ray Parks, Walter Koenig, James Marsters and if you want to "Monkee" around a bit..Peter Tork. I've secured a table already for Region 3, and of course, I need volunteers to help tell others how much fun it is to be a part of our organization.

For more information, please refer to their website at <http://www.wizardworld.com/home-neworleans.html>. I hope we can organize a group get together of some sort, even if its drinks back in the hotel room. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Another idea I wish to toss out there is to help some of you out there to take more Starfleet Academy Courses. Once a month, CMDR Brian Landry of the USS Corsair is willing to host "Academy Study hall" where we get together on Skype, and while we don't give you the answers (NO CHEATING!), but can at least commiserate on how interesting it is to find the answers sometimes. We've found it a great way on our Chapter to motivate people to finish OCC, and try some different courses. If you are interested in attending, please email me at pirate.trisha AT gmail.com, and I can connect you with him.

Now, for your recruiting tip of the quarter. Half the trick of getting new members is to make it fun! Hand out paper and pen at your next meeting, (or if you're online email) ask *why* they enjoy being a part of your Chapter. What do you do with this information? You can compile it into a nice little flyer (if you need help, let me know), also it gives you talking points at recruiting tables. The one question you must be able to answer for a prospective member is "Why should I join your

<p>club over anyone else's club?" Define for them what makes you different.</p>	<p>Zone 4</p>
<p>Take care everyone, and stay out of trouble.</p>	
<p>Zone 3 <u>COMM Robert Graham</u></p>	<p>The center zone of the Region is being reorganized as the Zone Leader Major Jeff Webb has stepped down due to real life considerations including going back to school as a student instead of just working at one and becoming a foster family with his wife Mary!. All the best to Jeff as he will be more haggard and drawn with dealing with children at home as well as school.</p>
<p>As the year of 2010 comes to an end, Chapters have been very busy with monthly meetings, supporting local charities as well as other activities. Members spent the Thanksgiving holiday with family & friends.</p>	<p><i>Interested in being in charge of a Zone of Region 3, see the Help Wanted Section next for more information.</i></p>
<p>Unfortunately, we lost several members during the past few months as well. Brian Blackburn of the Joan Of Arc passed away earlier this year. Everyone is having holiday celebrations as well as preparing for the 2011 Region Three Retreat.</p>	<p><u>Chapter Reports</u></p> <p>USS Battleborn <u>LTC Jeremy Carsten</u></p>
<p>In closing, I would like to wish all of you & your families the very safest & happiest of holiday seasons. See you at Retreat.</p>	<p>Ahoy 3rd Fleet!</p>
<p>Zone 5 <u>BDR John Johnston</u></p>	<p>The slowly growing crew of the <i>USS Battle Born</i> greets you, and is proud to join Region 3 as the newest chapter to launch! The current iteration of the <i>Battle Born</i>, launched July 19th, 2010, grew from the 301st MEU, which has had the pleasure to serve in 3rd Brigade for over a year now. With the addition of some new folks, we decided it was time to give this ship business another go!</p>
<p>Red 5, Standing By!</p>	
<p>Well, folks, it's wintertime again! I hope you've got your fire going, a warm blanket wrapped around you, and you're holding a nice hot drink in your hands while you're read this copy of Fleet Channels. Just be careful not to spill that drink on your computer.</p>	<p>Historically the <i>Battle Born</i> hails from Carson City, NV -where it's been, in some fashion or another, a Trek club since 1996 (almost continuously!) - with several dips into the ranks of SFI. This time, we're back, and functioning as a correspondence chapter; allowing several of the former members to return, no matter where life brought them geographically. We're definitely looking forward to new members to join us on our casual trek through fandom.</p>
<p>On December the 19th, the USS Gunslinger will be assisting the El Paso Japanese Lolitas in presenting the second annual Wintercon, an El Paso area Anime convention. This year, Wintercon will be held at the El Paso Wyndham, next to the El Paso Airport. The Gunslinger will be assisting with security, as well as providing the jail cell to raise money for the con charity (not announced at this time).</p>	<p>Currently we are reorganizing from being the 301st MEU to expanding our by-laws to encompass a full chapter, re-work our motto's and logos, and get everything ship shape! A new main website for static information is being developed, as well as some slight re-tooling on our forums to accommodate the focus on ship, vs MEU.</p>
<p>In preparation for the 2011 Regional Summit, the USS Lone Star will be hosting the Regional Retreat on January the 15th. Go to http://www.region3.org/summit for more details.</p>	<p>We run all our business via our web forums, with the occasional web chat for discussion. Within the <i>Battle Born</i>, all paid SFI members get one vote for ship's business, no matter rank or other participation level (we all pay the same dues, we all get the same say). The 301st MEU has become the 301st MSG, remaining on the <i>Battle Born</i> as the Combined Arms SFMC unit. The 301st will likely undergo some logo and motto changes</p>
<p>That's all I have for Zone 5 this time. I hope you enjoy your Christmas/ Hanukah and New Year. See you next year!</p>	
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as well, as the dust of this all settles.

The bulk of us are planning our first really big Away Mission - World Con 2011 in Reno, NV, August 17-21, 2011! We will be starting up some free, forum based, very casual Role Playing, and possibly getting into some online gaming later on down the road. We enjoy discussions on our forums about current science and technology, as well as that of trek, and other sci-fi genre's (Firefly, the new BSG, X-Files, etc).

So that's the quick intro of your newest Neighbors in Region 3! If you have any questions, or comments, please contact myself, LTC Jeremy Carsten at efferus@ussbattleborn.com or my XO, John Considine at XO@ussbattleborn.com. We're always looking for more friends throughout the fleet, be them potential new crew members or just good folks to chat with!

"Been there, done that....Back for more!"

Editor's Note: This report was actually supposed to be in LAST issue, but after looking at the copies of the drafts from last time, this article got deleted accidentally while I was spacing pictures and such. THAT'S WHY ITS FIRST! Jeremy was a good sport on this, so I owe him a Diet Coke or something at Summit. Nothing expensive, I am on a fixed income... mw

USS Ark Angel CAPT Lloyd Bates

Let's get things stirred up USS Ark Angel!

Hi!

The new CO of the Ark Angel is here to tell you that things have been quiet in our neck of the woods for way too long. In the last administration, everything was let go by the wayside... Our domain name lapsed and wasn't renewed, our website is no longer functioning, and I for one couldn't sit by and let this happen!

So in that light; I have declared marshal law and am going to be building a new fire over the ashes of this once proud central Texas chapter! Having just taken over I haven't had a chance to get much going as of yet. But planning is in the works to start getting these folks off there duffs and back in the race so to speak.

Xmas party planning is ongoing, my first Retreat is coming up, the Ship's 10 year anniversary is new years day and I'm hoping to have something planned for that as well...

So till next time "Fair Weather and Following Seas

USS AZRAEL COMMODORE BEAU T THACKER



THE ABOVE PHOTO IS COURSTY OF CAPTAIN BRENT CHAPMAN OF THE USS TEJAS, WHICH IS FROM FILES OF THE COMPUTER GAME, BRIDGE COMMANDER.

ANOTHER MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, AZRAEL MEMBERS ATTENDED, HOSTED, CONDUCTED, AND HAVE FUN AT FANDEMONIUM IN BATON ROUGE LA. NOV 10-13. HERE WE MET ROBERT PICARDO AND HAD A LOT OF FUN.

MEMBERS ALSO GATHERED AT COMMODORE THACKERS HOUSE FOR A THANKSGIVING PARTY. THE CADETS GOT INTO SEVERAL INTERESTING GAMES WHERE THEY WON PRIZES. ALSO MEMBERS PLAYED XBOX 360 HALO REACH AND PLANNED A RPG AND AIRSOFT GAME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ALSO DURING NOVEMBER MEMBERS PLAYED PAINTBALL WARS, FOR OVER FIVE HOURS RUNNING UP AND DOWN THE GULLYS AT BAYOU DORCHE.

THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER THE DARK ANGEL WAS POSTED WITH LOTS OF COOL THINGS TO LEARN AND DO, PLUS ARTICLES ON FUTURE EVENTS AND OTHER LORE.

THE USS AZRAEL WANTS TO TELL ALL STARFLEET MEMBERS TO HAVE SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Bexar Happenings MCPO Jesse Gutierrez

The USS Bexar attends the Renaissance Festival!

On November 13, 2010 the USS Bexar attended the Renaissance Festival in Plantersville Texas. Two members in attendance Maria and Edward Thomas wore period costume! Mixed into Edward costume was a Roddenberry IDIC. Members in attendance watched

shows such as the Ded Bob Show and the Tynker Clan. Foods were tried such as homemade root beer, Cajun chicken on a stick, and turkey legs. Many people in different kinds and periods of costumes were noticed. A stormtrooper of the 501st was in an armor with a kilt and a cap. Two guys were met from Corpus Christi were even in Fleet uniform. There was even a jousting competition. The day was long and fun and the ship hopes to attend the fair next year. On a personal note, I did notice a cool eating utensil that was being sold by a blacksmith shop. The item was a spork. The unit was made of black metal with two tines on one end and a spoon on the other. It was cool and heavy.

USS Bexar Cadet report for the Renaissance Festival

The Cadets of the Bexar attended the festival. One thing that was noticed at the fair was classic wooden toys that didn't need power to be used. One toy was an hourglass shaped toy that you put on a string and you sort of used it like a yo-yo. We learned to play with balls made of glass. Another popular toy was three batons. You used two and tried to keep the third from hitting the ground. The most popular toys of course were the wooden swords and axes.



Maria and Edward Thomas in period costume



Scottish Stormtroopers?

Speed of the Corsair COMM Trisha Tunis

USS Corsair Report

The USS Corsair has set course for adventure once more this past quarter. LT Gail Perrin organized a highly successful Relay for Life, raising over \$700 for the American Cancer Society-even with technical difficulties of missing a few of those pesky cables to set up Rock Band. Really, who knew you needed them? But we had fun anyway that day, hanging out as a crew, and being inspired by the many survivors present that day including a few of our crew. We're looking forward to doing another large fundraiser early next year at a local eatery and a Rockathon/Readathon.

The Wine Tasting at the Louisiana RenFest was wonderful, and we got to experience Wines of the New World. We will be doing a private wine tasting next year, so that way we can accommodate even more friends-to join in the song, drinking, and bawdy jokes. We will be traveling next year to the Texas Renaissance Faire. So be warned..the pirates are coming! It was great to meet up with several Region 2 members of the USS Continuum.

Other stuff that kept us busy...We did the Harry Potter premiere, donated toys to our friends in the Red Stick Rebellion for their Toys for Tots toy drive. Yes, they think the force will help them to convince people to put more toys in their bin. Silly Stormtroopers. Then there was Bow Wow Ween with the Livingston SPCA, and we helped organize an autographing with Victor Gischler (Go-Go Girls of the Apocalypse). Several members attended the annual Louisiana Romance Writer's Luncheon, where we got a chance to meet New York Times Bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon (Dark Hunter Series)-and as a bonus received a huge tote bag full of new books to read. Plans are made to attend next years where Sabrina Jeffries (The Hellions of Halstead Hall) will be talking.

Our Away Team USS New Orleans had its first successful meeting December 2, and will be meeting again later in December. If you want to join his now forming Chapter, contact the Team Leader Ken Bradley at cbradley11 AT cox.net

And now for something completely different..the pirate joke of the quarter..

Question: Where did the one legged pirate go for breakfast?

Answer: IIIIIHOP.

As usual, if you want to see what we're up to, go to our calendar of events at <http://www.meetup.com/BRStarTrek/> and "ARRRRRR" SVP for the next away mission.

Let Freedom Ring FCPT Reed Bates

Greetings Region 3! I, XO FCPT Reed Bates, have to report that, it is with a sad yet happy heart, that I bid farewell to my fellow Freedom III crewmembers. I have had a good experience being their XO and will look back on it fondly. It was my first time in the top 3 officers of a chapter (but I have not been near as busy as being the RC). I am re-joining my old chapter soon, so this is my last official chapter update for the FC. I have had fun and interesting conversations with the members of the F3. They're a good bunch of people to know. I will miss being on a chapter with them.

Couple of F3 members attended Game Day in Round Rock Sept. 24-26 and had a great time. Hosted up to 9 Regional 3 members at their house as well. The Games were fun. Lloyd Bates bowled at or above his average on all 3 games.

Couple of members attended Star Trek Fan Days in Plano on October 23 and 24. Members assisted Starfleet by staffing a recruiting table, Reed Bates also made a new flyer to recruit for the Freedom III. Had lots of fun and worked hard. Reed Bates came face to face with Tia Carrere and Michael Dorn—was speechless—but did her duty to escort them to their goal. The Star Trek Q&A with Michael Dorn, Jonathan Frakes, and Brent Spiner was hilarious.

303rd Airwolves finalized preparations to assist the USMC Toys for Tots Campaign during the holidays. Announcements went out to the whole Station crew, not just the marines. The Marines also have a new Yahoo Group to communicate at <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/AIRWOLFSSPEICIALFORCES/>

Our CO, Fleet Captain Evan Richards, has recently been having some computer issues so has been offline for the most part, but is available via phone. Last I heard, he had both of them down in engineering with hopes that they would be fixed with Scottie speed.

Both Reed and former member now turned CO of the Ark Angel Lloyd Bates will still work with the Freedom III's website and email list in this transition time and will

assist the new members in training. Visit it at: <http://www.ssfreedom3.org/> .

On 20 November, XO FCPT Reed Bates attended the Zone 1 Meeting held in Forth Worth, TX. The Zone 1 Meeting was held in conjunction with the USS Regulator's monthly chapter meeting held at the Spring Creek BBQ. Reed participated in the Regulator's meeting as well, along with some other members of Zone 1 (Dan Stockelman from the USS Trinity River, Zone 1 Leader Marian Murphy from the USS Rachel Garrett) and also the Region's Chief of Staff Beau Thacker was able to attend, as his son Cameron lives in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Members of the Freedom III are looking forward to the holidays and New Year. One or two may be at Region 3's Retreat in January.

USS Joan of Arc RVA FCPT Kris Dobie

September was a very busy month for the Joan of Arc.

There was supposed to be an event almost every weekend, but we neglected to contact the weather service first...

Our month started out as usual with the monthly crew meeting at a local Mexican Restaurant. We had so many members plus guests that we almost took over the entire main dinning room. The crew discussed the next several months events, and checked on the various levels of planning for each event.

Sept 11 was to be the first of two classes held to prepare for the Major event happening the first week end of October. Six curious members showed up at Robin's house ready to learn the medieval art of candle making. It was quite a bit more involved than just melting wax, pouring it in a mold then presto you have a usable candle... I learned there are rules & cautions to observe. The most important is SAFETY first... Wax is a very flammable material with a low melting point.

Melting wax in a double boiler reduces the chance of it catching on fire then spreading everywhere. Chemistry is also involved in successful candle making... The addition of Steric Acid to liquid wax will result in a harder candle that burns at a higher temperature thereby lasting longer. Thirdly, the type & shape of finished candles' while Robin made the more solid votive candles. The Ice lace candles get their name & shape from the fact that the mold(a paper juice carton) is

partially filled with wax for a base then packed to the top with crushed ice. Hot wax is poured over the ice there by melting it ,leaving behind interesting & delicate shapes. After cooling the candle mold is drained over the sink then CAREFULLY placed on paper towels to dry thoroughly before lighting.

The next weekend was when Mother Nature decided to 'assist'.The club had been invited to do a recruiting evening session on the 17th at the Flour Bluff Library with a medieval jewelry class again at Robin's house on the following day. Those two event were totally rained out due to the many FLOODED streets in Corpus Christi.

There was one Sad note to this month, on Sept 10, several of the original crew attended a Memorial service for Brian Blackburn, a crewman who passed away earlier that week. It was a sudden definitely unexpected tragedy as Brian was still in his 30's. He was one of the more enthusiastic members participating in many events until fate intervened leaving him with diminished brain capacity. Brian was improving way beyond all expectation when the second incident occurred. He will be missed.

The most attended event for the quarter was an Anime Con. called Realms Con. We had a two fold goal here. one was to run a three day recruiting drive with the second one was to assist Robin with her medieval jewelry table. Eve the Marines from Victoria came down and Joined the fun. The recruiting table collected close to 1 1/2 pages of interested names & contact information.

Since the meeting date fell during the Con, all table visitors were invited to attend the crew meeting also. Lunch on Sat. was an unique affair itself The rule of no Outside food allowed inside the building was rigorously enforced. This meant you had to eat the way-overly priced, greasy food available or go hungry. I opened "Moogie's Outside Sandwich Bar" for the members of the Club. I brought enough dollar hamburgers plus fixings and set up shop on the benches just out of the door in the shade of the Con site All of the crew came out to get their food in groups of 2's & 3's until all had eaten...Drinks were no regulated as strongly so we were ok there.

Two of our crew assisted the Con by serving as a P. R. team while picking up &/or dropping the guest speakers off at varied destinations. At the close of the Con, Sunday afternoon, the members of the Joan of Arc were a tired ship but happy in the feeling of a job well done.

OCT.16 was a Spaghetti and movie night at Robin's house as a thank you for all the work at Realms Con. The food was partially pot luck with Robin making the main course. It was YUMMY! The movie was a different story entirely. The chosen movie was the "Watchman", Not yummy at ALL!

Halloween was planned for each age group (Adult & Kid friendly) were both canceled due to a siege of illness in the entire Van Cleave family.

November started off as usual with a crew meeting this time in Sinton at the Butter Churn. Since jobs & family take precedence in scheduling events, the Nov. event had to be switched around where the club when to the Wizard World Comic Con in Austin instead of the short drive to Victoria. We had a enjoyable 2 days there. More on this event can be found in a separate article in this edition.

It is time for the Cadets for higher Education excellence report. At this moment I am happy to report that all 4 of the cadets are working toward the goal of straight A's in their respective grades. Our cadets grades range from Freshman in high school down to second grade in elementary school. Some have more to do in achieving that goal than others but All are actively involved in the chase.

The next two months should also be busy ones for the Club as we plan the Christmas Party, in Mid December & begin plans for our 18th year as a Starship!!! WOW!

Look for great things from the JoA in 2011.



Jim van Cleave next to Claudia Christian at Austin Comic Con

USS Lone Star

ADM Sam Black

Greetings from the Panhandle fellow R3ers!

The Lone Star has had an eventful couple of months. October saw our CO sidelined by an as-yet-to-be determined illness which caused her to be placed on full life support for a week. Our ship persevered as the remainder of the senior staff kept the ship on its rails. A couple of members hosted a music festival for friends and family. We, also, had preparations to make for the Texas Tech Homecoming Parade. We needed to prep the ship's full-size shuttle craft for the parade and public viewing. Also, in response to the crew's request, this month we began a D-n-D gaming group. Because of the wide experiences of our members with an interest in this, we began an endeavor into learning 4th Edition of Dungeons and Dragons with yours truly serving as Dungeon Master. While some of our adventurers have only just begun learning basic rules (like DON'T SPLIT THE PARTY!), everyone is having a good time and we will be completing our first adventure very soon.

November saw our CO back on her feet and working to finalize some of the details for next year's summit. Her hospitalization was a minor setback on the road to what will be a fun and laid back summit. Get a taste of the hotel when the region's leadership come to the annual Retreat in January. We are working on locking plans in place for both Retreat and Summit. In face, Retreat will, also, play host to the USS Lone Star's 15th Anniversary Party. We hope to see everyone here! We are looking forward to making your stay a fun and eventful one! We are gearing up for our annual participation in Lubbock's Christmas Parade, the Miracles on 34th Street parade. The parade features the USMC and their Toys for Tots drive. We will be taking our shuttle straight from the parade to Lubbock's Santa Land where we will repeat our toy drive and hope to fill our shuttle to the brim with toys. The City of Lubbock is fully supporting our endeavor and is helping publicize the drive as well. More on this in our next report.

Hailing frequencies closed.

USS Regulator

RVA COMM Liz Goulet

Well, the crew of the USS Regulator has been busy since last we spoke. We had a good representation at the Star Trek Fan Days on Oct 29. Although I am told they didn't get to see much of the celebrates.

Then we ran for our lives on Nov 13 at the Step Out for Diabetes 5 k Walk in Arlington at the Ranger Stadium. We had four adults and one junior member running the distance and two members helped at the finish line. We intent to get into better shape and have more members participate in the run next year.

We will be ending this year at the XO's house for our Christmas get together the first weekend of December and then have a grand final farewell to 2010 at our resident Klingon's home on December 31.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday and we wish all those in the Region a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Liz Goulet, Commodore
USS Regulator
Communications Officer

Employment Opportunities aka Help Wanted

Regional Staff Openings

The Region wants you! Yes, you! You're reading this. Do you want a challenge? Then consider being on the Regional Staff and see the Region in a whole new way. The following positions are open at this time and we wish to fill them by the first of the year.

Zone 4 Leader: Zone Leaders (ZL) are responsible for representing Region 3 to their Zones members and for representing the members in their Zone to Region 3. The Z Ls will be the Region 3 Members first line for membership and recruiting for Starfleet. The ZL will work with the Shakedown Operations Officer (ShoO) to provide the RC with any recommendations as to the status of a chapter-in-training's activities prior to the final commissioning approval of the RC. It is suggested that the ZL visit each launched chapter-in-training within their Zone at least once prior to the chapter's commissioning, if possible. ZL are responsible for the coordination of intra-Zone activities and for holding Zone meetings for all chapters within their Zone. Although a ZL is appointed by the RC, the ZL appointment should be ratified by the chapters in their Zone.

Regional Quartermaster: The Regional Quartermaster (RQM) assists the Regional Financial Officer and is responsible for heading all Region 3 fund-raising and promotion of Region 3 through the selling of Region 3 merchandise. Upon request, the RQM will be available to aid and assist any chapter with fund raising events. It is recommended that the RQM attend all Region 3 events as best as they can, but assistants may be appointed to help with events when the RQM is not in attendance. The assistants must be confirmed by the Chief of Staff and the Regional Coordinator.

Regional Awards Coordinator: The Regional Awards Coordinator (RAC) is responsible for the maintenance of the Region 3 Awards Program and will work with the Starfleet International Awards Program. The RAC will receive the recommendations for both the Region 3 and the International Awards Program and will prepare reports for the RC and Regional Awards Committee. Recommendations should be sent to the RAC through a form on the Region 3 Web Site or another approved form. Upon request, the RAC may also aid and assist chapters with the development of their own awards program.

In addition to each positions duties and requirements listed above, a staff member filling one of these positions is required to write an article for the quarterly Regional newsletter and are expected to be in person at Regional Summits (or assist in finding suitable replacements). Someone filling in these two positions would be filling out the rest of a term of office to expire December 31, 2011.

Come aboard with us, work hard, and play even harder. To apply, send your resume (Fleet and real life) to resumes at region3 dot org. The Chief of Staff Beau Thacker will be in contact with you soon to schedule an interview.

Fleet Channels Help

Fleet Channels is looking for a couple of individuals willing to act as an extra set of eyes for Fleet Channels pre production. Spending hours looking at the same writing tends to make your eyes hurt doing it yourself. A fresh set of eyes, someone to help edit and collate pictures , and generally being there to help is a welcome thing.

Contact the Interim Commo Geek if interested. comm at region 3 dot org

News from Across the Frequencies

Former CS Passed Away

Word is already spreading on various lists, but for those who had the opportunity to meet one of our past Commanders, STARFLEET at the IC in Oklahoma this summer, Adeline Longshaw has passed away.

<http://www.lakenewsonline.com/obituaries/x742797758/Adeline-Addie-S-Longshaw-79>

Mark Anbinder posted a link on STARFLEET-L to a Flickr picture of her at IC2010 addressing us at the banquet.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mhalthaca/4861256017/>

May she rest in peace and comfort.

Dave Blaser
Incoming Commander, STARFLEET

I met Adeline this summer at IC. She was a sweet lady and will be missed. Region 3 is in mourning for the loss of one of our own beloved Starfleet members. Reed

From the STARFLEET Salesman

2010 was a great year for the Starfleet Quartermaster, which means that we have some items that we are nearly sold out of that we'd like to make sure you know about them so you can get them before they are gone (in some cases, forever). We also have some items that we can reduce the price of to make them an even better deal. In addition, we have added some new items to the 'voting page' recently, that we may carry in the future if enough of you like the ideas.

First, the closeouts - we're very low on these items: International Conference 2004 t-shirts; Santa Polos; USB Mouse Pads, and Starfleet shot glasses. The first two will never be available again, and have both been marked down. The mouse pads are also marked down, and we may restock them in a different design when they sell out. The shot glasses have sold nearly 80 since we first got them, and if we do restock them, we'll get a different design, so once these are gone, they're gone for good!

The price USB 4 gigabyte flash drive has been reduced from \$20 to \$12, which is comparable to retail prices for such an item. They have a swivel cap so you can't lose it, and a ring for a lanyard clip to keep it handy. The

<p>Starfleet Headquarters patches now cost only \$2.</p> <p>On the Voting Items page, we now have Starfleet hoodie sweatshirts with pockets, a full front zipper, and a fuzzy lining - they're super-warm, as I can promise as I've been wearing the one I bought as a test purchase for almost a month now! We also have a Starfleet logo on a Christmas ornament, and the newest suggestion, chocolate coins with the Starfleet logo on them.</p> <p>Check out these new items, on-sale items, and new voting items today!</p> <p>Pete Mohnney Starfleet Quartermaster qm.sfi.org</p>	<p>www.SpaceX.com www.spaceshiptwo.net</p> <p>Jim's Wish Come True <u>FCAPT. Kris Dobie</u></p> <p>I have known Rear Admiral Jim Van Cleave for almost 20 years,(Gosh that is a l-o-n-g time).During this time I have survived many,many varied crises ranging from the joyous to sad. One day,Jim, Robin, and I were sitting in their living room discussing what actor/actress they would most enjoy meeting. My choice was Jason Carter who played Marcus in Babylon 5. Robin wanted to meet Brett Spiner more commonly known as Data, and Jim's choice was Claudia Christian also from Babylon 5 as Susan Ivanova.</p>
<p>Another Space Milestone <u>Jesse Gutierrez</u></p> <p>Another great milestone for the human occupation of space has occurred.</p> <p>On December 8, 2010 a Falcon 9 rocket carried aloft an unmanned space capsule called the Dragon. This capsule is owned and operated by Space X. The capsule is orbited earth for more than three hours before returning to earth in the Pacific ocean. SpaceX is the first commercial company to re-enter a spacecraft from low earth orbit. This spacecraft may eventually be used to place non-NASA astronauts into space. This spacecraft will be a serious contender for the privatization of space when the capsule is man rated.</p> <p>The Dragon capsule and the Falcon 9 system are among the first systems to attempt to get private companies into space. Spacecraft like the Falcon 9 may one day even be contracted by the government to get their personnel and equipment into space.</p> <p>There have been other companies in the running recently trying to get private persons into space. Another contender is Scaled Composites. This company has had several successful launches of its Spaceship One. Scaled Composites has teamed up with Virgin Galactic to produce a ship called Spaceship Two. This craft is currently under production and its mission is to take private citizens into space on a suborbital flight. One interesting fact to this spacecraft, is that it will be called the VSS Enterprise. This name was chosen to honor the legendary fictional starship Enterprise.</p> <p>For more information on these systems see the following websites:</p>	<p>Over the years he has collected a few choice pieces devoted to Claudia. They range from an almost life size cardboard standee of her in the Babylon 5 uniform down to the more manageable 8x10 color photos....</p> <p>I remember one special birthday celebration where Jim was presented with a box that not only said,"Happy Birthday to Jim Van Cleave" but also had the words PLAIN BROWN WRAPPER across the bottom. Many years ago, string bikinis were considered extremely sinful. Heavens forbid to put ANYTHING LIKE THAT (OR WORSE) ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE!!! All these magazines had a piece of plain brown paper in front to protect the 'innocent public' from accidental exposure.</p> <p>This gift didn't look any different from the other gifts but there was a crucial difference as to how this present was wrapped...Jim had to dig thru several boxes, layers of foam peanuts, and an entire roll of Scotch tape to uncover his present. Under everything, he found a framed, personalized photo of Claudia. He had a smile stretching from ear to ear when he finally opened the last box.</p> <p>Lastly, I remember one Thanksgiving Morning, when I was visiting both Robin and Jim just before lunch. I had secretly slipped in a tape where Claudia voiced part of the opening monologue of Babylon 5 season 4. The look on Jim's face was total shock and disbelief. He came rushing in from the back bedroom asking me if I heard Claudia's voice?? I simply pushed the rewind button then restarted the tape again. She had been written out of the cast for season 5 due to a contract dispute.</p> <p>Since then this multi-talented lady has been involved in several different projects. She is now an established</p>

<p>actress, author, and director. Now thanks in part to Facebook, Jim is a virtual friend of Claudia's. He will get to have a real one-to-one in person meeting here at the Austin Comic Con. I expect the photos to show his excitement.</p>	<p>http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/politics/election/alex-salmond-irsquom-a-star-trek-fanatic-14782382.html</p>
<p>Success is truly satisfying especially .when it is shared with good friends and family.</p>	<p>This led to an e-mail to me from a reporter at "Scotland on Sunday", a local Scottish newspaper, asking for some comments. It also kicked off a project I've now been working on for about six months: to recruit the First Minister into STARFLEET!</p>
<p>Convention P.S. I rediscovered what a truly fan friendly person Claudia was during her Q&A stage time. Her first remark to the audience was,"Come on down to the front, I don't enjoy talking to empty chairs!!" She entertained the audience with the original description of what her character was 'supposed' to be like. Part of the description was so far off that everyone including Claudia laughed a lot. She wondered what the show would have been like if she had followed that description...not at all like who she portrayed. Claudia also shared some backstage stories both old and new much to the delight of the audience. I was sorry when her time was up and she had to go back to her autograph space.</p>	<p>A bunch of hurdles had to be cleared. First was getting the ECAB to sign on for the idea, which happened at IC. It could not be an honorary membership (since we award honorary memberships to existing STARFLEET members). It had to be a full complimentary membership (paid for by donations from members--including myself). With that stipulation, the ECAB to the idea.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Scotty Fans Rejoice</p>	<p>Next we had to work things through the First Minister's press office. As the leader of Scotland, Mr. Salmond has a staff to handle things like this, and obviously, a Star Trek fan club with 4,100 is not their highest priority when the Lockerby bomber is still alive after being released to Libya last year and Prince William is getting engaged (the soon-to-be Royal Couple met at St. Andrew's University in Scotland...Mr. Salmond's alma mater, by the way). Nevertheless, perseverance paid off, as the First Minister enthusiastically accepted membership in STARFLEET, and we finally got clearance last week to both send him his membership packet and issue a Press Release, which you can access from SFI.org:</p>
<p>For those of you who haven't downloaded the latest CQ, the big news for STARFLEET this month is that we now have yet another famous member.</p>	<p>http://www.sfi.org/docs/STARFLEET_Press_Release_12_09_10-1.doc</p>
<p>We already have a few Trek actors, like Vaughn Armstrong (Admiral Forest from Enterprise), Richard Herd (Admiral Paris from Voyager), and Casey Biggs (Damarr from Deep Space Nine)...as well as Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise.</p>	<p>The Press Release was circulated to the media this morning by STARFLEET PR Director Brandt Heatherington and should be visible to news outlets in the next day or two.</p>
<p>And these are all full members, mind you. They get CQ and election ballots and membership packets...just like you</p>	<p>Granted, this "news" probably won't get much press in the U.S. But our hope is that this Press Release will provide STARFLEET with some much-needed visibility in Great Britain and throughout Europe. Also, it's not a bad recruitment "tool" for the rest of our chapters, too. Imagine the conversation starter...</p>
<p>Well, we now have a rather unique new member:</p>	<p>"Yeah, STARFLEET has some famous members. We've got a few of the Trek actors, we've got an astronaut who went to the moon, and we even have the First Minister of Scotland...who's from the same home town as Scotty."</p>
<p>THE FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND - ALEX SALMOND.</p>	<p>Of course, the die-hard Trekkers will say that Scotty's</p>
<p>The Right Honourable Mr. Salmond is a professed Star Trek fan, as was reported throughout the United Kingdom back in April:</p>	
<p>http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/scotland/article7108898.ece</p>	
<p>http://news.stv.tv/scotland/172963-alex-salmond-reveals-star-trek-obsession/</p>	

home town was never revealed. But then you can say that the Scottish First Minister is a major Trekkie himself and declared Linlithgow to be the future birthplace of the Chief Engineer of the USS Enterprise. And now the First Minister is also a full member of our club (at least for the next year).

So, give a warm welcome to First Minister Alex Salmond of Scotland!

Cheers, mates.

Rear Admiral Jon Lane
comms@sfi.org

The Frugal Ferengi

The Frugal Ferengi is at it again, with more tips for you Hewmons to save your hard-earned latinum!

This Ferengi has had some issues lately with saving at the local pharmacy. I have to take various medications for my ailments. Now, if I were in the pill peddling business, I'd have no need to work, as whatever snake oil sells, my latinum would continue to grow exponentially. And, from my perch here on Ferenginar, my observations are that you Hewmons take a lot of medications for your ills as well.

You have those large chain "big box" pharmacies as well. We here on the Ferengi mother planet have come up with some ways to save at the drugstore and I would like to share them with you.

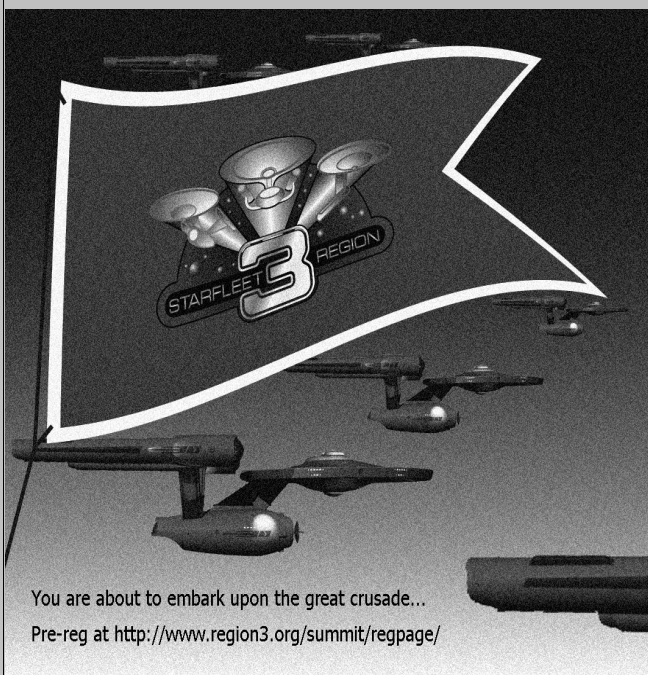
First, your Hewmon pharmacies have a very peculiar way of putting the actual drug portion of the pharmacy at the BACK of the store. We have figured out that this is because these stores WANT and NEED your latinum! They have figured out that if you really want to go to the local chemist to get your fix of pharmaceuticals, then you might "need" a few other things in the process, like candy (very helpful for those whose blood sugars run a bit high), high priced staple groceries (sure, I don't mind paying \$6 for a dozen eggs!), and those ever popular school supplies (of course! I need a pack of pencils). The real reason: drugstores often have you captive while you are waiting for your scripts to be filled. NOT SO! This Ferengi shops smart! I use the good old Web to order my scripts and when they are ready (usually they let me know via an email or phone call) I go and pick them up...straight to the back of the pharmacy (sometimes it's even easier to use the drive thru). Use the drug store for its intended purpose: DRUGS (the legal kind...we don't want you going to jail). Get those groceries at the grocery store, and other items at their

particular store.

Second: use the Web to look for discounts or coupons. I personally have a couple of discount cards for a couple of meds that I take on a regular basis. Check the pharmaceutical company's website for special discount cards which are good, usually for several refills. Example: I take Lovaza, which is essentially fish oil. The maker, Glaxo Smith Kline, offers a discount card good for \$20 off of a \$30 refill for 12 refills...by Graphar's hammer, what a savings (okay, so I've seen "Galaxy Quest")! But I had to fight Walgreens to get the savings this time...apparently the pharmacy tech did not pay any attention to the card and I would up having to call GSK to get the correct number. Anyway, I did get my discount.

Third, shop around! The two "biggie" chains, Walgreens and CVS, are not the only game in town. There are many independent pharmacies in your area that may offer similar savings! And some even deliver. Unfortunately, the down side to the independents is that many have regular (bankers') hours: 9AM to 5PM. Not helpful when you run out of a med at 2:30 AM on a Sunday morning. The big chains are usually open 24 hours, and you can go in and get that tub of chocolate ice cream for your expectant wife at 3AM so she can have her pickles and ice cream in the middle of the night...if you don't mind shelling out \$8 for the stuff.

This is YOUR Frugal Ferengi...until next time, KEEP SAVING!



Summit 2011

Don't forget to sign up for Summit 2011 in Lubbock June 10-12, 2011. If you have never been, this is the best time to see old friends again, and meet new ones you already have something in common with: Star Trek!!

Go to <http://www.region3.org/summit> for updates on things, and make sure that you follow the registration instructions there to make sure that you get everything your eligible for. And make sure that you go to <http://www.region3.org/regpage> and REGISTER!!!! :))

Make you hotel reservations or locate someone to share with, pack your bags, and get ready for an informative and fun weekend! Also, if you are not driving in, let us know your travel schedule so that we can be sure everyone is picked up in a timely manner.

Summit Chair Lisa Pruitt will take all you information for attending and is the very best source for everything that entails this year's party.

And Finally...

For the various Chapters who didn't send anything in:

USS Aurora Vulcanis: Crew working with a jolly old elf in bringing cheer and presents to Cardassia Prime.

USS Firebird: Attending feast of Saturn on Apollo, locals won't let them leave until they pass sobriety test.

USS Gunslinger: Dodging frozen crossfire between Anime and Revelers at Wintercon.

SS Maverick: Entertaining Orion Merchants for Yuletide holiday. Reportedly, Doug was taken by an Orion Woman at Domjot.

USS Palo Duro: Undergoing refit to Communications systems.

USS Rachel Garrett: Having tea and crumpets with the Grinch, then a feast with Whos of Whoville of Roast Beast Marian killed herself.

USS Serenity: Meditating on visions of Sugar Plums dancing...

USS SpiritWolf: In trouble for chasing reindeer across the north, almost delaying a certain holiday ceremony.

USS Tejas: Celebrating with Aggies as part of a peace accord.

USS Trinity River: Investigating reports of Fishers of Men in their area.

USS Victory: Helping with Holidays in the San Antonio area.

Don't forget to have your submissions for next Fleet Channels ready for the next issue!!

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February 28, 2011

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