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Regional Coordinator

COMM Reed Bates, Ark Angel Station

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

On March 16, 2013, I took a trip up to Dallas/Fort Worth to check out the IC 2013 hotel. While there, I attended the USS Regulator's monthly meeting. We had some good BBQ, had very tough trivia contest, and I met some new members who were checking out the chapter. During the meeting, they liked what was going on and requested an immediate transfer from unassigned. I executed the transfer right on my phone. There was Region 3 Staff meeting on March 20, 2013. I've also been having lots of fun with my own chapter, bowling night, Austin Children's Museum with our Cadet Corps.

April was also a busy month for the RC, Regionally, personally, and for my chapter. One of the highlights was spending a weekend with the USS Corsair for their fifth Anniversary. Their MSG held a Dress Mess held on Saturday April 13, which went off very well. I and many of the guests had a great time. The Corsair members also entertained their guests by taking us to all sorts of locations and we played some hotly contested bouts of laser tag Friday night and Sunday morning, at two very different venues. Many around the Region attended the *Best of Both Worlds* event on April 25, 2013, which was very cool to see on the big screen. One of the other fun things was the 3rd Brigade Muster held in Austin, Texas, April 26-27. The weekend started off with the USS Battle Born's 2nd Anniversary Party and continued on the next day. There were some very interesting and educational panels, along with the usual muster/ceremonies. My OIC wasn't able to attend so I had the pleasure of accepting all the 323rd's Awards. The dinner was a bit chaotic, but that's what you get with you put a bunch of rowdy marines in a room together and give them food and beverage.

Chapter Anniversaries during April were: (1) the USS Serenity turned 2 years old on April 1, 2013 (commissioned in 2011); (2) the USS Battle Born turned 2 years old on April 19, 2013 (commissioned in 1994); and (3) the USS Corsair turned 5 years old on April 19(22), 2013 (commissioned in 1994).

May was also a very busy month for this RC, so much that my house was just a stopping place to sleep, shower, and go again. I attended my first Steam Punk event with members of the USS Battle Born. Mothers' Day Weekend found us camping at Canyon Lake with the USS Crockett and several tiny new puppies. And, we can't forget the May 15-19, 2013 Star Trek Into Darkness Movie Premier Week. My Chapter saw the movie first on May 16. Then we (my chapter the Ark Angel Station) spent the next 2 days at 2 theaters holding a recruiting booth in the lobby of one theater and beaming people up at the other theater. Members of the USS Gygax (R4) also manned the table with the Ark Angel Station. We also saw members of the USS Serenity before they went into the movie.

One chapter Anniversary during May was May 18, 1996 – USS Palo Duro turned 17.

June 1, the date this is written, starts the first day of the STARFLEET Election Cycle. I have thrown my hat into the ring for Vice Commander, STARFLEET. Wayne Killough wants to be Commander, STARFLEET. There may be others running as well, only time will tell.

There are no June chapter Anniversaries. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to all this Quarter's Chapter Anniversaries.

Until the next time we're in the Holodeck, be well.

COME HAVE A BLAST WITH US IN DALLAS, TEXAS FOR STARFLEET'S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013

www.ic2013.com or click the image below.

The Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area is known for a lot of things; the Rangers, the Cowboys, the Mavericks, the Stars, Southfork Ranch (from the show Dallas), Six Flags Over Texas, the Fort Worth Zoo, and many other attractions. However, to STARFLEET personnel, the event that should be on your mind the most is the STARFLEET International Conference 2013! This year, it will be held August 1-4, 2013 at the MCM Eleganté Hotel and Suites in Dallas.

Since before the bid was even submitted, the IC 2013 committee has been hard at work to make sure that this IC is a memorable experience for everyone in attendance. Chosen for its central location to both DFW Airport, Dallas/Love Field, and the Greyhound Bus Terminal, the MCM Eleganté offers great rooms, plentiful dinning (both onsite and in the surrounding area), nice



meeting space, and strong Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. Their experienced staff has been more than willing to work with us to make this conference go smoothly.

As with most IC's, we have some of the staples that members have come to expect. This includes Opening Ceremony, General Sessions, panels throughout the afternoon, and an evening auction and dance. Marines will hold their annual International Muster on Saturday afternoon, during the panels, where the General Staff will brief the troops on everything going on in the Corps and present many of the annual awards.

In addition to those activities, we will have a few things that are new or different from what we're used to seeing. As many of you know, 2013 is an election year for STARFLEET. As we've seen at other ICs, we will be presenting a Meet the Candidates forum where you'll get to know and ask questions of our next potential Commander, STARFLEET. Also, for those not interested in the formality and politics of the organization, we will be hosting a gaming room, consisting of role playing games, board games, and strategy games. Also, there will be Nerf Tactical Missions hosted in a controlled environment if you just want to get out and shoot someone. Finally, for those of you who are so inclined, there will be a model building competition.

No IC is complete without plenty of food. With your hotel reservation, you will receive 2 free breakfast vouchers for the hotel restaurant. On Friday night, in a slight departure from the normal Dress Mess, the 3rd Brigade will be hosting a Texas BBQ. This will be held as more of a Field Mess, so wear your Class C Utilities and come ready to eat. On Saturday night, the Fleet dresses in its finest for the Fleet Admiral's Banquet. After the Banquet, we will be having a charity auction. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry® Campaign. No Kid Hungry is a national campaign to end childhood hunger in America by 2015.

As a special treat, the IC 2013 Committee is pleased to announce that Vaughn Armstrong, most notably Admiral Forest of Enterprise, will be joining us Saturday. Mr. Armstrong has previously attended IC 2005 in San Antonio, TX. This year, he will be hosting a Q&A panel Saturday afternoon, signing autographs and selling Enterprise Blues Band CDs, and assisting with our charity auction. As a treat, we will have a raffle for 2 available seats at his dinner table, as well as many other opportunities to meet Vaughn.

We truly hope that everyone considers coming to Dallas this August. It looks to be a great event and we would love to have you. For more information on the event and to register, you can go to <http://www.ic2013.com/>. If you have any questions, you can e-mail info@ic2013.com or contact any of the IC Committee from the website.

Written by: Gen Aaron Murphy, Ark Angel Station

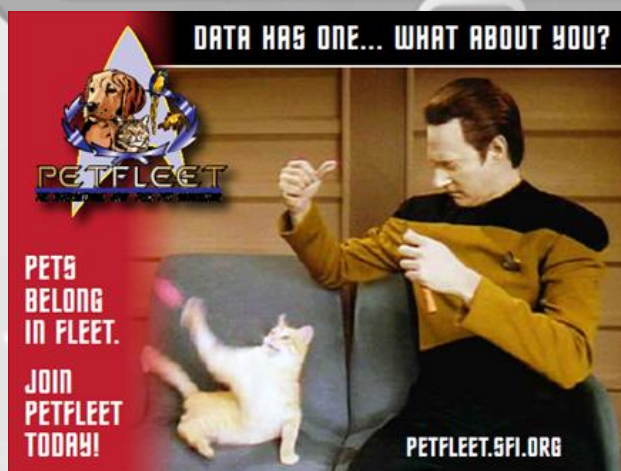
Chief of Staff

Col Jeremy Carsten

Ahoy fellow Trekkers/Trekkies of Region 3. Your region staff continues to prepare for the coming IC in August, now less than 60 days away! We're also getting things going for another CCO meeting (likely done by the time of this publication) and just ensuring the overall smooth running of our little corner of fandom.

We are still looking for A Zone 5 leader, and now a Zone 1 leader as well! If you find yourself in either of these zones, please consider stepping up to the task. While you have to put up with me, most everyone else on staff is rather pleasant to chat with on our monthly calls. The Zone leader is an excellent start for any member of our region to step into the beginnings of leadership beyond their chapter. You do not need to be, or have been a CO to do this job, it helps, but 100% required. So please consider it!

Aside from the posts in need of filling, your region staff has, and will, keep chugging along.



Chief of Operations

Captain Brian Landry

Greetings,

Current membership in the Region is down to 611 members. But this is really a misleading number; some of this is due to the loss of two chapters over the last month, while at the same time we have positive growth from recruiting efforts connected to the new movie. Meaning the Region is only down 18 members since my last report. That means all that hard work the chapters have been putting in recruiting is really working. Keep up the great work!!

Monthly Status Reports (MSR) for the past few months have been going well, but there is room for improvement. One March report was late; and four April reports were late.

Please remember that the MSR is due beginning the first of the month and is considered late if submitted after the 5th of the month. 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. Your XO already has the proper access and can help out in that capacity if needed. Thanks to everyone for such a good job.

The next quarterly Region 3 Congress of Commanding Officers Meeting is being held in June. Information on that meeting will be part of my next report.

We are looking for a few new Zone Leaders. We currently have vacancies in both Zone 1 and Zone 5. These positions can be filled by **any member** of the specific zone willing to volunteer their time and apply for the position. Meaning you don't have to be a CO to hold this position. The official Job Description from the Region 3 Handbook is:

“Zone Leaders (“ZL”) are the liaison between Region 3 staff and the RC and the CO's and members of their respective zones. They will be the first line for membership and recruiting issues within their zone. The ZL reports directly to the CoO and will work with the Shakedown Operations Officer (“ShOO”) to provide the CoO and RC with any recommendations and updates in the status of a chapter's-in-training or full chapter in their Zone. The ZL will report to the CoO for all chapter issues to retain the flow of communication. Should they need to go to the RC directly, they will keep the CoO informed. It is suggested that the ZL visit each launched chapter-in-training within their Zone at least once prior to the chapter's commissioning, if possible. ZL's are responsible for the coordination of intra-Zone activities and for holding Zone meetings for all chapters within their Zone at least once a quarter. Although a ZL is appointed by the RC, with the recommendations from the CoO, the ZL appointment will be discussed with the chapters in that given Zone.”

If you are interested in serving the members of your zone in this role, please contact the Chief of Staff and myself directly.

Chief Administration Officer Rear Admiral Marian Murphy

Well we made it through another season. First I want to say thank you to the Awards Committee, each did their homework, posed great questions, made interesting discussions so much that it only took one meeting, granted it took 5 hours but each award was discussed individually and I can tell y'all that the awards per passed up to Region level ahead of Fleet's deadline. They have been passed on to the proper departments,

and now all you have to do is WAIT!! LOL!
We know and you don't. ☺

During the deliberations several flaws in the system came to the forefront. After IC 2013 (we're a little busy with that right now—you have to come to IC to see if you won) the Committee will be getting together to address some of those concerns. We are in the process of writing a handbook and revising the guidelines for awards submission. If you have an idea or a thought on how to improve our awards please drop me a line at ladyhawketx@gmail.com and it will be passed along and discussed.

I will close this by thanking each CO or member who made a recommendation to the Committee for without those there would be no reason for us. The awards belong to the Region and its members; it's our chance to say thank you to those members who go the extra mile or step up when not even asked. We have the greatest region in Fleet from our RC down to the newest member. Let's work to keep it at that level.

Let us hear from y'all. Thanks again to the Committee for all your hard work!!!

Chief of Communications Maj James Trainham

Hello!

It has been a very quiet first quarter here in the Region As you may or may not have noticed the cover page for this issue is not very well designed, well that's because I made it. I can design a web script, throw together a newsletter but make me use a piece of design software and everyone needs to hide, If you would like to submit artwork please contact me at COMM@Region3.org .

I thought I would throw up a reminder for the new Fleet Channels wordpress located at www.Region3.org/fleetchannels.

1st Up to date communications and events for around the Region.

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

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

Zone 1 Leader Vacant

If you are interested in serving the members of your zone in this role, please contact the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Operations directly.

Zone 2 Leader RADM Trisha Tunis

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Zone 3 Leader COMM James Muench

Hello from Zone 3, Region 3.

Zone 3 would like to wish the USS Aurora Vulcanus well as it moves to Region 4 with the naming of Robin Woodell-Vitasek as the new CO. Michelle Finelli decided to step down as CO of the Aurora Vulcanus after 20 years. We wish Michelle well and hope to see her around.

In this Quarter there were lots of opportunities for recruiting. The USS Joan of Arc had recruiting event at Century 16 for the Best of Both Worlds event and at Starplex Theater the weekend of the newest Star Trek movie. The USS Zavala talked and handed out cards to attendees of an Advance screening of Star Trek into Darkness. The USS

Zavala then had a fan table at Comicpalooza. One member joined on the spot with many more planning to check out future events.

Lastly, the Houston area chapters (USS Firebird, USS SpiritWolf, and USS Zavala) have been working hard on a bid for 2014 Summit in Houston. We hope to finally bring Summit to Houston.

Zone 3 out till next time.

Zone 4 Leader Col Jeremy Carsten

Greetings Region 3!

Zone 4 has been BUSY! The new Trek movie hitting this past month...our chapters were busy! The Ark Angel Station, USS Bexar and USS Crockett all had fan tables at theaters – spreading the joy of STARFLEET far and wide! No matter what you thought of the movie, or the JJ reboot portion of the franchise, it's exciting to see Trek on the big screen and giving us all more to discuss and enjoy! Ark Angel station also hosted their annual camping trip, with members from other chapters in attendance.

5 out of the 6 chapters in the zone were present at the 3rd Brigade Muster in Austin on April 27th. A great time, with a lot of awards, information and fun!

Looking ahead our zone has a lot coming at it. We have Sci Fi fest here in San Antonio this weekend (June 8-9) and Texas Comic Con June 22-24th. We have WorldConLoneStar con 3 at the end of August, and up in Austin we have Austin Comic Con in November! Plenty of fun to enjoy together! We're never bored here!

Zone 5 Leader Vacant

If you are interested in serving the members of your zone in this role, please contact the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Operations directly.

Senior Enlisted Advisor CPO Steve Sardeson

Greetings from the Region 3 Senior Enlisted Advisor. It has been an interesting time since I've received the appointment. I had the privilege of being a member of the Region 3 Awards Board and I got to experience the production side of a sci-fi convention with GALACTICON III. GALACTICON III was a great time, and it was interesting being ran simultaneously with COMICPALOOZA. I had a great time chatting with a couple of members from the USS Zavala. I do apologize for not making it by your table for more chatting, but I was keeping close in case I was needed, which happened more than I bargained for.

Last article, I solicited questions, but I received none. The offer still stands. Also, I'm hoping to have some more information regarding awards submissions in the next issue. The awards board and the regional staff will have some discussions in the future to clear up some ambiguities and simplify the process.

Finally, I'd like to wrap up with an encouragement to either get involved, re-energize efforts to support those folks who have been affected by this rash of tornadoes we've been seeing on the news. If you know of any events or charities needing additional support, please let me know.

Shakedown Operations Officer Adm Wayne Killough

Greetings from the Desk of the Region 3 ShOC:

Welcome to another exciting issue of *Fleet Channels*. We have had quite a few changes within our Region this past quarter, as chapters have come and gone, as well as members. Reed successfully won the election for Region 3 Coordinator, so I get to continue to serve you as Shakedown Operations Officer, playing my part to help the Region where I can.

The USS *Ray Harryhausen* continues through their shakedown cruise, being assisted along the way by their Support Ship, the USS *Corsair*. Sydney and her crew have been working a few events over in Louisiana, such as the Louisiana Science Fiction Film and Costume Festival and the new *Star Trek: Into Darkness* movie opening. This crew is active in their area and is continuing to keep up with their shakedown schedule.

The USS *Midessa* has been keeping busy on their end as well. Laureen and crew have been hosting several events of their own, such as the *Best of Both Worlds* event, bake sales, etc. The crew volunteers time monthly to animal rescue efforts, which is a very noble cause in my books. Their support ship, the USS *Lone Star*, has a great shakedown chapter on their hands. They have grown in size during their shakedown

cruise, and their commissioning isn't too far away.

The USS *Texas* is in full-swing with their shakedown cruise. They have enrolled in the Accelerated Program, and have received approval to commission at the International Conference this August. The crew attends a massive amount of activities each month, from chapter events to away missions to the 3rd Brigade Muster this past April. I was in attendance at the Muster and would like to congratulate one of their members, Trenton Baum, on receiving the Star of Valor. Congratulations, Sergeant Major Baum! Their support chapter, *Ark Angel Station*, is definitely proud of this group, and I am looking forward to celebrating their commissioning with them at IC!

That's all for this issue. The shakedown chapters here in Region 3 continue to strive for excellence, and I am honored that I play a small role in watching and advising them along the way. As this year is an election year for Commander, STARFLEET, keep an eye out on the campaign trail. Listen to all sides and make sure you vote. Your voice will help select the next CS. Our members come first within Fleet, so make sure you select the person who you feel will do the most for you...the individual member. As always, if you have any ShOC-related questions, please send them to me at shoc@region3.org. Until next issue...

Quartermaster Maj James Trainham

You thought I forgot the Quartermaster report for this quarter, well fear not while editing the newsletter and seeing it in its roughest form I decided to move this to the end of the issue so all the information would not be crammed into the inline text with the rest of the staff articles.

First off let me touch on some of the comments I have received be it through word of mouth, direct communication, email or a note taped to a brick. Yes I know much of the merchandise we have is older merchandise or generic merchandise that other chapters may have, but without your supports (eg. a majority of the Region) I cannot get new merchandise and this is due to a lack of interest. If you want to see something let me know and I will try my hardest to make it available for those who want it, even if it's only available for a limited time. The easiest way to do this is go to this page, www.region3.org/fleetchannels/quartermaster/, there is a simple poll you can go to and select what would like based on some feedback I have received, and there is also a comment section to throw down your own ideas.

But enough of that, its summer, it's going to be hot, why not be green while you are cooling yourself off and represent your Region at the same time.



How about this Stainless Steel 1-liter water bottle perfect for keeping Hydrated in the hot summer day to come:

<http://www.cafepress.com/region3.519918731>



Region 3 Bumper Sticker:

<http://www.cafepress.com/mf/2076712/bumper-sticker?shop=region3>



Last but not least the messenger bag, it's a tough polyester fabric, can hold a laptop and all of your peripherals with space to spare, I've got one, and

took it to All-Con with me, and received compliments from some other Trekkies at the convention that I had a bag to match my Starfleet uniform.

<http://www.cafepress.com/region3.519918737>

Chief Financial Officer Sydney LeJeune

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The State of the Region's Finances Report by the RC Comm Reed Bates:

Current Balance as of June 1, 2013: \$959.89

Account balances:

- Checking Account - \$713.45
- PayPal Account - \$18.50
- QM Cash Box - \$227.94 (The RC will deposit all but approx. \$40 to keep to make change into the checking account by end of June).

The first quarter's expenses were \$12.19 in Texas sales taxes for the 2012 year that were incurred from selling Region 3 T-shirts at Game Day. We also reimbursed the old

Awards Coordinator for the mailing of the Awards to the RC for \$14.45.

USS Regulator Comm Liz Goulet, XO

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

We've had a busy couple of months. Several of our members have completed numerous courses from the Academy. We have gained some new members and been on several away missions. May especially was busy. Several of the crew went to Dallas Comicon on May 18 while another bunch of us did recruiting at Fossil Creek Theater for the new Star Trek movie. Also on May 27 we had a pot luck dinner where several of us got together for food and fun. We also presented awards and promotions.

Upcoming for the summer, we are planning on going to the CATs baseball game after our monthly meeting on June 15. And several of our members are attending the IC in August.

The Regulator is the place to have fun cause we always seem to have something going on.

USS SpiritWolf RAdm Robert Graham, CO

website: <http://community-2.webtv.net/RGRAHAM/USSSPIRITWOLF/>

As we go into the halfway point of 2013, it has been a busy time for the USS SpiritWolf. We had our general crew meetings at the Hobbit Café during March & April. Several crew members attended an advance screening of Star Trek Into Darkness last month. The film was a hit with the entire membership. Our May meeting was held at Comicpalooza which this year was combined with Galacticon. Christopher

Maxwell got his picture taken with ST: TNG star Patrick Stewart while attending Comicpalooza. The XO and myself are working with Summit 2014 R3 Bid planning committee. Upcoming activities include

more crew meetings, attending ApolloCon as well as Space City Con and the Starfleet International Conference in Dallas. Until next time take care of yourselves and each other.

2013 Region 3 Awards

Below are the recipients of the 2013 Region 3 Awards, though awarded in 2013 these awards are for services rendered to the Members for service from the Joint Summit in March 2012 through March 2013.

Region 3 Commendations

Abbott, Tahnya, USS Joan of Arc

Agree, Jan, USS Trinity River

Bryant, Alvina, USS Bexar

Bush, Pat, USS Joan of Arc

Carey, Alice, USS Lone Star

Carey, Darrell, USS Lone Star

Carey, Ken, USS Lone Star

Carr, Tyler, Retribution Station

Clark, James, USS Regulator

Clark, Tracy, USS Regulator

Crouch, Cynthia, USS Regulator

Dobie, Rhonda, USS Joan of Arc

Dreesbach, Dan, USS Trinity River

Dunnigan, Rachel, USS Lone Star

Gilfillan, John, USS Zavala

Goulet, Alan, USS Lone Star

Goulet, Michelle, USS Lone Star

Harris, Rebeca Anne, USS Joan of Arc

Keesen, Norbert, USS Lone Star

Killough, Wayne, Retribution Station

Kraly, John, USS Regulator

Marchant, Roon, USS Regulator

McCoslin, Michael, Retribution Station

McIntosh, Gregory, USS Lafitte

Mock, Elizabeth, USS Joan of Arc

Montgomery, John, USS Lone Star*

Montgomery, Terri, USS Lone Star*

Norman, Chanda, USS Trinity River

Norman, Kira, USS Trinity River

O'Banion, Chris, USS Firebird

O'Clima, Cherry, USS Bexar

Rice, Kayla, USS Lone Star

Rice, Will, USS Lone Star

Sardeson, Laura, USS Bexar

Sardeson, Steve, USS Bexar

Shanks, Don, USS Lone Star

Stockelman, Dan, USS Trinity River

Taylor, Karen, USS Lone Star*

Taylor, Ricky, USS Lone Star*

Trainham, James, USS Battle Born

Tunis, Edward IV, USS Corsair

Turner, Amy, USS Joan of Arc

Van Cleave, James, USS Joan of Arc

Van Cleave, Robin, USS Joan of Arc

White, Joe, USS Lone Star

Wisdom, Joe, USS Lone Star

Ybarra, Robert, USS Bexar

Iron Star

Agee, Jan, USS Trinity River
Black, Sam, USS Lone Star
Branstetter, Margaret, USS Joan of Arc
Brown, Mike, Ark Angel Station
Carr, Tyler, Retribution Station
Cerio, Cheri, USS New Orleans
Dreesbach, Dan, USS Trinity River
Everett, Louis, USS Ravensclaw
Phillips Hardy, Angela, USS Zavala
Kessen, Karen, USS Lone Star
Laska, Alan, USS Trinity River
Martin, Tara, USS Joan of Arc
McCoslin, Michael, Retribution Station
Norman, Chanda, USS Trinity River
O'Clima, Cherry, USS Bexar
Stockelman, Dan, USS Trinity River
Valdez, B'Elanna, USS Bexar

Silver Pillar

Bryant, Alvina, USS Bexar
Clark, James, USS Regulator
Martin, Tara, USS Joan of Arc
McCoslin, Michael, Retribution Station
Sardeson, Laura, USS Bexar
Sardeson, Steve, USS Bexar
Valdez Cyndi, USS Bexar

Gold Pillar

Hench, Kathy, Ark Angel Station
Killough, Wayne, Retribution Station
Johnston, John, USS Gunslinger
O'Banion, Christopher, USS Firebird

Gold Pillar Cont.

Landry, Brian, USS Corsair
LeJeune, Sydney, USS Ray Harryhausen
Muench, James, USS Zavala
Trainham, James, USS Battle Born

Legion of Merit

Murphy, Aaron, Ark Angel Station
Killough, Wayne, Retribution Station
O'Banion, Chris, USS Firebird

Crystal Star

Carsten, Jeremy, USS Battle Born

Jessup Distinguished Service Award

Bates, Reed, Ark Angel Station
Tunis, Trisha, USS Corsair

Scholastic

Bressie Claire, Ark Angel Station
Bressie, Aiden, Ark Angel Station
Carey, Benjamin, USS Lone Star
Carey, Tabitha, USS Lone Star
Hill, Matt, Ark Angel Station
Kessen, Realeigh, USS Lone Star
McCoslin, Michael, Retribution Station
Murphy, Amanda, Ark Angel Station
Murphy, Brendan, Ark Angel Station
O'Clima, Cherry, USS Bexar
O'Clima, Ebrahim, USS Bexar
Steinberg, Alan, USS Zavala
Taylor, Ricky, USS Lone Star
Tunis, Edward C. IV, USS Corsair
Valdez, B'Elanna, USS Bexar
Valdez, Cyndi, USS Bexar
Webb, Jeff, USS Texas

REGION 3 ANNUAL AWARDS

Below are the recipients of the Region 3 Awards, though awarded in 2013 these awards are for services rendered to the Members for the calendar year 2012. Most of the winners of the Annual Awards are then passed on to STARFLEET to compete with others Regions in Starfleet.

2012 Newsletter of the Year
USS Zavala's The Legendary Times

2012 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

2012 Junior Member of the Year
Valdez, B'Elanna, USS Bexar

2012 Enlisted of the Year
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Star Trek: Into Darkness weekend of recruiting at Alamo draft house was awesome! We got better participation than I thought. Folks were more excited about it than I thought. And the movie was excellent! Even theater attendees that weren't there for the Trek movie showed interest in fleet, and several stated that they were there for a different movie but were coming back for Trek later in the week or the next weekend...All in all it was a good turnout Friday and Saturday night.



Members of the Ark Angel Station (Kathy Hench, Lloyd Bates, Reed Bates, and John Halliday) and the USS Gygax (Melissa Hadley) started the recruiting drive on Friday night. We were there until the wee hours of the morning. Making sure everyone that came in the theater knew what we were about. Then it was to sleep and up again to be back at the theater at 10 am on Saturday. We worked the crowds all day and at about

3-ish, a portion of our crew that was in uniform went to an invitation event we had been contacted about by the Galaxy Theater. The Galaxy Theater had a mock-up transporter setup and were allowing the patrons the chance to take pictures with our Fleeters (Kathy Hench, Mary Webb, Zane Charles Xavier Webb, John Halliday, Deanna Bressie, Aiden Bressie, Claire



Bressie, and Reed Bates) that were all in uniform. Besides the ones assisting with recruiting, we had some other Fleet members drop by to say hi and support us, Jesse Naumann of the Ark Angel Station for one and Arnold Comeau of the USS Gygax for two. We also ran into the CO and XO of the USS Serenity, Stephanie Izard and Billie Clifton. Reed Bates, John Halliday, and Kathy Hench finished up at the Galaxy and headed on back to the Alamo Drafthouse to finish off the night of recruiting. Then one of the last shows of the night, we watched STID again, while eating some delicious food. Of course, it was exhausting but rewarding. We can't wait for the next movie!

327th Unit Report

Maj Gen Edward Tunis

The Scurvy Dogs of the 327th are far from the “lazy dogs of summer.” Since the first of the year the Operators of the 327th have attended several workdays at “Our Daily Bread” helping sort boxes of food for those in need.

January saw two very fun events - the 327th along with other chapters and units from the Louisiana and Mississippi area (including a chapter from Florida) attended “Starfleet Day” at the new NASA Infinity Science Center. The day was extra special due to the special guest for the day was Apollo 13 astronaut, Fred Haise, who gave a personal talk to the members of Starfleet. The day also saw a surprise birthday for 327th Marine Reservist, Trisha Tunis, who received a cake and a kiss on the cheek from Fred Haise. Also in January for the 327th was the continuation of the Monthly Marine Movie event with a screening of “Zero Dark Thirty.”

February saw Mardi Gras season roll into the Bayou State and MGEN Tunis assisted other chapter members with providing a security detail for the 1031 Consortium Group’s float in the Spanish Town Parade. Monthly Marine Movie was a DVD in February and the Marines chose to watch “GI Joe: Rise of Cobra” in preparation for the next G.I. Joe movie in March. In addition to the usual “Our Daily Bread” missions and chapter/unit meetings the marines started squaring away any details that were needed for their upcoming Dress Mess in April.

March started off with a request for help from one of the crew of the USS CORSAIR. LT(jg) Kari Stokes was turning 30 and she wanted the Marines to help her celebrate with a couple rounds of Laser Tag (how

could we refuse a woman’s cry for help? and it was laser tag....)

Near the end of March the forces were divided as half the unit went and supported a local pet food drive and the other half prepared for “Don’t Be Board Game Day” which saw many new games explored as well as the usual Munchkin and [Artemis Bridge Simulator](#) being played.

The month of March closed out with the Marines from the 327th MSG getting together to catch the new movie “GI Joe: Retaliation”.

April saw one of the busiest months ever for the 327th as they prepared for the Dress Mess on 13 April. Not only was the dinner being finalized, members had to coordinate with two incoming flights for guests as well as shuttle services for the weekend long events for the out of town guests. Some of the pre-Dress Mess events were Laser Tag (surprise, surprise), trip to the World War II Museum, coordinating with the local movie theater and setting up the USS CORSAIR’s shuttlepod display and lots of fine food and drink!

Now the marines stand on the precipice of the release of the next Star Trek movie and are ready to meet the next challenge of introducing new fans to the 327th Marine Strike Group and the Starfleet Marine Corps!



327th MSG Hosts Dress Mess Celebrating USS CORSAIR's First Five Year Mission Maj Gen Edward Tunis

In April 2008, STARFLEET officially recognized the USS CORSAIR as a ship of the line with the Third Fleet. Over the past five years, the chapter has grown from just a couple people meeting at a Sonic Drive In to their current home at the Jones Creek Library. The chapter has also participated in numerous community and science fiction related activities which have enriched Baton Rouge's event calendar.

After attending the SFMC's Dress Mess at the 2012 IC/IM, several of the crewmembers of the CORSAIR thought this formal style of dining would be a great way to recognize the chapter's milestone accomplishment of completing its first five year mission. Being a "marine" styled event, the CORSAIR's marine unit, the 327th Marine Strike Group, the "Scurvy Dogs", immediately took up the venture of planning a full Dress Mess as by the book as possible.

The responsibility of making everything happen, fell to the Unit's Officer in Charge, Major General Edward C. Tunis III. He accepted the challenge and personally began by assembling the Officers of the Mess. His first choice for Vice President, was Lieutenant Colonel Robert Roush, a longtime member of the Starfleet Marines

who had participated in being involved in real Dress Messes from his time with the US Army. The President and Vice President of the Mess balanced the remaining Officers of the Mess with non-marines. Commander Gail Perrin, was a logical choice to be Ambassador, as she is a plank holder of the USS CORSAIR, attended the 2012 IC/IM Dress Mess and she was already in the process of making a Vulcan priestess costume, which would be perfect for the role of Ambassador. The final choice of the Chaplain of the Mess went to another long time member, Lieutenant Jenni Tenney. Her enthusiasm would be contagious at the dinner, and it gave her an excuse to get a new uniform from Cosplaysky.

With the officers in place, it was time to secure a location and a guest of honor. The tradition of Dress Messes originated in English pubs so the dinner would be held at as close to authentic English as one could get in Baton Rouge, "The Londoner Pub and Grill." As for the Guest of Honor, the 327th extended an invitation to Fleet Admiral Dave Blaser, who graciously accepted.

The next few months saw key members of the crew and unit update their uniforms and interact with the ever changing management of The Londoner developing a menu, theme, and website. Commemorative hurricane glasses were ordered and the Officers of the Mess fine tuned the "script" for the evenings activities. Each member of the crew participated in some degree to the overall success of the Dress Mess.



The evening of the event, the upstairs room of the Londoner was transformed with Star Trek themed banners, the seat chart laid out, the hurricane glasses were displayed, and a slideshow of the past five years played on the big screen TV as guests enjoyed the cocktail hour.

At 1900 hours, the Mess was called to order, the Ambassador announced all visiting guests and the Chaplain gave the first toast. After the salads, the Vice President of the Mess barked for the Cadet Escorts to “parade” the artifact, a large skull. The cadets skillfully maneuvered the artifact around to each of the Officers, who in turn saluted the skull of “Crewman Ensign Simon” (his mother had such high hopes for him) and placing him in his proper resting place, a six foot tall Voyager era style combadge, very similar to the combadges worn by the crew of the USS CORSAIR.

After the main meal and dessert, the President called the Mess to order and gave a toast to their guest of honor, as well as the United Federation of Planets, Starfleet, the SFMC and, of course, the USS CORSAIR. Fleet Admiral Blazer was presented with a



gift from the hosting unit, a mug with the 327th's Scurvy Dog on it. In turn, Admiral Blaser pointed out the stellar record of the CORSAIR and gave both the CO & XO of the CORSAIR hats that said “Canada” on them and scarfs to both the President and Vice President of the Mess and declaring them all “honorary Canadians” (personally I don't think he truly had the authority.....) Several of the guests also asked to address the Mess and express their appreciation of the CORSAIR and all the crew had done for them.

In the end over 45 people attended the dinner and 7 different Starfleet chapters/Marine Units were

represented as well as Red Stick Rebellion (Star Wars collectible group) and the Klingon Assault Group. Everyone went home with their glasses, great memories and a renewed love of each other in the fandom community to which the USS CORSAIR and the 327th MSG serves.



340th MEU CAPT Sara Hays SFMC

The 340th MEU sent a landing party to Ft. Griffin State Park the weekend of May 11-13th, 2013. Our Science Officer, Captain Kelly Hays, and our Communications Officer, Captain Sarah Hays, attended the Ft. Griffin May Star Party on Saturday evening. As always when traveling, we listened to podcasts from Planetary Radio and Star Trek Outpost during mission travel.

The Star Parties feature amateur astronomers who gather at Fort Griffin to take advantage of some of Texas' darkest, clearest starry skies. This time, members of the Abilene Astronomy Club and staff from Fort Griffin State Historical Site brought their telescopes and set up two viewing stations at the park's baseball field.

About 15 to 20 people attended over the course of the night; astronomers guided views of Saturn, Jupiter, Regulus, and galaxy clusters, and took requests for special viewings. These star parties occur monthly on the Saturday night nearest the new moon, weather permitting.

Fort Griffin State Historical Site and State Park, and their monthly Star Parties, are open to the public. Admission is \$4 per person per day. The park is located between Albany and Throckmorton, north of Abilene.

For more details:

- Fort Griffin Star Party
<http://www.visitfortgriffin.com>
- Star Trek Outpost
<http://www.giantgnome.com>
- Planetary Radio
<http://www.planetary.org/multimedia/planetary-radio>

We're aware of two upcoming events: on June 8th the next Fort Griffin Star Party is scheduled to begin as soon as it's dark enough Saturday night. Also on June 8th, the Lubbock County Air Show will take place at Town and Country Air Park in Slaton, Texas. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The 340th MEU requests that our fellow Marines and Fleet members keep our CO, Gen. Patricia Spillers, in your thoughts as she recovers from an illness. Thank you.



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As of this reporting, we have **75** days left until IC in Dallas, Texas [Ed. 43 days from date of this publication]. Have you made your hotel reservations and registered for IC, if not WHY NOT!!!! There is so much going on that I almost wish we had another day. NOT!!!! I may or may not be sane (ha ha – I was “sane” volunteering for this duty) I’m sure that if you have checked out the website you know we have a guest coming Vaughn Armstrong he’s a great guest (he knows who butters his bread) he really does like the fans, is an interesting guy to talk to and loves to “hang” out with us. He may or may not be there Friday night but check the program guide for his Q & A session on Saturday. He will be attending the Saturday night banquet – there will be one or two open seats at his table which will be raffled off before the dinner and he has agreed to help out at the live auction later in the evening.

I'm not a gamer (no imagination) but I know that Lloyd Bates has great gaming planned – live action etc. – don't ask me all I know about gaming is Spades (that's a card game played with real cards).

The Marine function on Friday night is being done with all the pomp, circumstance and respect that anyone could want – that is of course if you don't count the Nerf war to be held after the BBQ. Don't forget it is not a FORMAL dress, and you don't have to be a marine to go, I may even drop in to give them grief (so much fun – their so EASY). And their charity is the USO – good cause. Opening ceremonies is also Friday night.

Programming on Saturday is packed. I know Wayne's hair is white and his nerves are shot trying to get everything in its proper place and time. You will have to make some choices but that's good it means that the members won't be bored and wondering why they came. Even at this date, if you have something you might want to see or discuss drop Wayne a line, and if he thinks it can work he'll do his magic and try and work things out.

We are trying to make sure there is something to interest everyone. There may be a shopping trip on Friday for those not involved with the ECAB meeting – it's all day. Friday night is full – see above and of course Saturday is well Saturday.

Sunday is closing but there will still be things going on. Let's make this a banner year, break some records and see if we cant' change the minds of those who don't come to the IC cause "seen one – seen them all". There will be some surprises (some good some not so good, i.e. throwing a pie at me) but come and find out.

With the new movie out now, Trek is back at the top of her game. Let's get some of the new members more interested in Starfleet and make them glad they came to play with us.

If you see any of the staff during the weekend, please tell them THANK YOU. They have done a great job and dealing with me is not the easier job in Fleet!! See y'all in Dallas August 1-4, 2013.

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