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**Regional Coordinator**  
**COMM Reed Bates, Ark Angel**  
**Station**



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

June was a very busy month for me, probably too busy. I continued to plan for STARFLEET's International Conference in Dallas, holding meetings via electronic means with all IC staff and putting the final touches on various aspects of the conference. I had conversations with the DJ, making his travel plans, as well as finalizing details of guest Vaughn Armstrong's trip. We also held our quarterly CCO meeting on June 12, where the Congress of Commanding Officers met, made some decisions and planned the calendar for the rest of 2013. I also had some meetings with staff to review and decide on Summit 2014 bid to be held in Houston (June 6-8, 2014), which was proposed by the USS Firebird, USS Spiritwolf, and USS Zavala. The bid one the vote by the CCO.

July was still very hectic, but Lloyd and I stole ourselves away to Arizona during the first weekend to visit his father. However, we were worried about the fires nearby, and hoping that the fires were put out quickly with no more loss of life. At our hotel in Wickenburg, AZ, there were many firefighters staying there, including two right next to our room, so we got to see their efforts even if the fire was an hour away. On the way home, we just happen to travel the route that the funeral procession was to take place. We got a glimpse of the 19 white hearses carrying the remains of the Granite Mountain Hotshots as they began their long journey from Phoenix to their final resting place.

While I was in Arizona, there was an emergency conference call to discuss the appeal of one of the candidates, who was disqualified from running for Commander, Starfleet. Due to the limited capabilities of my tech out in Wickenburg, I did not participate, but just recording it here so you know that the Admiralty Board does meet occasionally, not just the once a year. The full ECAB (that the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board together) also met on Saturday, July 20 for several hours to begin the ECAB meeting that would be held at IC in Dallas. Because of some hotels having problems with technology, the current Admin thought it would be best to get as much done as possible before hand, then the ECAB could be finished early and have some fun. And, of course, the IC 2013 Planning continued with conference calls and meeting with staff in person. We finished up the CCO vote about Region 3's Summit in 2014 and requested a contract from the hotel and began reviewing it.

Chapter Anniversaries during July were: (1) the SS Maverick turned 8 years old on July 2, 2013 (commissioned in 2005); (2) the USS Bexar turned 20 years old on July 4,

2013 (commissioned in 1993); and (3) the USS Rachel Garrett turned 3 years old on July 30, 2013 (commissioned in 2010).

August began and was all about the International Conference. I was stressed out, but managed to have a tiny bit of fun here and there. In hindsight, it went by real fast and was over. After everyone had left, Marian L. Murphy and I stayed one last night in the hotel on that Monday. We went to dinner at Joe's Crab Shack. Marian ordered a bucket of king crab legs. She ate the entire bucket, then teased the waiter, by telling him the shells were empty. He brought 2 more legs. She ate them in a split second. I never seen her eat so much so fast. She earned it though, but putting on a very good IC – and graciously taking two pies in the face for the charity. If you haven't heard, the IC made \$6,400 for the two charities; \$2,450 of it came from the bids for putting the pies in her face. Vaughn Armstrong got the privilege of the first pie and Dave Blaser took his time with the second pie.

The rest of August, I worked on getting the STARFLEET Scholarships taken care of, while not only resting up from the IC, but also I had re-injured my back. I couldn't sit down in a chair for much of August and had to see my doctor about it. Consequently, I have been far behind in my email correspondence. I'm working on catching up, again. I worked with Brian Landry to finalize and sign the Summit 2014 Hotel Contract as well.

Chapter Anniversaries during August were: (1) the USS New Orleans turned 1 year old on August 4, 2013 (commissioned in 2012); (2) the USS Ravensclaw (f/k/a Azreal) turned 5 years old on August 24, 2013 (commissioned in 2008); and (3) the USS Rachel Garrett turned 3 years old on July 30, 2013 (commissioned in 2010).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to all of Region 3's Quarterly Chapter Anniversaries.

Future: As I hope most of you already know, Admiral Pat Spillers' (340th MEU) passed away on September 1, 2013. Her memorial Service will be held in Lubbock on September 14, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. At the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock. Pat will be missed greatly by many.

Join the Region at our bi-yearly trip to the [Houston Space Center](#) on September 21, 2013. We have arranged for group priced tickets, but you must arrive by 9:30 a.m. That morning to receive them. If you are late, you will need to pay regular price. Contact [Brian Landry](#) R3 Operations for information. There are a couple other events going on that weekend with the group, as the USS Zavala is celebrating their second anniversary at [Mamacita's near the Space Center at 6:30 p.m.](#) On Sunday, September 22, 2013 there will be a contingent heading to the Battleship Texas and San Jacinto Battleground park.

Looks like October might be a light month for me, as RC, at least. My chapter the Ark Angel Station always keeps me busy, and some personal events might crop up.

Then November 2, 2013, look to your Zone Leader for putting on an awesome Region 3 Game Day. To alleviate some travel timing and expenses, we're going to have 5 Game Days, one each Zone. Then, hopefully, we may try to battle each other in Artemis or other online games. Region 4's is already set to be held at John Halliday's home (Ark Angel Station). Zone 2's is being coordinated by the USS New Orleans with CO Randolph Allen heading it up. Zone 5's is being coordinated by the USS Lone Star's CO Lisa Pruitt and details are in with works. Zone 1 just had a new leader put into place



CO of the USS Regulator Thomas “Tank” Clark, so they should make an announcement very soon. Zone 3 will also announce their location. Sign up for your [Zone list](#), so you know the where and whens and can participate in the discussion.

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

## **Chief of Staff**

### **COL Jeremy Carsten**

Greetings Region 3!

I have to say that I am very proud of our Region staff – many of whom (most even) were on the IC committee – and IC rocked! Those that were not on IC committee, were still helping the region get ready for it in some way (usually many ways). The success we enjoyed, the amazing event that was IC comes down to the same small group of people, and they did an amazing job!

But Region 3 staff proper, has a new addition to announce. Tank Clark has accepted the responsibility as Zone 1 leader, filling one of the critical holes we had on staff! Tank regulatory finds himself volunteering to meet a need, be it on the region side, or on the brigade side – so I know he’ll be a great fit, and a true asset to Zone 1.

Looking ahead we have The Space Center trip and Game Day – before facing a whole new year of challenges and fun! I know this staff will face it and bring great things!

## **Chief of Operations**

### **CAPT Brian Landry**

Greetings,

Current membership in the Region is holding steady at 611 members.

Monthly Status Reports (MSR) for the past few months have been going well, but there is room for improvement. In May all chapters reported 100% on time. But that improvement didn’t last. In June seven (7) chapters reported late and one failed to report for only 72% on time. In July two (2) chapters reported late and one failed to report for only 89% on time. Please remember that the MSR is due beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and is considered late if submitted after the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Lets see if we can bring those numbers up over the next few months.

The next quarterly Region 3 Congress of Commanding Officers Meeting will be held in September. Our last CCO meeting was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There were 19 of our 28 chapters represented at this meeting.

Our Bi-Annual trip to Space Center Houston will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Come out and join us to see the fully restored Shuttle Galileo for the original series. We will be meeting at the main gate at 9:30am so we can enter as a group. Doors open at 10am. Group rate will \$12.95 per person. Uniforms are encouraged, but are not required.

We are still looking for a new Zone Leader in Zone 5; we currently still have a vacancy there. This position 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. If you are interested in serving the members of your

zone in this role, please contact the Chief of Staff and myself directly.

Lastly, I would like to welcome BDR Thomas “Tank” Clark to the Region Operations Staff as our new Zone Leader for Zone 1. Thank you for stepping up to the plate to help us out Tank.

### **Chief Administration Officer RADM Marian Murphy**

Ok, now what do I do?? The last 1 ½ year of mine and the committee’s life was spent trying to make IC2013 one of the best Starfleet has attended, and given the responses we’ve received, I believe that goal was met. My question is NOW WHAT?? I wish Jeff Higdon and IC2014 all the luck in the world, not that they will need it.

Let me again thank my staff!!! **GREATEST IN THE WORLD.** It was their hard work and dedication that made IC2013 the success it was and thanks to the members of STARFLEET that attended. Sorry about the weather but its Texas in August☺ The hotel did everything right and bent over backwards to help us and we thank them for it.

The panels were well attended and received. Didn’t find a panel to suit you? Let the IC2014 chair know-if you don’t tell us then you get our choices. Then the “Meet the Candidates” in main ballroom. A great success – a lot of excellent questions and responses from all the candidates. Remember this is an election year be sure and vote.

Then the fun part started that began with a good dinner (food and plan good, execution

not as great – my fault) in a ballroom beautifully decorated by Tracy Clark – USS REGULATOR and helpers, with dessert being a awesome cake –IC2013 logo decorating the top with it’s own guard (Mike McCoslin and James Trainham –and thanks to Jeremy Carsten) appropriately cut by CS Dave Blaser with a saber. Not a crumb left - the auction was next with Sam Black and Jeff Webb as auctioneers - raising approximately \$4,000.00 for charity (thank you Starfleet) this is a preliminary figure – finances still being worked on- then the roof got rocked on it’s heels by the best DJ in the world- Randy Jenkins - fairly sure this is not the last time we see him at an SFI function (I got my dance; he he he )– hotel staff @ 2:00 a.m. were attempting to clear the ballroom- We did warn the hotel staff!!!!

That all being said let me tell you about *MY FRIENDS*. As we all know friends are one of the biggest reasons we hang together but my SFI friends are the best. <EG> On Sunday morning at the “reasonable” that being a relative term - hour of 9:30 A.M there comes knock on my door by my RC/my friend– Reed Bates – with no coffee and/or cigarette (I’m barely human) I look out and the balconies around the pool area are packed with “my friends” all with one purpose – to have a hand in my total humiliation. Via cream pie (I was suckered) The first one delivered by one of our favorite people – Vaughn Armstrong (our thanks to him for a great weekend—please come back) **However** this not being enough, a **SECOND** one appeared – this was not part of the deal -towel supplied, by our own illustrious CS, Dave Blaser – saying he wanted a “clean surface” delivered his piece



de resistance – payback is a b—and Dave got his (I hope). I'm sure there are pictures floating around somewhere – there were enough cameras – I don't understand this – I am a dear, sweet gentle human being☺ but the approximate total (money raining down like manna from heaven) for this special cream conditioner was \$2,000.00 for charity.

I think I've recapped everything, sure there are things and people I've left out—my apologies – brain still in meltdown but I feel that IC2013 was something to be proud of. I am but I wanted to say thank you to the IC staff and SFI for making it so. IC is done for the members and I think we did that. See yall in Rockford, Illinois August 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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



Hello!

It has been a very quiet third quarter here in the Region, well, if you do not count IC 2013 lol. For me personally it was a lot of running around from point A to point B trying to cover multiple positions at the same time. As always if you would like to submit artwork for Fleet Channels please contact me at COMM@Region3.org . Lastly I thought I would throw up a reminder for

the new Fleet Channels wordpress located at [www.Region3.org/fleetchannels](http://www.Region3.org/fleetchannels).

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 BDR Tank Clark**

I recently have been named as Zone Leader for Zone 1, and I'm looking forward to all the fun that the chapters in Zone 1 can have, together and separately.

I know some of the members of the other ships in the Zone, and I hope to get to know more of you in the future.

I'd like to invite all of you to some activities. First, in September the *Regulator* is holding our "Mirror, Mirror Month." We're playing in the Mirror universe made famous in the Original Series episode "Mirror, Mirror." We're having an essay contest ("How to Kill the Captain"), and assassinations" -- phasers set to Nerf -- are permitted at both the ship's meeting on the 21st and at the picnic n the 28th. Mirror-style uniforms are encouraged. If you're interested, and in the area, check out our ship's web site at <http://ussregulator.weebly.com> for more information. On Sunday 29 September, the Lone Star Warriors' Association is holding a Good Day to Dine at Pappadeaux Seafood, 1304 E. Copeland, in Arlington, starting at 4pm. Good Days to Dine are when Klingons from groups all over the area show



up at an unknowing restaurant in Klingon uniforms. It's always a lot of fun -- and if you don't have a Klingon uniform, wear your Starfleet one.

In October, there are two conventions on the first weekend, Oct 4-6. First, FenCon X in Dallas (<http://www.fencon.org>) and then Fan Days in Irving (<http://www.scifiexpo.com/DCC/fandays.html>). On the 12th, the *USS Regulator* is holding our Klingon Dinner Thing in Decatur -- a potluck dinner celebrating all things Klingon (email me at [ussregulator@gmail.com](mailto:ussregulator@gmail.com) if you're interested in coming -- more info at our website.) On the 19th is the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show at Alliance Airport in Fort Worth. Admission is free, and parking is \$20.00 per vehicle -- any size vehicle, so carpooling is encouraged.)

I'd like to hold a meeting sometime soon, to get to know what everyone would like to do. I'm open to suggestions... I know in the past we've met in person and we've met via Skype. Please let me know what you'd like to do. By the way, Zone meetings aren't restricted to just COs & XO's... any member of any ship in the zone is invited, to all activities & to all meetings.

## **Zone 2 Leader RADM Trisha Tunis**

Our Zone 2 chapters have been busy with conventions and other gatherings! The USS NEW ORLEANS represented us well at MECHACON August 23-25<sup>th</sup>, and got over 50 possible leads for new crewmembers. Outstanding job! The USS CORSAIR and USS NEW ORLEANS teamed up to participate in the New Orleans Zephyrs Sci Fi night and fireworks, and plans already being discussed to repeat the outing next season. The USS LAFITTE travelled to DragonCon, and had a great time, with

Edward James Olmos crashing their Battlestar Galactica party.

Upcoming, we have the following Zone Events:

Contraflow-October 18-20 (Greater New Orleans Area) <http://contraflowscifi.org/>. Several members of the USS NEW ORLEANS are on the staff for this convention, and there will be a special track of Star Trek panels!

Zone 2 Game Day-November 2-Plus 1 Gaming, Metairie. <http://www.GeauxTrek.com>. The USS NEW ORLEANS is hosting this event, and the USS NEPTUNE will be setting up Artemis Bridge Simulator. This event will be part of Extra Life's charity fundraiser. Anyone that wishes to participate, can sign up to be a part of the team at <http://www.extra-life.org/participant/sfiDQ>

Relay for Life-November 9. The theme this year is BIG. The USS CORSAIR invites anyone who is interested in walking with them to join them at Southeastern University in Hammond for the one day Relay. To take part, email the commanding officer at [pirate.trisha@gmail.com](mailto:pirate.trisha@gmail.com).

Babel Banquet-December 17<sup>th</sup>-The USS RAY HARRYHAUSEN will be hosting their annual dinner in Baton Rouge. For more information contact the CO Sydney at [isis2126@aol.com](mailto:isis2126@aol.com).

February 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2014-New Orleans ComicCon! I will be taking point on this event, and for those that wish to do participate and have a table, please let me know, and I'll help ensure that you get one. If you want to do something other than just a table, please put together a proposal of your idea so I can work with Wizard World to make this happen The earlier the better!

That's all for now, stay out of trouble everyone!

### **Zone 4 Leader** **COL Jeremy Carsten**



The past several months (June – August) have been busy, and that's not even counting the time spent in prep for IC!

June Saw the NDG Sci Fi Fest in San Antonio, TX – with members from the USS Bexar, UXX Crockett and the USS Battle Born attending, and the USS Crockett hosted a table! Two weeks later Texas Comic Con hit, again in San Antonio – and again with members from our local chapters in attendance (though no table was had due to space requirements).

It will be the last year Texas Comic Con was hosted in that location, next year moving downtown to the convention center due to space! Our local geekery has outgrown the current venue!

The USS Bexar enjoyed their 20th anniversary at the beginning of July! What a great milestone for a chapter, and it gives the rest of the fleet worthy goals to last that long – to grow and evolve and continue to come together in our fandom.

On the opposite end of the scale, we welcome the USS Texas at a fully formed and commissioned chapter! They commissioned at IC, with Vaughn Armstrong presiding over the ceremony! A great showing by the Texas at IC, in August; a great thing to bring a new chapter into fleet and into our region, and they did it in style! Expect big things from this crew in the future!

Looking ahead – while not in our zone, we have the Region 3 trip to NASA, at the Johnson Space Center on Sept 21st – let's go visit the shuttle Galileo and welcome her to her new home! We're incredibly lucky to get such a piece of Trek history here within our Region!

November is busy with Game Day, this year to be distributed and hosted in each zone on November 2nd. For Zone 4, John Halliday has offered up his home for us to use, meaning we get to keep things at a lower cost, and no real time limit on the fun! November also brings Austin Comic Con to our zone, and that is always a great time! It takes place August 22 – 24, and you can see William Shatner and Scott Bakula!

So Zone 4 is rocking, we had a great showing at IC from our chapters, and things are constantly coming up. There is no excuse to not be having fun and getting involved in Zone 4!

### **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.



## Ask the Chief

### From the Desk of the Senior Enlisted Advisor; Region 3 CPO Steve Sardeson, USS Battle Born

What can I say? IC2013! Wow! First, I have to thank Vice Admiral Marian Murphy and the IC2013 Committee for putting on one hell of a class act. It was a great event, and I have no doubt that everyone had a great time. On top of all the festivities and information sharing, over \$6000 was raised for the Dallas/Fort Worth USO and Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign. This is no small feat, and all involved should take a great deal of pride in helping these wonderful charities.

Also announced at the IC2013 is the STARFLEET Biggest Loser competition beginning Sunday, 18 August. COMM John Halliday is heading this up, and he can be reached at [docster2005@gmail.com](mailto:docster2005@gmail.com). Also, our very own Admiral Wayne Killough has been gracious enough to share any advice he gets with the collective. I have already signed up. I would encourage everyone who desires to lose some weight and improve fitness to do this. I'm not doing this for the competition, but it will provide me an extra support element that will give me that "umph" I need to get out of my chair for a while. For anyone a bit hesitant, just remember the only person you truly need to compete with is you (at least that's what I tell myself). Finally, if we're not having fun, we're doing it wrong.

There are also a couple region events coming up. Region 3 will be converging on Houston 21 September to Space Center Houston followed by a USS Zavala 2 year anniversary dinner. We will also be having a region-wide game day on 2 November, so

let's get our quarters and 20-sided dice ready to roll.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone out in the region, that I am here to serve YOU. My experience as a Chief in the Navy was not leveraged on just the enlisted. I also served the officers as well. I am open to any ideas, questions, concerns, and if I don't know the answer, we will learn it together.

### Shakedown Operations Officer ADM Wayne Killough



Greetings from the Desk of the Region 3 ShOC:

Welcome to another exciting issue of *Fleet Channels*. While our numbers have stayed the same in Shakedown Operations, a couple of the players have switched around. Let's get down to business and see what's Shakin' in ShOC!

The USS *Ray Harryhausen* is looking at the final stretch of their shakedown cruise. The crew attended Bayou Con in Lake Charles, on top of having an outing to watch *Man of Steel*. Members attended events with their Support Ship, the USS *Corsair*. Sydney was in attendance at IC, working with finances and helping with registration. The chapter is finalizing things on their end, so we should see their commissioning on the horizon.

The USS *Midessa* has been shaking things around lately on their end. Laureen has a new XO, Lieutenant Commander Misty Harvey (welcome to the fun, Misty!). I know the USS *Lone Star* is proud of their shakedown chapter, as they have achieved quite a bit during their cruise. Some of their members have moved, and schedules have been hectic, but they still keep on trucking it through their cruise!

The USS *Texas* officially commissioned at IC in Dallas. Congratulations to Bobby, Jeffrey, and crew on a successful shakedown cruise! They shot through their cruise utilizing the

I would like to welcome to Region 3 the USS *Artemis*. Commander Jeremy Mayes and his crew have started their shakedown cruise with a great start. At the time of this article, they are already up to 17 members, working on their website and chapter documents, and are kicking butt and taking names! LOL!! Their Support Ship is *Ark Angel Station*, so you know we will see some action out of these guys, as Lloyd and his crew are great to work with!

We also have some potential groups starting up in the new Shuttle Program. Trisha Tunis, CO of the USS *Corsair*, and I have been discussing some opportunities she has found in Zone 2. We will keep everyone posted on what we discover!

That's all the time we have for now. As always, if you have any ShOC-related questions, please send them to me at [shoc@region3.org](mailto:shoc@region3.org). Until next time...

**340<sup>th</sup> MEU**  
**CPT Sarah Hays**

340th MEU Landing Party Attends IC2013!

The 340th MEU sent a two-person landing party from our home base in Lubbock, consisting of Captains Kelly and Sarah Hays, to IC2013 in Dallas, Texas. The landing party departed 2013.08.02, and suffered a minor engineering casualty (flat tire) en route, delaying arrival until just past 1800 local.

Originally, our landing party roster included our OIC, Gen. Patricia Spillers. On 2013.06.03, she became seriously ill. Her recovery continues, but has not progressed to allow travel or extensive physical exertion. During opening ceremonies Gen. Aaron Murphy requested that attendees sign a card for General Spillers, which was thoughtfully and considerately provided by CMDR Glenda Stephenson of the USS *Diamondback*. By the end of IC2013 the card carried many, many signatures; the USS *Lone Star*'s away team volunteered to deliver the card to Gen. Spillers.

Our landing party greatly enjoyed meeting Vaughn Armstrong and taking part in SFMC's International Muster, as well as participating in several panels. Both Captains Hays attended the 2nd session of the vacuum-forming / scratch building weapons and gear panel provided by USS *Diamondback* members after the International Muster. CPO Larry Pendleton and LCDR Dan Joplin provided an informative and entertaining panel with an extensive question-and-answer component on building, from scratch, Star Trek phasers, communicators, and other SF-themed replicas using a variety of techniques.

CPT Sarah Hays assisted the 333d Phoenix Squadron in Security during the Saturday general session.

CPT Kelly Hays attended portions of the Meet the Candidates Panel and the Meet the Guest panel. This panel featured the 340th's



reserve member, Vaughn Armstrong, who portrayed 13 separate roles in four different *Star Trek* series, possibly the best-known being as Adm. Maxwell Forrest of *Enterprise*. Mr. Armstrong sang and played several instruments while performing songs from the Enterprise Blues Band's albums during the panel; he also made a generous donation to the charity auction and took part in Sunday morning's culmination of the "Pie Marian for Charity" contest.

Highlights of the event may be viewed online via this link: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/36793471>.

The Saturday night banquet featured room decorations designed and installed by Phoenix Squadron's CPT Tracy Clark. The room dazzled, and the DJ, who also provided sound effects and music during the auction Saturday night, Overall funds raised for the IC2013 charities (The USO Dallas-Fort Worth and Share Our Strength: No Child Hungry) were \$6,000. Perhaps the most memorable charity activity took place with the "Pie Marian for Charity" contest. By Sunday morning's culmination this event brought in more than \$2,400. Adm. Marian L. Murphy displayed an outstanding Ranger spirit and good sportsmanship in receiving the two specially-prepared chocolate cream pies.

In other news for the 340th MEU, our OIC continues to improve slowly but surely. Our DOIC is currently PCS to Ft. Bragg, NC. Our Communications Officer was recently appointed 3BDE s6 (Cry Havoc! editor) and will no doubt be pestering all the 3BDE units for reports and news for that publication beginning very soon!

Thanks to Col. Tank Clark of Phoenix Squadron for producing the current (newest, best and most visually pleasing)

Cry Havoc! The electronic version is available here: [http://www.3bde.org/?page\\_id=53](http://www.3bde.org/?page_id=53) by selecting the July 2013 edition.

## **USS New Orleans CAPT Randolph Allen**

Exploring a new frontier: MechaCon 9 (August 23rd through August 25th ) New Orleans, LA.

As private events go MechaCon is one of the largest private conventions in the state generating an interest for close to 5000 Anime, Manga and Cosplay fans descending down on Hilton Riverside in New Orleans, LA. The Con had several large, well attended panels, packed dealer's room, gaming be hosted by local gamestore +1 Gaming in Metairie.



The convention proved to be a boon to the USS NEW ORLEANS as the Chapter took its place among the other local fan groups and began to spread the word of Trek. Over the course of the three-day event, the USS NEW ORLEANS managed to get in contact with 67 interested parties. Fans from as far as Houston, Texas to Tuscaloosa, Alabama thus a great turn out for Region Three in general.





What made the fans so different from all the other conventions attended by the Chapter was their age. Fans were quite young with some barely knowing anything about Star Trek save for the new movies. However many had mentioned that once they had saw the movies they wanted to see the series.

It was surprising to hear that The Next Generation was the preferred favorite out of the series.



There was even one young fan who loved the The Original Series for one simple reason... Spock is the Man! This same fan found the Spock from the new movies, paled in comparison to the man!



But the fans were interested in all what STARFLEET had to offer. Many were struggling college students from the university towns of Lafayette, Hammond and Baton Rouge, and when they heard that their fandom could win them the chance of a possible scholarship most wanted more information.



The USS NEW ORLEANS also took the opportunity to promote its favorite Charity which Geeks Empowering Extraordinary Kids (GEEK) which was formerly Geek Girls with Guns and to promote Region Three Gameday with some of the local groups. Local Chapter of the 501st Legion, Krewe Du Who and even the Camarilla expressed interest in the event.



## **USS Regulator Report COMM Liz Goulet**



Well, the last two months have been busy and we are planning on being almost as busy the next few months. We had several members participate in the IC that was held in Dallas this year and they had a blast. Even though they were working most of the time, they found time to enjoy themselves.

The end of August we will be having our Game Day in Decatur at the Pizza Hut. They have graciously allowed us to come back and use their game room.

In September, we are celebrating the Mirror Mirror month. We have essays, short stories and poems about how to knock off the CO. We are having these reviewed at our monthly meeting on Sept 21 and then on Sept 28, we are participating in a picnic to play out our methods of killing off our beloved CO. It looks like it will be great fun and if you're in the area, check our website and stop by.

In October we are celebrating our chapter's birthday and also having our annual Klingon Dinner Thing in Decatur. We will be awarding promotions and other awards at that time as well as eating some good Klingon dishes (human versions of course.)

Then in November we are planning to attend the Alliance Air Show and also several of our members will be participating in the

Diabetes Walk over at Ranger's Stadium. We are looking into having our monthly meeting in Arlington some place.

Check the Regulator's website to see what all we are up to.

## **Ark Angel Station FCAPT Lloyd Bates**



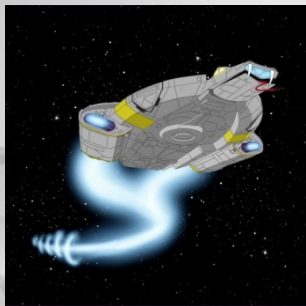
This last quarter in STARFLEET the Ark Angel Station (in coordination with the Texas) was pretty busy working up the game room activities and most specifically the Hunger Games Rules, playtests and supply manifest. Beyond that we held our regular meetings. Then of course we actually helped to host the IC, this is when things got exciting! There were a few logistical hiccups like the game room advertising seemed a little lacking once we could poll the members present as to their knowledge of what we had planned. And the actual hunger games started later than we wanted and ran longer than we expected, 6am is a hard one for this old CO to manage, but we did it, and everyone really enjoyed it once we got it going.

For the next quarter, we have our regular meetings, the Regional bi-annual Trip to NASA / Battleship Texas and the Regional game day are both upcoming. I always look forward to the NASA trip, especially this year with the restored Galileo shuttle being on display at the space center. Regional

Game day is in fun as well, and with a coordinated effort we might have some serious Artemis action this year! Then we move right onto the holiday season, it'll just get crazy then like it always seems to be... lol.

All in all it's just normal life "On the Rock".

### **USS Diamondback COMM Glenda Stephenson**



#### **USS Diamondback Boldly Goes to IC 2013**

This was the first opportunity for the USS Diamondback to be represented at IC. I had been to IC once many years ago and looked forward to this year's being here in Texas. Our group of 8 travelled to Dallas with a lot of mixed feelings. Most of our group had never been before and didn't know what to expect. We had a great time from start to finish. It was so great to put names with faces and meet other trekkies from around the country. There were a lot of great sessions on Saturday and I especially enjoyed getting to know Vaughn Armstrong. It's always great to get more behind the scenes about the shows. He also entertained us with several songs.

We had our own ship away mission to a favorite Dallas restaurant called The Magic Time Machine. If you're not familiar with it, you should give it a try. The waiters all dress in costume, so we went in uniform. It was lots of fun and we had a lot of other guest wanting to get pictures with us.



Even though we had a great time at IC, the most important event has been how much it energized our ship. We came back with so much excitement and lots of ideas for the future. Our ship is growing and we are more excited than ever to be the best we can be. We plan to seek out more volunteer opportunities and be a more visible group in Abilene, Texas.

We already can't wait for next year. We are already starting to plan for next year. Look out Rockford, here we come.

### **USS Battle Born Col Jeremy Carsten**



This year in April the USS Battle Born will be two years old (from our successful commissioning date April 19, 2011). That means a lot to us here on the 'BB' – as this is not the first time this old girl has tried to take part in SFI. In fact, this is more 'third time's the charm' – so to be successful now means a lot.



What changed since those various attempts, dating back to the mid 90's? Many things, but the biggest impact, by FAR was the fact this is the first time we were based in Region 3. Basically, Region 3 showed us the love we needed. We actually had support. If we had a question, several folks had answers. From the RC, to the support ship, to just the general populace – help, encouragement, and shared excitement over Trek and SFI helped toss the Battle Born out of the ship yards and into the fleet.

To celebrate this, we can think of no better way than to include as many from Region 3 and 3rd Brigade (where we got our launch point from as the 301st MEU) as possible. As such, we will be hosting the meet and greet for 3rd Brigade Muster on the Friday out of town folks will be arriving for that grand event (That's Friday April 26th, so that everyone will already be on site for Muster on Saturday the 27th!). We will start in the evening, as folks arrive, and eventually have a live streaming meeting with the more dispersed members of the chapter – to include a short announcement of awards and new stuff happening on board! There will be snacks and specialty crafted libations!

### **In Memoriam of Pat Spillers**

#### **Rest in Peace**

#### **We love you and miss you!**

The following are some articles written to memorialize a fallen and beloved STARFLEET Member and friend.

### **340<sup>th</sup> MEU CPT Sarah Hays**

The 340th MEU Time Keepers regrets to report the death of our officer in charge, General Patricia Ann Spillers, known in STARFLEET as "Admiral Pat."

She founded our unit in 2012, and we would not have been a Marine Expeditionary Unit without her leadership, guidance and hard-charging spirit. Over the past several months, her health limited her ability to participate in the unit's activities and in landing parties. She always wanted the details reported fully on the landing party's return, and she always looked forward to returning to a more active role in the unit. Sadly, on 2013.09.01 at 09:39 local time, the illness she had been battling won.

Admiral Pat was 66 years old; she was born August 19, 1947, in St. Louis, MO.

She is survived by her husband Gene Spillers, our unit's NCOIC. They were married October 30, 1981, in Houston, Texas. Pat Spillers ran her own business, PATS tax and accounting services, and was a partner in CENTAX, with Lillie Brantley of Boerne, Texas.

Pat Spillers joined Starfleet 1992.06.04. She helped found the USS Bexar. She also served aboard the USS Victory and the USS Lone Star during her 21 years in STARFLEET. She actively promoted and recruited STARFLEET, the International Association of Star Trek Fan Clubs, Inc., everywhere she went and to everyone she met. Her enthusiasm for and knowledge of Star Trek were tremendous.

Since we met aboard the USS Lone Star in the weeks leading up to the Region 3 Summit 2011 in Lubbock, Pat Spillers has been a stalwart friend and cheerful road-trip

1 Can anyone identify those pictured? Shout out on the R3 list.



companion on many a journey, from the Joint Summit 2012 in Hammond, Louisiana through the 2012 IC in Memphis, Tennessee. She also helped arrange and coordinate, as well as enjoy, STARFLEET-related and purely fun events; most notably the 2011 Commemorative Air Force's AIRSHO in Midland-Odessa as part of a USS Lone Star away team mission. Her first landing party command for the 340th took the unit to the Wings Over Houston 2012 air show, and included a visit to Galveston Island.

We didn't know it then, but the USS Regulator's Half-Day Game Day event in March would be her last road trip to a Star Trek event. She lent great talents for obtaining items for the charity auctions to

the 2011 Summit as well as the regular USS Lone Star monthly dinner for Ronald McDonald House and the 2012 International Conference charity auction in Memphis. Admiral Pat supported her units' charity efforts and those of STARFLEET and the SFMC as a whole unstintingly; we saw her generosity and outreach time and time again.

From a Dalmuti deck to an event's quartermaster books, she could always find the time and provide the will to get the task accomplished. She made newcomers to

STARFLEET feel welcome, and reinforced the camaraderie among old hands in the SFMC and STARFLEET at every opportunity. She considered STARFLEET her family.



We cannot tell you how much she will be missed. We can tell you that the 340<sup>th</sup> MEU will go forward in her honor, and that we expect the landing parties and missions still to be undertaken to include her spirit.

**USS Bexar**  
**MAJ Alvina Bryant**

I knew Pat Spillers for also 20 years. I was not attached to Starfleet at the time just knew some of the crew members from the USS Bexar. Pat always had a kind word for me. When I became CO of the USS Victory, she and Lisa Pruitt became my mentors guiding me throughout my stint. Last time I got to see Pat was at Summit in Lubbock TX, she was doing fine then. I do have some pictures to share of Pat with me at a NASA signing in San Antonio when she was still living here.

Rest easy Admiral Pat, your shift is over.  
Semper Fi, Marine!!!

**USS Bexar**  
**COMM Cyndi Liz Valdez**

I would like to say a few words to let everyone know that I will miss Pat Spillers very much. She was a kind and loving person to me when I needed to know that someone cared about me and not what they could benefit from me. I remember one time when I had just came out of the hospital and I had to settle a situation in a calm and collective manner with a problem I was having with a crew member in the club. As I was having the discussion with the crew member, the member became verbally abusive towards me and Pat stepped in and gave the crew member a piece of her mind in a polite way. And after the incident, Pat turned around and told me not to worry about what was said, that she loved me for who I was. Pat made a bad day into a good

day for me just by telling me that she loved me.

I would like to say this prayer in memory of Pat Spillers:

*"Native American Prayer"*

*I give you this one thought to keep.  
I am with you still.  
I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the sweet uplifting rush,  
of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not think of me as gone  
-  
I am with you still in each new dawn.*

Author: Unknown

Thank you Pat, you will be missed...

**USS Blackhawk (R12)**  
**FCAPT Steven Gordon**

I received word of Pat's passing through TJ, when she found out via the R3 List.

I have not been on the R3 List for quite a while, nor have I been a member of Region 3 for some time. Pat was one of the first people I remember meeting who represented R3. I remember her pulling up on her scooter, decked out in her beloved vest with the pins all over it. I introduced myself, Pat introduced herself, and we struck up a

friendship immediately. Pat was herself: cordial, friendly, and her biting wit came through. I would witness this as her friend, and through her membership aboard the USS Victory. Pat would occasionally have an issue with another Fleet member, but she was always the first to forgive and forget. Pat was always asking how she could be involved in any way possible, and never said “No” anytime we asked her for advice and assistance. Even while serving as a Fleet-level staff member, she was always in touch with her local members and friends.

My fondest memory of Pat is at IC 2005, held here in San Antonio, when she was beaming from ear to ear when she was among our guests: Richard Herd, Vaughn Armstrong, and Casey Biggs. Pat’s joy of being at any STARFLEET event was impossible to ignore. From chapter meetings to Regional Summits to STARFLEET International Conferences, Pat’s presence made you believe in Gene’s Dream, and her

spirit was indomitable. Even if you disagreed with her, Pat always offered a measure of comfort which was agreeable by all. Pat made you feel welcome even if you did not exactly stand on her side of the coin.

I will always remember Pat as a diehard Trek fan whose spirit of “Let Me Help” never waned, even as her health was in danger. After she and Gene moved from San Antonio to Lubbock, I called her to check on her. The last time I spoke to her, she sounded great, in good spirits and was enjoying her life in Lubbock. When I heard the news over IC weekend that she had suffered a stroke, I immediately worried for her. I knew, however, that the Great Bird would take care of her.

Pat has passed on to the Final Frontier. Pat, from the bottom of my heart, we wish you well, Godspeed, and peace. I can honestly say that you were a great friend and that I am proud to have known you.





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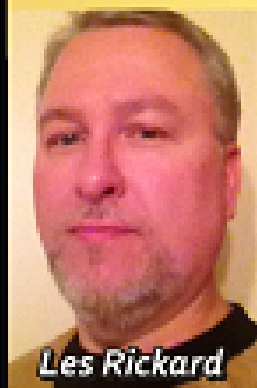
*"Experience Matters" isn't just a catch phrase, it means something. It means we are putting together a team of experienced members who are dedicated to serving STARFLEET, members who have served STARFLEET in a variety of areas and who now bring their experience, knowledge, and commitment to the next step in STARFLEET's future.*

*It also means, even if you have not volunteered at the international or regional levels of STARFLEET, you still have the personal and professional experience to make a difference. Today's recruits are our future chapter COs, RCs, EC Chiefs, VCSs, and CSs. We know this. We've been there.*

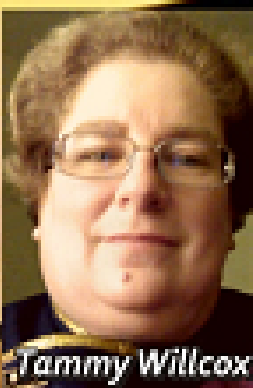
*"Experience Matters" means recognizing great ideas are great ideas, no matter their origins.*

*We dedicate our experience and commitment to serve you, with eyes focused on our future and feet planted firmly in our roots.*

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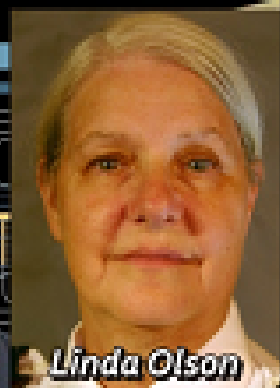
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# OUR VISION

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**Electronic Memberships.** Evaluate the feasibility of offering an entirely digital membership option which will provide all membership materials in electronic form.

**Electronic Voting.** Initiate a professional review to determine the necessary steps required in order to utilize the STARFLEET database for electronic voting.

**Online Vessel Registry Requests.** Provide an online vessel registration program to streamline the process of starting up a new STARFLEET chapter.

**Financial Review.** Conduct a complete review of our financial data entry processes to streamline our financial and accounting system so that it operates even more smoothly.

**Member Services.** To better serve you, we will provide an open door policy for suggestions, opinions, and critiques on what our members want for and from STARFLEET.

**International Chapter Support.** Establish a dedicated office devoted to addressing the concerns of our international chapters by personnel experienced in international matters.

**Operations Division of Duties.** The division of STARFLEET Operations into two divisions: Tech Ops, which will handle all technical and shakedown services, and Admin Ops, which will oversee all departmental administrative responsibilities.

**New Chapter Assistance.** Development of an introductory PowerPoint presentation and other practical training resources for all new chapter leaders in order to familiarize them with the critical requirements of chapter operations.

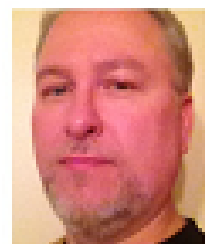
**Community Service.** Reinstate international charity and community service projects that provide assistance to our members who desire to sponsor or help worthwhile charitable organizations.

**Marketing.** Initiate a "branding" review of all of our official HQ documents, publication templates, and forms to create a unique and universal visual identity standard that is readily identifiable as STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Club.

**STARFLEET Anniversary.** Throughout 2014, we will celebrate our 40th year by honoring this milestone in all of our official functions, public relations and recruiting, membership materials, publications, merchandising, and website/social media outlets.

# OUR TEAM

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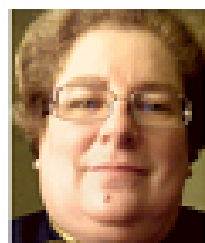
**Les Rickard**  
CS

A member since 1986, Les has served as First Brigade OIC and Assistant Director of the Regional Department Chiefs Program. He also served as Deputy Commandant of the STARFLEET Marines. Les served one term as Commander, STARFLEET, then served as Vice Commander, STARFLEET, under FADM Mandi Livingston. Upon her resignation, Les served out the remainder of her term as Commander, STARFLEET.



**Bran Stimpson**  
Communications

A member since 1999, Bran first joined the USS Maat while stationed at Naval Base Norfolk. Several years later, he returned home to Maine, and became involved with Region 15. Bran has served as Region Fifteen Communications Director, Region Seventeen Coordinator, Vice Chief of Computer Operations, and Member Services Administrator. He currently serves as Vice Commander, STARFLEET, and Commanding Officer of USS *Tiburon*.



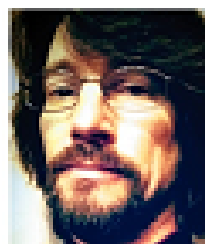
**Tammy Willcox**  
VCS

A member since 1992, Tammy was a founder of the Region One Relief Fund and served as its coordinator for several years. Tammy was also Region One Co-Treasurer prior to becoming STARFLEET Treasurer. She later served as STARFLEET's first Chief Financial Officer. She currently serves as STARFLEET Vice Chief Financial Officer and Commanding Officer of USS *Maat*.



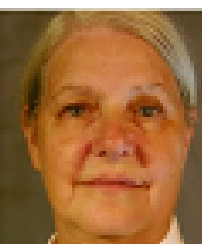
**Mike Garcia**  
Computer Ops.

A member since 2008, Mike has served as Executive Officer of correspondence chapter USS *Indomitable* and, soon afterward Commanding Officer USS *Gygax*. He also served as Region Four Chief Engineering Officer whose duties included handling all regional domain, web, email, and mailing lists. He currently serves as Region Four Chief of Communications and publisher of the multiple award-winning *Subspace Communicator*.



**Tom Monaghan**  
Operations

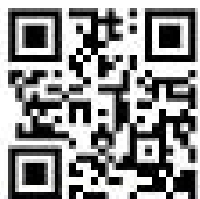
A member since 1985, Thomas has served as Commanding Officer of USS *McKay* and USS *Maat*, Executive Officer of USS *Normandy* and USS *Maat*, Region One Chaplain/Counselor, Chief of STARFLEET Operations, Chief of Staff to the Chief of Operations, and Chief of Staff to the Commander, STARFLEET. He is currently Executive Officer of USS *Maat*.



**Linda Olson**  
Financial

A member since 1994, Linda has served as Region One Summit Co-Chairperson for eight years and Region Two Summit Coordinator for three years. She has also served as Region One Treasurer, Chief of Staff to the Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, Commanding Officer of FORCECOM, Marine Corps Assistant Quartermaster and Quartermaster. She is currently STARFLEET Chief Financial Officer.





# KILLOUGH BATES 2013



For  
Your  
Organization



Wayne Killough (CS)

Reed Bates (VCS)

EC/EC Vice Experience: 3 years

EC Department Experience: 7 years

EC Department Experience: 16 years

AB Experience: 4 years

AB Experience: 1 year

Non-Profit (Not SFI) Experience: 24 years

Non-Profit (Not SFI) Experience: 15 years

Current Region 3 Coordinator

Current Academy Vice-Commandant



For  
Your  
Chapter



Robert Westfall (OPS)

Peg Pellerin (SFA)

EC Department Experience: 13 years

EC/EC Vice Experience: 6 years

AB Experience: 2 years

EC Department Experience: 16 years

Non-Profit (Not SFI) Experience: 25 years

Current Academy Commandant



For  
You!



Larry French (CompOps)

John Halliday (CompOps Vice)

EC Department Experience: 5 years

EC/EC Vice Experience: 2 years

Non-Profit (Not SFI) Experience: 8 years

Totals

Combined EC/EC Vice Experience: 11 years

Combined EC Department Experience: 57 years

Combined AB Experience: 7 years

Combined Non-Profit (Not SFI) Experience: 72 years

# KILLOUGH/BATES

## THE CHOICE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We are the average, everyday member. We have worked on all levels of STARFLEET, putting our all into our fellow members. We have spent countless days and sleepless nights providing services in our individual areas, from the chapter level up through the Fleet level, so that our organization can be the best it possibly can. We have the experience necessary to work for our members, to lead them and to serve them, the way our members deserve. We have the background to run non-profit corporations, and we want to ensure that our organization... what we are ALL here for... will be safe and secure now and into the future. We are here to serve you.

### OUR EXPERIENCE

Combined EC/EC Vice Experience: 11 years | Combined EC Department Experience: 57 years  
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### OUR PLATFORM

**Member Services:** The most important element of STARFLEET is our membership. This means that our team's Number 1 priority will always be our members and the services that you participate in and that directly affect you.

**Membership Processing:** While we do not see huge issues with this department, we do however see areas that could improve. Therefore as much as possible we will automate the process, which will provide faster processing time.

**Member Liaison:** We are implementing a Member Liaison that will contact you, Joe Member, and ask you what you like...what you don't like...and what you would like to see changed. Your identity is strictly confidential... but your answers will be provided to HQ to ensure your voice is being heard.

**Financial Accountability:** STARFLEET is a corporation, which means we have to follow strict rules when it comes to our finances (specialized reports, annual filings, guidelines on spending, etc.). We want to see a CFO with the actual working knowledge of how to handle this process to ensure your money is safe and being handled properly. A CPA (or someone who has commensurate experience) that wants to help STARFLEET in the financial area is perfect. If this is you, please contact us at [team@sfi4u2013.org](mailto:team@sfi4u2013.org).

**Electronic Voting:** We are looking at different options for electronic voting, both on the Regional level (for Regional Coordinator) and the International level (for CS Elections, AB voting, etc.). There are different companies and software available, as well as potential corporate notifications (due to how STARFLEET is incorporated within the state of North Carolina). We have already been researching this area and are getting options to present to our members.

**Communications:** We have been in contact with previous Chiefs of Communications, previous CQ Editors, publishing editors outside of STARFLEET, and the current Communications Department leadership. We have designed a process to ensure there are redundancies within the Communications department which will prevent burnout of staff and ensure we are prepared for an emergency long before it happens. The CQ is the one tangible item a member receives for their membership and we want to ensure that it is published and delivered in a fashion that exceeds what our members expect. If you have time, talent and the willingness to volunteer please contact us at [team@sfi4u2013.org](mailto:team@sfi4u2013.org).

**Anniversaries:** The next administration will lead us through two very important anniversaries: STARFLEET's 40th anniversary and Star Trek's 50th anniversary. We have already started working on plans for both of these events...and these plans involve YOU! From collectible items to contests to videos, we want to throw two gigantic year-long parties with as many members involved as possible! We are building the foundation for these events and are providing opportunities for you to participate in. We hope you participate in the festivities as much as possible. Do you have ideas for the upcoming anniversaries that you would like to see included? If so please send them on to us at [team@sfi4u2013.org](mailto:team@sfi4u2013.org).

**Fun:** We are here to run the corporation for you, our members. Your job is to HAVE FUN! We want everyone to enjoy their time in STARFLEET. You should always be kept in the loop on what is happening, from decisions to finances, but you should never have to worry about the headaches of running STARFLEET. That is why you elect leaders. Let us do the worrying for you.

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