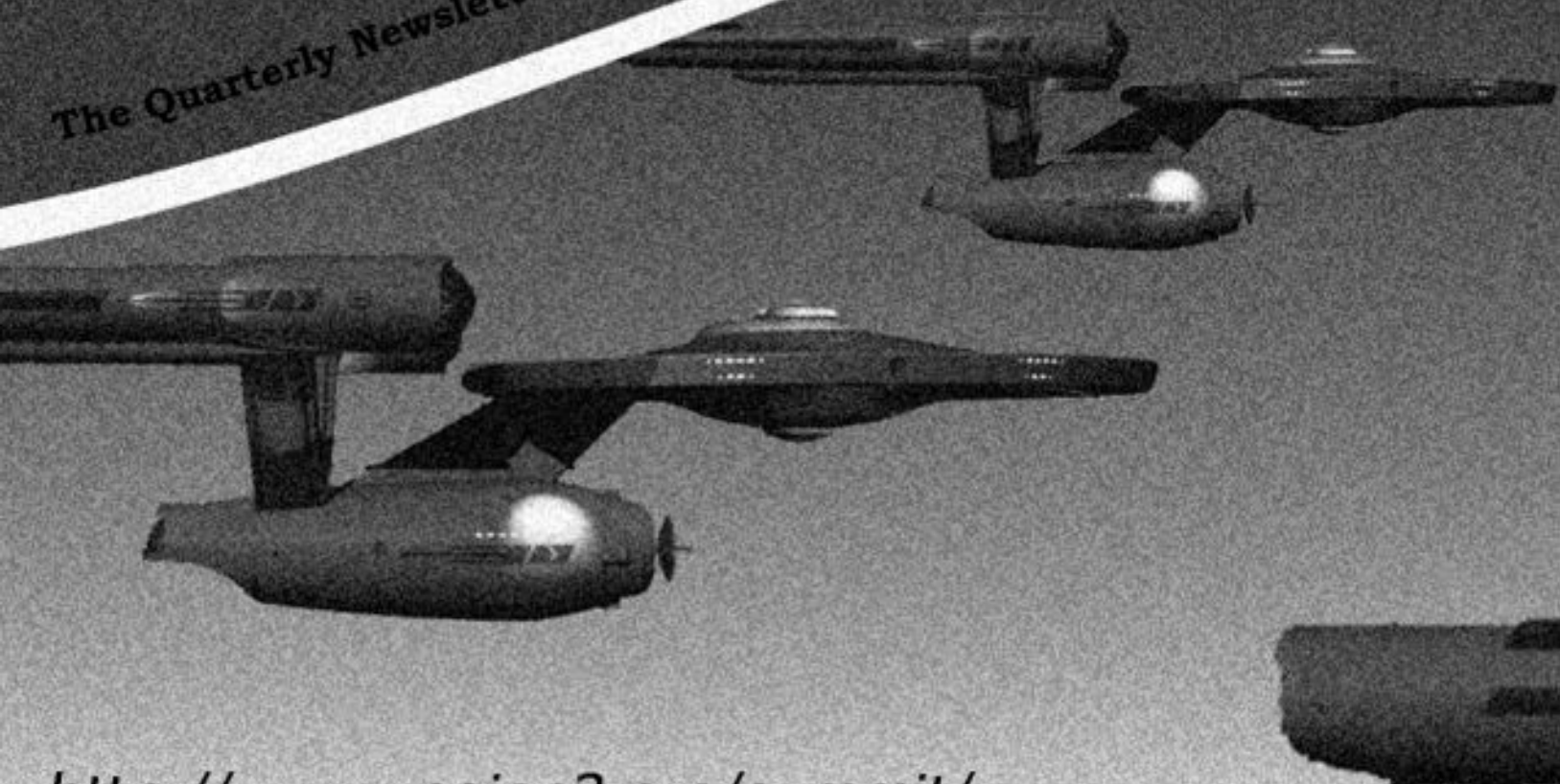


FLEET CHANNELS



The Quarterly Newsletter of STARFLEET Region 3 - 1st Quarter 2011



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

"You are about to embark upon the great crusade..."

From the Editor



W01 Cory Matt
Editor, Fleet Channels

Greetings Region 3 Members! And welcome to my inaugural issue as editor of the Fleet Channels newsletter.

I believe this is where I am supposed to ponder various meaning-of-life questions, what's going on in the world, and other miscellanea, as well as tell you what will make this issue so great. However with time to publish being short, I believe I will spare you all but the last.

In this issue you will find useful information on Region 3's forthcoming Summit, as well as a very nice article about our very own Gor-Don Tog. Amidst the reports from Region 3's leadership, and reports from the field, you will also see an announcement for a couple

different Regional events.

And so begins our journey, friends. As the Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," so too is this my single step. As you can see, the layout for Fleet Channels has reverted to a more basic design, with simplicity being the highest priority right now. I will be experimenting with the design and layout as I learn more about how to do this, and I will expect you to tell me what works and what doesn't.

Remember that this is your newsletter. Without our members and friends, there would be no reason for this publication to exist.

With that, please enjoy the Summit Preview Edition of Fleet Channels, and may the winds be always at your back.



Region 3's Chief of Staff and CO of the USS Azrael, COMM Beau Thacker, with a pair of petrifying Predators

From the Desk of the RC

The Region met in Lubbock during the weekend of January 15, 2011, at the Radisson Hotel. Several of us had a good time in the Waylon Jennings Suite on Friday night. Saturday morning, many of us skipped breakfast to catch up on our sleep, then headed to the CCO meeting at noon, where I bought lunch for the CCO members, prepared by the Hotel. Highlights of the CCO meeting include:

- >Attendance was good. Seven (7) chapters represented in person; Two (2) shakedown chapters represented in person; Six (6) chapters represented by proxy; Giving quorum of 13 voting chapters, and having 2 non-voting chapters observing. Please check with your CO if they were there or if they had your chapter represented.
- >Reports from staff were very positive and most had nice presentations prepared—thank you staff!
- >Region 3 Handbook & Appendices Committee formed.
- >Region 3's Budget for 2010 was modified and approved.
- >Discussion on Awards and Promotions as recognition of a job well done.
- >The RC is getting in touch with unassigned members once per quarter to at least let them know what's going on.
- >Healthy discussion on the future of Retreats.
- >Discussion and announcements of future R3 events:

- >Tank Clark's Photo Challenge for 2011 began on Jan 31st and will run through April 1st.
 - >Summit June 10-12, 2011 in Lubbock with all highlights from some members of the USS Lone Star (Lisa Pruitt, J.J. Kelley)
 - >Region 3 Trip to John Space Center and Elissa Ship for Commissioning of USS Daedalus scheduled for September 17, 2011.
 - >Joint Region 2 and Region 3 Summit with talks picking up. I "introduced" the members to Jack "Towaway" Eaton of Region 2 via picture.
 - >Discussion of Starfleet events:
 - >IC 2011 in the Poconos, PA—August 12-14—with packaging pricing, but the pricing may not be good for more than one person in the room. But, that should not discourage anyone from going, just get a room and eat the food on your own. ic2011.com
 - >IC 2012 in Memphis, Tennessee—August 3-5. ic2012.com
 - >Discussion of having quarterly Skype conference calls with the CCO.
 - >Re-institution of Regional phone tree to get out important information or in order to "poke" the CCO into getting something done.
- Training & Education at Retreat included:**
- >Regional lists and the Mail Man program as presented by Aaron Murphy, Ark Angel Station. He went over how to log in and change your password, add your name, access the archives, and how to do



FCAPT Reed Bates
Regional Coordinator

that globally.

- >Navigating the Internet and social media highway, as presented by Aaron Murphy, Ark Angel Station. Aaron went over other avenues for getting Trek out there, including free websites, facebook, etc.
- >How to use the Starfleet Database, as presented by Sam Black, USS Lone Star. Sam had a member of the CCO log in and he instructed them how to do certain things while everyone watched on the big screen.
- >Q&A with the RC. This actually didn't happen at the CCO meeting because time ran out, but questions were asked and answered throughout the entire weekend.

After the meeting, most of us attended the USS Lone Star's 15th Anniversary dinner & celebration, then adjourned back to the Radisson in the Waylon Jennings Suite for some socialization into the night. Sunday morning, we had breakfast at the Pancake House across the street from the hotel and said our goodbyes.

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Behind the Keyboard



LGN Aaron Murphy
Vice Regional Coordinator

Well Met, Region!

Before you know it, Region 3 Summit 2011 will be upon us. If you've been paying attention, this year we are travelling west to the panhandle of Texas, Lubbock. This year's summit is being hosted by the U.S.S. Lone Star and will feature a World War II USO-theme. It promises to be a great time and period garb for the banquet is encouraged. There should be period music, possibly by a live band. Our own Ken Kopacki is our resident expert on WWII garb, as he is a 101st Airborne (Air Assault) reenactor. I am sure that if you ask him real nicely on list or privately, he would be willing to give you ideas on how to set up your own period garb kit.

I highly encourage everyone who can to attend Summit. This is our main business meeting, region-wide social gathering, and Award ceremony. For those chapters who want to promote or otherwise recognize their members, this is the place to do it on a major stage. There will be panels, offsite outings to local attractions (including a golf game on Friday and geocaching on Saturday), the ever-popular late-evening social gathering, etc. For those with children, the Lone Star has a full day of children's programming scheduled, including swimming and kid-oriented meals.

For your fine dining needs, Summit will host the Marine Dress Mess on Friday night. The menu consists of your choice of Grilled Sirloin or Chicken breast with chipotle sauce in a plated dinner.

For the Saturday night banquet, you'll get New York Strip Steak or Santa Fe Chicken in a plated dinner. For those of you with dietary requirements, please leave a note for the Summit staff when signing up for your meals. Also, as part of your Summit registration, lunch Saturday is included and will consist of a cookout by the pool.

As with previous years, awards and promotions will be given during General Session. However, the Annual Awards will be presented in a special ceremony which will occur after the Banquet on Saturday night. Following this, we will have "The Final Mission" presentation. This solemn ceremony is to recognize and honor those members, friends, and family, who has passed away during the last year. Having been through this ceremony before, I can tell you that it is a very heart-felt event, with tears being a common thing. The evening will wrap up with our charity auction, with the proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and a dance. I hope to see many of you there. For me, this is sometimes the one time a year that I get to see some of the faces that end up only being a name on the lists, in articles, or on IM. In this age of electronic media, we sometimes take for granted the value of a smile, a handshake or hug, and the vocal and body language cues that can only be experienced in person. If at all possible, don't miss this opportunity to reconnect to your friends and family throughout Louisiana and Texas.

Star Trek Love

Childhood fascination carries to adulthood

NATALIE NARVAEZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Monday through Friday during the school year, Special Education teacher and bowling team sponsor is known as Steven Gordon, but on certain occasions it's Gor-don Tog. For the students, it can be hard to believe that teachers have a life outside of the classroom. Behind the papers and grades, teachers have hobbies.

The fandom behind the acclaimed series Star Trek, has influenced Gordon's life since he was first exposed to it. "When I was six years old, I had a fascination with all things science fiction," Gordon said. "I didn't even know Star Trek existed until the first movie came out in '79 and that's when I became a Trekkie." When asked what it was about Star Trek that has kept his fascination since the age of six, it was hard for Gordon to peg one answer. "Besides the obvious science components in Star Trek, I think the deeper messages that few realize is what keeps it relevant for a lot of us," Gordon said. "We're still a way off from the warp drive, but I think Star Trek has influenced a lot of inventors and engineers today."

From watching the movies in his house as a child, Gordon has taken his passion and has attended Star Trek activities and gatherings all over the country. "My fascination never died down, but once I discovered the large community of fans, Star Trek

became a bigger part of my life" Gordon said. "I don't think people realize how big the fandom truly is. There are Trekkies in Iceland, London, Australia, Canada, and all over the world. I've only had the opportunity to meet and become life long friends with them because of what Star Trek has brought to my life."

With many new fans being introduced to the series today through the remake of the movie in 2009, Star Trek is getting a boost in younger generations becoming involved. "I myself liked the movie, I thought it was very well done," Gordon said. "Anything that brings a great show to new audience members is great."

Star Trek has given Gordon lifelong friends, a community to share his life with, and the love of his life. "As a matter of fact, I married my wife as a result of Star Trek's fan club," Gordon said. "My wife and I were both members of Star Fleet and ran into each other at a DJ job I had at a San Antonio gathering of the fan club." Similar interests allowed Gordon and his wife to find each other, and both know that Star Trek will stay in their lives in the future. "A lot of things have come into my life as a result from Star Trek," Gordon said. "Many may think that it is just a dorky obsession that I have, but nothing has affected my life more."

Gordon is more than the stereotypical "Live long and

prosper" Trekkie many people think of at first. "I do not have room full of collectibles, or dress up every chance I get. I do know people who do, though," Gordon said. "A lot of things in today's world are a direct result from Star Trek."

At first glance many of his students and co-workers may not detect a Star Trek influence in his life. Gordon claims that's because many still have the wrong misconceptions. "We don't all live in our parents' basements," Gordon said. "The misconception is that Trekkies go around doing the Vulcan salute and wearing funny looking costumes. A lot of us have real jobs and look like anybody else. We're out there you just can't really tell who we are."

As Gordon continues his other passion, teaching, for the year, he knows that there will always be a place for Star Trek in his family and daily life. "Other than the fact that Star Trek gave me my wife, it gives a positive outlook in the future," Gordon said. "There is still a lot to learn from it. If anybody has questions or wants to talk to me about it, I'm all for it. It would be fun."

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Regional Staff Reports



COMM Beau Thacker
Chief of Staff



MCPD Jessie Gutierrez
Senior Enlisted Advisor



LGN Aaron Murphy
Chief of Computer
Operations

Chief of Staff

Region 3 members, we are the best Region around. Look at all the various events and get together that members have attended just in the last year of me being COS. This year is no different; already there have been several events with more to come. One event I would like to focus on is Summit. Why you might ask, because this is our event that allows each of us a chance to meet you and others we only email or talk to. This year as I am sure you heard, it will be in Lubbock, Texas with the USS Lonestar hosting the event. There are many fun activities that you can attend while here, so plan on coming cause I want to meet you. Region wide, during several events, we have had new members and Chapters joining the Region. Also Chapters that were cut off by communication problems are now re-joining in the limelight. Recruiting for the Region? I know several Chapters have been. Remember to get possible recruits' contact info and send it to your Zone Leader. When we recruit, it's one for all and all for one. Make sure you know the difference in Correy and Meeting Chapters plus where Chapters are located or where to find the information. Submit articles of your Fun to Fleet Channels and let others know what you do. Remember we are here to promote; Fun, Family, and Friendship!

Senior Enlisted Advisor

Greetings Fleeters:
There has been no request for service during this quarter for the SEA. On a sadder note, I believe it is late to address the issue of saving the manned space flight program for the United States. There are only two flights left for the space

shuttle and there is no replacement for this program. I would urge each and everyone of us to contact our members of the legislature to address this issue. It is possible that we may reach to the stars on a private venture such as Bigelow Aerospace or Virgin Galactic. I recently heard that Bigelow may soon open up a public bidding for stock to the public. That would be a cool place to have stock in. Who knows, maybe someone is Starfleet will soon go up is Spaceship Two or whatever the name may be for their first commercial launch. I heard this information of a free cool podcast called The Space Show. This podcast is hosted by Doctor David Livingston. This program is a non-profit venture that is a source for information on the space industry to reach the public. The podcasts are free to download. One recent topic was life and death on Mars that the latest theory that there was a nuclear reaction process on that planet. There are many cool podcast on this program and the archives go back a few years. So if you want to listen to the latest happenings in the space world, listen to this podcast.

Computer Operations

Hello Computer...

www.region3.org -

Maintenance and development on <http://www.region3.org> is, as always, an on-going effort. Data-Warfare's continuing efforts against the insidious forces of spam are a daily task of checking the server's filters, bouncing or approving, as necessary, etc. FCPT Bates has kept me busy as she continues to shanghai, I mean recruit, regional personnel to fill out the Staff roster. Additionally, Mr. Tolleson has been helping more and more motley crews become full-fledged ships of the line. With

Summit fast approaching (if you haven't heard about it, check out my VRC column), edits to the Summit page have been trickling in. Development continues on a 3BDE website and by the time you are actually reading this, I hope to have it ready to go online, at least in a rough form.

Helpful Hint -

One of the common questions that I get is in relation to the regional mailing lists.

"How do I go in and change my information?" It's actually quite easy. At the bottom of each list e-mail is the list name, address, and a link to the list's configuration page. For example, the config page for the R3 Discussion list is <http://goo.gl/yI82K> [Ed. note: actual URL shortened]. From here, you can change your e-mail address and password, list all the lists you're a part of, unsubscribe from the list, or change all of the delivery options for the list. Changes like the e-mail address, name, and password can be changed globally on all the lists that are subscribed to that particular address.

Dropbox -

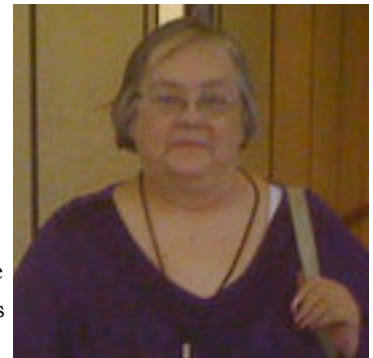
Dropbox is software that syncs your files online and across your computers. Put your files into your Dropbox folder on one computer, and they'll automatically appear on any of your other computers that also have Dropbox installed (Windows, Mac, and Linux too!). You can even download Dropbox apps for your smartphone or mobile device (iPhone, iPad, Android, and Blackberry). Everything in your Dropbox is available from the Dropbox website, too.

I've looked into this software and it seems like an excellent way to share files with friends and colleagues, perform an offsite backup if you don't have an external HDD available, or easily move things from one location to another. Once you set up

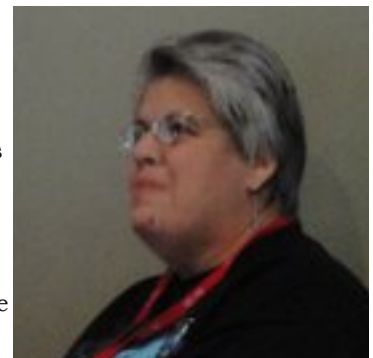
your account, you are granted 2GB of storage space. You can complete a list of tasks for another .25GB (250MB) of space. Additionally, if someone refers you (gives you an invite), you both get 250MB. If anyone in the region is interested in trying this free service, send me an e-mail (or use the CompOps dropdown on the Contact Us page) and I will send you an invite.

Operations

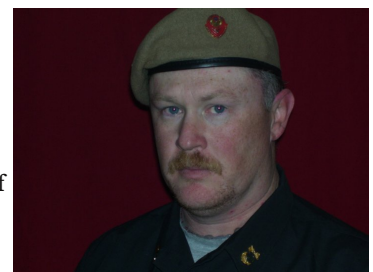
Region 3 is the place to be. The calendar is full of fun and interesting things to do. Of course, the biggest event on the Horizon is the Region 3 Summit being held June 10 - 12 in Lubbock, Texas at the Radisson Hotel. We also have the Regulator hosting a lasagna dinner in March. We have chapters commissioning and a NASA day planned. Game day will be held in Abilene in October hosted by the Diamondback. Toss in regular chapter activities and all the conventions going on in different areas of Texas and Louisiana, and the calendar is overflowing. I dare anyone to complain that there is not anything to do in Region 3. I wish I could make every event. For those events that I miss, you always know I'm there in spirit if not in person. I want to make all the fun activities that Region 3 has to offer its members, and I know all the Region 3 staff and executive officers feel the same way. Until the next fun event in Region 3, Operations out.



RADM Lisa Pruitt
Chief of Operations



LT Sydney LeJeune
Chief Finance Officer



MAJ Michael Tolleson
Shakedown Operations
Chief

Finance Office

For the regional finances, we have \$1,347.77 in our three (3) accounts at the end of the quarter, December 31, 2010. The income during the fourth quarter was all for Summit 2011 both Early Bird and Regular registrations. We had some expenses during the quarter, including PayPal fees of \$16.18 and the quarterly Skype calls of \$8.52. So far, during 2011, income has picked up as Summit registrations are coming in steadily. We still have several of the members registered who have not paid yet with \$1,205.00 owed, but all should be paid by the end of April, as that is the due date for the current banquet registrations. On the expense side, in January was Retreat, where the

Region paid \$192.37 for the meeting space. The Waylon Jennings Party Suite was given to the Region by the hotel for free. We also paid \$3.04 in Texas sales tax for quartermaster merchandise sold.

ShakeDown Operations

Greeting members of the region, hope everyone has been well. We have a lot of things going on in the Region for SHoC. We have several ships progressing right along as well as one ship launching. On that note will everyone give the USS Navras a big

welcome and please help them out if you are called upon for assistance. Some of the other ships that are still working on their commission dates are below. We also have a ship looking to get started in the Lafayette, La area. COMM Trisha Tunis, CO of the USS Corsair has offered to help and be the Support ship. If anyone in the area can help, please lend a hand. If any others are out there and are thinking about starting a chapter please contact me, I'm very willing to help.

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SHIPS	CAPTAIN	LAUNCH	COMMISSION
Battle Born	J. Carsten	July 19, 2010	Apr 19, 2011
Lafitte	Stuart Griggs	Apr 7, 2010	Apr 16, 2011
Diamondback	Noble Hayes	Dec 18, 2010	Oct, 2011
Serenity	Stephanie Izard	Jan 23, 2008	SUMMIT!
Daedalus	Cady Wallace	Jan 23, 2010	Sept 17, 2011

From the Desk of the RC

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R3 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the CCO meeting at Retreat, it was decided to form a committee to review the Region's documents for potential edits and present them to the CCO in time for Summit and for a vote on Sunday, June 12, 2011. The RC will head that committee. If you wish to volunteer, please email me at region3.org and tell me you wish to volunteer to modify and look over the Handbook and Handbook Appendix. I will send you the various documents to be reviewed.

ADMIRALTY BOARD UPDATE BY YOUR RC

The AB is now meeting

every two months via conference call. To me this is great! I'm not tied down to my email 24/7 any longer. An Agenda was posted several weeks in advance. We could suggest changes/additions to the Agenda, too. The first conference call meeting for 2011 was held January 31, 2011, and all Regions were represented either via their RC or by proxy. Some topics of discussion were: Underage COs and XO's, criminals among us, and the Cuban members.

SFI MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the AB con call meeting on January 31, 2011, I proposed to form a committee

to revise the STARFLEET Membership Handbook ("MHB"), especially now that the new Bylaws had passed a vote of the membership. The announcement went out on the lists, volunteers were picked, and now the committee has been formed, and discussions are about to begin. Because I am sort of heading this up, and I'm busy until mid-April, they are somewhat waiting on me. If you wish to assist with revisions, feel free to send them to me in email, maybe in red-lined form, and I will be glad to review your suggestions and possibly propose them to the MHB committee.

SUMMIT INFORMATION

Region 3 Wants You to attend Summit 2011. Step into the Region 3 time machine and travel back to the days of big band music, USO shows to entertain the troops, and everyone making sacrifices in everyday life to support the WWII war efforts. During summit weekend, you can tour museums dedicated to the period and try to hitch a ride on a restored period plane. Attend an old fashioned drive-in theater that uses current technology. Enjoy formal banquets in honor of the troops. Learn all about victory gardens and how they helped the war effort. Perhaps write a short story about the era. Enjoy USO style entertainment. Check out a display of model planes of the era. Put on your dancing shoes and shine on the dance floor to all the great big band hits.

And this is just a sample of all the fun that is packed into Region 3's 2011 summit. Think about coming in early on Thursday for the drive-in movie and leaving on Monday so you won't miss out on all the fun. Also, if you are flying in, most rates are cheaper for the Thursday - Monday than they are for the Friday - Sunday. Remember, we have special activities for the cadets that includes crafts and games, as well as Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner featuring kid friendly menus which are included in the summit registration fee. All attendees are included in the Saturday hamburger and hot dog lunch (at

no extra charge). Watch for e-mail updates and changes on the web site. If you have any questions about anything Summit-related, don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail (ops@region3.org), text, or phone at 806-787-7428.

Shining up the time machine...

Lisa Pruitt



RADM Lisa Pruitt
Chief of Operations



Summit Schedule

Subject to Scheduling and Location Changes.

Thursday June 09, 2011

During the day...Visit, check out Lubbock sights such as Museums, wineries, our depot district, lounge in and around the indoor pool. You could even take a flight in a WWII era restored plane (with advance notice to our staff).

Evening... Travel back through time with the Lone Star crew for an fun evening at our local Drive In Movie Theater -- Stars and Stripes.

Friday June 10, 2011

10:00AM: Golf with Lloyd Bates and JJ Kelly. (Time subject to weather conditions)

Lunch and afternoon feature more sightseeing and lounging at the pool.

2:00PM: Tentative trip to Llano's Estacado Winery (see RC for details)

4:00 – 9:00PM: Children's Activities in the 6th floor Waylon Jennings Suite includes dinner.

8:00PM: Third Brigade Dress Mess Dinner hosted by the 318th MSG.

Saturday June 11, 2011

Room A

9:00 AM – Noon: General Session

Noon – 1:00PM: Lunch (Free hot dog and hamburger lunch for all attendees)

1:00 – 3:00PM: Marine muster.

3:00 – 5:00PM: Geocaching expedition around city.

7:00PM: Awards Banquet

8:00PM: Annual awards presentation, Final Mission, Charity Auction, Casino with Gold-Pressed Latinum poker tournament and dance till Midnight

Room B

1:00 PM: Star Trek Origami

2:00 PM: Get all the Intel on Victory Gardens

3:00 PM: Miniatures

4:00 PM: One hour Short Story contest.

Room C

Noon – Midnight: Informal gaming

Waylon Jennings Suite -- 6th floor

Children's programs and activities including lunch and dinner.

Sunday June 12, 2011

Room A

9:30 AM CCO meeting

11:00AM Closing Ceremonies

Waylon Jennings Suite – 6th Floor

6:00PM (Approximately) Dead Dog Party

Optional: Anime Panel, XO's meeting, Paintball on Sunday

Summit Charity Auction

Benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Check your closets to see what items you want to give away to a good cause. The MDA is a favorite charity of the USS Lone Star since it has touched several of our members families through the years. If you have something that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the Region 3 Charity Auction at this years Summit in Lubbock. Contact ADM Pat Spillers with a listing of what you have and then bring it to the Summit in June. Please send a complete description of the item(s) and estimated value, along with pictures if you have them. If you can not make the Summit, you can send it to me or have someone on your chapter bring it with them. We will get a listing posted to the website and add pictures that we have. I will also be sending update of some of the special items we have for auction beginning in April. If you can not make Summit and see something you want to bid on, again you can contact me and I will setup a record like E-Bay does so you can bid on the item(s) you want. See more details later on how this will work closer to Summit. If you have any thing to donate, contact me at PatSpillers.05@att.net with the description (and pictures if you have any) as soon as you can. Thank you for contributing to the MDA/Region 3 Charity Auction.

ADM Pat Spillers
USS Lone Star
Special Projects Officer

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3rd Brigade Muster



BDR John Johnston
3rd Brigade Commander

Once again, it is time for the Region 3 Summit! This year, the Third Brigade returns to Lubbock for this Year's dose of pomp and circumstance, elegant food, and fun with old and new friends.

Friday night, the 318th MSG will host the Marine Mess Dress. This is a full-formal event, so have your finest uniforms, suits, tuxes, or cocktail gowns (whichever is appropriate) ready. In last year's case, the food for the Mess Dress was better than the Awards Banquet. This year should be no exception.

Saturday afternoon, during the panels, I will host the Third Brigade Muster. This is a good opportunity

to meet the Brigade Staff, find out first hand about the state of affairs in the Brigade, and partake in the business of Brigade Operations. Attendance is highly encouraged, but not mandatory.

Saturday night, the USS Lone Star will host the Awards Banquet. Last year, two significant events took place: the presentation of the Third Brigade Valor Awards and the Presentation and Folding of the Flag Of Fallen Comrades. During the folding of the flag, there was not a dry eye in the house. I honestly hope that both of these events return for this Year's Summit.

So, do your part and fight the Boredom Nazis head-on by attending the Region 3 Summit. Sign up now!

BDR John Johnston
OIC, 3rd BDE SFMC



Summit Panels

Origami Panel

The Origami panel will begin with a discussion of the history of Origami - the art of paper folding. There will then be a slideshow or physical presentation of some different kinds of Origami shapes that one can make, followed by a demonstration of the classical Japanese Crane shape. There will be a question/answer period at the end of the panel. The panel should last at least 30 minutes.

Presented by:
COMM John Halliday

Anime Panel

Many people wonder, really what is Anime? Is it a cartoon? Well in a sense it is, but also very much more. This Panel explores Anime and what it really is. First all Anime, is often referred to as Animation from Japan. It comes usually subtitled or dubbed in English. One of the first Anime to hit America was Robotech, a show about giant robots that transform, but have people inside. Over the years there have been many shows from Japan, and I will be giving a small showing of some. Come join me while we really see just "What is Anime?"

Presented by:
COMM Beau T Thacker

Replication (Minitures) Panel

Replication: Resin Casting
Star Trek Props and Badges. Everything good in the universe is made out of four elements Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen, and Nitrogen (CHON). Food, Alcohol, Sugar, Caffeine, Nicotine, Gasoline, and of course Plastic, are all basically just CHON. That is how a Star Trek Replicator works, mixing up these basic elements, with a sprinkling of other elements thrown in for coloring or flavoring, to make copies of an example. Until we actually have a replicator, it is still possible to make copies just about any physical object (at least the outside), quickly and inexpensively, using things you can obtain at any hardware or hobby store. Phasers, Tricorders, IDIC medals, awards, custom Com Badges, Gold Pressed Latinum Bars, etc. can all be copied and created in any quantities desired for a little work and less than the cost of a tank of gas.

Presented by:
CAPT Brian Walrath

Victory Gardens Panel

I was searching through the web for information on Victory gardens. My mother had talked about them but I never really understood what she was talking about. I found out that these gardens not only fed the people on the home front; they also brought people together and kept their moral up. There is much more fascinating information about these gardens and I will give a lecture on the history of the Victory Garden and its affect in the community. I hope that it will inspire you to grow your own garden. I will also give you some gardening tips to help you grow your own garden, and there will be a question and answer period to help you on that course.

Presented by:
Bernice Walker, USS Lone Star

Regional Staff Reports

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COL Christopher O'Banion
Awards Coordinator

Awards Coordinator

Greetings everyone! My name is COL Christopher O'Banion. I'll be serving as the Region 3 Awards Coordinator. I'm hoping to get the awards nomination process going here really soon so that that we can recognize all you great members of Region 3 for all of the wonderful things you do. But before we do that I'll need a committee to help with that. I need five volunteers for this committee. I already have one, so hurry and volunteer before all the slots are taken!

We're changing a couple of things this year. First, we're adding "of the Year" to the volunteer award. So it will be a yearly award like the Chapter of the Year and Mothership of the Year awards are. Second, we're adding Flag Officer of the Year. We'll be opening up the nomination process as soon as I have my committee intact. I don't have a deadline in place yet, but it looks to be about middle to end of May. As soon as I hear the deadline for the International Awards, I'll have a better idea when the Regional deadline should be. I'll post that as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the Awards Committee, I can be reached at: obanioncm@gmail.com



CMR James Trainham
Quartermaster

Quartermaster

Hello everyone, I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself to Region 3. My name is James Trainham, I have been married for three years to my beautiful wife and have a one year old daughter. I am looking forward to meeting ya'll at Summit this year in Lubbock. Why am I introducing myself you ask? Well I am your new Region 3 Quartermaster.

There are a few things you can look forward to, first a fixed link on the Region 3 website for the quartermaster page so you can actually see all the awesome merchandise that the Region has to offer you. Second, a new selection of items to follow after some careful R&D from some polls I wish to hold to see what YOU want from me. Third, an online ordering form to make purchasing something from the Region 3 website alot easier.

If you want to get something but dont want to order online I will be available at Summit 3-5 hours each day with a little bit of everything that the Region has to offer you. I along with some of the other Region staff are working on a T-shirt design that I hope everyone will enjoy and want two of, one to wear and one to keep. If you have any questions, or have a idea for a particular item you would like to see the region offer, feel free to email me at qm@region3.org. A sneak preview of the shirt is to follow soon.

Zone 1 Reports

Zone 1 Leader

Well time is growing short, and Summit is almost here. If you have not made your hotel reservations, do so now. Also, if you can afford it, please make your payment, remember Summit as well as any other R3 function has to pay the bills. Zone 1 has several chapters that have made plans to attend. The Rachel Garrett, and the Regulator are just two. The newly commissioned Navras is looking into Summit. Chief Engineer Brian Walrath, Rachel Garrett, is doing a panel on miniatures, he has a whole room of them. I'm sure that he can be talked into a game of BattleTech (that's the name right?). If anyone of you would like to have a uniform made or customized you need to contact Amy at amy@calmeas.com but do it soon or she will be at Summit; she made the Garrett's uniforms.

Summit is a great place to see people that sometimes we only get to see once a year. It is truly where the "family" gets together. It is the chance for new members to see for themselves how the Region and Starfleet are run, not to mention the parties. I know that Lisa Pruitt and the crew of the Lone Star have done a great job. My biggest problem is finding a dress for the banquet. The 40's were a great time in music, style and fun. I'm really looking forward to it. I hope that

all the chapters from Zone 1 will be able to send at least one member from each chapter to Summit in June. Oh, hopefully the newest member of the Garrett, Troy A. Gay, born March 1st will accompany his lovely mother Diana, and yes, I suppose (just cause he sings so pretty) ADM Gay will be there. See you there.

RADM M.L. Murphy

USS Navras

The last few months have been very busy for the crew of the USS Navras, but none more so than the upcoming season. As you may know, the USS Navras is a correspondence chapter that primarily operates in the world of Star Trek Online (www.startrekonline.com), but what you may not know is that it means all of our events and meetings tend to take place there as well. We held our Holiday Party in December, where we awarded 60-Day Game Time cards to Star Trek Online players as presents. To follow up, we held a small celebration on January 19th, which marked the One Year Anniversary of our in-game fleet, which now has just over one hundred members, worldwide. And then, of course, there is the commissioning of the USS Navras and the end of our shakedown cruise, which is something that we are completely ecstatic about. During the Zone 1 Meeting, we

were presented with a beautiful cake by RADM Marian Murphy and the USS Rachel Garrett, and a dedication plaque by MAJ Michael Tolleson and LTC Kyle Schugart of the USS Regulator, our support chapter. Our Chief Medical Officer, LT Jeremy Mayes, and I both managed to be present for this and are thankful for the wonderful treatment we received.

With the kind of encouragement our chapter has received over the last nine months, from all levels of STARFLEET, we highly anticipate a long future with the organization. On April 5th, we will be hosting our second-annual First Contact Day, celebrating the day of April 5th, 2063, when Zefram Cochrane made First Contact with the Vulcans. Last year's First Contact Day was celebrated by a dance party in Club 47 aboard Earth Spacedock in Star Trek Online, and was given an honorable mention by the game developers on the main website. In addition to this, we are currently looking into a complete website revamp, to add more functionality and interaction to our current and potential members. If you add the upcoming Regional Summit to the list, it's going to make the first half of 2011 very busy for us, and we can't wait.

CAPT Cody Glenn
CO, USS Navras (NCC-94010)

Zone 2 Reports

Second to None: Zone 2 Report

Ahoy there!

Zone 2 has a lot going on! In January, we had WizardCon where the feedback was very positive. If you missed out on that one, don't worry, there are oodles of conventions coming up in the next several months, please see the Region 3 calendar for details. I have been working with local representatives to secure information tables at all the conventions in Louisiana.

I want to encourage everyone to attend the Region 3 Summit in Lubbock, TX June 10-12th. If you need a ride, Sydney LeJeune has offered to share expenses and rent a minivan. Interested? Contact her directly at isis2126@aol.com.

We will have chapters up and running in the next six months in Lafayette and New Orleans. If you have any friends that are looking for a local chapter, send them to these new Shakedown chapter's way! I'm excited to see the growth in the state, going from one chapter in 2006, to potentially five by the end of 2011. Way to go Zone 2!

COMM Trisha Tunis

USS Azrael

The USS Azrael attended Wizard World convention in New Orleans on January 29th/30th. Upon arrival, LTJG Patterson and I ran into my friend Aaron Douglas of Battlestar Galactica. He agreed to stop by our fan table for a quick chat and picture, later Saturday. After setting up our fan table next to the USS Corsair and

Star One Delta, people began coming in, looking at such items like the Delorian from Back to the Future and the old Mystery machine where you could get pictures taken inside these vehicles. On our table we displayed various items from Star Trek, Battlestar Galactica and Star Wars, along with some Robotech toys and asking for donations for Children's Hospital, our charity, where we were giving free items for donations. LTJG Patterson ended up collecting over 60 names of people interested in Star Trek Chapters, with about 50 names going to the new Chapter forming in the New Orleans area. Along with LTJG Patterson and myself, New XO CDR Myers, LTJG Lejeune, LTC Everett, and LT Everett his wife with Cadet Myers, Andrew's son, enjoyed the many different guest stars including Walter Koenig of TOS. There was an inside Mardi Gras parade from Star Wars crew and the 501st held a huge fundraiser collecting well over \$2,000.00 for a boy in a wheelchair. There were Vampires and more including Ghost busting and monsters. All in all a busy day!

COMM Beau T Thacker.

USS Corsair

The USS Corsair is sailing around the state attending conventions, causing trouble, and making life more interesting here in the Third Fleet. Our crewmembers volunteered at WizardCon, Krewe of Mutts, and much, much more than I can squeeze in here. If you want to take a gander at our calendar of events, it can be

found at: <http://goo.gl/twSaa> [Ed. note: original URL shortened]. I'd like to point out CyPhaCon is being put together by the crew of the USS Lafitte in Lake Charles, and Louisiana Science Fiction and Costuming Convention in Port Allen has one of our members, and several of the USS Azrael crew organizing. Be sure to support your fellow Starfleet Members!! We sure will be!

We will be doing a special wine tasting at the Louisiana RenFest this fall in Hammond. This special event will be private for us, and have lots of surprises. If you're interested in attending, please let me know ASAP, as we will be firming up details. We're also doing the Relay for Life this year again in Hammond November 12th. We're inviting anyone who would like to walk with us to come, have some fun, and be inspired.

Now, without further interruptions, our joke for the issue: So, there's this pirate ship in the midst of a long voyage. The men have grown terribly bored. A pirate amongst them happens to know a bunch of magic tricks, and he decides to put on a magic show. His parrot, however, is quite gossipy and can't keep it's mouth shut.

The pirate begins his first trick, and the parrot gives it away by saying "rawwk, the coin is in the other hand, rawwk!"

Frustrated, the pirate tries another trick, but again, the parrot gives it away by blurting out "rawwk, look under the table, rawwk!"

This goes on for some time, to a point that the pirate can't manage to

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Zone 3 Reports

Zone 3 Leader

Many things have changed since the last issue of Fleet Channels. Three new chapters launched here in the Region during the past few months especially one here in Zone 3. The USS Daedalus launched on January 23, 2011. The Joan of Arc crew celebrated their 16th anniversary. All chapters in the zone have been busy with first meetings of the year as well as preparing for Region Three Summit later this year in Lubbock. If you have never been to a Region 3 Summit I encourage all of you to register and plan to attend. As an attendee of many regional summits, I can say I've always had a great time and made many new friends along the way.

Members of the USS Firebird visited the USS SpiritWolf at their February meeting. They presented the idea of investigating the possibility of having a Region 3 Summit in Houston in 2014 to the SpiritWolf crew. In closing, I will mention that there will be a Zone 3 meeting via Skype in early May. All Zone 3 CO's are required to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend please appoint someone to represent your chapter. Until next time, take care of yourselves & each other.

COMM Robert Graham

USS Daedalus

The USS Daedalus, a Legendary-class Strategic Command Cruiser, is the newest starship in the Houston Metro/Clear Lake area. We are still in our shakedown cruise and finding our strengths and our way through

fandom in our own way. We are presently involved in two conventions: Conjour in May and Comicpalooza in May. As we explore and find out how our skill sets join together, we also find way to spend time together. In March, we are getting together at the Alamo Drafthouse for the opening of the sci fi genre movie, Limitless. Our command crew has experience on their side with years involved in fandom while our bridge crew has years of their own involved in conventions, costuming, and art. We support the Houston Area Food Bank, The Astronaut Memorial Fund, and the Galveston Historical Society. In September of this year, we plan to celebrate our christening as one of the fleet with a party held aboard the Elissa, a 19th century merchant vessel in Galveston Harbor. We hope you'll join us.

LTC Wallace "Ace" Cady

USS Joan of Ark

It has become a tradition that on the USS Joan of Ark, the old year goes out with a bang while welcoming the new year with dignity & grace. This year's Christmas party was no different, it was a joyous affair with much laughter as the party progressed. After dinner is mostly finished, the Captain makes few comments then the festivities commence with the reading of that year's version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem. Each year there is an unwrapped gift passed around the crew when the word "and" is read until the end of the poem. The rule is the the prize must be above

the table at all times. Upon completion of the poem, the crew member holding the prize keeps it. This year it was a mouse pad with the club's logo on it. Yours truly was sitting in the correct seat and I was the happy winner. The next thing is the Ferengi gift exchange! This works like a white elephant only the name is changed. The action was slow to start then a dragon that perched on your shoulder was unwrapped. Everyone wanted a chance to at least hold the dragon. If time permits, we sometimes sing the 12 days of Christmas Star Trek style, that has a twist also. At the very tail end of the party the Captain wishes all "A happy, joyous, and safe holiday season," then declares Holiday Shore Leave until just before the Anniversary Party.

Fast forward until Jan. 6th. two days before the 18th anniversary party. This is the once a year where the formal dress uniforms/nice Sunday clothes get hauled out of the closet so we look dignified as we accept our awards. It is mostly pomp and decorum, one of the younger cadets got called up to the front to get his promotion and it took both Robin and Amy (his mother) to convince William he wasn't in trouble. William is six. It's still a lot scary to go up in front of the entire crew for anything but this year he did manage to do it alone. Another difference was there was the Blood of Turrel's award to be given out also. At the Christmas Party, a crew member got hit in the eye when the dragon was passed around. This is the award for an

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Zone 4 Reports

Zone Four Reporting

Greetings and Salutations!
This will be my first report after having accepted the honorable post of Zone Four leader, so I hope it is a decent one! Currently the Zone consists of (in alphabetical order): Ark Angel Station, the USS Battle Born, the USS Bexar, the USS Serenity and the USS Victory. A fine showing, if I say so myself.

Ark Angel Station, as many know, is under new management. Captain Lloyd Bates having traded in the helm and warp engines for a space station built into a rock. Whether this is his master plan to hide from folks, or just preparing for the zombie invasion is anyone's guess; but the chapter is running well. Might not hurt that the RC is a member, but hey, makes my job easier!

The USS Battle Born, my fine ship, is due to Commission in April, though we are postponing our ceremony until Region 3 Summit! We might just have figured out all the names and logos by then; no promises!

The USS Bexar is very active in San Antonio, participating in the Texas Cultural center, and coordinating with other fan groups in the area. A very pleasant bunch of folks, and I was fortunate enough to meet a few of them at a recent meeting they invited me to.

The USS Serenity, somehow lost in the black hole that is paperwork, is looking to commission ASAP, and shall probably have done so by the time you read this (or shortly there

after). When you see them at Summit, wish them well and congratulate them on wrapping up STARFLEET's longest shakedown (probably) ever. We like setting records here in Zone 4.

The USS Victory recently had their elections, and is undergoing a brief re-org. Several members plan to be at Summit, so we can harass them about specifics there! In any event they should remain strong and form an important part of Zone 4 and Region 3 (how can you not with a name like that!?).

The Zone meeting will have begun by the time this is published, inviting CO's and XO's to chat via Skype once a quarter. We shall discuss any issues, or objectives within the zone, and how we might better work together. The first one is currently being planned; either in March or early April.

LTC Jeremy Carsten

USS Battle Born

Your new neighbors, nearly having completed our shakedown cruise, are eagerly looking forward to our commissioning! The date is tentatively set for April 19th and things look to be on target. We might exchange a brief eHug or something that day, but the big event is postponed until June. That's right, we're doing the big Commissioning ceremony at Summit! We're even looking to get live video feed to the net for this, for the many members that cannot attend (since we are a Correy chapter, we have members spread far

and wide. Travel for them is problematic at best!)

We are now (and probably still at the time of this publishing) planning out a more static website, to more easily direct visitors to information about us, be them friend or potential recruits. Our forums are functional for discussions and planning, but not the best for presenting static information.

The 301st MSG is still searching for a new name and identity, though it has been narrowed down to a few options. We are looking forward to seeing that take shape, and possible a bit of a re-org on who is running that particular show! I, personally, have collected a few too many feathers for my cap, so it's time so share the fun! Expect a new OIC to be appointed by, or even at Summit!

Forum based online role play has yet to take off, but I think part of that is our rush toward commissioning, making websites, logos, names, motto's, etc. Once we are up and on our own, that should start, as should working on getting certified in various areas (via SFMCA and SFA courses). Local members will be attending various Sci-Fi events and others shall report on events from their areas in the coming years; basically, we're here, and looking forward to sticking around this time! Our recruiting has gone well thus far, with more coming, and hope to keep that trend! That's the happenings on the USS Battle Born; look for us to be exiting Spacedock soon!

LTC Jeremy Carsten

Zone 5 Reports

USS Corsair (continued)

Zone 5 Leader

On April 2nd, the USS Diamondback will be participating in the 2011 Walk Now for Autism Speaks in Abilene, Texas. This is a charity walk to raise funds for Autism research, a very worthy charity in my humble opinion. You can either donate to the team or participate in the walk. The information about the walk and the Diamondback Team can be found here: <http://goo.gl/6gSfP> [Ed. note: original URL shortened]
Supporter ID: 322273155

Team: WTXSquad/Diamondback

And on June 10th, the event you've all been waiting for will begin - the Region 3 Summit in Lubbock, Texas. RADM Lisa Pruitt and the USS Lone Star will pull out all the stops for this Year's theme: a World War II USO Show! Live Big Band music, an outing at a drive-in theater, and war-games are on the agenda, in addition to the usual events. Remember: Region 3 Wants You! Sign up for the Region 3 Summit today!

BDR John Johnston

perform anything spectacular to entertain the crew. His anger towards his blabbermouth parrot eventually grows so phenomenal that one night he gets very drunk and accidentally crashes the ship into some rocks.

Sobering up the next morning, he finds himself adrift on some wreckage. The parrot, ever the attentive sidekick, happens to land next to him looking quite puzzled. It says to him:

"Rawwk, Okay, I give up, What'd ya do with the boat?"

COMM Trisha Tunis

USS Joan of Ark (continued)

injury happening at a Trek event. This is only the 5th or 6th time it has been presented. Even with a large amount of promotions and awards to be presented, there was enough time for a quick peek at the events planned for the first quarter of 2011 before the restaurant closed.

January's meeting schedule is almost reversed from other months since we have the event (Anniversary Party) first then the general crew meeting. Even the weather took a turn at being rather fierce. Corpus had about a 10 day period where the temperature was freezing or below. One weekend included a hard freeze, with a windchill of 15 degrees; everything was solidly coated with ice! One of our members tried to challenge the stairs going down but the stairs won! She ended up in the E.R. Luckily nothing was broken just thoroughly bruised. About this same time the crew came down with a bad case of the flu sending them to the

doctors for a variety of medicines. The sick list included: the Turners (4), Van Cleaves(5 Mae also), Dobies(2), Margaret B., and Diane B. Needless to say the February general crew meeting was canceled due to hazardous road conditions and crew illness. At that time it was hoped that most everyone would be recovered in time for the Marines party in Victoria. Sure enough most everyone did recover in time to attend the Challenge in Victoria. It was a blast even if the Marine Team lost. I think most all participants enjoyed the trip. For a more in depth review, see the alternate article in this edition.

A late February meeting showed a revision in some of the clubs out of town excursions with some being cancelled or others shortened to one day. At the upcoming general crew meeting, in March, we will be discussing the next three months events, firming up details as nesscessary. In the Cadet corner,

Alex entered a Turkish festival in San Antonio with his school. Christopher completed his first year of Boy Scouts with the completetion of the Bear Badge. He was the only scout to get a trophy not based on time trials at the recent Pinewood Derby. Christopher's trophy was Judges Choice. This award shows the car as having the most overall appeal in his class. He also recieved a plaque from the San Antonio Model show Juniors division for First place in Miscelleaneous models. Jim entered it for him when he entered some of his own creations. We still have a lot of exciting adventures so watch for the Fleet Channels report in the future editions

FCAPT Kris Dobie RVA

Calendar of Events

Subject to Scheduling Changes

March:

March 25-27

Louisiana Science Fiction and Costuming Festival, Port Allen LA

<http://www.lascifi.com/home>

April:

April 16-17

CyPhaCon, Lake Charles, LA

<http://sites.google.com/site/cyphacon/>

Air Power Expo, Fort Worth, TX

<http://airpowerexpo.com/>

May:

May 14-15

New Orleans ComicCon, New Orleans, LA

<http://www.nolacomicon.com/index.html>

June:

June 10-12, 2011

Region 3 Summit, Lubbock, TX

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

August

Aug 12-14, 2011

International Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

<http://www.ic2011.com>

September:

September 17

Region 3 Trip to Johnson Space Center Houston, TX and USS Daedalus's Commissioning Ceremony aboard the Elissa Museum Galveston, TX

October:

October 22

Region 3 Game Day in Abilene, TX. (Retreat may also be during this event)

March, 2012

TENTATIVE: Joint Region 2/3 Summit is soon to be set for March 16-18, 2012 in Hammond, LA. More details to come, but after the contract with the hotel is signed



Greetings Region 3/Third Brigade, I am LGN Aaron Murphy, Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of the newly formed 323rd Logistical Studies Group based aboard Ark Angel Station. We are Support unit for Marine operations near the Neutral Zone. As our motto states, our focus is making things happen "Anything, Anywhere, Anytime".

With this in mind, we would like to invite all personnel to Ft. Worth for the Air Power Expo 2011 on Apr. 16-17. The airshow is free to the public and will be held on NAS (Naval Air Station) Fort Worth JRB (Joint Reserve Base). The premiere draw for this event will be the U.S. Navy Blue Angels! I've seen this team before live (at this base, actually) and they

always put on a great show. Other performers include Para-Commandos, the Red Eagles, and several military demos. Also available will be static displays of many of the aircrafts in the U.S. military arsenal, as well as trainers and vintage aircrafts. This should be an outstanding show as the U.S. Navy celebrates their Centennial of Naval Aviation.

Admission to the show is free (see, I used the magic word). So is parking, although you can't fly your own plane on to the base *smirk*. The gates will open at 09:00 CST, with aerial performances kicking off at 11:00. I currently plan on using Golden Corral Buffet & Grill (3517 Alta Mere Drive, Fort Worth, TX) as a rally point in the morning for breakfast before the

show. I will post more details on this to the R3 and 3BDE mailing list as the event gets closer. As for lodging, there are several hotels within minutes of the base. These include Comfort Suites (6851 West Freeway, Fort Worth, TX) which is a STARFLEET discount hotel, La Quinta Inn Fort Worth West Medical Center (7888 I-30 West, White Settlement, TX), and Holiday Inn Express (2730 South Cherry Lane, Fort Worth, TX).

For more information on the Air Power Expo 2011, go to <http://airpowerexpo.com/> (the FAQ is a must-read!) and keep an eye on a list near you for more specifics as they become available.

Game Day!

Region 3 Game Day will be hosted by the USS Diamondback, in Abilene Texas, at the MCM Elegante Suites Abilene, Texas Conference Room on October 22, 2011. This year the Diamondback would like to bring back a Trek/Sci Fi themed focus to the games played and demonstrated.

cardgames available from previous years. Lodging arrangements and entry fees are still in discussion, but we are currently looking at requesting a \$5 dollar entry fee just to make back our reservation for the conference room.

For more updates please go to the Diamondback's Game Day site:



We will have several trek related board games, 3D Chess, and a Prime Directive D20 RPG Session. We are also trying to get a Starfleet Battles demonstration arranged.

We will have a area for LAN gaming and hope to have some Star Trek or Sci Fi games ready to play at the event. So bring your laptops.

We will also have the battletech, D&D, and

<http://goo.gl/0zksa> [Ed. note: original URL shortened]. If you have questions, please email our CO, Noble Hays, at noble.hays@gmail.com. Gaming will be from 9am to 8pm. So that the Diamondback, Lonestar, and others can (hopefully) celebrate Diamondback's commission.

Away Team: Joan of Arc

Victoria Station Latinum Chef

This is the 'official report' of the 'away teams activities' at the Latinum Chef challenge held in Victoria Texas. The U.S.S. Joan of Arc has a permanent Marine station located in Victoria, as that is where the majority of our Marines live. They offered a challenge to see who could prepare the best lunch in the "Iron Chef Style" between them and the Fleet members of the rest of the club. The winning recipe would be served for dinner and the late evening snack attack. In response to this challenge, eight members of the JoA traveled to the challenge location. Shortly after the JoA crew arrived, Artimus (another Marine also living at the station), drove in from Galveston. She had been down there for several months for shoulder therapy. Everyone was excited to see her home especially this weekend.

Hello done, Frank (the moderator), gave all the cooks and assistants a quick tour of both kitchens. One team would be in kitchen two, and the other two teams would share the main kitchen during the event. The teams were made up of one main Chef with one or two assistants.

Team one was the Marine team know as Team Hoorah.

It consisted of Kaiden K. and Chris T. Team two was Team Command composed of the Captain Robin V.C. and the XO Tahnya A. Finally Team three was Team Turner made up of Fleet members Amy T., Kitty T. and Isabo T. as assistant. Another Marine Trent W. played the part of the Chairman and reveled that the 'secret ingredient' was all the various types of potatoes piled on the dining room table.

Each team was given ten minutes to plan their menu following the Chairman's directions of using a variety of potatoes in their dishes. After that everybody gathered at the mound of potatoes, cooks in front and the cheering section in back. At the sound "You have sixty minutes beginning now!" Chaos reigned as the cooks and assistants gathered their supplies. Time was announced every fifteen minutes as to how much was gone and how much was left. At the fifteen minutes left mark, the Judges took their places at the now empty table to render a verdict deciding dinner. The Judges were Artimus, representing the Marine contingent, Alex, representing the younger Fleet members, and myself, representing most of the adult Fleet members. Plates from each team were placed above

the team's name for judging.

We were instructed to look for taste; use of the secret ingredient; and presentation of the dish. Team Hoorah made potato nachos with mixed cheeses topped by chopped shrimp as an accent. Team Turner choose to make three dishes: potato salad from white Irish potatoes, grilled chicken breasts topped with thinly sliced new potatoes and shredded cheese, and cinnamon crunch red potatoes for dessert. Team Command's offerings were shepard's pie with a cheese/potato crust, and sweet potato fritters, all accented with fresh asparagus spears across the top. As judges we were required to taste each portion of each dish then comment before moving on the the next plate. After the tasting was finished, judgment was rendered. Team Command was declared to winner on the basis of taste and style of presentation. The remaining crew was encouraged to finish the samples, which all disappeared at warp speed! After a tasty dinner the evening was capped with a GURPS game and fellowship around a toasty fire pit.

Submitted by:
FCapt Kris Dobie
USS Joan of Arc

Final Notes from the RC

New R3 Staff

We are almost completely staffed. We have recently added three new members to the Region 3 staff; they are Christopher O'Banion of the USS Firebird as Regional Awards Coordinator, Jeremy Carsten of the USS Battle Born as Zone 4 Leader, and James Trainham of the USS Diamondback as our Regional Quartermaster. All three of them are busy performing their duties, getting ready for Summit, and willing to assist you with anything you might need. Please welcome them to the Regional Staff.

Help Wanted

Now, I said that we were almost completely staffed. We do need one more staffer, a rather important one, and that

is the Chief of Communications. The job description from the R3 Handbook states: The Chief of Communications ("CoC") is responsible for the coordinating communication between Chapters in the Region, developing the branding/style sheet for the Region, and the publishing and issuing of the Region 3 Newsletter, "Fleet Channels." The CoC will generate a calendar of events that includes inter-chapter activities, Region 3 events, Starfleet events, and any known conventions of interest to the Region. The form of the calendar is left to the current technology. The CoC shall have assistant(s) and will select them with the

assistance of the Chief of Staff and with the confirmation of the RC or REC. Qualifications: must have passed OTS and OCC from the SFI Academy. Please also see the STARFLEET, Region 3 Handbook, Section E on page 5 for a list of all staff Responsibilities and also read the same page 5 of the Handbook for information on the Region 3 Newsletter before applying.

If you wish to apply, please send your resume or listing of experience (both real life and fleet) to the Chief of Staff Beau Thacker at cos@region3.org and to the RC Reed Bates at rc@region3.org. The Chief of Staff will be in touch with you to schedule an interview.



LTJG Darlene Patterson
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