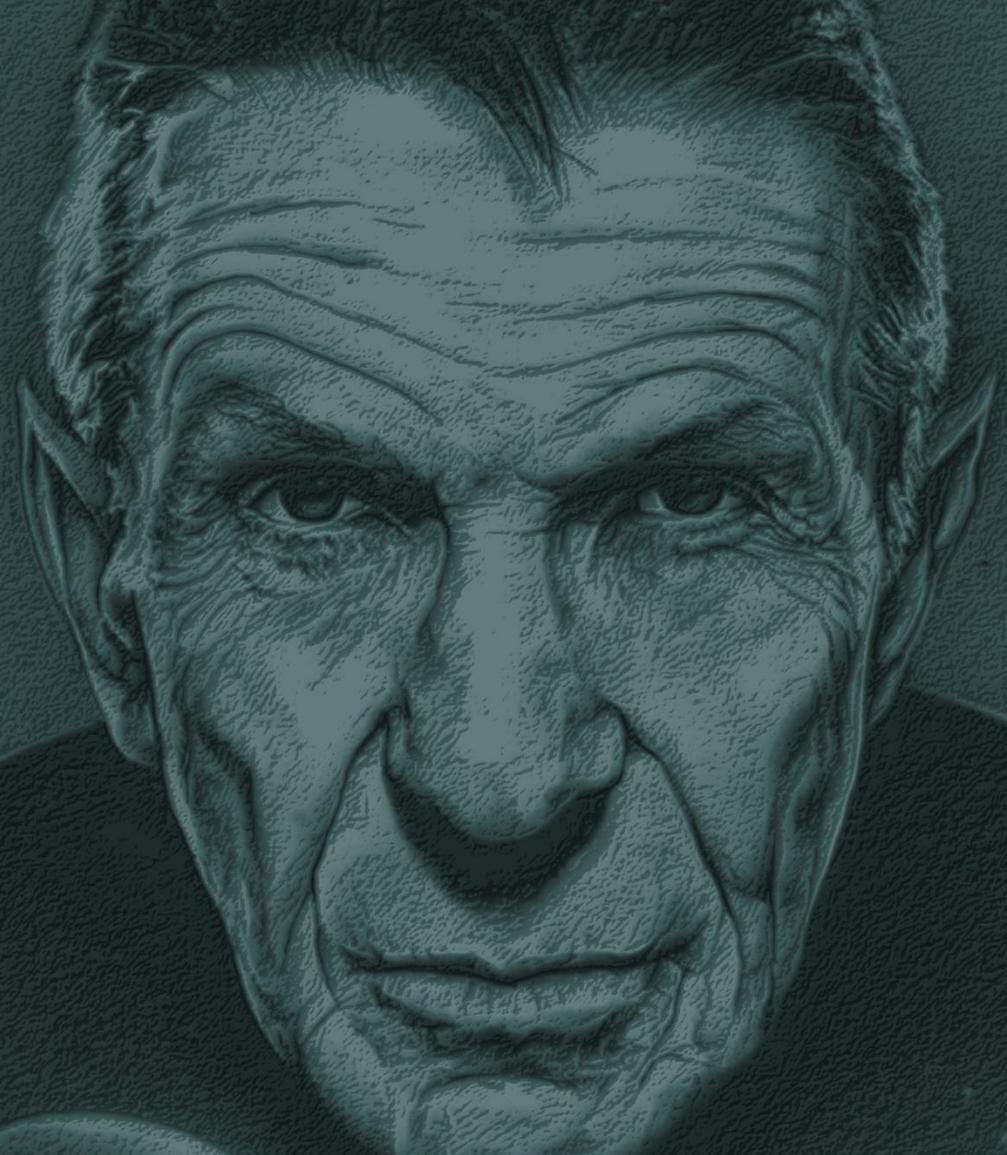


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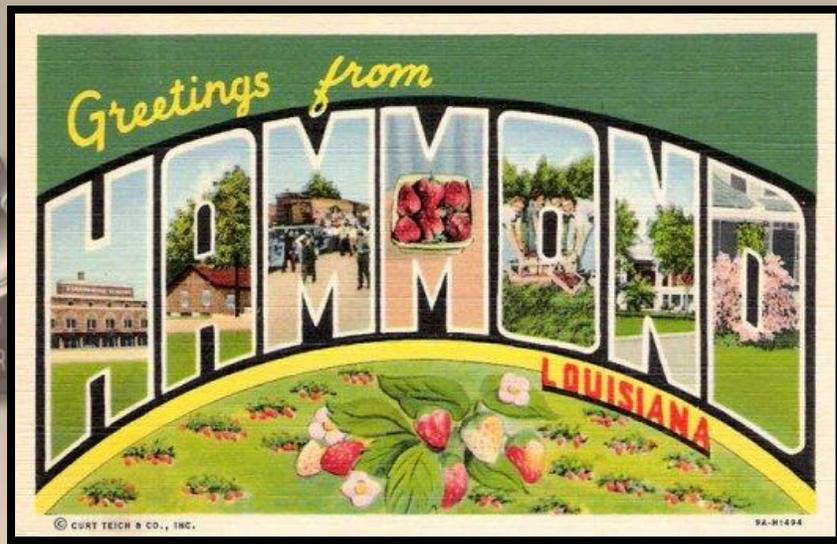
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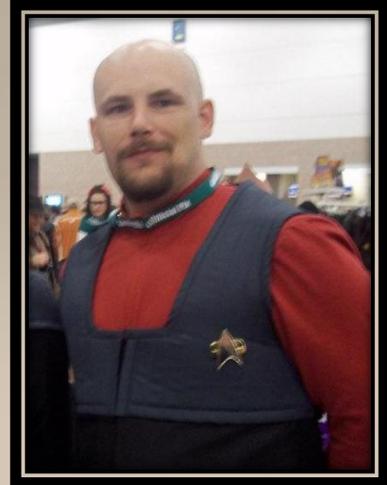
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IS THIS A TIME PARADOX?



Are you seeing things? Do thine eyes deceive you? Is this the work of that morally ambiguous, yet oh-so-cunning Q character? No! It's really me, Captain Cody Glenn, still editing Fleet Channels like it's going out of style.

"But, Cody, didn't you step down from the Chief of Communications position?" you may ask, and the answer to that is indeed a yes. My last issue as the Commo Geek has come and gone, but alas, in my absence, no one has applied to take over the position. So since I'm such a nice guy and all, I've volunteered to help out and keep the Regional Newsletter being produced on schedule for all of our wonderful STARFLEET members.

What that essentially means is that until a new Chief of Communications takes over in Region Three, I will be standing in as the Interim Editor-in-Chief for Fleet Channels.

So what do we have for you in this issue? How about a good hard glimpse of things to come in the upcoming Region Two/Region

Three Joint Summit? I have to admit that this will be my first

Summit, and I'm looking forward to it—so if you run across me in Hammond, Louisiana (I'm pretty hard to miss, with the bald head and all), feel free to buy me a drink. Besides that, we have the same articles and reports that you've all become accustomed to. So before this little introduction stumbles too much further into the territory of mindless blathering on my part, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to pick up this little publication and welcome to the FIRST issue of 2012!

Sincerely and Respectfully,
CAPT. Cody Glenn
CO, USS Navras / ADC & S6-C 3BDE
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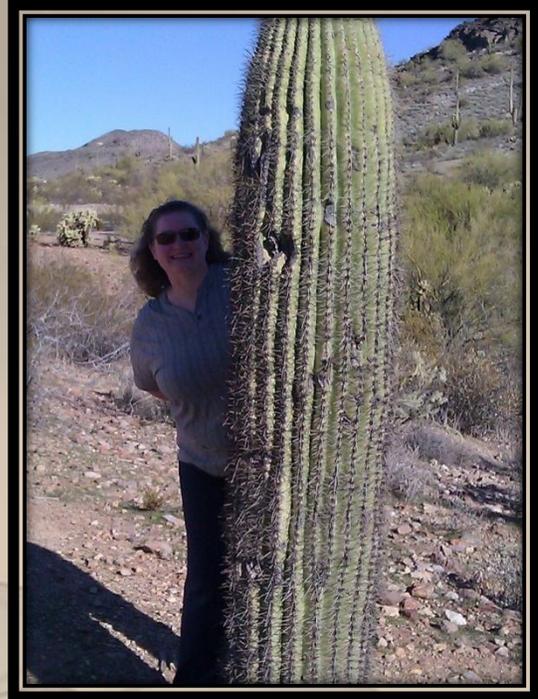
RC HAPPENINGS

Since the last time we were in the holodeck together...

Most of what I've done for the Region in the past couple months has been behind the scenes on the computer and phone conversations; however, I did travel for the Region on a couple occasions. On December 10, I attended a new chapter's holiday party. There was a mad Ferengi gift exchange and some very good food, including tamales, eggrolls, and a pork roast, if I recall correctly. With the Wrath of Khan playing on the big screen, great food, and great company, you can't go wrong at a party like that.

During the Christmas season, Lloyd and I traveled to Wickenburg, Arizona to visit his father, who lives there, and his sister who came in from California. While going out there and coming back home though, we met up with CO John Johnston of the USS Gunslinger. We had breakfast at a great place called Good Coffee in El Paso, Texas. It had great get up and go food for a very reasonable price... and good coffee. On the way back, we splurged a bit and went to an Italian Restaurant, the name escapes me at this time, but since we were just going back to the hotel, we had some wine and dessert, too. Thanks, John, for eating with us and recommending the one restaurant. We love to eat at local places, instead of national chains. Next time, let's get your members together, too.

The first half of January I spent most of it preparing for the CCO Meeting January 14. The COs, Region 3 Staff, and a few XO's met online for the first time ever telephone call; where our screens could be shared over the internet. Callers could call in over their phone or call in using their computers. It was a long chat, but we got through it unscathed. The Staff gave their department reports. The Region 3 Handbook was revised in front of our eyes



with input from everyone. The yearly budget was approved. And, several events throughout the entire year were discussed. The COs had so much fun during the call that they decided to do it more often, scheduling it quarterly. Since the one in March at Summit is a face-to-face CCO meeting, that will mean that some time in 3rd quarter of the year, we'll have another online CCO meeting.

The second half of January and currently, I am in full Summit Planning mode. I've been coordinating with the entire Joint Summit Committee and working closely with Region 2's RC Jack Eaton, as well as other members of Region 2. Jack and I have a standing call each week on Monday. A Tentative Schedule has been laid out by Trisha Tunis of the USS Corsair and hopefully by the time you are reading it, it is more set in stone than tentative. There are many who are working their Sa'Huts off. I will be thanking them all at Summit, during Summit, and after Summit in our Summit Wrap Up edition of Fleet Channels. It takes a team to put one of these on.

I hope to see you in Hammond. But, if not, there's always next year at IC in Dallas, Texas!!!

VRC REPORT

Greetings,

Here I sit in the coat closet outside of the RC's office. You know, you'd figure the Regional Exec would merit a real office, but no... with the penny pinching that went on during the regional budget negotiations, there were cuts that needed to be made. One of the first on the list, apparently, was office space. Go figure.



Retreat (the CCO meeting) was a success. This year, contrary to years past when we had Summit in the Jun-Jul timeframe, the meeting was held online using Voice Over IP (VoIP) technology. This gave greater accessibility to those CO's who normally had great distances to travel, allowed screen sharing, and collaborative editing of proposed documents. We had a constructive meeting, including regional staff reports, going over R3 Handbook updates, ratification of the regional budget, and filling out the first part of the regional calendar.

As I mentioned, Summit this year will be held earlier than normal. In conjunction with Region 2, we are holding our first Joint Summit. This concept is not new, having been successfully done by Regions 4, 5, and 17 (called the Western Summit). Summit is scheduled for March 16-18, 2012 at the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Hammond, Louisiana.

With Summit in mind, many members take pride in their uniforms. Recently, STARFLEET worked out a deal with Cosplaysky.com to provide discounted uniforms to STARFLEET members. This is a company based in China. They provide quick results, a quality product, and good customer service. They are also willing to make custom uniforms for members, based on specifications and pictures provided to them. We have had a couple of members in the region who have done business with them and have been pleased with their work. For more information, feel free to look here.

*In Service to the Region,
Aaron Murphy
Lieutenant General, SFMC
Vice Regional Coordinator
Third Fleet, STARFLEET
vrc at region3.org*

CHIEF OF STAFF

Ahoy!

2011 has been survived, and now we look to this very busy year we've landed ourselves in. Joint Summit is right around the corner... March 16th, folks! Guess what that means? Yep, your Region Staff has ate, drank, slept, breathed (and a few other things that involved weird noises and odd smells) Summit. So when you go to Summit (and you ARE going... RIGHT?) and you enjoy yourselves immensely, just think to thank the staff that came together, many stepping up beyond the scope of their specific roles, and made it happen.

Aside from Summit, we've completed our first online CCO Meeting. It ran a little longer than planned, but we did hash through a new Region Handbook, which is being made pretty and will be published very soon. The content is finished, just formatting and beautification is being done at this time. The CCO also established several fun events to be pursued for the coming year—so keep an eye on the Region 3 Calendar!

As I am writing this, we are in the final days of accepting applications for Region 3 Staff. It is my hope, by the time that this is

published, that we will have a listing of all of the current staff members, as well as any changes, published on the website.

After Summit, the next big ticket item that your staff will be slaving over will be IC2013. This will include our hosting a hospitality suite at IC2012 in Memphis, Tennessee, and beginning to whittle down the details of everything needed for us to host the International Conference in Dallas next year. If you are looking to get involved with your region, I promise that we are going to need help.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Summit in less than a month!

Chief of Staff, OUT!

*COL Jeremy "Sideshow" Carsten
Region 3 – Chief of Staff, Zone 4 Leader
CO USS Battle Born NCC-69607 "Been there, Done that, Back for more!"*



CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Greetings my fellow Fleeters,

We here in Region 3 Ops have been busy preparing for Summit. That has been the focus of our group these past few months. Things are getting close to being finalized and a schedule will be posted soon. If you have not registered yet, please do. I want to say thanks to Trisha Tunis and Lucy Feron for their outstanding work with the

scheduling and juggling of all of the panels for Summit. We will have a fun-filled weekend!

The Zones seem to be doing okay for



the moment. We have a few ships undermanned but I'm working with the Zone Leaders and ShOC to get this fixed. If I have not contacted you, please expect me to. I would like to get all ships manned to proper strength. Starting now, I would like a brief report from the Zone Leaders on how things are going in each of the zones. Nothing fancy, just a few words so I know things are good. If not, then we can address those issues at that time.

Okay, enough of the serious stuff, let's get ready to have a blast. But be safe on your drive to Summit. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

*In service,
Michael "Matchstick" Tolleson, LTC
OIC 3rd Brigade, Region 3
Region 3 Ops*

SHAKEDOWN HAPPENINGS

Greetings from the desk of the Region 3 ShOC:

This is my first report as your Shakedown Operations Officer, and it is also my first report as a member of Region 3. I have spent the last 13+ years as a member of Region 12, serving a term as the Officer In Charge of the 12th Brigade and a time as the Region 12 Coordinator. I served on R12 Staff in many capacities (Awards Director, Interim VRC, Summit Coordinator, etc.), with my last position (which I resigned when I moved) as Region 12 ShOC. My Fleet career actually started here in Region 3, as the Commanding Officer of the Shuttle Anasazi (commissioning as the USS Babylon) in the Ruston/Monroe, Louisiana area. I am glad to be part of Region 3 again, and look forward to working with my fellow R3 members.

Things are just rolling along fine here in Shakedown Operations. We currently have one chapter going through her Shakedown Cruise: the USS New Orleans. Commanding Officer Randolph Allen and crew are getting quite a bit accomplished for their chapter during their time in ShOC. They have been keeping themselves busy with events and activities, such as meetings, conventions, and charitable work. They are continuously reporting in, and keeping us updated on their status. I personally greatly appreciate that, and want to thank them for this. A key to running a successful ShOC Office is ensuring that you know exactly how each of

your chapters are doing as they travel through their Shakedown Cruise. It ensures that ShOC knows of any potential problems and concerns before they happen... thereby being able to work with the chapter to help them with whatever they face.

Our second chapter that was going through her Shakedown Cruise, the USS Franklin, sadly deactivated and let STARFLEET. We wish them the best in their endeavors, and hope that they find enjoyment in whatever organization they choose to join.

We do have a prospective chapter that is coming very close to launching into their Shakedown Cruise (as of the time of writing this): The USS Crockett. Commanding Officer Mariann Gutierrez and crew are coming along nicely in their preparation of launching. We cannot wait for them to join us here in Shakedown Operations!

There are some other chapters that are in the discussion/formation phase. I will keep everyone posted on these upcoming chapters as information comes through.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming R2/R3 Summit in Hammond. It will definitely be a great time to meet, learn, and PARTY!!

*In Service,
Vice Admiral Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.,
SFMC/SFFM
CO, Retribution Station – SFR-1202
Shakedown Operations Officer, Region 3*

COMPOPS REPORT

Greetings,

Well, luckily for me, the budget cuts didn't hit Computer Operations too badly. The VRC coat closet was getting kinda muggy. I figured I'd move down here to the server room. It's noisier than most of the Region 3 HQ, but at least it's cool. So, here I sit with my headphones in, listening to music and toning out the chirp of the Comm unit.

It's been pretty busy lately. We've had chapters coming and going, launching and commissioning, etc. As a result, the chapter list and the mailing lists have become a bit of a mess. Accordingly, I recently made a call for all chapter Commanding Officers to look over the [Chapter List](#) and make sure all of your information was correct. I thank all of the CO's who sent me updates. As far as I can tell, all edits have been made. If you haven't looked lately, please take a look.

Over the next couple of months, you will probably be getting an e-mail from me. It will be to either confirm that the logo I have for you is current or to work with you to create a high quality logo for use on the website and for Fleet Channels. I prefer to use vector graphics for my work as they resize without degradation in quality and recolor easily. If you already have one of these, please send me a copy.

The regional site contains lots of useful information. On the [documents page](#) you can find links to the S.T.A.R.T., M.O.M., and Accelerated Shakedown Program, the R3 Handbook (soon to be updated), and other documents. The links page has links to the next two International Conferences, various STARFLEET links, and the QM, Queensboro, and the Cosplaysky.com announcement made by Fleet HQ.

*In Service to the Region,
Aaron Murphy
Lieutenant General, SFMC
Chief of Computer Operations
Third Fleet, STARFLEET
compops at region3.org*

QUARTERMASTER

Hey all, not much to report here from the Quartermaster other than that we now have the store fully up and operational at <http://www.region3.org/Store>. I know there isn't much new, but I need to hear back from YOU to see what merchandise you would like to see made available. Also don't forget that we have a CafePress page available with a large selection of merchandise, located at <http://www.cafepress.com/region3>.

*1LT James Trainham
USS Battle Born*

CORRESPONDENCE OPERATIONS

Greetings from Commodore Beau Thacker, the Director of Fleet Corry Operations.

I wanted to let all Correy Chapters in Region 3 know that we now have a Facebook site, which you can access from the main SFI website at <http://www.sfi.org> or by looking up “Correy Chapters” on Facebook. We have been featuring several chapters from all over the world, covering who they are and more. So far, two chapters in Region 3 have been featured.

For anyone considering starting a Correy Chapter, we have vital information to help you get started. For those of you who may not know what a Correy Chapter is, it’s a chapter whose members may have difficulty meeting in person on a monthly basis, due to distance, or other life issues. Most chapter activity can take place online, or through other means. But don’t think that Correy Chapters don’t have fun or meetings/events. In Region 3 alone, there are active Correy Chapters that do regular special events and other fun-filled activities for their crew.

For more information, check out the aforementioned Facebook page, or e-mail me directly at blackskull65@gmail.com.

RECAP: 2011 CCO MEETING

Quick Summary of Annual CCO Meeting at Summit in Lubbock, Texas
June 12, 2011

It was your basic business-type meeting. The Minutes from the previous meeting at Retreat 2011 passed with no changes. The staff gave their reports to the CCO with some questions asked and answered. Some highlights are:

CompOps is updating the R3 website, but also is in charge of updating the new 3rd Brigade pages, too. Aaron is working with Christopher O’Banion, too, on possible revamping of the Region’s Award pins. Some of the email lists were on moderate due to huge amounts of spam coming out of Russia.

Financial proposed a mid-year budget adjustment. It was voted upon to only send the RC to IC, not to include an assistant.

Quartermaster is working on a new

Quartermaster Store using a Cart software



system. James Trainham wants to poll the members to get items that are of interest. James also sold merchandise for both SFI and the SFMC during Summit and the numbers looked good.

More mid-year budget discussions: Web-hosting should be set in reserve for one-third each year due in order to smooth out budgets and allow for better funding when they the payments are actually due. Summit registration fees probably will no longer be in the \$15 range due to the cost of putting on a Summit and also all of the other budgetary items.

Regional Assistance Program was reinstated. The Regulator motioned, and it was seconded by the Rachel Garrett, that the

RAP from 1995 is reinstated, and that each chapter has 90 days to send to the Region \$15 per chapter for this year, and then starting in 2012, the fee will be due by January 31 of each year. This fee goes into the Region's budget to ensure events, awards supplies, printing, mailings, etc. are covered. The amount of the fee will be determined each year based upon what's required in the Region's budget. The CCO is in charge of setting the amount.

Fleet Awards: If a chapter doesn't have its own awards system, then look to the SFI Awards as a way to pat your members and friends on the back for their good work on your chapter. The awards are free to SFI members and will be mailed to whomever or

wherever you need them to be mailed. i.e. if your chapter wants them presented at a chapter event, get them in at least 45 days before hand.

Pep Talk: I gave a little talk on members getting along and getting back to having fun.

Then the COs went over the calendar of events.

If you have any questions, ask a staff member or your CO/XO.



RECAP: 2011 ECAB MEETING

EC/AB Meeting at IC in the Poconos, Pennsylvania

Friday, August 11, 2011

I have yet to attend a long, miserable EC/AB meeting. This was my third and all of them have ended on time and are relatively painless. I have heard tales of many that go into the night or something like that just crazy, but for the most part, they are somewhat business like and we get the job done and move on to the fun. This year, we approved the Minutes from last year's meeting.

We then heard reports from the EC. This year it was a bit better, where they sent us their reports for us to read beforehand, and then mostly pointed out some highlights to the reports or answered questions from the AB. There was some lengthy discussion on the possibility of getting a new



database to replace our old and outdated software.

They then ask the RCs for a brief update on our Regions, where we give them how many chapters, and how many members, and a little bit about maybe an event or two. It's very brief.

Then we finally got

into some of the nitty gritty topics, which are:

1. The Lifetime and Honorary Members of the Year. The EC proposes the nominees, gives some background on each candidate, and then the AB votes. This year, there were three nominees, and because of all their hard work, there are 3 Honorary Members, who receive a free SFI membership for 3 years, as approved by the AB. They are: Laura Victor, Andrey Kuznetsov, and Christina Sievers. The Lifetime Membership was awarded to Mark Anbinder for all his work over the years with ICs and the Marines.
2. Criminal Record Affidavits Requirements Committee. The EC/AB had been looking into having the EC/AB and their staff sign an affidavit of certain types of criminal convictions, especially in regards to sex offenders with minor children. At that time, the AB was going to end some questions to STARFLEET's attorney. It was decided later to not continue work on the Affidavit, and we weren't taking any action, but please note that our children and the members of STARFLEET mean the world to us and we wish no harm to come to anyone.
3. Bylaws conflict. Another member pointed out that there might be a conflict between the Bylaws and the MHB in regard to whether Interim RC's have any authority to act as the RC when an RC resigns. The AB agreed that an Interim RC has full authority because that's what it means. They are acting as the RC until such time as a new one is found and takes their place.
4. R13 RC Joost Ueffing proposed to temporarily merge several non-active Regions into neighboring Regions. The AB approved all the merger requests as one motion. As for Region 3, we are not only Texas and Louisiana, but also now merged with Region 18, which was parts of Mexico, and central and South America. So, from the Top of the Texas Panhandle to the tip of Cape Horn, South America, that is now Region 3. How about Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil or Buenos Aires, Argentina? This is only temporary until that part of the world has at least 2 or 3 chapters. Anyone want to do some recruiting down there any way?
5. Scholarship Changes. I was there to propose new wording to the MHB to update and correct some wording to go with how the Program has worked over the past several years. This topic

was tabled due to Joost and several other members not reading their full meeting packet so they were not up to speed on the proposal, and also because another matter had presented itself that morning. So, I will be sending the new wording to the AB-list for review and approval.

We then discussed a late-breaking membership matter. The AB and the EC are going to handle it according to our rules. The EC/AB meeting then adjourned at around 4:45 p.m. All in all, it was a good meeting.



INTRODUCING THE USS CROCKETT

Greetings, members of Region Three! I would like to take the time to introduce one of the newest ships to the Region. The ship is the first Dreadnought class in the Region and it is a Nitcher class vessel. The registry number is NCC-21040. The ship is currently in Shakedown and is looking

forward to becoming a full chapter within a few months. The website for this ship is located at <http://www.usscrockett.webs.com>. The Crockett also has a Twitter Account and a [Facebook](#) account, if you'd like to join in the fun of watching this ship as it progresses.

ARK ANGEL STATION CO'S NOTES



Hello Fellow Fleeters, CO of the Ark Angel Station here! I thought I would pass a note to let you know about the happenings on the station since the last issue of Fleet Channels. We have been having our monthly meeting at my house; with a Skype connection for those that can't make it. So far it seems to be working pretty well for everyone as we have had attendance go up a little bit overall. After one of the meetings we all set up and played Star Trek "Scene It", a video trivia game. I had never played one of these games where you play from a DVD, asking questions about the shows, etc., and I must report that even though I was a noob at the game, I won! This old CO still has some tricks up his sleeve, hehe.

I am planning to be at summit during our March meeting and I'm hopeful that my XO, Matt Hill, will be able to rally the troops while I'm gone. We'll see what is reported after I get back.

I'll be bringing pictures home from Hammond (and New Orleans) for everyone to see as well.

We are in the planning stages of a crew camping trip in April for our meeting, which we're calling "Geeks in The Woods". The last several times we planned this event, it was a blast, and everyone that went enjoyed it.

I also need to report that we have four new crew members, all new to Fleet, so we are working to make them feel at home. And lastly, my Cadet Services Officer, Deanna Bressie, has whipped up some events for the Ark Angel Station Cadet Corps. Check out what they are about at arkangelcadetcorps.com. I'm sure they don't mind a few more cadets getting involved!

Well, I guess that's all I got this time,
CAPT Lloyd Bates
CO Ark Angel Station
arkangelstation.com



USS NAVRAS AT THE 2012 SCI-FI EXPO

On Saturday, February 11, nearly forty members of the USS Navras descended upon the Irving Convention Center to participate in the 2012 Sci-Fi Expo and to celebrate the first anniversary of our commissioning. As a result, members drive in from Oklahoma and other parts of the United States to be present, in uniform and in full prosthetic appliance makeup, and help us host our enlistment table.

Despite freezing temperatures, our members came dressed as Liberated Borg, Denobulan, Andorian, Romulan, Bajoran, Klingon, Cardassian, and Trill officers to meet and greet the guests and convention goers and help spread the excitement that comes along with being a part of STARFLEET—and the reception that we received was both enthusiastic and very welcoming by people who were interested in who we were, what we do together, and how they could find out more about the organization.

On Saturday we ran across several familiar friendly faces, including Col. Jeremy Carsten of the USS Battle Born, Commodore Beau Thacker of the USS Ravensclaw, Col. Tank and Lt. Tracy Clark of the USS Regulator, Rear Admiral Marian Murphy of the USS Rachel Garrett, Lieutenant General Aaron Murphy of Ark Angel Station, and Rear Admiral Robyn Winans and Cmdr. Ed Dravecky of the USS Trinity River. We also got autographs from Eliza Dushku of Buffy and Dollhouse fame, and Jewel Staite of Firefly and Serenity fame.

Several of our members were interviewed by PropFreaks.com and the D-Magazine, and, of course, there were hundreds of photos taken by almost everyone present.



After the doors closed at the convention center on Saturday night, our congregation reassembled at the i Fratelli Ristorante & Wine Bar on MacArthur Boulevard, where we had already acquired reservations. As we entered the restaurant, we couldn't help but notice that there was a very long line of patrons who were waiting to be seated—but all it took was a glance at us for the concierge to say “I know whose party you're with! Please, come right this way...”



After an amazing and much deserved Anniversary Dinner, we proceeded to hand out the Ship Level and Marine Unit Level awards and promotions that the members of our crew had earned throughout the course of 2011. It was an amazing feeling to watch the faces of our members as their names were called for awards and promotions that they honestly hadn't seen coming—and it helped me prove to them that as the Captain, I do pay attention to what they do for this ship and its crew.

After the ceremony, we all went our separate ways and retired for the evening, in preparation to return to the convention bright and early on Sunday morning.



And return we did, to a second day of showing off our pride and engaging the convention goers to raise their interest and direct them back to our table. We also took the weekend as an opportunity to raise money for Habitat for Humanity by having the individuals who stopped by our table vote on their favorite Captain, Kirk or Picard, by placing their donation in one of the specially designated ‘tip jars’ we'd set up for each Captain. I'm very

proud to announce that Jean-Luc Picard was declared the winner, by having \$12 more in donations than James T. Kirk!

Commander Jeremy Mayes and I even got the opportunity to stop and chat briefly with Adam Baldwin, whom you may remember as Jayne Cobb from Firefly/Serenity, or from his roles on the X-Files, Buffy, or Stargate SG-1.

To bring this article to a close, I'll just say that for our ship's first event of 2012, Sci-Fi Expo turned out to be a blast—and that we have already secured two tables for our return to the Irving Convention Center in May, for Dallas Comic Con, with Jean-Luc himself, Sir Patrick Stewart, scheduled among the guests!

Sincerely and Respectfully,
CAPT. Cody Glenn
CO, USS Navras – NCC-94010

USS RAVENSCREW



The Ravensclaw scored second in the Fleet Admiral's challenge for the Christmas holidays, donating over 600 pounds of food to the needy. The Marine section has been practicing air soft and working on getting crew uniformed and outfitted. We had 4 new members and 1 old member renew in December, 2011. In January we have had 4 new members and 4 old members renew their memberships. We attended the Wizard World New Orleans Comic Con in late January and the Sci-Fi Expo convention in Irving in early February. We are doing a membership drive this next week in Bossier City, and a meet and greet with Mr. Gattis.



We are also in contact with some people in Alexandria for a possible chapter there. Our Cadet Corps is doing great as they previewed several movies and did obstacle courses, along with a cook out.

The USS Ravensclaw was also interviewed at Wizard World by the musical group known as Five Year Mission!

*Commodore Beau Thacker,
CO, USS Ravensclaw – NCC-82609*

USS REGULATOR



Two of our members are attending the Summit in March. We will be having our 2nd annual Dining-In in April. If you are going to be in the area near Decatur on the 3rd of April, check our [website](#) and make plans to attend. The more, the merrier. You can ask members of the Lone Star and the Rachel Garrett how the dinner went. We are also planning on an away mission down to Corpus Christi the first part of May.

Two of our members also attended the Klingon "Good Day to Dine" in our area the last two months. From their reports, we might have to run them around the outer hull to keep them in shape. (Picture chasing a Klingon around the outside of a ship—taking bets.)

We have a new Chief Engineer, 2LT Roon Marchant will be taking care of our engineers from now on. He has also taken a large number of Marine courses and is moving on up.

You can always check our web page for any spontaneous activities we are known to have. That's all from the Regulator for now. See everyone at Summit!

*Commodore Liz Goulet
XO/Communications Officer – USS Regulator – NCC-73337
Region Three*

ZONE 2 REPORT

Zone 2 is about to be invaded, but we're ready! Yes, we're the proud home of the Joint Region 2 & 3 Summit, and we're hoping you'll be in attendance to celebrate our love of Star Trek with us and we'll share our Louisiana hospitality with you. Just remember to speak in the local language!

- "Fixinto" is one word.
- It is not a shopping cart, it is a buggy.
- "Onced" and "twiced" are words.
- There ain't no such thing as "lunch." There's only dinner and then there's supper.
- "Jeet?" is actually a phrase meaning "Did you eat?"
- A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola, or pop... it's a Coke, regardless of brand or flavor. Example: "What kinda coke you want?"
- Lafayette is said as "Laffy-ette", not "La-fay-ette".
- The largest city in the state is pronounced as "Newawlins".

Now for a quick Zone rundown:

Congratulations go to the USS RAVENSCLAW for taking Second Place in the Fleet Admiral's Food Drive challenge. The Ravensclaw collected over 600 pounds of food. Outstanding work!

The USS LAFITTE is hard at work preparing for CyphaCon in April, and I'm looking for members to work an information table. This anime convention was a lot of fun last year, and this year by popular request, they have two Star Trek Guests: David Orange (aka "Sleepy Klingon" in Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country) and Star Trek author Larry Nemecek.

The USS CORSAIR is collecting pens and pencils for the "Pencil Project" and has adopted Glen Oaks Middle School. If anyone attending summit would like to make a donation, they'd appreciate it!

The USS NEW ORLEANS after launching in November has blasted off with numerous activities including a new website, and they have decided to support CDs for Soldiers as their official charity.

We're looking forward to launching two more chapters this year, and having more adventures!

Commodore Trisha Tunis
CO, USS Corsair – NCC-26556
Zone 2 Leader

ZONE 3 REPORT

As 2011 closed, 2012 is getting off to a great start for Zone 3. I'm pleased to report a 100% reporting for chapters getting their MSR's into Fleet every month and on time.

Thank you all very much & keep up the good work. We also had a change of command in this Zone since the last edition of Fleet Channels. Please welcome Tahnya Abbott of the Joan Of Arc to the Congress of Commanding Officers. The Joint Region 2/Region 3 Summit is a little over 3 weeks away as of the time of writing this. In closing, I would like to say nice work to all chapters for keeping their membership above 10 members. Hope to see many of you next month in Hammond, Louisiana!

*In Service to the Region,
Commodore Robert C. Graham
CO, USS SpiritWolf – NCC-74300
Zone 3 Leader*

ZONE 4 REPORT

Zone 4, Region 3, SFI, Earth, Sol system, Milky way, This universe... reporting!

And now for something completely different.

Instead of an overly vague blurb about each ship in my zone, I'm going to just give a run down on all the cool events that are going on in the upcoming year that I know about. Undoubtedly I will miss some, and more will pop up, and I hope people will hit me up with more info!

Several of us enjoyed Clockwork Con this past January in Austin, and I have to say I really hope that becomes a regular thing. A small, intimate steampunk convention. Very new for me, and wow – a ton of fun!

Sherwood Forest Faire, a great little Renaissance faire east of Austin is going on now (Feb – March).

For being such a new and smaller faire, it has got a LOT of fun and characters already established. Go to their [website](#) for more information.

The Ark Angel Station is having a camping trip in April, contact their CO if interested in geeking out in nature with them!

May 4-6th is Aetherfest, another steampunk convention in San Antonio. It's being kept small on purpose, so if you think you might want to go... [hit them up for tickets now!](#)

June 22-24th is Texas Comic Con, in San Antonio! This was a lot of fun last year, with Brent Spiner ditching the Trek Expo in

Oklahoma to visit the Alamo city where he spent some time in college. This year seems to have an interesting [line up thus far.](#)

And October 26-28th is the Austin Comic Con! Last year



was pretty awesome... the event planners thought so too. So now they are making it bigger. With SEVERAL Trek guest stars slated. [Yeah... several.](#) Plan on it folks!

So let this update be an invitation to come visit us in Zone 4, and a warning to the

chapters here... we got some fun to host, folks!

*Your Very Excited Zone Leader,
Jeremy Carsten*

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH SECURITY?

Security for Summit is gearing up in full-swing, and we are currently looking for a few good volunteers.

“Security?” you might ask. Let me break it down:

- Running errands and helping to find people/panels.
- Helping set up and tear down projects.
- Making sure no one messes with registration and/or vendor room(s).
- Helping out where needed.

Gregory Jasmin (Region 2 Co-Chair) and I will be supplying drinks and snacks for those helping with Security. You do not have to be stuck in boring spots, or stuck for long hours if you help with Security. All we

ask is that you help where you can, when you can. You can easily continue having fun while working security... and it gives you a chance to meet new people and see old friends.

We definitely need volunteers. If you are interested, please let me know. You can contact me on Facebook (Wayne Killough) or e-mail me at robynhuntermgs03@gmail.com.

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Hammond!

*In Service,
Vice Admiral Wayne Lee Killough, Jr.,
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Shakedown Operations Officer, Region 3*

MOOGIE'S STORE?

Moogie's Store is one of Region 2's major fundraising arms. This is where our Region 2 Auctioneer, Freddy Heller, has collectables for sale and a silent auction. I understand that this year some of the bigger bidding items from a silent auction will go into a live auction that Region 3 is well known for! I look forward to seeing our regions working together for charity!

*Towaway out...
Rear Admiral Jack "Towaway" Eaton
CO, USS Trident
Region 2 Regional Coordinator*

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BRIGADE MUSTER

Greetings!

The 2012 Joint Muster, taking place Saturday, 17 March, at the Region 2 & 3 Joint Summit is going to run a little differently than normal. First off, you are all welcome to join the Marine PT at 0700 Saturday morning. Come run off your hangover with us! We will be meeting outside for this, and there may even be a prize in it for you!

Then from 1400 to 1600, we will hold the Joint Muster, which shall introduce everyone to the staff of both 2nd and 3rd Brigades. Awards presentations by both Brigades will follow, as well as presentations by both Brigades on their accomplishments and upcoming goals. You will be well informed as to what each Brigade plans to do for the upcoming year, and who does what on staff for you, the members.

After all the information, there may even be time for something fun... but only if you are good. Guess you will have to come by and see!

*COL Jeremy "Sideshow" Carsten
3rd Brigade – S3/S3H (Operations/Honor Guard)
OIC, 301st MSG – Strike Group Cerberus*

CHARITY AUCTION

Summit Time is rapidly approaching and with it, the Charity Auction. This year will be different in that Moogie's Store will offer "buy it now" and Region 3 will again have its "silent" and public auction (the top 5/10 items) will be offered at the public auction after the banquet. Bring your money!

Remember that these fund the charity that the Regions support. Besides, it is so much fun to outbid someone on something you don't really want! LOL! The thrill of victory! So bring your goodies to Summit or let me know and we'll arrange something for getting it to Hammond. See y'all there!

*RADM Marian L. Murphy
CO, USS Rachel Garrett
Region 3*

PANEL PREVIEW!

Curious about what you're going to see this year in Hammond, Louisiana? Luckily for you, there are a large number of members who have volunteered to host and present some really amazing panels, on a number of topics. Here is a small glimpse of just a few of the panels planned for the 2012 Joint Summit!

<i>Panel</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Description</i>
Star Trek Online	Robert Stuttles	<i>A glimpse into the Massively Multiplayer Online Roleplaying Game and how it might just be the next best thing to a new television series.</i>
Live Fast, Die Red	Randolph Allen	<i>An examination of the Red Shirts role throughout Star Trek.</i>
Building Teamwork in your Chapter	Trisha Tunis	<i>How to work with your Command Staff/Crew by using Star Trek examples & DISC assessment.</i>
Universe of Food	Lloyd Bates	<i>An assortment of techniques and recipes for creating the perfect "alien" foods. Everything from Klingon "Gagh" to "Denobulan Sea Slugs" to "Ferengi Lobes".</i>
Are you a Cylon?	Beau Thacker	<i>Discussing the latest news about Battlestar Galactica.</i>

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