

Fleet Channels

Spring 2016 Newsletter: STARFLEET Region 3

Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Commander, StarFleet: In Memoriam

HEADQUARTERS, STARFLEET
(17 April 2016) – It is with the saddest of hearts that I must announce that Fleet Admiral Wayne Killough died late Saturday night due to complications from a recent out-patient surgery.

Wayne served STARFLEET with honor and dedication in every position he held, including its highest offices.

Like all of us, he had his flaws, but when it came to STARFLEET he always did what he thought was in the best interests of the Fleet, and his passing is a great loss to every member of this organization.

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Update: <http://www.callawayallee.com/wayne-lee-killough-jr/>

Racing Toward Louisville For Starfleet IC2016

By Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck

The IC 2016 Committee invites everyone to attend the 2016 International Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 12-14. Our theme is "Trekkin' II: Horsing Around on the Ohio!" We'll be racing to the future as we take you out to the holodeck and explore NASA,

and celebrate Star Trek's 50th Anniversary. There will be plenty of fun, festivities, and informational panels for first-timers and veteran attendees alike.

In the Bluegrass State, Louisville is home to the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, Kentucky bourbon producers, "Louisville Sluggers" baseball bat production (which has a museum), and the Muhammad Ali Museum, to name a few sites. It is also the home of the Hot Brown Sandwich. I can't wait to try a Hot Brown after reading the description: an open faced turkey, cheese and bacon sandwich, with Mornay sauce.

The conference hotel is the Crowne Plaza Airport Louisville, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. Call 1 877 270 1393 for reservations. The hotel has plenty of roomy rooms to host all our meetings, panels, dealers, and fun times.

We will have all the traditional activities such as Opening Ceremonies and Awards, General Session, Ask the Brass, Charity Auction, Music and Dance, Marine Mess and Saturday night banquet. Some unique concurrent sessions / panels are being IC2016, continued on page 6

Fun fact: 95% of the world's bourbon supply comes from Kentucky!



Remembering CS Wayne Killough, Jr., Fleet Admiral

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Regardless of what you thought of Wayne, STARFLEET has always prided itself on being a family and Wayne truly believed this. So I ask all of you to join the rest of Wayne's family in mourning the man who left a mark on not just this organization but all of us.

I have proposed to the ECAB that STARFLEET suspend all non-essential operations until Wednesday, 20 April 2016, and ask that all members join us in this period of mourning for our organization and family. At this time, no arrangements for services have been made, but information will be posted as it becomes available.

In Service,
Robert

- Admiral Robert Westfall
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Marines,

The STARFLEET Marine Corps is shocked and saddened by the passing of Fleet Admiral Killough. Wayne was a good friend to the Corps, and to me personally for 20 years.

His passing will affect us all.

As Commandant, I authorize the wearing of Mourning Bands, under item 7.3.11.9 of the [Marine Force Manual](#), for all members of the STARFLEET Marine Corps.

I will miss my friend Wayne and our conversations at gatherings and over the internet. Those conversations were always filled with good ideas and good humor. They, and he, will be sorely missed.

Via con Dios, my friend.

That is all.

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- Michael McGowan
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CROCKETT, Texas - Funeral services for Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 39, of Palestine were Thursday, April 21, 2016 in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel, Father Peter McGrath officiating. Mr. Killough passed away April 17, 2016 in Austin.



Born October 18, 1976 in Pasadena to Wayne Lee Killough, Sr., and Cheryl Marie Dausar Killough, in 1996 Wayne graduated as valedictorian of Dubach High School, then continued his education at Stephen F. Austin State University, earning a Bachelor of Business Degree in 2015. He was employed as a computer analyst for Capgemini.

Survivors include his father, Wayne Lee Killough, Sr. of Latexo; sister, Sherry Coleman and husband William of Little Rock, AR; nieces and nephews: Cody Colvin and wife Christy of West Monroe, and Lisa and Aaron Ockerman of Summerfield, LA.; great nieces and nephews: Meredith, Fisher, Ryland and Farrah Okerman; aunts and uncles Linda Poston of Anacoca, LA; Terri Santiago and husband, Albert of San Diego, CA; Dale Eaton, husband David and Mary Hutchins and husband Dean, all of LaPorte; Dallas Dausar and wife Darlene of Anacoca, LA.; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cheryl Killough and grandparents, Jeff Lee and Faye Killough and Dallas and Enola Dausar.

Wayne had been a member of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. since 1996 and was serving as the Commander, STARFLEET.

Ladies and Gentlemen of STARFLEET,

I have only just returned from being out of the country for the past 13 days. I am extremely saddened to learn of the passing of our CS Wayne Killough. This is a difficult time for friends and family and the organization as well.

Please know that our prayers go out to everyone who needs them at this time and we apologize for the delay.

Linda and Wade Olson
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STARFLEET Statement:

Loss of CS Wayne Killough

While many of you may still be struggling to process this occurrence, we must draw strength from one another in times like this.

I had been asked to disseminate details of the funeral arrangements for Fleet Admiral Wayne Lee "Hunter" Killough, Jr., earlier in the week; however, I had tried to gain additional information, so this may simply serve as a reminder. Services will be handled by Callaway Allee Funeral Home in Crockett, TX. Additionally, the funeral home has set up a remembrance page for him on their website, if you would like to leave comments.

Find it here:

<http://www.callawayallee.com/wayne-lee-killough-jr/>

Speaking as someone who knew him well & loved him dearly, I have seen all the messages of condolences. They have all been immensely appreciated. I will make certain that they are relayed to his family who survive him. While it's certainly not a requirement for anyone to attend in person, if any members plan to do so, I would very much like to hear back from them privately. I have made attempts to coordinate our efforts with his family, through a liaison; however, I have been somewhat less than successful. As I plan to attend in person, I will be able to share more details later today, from Texas.

In service,

-LT COL David W. Anderson, Jr., SFMD
Office of Commander, STARFLEET
- Press Secretary ps@sfi.org

A Tragic Loss For SFI

As all of you know, I am not one to join a list and have a conversation, but I want to say thank you for all your emails, calls, and texts.

They truly mean a lot to the crew, but one thing I want you all to do is to keep Wayne's family in mind. Wayne was a great man and over the years that I have known him one thing that he put before everything was his family. I met Wayne in Louisiana and I could tell right off, he was a family man.

I have loved every minute of serving with him and under him in STARFLEET and I am proud to have called him my friend. He is and was a great inspiration to me, for that I thank him. I know that we might not all have seen eye to eye with his ideas for STARFLEET, but there is no one person reading this that can say they did not love him nor can they say he did not touch their lives.

As we go forward, I just want you to remember that Wayne was a great man that did great things. The station thanks you and I thank you for your loving words. In STARFLEET it is nice to know that when you are at your low, there is a friendly hand there ready to pick you up. If I have learned anything from this it is, if you have friends (family) you can make it through anything.

Thank you,

- Captain Michael R. McCoslin, SFMD
Executive Officer
S.S. Retribution Station, SFR-1202
Officer in Charge, 324th MSG



Greetings Marines,

Like many of you I was shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Fleet Admiral Killough. I wish to pass along my condolences to his family and friends.

I didn't know Wayne that well myself, but have had several conversations with him at the Region 2 summits and ICs I have attended over the years. I just spoke with him at the Region 2 summit in February in Florida.

I guess you just never know that the conversation you are having with someone might be the last one.



I have stopped the rotating banners and placed a memorial banner for Wayne on the SFMC website. I would like to thank Major General Edward Tunis III the 3rd Brigade OIC for providing the banner.

- Mark "Slayer" Anderson
Major General, SFMC
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It is truly a sad day here at Starfleet.

Wayne was one of the first Flag officers I was honored to speak to. He had been through a lot more than most people would have been able to handle and still was there for the club.

He will be certainly missed.

- FCAPT Penelope McFadin, CO
USS ZAVALA NCC-100101
Zone 3 Leader Region 3 SFI



Help Sought For Memorial

Folks,

I am creating a memorial page(s) for Wayne Killough. I have some photos and some details of both his Starfleet life and his performing life, but I want to get the highlights of those worlds correct.

What I need on the Starfleet side is a full account of his positions at the local, Regional, and national level. I already have his Academy details, as he's been a dear colleague for over a decade.

If any of you are from the Retribution Station or other chapters he may have been in, and know more details (titles, support of pageants, etc) about his performing life, please send those along, too. There was only so much I could glean from his Facebook page.

Please send pics and information to me at the address in my signature:

Carol Thompson
Academic Coordinator, SFA
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He will be missed.

As JAG, he was a good person to work for.

As a member, he really cared about all of us.

Marine Shuttle Craft Black Bird dims her lights.

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Brigadier Mitch "Raven" Dunn
Judge Advocate General, SFI
Director: Xeno Romulan Studies
OIC, 233rd MSG Swift Intruders
"Semper Obscurus"

Good evening, Marines.

I want to join in with the rest of the General Staff in expressing my condolences to the family and friends of FADM Wayne Killough.

A loss of one is a loss to all of us, even more so by its suddenness.

BGN Jari "Gato" James
COFORCECOM
Starfleet Marine Corps

Royal Manticoran Navy sends donation

Greetings everyone.

As some of you may know, I am a member of two different fan organizations; SFI and TRMN (*The Royal Manticoran Navy, the Honor Harrington Fan Club - Ed.*). TRMN is made up of many current and former members of SFI, including the person who runs it.

While Wayne's death is a tragic loss for SFI, it can serve as a reminder that we Sci-Fi fans stick together. It does not matter which movies, books, shows, or comics you like best. What matters is that we are all part of the larger Sci-Fi family. While we the members of SFI try to cope with the sudden loss of our CS, it is comforting to know that our brothers and sisters in other organizations are there to lend their support in our time of need.

Please read the letter below from the head of TRMN. It serves as a reminder that we are not alone. It serves as a peace offering for both organizations' futures. And it is a very generous offer to benefit all of STARFLEET. As a member of SFI I am heartbroken. As a member of TRMN, I am humbled by the outpouring of support.

I am honored to be a member of both clubs. Please keep in mind that I am writing this and sharing the letter as a "plain Jane" member of both clubs. I am not doing this in any official capacity.

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SFI Member and TRMN member

To the Members of STARFLEET International,

I have spent the past few days trying to find the right words to share with you all, and these may not be perfect, but they are sincere. To lose a leader is a tragic event, and to have it happen abruptly, as in this case, is doubly so.

STARFLEET and The Royal Manticoran Navy have never quite seen eye to eye, but we deeply regret your loss.

I can't remember if I met Wayne personally, although when I was active in SFI, if he attended IC's, it was likely that we met at some point. I do remember working with him online

some, and it was always a pleasant experience, as he was always polite and professional in his communications.

As a fellow Fan Organization, The Royal Manticoran Navy would like to donate \$500 to the STARFLEET Scholarship of Wayne's family's choice, to honor his memory and help to encourage a future generation of fans from the organization that he cared for.



Again, I wish to offer the sincerest condolences of The Royal Manticoran Navy to all the members of STARFLEET on your loss. Our ships will dim their running lights, and flags at Admiralty House will be lowered to half mast for the remainder of the month in Fleet Admiral Killough's honor.

In Service,

Martin Lessem, KSK, GCE, KCR, DSO, GS
Admiral of the Fleet, RMN
First Lord of the Admiralty
Duke, New Scania



Regional Coordinator's Report

Greetings, Region 3:

We're nearly half through the year, and it's been quite the ride: Ups and downs, good and ill, we've seen it all. One of those downs struck us recently, the loss of the Commander, STARFLEET, Wayne Killough. I'm not going to attempt to quantify the impact Wayne had to our organization for 20+ years, or how much he meant to so many. As his XO pointed out to me, Wayne was a man of family ... and SFI was a large part of that family.

We've had several losses here in R3, and more than a few health related scares and issues. We are an organization that is not getting any younger. With that age comes long term friendships - ones that really hurt when that friend is taken from us. It also comes with grudges and gripes and people dug in and growing inflexible.

With an organization like ours, disagreements are bound to happen. It is inevitable and a part of being human. Group dynamics get hard after you have more than three people in a room. SFI has nearly 5000, Region 3 over 500. We will argue.

As we ready ourselves and look forward to Summit in Odessa, TX this June, an event shaping up to be rather bitter-sweet with respect to those who will not be with us, I invite everyone to stop frequently and look about the room (both proverbial and real).

Who is with us? Who are we talking to, or avoiding, or perhaps don't know as well as we could? The purpose of a fan organization is to interact with fellow fans - to share our love of a common thing.

It has been joked about, disparagingly, that SFI is not really a Star Trek fan club but a self-admiring STARFLEET fan club. I can say that is certainly partially true, and not in the negative manner the joke is generally tossed out in conversation. In recent days I've received a lot of people reaching out to offer their support.

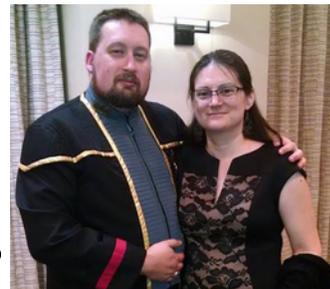
A reward of being RC is I've gotten to serve as a focal point and middleman for these conversations. Twice now the whole fleet, it seems, has reached out when we've suffered a loss. With the immediate and heart-warming support like that, you bet I'm a fan of STARFLEET International, every bit as much as I am a fan of Star Trek.

Share your fandom with each other, our love of Trek, and share that enjoyment of our common organization; knowing it does great things, and that the very best aspect is how we support each other in dire times. Look around, day to day, and later at Summit. I think all will agree that despite any grudges, any conflicts, any animosity we might feel in the expediency of the day, there isn't one person in that room we won't miss if they are taken from us. Not one soul we've encountered in our travels within SFI that wouldn't hurt were they taken from us.

I'll let my staff report on the amazing things they have done, but from me - taking the moment to look around and find a way to cherish each other while we can is the only message I wish to impart at this time.

In Respect,

**- Jeremy Carsten
Regional Coordinator
STARFLEET Region 3**



International Conference 2016

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planned, such as The Star Trek Barkeep, Star Trek Celebrations, Sports Around the Federation, Star Trek and Religion, Making Prostheses, the National Space Society, and more.

Rooms at the Crowne Plaza Airport Louisville are \$102.00 per night plus state and local taxes. Reservationists are standing by at 1-888-233-9527 (be sure to mention STARFLEET International Conference.) Registration \$35 for adults (up to Aug. 5th) and registration for children 12 and under is \$5.00 regardless of time of registration.

Friday night's Marine Mess and the IC Banquet on

Saturday night are \$38.50 each. All the information you need is on the IC website: www.ic2016.com.

Our charity auction benefits the Space Camp Scholarship Fund and STARFLEET Scholarships. As Programming Chair, I am still taking volunteers for panels; contact me at franck.lucyferron@yahoo.com if you would like to present.

Lay in supplies, file your flight plan, fire up the shuttle thrusters or head to the transporter pad to join the celebration at IC 2016 in August! We would love to hear from you about your plans or any questions you may have.

On Facebook, look for us at SFI IC 2016.

Region 3 Logo Contest

And our Winner is ...

Greetings,

As of Midnight, 30 March, we received 17 of 22 eligible votes, thus establishing a quorum (minimum needed was 12). Four chapters were ineligible to vote due to shakedown or dry dock status. Two shakedown chapters offered their opinion (as requested) for our records.

Option One - An update to the current logo with corrected lines and the state outlines to either side, submitted by CAPT Norbert Kessen of the USS Lone Star, received six votes.

Option Two - An entirely new roundel design with new color scheme and style, submitted by LCDR Tyler Morgan of the USS Artemis, received six votes.

Option Three - Retain the current logo, with no changes, received five votes.

As you can see, this is very close, effectively dividing those that voted in to thirds. There is not a clear winner, and we have a tie between options one and two.

Per the currently published Region 3 manual, (page 7, Congress of Commanding Officers) the RC only votes as part of the CCO to break ties.

This is not how I had hoped things would play out. However, as the 'Stones put it, "You can't always get what you want." The way I see it is

this: should we have a run off between options one and two, essentially having those that voted for option three recast their vote, the odds are that if they didn't want the logo to change in the first place, that when forced, they would vote for Option One, as it is the least change.

Couple that with the two recorded opinions of chapters in training were for Option One, and I feel I am presented with over two-thirds of the region (that voted) that wishes to see the logo remain the same, or only mildly edited, versus a drastic new look.

As such, as RC, I cast the tie breaking vote for Option One; which as I see it, will reflect the will of the most chapters in the region as closely as is possible and bring this issue to a close so that we may press forward.

I would like to thank both of the artists who not only cared enough to submit a design, but also worked with us when edits were asked of each.

Please enjoy our new logo, and we here on R3 staff will begin work to implement it across the board as soon as possible.

- Jeremy Carsten
Regional Coordinator,
STARFLEET Region 3



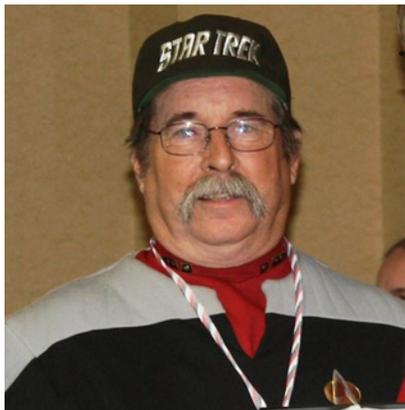
IC 2016 UPDATE

Greetings,

I want to get everyone updated on IC 2016.

First, we are having two themes for IC 2016.

These are NASA and Star Trek's 50th anniversary.



The hotel reservations phone number for our membership is **888-233-9527 FREE FREE FREE**. This is the hotel group reservations line and is the only number that should be called when making reservations.

Also, when calling the Starfleet member needs to mention that they are with STARFLEET International Conference. The hotel does not require a deposit to secure a room. To make a reservation via the website visit IC2016.com and click on the Hotel link. On the hotel page click the "To book your rooms online click here" link and follow the directions.

Registration for IC 2016 will be \$35.00 per person until two weeks before the IC. Then the rate will be \$38.00. Registration for children 12 and under will be \$5.00 regardless of time of registration.

If you would like to host a panel at the IC, please contact Lucy Ferron Franck by email at franck.lucyferron@yahoo.com.

Our Charities for IC2016 are Space Camp and STARFLEET's Scholarship Program. If you have items that you would like to donate to "The Annual Marian Murphy Memorial Charity Auction," you can contact Warren Price at wormmy@aeneas.net.

As part of the IC 2016 activities, we will be having a STARFLEET video contest. It's a chance for Fleet's chapters to shine and show what great actors they are (or at least that they are big hams!). Get out those video cameras and start filming.

We'll be showing the videos at Opening Ceremonies and throughout the weekend and

be giving Best Picture and Best Actor awards. We will be selling T-shirts and Polo shirts; information on when we will be selling them will be communicated later.

We are planning a video room where we will be showing Star Trek episodes. We also will have two trivia contests during the weekend of the IC: A Star Trek Trivia and an IC2016 trivia contest!

If you would like to volunteer to help, please let us know. We have need of a person who can do Internet Streaming. If you would like to volunteer please email Warren Price. We are working on some other events so stay tuned for announcements.

Lastly, we have a Facebook page. So if you haven't 'Liked' our page please do. Each week a 'Bucket list' and 'Things you didn't know about Louisville,' are posted on the page, plus other information. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please let us know.

Thanks.
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Co-Chair IC 2016



USS Apollo, NX-82611, Shakedown Operations Report

After Vessel Registration Request (VRR), approval, the USS Apollo officially began her Shakedown Cruise on April 4, 2016. With Commanding Officer CMDR Robert Zane and Executive Officer LCDR Karyn Gressett leading this Vesta-class vessel, registry NX-82611, and a crew of six out of spacedock, the Apollo gracefully aligned with support ship the USS Artemis to begin her adventure.

Three members of the Apollo's crew, Sherri Kidner, Aiden Zane, and Robert Zane attended Creation Entertainment's 50 Year Mission Dallas April 8-10, 2016.



Robert Zane with Klingons



Sherri Kidner (pink shirt), numerous Texas Trekkies, and Connor Trinneer singing "Wanted: Dead Or Alive" by Bon Jovi

Fun was had by all throughout the convention, but the highlight of the weekend was singing Karaoke with Connor Trinneer and Dominic Keating, along with many of the "Texas Trekkies" Facebook Group.



Sherri Kidner (pink shirt), Lisa Brown and Connor Trinneer singing "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond

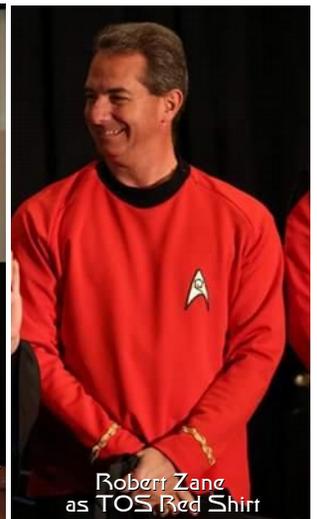
The variety and quality of the entries in the Costume Contest was amazing. For the first time in 45 years, Adam Malin from Creation Entertainment could not distinguish a clear



Costume Contest including Robert Zane as TOS RedShirt



On the final day, our own CO, Robert Zane, asked William Shatner a question.



Robert Zane as TOS Red Shirt

Photos courtesy of the USS Apollo

division among the top 3 finalists for first, second, and third: Kirk with Tribbles, Klingons, and Pike.

As the chapter's first organized event, the USS Apollo rendezvoused with the USS Artemis and set a course for Starbase Studios' Open House on April 23, 2016.

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Artemis CO Jeremy Mayes at Command, Stephanie Mayes at Navigation and Vince Silmon at Helm

USS Apollo, NX-82611, Shakedown Operations Report

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Starbase Studios (<http://starbasestudios.net>) has recreated 3 sets from TOS ... Bridge with attached Turbolift, Transporter Room and Sickbay. Based in Oklahoma City, Starbase Studios is a TOS- era facility. The USS Apollo crew spent time



Robert Zane on the proverbial Red Shirt's Death Bed



Robert Zane on the transporter pad

exploring all the sets available, including the proverbial Red Shirt's Death Bed.

The first month of the Apollo's Shakedown has been exhilarating. We look forward to many more adventures and expanding our crew with the goal of inviting the rest of Region 3 and all of Starfleet to our Commissioning Ceremony before this 50th Anniversary Year of Star Trek comes to a close.



Robert Zane at Command

Photos courtesy of the USS Apollo



Aiden Zane tries out the Turbo Lift at Starbase Studios

From: ADM Robert Westfall ops@sfi.org
Subject: New Shakedown Chapter in R03

Date: Sun, Apr 3, 2016 at 8:05 AM

***** ATTENTION ALL HANDS *****

Please join me in welcoming a new Shakedown Chapter to the 3rd Fleet, effective 3 April 2016. The USS Apollo NX-82611, a Vesta Class Cruiser, is based in Frisco, TX (USA) and is under the command of CMDR Robert Zane. The Apollo's mothership is the USS Artemis, also out of the 3rd Fleet. For additional information or to join in their adventure, feel free to contact Robert at rob@zane.org.

Robert

- Admiral Robert Westfall

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"Reputation is what other people know about you. Honor is what you know about yourself." - Lois McMaster Bujold
"There is only one duty, only one safe course, and that is to try and be right." - Sir Winston Churchill





Officer In Charge Reporting



The first Brigade Field Trip, the overnight on the Battleship Texas took place in October. Even though I think we all would have appreciated a better turn out those who attended had a great time! (for a full report see the article in *Cry Havoc!*)

Please discuss with your unit marines and other marines throughout your battalions and brigade about what you'd like to see next (within reason). Plans are already being finalized for the next Brigade Field Trip and will be announced soon! We intend to have this happen every other year in the year opposite the Regional trip to on Space Center Houston to help defuse any strain on people's budgets with two back to back large events like this. So that means we will be looking to do this again in 2016.

Speaking of 2016, another event held dear to many a marine's heart is coming up, the annual Brigade Dress Mess and Muster. Once again we are inviting the Commandant to the event and we need to raise funds to help with his travel expenses. You can send your donation via PayPal. The Brigade's account is paypal@3bde.org and be sure to state this is for the "Bring the Dant to the Muster" fund.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please send them to Lieutenant Colonel Glenda Stephenson at FM@3bde.org. While we are talking about the Dress Mess and Muster (which I hope you'll be attending) remember to submit your Valor award nominations. Valor Award winners will be announced at the Dress Mess (another reason to attend!)

As always ALL Brigade events are open to ALL STARFLEET members, so make sure you keep your eyes and ears open for these fun events.

Until then, see you at inspection. Dismissed.

Edward C. Tunis III
Major General, SFMC
OIC, Third Brigade



UPDATE 2016.05.03 - Greetings once again, readers of *Fleet Channels!* A lot has happened since the last issue of *Fleet Channels* for the Third Brigade: Regional Trip to NASA Johnson Space Center, Battleship Texas overnight and our publication win of best Brigade Newsletter (and trust me we are looking in our rear view mirrors, knowing *Fleet Channels* is gunning for us and an equal award for themselves) but marines of the Third Brigade also took three of the top five SFMC "of Honor" awards, not counting Newsletter or Cadet awards, at IC2015.

There have been some unit changes within the brigade, mainly because we are taking a bold and dynamic approach towards units who fail to submit their required reports every other month. So, if you read *Cry Havoc!* (Which I know you are, because you are a good marine) or watch the Brigade email listserv, you will see a section mentioning marine units that have failed to report.

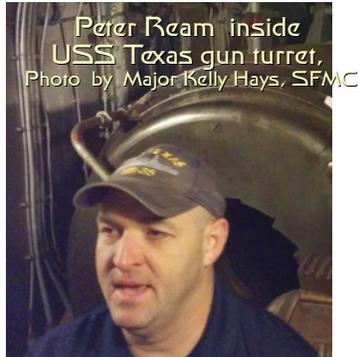
If you see your unit on there, be sure to contact your OIC. If there is a problem with reporting, let Brigade know (i.e. your MSG OIC had his foot run over by the ABLV/97 Troll Armored Bridge Laying Vehicle) that there is a problem or a delay with your reporting. We can't be everywhere or know everything going on.

I would like to also extend my personal thanks to those on Regional Staff who made the current NASA trip an organizational ease. Even the tips like "be in the parking lot before 09:30 to avoid the parking fee" were very welcome advice. I know large events like that are the equivalent of herding cats but we were able to get our tickets in an orderly fashion and get our obligatory group photos out of the way. It was nice to see what you wanted to see at your own pace and every so often bump into other SFI members (I say SFI members because there was more than just R3 there! Had a great conversation with a member of the USS Heimdal out of Region One) My biggest memory, besides seeing so many good friends I haven't seen in what felt like ages, was being in the flight simulator with the Fleet/Marine Cadet of the Year. Because he wanted to be the pilot on the flight simulator I spent more of my time physically inverted (glad we didn't do it right after lunch).

Joint Exercise Successful

San Jacinto Battleground, Texas, 2015.10.17 – A joint exercise between Royal Manticoran Army, post Fort Shorncliffe and the Starfleet Marines' Third Brigade enveloped more than a dozen participants in an overnight stay aboard Battleship Texas. The tour group included members of STARFLEET Marine Corps' units from Baton Rouge, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio.

We had a superb tour guide in Peter Ream; he fascinated us with stories from the USS Texas' crews, service and history. At the site of her sole combat fatality, he gave us a very somber account of the battle that killed her acting helm officer.



Peter Ream inside USS Texas gun turret, Photo by Major Kelly Hays, SFMC

The Third Brigade is working on arrangements to make these Overnight Aboard exercises yearly regular operations. We plan to schedule these in even-numbered years, so we are not competing with the Region's annual trip to NASA.

In service,

-- Sarah "Rimfire" Hays, Major, SFMC
S-6 Coms, Third Brigade
340th MEU Coms Officer
RIO, Region 3 STARFLEET
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Members of the RMA and SFMC listen to Peter Ream describe USS Texas shoring materials (timbers in overhead rack) dating to George Washington's lifetime. Photo by Major Kelly Hays, SFMC



The RMN contingent; from left, back: 1st LT Ed Covarrubias, CPT Bobby Dean, 1st LT Dennis Sustare, MAJ Jeffrey Webb; front: Cadet Zane Webb. Photo Courtesy MAJ Jeffrey Webb, RMA Ft. Shorncliffe CO.



San Jacinto Monument seen from Battleship Texas 10.18.2016. Photo by Major Kelly Hays, SFMC



RMA cadet Zane Webb, left, and SFMC Major Kelly Hays examine a shell aboard USS Texas. Photo courtesy Major Jeffrey Webb, RMA

Before USS Texas Overnight

At Monument Inn, a Great Beginning



LaPORTE, Texas, Oct. 17, 2015. Before the Joint Overnight Exercise aboard Battleship Texas, members of the Honor Harrington Fan Club, STARFLEET and the SFMC gathered at The Monument Inn. From left: Royal Manticoran Army 1st LT. Edward Covarrubias, RMA 1st LT. Dr. Dennis Sustare, Region 3 RC BDR Jeremy Carsten, Third Brigade DOIC; USS Zavala crewmembers Chuck Franck, Luther Todd, CDR Darrell Milner, and (top right)

Wendy Weston; SFMC 340th MEU members LTC Noble Hays, Chief Engineer; Major Kelly Hays, OIC; MAJ Sarah Hays, Coms Officer; 327th MSG OIC MGEN Edward C. Tunis III, OIC Third Brigade; The Royal Manticoran Army Commanding Officer, Fort Shornecliffe, Major Jeffrey Webb; RMA CPT Bobby Dean, (also of the Starship Texas), and MAJ Max Triola, OIC 302nd MSG.

Story & Photos by VADM Lucy Ferron Franck

A group of Third Brigade Marines traveled to Houston October 17, 2015, for a tour and overnight stay on the Battleship Texas. Upon learning of the trip, Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck of the USS Zavala volunteered to make arrangements for an informal mess prior to their boarding time.

Several members of the USS Zavala crew joined the hungry Marines for a superior seafood meal at The Monument Inn, near the USS Texas' mooring site at San Jacinto State Historic Site.

The joint exercise of the official Honor Harrington Fan Club chapter in Houston, the Royal Manticoran Army's Fort Shornecliffe, and the SFMC Third Brigade proved such a success that plans are to repeat these exercises. Plans call for scheduling overnights aboard military museum ships such as the USS Kidd in Baton Rouge in September 2016.

Other possible locations include a return visit to the Battleship Texas (BB-35), or The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. Sea Wolf Park is a potential site, with its American Undersea Warfare Center featuring USS Cavalla, a World War II submarine serving as a memorial to the lost USS Sea Wolf. The park is also home to the destroyer USS Stewart.

Suggestions for other such sites are welcomed - visit the Brigade's website at 3bde.org for details.



From left: MAJ Sarah "Rimfire" Hays, 340th MEU; VADM Lucy Ferron Franck, and USS Zavala; MGEN Edward Tunis III



From left: USS Zavala CO FCPT Penelope McFadin, Luther Todd, CPT Darrell W. Milner, 1st LT Wendy Weston, and SFMC LTC Noble Hays, 340th MEU, at The Monument Inn.

The Brigade plans these exercises as regular operations in even numbered years, as Region 3 hosts its "Star Trek Goes to NASA" visit to Space Center Houston in odd numbered years.

New Zone Leaders Announced ...

Greetings Region 3!

It is my pleasure to introduce two new zone leaders to the R3 staff. Both of these gentlemen come with a great deal of excitement for the role they are stepping into, and I anticipate big things from each of them.

Zone 3 - Joshua Laughlin of the [USS Endurance](#)

Zone 4 - Steve Sardeson of the [USS Battle Born](#).

We still have the Zone 1 leader post open, something we really need to fix; especially with a new chapter up in that area. Zone leaders do NOT have to be command grade folks, CO's XO or former such. They need only to be driven individuals with a desire to communicate with the members and chapters of their zone.

Also, with Steve taking up the zone leader post, the Senior Enlisted Advisor post is open. The Senior Enlisted Advisor post is the ONLY post in the R3 staff with a specific rank requirement:

- must be an enlisted person. This position will focus on mentorship, assisting with recognition, communications with members across the region, and working with the Third Brigade for honor guard matters. All staff posts require OTS and OCC, but if the chosen applicant does not have it at the time, the appointee will have 3 months to accomplish these courses once in the position.

Please welcome our new zone leaders, and if you're interested in our two open posts, please send an email to me, and to vrc@region3.org.

Thank you!

Jeremy Carsten

Regional Coordinator,

STARFLEET Region 3

... and Introduce Themselves

Greetings Shipmates,

I have been appointed as the Zone 4 Zone Leader, and I think it would be prudent to introduce myself and communicate what my expectations are as well as explain what can be expected out of me. First, despite what the title implies, I acknowledge that I have absolutely 0 authority. Thus, I won't be directing



anyone to do anything. My position, as I see it, is to facilitate a cooperative and collaborative environment so that we can achieve greater than the sum of all of us individually.

Second, since the number I benefit to having membership in STARFLEET is the networking capability it

provides, I am all about information sharing. I will not withhold information from any of you, and I would appreciate the same. If anyone has ideas on what could or should be done, by all means please share them here.

Also, if anyone is attempting a project for the first time, bring it up here. I'm sure someone, somewhere has made an attempt and has some insight. Finally, I have some items penciled on the calendar that need to be discussed. I'll be breaking that down as follows.

May: Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society. This has already started. There are

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Greetings everyone.

I am Joshua Laughlin of the [USS Endurance](#) and Zone 3 Leader.

I hope to be someone that you can all turn to when help is needed.

I also look forward to building camaraderie with all the Commanding Officers and Executive Officers within the Zone.

I know when we all work as a team, we can accomplish great things. I have met some of you, and know others very well.

There are still a few of you I haven't met, but hope to.

Right now I would like to get to know you so we can build rapport.

If you need help for any reason, feel free to contact me. I will do my best to assist.

- Commander Joshua A. Laughlin
Commanding Officer
USS Endurance
Region 3 Zone 3 Leader



Communications Article:

Comm Traffic

Communication is the life blood of any organization, and I couldn't do my job without the assistance of these individuals.



RADM Trisha Tunis

I'd like to thank them for stepping up and volunteering to help out Region 3!

Vice-Chief of Communications / Regional Information Officer: Sarah Hays, Region 3 Webmaster: Tyler Morgan, Social Media Sage: Penelope McFadin, Database Guru: Lloyd Bates, E-mail Czar: Kelly Hays.

They're getting settled into their positions, and look forward to rolling out some new initiatives to help support the members and chapters of Region 3. Translation - yes, there will be a new and more functional Region3.org before long, on your screens, Fleet Channels, Facebook memes of tribbles causing trouble, and spam free listservs.

Speaking of initiatives, our collective efforts have made a real impact at the 'Fleet level with recruiting. We had the second largest number of recruits, with 52 new Region 3 members for the First Quarter 2016. This is due to multiple ship efforts staffing tables and getting the word out about how much enjoyment there is to be had in STARFLEET.

Special recognition goes to the top recruiting chapters including the USS NEW ORLEANS, USS ENDURANCE, USS TRINITY RIVER, USS ARK ANGEL, and USS DIAMONDBACK. Well done one and all!

Coming up soon is the July movie premiere of STAR TREK: BEYOND. This will be the last Star Trek movie for a while, so by now, chapters should have their information table plans finalized for those that wish to do so.

Simon Pegg states, "Being given the keys to the Star Trek universe was an extraordinary privilege. It was extremely important to me that we did it justice." Fingers crossed he lives up to that promise!

Before the movie will be a busy time, but the Communications Staff is here to help. If you need anything, please feel free to contact me at comms@Region 3.org.

- RADM Trisha Tunis

Cry Havoc! Earns SFMC Newsletter Recognition

The bi-monthly Third Brigade newsletter, Cry Havoc!, won STARFLEET Marine Corps Brigade Newsletter of the Year at IC2015.

Thank you, everybody who won that honor for us. I'll start with our S6-IT, Major Kelly Hays, who installs each PDF file on the website as we post new issues; my thanks to Brigade OIC MGEN Edward C. Tunis III, for his invaluable aid not merely in choosing which issue to submit, but also for casting a careful eye over working drafts of Cry Havoc! to ensure consistency, accuracy and clean design. Our entire Brigade Staff contributes crucial information and content to every single issue. Thank you - Aaron and Apex, Bazinga, Glenda and Kelly, James and Sideshow, for the words and work you give The Dogs of War.

Thanks also to the unit reporting officers throughout the Third Brigade; these folks are the sources who submit photos, after-action reports, unit updates, news, challenges and invitations for the fun our Marines have and service they do.



That's what makes Cry Havoc! the best brigade newsletter in the Corps -- it's for, and about, the best Marine Brigade in Starfleet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah "Rimfire" Hays, Major, SFMC
S6-Coms/Third Brigade, "The Dogs of War"
RIO, Region 3 STARFLEET
Coms Officer, 340th MEU "The Time Keepers"

New Membership Report

Folks,

Last week I reported that we received several requests from members to make donations to the scholarship fund in honor of Wayne. There was a glitch in the scholarship page, not allowing it to access the Paypal accounts properly. As soon as I realized this, I contacted Tammy Willcox (Scholarship Director) and Laura Victor (Computer Operations) and the problem was resolved quickly. However, if you attempted to make a donation between the 18th and the 25th you make need to verify that it was indeed completed.



I wish to thank everyone who has or intends to make a donation. The Scholarship Fund was a project that was very dear to Wayne.

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I truly believe he would be touched to know that we have chosen to honor him in this way. If anyone has any further trouble attempting to donate, please feel free to contact me at dragonladye@wildblue.net. I will be happy to help. The total received donations in honor of Wayne Killough is \$145 so far with another \$500 pledged. I would love to see us raise a full \$1000 scholarship to be given this year in Wayne's honor. I challenge you all to help raise the remaining \$355 dollars to make this possible. We have 235 ships in the fleet; if you subtract the 3 ships that I know have already donated, that leaves 232 ships. If each ship were to donate a mere \$1.53 we would make this happen. Come on Fleet, let's do this!

This week's summary of the new members by region, as processed thru the CFO's office for the week April 24th after the last report was filed until May 1st at 9:00 pm is as follows. I am going to try to add a bit more information to the reports this year. I was asked which ships recruited the most members for last year and did not have that information handy, so I am going to try to include that in these reports.

Since occasionally new members don't list a ship on their applications, I will also try to list

the states with new members not assigned. I hope this will help COS to recruit for their chapters.

This period we processed 25 new members. Total Fleet Strength is 4634, with 235 chapters. This is a loss of 23 members, and the decommissioning of 6 chapters.



Region One -3 total members 957 and 54 chapters
Region Two - 0 total members 505 and 26 chapters
Region Three -1 total members 549 and 27 chapters
Region Four - 1 total members 448 and 19 chapters
Region Five - 0 total members 158 and 10 chapters
Region Six - 1 total members 99 and 9 chapters
Region Seven - 8 total members 605 and 26 chapters
Region Eight - 0 total members 9 and 1 chapter
Region Nine - 0 total members 56 and 4 chapters
Region Ten - 0 total members 69 and 2 chapters
Region Eleven - 0 total members 120 and 5 chapters
Region Twelve - 9 total members 435 and 24 chapters
Region Thirteen - 0 total members 118 and 5 chapters
Region Fourteen - 0 total members 1 and 0 chapters
Region Fifteen -0 total members 149 and 8 chapters
Region Seventeen - 0 total members 102 and 7 chapters
Region Eighteen - 0 total members 19 and 0 chapters
Region Twenty - 2 total members 213 and 8 chapters
Region 99 (unassigned) 0 total members 21
Region 0 (holding area) 0 total members 1

This week first place in the recruiting arena goes to R12. R7 in second place. Third place goes to R1. Way to go R12!

Ships recruiting this week were USS Jurassic (1), USS Wisconsin(1), Station Robert de Bruce (2), USS Horizon (1), USS Adamant (1), USS Alaster (1), USS Stephen Hawking (1), USS Hyperion (1), USS Dark Phoenix (5), and Retribution Station (1). Areas with New Members Unassigned are Oklahoma (1); United Kingdom (1); New Jersey (3); and Illinois (2).

As with the other new member reports, these are only the members with brand new SCC numbers, it does not include renewals. This also does not include any memberships that are holding for clarification or additional information / payment etc. If you notice that you recruited new members but your total Regional membership is down, it is due to members who have failed to renew. Check your rosters and see who is due to renew their membership and give them a reminder. It may have slipped their minds.

Linda Olson
dragonladye@wildblue.net



Senior Enlisted Advisor's Report

Since my last article, we have been devastated by the losses of two hugely active members, VADM Marian Murphy, and FADM Wayne Killough Jr. While both tended to bring out various passions across the membership of this region, nobody could argue their appreciation of Star Trek, and ultimately their love for STARFLEET International. They will be sorely missed.

Very respectfully,
Steve

Greetings Shipmates!

There are a lot of sticks in the fire right now, and Summit is right around the corner. The Awards Committee has adjudicated all the nominations, and presentations will be ready to be made at the Summit. All hands are encouraged to make it out to be there.

I have and will continue to state that the number one benefit STARFLEET membership provides is the networking opportunities. Combined, we are much greater than the sum of our individuals, and that is fact. It really is a great thing to meet folks face-to-face rather than rely on social media, emails, and phone calls. Don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you up.

In addition to Summit, we also have a couple types of events coming down the pike in support of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. November 5 will be the Extra-Life/Game Day event, so please start planning accordingly. Last year, USS Artemis broke major records and raised over \$3000.

CAPT Jeremy Mayes was kind enough to share his tips and tricks to help everyone else in Region 3 meet similar successes. Here is a quick summary. It is not all inclusive, so feel free to request an update.

1. It's not a competition. Every little bit helps.
2. Join the local Extra Life Guild. These folks are all about fundraising, and exchanging ideas and best practices.
3. Start early; don't be afraid to ask for donations. Don't feel bad about donating to yourself. Starting early can afford many smaller donations over time rather than one big one close to event execution.
4. Partner with sponsors and provide incentives. Go ahead and solicit business to donate items for raffles.

Another event will be Torch-Relay. At this point, only Dallas and San Antonio are slated to host this Children's Miracle Network Hospitals fundraiser.

These are opportunities to volunteer, raise money for the Region charity, and/or actually enjoy a nice 3-5 mile walk. For those locations not designated to have a Torch-Relay, virtual or independent events are encouraged. The Torch-Relay happened in San Antonio last year in September, so I'm expecting it close to the same time frame this year. I am still awaiting further guidance; when I get more info, it will be sent out to the maximum distribution I can.

I have signed up to participate in Relay for Life this month. I have also registered for Rugged Maniac near Austin, TX in order to help raise funds for American Cancer Society in October. I humbly request support on donations, and I will provide links upon request.

Also, all hands are encouraged to volunteer to support this event as well as to join me in the fun of negotiating obstacles and getting down and dirty. Make no mistake, what I do out there isn't really considered running and it can be a rather good time. I know many of us have been effected by cancer, and I am doing these events to remember those we lost, to salute those who survived their fight, and to encourage those who are in the struggle for their very lives. Any help would be greatly appreciated, and if I can attribute donations to particular ships, they will be credited for supporting these activities.

To highlight some of the other activities that have happened since the last FLEET CHANNELS, the Space Center Houston and the USS Texas (BB-35) trips were major successes. By all accounts I've heard people are anxious for more.

The 3rd Brigade is currently examining feasibility for a stay onboard USS Kidd (DD-661). It is tentatively slated for Sep 24, and as things firm up, I will also ensure widest dissemination. Also, put on your calendars that IC2017 will be in New Orleans!

On a final note, this will be my last article as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for a while. I have applied and been accepted to be the Zone 4 Zone Leader, and I expect a new Senior Enlisted Advisor will be appointed soon.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you, and while I may be shifting over, I will always be available for questions and to help in any way that I can.

From what I have seen, the Region will have a kick ass Senior Enlisted Advisor as my replacement.

Very respectfully,

MCPO Steve Sardeson
Region 3 Zone 4 Zone Leader
USS Battle Born Chief of the Boat
SGT Major, Third Brigade, SFMC



File Photo Jail Break San Antonio 2014

CAO Report

Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck

Never a dull moment, day or quarter. My husband and I along with 6 other crewmates from the USS Zavala traveled to Niagara Falls, NY, for IC 2015 and had a great time touring and attending. More on that trip is in another article. Being the only R3 Staff Member in attendance at the IC, I participated in the annual ECAB meeting. No need to envy me on that. It was mostly discussion and information. We did not take any "official" votes on anything. The future of the CQ was among the major topics discussed. It was also announced that there would be no Lifetime Membership awards announced at the IC while we were there; the criteria are being reviewed and revised.

The ECAB meeting reminded me that we all need to be appreciative of the tremendous amount of time the ECAB members spend conducting the business of the organization while the rest of us have a good time throughout the year. Those are really caring members who generously give of so much of their time and talent for a non-paying (and rarely appreciated) job!

I also spent a good deal of time coordinating the R3 Day at Space Center Houston. We had some 60 members from numerous chapters show up on a gorgeous Houston day to see the latest exhibits and "ooh and ahh" over the Shuttlecraft Galileo. At my last count we had 46 people that stayed for supper that night at Chuy's. From what I could tell,

a good time was had by all. Look for pictures from the day elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks much to all the travelers for joining us for a great Regional event. As this is a bi-annual event, we look forward to hosting you again in 2017.



The RC and I are continuing to work on the revision of the R3 individual awards categories and criteria (and even the names for some of them). Thank you for your patience as we work to make those awards more meaningful and appropriate.

On the home front, my husband and I have a new backyard fence that hopefully will keep some of the snakes out. We are hopeful that our dog passes Basic Obedience Class tonight (we have told her please don't embarrass your parents!).

And I am making preparations for the Zavala's first Bajoran Gratitude Festival this weekend. We'll see if I can successfully produce a Rokeg Klingon Blood Pie from Neelix's cookbook! Peldor joi to you all!

Zone 4 Leader

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events in various areas of San Antonio going on this coming Friday/Saturday and the next two weekends afterwards: <http://www.relayforlifesa.org/>. Sadly, Austin's event happened last weekend.

I know many of us have been effected and/or know someone who has been effected. I have signed up to participate on the 21st. Since I haven't provided enough warning, I will credit any donations received by crewmembers to the ship they belong to up to the Region 3 Ops.

September: Dates to be determined. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals will be having Torch-Relay this month in San Antonio and Dallas. Other locations are free to host other fund raisers in support of Torch-Relay as they see fit.

I am awaiting further guidance from them, but someone has already organized a chess tournament, while I think folks can still walk their own courses and get credit for participating at one of the Torch Relays.

September: Since this month will be the actual 50th Anniversary of Star Trek, I think a Game Day or something would be appropriate.

October 22: Austin Rugged Maniac 5K Mud / Obstacle run. I bring this up, because American Cancer Society is the partnered charity for this event. I am signed up to run, and I encourage you to consider volunteering or donating in this effort.

November 5: This will be Region 3 Zone 4 Game Day in conjunction with Extra-Life. Last year, San Antonio hosted, and it was a success. The venue we used last year would be happy to have us back and is free. We'll also be given the key to the gaming room to enable a full 24 hour gaming event, if that would be your will and pleasure.

However, since San Antonio hosted last year, Austin, in all fairness, deserves first right of refusal, and it is something that you, the CO's, should ultimately decide. Again, I am just a facilitator.

If there are any questions, comments, or ideas, please feel free to reply either on or off list.

Very respectfully,

- MCPO Steve Sardeson
Region 3 Zone 4 Leader
USS Battle Born Chief of the Boat

TREKking SPACE CENTER HOUSTON



Photo Courtesy
USS Corsair

Members of the USS Corsair, above, and USS Zavala, below, gather in front of the restored Shuttlecraft Galileo during the Region 3 visit to Space Center Houston, September 26.



Photo Courtesy
USS Zavala

SHUTTLECRAFT *Galileo*

SET PROP

This is the actual set prop used as *Star Trek's* Shuttlecraft Galileo. It was built in 1966 for a starring role in "The Galileo Seven," a first-season episode of the *Star Trek* TV series. It was featured in seven episodes of series which aired from 1966 through 1969.

Galileo is believed to have been the first "shuttle" used in science fiction. The crew and visitors of the U.S.S. Enterprise used the small craft to travel to and from the surface of alien worlds.



RESTORATION

Star Trek fans and collectors Adam & Leslie Schneider acquired the prop in poor condition. They commissioned Master Shipwrights in New Jersey to restore it.

The Schneiders researched every detail, studying construction photographs and video from the TV series. *Star Trek's* extensive fan and collector community was heavily involved and are memorialized on the ship. Galileo was restored using as much of the original 1960s material as possible.



Shuttlecraft Galileo was an original *Star Trek* series prop.

Once lost, the set piece has been lovingly restored and donated to Space Center Houston.

A USS Enterprise NCC-1701 flight deck recreation currently enhances its display.



And Dinner at Chuy's

STAR TREK GOES TO NASA 2015

Representatives from the USS Corsair, USS Zavala, USS Reaper, 340th MEU, USS Battle Born, USS SpiritWolf, and numerous other Region 3 chapters gathered after a full day of exploring Space Center Houston and Johnson Space Center for an informal mess arranged by VADM Lucy Ferron Franck.

We look forward to returning to 2017 to see the newest addition, Shuttle Independence and the Boeing Space Shuttle Carrier, which are on permanent display and open to the public beginning in January 2016. Come join us when Star Trek Goes to NASA again!

Photos courtesy
Major Kelly Hays, 340th
MEU OIC



SFA Re-Opens College of Macabre



Hello Everyone!
I just want to let everyone know that there have been a lot of updates at the Starfleet Academy and updates are still happening as you read this. One of the updates is that the

College of Macabre has been re-opened, now with yours truly as the new director.

I have been working on some new exams to add to the college, but here is a list of the schools in this college.

School of Creatures
School of Dimensions (Ghosts, Spirits, Demons, etc.)

School of Monster Mash
School of the Psychotic (Psychotic Thrillers)
School of Re-Animation

For a list of the exams, I invite everyone to come visit the college if you think you are brave and skilled enough to take on the creatures, ghosts, monsters and psychos. Furthermore, if the College of Macabre is not for you the academy offers many colleges to entertain you. So come and visit us at: acad.sfi.org

- Capt. Cynthia (Cyndi) Liz Valdez

XO, USS Bexar
OIC, 331st The Galaxies Chosen One
Dean, IOFHS
Director, College of the Macabre
Director, College of Vampires and Werewolves
Director, College of ZOMS and MUMS
Director, College of Circuses

USS Reaper Presents: End of the School Year Bash



When: Saturday, 21 May, 2016
Where: Elise's Fun Center
18291 Englin Rd.
Winnie, TX 77665
Cost: \$15.00 a person
Website: www.elisesfamilyfuncenter.com
Phone: (409) 296-2406

The Reaper and the 330th MSG invite all of Region 3, and anyone else that wants to come, to an end of the school year bash for our cadets. All are welcome to attend. We must all arrive and enter at the same time to get the discount, otherwise it will be \$20 per person. Please contact 2LT Tynnesa Ezell at (409) 779-5946 for further details. Let's all go and have a good time together.



Do you like to party? Want to REALLY celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Star Trek?

Still want to join us on our Shore Leave to Orange Beach, AL at the end of this July?

We've got limited availability for some discounted spots (these would just be pull out sofas in the room). So, be a real pirate, sail the Seven Seas (ok, maybe just the Gulf this time), and tell some fish tales over board games and tropical drinks.

Contact [Christie](#) or [Malcolm](#) to reserve your berth today! Both are available to answer any questions.



Academic Frontiers Beckon

Fleet Channels interviewed the USS Regulator's Commodore Tank Clark, who just completed a Doctorate of Special Operations degree from Starfleet Academy.

"The three biggest things I get out of STARFLEET are (a) my local chapter, and the friends I've made there; (b) the folks I've met in the Brigade, the Region, and beyond, who I also consider friends; (c) STARFLEET Academy - not just the courses, but also the relationships I've formed with directors, from whom I've taken many, many courses. I've chatted with Trekkies in Australia, New Zealand, and Scotland about the weather in Texas, because of the SFA. Pretty darn cool. I'm proud of what I've done, but I haven't really done it for anyone else. I enjoy taking (most of these) courses.

"There are people in this world who have 'math brains' and enjoy cryptography. I'm not one of them, but I'm working on Crypto 400, and I have to take Crypto 500 to finish out my Grade Ten (Ranger). Honestly, as I was finishing up the rest of my Grade 10, I noticed that I had a LOT of courses. I started poking around ... then after re-reading the SFSO Awards Manual, where you can also see training requirements for each grade of each branch of the SFSO, I noticed the Gannet Brooks Award." (Visit <https://sfisfso.wordpress.com/publications/> for more information - Ed.)

"I had already qualified for the Spec.Ops. Doctorate, so I applied for that, and started filling in forms for the Intel.Ops. Doctorate ... and while I was there, looked at what I needed for anything else. At that time, I lacked two courses for a Major/Minor Masters... so, Whiskey Tango Foxtrot, why not?"

Requests for further courses toward a Major for Military Studies have not drawn responses, but Clark hasn't let that deter him. "The degrees are simple - but hard.

"Go to the Academy website, click Student Services on the left side of the screen, then Degree plans. Or go to <http://acad.sfi.org/student/adp.php>. There, you will see the requirements for all of the degrees possible. You will also find the link to the degree application, which, after filling out, you would email to Wayne."

"First you must have 30 'core courses," Clark explained. OTS, OCC, FOS-101, and three other courses from IOLS. Two of these last three may be from the SFMC-A PD, NCO, LD, or OD schools. One must also have 24 additional courses, with at least one course from each of the 18 Institutes. Did you know that STARFLEET Academy has an Institute of Sports and Athletics?"

FC: "That's a surprise!"

"Next, you need to select a major. There's a section at that web site listing the areas of study ... this is what that means. For each type of degree, there are a varying number of courses in your major, as well as a varying number of electives."

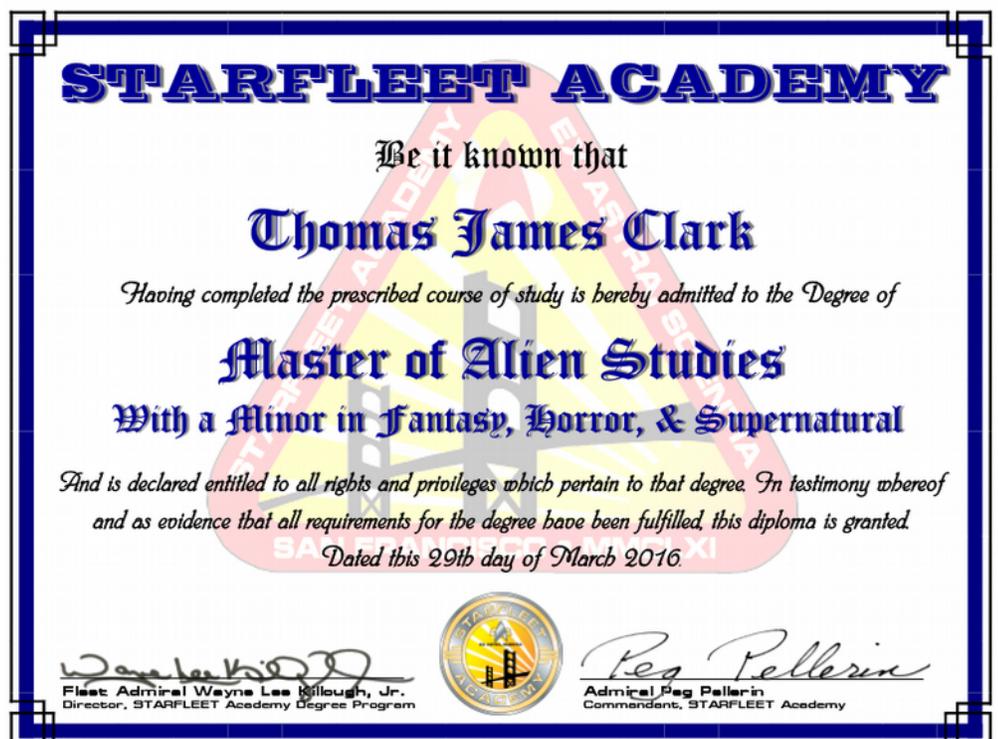
FC: "The website four degrees: an Associate's Degree, a Bachelor's Degree, a Master's Degree, and a Doctorate. How are they different?"

"An Associate needs 20 courses in the major, plus 10 electives, for a total of 60 courses," Clark answered. "For a Bachelor, 60 courses in the Major plus 30 electives, a total of 120 courses. To pursue a Master's, take 90 courses in the Major and 60 electives. Or you may take 60 in your major, 30 in a minor, plus 60 electives - this is what I did with my Aliens / Fantasy, Horror, and Supernatural Masters."

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Commodore Clark



Doctorate

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FC: "So that's 180 courses?"

Clark: "Total of 180. For the Doctorate, 120 courses are required in your major; or you can take 60 each in a double major, plus 90 electives. That's a total of 240 courses."

FC: "How do you determine your major?"

"Scroll down, and you'll see a college listing for each major," he said. "This lists the courses, and the schools, that qualify as a 'major' course in each possible major."

FC: "How difficult is the process?"

"Bummer things: if you use a course as one of your core courses, you may not list it as one of your major courses, or as an elective. If you use a course in your major, you may not list it as one of your electives, or as one of your core courses. If you use a course as one of your electives... you got the idea."

"Groovy things: If you apply for a second degree, (or a third, etc), you may re-use the core courses and the electives. In other words, just change out the Major courses," he said.

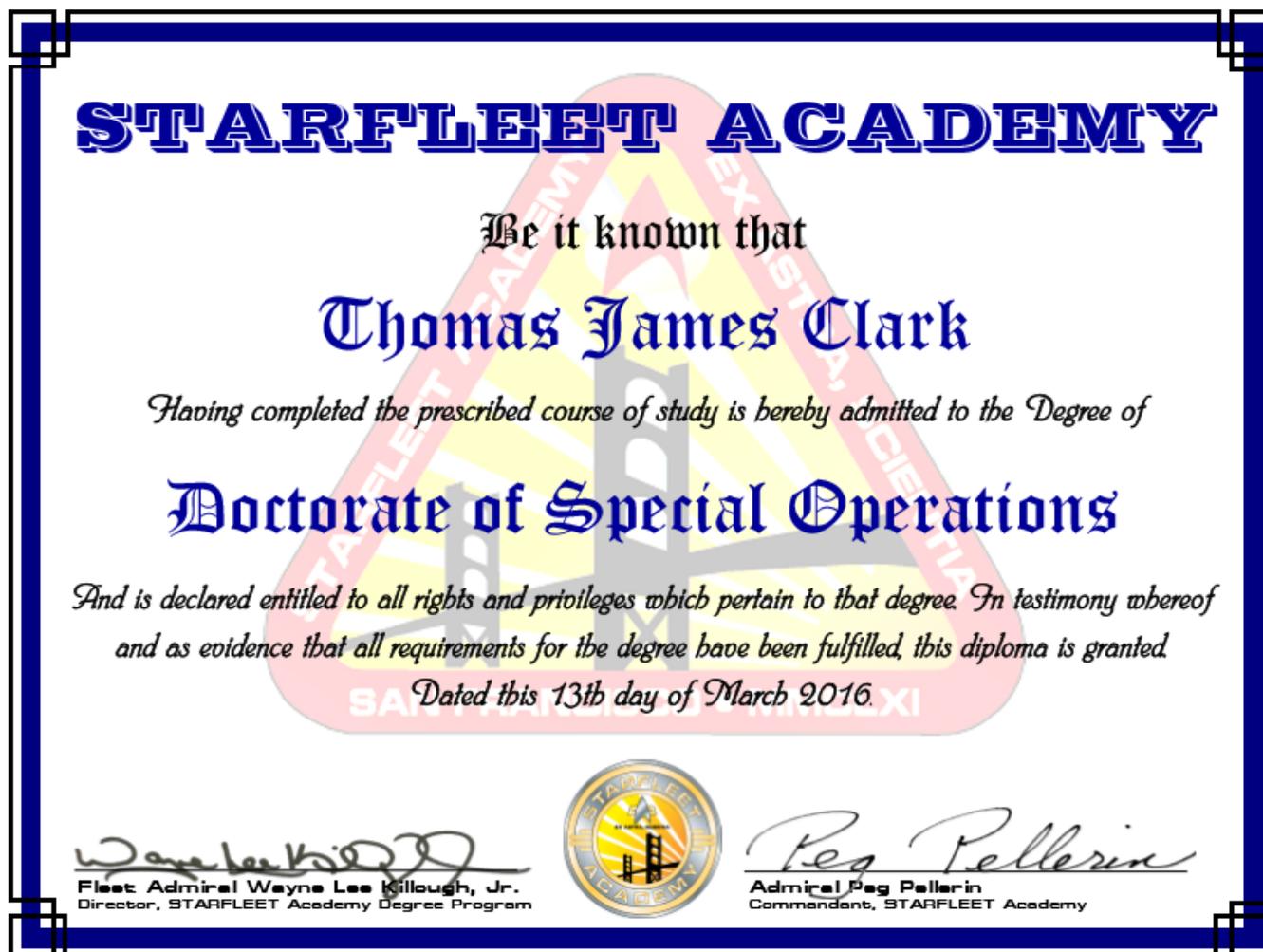
"I tweaked the core courses a bit, as I'd doubled up in IOAS in my core for my SO doctorate, but I wanted to use more of them for my major in my masters."

FC: "What were some of your courses?"

"The Institute of Police, Fire, & Rescue / College of Survival Studies is not on any major, and they're fairly easy and fun," he answered. "Glen Diebold is the director of that college. Use these for your electives. All of them are in the training requirements for various Grades in the SFSO, too."

FC: "Any advice for fellow students?"

"Filling out the form is fairly straightforward. Lots of cutting and pasting, as well as turning tables into text (basic word processing stuff) - I turned on line numbering, so I got the computer to count for me."



USS REGULATOR REPORTING

We have been busy the last few months and we don't plan on stopping anytime soon. February 6, seven of our members got together for a Game Day at the Pizza Hut in Decatur. It lasted for several hours and the pizza and games were great. We plan on having another get-together within the next few months. Some of our members have game-withdrawal if they don't get to play on a regular basis.

Update on the flip top challenge: In January we collected 1470, which brings our total to 19,373 in the family division. We are looking forward to exceeding our goal from last year. Several of our members have put out containers at their work places and this is making for an interesting count. Of course the real winners are the kids at the McDonald House which these flip tops help support.

In March two of our members went to the All-Con in Dallas on March 19. We also had our monthly meeting that day and came up with a new fundraiser for the ship. We'll auction items off periodically throughout the year; funds raised will then go to a charity that the crew decides on. You can check this out further on our website or our Facebook page.



Also in March we had an away mission to a rescue facility called C.A.R.E. located in Bridgeport. The following is a report by our own Science Officer Melissa Brulotte who organized the tour.

"The trip to CARE was a great success! The weather was amazing, the company was great, and the facilities were top notch. Plus, our tour group included some children, and their reactions to the animals (and to Perry's jokes) are always entertaining. I also liked seeing the size of the cat's enclosures!

The intern who gave us the 1.5 hour tour explained the size of the enclosures for many of the cats, letting us know the reason some of them were in smaller shelters - mostly due to needing medical attention or being scared of large spaces.

If you know me well enough, you know I love babies, and C.A.R.E. was no exception! There were three groups of cats that stuck out for me. First was not a baby: they have a cat born seemingly female, who had a testicle removed when she was older! She is an intersexual cat who confuses her two female house-mates with her hormones when they are in heat. The other two groups are two "toddler" tigers, Boomer and Slade, and two "toddler" lions, Araali and Zuberi.



Boomer and Slade are just 1.5 years old, though they look full grown. Slade was hilarious - as we approached his enclosure, he crouched down behind one of his huts, and playfully

"stalked" us - just like a house kitten!

Araali and Zuberi are miracle lions: both have a bone disorder called Wobbler's Syndrome. They were saved by an electromagnetic collar that stimulated their bone growth. It was the first time such a device has been used on big cats!



Really, you have to go to C.A.R.E. to experience it! Meantime, check out their website: <http://carerescuetexas.com/>."

And last but not least, we are having our annual Klingon Dinner Thing this April. We decided to move it to the spring and up the time in hopes that more people can participate. We even have a new location: The Annual Klingon Dinner Thing will be Sat 16 Apr 2016, beginning at 2:00 pm. As usual, it's a Potluck and Promotions /Awards meal; we're

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celebrating All Things Klingon. This time around, it will be at Ascension & St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 5094 US-380, Bridgeport, Texas. Dress in your favorite Klingon clothes, or Klingon-inspired clothes, or Starfleet clothes... well, basically, please wear clothes.

Bring a dish to share; if you want to bring drinks, please do. (Alcohol is okay, but remember not to share it with a minor.)

November 2015 Report: DECATUR, Texas - Well, the **USS Regulator** has been busy since September. First off, several of our members went on an away mission on August 1st to the Perot museum in Dallas. They were able to get free parking but there were a lot of kids.

Secondly, four members attended the Alliance Air Show on Sept 12. All came back just a little over done but not burnt. They said it was great as always. We had our regular monthly meeting on Sept 19. This whole year we have been averaging about 10 to 12 members per meeting. We haven't had this good a turnout since we were the Comanche in the first two years of operation. We owe this to great COs and a great crew.

In October we scheduled a ride on our own Tarantula train going from Grapevine down to the Fort Worth Stockyard. We walked about for a few hours and had lunch then headed back to Grapevine.

Our second annual "Mirror, Mirror Month" also took place in October; normally this is our monthly activity in September, but we had to rearrange the schedule a bit. As always, the premise of the activities is to try and kill the Captain (figuratively speaking).

In November we invaded the Fort Worth Zoo, meeting at noon the 7th at the Old South Pancake

House on University near Highway 30 in Fort Worth. After lunch we carpoled down to the zoo.

Rather than our regular meeting that month, we also held our Klingon Dinner Thing Nov. 21 in Decatur. This was our 14th year to hold this event; it is always fun. Everyone brings a dish (something Klingon if possible) and we all share. You can check our webpage for more information or contact the CO.

That about covers what we accomplished in the past few months. If you are in our neck of the galaxy when these events are happening, feel free to come join in the fun.

And we always have fun.

-Liz Goulet, Rear Admiral
Communications Office
USS Regulator



Awards - Doo-dad awards:

Ft. Worth Zoo Trip : Tank Clark, Tracy Clark, Melissa Brulotte, Perry Brulotte, Roon Marchant
Grapevine Vintage Railroad: Tank Clark, Tracy Clark, Perry Brulotte, Roon Marchant
Alliance Air Show : Tank Clark, Tracy Clark, Melissa Brulotte, Perry Brulotte
Game Day (Jun): Tank Clark, Tracy Clark, Perry Brulotte, Melissa Brulotte
Private Showing, Avengers, Age of Ultron: Perry & Melissa Brulotte, Liz & Alan Goulet, Michelle Goulet, Tank and Tracy Clark
Game Day (May): Tank Clark, Tracy Clark, Perry Brulotte
Marine Participation (SFMC Reading Challenge): Tank Clark, Tracy Clark, Karen Chaffin, Liz Goulet, Alan Goulet, Michelle Goulet
SFSO Grade 1: Liz Goulet
SFMC Challenge Coins, recognizing Legion of Honor: OIC (Tank Clark), DOIC (Tracy Clark), SGM (Alan Goulet)
Currently Unnamed Smarty-Pants Award: Tank Clark
Order of the Cylindrical Storage Vessel of Simians: Melissa Brulotte, Tank Clark, Alan Goulet
Member of the Year: Tank Clark

Promotions:

Melissa Brulotte to Petty Officer Third (PO3)
Perry Brulotte to Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)
Karen Chaffin to Chief Petty Officer (CPO)
Scott Cornatzer to Commander (CDR)
Michelle Goulet to Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO)
Roon Marchant to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC)
Sean Washburn to Lieutenant Commander (LCDR)
Glen Wilkerson to Chief Warrant Officer Third (CWO3)

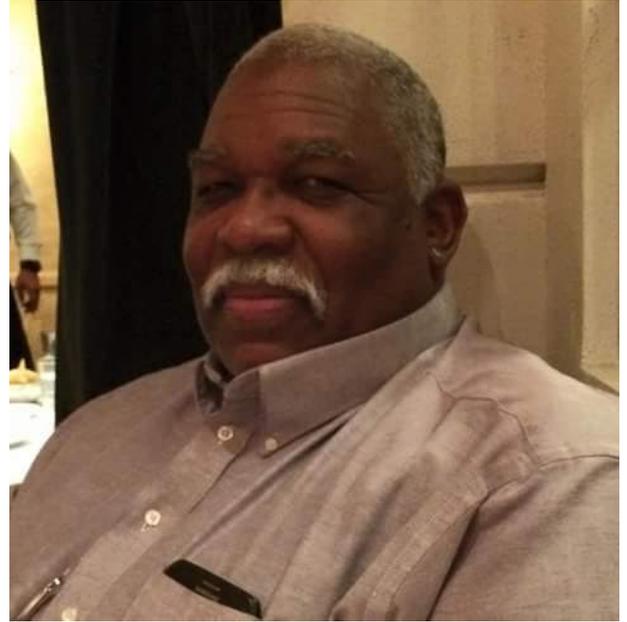
CMDR Edward Thomas, USS Crockett

Every chapter needs a “go to” guy and for the USS Crockett that is Commander Edward Thomas. A member since the Crockett’s launch in early 2012, Edward is Security Chief and a lot more.

He presents useful ideas to the Officers and crew such as laying a wreath at the Alamo for David Crockett’s birthday, researching hotels and helping to organize away missions, brainstorming ideas, and coming up with solutions for problems that may arise due to weather or transportation issues.

He was instrumental in raising funds for the Wounded Warrior Foundation on behalf of the USS Crockett at Texas ComicCon. Whatever is needed, Edward commits his time, talent and resources to bring about successful events for his crew mates.

Region 3 joins the USS Crockett in proudly saluting the service of Commander Edward Thomas.



1st Lt. Wendy Weston, USS Zavala



In the year she has been a member of STARFLEET, Lt. Wendy Weston has made a significant impact on the operations of the USS Zavala. Wendy is one of those crewmembers you can always count on to be present, and fully participate in whatever activities or events are taking place, whether it be cons, volunteering, movies, away missions, or meetings. Her front and center participation has increased the accomplishments of the chapter in significant ways. From hosting tribble-making parties to organizing volunteer efforts, she gives generously of her time, talents, and home.

Wendy attended her first IC this year and really looked sharp in her new custom-made uniform. Wendy was also instrumental in putting together and publishing the new chapter Dress Code document.

She has led the chapter volunteer and charitable work with the Houston Area Women’s Center, including gathering school supplies and setting up the volunteer day for the chapter to distribute backpacks.

She is hosting the upcoming Bajoran Gratitude Festival at her home and is busily making decorations and planning the feast of alien dishes. As newly appointed Chief of Science, she has written articles for the chapter newsletter. Wendy spent many hours staffing the table at all the cons where the Zavala has had a table, and also served as a volunteer for the Transporter Crew at ApolloCon.

The USS Zavala is fortunate to have Wendy as a very active member. She is saluted for her work by her chapter and Region 3. Live long and prosper, Wendy!



NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

IC 2015 Report

Story by Vice Admiral Lucy Franck,
Photos by Chuck Franck

First off - Niagara Falls is breathtakingly beautiful. It boggles the mind how much water flows through the falls daily. We were told it is now a controlled flow with only half the usual water going over due to hydroelectric power being produced. The Falls are the most magnificent natural water feature I have ever seen. Roaring of the waters fills your ears and spray cools you off on warm days like we were fortunate to experience. It really can't be described and pictures don't do it justice. If you ever have a chance to go to upstate New York or anywhere near, be sure to go see it. The parks on both sides of the Niagara River are lovely.



On Thursday, several of us from the Zavala drove to Toronto to sightsee. We went to an aquarium that was spectacular. The downtown area of Toronto is really clean and lovely. We were right next to the stadium where the Blue Jays play. But the evening we were there, One Direction was in concert; that explained the huge crowds of people everywhere we went.

We ate supper in the world's tallest building. Really! It's called the CN Tower. The restaurant, 360 Degrees, provided a spectacular view of Toronto and surrounding area and rotated 360 degrees around while we ate to provide a "moving" show as we enjoyed a wonderful gourmet meal (and fabulous drinks too). After supper we toured the Observation Deck of the Tower and swooned a bit seeing how high up we were. There is a section of "glass floor" to see all the way to the bottom. Dizzying but fun.

And oh yeah, the reason we were there! STARFLEET International Conference 2015! Our annual conference is a chance for us to meet and conduct business. Getting to meet lots of fellow Fleeters is a lot of fun. Each chapter in SFI is

unique, but we share so much information that we all can benefit from. As the Region 3 Representative (sitting in for the RC), I participated in the ECAB business meeting on Friday (while others were touring). It is indeed informative to witness the workings of the organization and meet the Staff members whose names we see in the Communique all the time.

The ECAB is a combination of the Executive Committee (those offices appointed by the CS Wayne) and the Admiralty Board (the Region Coordinators) and IC is the only face-to-face meeting they have each year. Technology now allows those unable to travel to participate to a degree.

Friday night we got to see fireworks over the Falls which was spectacular. The eight member Zavala group represented the chapters of Region 3 at IC. Dave Blaser, the IC Chair, never got around to counting numbers from each chapter, but it sure looked like the USS Zavala as a chapter had the most members present. Several Zavala crew participated in the Marine Dress Mess. Everyone sure looked sharp!

Following the Mess were the Opening Ceremonies. As the R3 Rep in attendance, I had the honor of accepting a newsletter award for "Cry Havoc!," the 3rd Brigade Marines' newsletter.

After the opening, everyone milled around, visited and met new friends. Saturday morning
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Clockwise from front: - Linda Kloempkin, Dave Kloempkin, CS Wayne Killough, and VCS Robert Westfall at Saturday banquet



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saw events in full swing. At General Session, more awards were presented. The USS Alba received Chapter of the Year.

The only Region 3 winner of a Fleetwide SFI award was Eddie Tunis IV of the USS Corsair, who received the Junior Member of the Year award. Congratulations Eddie! I also accepted certificates on behalf of Region 3 and its chapters for the "Not Next Tuesday" Awards (on-time MSRs). The Region 3 recipients were USS Artemis, USS Battle Born, USS Diamondback, USS Lone Star, USS New Orleans, and the USS Zavala. Admiral Robert Westfall, Chief of Ops, SFI, presented these.



CS Wayne Killough presents VADM Lucy Ferron Franck the Junior Member of the Year award for Region 3's Cadet Eddie Tunis IV
Photo by VADM Lucy Ferron Franck

The eight of us spread out and covered attendance at quite a few of the concurrent sessions presented that day. Those included: The Walking Red, The Roddenberry Vision, Crowdfunding and Trek, How to Host Events, How do you effectively sell STARFLEET, STARFLEET Academy, the Prime Directive, and Are We Not Men? The USS Serling managed, and provided many of the presenters for, the sessions.

Prior to the Saturday night banquet, the following members of Region 3 were remembered during a very moving "The Final Mission" ceremony and a special certificate presented for their family: BG Mark West, SrCPO Cheryl Killough, FCapt Brent Chapman, Capt Don Shanks, and Lt Christopher Pena.



The 2015 Final Mission Ceremony
Photo by VADM Lucy Ferron Franck

Saturday night's banquet was well attended and again everyone looked really sharp. It is great to see so many different types of uniforms and how each person makes them unique to themselves.

After the banquet, the serious fundraising part of IC began. The money raised goes toward Space Camp scholarships. Dave and Debbie Blaser had accumulated a wide range of items for silent and live auctions. We all got some good deals and interesting items (Christmas is around the corner you know!). Afterwards we socialized and relaxed while some attendees played games.

Mostly people just wanted to talk to each other and share experiences. Sunday morning we attended "Meet the Brass" where everyone had a chance to ask questions of the CS and other Executive Committee members.

Then closing ceremonies rounded out the conference and we said our goodbyes to our new friends until IC next year.

Sunday afternoon, six of us from the Zavala went on a Grayline Tour of the Falls and other areas

up and down the Niagara River above and below the Falls. We had the most fun getting WET! And I do mean very wet!

The Maid of the Mist boat ride takes you up close and personal with the great Falls on the American side. The issued rain ponchos helped a little but I never had so much fun getting wet.

Later we toured the Cave of the Winds Adventure. More rain ponchos with special rubbery sandals and a lot more water to enjoy. It provided great up close and personal views of parts of the Falls you can't see any other way. We climbed up and up the wooden structures. Got wet and wetter but laughed all the way!

It was a fabulous way to spend the afternoon and really get to experience the Niagara Falls on the American side. And great views too of the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side. We had a great tour guide who gave us so much history

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Meet the Brass with VCS Hayden Christianson and Wayne Killough, CS
 Photo by VADM Lucy Ferron Franck



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 about the area and the Falls.

Dave and Debbie Blaser of the USS Hadfield did a great job organizing and keeping everything on track during IC! USS Serling, USS Accord, USS Niagara assisted tremendously. It takes a lot of people to put on an IC and the 2015 group did a really good job.

The eight intrepid crew members of the USS Zavala combined a little vacation time with IC attendance, and it was all well worth the trip. Chuck and Lucy Franck, Eleanor Bender and Rob Hunnicutt, Wendy Weston, Luther Todd, Robert Hall and prospective member Les Lobdell packed a lot of touring, talking, eating, and adventure into

those few days - too much to list everything here.

IC 2016 will be in Louisville, KY. I am on the planning committee so send me your ideas for panels! IC 2017 will be in New Orleans in Region 3. Congrats to the USS New Orleans for their successful bid.

Try to plan now to attend an upcoming IC. There is no better way to meet other Trekkers like us and make new friends from around the U.S. and the world! Fun, food and fellowship with an international crowd!



USS ZAVALA representing Region 3 at IC 2015 - From left: Rob Hunnicutt, Eleanor Bender, Chuck Franck, Lucy Franck, Wendy Weston, Luther Todd, Robert Hall and Les Lobdell.

Photo courtesy of VADM Lucy Ferron Franck

CMDR Ed Dravecky, 1968-2016



Edward Stephen Dravecky III died April 23, 2016, in Irving, Texas. A founder of WhoFest, a convention for fans of British television show Dr. Who, he died while attending WhoFest 3. He was 47. Born November 2, 1968, in Huntsville, Alabama, he served as junior class president at Virgil I. Grissom High School, graduating in 1986. He attended Georgia Tech and the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He was an Eagle Scout and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

He worked in the radio industry for many years, both on the air and with broadcast automation systems. He then pursued an eclectic mix of activities related to his passions: sports, science fiction, pop culture, the polka band Brave Combo, and all things space and Huntsville. Ed was one of the first graduates of United States Space Camp after its creation.

A prolific Wikipedia contributor, and editor, Ed also helped mentor new contributors. Although a Georgia Tech alumnus, his heart belonged to the University of Alabama's football team. He was active in the radio station, history (particularly of Texas and Huntsville, Alabama), and DYK areas of Wikipedia, among others, and also served as an administrator.



He was a big fan of all things related to fantasy and science fiction, attending numerous conventions each year. He was the co-founder of FenCon and past president of ORAC, the Dallas / Fort Worth Area science fiction club.

He is survived by his beloved Robyn Winans; parents, Ed and Eve Dravecky; brother Matt and sister-in-law Nicole; two nephews, Matthew and Joseph; and a host of relatives and friends whom he considered family.



Services were at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Burial followed in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Huntsville Library Foundation, P.O. Box 443, Huntsville, AL 35804, huntsvillelibraryfoundation.org,

or the Lymphatic Education and Research Network, 251 Madison Ave., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10016, lymphaticnetwork.org.



OCTOBER 2015: ZONE 2 REPORT

New Orleans' convention scene had a busy weekend October 5-7, 2015, as both CONtraflow and Deepsouthcon 53 took place.

Hundreds of people flowed through both conventions' doors to enjoy all kinds of fandoms' fun, from anime to sci-fi. Representing Starfleet International Region 3 were the USS CORSAIR, USS LaFITTE - attending in large part to promote their convention, CyPhaCon, - the USS NEW ORLEANS, and USS SELENE, as well as the USS NEPTUNE from Region 2. The USS NEW ORLEANS, USS SELENE, and the USS NEPTUNE took point on numerous occasions

throughout both conventions. First, they took on opening ceremonies at CONtraflow, performing a very highly complimented flag ceremony.

On Saturday night they also took part in the Room Party Contest; not expecting to place, let alone win, they created and main-tained an atmosphere that was fun for all.

But surprises never end! The ships' room, "Trek'thulu," won the People's Choice award. That weekend also saw various panels about Star Trek by the NEW ORLEANS and SELENE.

**- CAPT Andrew McDonald
Zone Two Leader
Region Three, Starfleet**



USS HARLEQUIN, USS LaFITTE & USS SELENE at CyPhaCon 2016

Photo Courtesy Andy McDonald



USS SpiritWolf's CO Robert Graham displays a UFP flag April 4, 2016, at the chapter's regular meeting.

Photo from USS SpiritWolf DN-74300



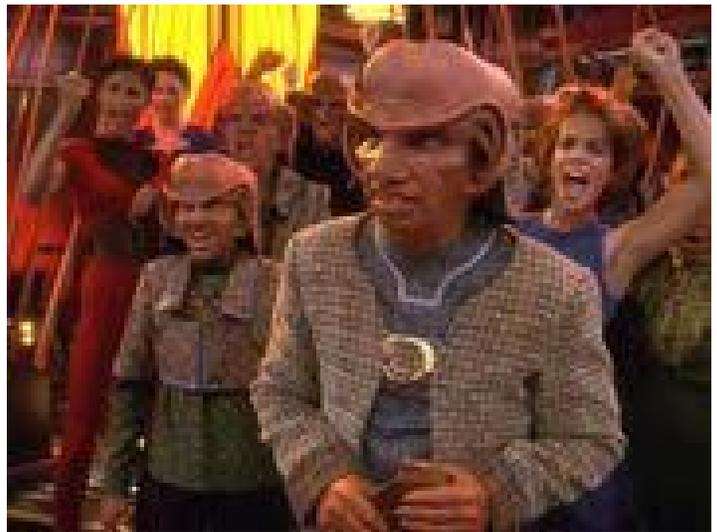
Star Trek and Recreation

It did not go without notice by Star Trek writers of the various series and movies that even a starship crew must have down-time or recreational time. As far as I can remember, the first look at a recreational area on the Enterprise (TOS) was in "Space Seed." In a very plain-looking room (we know they were always worried about money on the set), the crew and some of the followers of Khan are seen playing games, playing music, conversing with each other off duty, and conceivably enjoying beverages and food. Reading was shown several times in various episodes, on desktop-like units and in later versions using tablets.

Who can forget the joy expressed by Scotty that he was being confined to quarters by the Captain, when he cheered up realizing he could catch up on reading his technical journals!

Physical fitness is always important and some mention is made in each series about a workout, physical fitness, or gym area on the ship. I remember that several times on ST:TNG we saw a work-out area where Worf was teaching or leading a group in Tai Chi exercises. Workout equipment is also seen in the room. I can't remember the name of the episode but Kirk was shown on a stationary bike. Shore leave occurred in numerous episodes so crew members could "stretch their legs" and engage in other activities not available on the ship.

ST: TNG famously had Ten Forward for recreation. There off-duty personnel conversed with others, consulted Guinan, had beverages of many types, and could even get some snacks, like Deanna Troi's favorite chocolate sundae. Viewing ports were also visible on this set so the crew could see the wonders of space as they traveled through. ST: TNG introduced us to the technology of the holodeck and many episodes involved simulations there, of the intellectual or investigative type and also the purely entertainment type, like Dixon Hill, P.I. Holodeck use was so popular, the crew had to schedule time in advance for personal recreation. We also saw concerts and plays on the ship; Data asked Dr. Crusher for dance lessons. ST: Voyager also had holodecks. My favorite holodeck scenes are in "The Adventures of Captain Proton: Bride of Chaotica!" I loved Kate Mulgrew as Arachnia. Voyager also had movie nights, and Tom Paris usually had the job of picking the movies to watch.



ST: DS9 probably had the most frequently shown recreational areas on the station's Promenade, including Quark's Bar. For drinks, games, holo suites, and conversation, Quark's seems to have been unequalled in the quadrant.

Quark and TNG's Guinan have all the assets you can imagine a first-rate barkeep to have, though Quark expected payment – and we all know about Ferengis and profit. Both provided a friendly atmosphere for relaxation and an ear for troubled crewmen. DS9 also showed festivals, celebrations and religious observations. ST: TOS, ST: TNG, and ST: DS9 all showed a chapel used for religious ceremonies, private contemplation (and mourning), and weddings.

So even though all the starships and starbases included those things necessary for the crew to survive, explore, and fight, crew recreation was also part of the design.

Those of us who are earth-bound know that our lives would not be complete without different forms of recreation to, not only entertain us, but to keep us mentally and physically sharp. Humans and many other species enjoy and appreciate the opportunities to interact with our crewmates.

As members of STARFLEET, we work to accomplish goals such as promoting the organization, raising funds for non-profit organizations, and charitable work.

But we must never forget the need we all have for good old plain FUN and recreation with each other.

A Fleet friend of mine in another Region has always been fond of saying, "Fun, Fellowship, and Chocolate!"

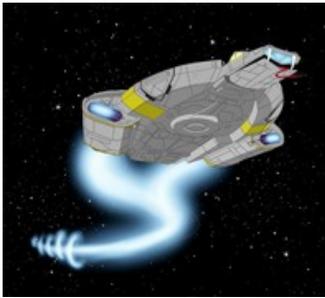
I totally agree.

See you at Summit!

- Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck, SFI
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FenCon XIII: Magical Journeys

FenCon XIII will be September 23-25, 2016, at the Westin DFW in Irving. (SH 114 and Ester's Road in Irving.) This year, FenCon would like to take you on a "Magical Journey!" As always, this is a fan-operated science fiction and fantasy literary and filk convention in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. FenCon XIII is proud to host this year's [1632 Minicon](#). More details to come.

Adult regular memberships are \$35 until June 1, and Friend of the Fen memberships are \$50 each. For details, visit the [FenCon website](#). Use the FenCon hotel reservation link, or call (at 888-627-8617), tell them you are with the FenCon group and ask for our special rate.

Guest of Honor is [Jim C. Hines](#); Music Guests of Honor will be [Bill and Brenda Sutton](#). Fen Guest of Honor is [Sara Felix](#) and our Artist Guest of Honor is [Kristina Carroll](#). Science Guest of Honor is [Michael S. Brotherton](#). Toastmaster will be [Esther Friesner](#) and our Gaming Guest of Honor will be [Tiffany Franzoni](#).

The Dallas Future Society's board of directors for 2016-2017 includes President Julie Barrett, a board member since 2009; Vice President Jim Mahaffey, a board member since 2011; treasurer Russ Miller and secretary Tim Miller, board members since 2006, and our newest member of the board, Robyn Winans. Begun informally in 2003 with a primary purpose of creating FenCon, an annual general interest science fiction convention devoted to bringing scientists, authors, artists, and musicians to the Dallas area, the Dallas Future Society looks forward to providing more opportunities for our members and the larger community to continue learning how to make our future better through the fusion of science, literature, art, and music.



FenCon, a literary science fiction and fantasy convention, annually offers guests quite a lot of filk programming, some science programming, an art show, a charity auction, a short story contest, a writers workshop, our signature FenCon Cabaret, and members like you. FenCon is a production of the [Dallas Future Society](#).

The Dallas Future Society is a Texas based, Federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization informally organized in 2002 and formally created in February 2003. DFS is dedicated to promoting the advancement of science, literature, and music for all mankind.

FenCon is our main outlet for these goals and the one time each year we bring top people in the fields of science fiction, fantasy, filk music, science, art, and more together. The Dallas Future Society is open to all and membership dues are paid annually.

FenConXIII will welcome a diverse group of Hugo, Pegasus, Nebula, Stoker, and Chesley winners and other top names in their fields to Dallas. We've got folks like S. M. Stirling, Tricky Pixie, Tadao Tomomatsu, Mitch Bentley, Dr. Penny Boston, Jay Wells, Rick Loomis, Astronaut Stanley G. Love, and many more coming this September, including Baen Books' Tony Daniel, Eric Flint, Charles E. Gannon, and Esther Friesner.

Check out the guests page for the complete and updated list.