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From the Editor

Welcome to the latest issue of Fleet Channels! I hope everyone has recovered from Summit; I've heard reports that a good time was had by all. I certainly would have liked to have been there, but real-life has a tendency to overlook our wants.

As you should know, we now have a Regional Communications Officer, and with a new boss comes new changes. The most obvious one for Fleet Channels will be a change in the publication schedule. Starting with the Q3 issue, we will be planning to publish at the middle of the month.

This means that all reports, stories, pictures, etc. that you would like to see in your Regional Newsletter must be sent to us by the 1st of every 3rd month. The publication schedule moving forward will be the 15th of March, June, September, and December. I look forward to continuing the working relationship that CAPT Glenn and I have built working on this latest issue, and hope to see you for many more issues to come. Until next time, fair winds and following seas!



By:
W01 Cory Matt
Editor, Fleet Channels

Help Wanted

The Region is currently looking to fill the following vacancies:

Operations Officer

Region 3 is currently taking applications for the Operations Officer position on Staff. For a full job description, please email the RC (rc@region3.org) if interested. Operations is handling the smooth flow of the Chapters within the Region, including taking care of events planned, and is the liaison to Chapters in charge of events. Good note taking is required at staff calls and meetings. The position will be open till, July 30 all applications must be emailed by then. Please include both Fleet and real life resumes and a short telling us why you want this position.

3rd BDE OIC

We are currently looking for a member to take up the mantle of the 3rd Brigade OIC, SFMC. For a full job description, please check the latest SFMC Policy Manual or email FORCECOM (forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org) if interested. Duties include (but are not limited to) issuing of awards to the Marines of 3rd BDE, submitting nominations for the yearly Corps Honor Awards, and submitting the Brigade's reports to FORCECOM. Applications for this position may be submitted until midnight, July 24th. Please send your application to FORCECOM (forcecom@sfi-sfmc.org) if you are interested in this position.

Fleet Channels Staff Editor

Can you spot a typo from 3 km away? Do misplaced commas and run-on sentences keep you awake at night? Then you may be just who we're looking for! Fleet Channels is looking for a staff editor to review submitted reports, stories, and captions for proper grammar and punctuation. You must be a self-starter that can work within hard deadlines. You would also need to have access to Word-compatible software and be able to convert submitted files to plain text for inclusion in Fleet Channels. This is a perfect position to get your feet wet at the Regional level! If you are interested, please email fleetchannels@region3.org

From the Desk of the RC



By:
FCAPT Reed Bates
R3 Regional Coordinator

Who said, "I am unconscious, or demented"? I feel like that some times lately.

The last three months has found this RC to be one busy and tired person. My work life is very busy, and I'm learning and training to do new things. My son is back living with us, while he settles in with a new job. As for the Region, we're continuing to grow and that's a great thing. I love new members.

In March, I visited Region 2's Summit to see how they do things. While there, I made some new friends and found out that they are not Tellarites, as first suspected. Their Summit is very much like our own Summit is, starting out Friday night with the Admiral's Dinner, which is everyone going out to eat at a buffet. They do have a Dalmoody Tournament that Friday night that can go long into the wee hours. Saturday is also very much like ours, with opening ceremonies, panels, awards banquet, and poker tournament. They do have their CCO (called CO's and XO's meeting) meeting during the panel time though. Sunday is a bit different. They have panels in the morning, along with closing ceremonies. Region 2 also puts cream pies in faces for charity. They had this schedule for some time on Saturday afternoon, but it seemed that it was a bad time, so it was rescheduled for Sunday. Don't forget the whipped cream! The day was saved when someone went to the MOSI cafeteria and

asked for some whipped cream. Thank you MOSI.

I busted my butt in Tampa. Literally. While leaving the hotel, I slipped and fell just outside the entrance to the Holiday Inn. They had someone pressure washing the front entrance and there was a hose coming from inside the hotel to the front. I stepped over it fine, then the walk way was sloped a bit, and my feet just went swoosh, out from under me. I had my suitcase, laptop bag, and purse in hand so, didn't really have any way of stopping the fall. I fell and then laid down. The Super Shuttle driver came running over and asked what he could do. I said, "just help me get into the van." At that time, I didn't feel any pain. I was more embarrassed to have fell down. It was only later that the pain and

swelling set in. I've been going to doctors since then. Nothing was broke, but I have found out that bruised bones take a long time to heal. Some were saying anywhere from 3 months to a year. I'm okay though even though occasionally there is pain, and I can't quite lie on my back yet, but I'm good.

In April, I took a trip to Corpus Christi to visit the USS Joan of Arc and her crew for their monthly meeting. They have a wonderful crew down there and gave me a warm welcome. Their CO Robin Van Cleave and her husband and JoA's Chief Engineering Officer Jim Van Cleave stayed after the meeting to chat with me and my husband Lloyd Bates about many things. I learned a lot about the inner workings of the JoA. I wish them

many more years of fun times. They work hard, and play even harder.

The Joint Region 2/3 Summit has hit a bit of a snag, in that the hotel and personnel may have had panic attacks due to the flooding of the Mighty Mississippi. At the time of this writing, the hotel sales manager has been too busy to finalize our contract, so it remains unsigned. Later in June, maybe after wedding season, we will press the issue and get this thing signed. Then we will set prices and start taking registrations. Once the contract is signed, we will call for volunteers to assist with the Summit. This will be a Region run Summit so we want volunteers from many chapters. Of course, the closest chapter is also

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From the Vice RC's Closet

In the coming months, we have more events planned with the help of eager chapters. The Daedalus's commissioning is scheduled to take place on the evening of 17 Sep. Due to unforeseen issues, the commissioning won't take place on the Elissa, as planned, but they are working on alternate arrangements. There **will** be a commissioning.

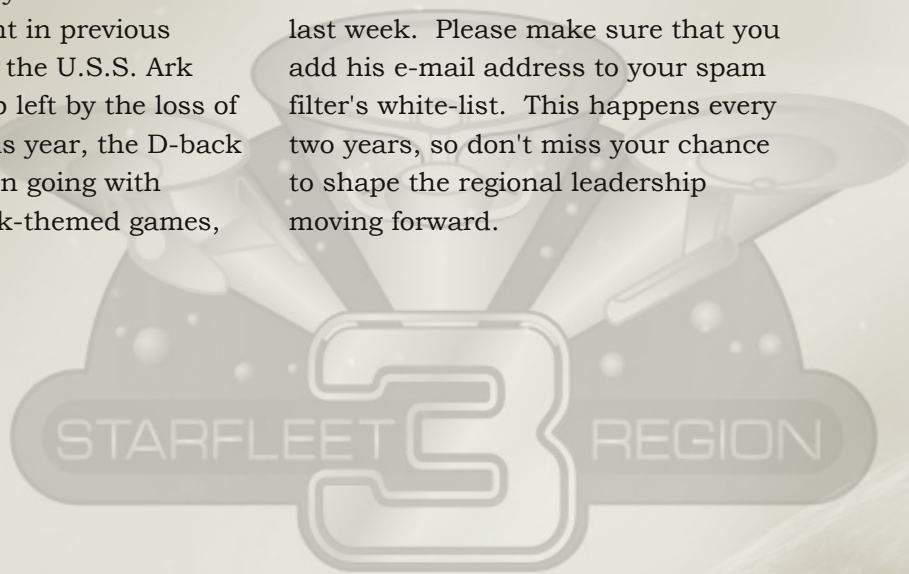
On 22 Oct, the U.S.S. Diamondback will be sponsoring Region 3's Game Day. This has been a very successful event in previous years, originated by the U.S.S. Ark Angel, filling the gap left by the loss of Pool and Darts. This year, the D-back plans to keep the fun going with Battletech, Star Trek-themed games,

and lots of other fun, so let's make sure that their efforts aren't planned in vain. If your chapter would like to get their event on the calendar, let me know or you can e-mail calendar@region3.org.

For all you Chapter CO's out there, don't forget that the nomination process for RC is currently going on. Nominations are due NLT (no later than) 23:59 hrs. CDT on 07 Jul 11. Send your nominations to ig@sfi.org. He sent out a reminder e-mail earlier last week. Please make sure that you add his e-mail address to your spam filter's white-list. This happens every two years, so don't miss your chance to shape the regional leadership moving forward.



By:
LGN Aaron Murphy
Vice Regional Coordinator



From the Desk of the RC

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willing to step in and assist, especially with any on-site logistics.

In August, I will be off to the Pocono Inn in Pennsylvania for STARFLEET's International Conference. There I will attend

the ECAB meeting, attend panels, ceremonies, and banquets.

Thank you Region 3 for assisting me in getting there. This has been a tough year financially on us all.

Don't forget that there are

some upcoming Regional trips in September and October. Please mark your calendars and always review the Region's Calendar at: <http://region3.org/calendar/>

Regional Staff Reports



Chief of Staff:
COMM Beau Thacker

Chief of Staff

Greetings Region Three;

Now we have a full staff, thanks to the volunteers that have stepped up to fill the holes we had in Communications, Awards, and QuarterMaster Positions. The staff itself has been busy planning fun-filled adventures for the Region. This year looks like a lot of fun, with Drive-In theater night and paintball at the end. We need to start prepping for the new movie and start working conventions and other areas of recruiting.

I want to remind all the Chapter Commanders and Staff that their MSRs and Staff reports are due the 1st of each month. This allows for us to review them and give Fleet a more in-depth report of all the fun we are having. Remember there are calendars on the website for events, and the weekly fun email that allows all to know what's going on in our Region.

FACT: Did you know that most Trekkers or people who like Star Trek and Science Fiction don't even know StarFleet exist. Take the challenge and see for yourself.

Chapters, why are we losing members? Look at your Chapters in the database, a lot of our Chapters have members that have left us, why? We need to work out some sort of exit survey, maybe.. lets find out so we can keep our members.

Operations

It is my sad duty to report that I have relieved Rear Admiral Lisa Pruitt from her Regional Operations position due to health concerns. I wish to thank Lisa for her services over these

couple of years assisting me and the Region with our Summits. She is a great person to know, and I wish her long life and the best of health. Lisa, Warp Speed back to good health!

Reed Bates, FCPT
Region 3 RC

Communications

I've been taking some time getting acquainted with the position of Communications Officer for Region 3, and the responsibilities that come along with. So far, I have taken over the Weekly Fun e-mails, in which we ask what chapters have planned to do each weekend to involve their members. Reed Bates and I have also upgraded the Region 3 Group on Facebook to its newest incarnation, which allows for a lot more involvement with the people in the group. We have also put together a Region 3 Twitter account, which you can follow at @sfi_region3, which will give you the latest updates in terms of region news and trivia.

In the coming weeks, we're turning our eyes to YouTube, with the idea of creating a Region 3 account, specifically for getting our name out there, and advertising what the members and chapters of Texas and Louisiana are up to. Social networking is just one of a hundred tools out there that we can use to get into the public eye and start recruiting, and we're planning on using every tool at our disposal to help us strengthen what we already believe is the best region in 'FLEET'.

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Chief of Operations:
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Chief of Communications:
CAPT Cody Glenn

Regional Staff Reports

CompOps

One of the features for the region and its chapters is the calendar page: <http://www.region3.org/calendar> This is powered by Google Calendar and maintained by the Regional Staff. If you are ever wondering what's going on in the region, take a look at this page. However, the calendar is only as good as the submissions we receive. If you have any submissions, jump on the Contact Us page, select Calendar Submission, and send in all the details on your event. We'll get it up there for all the members to see. You might be surprised when the RC or others decide to drop in on you.

When it comes to Conventions, they get their own special page: <http://www.region3.org/conventions> For several years, I've relied on Fanboy's Convention List (<http://www.fanboyslist.com/>) run by Blair Learn. He runs a site that keeps a list of cons from around the country, sortable by date, location, etc. As part of his service, regional CompOps chiefs are able to subscribe and he'll send out updates, already in html format, to plug into thier websites. However, there is one drawback; it is only as good as the member submissions to the page. In recent months, the updates have been remarkably scarce. Please help his site and ours; if you have a Con that's near and dear to your heart, browse to [<http://goo.gl/nyr56>] and take a few minutes to enter the information. If everyone put in just a couple of events, it would fill up in a hurry rather than relying on one of two people to do the submissions for everyone. If we all help, everyone benefits.

In the coming weeks, I am going to be through my chapter logo graphics that I have on file. I found, in getting ready for Summit, that I was woefully out of date on many of the chapter changes of the past year. Several chapters have been added to the roster, while others have made changes to their logos. I'll be reaching out to each of the chapter, as I get to them, and either confirming that the one that I have is correct or that they can get me one. If not, I'll offer my services to recreate them, as time allows. I would like to be able to have a complete set by year-end. Wish me luck!

Finance

Finance is busy balancing the books after Summit.

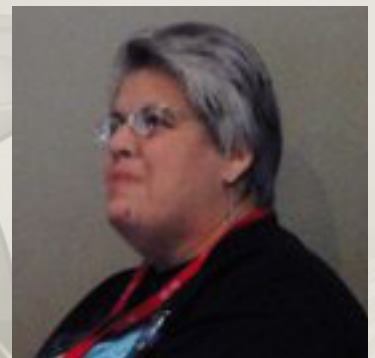
Senior Enlisted Advisor

As of July 8, 2011 the United States as a nation will be out of the Space race. For me personally and for other members of STARFLEET I'm sure this will be a sad day. I believe that we are loosing one of the greatest assets that this country has. This is not the first time that we as a nation have been without vehicles to get men into orbit. We first experienced this gap after the Apollo program ended, before the Space Transport System or Space Shuttle flew.

These years were hard on the people of the United States and I believe that we as a people haven't learned any lessons from this experience. I believe that any nation that does not have space capabilities will lose their leadership of the planet. We as a nation are giving up much



Computer Operations:
LGN Aaron Murphy



Chief Finance Officer:
LT Sydney LeJeune



Senior Enlisted Advisor:
MCPO Jesse Gutierrez

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Regional Staff Reports



Awards Coordinator:
COL Christopher O'Banion

and we need to wake up and retake our leadership role.

How do we do this? We as members of FLEET must contact the leadership of this country and demand that we maintain our role as leaders in space. NASA is planning a question and answers opportunity on July 5, 2011 with NASA administrator [Charles] Bolden. The current plan is for NASA develop a new heavy lift rocket and a crew capsule to take us beyond LEO. NASA plans to change the way it does business and it will assist the commercial industry in reaching LEO. This chat will be for an hour on Tuesday July 5, 2011 at 3:30 EDT. The link is as follows:
http://www.nasa.gov/connect/chat/bolden_chat.html



Quartermaster:
2LT James Trainham

Awards

The Awards Committee has locked themselves into a padded room in order to duke out who gets what award. The awards presented at Summit will be in the Summit Wrap-up Issue of Fleet Channels. Stay tuned!

Quartermaster

The Quartermaster is going through several changes and improvements, and should have a lot to announce very soon. Right now, we are madly doing inventory and counting Frisbees.



Shakedown Operations:
LTC Michael Tolleson

Shakedown Ops

Greetings,

We don't have a whole lot to talk about this time, so let's get right to it. We have a few ships still in shakedown. These ships are:

USS Diamondback

CO: Noble Hays

The Diamondback is moving along nicely. They have all exams and requirements taken care of and are getting their final VRR together and sent up the chain.

USS Daedalus

CO: Wallace Cady

The Daedalus seems to be progressing well with a few bumps but things are smoothed out and moving along now.

We are close to launching the new ShOC page on the Region website; there is still a little bit of coding left to do but this will be up and running soon. Please send any suggestions or thoughts on this to me and we will look at implementing them.

Zone 1 Reports

Zone 1 Leader

Zone 1 has been quiet and for that I'm thankful, but there is some news.

We have a new chapter: the USS NAVRAS launched, and boy are they eager! We all have been new and wanting to help so much we don't really know where to start! They have a great crew and i'm sure they will have a very welcome presence here and in the Region. Welcome Navras.

The Regulator had a change of command, [COL Thomas] "Tank" Clark is now the new CO. Welcome to the center seat, and you just think you know what is in store. Be careful what you wish for but anyway our congratulations to Tank and his new staff.

Several chapters including the Trinity River, Regulator and the Garrett were at Dallas Comic Con and from what i understand the TR and Regulator did great jobs. Way to go!

Our last zone meeting was in April, thanks to [LTC Mike] Tolleson for handing that and the Navras for hosting. The next one will be sometime in late June/early July after Summit. Time and place to be announced. If a chapter would like to host the next zone meeting please get in touch with me. Any thoughts Trinity River?

Well that's all the news that fit to print. See everyone at Summit.
RADM M.L. Murphy
Zone 1

USS Rachel Garrett

The Garrett has had a quiet month. Crew numbers are up by 2 as we welcome "Tag" a/k/a Troy Albert Gay and Emily Alexis "Diva" Gathings. Of course, they will represent the cadet squadron for a couple of years.

All members have been busy making plans for Summit in Lubbock. Looking forward to see all our old friends and making some new ones as is always the case with Summit. At this time there are plans for 5 members of the Garrett to be present - 6 if we can pry the XO from the Army but duty is duty and we would not ask him to forsake his.

Plans for Memorial Day were made - however man plans and God laughs and so she did. The Garrett had to have a new water recycling center a/k/a radiator installed.

One final note, new uniforms have been designed, and will be presented by our Chief of Engineering - Brian Walrath - at Summit, they are sharp looking. The reds are still the dress uniform (for opening ceremonies, etc) however Brian has found an excellent seamstress to make us some others. Contact Brian or me for her information.

Our next meeting will be held at Summit. Let me know if I can help! Remember "One Act Can Alter Time"

RADM M.L. Murphy
CO, USS Rachel Garrett

USS Navras

Just when we didn't think we could get any busier, Spring came along and showed us just how wrong we could be! In April, RADM. Marian Murphy gave us the honor of hosting the Zone 1 Meeting at Birra Poretti's in Arlington, which was handled by our ship's CMO (at the time), Jeremy Mayes. It had a successful turnout, and we look forward to getting together with other chapters in the zone in the very near future.

Our Star Trek Online Celebration of First Contact Day on April 5th went off without a hitch, and marked the second annual public celebration we've held in STO that has received a significant response from the gaming community. We have already begun making plans for next year's celebration.

Throughout the rest of April and May, we began a process of revamping our duty roster, making places for new members to feel at home, and properly detailing our bylaws to finalize everyone's responsibilities and requirements within the chapter. Jeremy Mayes was promoted to the rank of Commander and appointed Executive Officer, while Brett Elliff, our former XO, stepped into the new position of Chief of Engineering. One of our newest members, Rik Bain, accepted the position of Chief of Communications, while Sarah Van der Veken accepted the position of Chief Tactical Officer and

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Zone 1 Reports

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Thomas Hickey stepped into the role of Helmsman. Alan Whittiker has been appointed Chief of Meteorology, and Anna Duch has become our Chief Science Officer.

In addition to the extensive changes we've been making to our bylaws and duty roster, we have begun to shift our focus towards becoming a "Cosplay Chapter", thereby representing our chapter and the region by appearing in First Contact style uniforms at events and conventions.

Commander Jeremy Mayes and myself represented the chapter in this way at the Dallas Comic Con on May 21st, when we had our pictures taken with Leonard Nimoy and were asked for countless photo opportunities with general attendees of the convention. During the convention, we met Shane Dison, who was there in full Klingon attire, representing the Klingon Assault Group organization. We also met and recruited Lieutenant Commander Anna Duch, and Chief Petty Officer Philip Magalios, who were in attendance of the event.

We are continuing work on our chapter website redesign, and have launched a mailing list for members of the USS Navras, as well as a chapter calendar that publishes all meetings, events, conventions throughout North America, member birthdays, and member renewal dates.

Last, but not least, members of our chapter will be present at Movies in the Parking Lot, on July 30, hosted by Half Price Books in

Dallas, as well as QuakeCon 2011 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, August 4-7, and the Star Trek Convention in Las Vegas on August 11-14. We have a very busy Summer ahead of us, and we look forward to every moment of it!

CAPT Cody Glenn
CO, USS Navras

USS Regulator

Lots of things are going on here with the Regulator, and we're all excited about 'em.

The Regulator had a CO election in April. Our new CO is Tank Clark, and our new XO is Liz Goulet. Mike Tolleson is now the OIC of our Marine detachment, the 333rd MSG.

The ship will be attended the Fort Worth Cats ballgame on the 4th of June. We went to a game last year later in the season, and we were hoping it would be cooler this time.

The next weekend was Region 3 Summit & the 3rd Brigade Muster, in Lubbock. The Regulator was proudly represented by Mike Tolleson, Kat Tolleson, & Tank and Tracy Clark.

The weekend after Summit was our regularly-scheduled Ship's Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ on Camp Bowie in Fort Worth.. Once we got all the business out of the way, we played Star Trek Trivia (using Star Trek Scene-It).

The 333rd MSG has switched over to an Aerospace unit, and there's a contest going on to decide on the unit's new nickname, motto, and logo/patch.

This will be judged by COMM Goulet and me, with the winner receiving a free copy of the new patch.

We finally got the turbolift to open on Deck 15, and found a whole bunch of Klingons there. To honor them, in October, the ship has decided to have a pot-luck style Regulator Klingon Dinner Thing. Make your best Klingon-style dish, dress like a Klingon (if you want to), and join in the fun. More details will be forthcoming (like, where it'll be held) as we work 'em out. Meanwhile, check out the Dinner Thing Web Page at [<http://goo.gl/OSa3m>] and the ship's Klingon page at [<http://goo.gl/wPuf8>].

November 5th is the North Texas Walk for Diabetes at The Ballpark in Arlington. Donations are welcomed for this fine cause: the link to our team's page is [<http://goo.gl/1F52o>] and I've placed a link on our ship's website too:
<http://www.ncc73337.com>

In March or April of next year, we'll be doing the Second Annual Dining-In formal dinner. The first one was a great success, and I'm sure we can make this one even better! We'll be announcing more information as our plans get settled. We hope to see you there.

COL (brevet) Tank Clark
CO, USS Regulator

Zone 2 Reports

Zone 2 Leader

This is a quick overview of the year that was, and my expectations for the next year.

We launched the USS Lafitte - in the coming year, they should commission once the CO/XO complete OCC.

We are hoping to launch two additional chapters based in New Orleans and Lafayette, Louisiana

All LA chapters will have a website, even if it just a basic one with contact info. We are currently developing USS Loyalty's website.

We will hold more Skype meetings to increase communications between chapters, and facilitate planning of Zone Events. We are looking to hold a Zone Event on August 13, with an away mission to the Abita Beer Manufacturing Plant.

We will be assisting in the Joint R2/R3 Summit in Hammond, LA in March.

COMM Trisha Tunis
Z2 Leader

USS Azrael

The past few months we have been busy with a couple conventions, and helping other Chapters recruit for them. The Southern crew had movie night and went to a filming studio in Baton Rouge. Also they have had several get togethers that have drawn other Sci-Fi types from other genres. The Northern crew had several air soft wars with an outdoor lunch served. We also took the cadets to movie night and fishing for Klingon food. We have been buying several products that benefit breast cancer, look for them with the pink ribbon on that at your local stores. We collected two bags of cans for the Fuller house. We are looking at adding several members and also our members that have expired have agreed to renew.

COMM Beau Thacker
CO, USS Azrael

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REGION 3 GAME DAY

Zone 3 Reports

Zone 3 Leader

As we approach the halfway point of 2011, Zone 3 has been coming back to life. The very first Zone meeting was held via Skype month. Two chapters were not represented at this meeting. Many issues were discussed including several chapters plans to attend Comicpalooza & ApolloCon as well as other conventions. A proposal to bring Region 3 Summit to Houston in 2014 was presented at the USS Spiritwolf meeting by the Firebird crew earlier this year. It wasn't discussed at the Zone 3 Meeting as very few CO's were in attendance but will be discussed further in future meetings. My hopes for the Zone are to put us on the lists of regular stops in terms of Regional functions every year. Until next time, take care of yourselves & each other.

COMM Robert C.Graham
Zone Leader 3

USS Joan of Arc

April was a busy month for the USS Joan of Arc. First was the general crew meeting at Sirloin Stockade, a local restaurant. Aside from the usual crew/planning meeting, we often have at least one or two fun events. The first of these events was a Star TREK Academy class complete with final questionnaire and dinner at the CO's house. Finger foods were encouraged as in a dinner & movie house. 5 to 7 intrepid "students" signed up for the class and gathered at the CO's house to watch Galaxy Quest. It was a wonderful evening

where we watched the show, searched for answers to the questionnaire, challenged each other on the multi-answer responses, and generally had a fantastic evening. Toward the end of the evening Jim began imitating the Thermian's voice and movements. If I hadn't been sitting down I would have been sitting down when he finished. Several napkins later everyone decided it was time to leave.

Next came the traditional "after Easter BBQ" to use up all those pesky marshmallow Peeps still around the house. Robin Van Cleave showed off her grilling skills by serving pork and salmon steaks, roasted corn on the cob still in its husks, and grilled various veggies. Naturally dessert was sm'ores made with the Peeps, any leftover chocolate, and graham crackers. For the more healthy minded there were bite sized pieces of fruit & whole strawberries to dunk in chocolate melted over the coals.

April had 5 Saturdays in the month which gave us the chance to have an extra fun event. It was planned to be a poker night but after filling up on pre-dinner snacks combined with an awesome lasagna and salad, no one had the energy needed. A quick poll of those there decided the original Tron was more suitable, required less energy, and many people hadn't seen the show. This event was held at Amy Turner's house in Flour Bluff, a suburb of Corpus Christi. It also concluded the April adventures of

the Lady 'J'.

May was, at first, thought to be even more frantic with the end of school activities, Boy Scout end of school party, combined with multiple May Trek adventures. Our May adventures were supposed to start off with our 17th yearly invasion of KEDT, our local PBS TV station. Each year KEDT has a tele-auction to raise some of the station's operating funds. The club has manned the phone banks from 6p until the final item was sold around 12:30-1:00a on the last night for over 10 years. We always wore our uniforms or persona costumes to help us stand out from the other groups working the phones (as if we needed help there). This year however another group paid a lot (4 or 5 figure number) for the privilege of closing the auction. Our absence was well noted not only by the viewers but also by the station workers as well. Next year will tell what happens.

Since we had an event on the first Saturday, the crew meeting was switched to the third Saturday. Summit was discussed and no one could attend due to multiple real world conflicts. The May birthday bash plans were finalized, people were recognized for passing several Academy schools, then the meeting adjourned. Robin was invited to bring the Club to an inter-squad game for the C.C. Roller Derby team on the Friday before the swimming party, and around 8 crew members attended. If you have never ...Continued on next page

Zone 3 Reports

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seen Roller Derby in person, it is like ice hockey minus the ice. During one of the breaks between skating periods the announcer asked for all people over 12 who had birthdays that month to come to the center of the skating oval, and Robin sent Alex up there. The group was told to line up & grab their ankles so the team could administer a proper birthday spank. Alex's face & ears were as beet red as a 15 yr. could get when he discovered he had been had!

[The May bash] is one of the most elaborate summer parties held because there are at present 7 birthdays among the crew in May. This year the May Bash location was changed from the Marine's house in Victoria back to one closer to Corpus Christi, the

Aransas Pass aquatic center. Once again real life conflicts caused the move in location. The next day about half of our May birthday people made it to the water park. We had a blast! Even the adults did, just ask Jim. There are 3-4 pools with suitable water level for waders & non-swimmers to ones for diving and the more advanced swimmer. The pool with the most activity was one with 3 water slides. Granted the kids outnumbered the adults vastly but they were there too. Jim had to try 2 of the 3 tubes just for safety's sake, making sure that Christopher could make it to the side of the pool. I'm glad Jim was watching Christopher dive/jump off the low board because he did a belly flop & got the air knocked out of himself.

Jim hauled him out of the pool with a "time to take a break now" when Chris asked if he could go again! All 8-10 of us had lunch at the A.P. Bakery & Restaurant, where club gifts were presented. I also was given a surprise gift; promotion in rank to Commadore. What a surprise! It has been close to 9 years since I was last promoted. Robin wanted to wait for the June meeting but since she will be busy with family activities, she gave it to me early herself. As you can see the Lady 'J' has been rather active in May. I don't know what the summer holds but it will be reported here later in the year.

COMM. Kris Dobie, RVA
USS Joan of Arc



Bates...



Murphy...



Johnston...



CARSTEN?!?

Find out what these 4 and more were up to! Make sure to see the special post-Summit issue of Fleet Channels, coming SOON!™

Zone 4 Reports

Zone 4 Reporting.

The chapters of Zone 4 are still:

Ark Angel Station

USS Battle Born

USS Bexar

USS Serenity

USS Victory

Ark Angel Station continues to have fun outings, recently having gone to local sporting events and concerts!

USS Battle Born commissioned on April 19th and the 301st MSG on board finally chose a new name and motto – Strike Group Cerberus, “Three Showing...Death Dealing.” Thankfully they elected not to put that into Latin, as I'd never remember it.

USS Bexar continues to work with local groups and support local events, including many at the Texas Cultural Center.

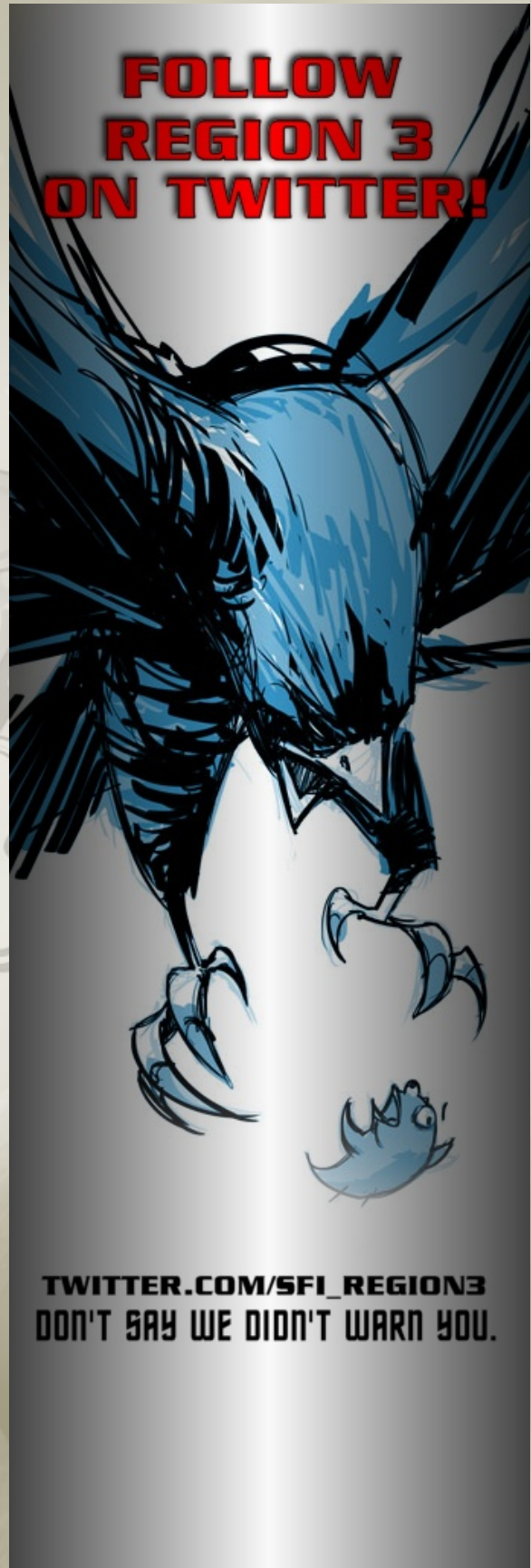
USS Serenity has been successfully commissioned as well – flying proudly!

USS Victory remains slightly undermanned, but the new XO, CMDR Mike McCoslin is working on that!

All but one chapter will be represented st Summit by at least one crew member being physically present, save for the USS Serenity (who has their vote proxy submitted for the CCO meeting). So we shall all conduct a little business, and have a lot of fun!

COL Jeremy Carsten

Zone 4 Leader



Zone 5 Reports

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On April 2, the commander and a few crew members from the USS Lone Star and I joined the commander and crew of the USS Diamondback to participate in the Walk Now For Autism Speaks West Texas event at the Abilene Zoo. Even though registration began at 9:00 AM, two of the members of the West Texas Squadron, Star Garrison, 501st Legion were greeting the crowds as they arrived for the walk. After assuming the identity of Captain Fox, I joined the "door greeters" until time for Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 AM. After a very enthusiastic Star Spangled Banner and a heart-felt rendition of Twinkle-Twinkle Little Star (it was supposed to be the Pledge of Allegiance, but everyone rolled along with it), the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was performed and the Walk began. The Stormtroopers and I split into two groups, to

meet and greet with walkers in two different parts of the course. I spent the first part of the walk with a Biker Trooper and a Tie Fighter Pilot near the west end of the zoo, and then relocated to the center of the zoo. The Biker Trooper was recalled by The Empire, so a Jedi Knight and a Clone Trooper took his place. At approximately 12:00 PM, we decided to call it a day. At 1:00 PM, we all rendezvoused at a small Italian restaurant for a well-deserved lunch.

On April 30, I rejoined the members of the members of the West Texas Squadron, Star Garrison, 501st Legion for the Walk Now For Autism Speaks West Texas Event outside the MCH Center for Health and Wellness outside of Odessa, Texas. This time, after resuming the identity of Captain Fox, I rejoined the Tie Fighter Pilot and Jedi Knight and joined two

Imperial Officers. We mingled with the crowds as we waited for the Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 AM. After a very good rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place, and the second Walk was underway. The 501st members and I stopped at a small land clearing next to the jogging track, which was the Walk course for this event for more meet and greet with the walkers, then walked across the parking lot to the end of the course to congratulate the walkers as they finished. A few times, I needed to step in and conduct traffic control to let vehicles pass safely, due to the track crossing the exit road. Around 12:00 PM, the 501st members decided to call it a day, but I remained until the crowds diminished before receiving a well-deserved pizza lunch.

BDR John Johnston
Zone 5 Leader

Regional Calendar

[July]

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Movies in the Parking Lot (Star Trek 2009), Dallas, TX

[August]

4-7

Quakecon 2011, Dallas, TX (quakecon.org)

12-14

IC2011, Pocono Manor, PA (ic2011.com)

[September]

2-5

Dallas Anime Fest, Dallas, TX (animefest.org)

10-11

El Paso Comic Con, El Paso, TX (<http://ep-con.blogspot.com/>)

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R3 Trip to Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX & USS Daedalus Commissioning, Galveston, TX

23-25

FenCon VIII, Addison, TX (fencon.org)

[October]

8-9

Fan Days, Irving, TX (scifiexpo.com)

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R3 Game Day, Abilene, TX

[November]

4-6

CONtraflow, Gretna, LA (contraflowscifi.org)

11-13

Austin Comic Con (wizardworld.com/home-tx.html)

11-13

Milleniumcon 14 (millenniumcon.com)



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