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Letter from the editor:

Hello all!

Welcome to the first issue of Fleet Channels edited and published by the new editor in chief. I have a very large pair of shoes to step up and fill left to me by our previous editor and Chief of Communications Cody Glenn of the USS Navras.

I have a few ideas that will be implemented pretty soon on the Region 3 website. As your CO might or might not have let you know from the CCO meeting in October the implementation of a wordpress site was discussed. Well you asked for a word press we are going to give you a word press! The page is still under construction but I have a planned launch date of January 1st 2013. Is this going to replace Fleet Channels? Absolutely not, the problem we have with fleet channels right now is they are quarterly so some events by the time FC are published they event may have already passed, and the same applies to future events, when we ask for articles for FC's you may not remember the event or movie premier that your chapter attended. With a wordpress you can post your mission reports and upcoming events as soon as you complete/plan them. How great is that?!

But if you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to contact me at COMM@Region3.org

Thanks and I hope you enjoy the issue,

MCAPT James Trainham
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Regional Coordinator

Reed Bates, USS Archangel

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

The first weekend of June, this RC was crawling through the Inner Space Caverns with the Ark Angel Station Cadet Corps. It was a bit scary at first, but coming out covered with mud was thrilling and I'm glad I did. In the middle of June, my husband and I traveled to Medford, Oregon to see his family. While there, we tried to get in touch with the local chapter, the USS Riveria; however, the Captain Susan Casey, was not available. June found this RC very busy and her staff stressed out a tiny bit. We had our R3 Staff Meeting on June 20 and on June 25, I made a decision to put the R3 staff on relaxed status. Many of us have a few too many hats in both our personal and work lives and we thought it best to put everyone on vacation for the summer. The staff remained on relaxed status through September 10.

On July 14, several of us traveled to San Antonio to celebrate the 19th Anniversary of the USS Bexar as a commissioned chapter of Starfleet. Congratulations, again, to the members of the Bexar! Keep on going strong. On the 18th of July, the IC 2013 met to have our staff meeting in preparation for the room party at IC2012. Another trip during July to San Antonio found the entire Zone 4 meeting up at Fuddrucker's with the local Star Wars Society of San Antonio to speak geek. It started out as an idea to have an ice cream social in uniform; however, with the recent shootings in Aurora, Colorado, we felt it best to just show up in t-shirts.

August started off with a bang, as the first weekend was Starfleet's International Conference in Olive Branch, MS. I drove there with IC 2013 Chair Marian Murphy USS Rachel Garrett, since we were putting on a room party Friday night to host the hospitality suite to sign up members for next year's conference. I participated in the EC/AB meeting on Friday of the conference. Highlights have been given to your Commanding Officers, but here are a few things for you to know: The AB voted to change the Handbook in a couple ways. One being that the Scholarships were moved from under the Academy to the membership section of the handbook. This was done due to the Commander Starfleet's campaign reorganization changes. We also stripped out the types of scholarships to leave room for changes to increase the amount of each Scholarship to \$1,000 but there will be fewer of them. The AB also discussed but tabled until next year having electronic memberships. We felt that we didn't have enough information to make the decision on setting the price for each and asked the EC members to research more information. We will revisit it at the IC in Dallas. One other highlight, is that the AB voted to move to a quarterly Communiqué (meaning 4 times per year), with an extra election edition during year's when there is an election, with a supplement of the online CQ. If you haven't seen the online version, you can find it at this link: <http://cq.sfi.org>. It's supposed to be a faster way to get out more of your information, especially if you want to notify members of upcoming events or functions that your chapter is involved in. Currently, the print version is behind so it is only good for reporting your chapter's past events. The Minutes and AB Resolutions haven't been completed yet, so as soon as they are, I will review them and let your CO know if there were any other major changes that affect you, my members.

I will have many more things to tell you the next time we're in the Holodeck.

Reed Bates, COMM

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CHIEF OF STAFF
Jeremy Carsten, USS Battle Born



Greetings Region 3!

The summer was long, hot and well just long and hot. With more heat. So hot I seldom went out to grill dinner, even on the weekends. It was in this boiling, lethargic inducing environment that the RC cooked up the plan to let her staff have some time off to mentally regroup...and I nodded along with this plan, perhaps even being so motivated to send an e-mail or two about it.

While staff was on relaxed status the boss took care of most anything that popped up herself. But happy fun time is over for staff!!! It's been back to work and we hit the ground running. We have a new Chief Operations officer, CAPT Brian Landry. I thank him for volunteering for this critical post; his experience will be much needed in this coming year.

~~Our Chief of Communications billet is still sitting empty—a dire void in the staff; like a sucking chest wound in need of skilled care. Hell, I'd settle for just triage type care at this point. If you or any of your shipmates have any desktop publishing experience...or would like to get said experience...please send a SFI and real world resume to both eos@region3.org and re@region3.org. (Filled!)~~

We have a big year coming, and it will break most all our normal event timelines. IC is hosted here in Dallas August 1-4, plan to be there or I will beam tribbles into your engine room. With that main goal, other things will be offset and put together as best as we can. I'll let others

explain in more detail in the coming weeks/months.

Thank you all for continuing to enjoy STARFLEET life here in Region 3. Your staff works hard to bring you as much fun as we can, and as always it's been great serving with them in their efforts to do so.

Chief of Staff, OUT.

Zone 1 Leader
Cody Glenn, USS Navras



All things considered, I'm honestly a little torn about how things have been going in Zone 1 since I have taken over as the Zone 1 Leader. On one hand, this has been an insanely crazy year that has definitely hampered my efforts to get in touch with the members throughout Zone 1, but on the other hand, I have dear friends like Marian Murphy who like to remind me that no news can also mean good news.

To the crews in Zone 1, I'd like to thank you for the excellent work that you've done in getting your ships up to full strength and for getting your reports in and on time—you've done an amazing job at that, so far, which makes me proud. Some of you haven't really had anything to report in your MSR's, which worries me a little, because I could always use more excuses to brag about you to everyone else that I talk to.

We will be hosting a Zone 1 Meeting on Skype on Wednesday, January 16th, at 19:30 hours (7:30pm), which I would like to invite EVERY member of Zone 1 to join in on. My screen name on Skype is cody.glenn81, so please feel free to add me to your list. During the meeting, I would

like to address the crews of Zone 1 and find out what we could possibly do to increase inter-chapter communication, and find out whether any of the ships in our area would be interested in chipping in on the cost of some tables at the various conventions within the area. 2013 is going to be a big year for us, and I think that getting as much exposure as possible for our own respective groups is going to be important—and the best way we can do that is together, then I say why not?

Sincerely and Respectfully,
CAPT. Cody Glenn
Zone 1 Leader

downtown Austin 26-28 October, and several ships are planning to attend!

Next up in the area is Region 3 Game day + USS Crockett Commissioning dinner, November 10th! This seems to be a great tradition we've got running here in Region 3, a commissioning chapter hosting the Game Day. Plan for lots of fun and good chow here in San Antonio!

Clearly from the above, all ships in the Zone are alive and well, actively enjoying our little corner of fandom. We look forward to seeing everyone visit for some of these great events!

Zone 4, OUT



Zone 4 Leader
Jeremy Carsten, USS Battle Born

Ahoy 3rd Fleet!

Zone 4 is where it is going on this last quarter of the year! If you live in the area...you already plan to be busy I am sure. If you don't...might want to look into using some of those STARFLEET perks at choice hotels and the like!

Monster Con is happening October 13-14 in San Antonio, and I know the USS Crockett is planning to attend.

Later this month is Austin Comic Con – with 8 main cast members from TNG (they just added Will Wheaton). This is a rare opportunity at all, much less so close to home here. It takes place in



**Zone 5 Leader
John Johnston, USS Gunslinger**



Greetings, Region 3! You have found the Zone 5 Article in this Month's Fleet Channels issue.

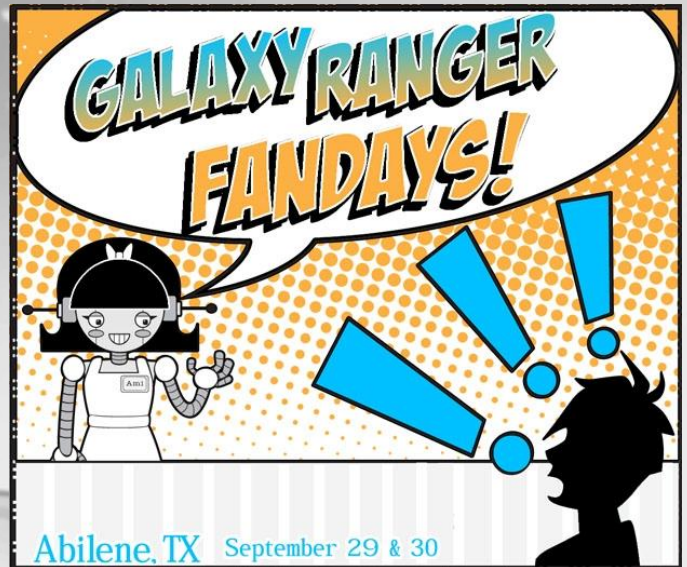
For the most part, Zone 5 has been relatively quiet throughout the summer. But things really heated up in September.

From September 14th through the 16th, the third annual El Paso Comic Con returned to the El Paso Convention Center. 3,400 attendees shared the opportunity to meet many legendary actors, including Tony Todd, Tyler Mane, Jeffery Combs, Erin Gray, and Michael Biehn. Hopefully, next year will be even bigger!

From September 29th through the 30th, Galaxy Ranger Fan Days took over the Abilene Convention Center. Abilene's first sci-fi convention got to host Anne Lockhart, Bobby Clark, and Tim Taylor. In addition, the USS Diamondback got to celebrate their first anniversary as a commissioned chapter.

That is all I have for this Fleet Channels issue. Take care out there!

BDR John Johnston



Zone 5 Leader, R3



**Shakedown Operations Officer
Wayne Lee Killough, Jr, Retribution Station**

October 1, 2012

Greetings from the Desk of the Region 3 ShOC:

Welcome to another issue of *Fleet Channels*. This year is just flying by...it will be 2013 before we realize it! We have had some comings and some goings within Shakedown Operations, so I am definitely being kept on my toes! ☺

The USS *New Orleans* commissioned at the International Conference. I am very proud of Randolph and crew. They were my first shakedown chapter to commission, so I feel like a proud papa! This chapter was amazing during their shakedown cruise, and I know they will continue being a successful chapter now that they have commissioned!

The USS *Crockett* is in full swing in their shakedown cruise. Mariann and crew have been actively attending several events in their area, as well as actively building their chapter. They are also planning the annual Region 3 Game Day, to be held in San Antonio on November 10th. That day will be Game Day, and that night will be the *Crockett's* Commissioning Ceremony. I cannot wait to attend this event, and spend time with my R3 friends and family!

The USS *Ray Harryhausen* officially launched as a shakedown chapter in September. As of this writing, I just reviewed their first MSR (which was filed on time, yay!). Sydney and her crew launched off of the USS *Corsair*, so Trisha is a Mother yet again (Trisha, you still have about 9 more chapters to help launch). {Evil grin} I am looking for great things from this crew, and cannot wait to watch them grow.

International Conference was in August, and I had an incredible time! Region 3 saw annual award winners, the *New Orleans* commission, the weekend hospitality suite, and the all-day ECAB Meeting for starters. Parties were everywhere, and several people performed the "Walk of Shame" Sunday morning for Closing Ceremonies. Party rule...do not accept a shot from Tammy Willcox unless you do not mind having a night you will probably not remember (and be thankful that you cannot remember)! LOL!!

That's all for this issue. If you have any ShOC-related questions, please send them my way to shoc@region3.org. Hope to see everyone at Game Day in November!! Until next issue...

In Service,

Wayne

Admiral Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., SFMD/SFFM
Commanding Officer, Retribution Station, SFR-1202
Shakedown Operations Officer, Region 3
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**Region 3 Quartermaster
James Trainham, USS Battle Born**

Hello all,

Wow! How time does fly when you're having fun! With winter just around the corner it might be nice to bundle up in a Region 3 hoodie, available in both grey and black (images available below)! This can also make a good present to your fellow crew mates. There made my mandatory product push for the Region ;) .But now onto other merchandise, I am currently looking at two projects right now BUT unless I hear from YOU my fellow Regionnaires to see if you think it's a worthy project we will try and figure something else out that can catch your eye.

1. **Region 3 Christmas Ornaments** – Pretty self-explanatory, but I was thinking either a glass globe with 2012 Region 3 Christmas and having them done in a onetime run, and possibly getting your very own ship in the region listed on the ornament as well.

Or
Have a space ship shaped ornament with the R3 logo and if room the NCC number of your ship on the ornament.



2. **Region 3 challenge coins**, I personally haven't seen any, I have seen other region's coins, SFMC, SFI, SFI Academy but no Region 3 coins. If it would make any difference I was thinking a Region 3 logo on one side, and some type of artwork on the other side. But for the artwork on the other side have a competition within the region and let the members of Region 3 vote on the best artwork.

Please contact me at OM@Region3.org or at the "contact us" page on Region3.org and let me know what you or your ship would think is the best, and I have a lot of people interested in both, I will beg the region's cabinet for funding for both but unless I hear from YOU the Region I can't do anything.

As always feel free to contact me with any ideas, comments, or suggestions you may have.

Thanks!

Captain James Trainham SFMC

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Spreadshirt

<http://www.region3.spreadshirt.com>

ZenCart

<http://www.Region3.org/store>



**USS Battle Born, Zone 4, Region 3,
STARFLEET,
Milky Way, Prime Universe – Reporting!**
www.ussbattleborn.com

Greetings and salutations from the USS Battle Born,

I figure if we here were all shocked enough to learn we somehow passed any sane review and managed to come away with SFI Ship of the Year, then we best continue submitting articles and keep our good name up. For those that don't know, we are a correspondence chapter, with members not only spread all over Texas, but Oklahoma, Nevada and California...and growing. We're active with the SFMC reading challenge, the new 3rd Brigade Role Play missions, and attending as many local events (where ever local is for our members) as possible.

The big thing we tend to do is export volunteers. Both Brigade and region staff has been pretty thoroughly infiltrated by Battle Born crew, with others even starting to look to other posts throughout the fleet.

We're pretty laid back, don't take ourselves too seriously, and like to get together with fellow fleet members and have a good time whenever possible.

We keep it simple and focused on the fun.

You can plan to see us at several coming events this year: Austin Comic Con, Game Day, the USO show being put on by the USS Navras – and next year we'll hit it all as well! See you there!



U.S.S. Navras, Zone 1, Region 3 STARFLEET
www.ussnavaras.com

I honestly think that this is the first time that I've actually experienced writer's block while attempting to write a report! Not because I don't know what to write, mind you, but rather because we have had so much happen since June that it's difficult to keep track of it all—and it's only going to get busier between now and 2013!

This summer, various members of the U.S.S. Navras attended have attended such events as A-Kon 23 on the weekend of June 1, Shakespeare in the Park, the Beer & Bones Party at the Dallas Museum of Nature & Science, the Grand Opening of the Roll2Play.com Storefront in Coppell, A Good Day to Dine, the U.S.S. Navras' Landing Party on August 25, the IKV Melota's 2012 Klingon Bat'leth Tournament in Purvis Creek State Park on August 31, FenCon IX, another Good Day to Dine—that's nine different events within the span of four months!

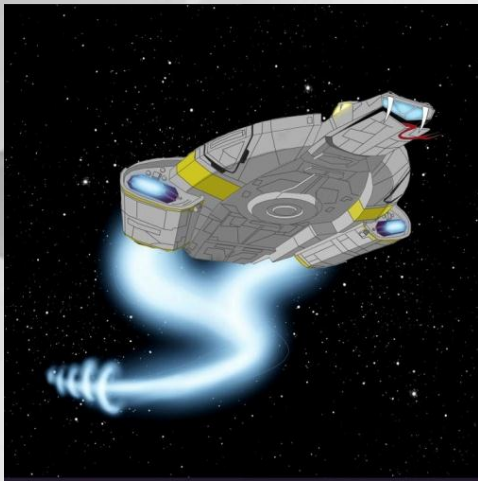
Of course, as we progress through October and beyond, the U.S.S. Navras will be attending Dallas Fan Days in Irving and Wizard World's Austin Comic Con, as well as the Darkon Expo in Tulsa, Oklahoma—and, believe it or not, a couple of us will even be paying a visit to Long Beach Comic Con in Region 4. All of which will be leading up to the long anticipated STARFLEET USO Show that we have been diligently preparing for, on the evening of Friday, November 16.

This will be an amazing evening, with people in costume from nearly any science fiction movie or television series that you can think of, and all proceeds will be going to the Dallas/Fort Worth USO. We have even been graced with special appearances by Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca of Star Wars), Anne Lockhart (Lieutenant Sheba from the

Original Battlestar Galactica), and Cindy Freeling (Princess Ann Droid from Hardware Wars)—not to mention a lot of surprises that we haven't even mentioned yet.

The cost of attendance at this event will be a mere \$5.00 donation to the USO, paid at the door—so, seriously, what's stopping you from coming out?

Sincerely and Respectfully,
CAPT. Cody Glenn
CO, USS Navras, NCC-94010
www.USSNavras.com



**USS Diamondback, Zone 5, Region 3
STARFLEET,
GALAXY RANGER CON - ABILENE, TX**
<http://sites.google.com/site/ussdiamondback/>

EVERY GREAT CON HAD A FIRST CON (or, lessons on what not to do when planning a con)

When I first heard rumors that there was actually going to be a con here in Abilene I was excited. I reported the rumor to my shipmates. It took quite a while to track down the rumor and get any details. I guess that was due to the almost total lack of advertising. Lesson one, spend some money on advertising.

I don't have any real information on the first con in Dallas or the first Comic-Con or the first Dragon-Con, but I would guess they had a big learning curve. All the big cons had a first con. Well now Abilene has had its first con. I would like

to report a great success, but that would be far from the truth.

I finally located the Con organizers and found that this was not only their first con in Abilene, but the first con they had done anywhere. On behalf of the USS Diamondback I offered any assistance that they needed. Lesson two, don't turn down help. They did give me some flyers they had printed from their computer to put up around Abilene. The USS Diamondback put up about 2 dozen posters around the area.

We were concerned due to the lack of advertising and few confirmed vendors, the organizers were very optimistic and some Q & A's and activities planned. The USS Diamondback sent a list of volunteers and were ready to report to help set up at 8:00am on Saturday morning. We started the day off at 7:00am at our favorite donut shop. We arrived at the convention center at 8:00am. This was the first opportunity as con volunteers for most of us. Lesson number three, if you tell volunteers and vendors to set up at 8:00am, you should actually be there at 8:00am and not 8:45am when the con is supposed to start at 9:00am. But we were all high on sugar from the donuts and took charge of telling the 6 vendors where to set up.





Reversing the Course.

The USS NEW ORLEANS at CONtraflow II

<http://wp.sfi.org/ussneworleans/>

By CAPT Randolph Allen, Commanding Officer

CONtraflow returned to the city of New Orleans just under one year of its initial launch back in November, 2011. This time the convention started nearly a full month earlier and at a new, larger hotel. What is significant about this event? It is the first major science fiction convention to make a regular appearance, since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

CONtraflow is also important in regards to the USS NEW ORLEANS. The Chapter was officially launched at the first CONtraflow and now it too has returned to celebrate its “home” convention. As part of the festivities the Chapter decided it will go all out. There would be a fan table, manned by volunteers from the newly launched USS NEPTUNE from Biloxi, Mississippi, a video room whose volunteers were led by Second Officer LT Keith Rombach. And finally the Chapter as a whole contributed to the overall programming of the convention.

It seemed that unless one looked at the fan tables or the video room the crew of NEW ORLEANS were nowhere in sight. However the Chapter was there in force. Tactical Specialist CPO James Butler III was head of the video arcade where fans old and new could try their hand a variety of video games. There were tournaments on both the Classic Tron Arcade Game and the Doctor Who Pinball Machine. The

winner of the Pinball Machine Tournament fell to CDT CRMN Lucy Ferry who wiped out all comers.

WO1 Cheri Cerio and LTJG Renee Suttles used the convention as place to launch the 2013 calendar of the new charity Geek Girls with Guns. The Charity which addresses the needs of children with special needs such as Down’s syndrome and Autism, hopes to use its calendars of local women in fandom to raise funds to assist those families with medical and other expenses that have been affected by local and state cuts.



WO1 Charles “Ken” Bradley stepped in by assisting at Registration helping convention attendees to get into CONtraflow. While ENS Rob Cerio who was billed as one of the many Author Guests at the convention took time out his busy schedule to assist the convention and Chapter as needed. CAPT Robert Suttles acted as Chapter Photographer and documented the Chapter and Convention at work while at the same time worked on reaching out to the local crew of the Enterprise.

CONtraflow was not all fun and games for the crew. The convention also serves to raise funds for its own Charity, the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library which gone under a major facelift since Hurricane Katrina ravaged many of its older locations. As a result there was a campaign to not only rebuild the libraries but to update them.

On the final day of the Convention the USS NEW ORLEANS hosted one of the last panels. It was decided early on that this last panel was to expose attendees to what was STARFLEET about. Members of both the USS NEW ORLEANS and the

USS NEPTUNE were present as LT Raymond Boudreau was recognized for achieving his first Boothby Award (Bronze Star) and his STARFLEET Chaplain's Certification. During that time questions were asked and answered about STARFLEET and its various divisions.



At the end of the panel, the USS NEW ORLEANS had one more bittersweet task to perform. On September 29th, the Division known as Project Neptune had ceased to exist and was replaced with USS NEPTUNE. In recognition for that achievement, the crew of the USS NEW ORLEANS bade their former Chapter-mates "fair winds and following seas" and handed them a bottle of champagne to be used in the next year when they have commissioned.

After that; CONtraflow started to wind down and began the process of ending for the year. However, the USS NEW ORLEANS and USS NEPTUNE began their next mission: New Orleans Comic Con 2012.



USS RAVENSCLAW REPORTING

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001135988527>

In July, members of the USS Ravensclaw premier the anniversary of STNG, with over 60 other fans in attendance. Using intergalactic skills we got over 30 names with a strong presence from Longview, Texas.

The Marines have been, testing there battle skills in several airsoft matches, along with practicing air assault jumps on a 30 foot tower. Some members have engaged in online Startrek, by building a fleet.

On the charity side, we are collecting pop tops, cans for fuller house, and starting our food/toy drives.

Commodore Beau Thacker Commanding USS Ravensclaw



USS Regulator

<http://ussregulator.weebly.com/>

Well, it's almost the end of the year. My how time flies! The Regulator is holding its Klingon Dinner Thing on Oct 20 in Decatur. If you are in the area, we are having dinner about 5 and you can get directions at www.ussregulator.weebly.com and all are welcome. This is a pot luck affair, so if you plan early, you can bring something. This is also our birthday celebration and we will be handing out our awards and recommendations at this time.

In November, the CO and Medical Officer will be participating in the Diabetes Walk Out in Arlington on November 10. We will have our monthly meeting on November 17 at our usual place. Then in December, we are having our Christmas Party on Dec 1 at our usual meeting place but at 5 in the afternoon.

We haven't planned into the next year but we are discussion some various away missions. Remember if you are around when we have our regular meetings, all are welcome.

Liz Goulet, Commodore
XO/Communications Officer
USS Regulator

USS Crockett

<http://www.usscrockett.webs.com/>

News from June thru September

CO Mariann Gutierrez

The new ship on the block has been very busy this passes couple of months. We attended the TEXAS COMIC CON and had a great time meeting new people and meeting Starfleet clubs here in San Antonio. We got some people who went to the con came to our meetings.



The USS Crockett crew and cadets at the TEXAS COMIC CON

We also worked with Fathom events and Cinemark to promote the one night event showing of the 25th anniversary of Star Trek: Next Generation showing at the Cinemark Theater at McCreless. Everyone had a fun time and the crew at the Theater was excited to have us there. We even had a Trivia contest for the showing and the winner was Jeremy Carsten. That was one great night.



The crew of the USS Crockett Join in the fun when the Star Trek/ Star Wars Group in Zone 4 Got together for a big luncheon at Fuddruckers at 410/Ingram. It was a blast and met many new people from other Star Trek Groups and people from Star Wars.

But the biggest event is yet to come we have been working on the Monster Con for this October and the Game Day commissioning that is coming on NOVEMBER 10. We are working hard to get this going and with a great crew we got this up and running. Game Day is:

**USS CROCKETT INVITES YOU TO GAME
DAY IN SAN ANTONIO, TX
ON NOVEMBER 10TH AT 10:00AM TO 6:00PM
AT THE IGO LIBRARY
13330 KYLE SEALE PARKWAY
COST \$8.00 (AT THE DOOR \$10)
SNACK CONSSION STAND WILL BE
AVAILABLE**

Commissioning is:

BIRTH OF A NEW SHIP

Starfleet International, Region 3, Zone 4 are proud to
announce the birth of

USS Crockett NCC-21040

Nitcher Dreadnought Class

Date of Birth: 11/17/2012 (date of Celebration
11/10/2012). You are hereby invited to the
commissioning of this Ship

At Johnny Carino's at 7:30pm at 11719 Bandera
Road

The Crew of the USS Crockett hopes to see YOU at both events in November and to celebrate us being a new ship in fleet. We thank everyone who has giving us advice and help when we began, helped us with question or anything else we need help with, and everyone who was there for an encouraging word to know you cared.



340th MEU, Region 3

On 2012.9.30, the members of the 340th MEU received confirmation of our activation as a new Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Lubbock, Texas. We're delighted!

Our deepest thanks go to MGSgt John "Kiwi" Kane and COL Michael "Matchstick" Tolleson for their invaluable assistance in commissioning our unit expeditiously. We're very proud to be part of 3BDE and we look forward to a very busy future in the Aerospace Branch.

Our unit's commanding officer is Pat Spillers. Our exec is Major Joseph Kelley. Captains Kelly (sciences) and Sarah Hays (comms) and MGSgt Gene Spillers round out our initial roster. Our unit's missions will be to share our interests in Star Trek, astronomy, aerospace, history and exploration.

Look for the Time Keepers at airshows, star parties, and STARFLEET /SFMC events.

In service to the 340th, the 3BDE and SFMC,
Captain Sarah Hays



Letter to the Editor: Retro Gamming by J Guiterrez

I have been a retrogamer for a while. I wanted to pass along some information on how to convert your Android platform into a retrogame powerhouse. Most systems can handle the 8 bit and 16 bit games and some platforms are even attempting the 32-64 bit. Most emulators can be found in the android market. If you cannot find one there you will need to download the SlideMe market. This is an alternative market that you can download many free emulators that are locked out of the regular market. Before you can download the SlideMe market, you'll need to make sure your phone is configured to allow other products not found in the regular market. In your phone, you must make sure your phone allows downloading from unknown sources. To do this look into your phone's 'Settings' menu, selection the 'Applications' option and ensure that the 'Unknown Sources' box is ticked.

The following was ripped from <http://www.eurogamer.net/articles/2011-12-05-turning-your-android-phone-into-a-retro-gaming-powerhouse-article>

SNES9X EX



The iconic SNES console is faithfully represented by SNES9X EX, which is so good that Nintendo took action forced it underground.

Nintendo's SNES needs little in the way of introduction, and its lofty reputation is sure to place it at the top of many would-be emulation enthusiast's wish list. Thankfully, Android is served well by the sublime SNES9X EX, which offers a highly accurate replication of the 16-bit powerhouse. Must-have classics such as Super Castlevania IV, Zelda: A Link to the Past and Chrono Trigger all play perfectly. So comprehensive is this particular emulator that it even supports Super FX games like Star Fox and Super Mario World 2: Yoshi's Island. Sadly, due to a recent complaint (presumably by Nintendo itself), SNES9X EX has been removed from the official Android Market, but it can be downloaded free of charge direct from the SNES9X developer's website. While you're at it, check out MD.emu, PCE.emu and GBC.emu, all from the same developer.

Tiger Arcade

While Tiger Arcade doesn't emulate every single coin-op game, it's capable of handling some surprisingly complex titles and will happily play the vast majority of Neo Geo MVS games and Capcom

CPS2 releases. This means you can enjoy Metal Slug, King of Fighters, Street Fighter Alpha and DoDonPachi on your phone's screen. The recent launch of an Android port of MAME4All could endanger Tiger Arcade's position as the number one choice for coin-op classics, but for now it remains the king of the hill. You can grab it from the SlideMe Market.

N64oid

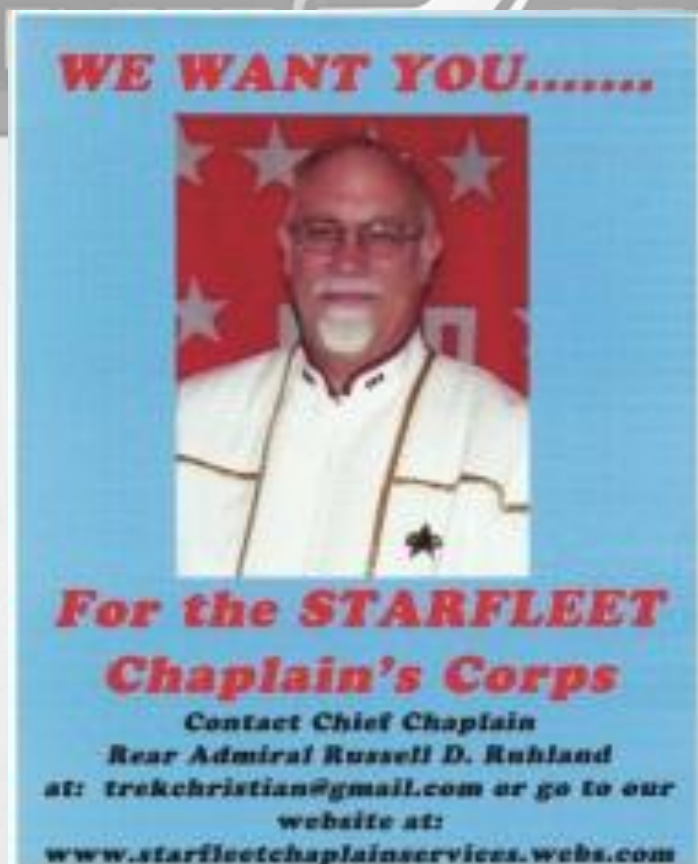
Arguably the most advanced machine to currently be emulated on Android, the Nintendo 64 is host to such seminal classics as Super Mario 64, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time and F-Zero X. N64oid allows you to emulate these stunning games, as well as many others. The only snag is that performance and compatibility are patchy - some games work better than others, while many refuse to load. Still, if you pick wisely you'll be able to enjoy some of the finest video games ever created, all from the comfort of your Android device.

ATARI

The android market has an application called the Atari's Greatest Hits. For about \$10.00 dollars you can own about fifty games. The android market describes this application as the following "Relive the Golden Age of Gaming with a collection of the most popular retro games from the 70s and 80s. This extensive catalog pays homage to each of the originals, with controls designed to mimic what Atari fans remember from 30 years ago!" This application comes free with one game named Missile Command.

The article mentioned above speaks about Bluetooth controllers that can be used for playing these games. I don't have any experience with these controllers so I will not mention them on this article.

J Guterrez
Region 3 Senior Enlisted Advisor



Come to Dallas for IC 2013

August 1-4, 2013 – sounds far away – well guess what it ain't or at least not in my world and that world is the International Conference 2013 in Dallas, Texas. The committee has been working overtime in order to make this one different, interesting and worth coming too. I have been to several and despite all attempts the last few have had a “cookie cutter” feel and the committee would like to avoid this. With 2013 being an election year, there are several things that have to take place but the rest the Committee would like YOUR input. What would you like to see, what panels to attend, things to do when you are not in a panel or meeting.

I know that there are some different things going . . . a Nerf gun “war” proceeds going to a Marine designated charity . . . a Texas Bar-B-Que dinner, full child care with meals and activities (see website for times, ages, etc.), a silent auction with GREAT items in the live auction, i.e. Enterprise plate (designed by Keith Birdsong) with 14 Trek signatures, things to do on Thursday night and Sunday (side trip to Southfork) **additional cost** and a model show and contest. You can register on line, prices @ website.

The hotel **MGM ELEGANT HOTEL – 214-358-7855** is taking reservations NOW and will not charge your credit card until you check in 2013. Be sure and tell them you are with Starfleet to get the discounted room rate – two breakfasts are included with each room. Restaurant row, i.e. Applebee's, etc. and fast food places are just down the road – within driving/walking if you should choose to but remember it is August in Dallas; he he hot being the optional word here ☺

Check out the website for any and all information. Things are being added and revised each week. If you have any questions, requests for panel or anything else that pops into you mind please contact me directly or the committee. See you in August, 2013. Come help us make this one of the best attended and enjoyed International Conference.

Marian L. Murphy

IC2013 Chair



AUGUST 1-4, 2013
www.IC2013.com

We invite you to the STARFLEET International Conference 2013, to be held at the beautiful and luxurious MCM Eleganté Hotel in the heart of Dallas, Texas. There will be many surprises in store for y'all, in addition to all of the wonderful things you've come to expect from an International Conference!

Information will be added to the website as it becomes available, and we strongly encourage you to keep checking with us as 2013 approaches we'll be posting some very exciting information between now and the time of the Conference.



In the meantime, if you are planning to attend IC 2013, we suggest that you take this opportunity to lock in your registration rate by printing your information on the other side of this page and returning it to us with your full payment to "IC 2013" to the address provided below:

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