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## Regional Coordinator

### COMM Reed Bates, Ark Angel Station

Since the last time we were in the Holodeck together!

Through September 10, the Regional staff remained on relaxed status. However, many were busy from the start of the month. R3 Chief of Staff Jeremy Carsten and I interviewed candidates for R3's Chief of Operations and chose the USS Corsair's Brian Landry. We welcomed him to the staff and he got right to work. He's doing a fine job making sure the chapters turn in their Monthly Status Reports (MSRs) and assisting with many other projects and events.

On September 15, 2012, I attended the USS Zavala's first Anniversary as a commissioned chapter (Sep. 17) after spending a wonderful day with the crew aboard the Battleship Texas. She's a fine ole girl, but sadly getting too rusty. It was Texian Navy Day in the park at the San Jacinto Battlegrounds, so there were some ceremonies to attend, including some cannon shooting displays and a presentation on the bow of the ship. We ended a bit early and hung out in the bar at the restaurant, before having a wonderful dinner with the crew of the Zavala. Congratulations, again Captain Penelope McFadden. You have a fine crew and wonderful reason to celebrate.

Also on September 15, 2012, a new R3 Chapter Launched out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana called the USS Ray Harryhausen. Captain Sydney LeJeune is heading this fine vessel, which is a correspondence alternative to those in that area, as well as around the world. You can reach the chapter by visiting their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UssRayHarryhausen>.

September 19 was our Regional Staff Meeting where we meet online/telephone to work on assisting the members of this Region. This was our first in a few months due to relaxed status. September 29, we had an IC2013 Planning meeting online. The committee and the Chair Marian L. Murphy are planning a wonderful time. Don't forget to check out the IC website from time-to-time and consider attending. [www.ic2013.com](http://www.ic2013.com).

October found the RC very busy, but some for my own chapter the Ark Angel Station, as well as preparing for the R3 CCO Meeting. There was an R3 Staff Meeting on October 10 online in preparation for the CCO Meeting. The CCO had its quarterly meeting on Wednesday October 17 via online means. There were many decisions made and the minutes will be approved at the next meeting. We will post some highlights to the mailing list very soon.

Chapter Anniversaries during October were: USS Regulator turned 20 on October 1; the USS Lafitte turned 1 on October 11; and the USS Diamondback turned 1 on October 22. Happy Anniversary to you all! I attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Klingon Thing for the USS Regulator on October 20. There was some fine grub and some delicious beverages. Congratulations, again, Tank. I wish you and your chapter many more years.

On the last weekend in October was the Austin Comic Con. It was the most exhausting event of late that I have been to, but also a great, great time. Most of the exhausting part was because as the local chapter of STARFLEET, the Ark Angel Station was invited to be on television on two channels on two days; however, both of them wanted us to be there, in uniform, bright and early. I saw or heard from

members of Region 3 from ten chapters who were there. The eight NextGen cast members were great and I enjoyed their panels, especially. As we apologize to the New Orleans Comic Con, since Austin's theme song seemed to be [Gangnam style](#). Members of the USS Navras are in there doing the Ride the Pony and even my head appears very briefly in the background (I was filming from the back of the group). It was very fun to see everyone in garb singing and dancing. Explanation: Wizard World creates videos of attendees in garb singing and dancing to a certain song. During Austin's con, we really got annoyed hearing the song from the previous con in Chicago: [Call Me Maybe](#). So, we had warned Zone 2 Leader Trisha Tunis and others that they were probably going to be sick of Austin by the end of the NOLA weekend. As I write this article, they are in day two of the convention. We'll have to see if this comes to fruition.

The first part of November, I tried to relax from the Comic Con; however, that just didn't happen as there was Halloween, the Election, etc. On November 7, we held a Regional Staff meeting in preparation for GameDay and will be the last one until the New Year. November 14, we had an IC2013 Planning session where the members of Region 3 are planning for the International Conference.

November 10 was Region 3 Game Day in San Antonio, Texas. It was held at the Ijo Branch Library and hosted by the USS Crockett. The members of the Crockett had a concession stand with some out of this world items, like Cake Pops. Also known as Cake on a Stick® (pronounced Steeeeeek) to those eating them and came in many flavors, including one with mints on top. They were delicious! I had 3, I think, and I believe someone else who shall remain nameless had 5. In the evening, we gathered at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant where we had a room all to ourselves, where the Ark Angel Station Commanding Officer Lloyd Bates, myself as RC, and R3 Shakedown Officer Wayne Killough held a ceremony to commission the USS Crockett in STARFLEET. Congratulations, Captain Mariann Gutierrez on your new chapter. Altogether Game Day and the Commissioning were great events.

November 16 was the USS Navras's USO Show. I ran into members from at least 5 chapters (Battle Born, Ark Angel Station, Trinity River, Diamondback, and the Navras, of course). There were many in attendance even those not of Starfleet, as the show was open to the public. There were Star Wars and Dr. Who fans in garb as well. Many Klingon's and even one who had to sing for his supper as it were. One of the performers looked very handsome in his Han Solo costume. Many ladies liked him. Everyone pitched in though for a great cause, the USO of DFW. They raised enough money to pay for lunches for the military personnel who travel through DFW airport for like 4 weeks. The event is planned again for next year, so check them out on November 9, 2013.

Then on into the Holidays with Thanksgiving. We had one member of our chapter spend time with my family at my mothers. Watched lots of football and ate way too much. I wish you and your family well during the holidays.

Until the next time were in the Holodeck, be well.



## Chief of Staff Col Jeremy Carsten

Your Region 3 staff resumed normal operations on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and since then have been busy planning for the rest of the year (now nearly past) and 2013. We've hired a new Chief of Communications, MCAPT James Trainham of the USS Battle Born. We've had to accept the resignation of BDR Chris O'Banion from Zone 3 leader and Chief Admin Officer and CMDR Jesse Gutierrez as Senior Enlisted Advisor. By the time of this publication the interviews for those posts will be underway, if not completed.

October 17<sup>th</sup> we conducted the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter CCO meeting on GoToMeeting online. A successful meeting to help get things settled for the year and prepared for 2013.

The Region 3 Game day was a success, as well as the commissioning of the USS Crockett – all things your staff is involved in at multiple points and levels.

It's been a good year. A little more turnover than I like (maybe I am too mean?), but as life's issues bring one skilled staff member away, inevitably another rises to the occasion. I'm proud to work with all of our staff members and for our RC – and looking forward to the challenges of next year.

- Chief of Staff, OUT!



## Chief of Operations Captain Brian Landry

Greetings,

Since this is my first report for Fleet Channels as the Chief of Ops, I want to take this opportunity to thank the RC and all the members of Region 3 for giving me the chance to serve in this capacity. I look forward to meeting the challenge head on and helping keep things running smoothly.

### Strength-

Recruiting efforts across the region are going well, as we have reached the strength of 620 members in Region 3. This ranks us as the second largest region in the entire fleet. Let's all try and keep up this positive growth, and ask a friend to join us. Currently all of our ships are fully manned, but there have been some problems with the SFI-Database emailing out renewal reminders to members. So in order for us to keep up our growing strength CO's & XO's should double-check their Chapter roster often to keep up with upcoming expirations, and remind your members often as they near their expiration date.

### Monthly Reporting-

Chapters are doing a great job turning in their Monthly Status Reports (MSR) for the past few months. September reports were 100% on time. October reports were 96% on time. This is a great trend that needs to continue. CO's are reminded that they can appoint a reporting officer from within their ship to handle this responsibility for them if they need an extra pair of hands.

In Service,

CAPT Brian Landry

Chief of Operations, Region 3

## **Chief Administration Officer Vacant**

Hello All. This position is currently vacant.

Please submit your real life and SFI applications to [RC@Region3.org](mailto:RC@Region3.org) and [COS@region3.org](mailto:COS@region3.org)

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Thank You.

## **Chief of Communications CPT James Trainham**

Hello!

It's your Commo Geek right now. It's been a pretty hectic around here but we're getting stuff done. As promised in the last issue of Fleet Channels I mentioned a new addition to our arsenal of communication tools. Well most of the project is still under wraps and under the veil of construction right now but let me tell you what it offers to the Region.

1<sup>st</sup> Up to date communications and events for around the Region.

2<sup>nd</sup> A centralized source you can point potential members to for all of our PR materials including documents, videos, interviews and much more.

3<sup>rd</sup> A centralized source of all news from around STARFLEET that may be interesting or pertain to the members our Region.

## **Zone 1 Leader Captain Cody Glenn**

There isn't much to report from Zone 1 that wasn't covered in the last report—we're still getting ready for our next Zone 1 Meeting on Skype, scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, at 19:30 hours. We're still working on the prospect of having a group table for the Sci-Fi Expo convention in Irving this February. Aside from that, and the few events being run by the great ships in Zone 1, everything else has been hunky dory.

I would like to take a moment and thank our ships and their CO's for continuing to strive to keep their member counts up, and their reports turned in on time. This helps everyone out more than you can possibly imagine—so please keep up the good work. And if you're having trouble with recruiting or getting your reports in, please remember that there are plenty of people around who are more than willing to help with ideas, or suggestions. Never be afraid to ask.

That being said, thank you to everyone for giving us such a great year, and I look forward to seeing what 2013 has in store!

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
FCAPT. Cody Glenn  
Zone 1 Leader



## Zone 2 Leader RADM Trisha Tunis

Zone 2 is in recovery mode after New Orleans Wizard World ComicCon and a wonderful weekend of panels, Star Trek guests, and hanging out with several thousand people that shared our interest. During the event, almost all local chapters had information tables and several presented a panel about STARFLEET and their chapter. Many thanks to Captain Landry(STARFLEET Academy), Captain Allen (USS NEW ORLEANS), RADM Ferron(USS HAISE), CMDR Brown(USS NEPTUNE) & CMDR LeJeune(USS RAY HARRYHAUSEN) for participating in this information session.

Several of the chapters had other responsibilities with the convention, and I'd like to recognize them. The USS NEW ORLEANS provided a concierge service at their table, providing a list of local restaurants and attractions. The USS RAY HARRYHAUSEN, under their Louisiana Science Fiction and Costume Festival banner, ran the Costume Contest. The USS CORSAIR lent their marketing flyers and SFI brochures to the USS RAVENSCLAW when there was a last minute change of schedule for their CO, and he was unable to make it. It's this type of teamwork that shows that Zone Two is Second to None!

We're working on scheduling an online Zone Meeting before January, since Sunday AM at the convention seemed a little early for some of us(wonder why?). Please let me know when it would be possible to hold it.

The next large Zone Event will be an invasion of Region 2 on January 12, 2013. This will be STARFLEET Day at the Infinity Science Center at NASA's Stennis Space

Center, <http://www.visitinfinity.com/> . The USS HAISE is organizing this excursion and is the perfect way to kick off 2013. 11:00am to 4:00 pm. All STARFLEET members, family, and friends are invited, especially those in chapters in close driving distance in MS, LA, AL, and Florida Panhandle. The group price is \$5.00 per person (adult and children, with under 5 yrs free). There is an onsite café for lunch. And yes you can wear your ST uniforms, crew shirts, or t-shirts. We will certainly want to get a group shot for submission to the CQ! Please let RADM Lucy Ferron know to expect you by emailing her at haiscapt AT yahoo.com by January 6, 2013.

I'd like to welcome our newest Chapter in Training, the USS RAY HARRYHAUSEN. They launched in September, and hoping to Commission in April on the Pre-Anniversary date of First Contact. Future areas that we're looking to start chapters in are Alexandria, the North Shore and Lafayette.

We're also looking for someone to host a Zone 2 Game Day in the Fall.

We'd like to be able to offer board games, tabletop roleplaying, and electronic gaming that is able to network, so we can link in & challenge other Zones to (hopefully) Artemis Bridge Simulator. Let me know if you're interested in organizing this event.

Other than that, stay out of trouble, which I know is easier for some, then others!



## **Zone 3 Leader Vacant**

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## **Zone 4 Leader Col Jeremy Carsten**

Zone 4, Region 3, STARFLEET, Earth, Sol System, Milky Way...reporting!

We made it!

That's almost enough of a report for me, but perhaps I should be more specific on what all we made it through? Ok. Fine.

Several chapters of the region, including from Zone 4, attended Texas Renaissance Festival In October and November, some attended Fan Days up in Dallas. Most of our chapters were in heavy attendance, if not hosting a table at Austin Comic Con with all the main cast of TNG present! And that was just October! Region 3 Game Day was here in San Antonio – a big success for all; leading right into the Commissioning party Dinner for the USS Crockett! Several travels again up to Dallas for the USO Show put on by the USS Navras and 501<sup>st</sup> Legion – a great time and great cause!

So with that, we now have FIVE fully commissioned chapters back in Zone 4. All manned, none reporting issues, and ready to hit 2013 with everything they got!

- Zone 4, OUT!

## **Zone 5 Leader BDR John Johnston**

Greetings, Third Fleeters!

As the Holiday Season revs into high gear, things have been relatively quiet in Zone 5. Parties F and parades will be dominating activities here until the End of January.

Change will be in the air in April. there is a new convention arriving in El Paso called Sun City Sci-Fi, and it will be at the El Paso Airport Marriott. Details about the convention will be announced in the future.

Finally, I want to wish you and your friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be joyful and safe this Holiday season.

BDR John Johnston  
Zone 5 Leader, R3

## **Senior Enlisted Advisor Vacant**

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Thank You.

## Shakedown Operations Officer Adm Wayne Killough

Greetings from the Desk of the Region 3 ShOC:

Welcome to another issue of *Fleet Channels*. The New Year is right around the corner, and I am definitely looking forward to seeing what 2013 has in store. Before we look too far into the future, let's look at the here and now within Shakedown Operations.

The USS *Crockett* is our latest commissioned chapter in Region 3. We had a fantastic time during Region 3 Game Day, followed up with an entertaining evening for the *Crockett's* Commissioning Celebration! They officially became a commissioned ship on the line on November 17<sup>th</sup>...leaving just one chapter in shakedown status. We will be seeing great things from Mariann and her crew, so keep your eyes and ears open!

The USS *Ray Harryhausen* is in full-swing into their shakedown cruise. Sydney and crew are working on their S.T.A.R.T. checklist and attending everything they can. They still have a few months in the program, but they are getting a good start into their cruise.

We have a few more potential chapters for the shakedown program. I have reached out to the prospective Commanding Officers, providing them shakedown information and offering assistance in launching their new chapters. I will keep the Region posted on any information I get back.

That's all for this issue. If you have any ShOC-related questions, please send them my way to [shoc@region3.org](mailto:shoc@region3.org). Until next issue...

In Service,  
Admiral Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., SFMD/SFFM  
Commanding Officer, Retribution Station, SFR-1202  
Shakedown Operations Officer, Region 3

## Chief Finance Officer LTC Sydney LeJeune

For the third quarter ending September 30, 2012, it was reported to the CCO at the quarterly CCO meeting held electronically, that the Region had \$654.55 in its bank accounts (Checking and PayPal), along with cash in the Quartermaster's box of \$39.95, for a total assets of \$694.50.

### Expenses for the Quarter:

Region Postal Box was renewed for another year for \$58.00 and travel expenses for the Regional Coordinator (\$323.73) and the Vice Regional Coordinator (\$600.61) to go to IC in Memphis in August were paid. Although it was in the budget, the RC chose not to be paid the per diem for travel, and the expense represented her hotel room only for three nights.

### Income for the Quarter:

There was no income for the quarter.

### Next Quarter and Next Year:

Future expenses expected are \$60.00 for the room expense at the San Antonio library for GameDay. Other than that, there shouldn't be any expenditures until 2013. We do expect some income from GameDay and that will be reported to you next issue. The CCO will be meeting again in January to discuss the budget for 2013. I will be assisting the RC in preparing the necessary schedules and spreadsheets.

Please let me or the RC know if you have any questions.



# USS NEW ORLEANS

Celebrating Halloween at the library

CAPT Randolph Allen, Commanding Officer

Two months ago the USS NEW ORLEANS was contacted by Chris Smith the new director of Programming for the Jefferson Parish Library about assisting with some science fiction related programming at the East Bank Regional Branch on West Napoleon Dr. in Metairie, LA. The Command Staff decided that since this first event was during the month October that it would be Halloween-themed. Thus a film for the kids The Corpse

Bride was selected and a small costume contest was held.

The event itself was started at 6 PM with nearly 30 participants showing up. During that time children indulged in crafts and went trick and treating throughout the library. At 7:30 PM the costume contest began with members of the NEW ORLEANS Command Staff acting as judges for the children-only event. Prizes in the form of Gift Cards from Barnes and Noble were given to the winners to help promote literacy. The event wrapped up at 8 PM with some lessons learned from the event.



## Future Events

Chris Smith commented that the event was very well attended with the level publicity the Jefferson Parish Library did extremely well. He was very happy and wanted to make this annual event with a little more structure for next year.

Already two dates were being considered. One would April 5th otherwise known as First Contact Day thus allowing the Chapter to have a place have Star Trek Day.

Another would be during Carnival season for another costume contest as it is the season to dress up again.



## Monthly Events

After talking to Chris about some programming ideas it was discovered that during this time the Jefferson Parish Library is without a director.

Because of this the

Chapter would have to go through official channels in regards to hosting its own events (in this case it would have to be done online.

However, because the library is co-hosting these events with the Chapter we can get away with having events without the red tape.

## In Summary...

The event was success for both the Library and the Chapter and there is a good chance to do more events at this venue. It is a new relationship for the Chapter and it will grow and develop. It is something to look forward too in the near future.



## 340<sup>th</sup> MEU

Although we are a young and small unit, the 340th MEU is proud to report we have achieved one of our quarterly goals by visiting a Starfleet chapter (and having a great time doing it!) outside Lubbock in October. We further plan to travel to Vernon in December to visit the USS Tejas.

In addition, we met a second goal by sending a party to an airshow. We attended the Commemorative Air Force's annual Wings Over Houston Airshow on the first of its two days, Sat. Oct. 27th.

During both these landing party exercises, we had opportunities to hear podcasts relating to Star Trek. For the trip to Decatur we had an episode of Star Trek Outpost, a fan-produced radio drama (<http://www.giantgnome.com/our-shows/audio-drama/star-trek-outpost>) and several episodes of Mission Log (<http://www.missionlogpodcast.com/>), as well as several of the weekly podcasts from Planetary Radio (<http://www.planetary.org/multimedia/planetary-radio>). These podcast episodes offer us new Star Trek adventures, analysis of existing episodes of Star Trek, plus news and interviews that enhance our real-world connection to space and exploration as well as our connection to Star Trek.

On 2012.10.15, a three-person landing party (CO Spillers, Science Officer Hays, and Comms Officer Hays) attended the Klingon Dinner Thing in Decatur, Texas, hosted by the USS Regulator. (<http://ussregulator.weebly.com/index.html>).

Our thanks to the Regulator for their hospitality!

It is an honor and privilege to attend a gathering to celebrate a chapter's anniversary; we were fortunate to meet many members of the USS Regulator, its Marines, Rangers, and Klingons. Rear Admiral Marian Murphy and Region III Regional Coordinator Commodore Reed Bates attended, helping to mark the 20th anniversary of the Fort Worth chapter of Starfleet (originally the USS Comanche, now the USS Regulator). SFMC Colonel Tank Clark and his shipmates set a fantastic table, presided over a high-energy chapter meeting before the meal, and treated us all to a great visit.

RADM Murphy made a very touching presentation to Klark, son of Konald, during the event as well.

On 2012.10.27, the same landing party attended Wings Over Houston, an annual airshow event at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. Among the many amazing sights of the airshow were the F-22 Raptor, the Commemorative Air Force's American Airpower Heritage Demonstration, and the US Navy Blue Angels.

Our Science Officer made photographic records of this event which we plan to add to the 340th MEU's

GooglePlus page, currently under construction.

The following day the landing party visited Galveston Island, returning via the Bolivar Ferry, which enabled us to observe a variety of native wildlife including but not limited to avians and cetaceans,



and ended with a night viewing of the San Jacinto Monument.

The party returned to base on Monday, 2012.10.29. Our next planned expedition is 2012.12.01, to the USS Tejas Christmas party in Vernon, Texas. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Hays, Capt., SFMC, 340th MEU  
Communications  
In temporarily surveillant service to the 340th, 3BDE, and SFMC

## USS Regulator

We have had an awesome two months. First in October we celebrated 20 years as a chapter which was great. Then we had our Klingon Dinner Thing, which was a huge success with three different ships being represented and Klingons coming out of the bulkheads. Much food was consumed by all. Second, two of our members participated at the Diabetes Walk Out the first part of November. Then we had a great meeting on our normal meeting date with a new member coming to his first meeting. He told us he even re-arranged his schedule to come to our Christmas party in December before heading up north on a scheduled vacation. Perry will fit right in with our group.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and don't overdo the New Year cheer.

See you next year.  
Liz Goulet, Commodore  
XO, Communications Officer  
USS Regulator

## USS Navras

Growing up in my household, there was a phrase that my parents would pass around on occasion, to allude to how much they've been doing. That phrase was "busier than a one-legged man in a butt kicking contest." It was a little crude, I admit—but I totally get it. That's pretty much how things have been aboard the Navras over the last few months.

Between our trip to Long Beach, California, on the weekend of November 3rd to represent STARFLEET at the Long Beach Comic Con and help the Southern California Garrison of the 501 Legion to raise money for underprivileged children—our much anticipated STARFLEET USO Show on November 16th, which was a resounding success and will become an annual event—and our appearance at the grand opening of the Sci-Fi Factory in Fort Worth on November 17th—it's been one thing right after another for us for the past few months now.

Looking ahead, we've taken steps to start getting more events going for our members who live outside of Texas, and we've already been busy planning out the majority of 2013. But before then, we've got our annual Holiday Party on December 15th. After that we'll be taking our annual Winter Shore Leave, while the Command Staff revises our Ship Bylaws and prepares for our Annual Senior Staff Meeting in January. We're also preparing for Sci-Fi Expo in February, and our 2 Annual Anniversary Dinner, which will take place on February 23rd.

No rest for the wicked, right?

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
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## USS Crockett

The USS Crockett had a busy November this year. We held a Game Day here in San Antonio at the John Igo Library on November 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a great day and we had lots of fun playing games and meeting ships from Region 3. It got even better when we went to Johnny Carino's after our Game Day fun to celebrate our Commissioning in to Starfleet this month. We had a greater Joy when we got word from Starfleet on November 17th that we were a commissioned ship. The Crew of the USS Crockett were very proud on that day and shared it with any one we met and posted it all over Facebook too.



We also attend and promoted the new Star Trek Next Generation Season 2 release at Cinemark at McCreless on November 29th. We had a great time working with Fathom Events and the Theater. They were very happy that we were there to promote again and the USS Crockett was excited to meet new people that were coming to see the two shows at this event. We even surprised two people who came to see the movie with free tickets, and that was a great treat to see their smiles on their faces.

We haven't slowed or pace in December either we are going to have our first Christmas party as a commissioned ship on December 8<sup>th</sup> and then on December 15<sup>th</sup> we are helping Elf Louise deliver gifts with Santa. We may even celebrate New Year's Eve together (it's still in the talking phase right now).

Our Cadets have been busy to with all our ships gatherings and are excited about the upcoming Camping trip on December 26 – 30. They are calling it "Can the Red Shirt Cadets Survive the Cold".

We had a great experience when we were in shuttle mode for our first nine months in Starfleet and are thankful for all the help from our Mother ship (Ark Angel Station), to all the

Region 3 staff, and Starfleet staff that answered all are questions and we hope to make you all proud.

Captain Mariann Gutierrez  
USS Crockett  
Dread Nought On Us





## Ark Angel Station

Hello R3!

This is CO Ark Angel Station coming at you LIVE! He he, well not really, more like In Print, but let's not pick nits... I thought I would tell a story of a chapter that's gone to the -- oh wrong story...

The Station has been doing pretty well as of late. In September we celebrated the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TOS, we also went down to Houston and celebrated with the USS Zavala for their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary, accompanying them on a tour of the Battleship Texas that weekend as well. In October we setup at the Austin ComicCon, had a Fan table for recruiting, did a couple of TV Morning News interviews and got lots of autographs and pictures with 8 of the NextGen cast members. Also in October I had to slog thru another CCO meeting, but to your undoubted enjoyment...I survived! In November, I had the great pleasure of celebrating as mothership for the commissioning of the USS Crockett down in San Antonio; it was a great party to be sure. I also wanted to send out a special oooRah to the men and women of the USO. I had the privilege of getting to talk to some of them at the USO show organized by the Navras. The USO volunteers and staff are a great bunch of folks.

Well that's all I got for now, catch you when we come out of warp,

FCAPT Lloyd Bates  
CO Ark Angel Station

## USS SpiritWolf

As the year of 2012 comes to a close we should all reflect on the happenings in our lives during the past year. The USS SpiritWolf has had a good year as we celebrated the ship's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Plans for December include a Holiday party and going to see the new Hobbit movie. 2013 should be a busy year for the ship as we plan to have monthly movie nights as well as a group trip to IC2013 in Dallas later in the year.

In closing, may all of you and your families have the safest and happiest of holiday seasons.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other.

In Service To The Region,  
Rear Admiral Robert C. Graham  
CO, USS SpiritWolf  
DN-74300

## Retribution Station

### ACTIVITIES :

Members attended the Region 3 Game Day, as well as the USS Crockett Commissioning Ceremony. A great time was had by all! Members enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with their families.

### COMMENTS :

Looking forward to seeing what the New Year holds for the chapter!

Wayne Killough  
CO Retribution Station







## USS Joan of Arc

Let's see it been some time since we had a report but I am starting with the Con in Austin. There were 5-7 people who made the trek to Austin to see the full bridge crew. We were all excited, especially the boys, Alex Kearney, & brother Christopher Van Cleave. This was the first major Cons either of them had attended. When we arrived Saturday morning, it was a new experience for me also as I was going on the General admission ticket. I was soon roaming around thru the Dealers room going from booth to booth greeting old friends and possibly making new ones. I didn't attend a single panel which was a record for me but had a great time anyhow. I kept looking for the panel where the bridge crew would be on stage together. I figured I could go up to the stage edge take some shots then return to my seat...WRONG!!! It was a ticketed event that needed a special ticket for the GA attendees it was also at the end of the day on Saturday and I was pooped. More exercise than I had had in a week!

Sunday morning was better. Watched Robin waiting for Brett Spinner to show up so she could get his autograph in person... Jim, Rebecca, Chris, Alex, and I were waiting to see her response just to one side of the line. Here comes Brett and he stops in front of Chris asking him about the new plush toy he had just purchased. Chris handled his impromptu meeting great and Robin could see all of this but when her turn came to say hi she got the giggles and was barely able to get her name out!!! I was told no photos and the staff was VERY serious. I had to put my camera in my Con bag or risk being tossed out of the event. It just wasn't that important to risk that so I don't have a

physical photo of the historic meeting. We made it back to Corpus Christi about 7pm, just in time to prepare for school and work the following day. A weekend well filled with wonderful memories...

OOPS! Looks like I jumped over a few events that happened BEFORE the Austin Con: Let's backtrack a bit. Whirrr, creak, and whistle as the time frame re-sets itself>>>>.

Way back in early October the club had a poker night with the funds raised going to help raise money for a Life Scout to use in completion of his Eagle Scout project. It was interesting... It takes a few different tries to understand that you can't bid and win each item that is up for bids simply because you are under 10yrs old. We raised close to \$100.00 dollars to cover expenses.

On the week of Oct 12-17, Corpus Christi had their annual anime gathering. The 50st had a table but wasn't able to staff it until Saturday and Sunday. They generously asked us if we wanted to use it for a one day promotion table for the club. There was a pretty good turnout having 5-7 crewmen there from 10am until it closed down for the night around 11pm. Next on the calendar was the Ricardo ISD walk/run... again there were quite a large number of crewmen attending. The Joan had entries in both the walk and run. We even had a couple of members place in the various events. After all the walkers and runners were checked in, the times were recorded, and the results were announced. The hurrahs kept getting louder with each award so when Alex won 2nd place for his age group, people knew who (continued) we were cheering for. We also had 2 crewmen place in the men's race...Chris

Turner and Peter Vance placed second and fifth respectively...

Halloween occurred in the middle of the week so with school, work and people out of town there was nothing planned. Shortly after that a few of the crew turned out to assist in the building dog kennels and runs for the Light House for the Blind Warehouse. The foundation was close to being finished (waiting for cement) when I left. You could say the USS Joan of Arc had a rather busy October!!!

The same day as the Life Scout project was the November crew meeting. We planned a movie table to promote the releasing for Season 2 of TNG reworked in HD. It was a short time period just under 2-3 hours but again in the middle of the week, so not many people visited the table. The episodes were Q Who? and Measure of a Man, both excellent choices. A large number of crew attended 8-10 were present. Our group got several second glances but the opposing shows were Twilight and Bring it On in that wing of rooms. Thanksgiving wrapped up this month as usual. Some of the crew had dinner at other members' house where there was a mountain of good food, fellowship plus leftovers for dinner if you stayed late enough. After lunch entertainment was episodes of Mystery Science theatre.

December will also have a few interesting tidbits to share so stay tuned.

Comm. Kris Dobie, RVA,  
Head of combined Science & Medical Depts.  
USS Joan of Arc NCC---73289

## USS Corsair

The USS CORSAIR's crew has had an exceptionally busy Fall, and I'd like to highlight some of our adventures:

- Hosted Star Trek Day at the Jones Creek Library featuring Artemis Bridge Simulator.
- Attended BabelBanquet and launched the USS RAY HARRYHAUSEN
- Took 3rd place in the 1031 Consortium's Pirate Scavenger Hunt
- Helped out Star Wars Group Red Stick Rebellion with "Sith" Annual Star Wars Costume Day
- The Swashbuckling Scribes wrote their novels as part of National Novel Writing Month, having several write ins and word war. CMDR Gail Perrin succeeded in finishing her 50,000 words and was the winner!
- Several crew are 'racing' to Rivendale as part of an onboard fitness program. Winner gets a free ticket to the Hobbit in December .
- Costuming and Prop Workshops to assist members to prepare for Cosplay at Wizard World's New Orleans ComicCon
- Packed over 200 boxes of food for Our Daily Bread
- Monthly Marine viewing get togethers
- Had a bake sale at the Relay for Life with the theme "Christmas Pi".
- Promoted the Second Season Blue Ray set of Star Trek Next Generation at Cinemark Perkins Rowe

The Cadets collected school supplies for an Elementary in LaPlace that was flooded by Hurricane Isaac, poptops for Ronald McDonald House, counted Stars for National Astronomy Week, attended Chemistry Day at LSU & also packed boxes for Our Daily Bread.

The big announcement we want everyone to know about is that we'll be celebrating our Fifth Anniversary on April 13, 2013 at the Londoner in Baton Rouge, LA with a Dress Mess. Please save the date! More information will be forthcoming after the 1st of the year.



## **ANNOUNCEMENT: SFI Database being Replaced!**

As announced at Region 7 Conference October 21, 2012 in Starfleet's Ustream, the Membership Database will go offline on December 15, 2012.

It will remain offline until about December 20, 2012. This is due to the installation of a completely new Database. Once back up, the users will only see some minor changes. Hopefully, it will appear much as it is already in the look of it. There should be some new features and new menu options. The main difference is the back-end of the data. There are so many things that are wrong with it to list here and it has taken several years to figure out a replacement, get it designed and coded, and then even several members of STARFLEET have been beta testing it since the first of August. All this planning and effort should ensure a smooth install of the new STARFLEET Database.

We hope enjoy your new database experience.

If you have any questions or complaints, please send them to Fleet's Chief of Computer Operations Chris Carothers [compops@sfi.org](mailto:compops@sfi.org) or phone: **1-888-SFI-TREK (888-734-8735) Ext.: x707.**

### **OPERATION HOME COOKING**

Hailing frequency open Captain  
Attention, Attention, Attention!!!!

A member of the USS Bexar hosted two Recruits from Lackland Air Force Base for "Operation Home Cooking". This program has been going on for over 40 years here in San Antonio, TX. My best friend Jackie Burke (non StarFleet personnel) and I picked up Matt Comfort (from Oregon) and John Flores (from California) from the reception center at Lackland early Thanksgiving morning. The boys enjoyed a good home cooked meal and talking to relatives over the phone. They are schedule to graduate on Dec 7th. Jackie's family has been hosting troops for 4 years now and will continue to do it in the future.

Alvina Bryant, Major, SFMC  
OIC 331th MSG Special Ops  
Chief of Security  
USS Bexar NCC 71718

# IC 2013 WANTS YOU!

Region 3 is putting on STARFLEET's International Conference in Dallas, Texas, August 1-4, 2013 at the [MCM Eleganté Hotel and Suites](#).

If you would like to help, please see the following IC 2013 Committee Members for information below. This information is also available on our web page at: [www.ic2013.com/contact](http://www.ic2013.com/contact)



**Programming:** If you want to put on a panel or other “event” during IC2013, please contact Wayne Killough from the Retribution Station at: [programming at ic2013.com](http://programming.at.ic2013.com).

**Cadet (Children/Youth) Programming:** If you wish to assist with or know more about the Youth Programming, please get in touch with Kris Murphy from the Ark Angel Station at: [cadet at ic2013.com](http://cadet.at.ic2013.com).

**Security:** If you wish to assist with security, guarding rooms, doors, the auction items, etc., please contact Thomas “Tank” Clark from the USS Regulator at: [security at ic2013.com](http://security.at.ic2013.com).

**Gaming:** If you want to play a particular game, please see the Gaming Survey on our website <http://www.ic2013.com/survey.php> or contact Lloyd Bates from the Ark Angel Station at: [gaming at ic2013.com](http://gaming.at.ic2013.com).

**Model Show:** For starship model show & contest rules and entrance information, please contact James Trainham from the USS Diamondback at: [model at ic2013.com](http://model.at.ic2013.com).

**Auction Donations:** If you wish to donate something to the silent and live auctions, please contact Kathy Hench of the Ark Angel Station at: [auction at ic2013.com](http://auction.at.ic2013.com).

**Program Ads:** Wish to put an add for your chapter or group in the IC2013 Program Book? Please contact Wayne Killough from the Retribution Station at [programming at ic2013.com](http://programming.at.ic2013.com).

**Honor Guard:** If you want to know more about color guards and the flags at IC2013, please contact Jeremy Carsten of the USS Battle Born at: [marines at ic2013.com](http://marines.at.ic2013.com).

**Marines:** If you wish to know more about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade or the SFMC International Muster at IC2013, please contact Michael Tolleson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade OIC, of the USS Navras at: [bdeoic at 3bde.region3.org](http://bdeoic.at.3bde.region3.org).



**Website Problems:** If you're having any problems with the [IC2013 website](http://www.ic2013.com) or emails, please contact Aaron Murphy of the Ark Angel Station at: [webmaster at ic2013.com](mailto:webmaster@ic2013.com).

## IC2013 Frequently Asked Questions:

Besides the above items, here are some answers to a few of the FAQs we have received:

**What are the Hotel Room Rates:** The website has been updated with the room rates and all hotel information. You must call the hotel, too, as there is no online code. Please see this link: [www.ic2013.com/hotel.php](http://www.ic2013.com/hotel.php)

**Tentative Schedule:** We hope to have a tentative schedule up by the end of January 2013; however, in the mean time, if you haven't been to an IC, the main items for non-EC/AB members are: Friday evening with Marine Dinner (all are invited, don't have to be Marine) and Opening Ceremonies; Saturday starts off with General Session in morning, then panels in the afternoon, along with Marine Muster, Silent auction and away missions, followed by cocktail hour, Final Mission, Fleet Admiral's Ball (banquet, live auction, dance, DJ with laser light show), and after parties into the wee hours; Sunday is maybe some more panels, non-denominational service, closing ceremonies; then some leave, some stay; trip to South Fork Ranch (and might have BBQ lunch there), nap time, if have time, then dinner out with who ever is still around, followed by "dead dog" party. There could be trips to local sights both on Wednesday, Thursday, or Monday after the IC. It all depends on who's around and whether they have planned to spend time in Dallas. Many hang out in the lobby, just to find interest in doing something.

**Want To Know What Meals We Are Eating?** For the Friday night Marine Mess and the Saturday night Admiral's Ball, please see our website at: [www.ic2013.com/menu.php](http://www.ic2013.com/menu.php). Yes, there is a vegetarian option, but we're not too sure about vegan. Make the request when you register and we will do our best to accommodate special dietary requirements. The same goes for those with food allergies. Email the Chair Marian Murphy at [chair at ic2013.com](mailto:chair@ic2013.com) and she will inquire with the hotel.

**Want To Know What Charities We Are Supporting?** We have picked two of them for 2013:  
1) Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry® Campaign and  
2) the USO of Dallas/Fort Worth (tentative, agreement pending).

**Do you have any Social Media to Keep in Touch?** Yes, both Facebook Page and Twitter have been set up and linked. The Facebook Page also has an Event.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/IC2013>

Twitter: [sfi ic2013](https://twitter.com/sfi_ic2013)

## REGION 3 MAILING LISTS ARE OFFICIAL LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Although there are many other avenues of communication, I would like to take this time to remind everyone that Facebook, Google+, Twitter, etc. are not the official lines of communication among the members of this Region. There are many reasons why the email lists are official. Why not Facebook? Even though Facebook seems to be the more popular among our members, not everyone is on Facebook. Many won't or can't sign up for Facebook; privacy concerns are a very big issue. And a second reason is that some cannot join because of their employment or other reason. 100% of the members seem to have an email address, so until the times comes when everyone is signed up to do a different thing, the Region 3 Mailing Lists are still the official comms channels.

Here are a few ways to communicate in Region 3 and the Fleet:

### R3 MAILING LISTS

The Region 3 Mailing lists are the best way to communicate with each other. If you are not signed up and want to be, please review our Mailing Lists sign up page at: <http://region3.org/maillinglist/>, particularly the list rules at the bottom. Once you subscribe, you will be checked against the SFI database records before approval. You must be a Starfleet Member to subscribe, however. Briefly, the lists on the R3 website are the public lists that you can join, and they are:

- There's the general discussion list and I encourage all Region 3 members to subscribe to that one list if you don't subscribe to any others.
- There's one for the Third Brigade, too, so if you're a marine, sign up for that list.
- There are Zone lists to match where your chapter is located. If you don't know where, then look up the zone on the Chapter List page of our website. Reasons to be on the Zone list are to be in better contact with the chapters that are closest to you. Some Zones have meetings or events every once in a while. Even the next Region 3 Game Day might be held in each Zone, where we all play over the Internet against each other or some such nonsense, so get involved in your Zone to know who your teammates will be.
- Lastly, there is a Science Fiction Series Discussion List (called the First-List). The First-List is for discussions about any of the various Science Fiction Series on the air. It was set up as a non-Region or non-Star Trek list many, many moons ago, but really is not active any longer.. Want to join it and start it back up again by discussing Dr. Who? Or Fringe?



## R3 FACEBOOK GROUP & PAGE

For the fun of Facebook, the Region has a Closed **Group** for communication among the Region's members; however, there are others from STARFLEET in there as well. We also have allowed expired members to stay in there in hopes our friends come back some day. We also do not allow chapters or other groups in there, just the individual members of STARFLEET. If you want to be in there, but cannot be with your real name due to work or what ever the reason, please see the [RC](#) for permission to join in some other name. The Region's Facebook Group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sfiregion3/>

The Region also has a Facebook **Page**, which is more for advertising the Region and is different than the group. It is definitely not for private conversations. If you want to “Like” our page, it is here: <https://www.facebook.com/SFI.Region3> If your chapter has a Page, then “like” us and we will “like” your page, too.

## R3 TWITTER

The Region FB Page is connected to a Twitter account. You can follow the Region [http://www.twitter.com/sfi\\_region3](http://www.twitter.com/sfi_region3) or just sfi\_region3. I'm only just learning Twitter, and our Region 3 Communications Chief James Trainham is only just being given account access, so maybe the tweets will start pouring out of us.

## STARFLEET Lists and Places

The same said above about Region 3 comms channels probably can be said of [STARFLEET's mailing lists](#). Go to [sfi.org](http://sfi.org), Links, then the STARFLEET Mailing Lists. The Region's list rules are based on SFI's and they use the same email list program, too. STARFLEET has what's called a “[Place](#)” on FB, which is similar to a Page, but I'm not sure what the difference is. Search for it by name, but select to “like” the one that is a Place. They also have a Twitter account, too.

## Stay in Touch

With all the tech in the world today, there should not be a reason for any member to not know what's going on. Please sign up for a mailing list, read the latest Fleet Channels, and stay in touch. We want to hear from you and see you at the next Regional event.