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The official newsletter Of the USS George Washington



A Word From The Editor

By MAJ Alex King

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the second edition of the FEDERALIST, our chapter newsletter. A newsletter takes time to put together and publish and I have volunteered to help put this one together. First, let me introduce myself, I'm Alex and have been a member of the chapter for about a year and have enjoyed belonging to this group. The chapter itself is still relatively new and we are looking for everyone to join in and lets have some fun.

I would like to have all the members send me some information that I can put in future newsletters so we can get to know each other. For example, what are some of the things you like about being in STARFLEET and Star Trek? For instance, I for one love being a member of the STARFLEET academy and I have taken over a hundred classes and have learned some things that are valuable in the real world.

One of the things a newsletter needs is feedback and things to publish within it. I need help from everyone in order to do this. Let me know what works and what doesn't. I intend to have member interest areas, but I need to know what interests you have. Please tell me what kind of articles you would like to read and learn about.

We do have a Facebook group page now, (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/USSGWNCC7374/>),

and I hope everyone will come look at it and join in. Our CO James Nelson did point out something to me, mainly that there are people who either don't have facebook or don't like facebook. With that in mind, what other ways do you, the members, think we could use to communicate with each other. Two other ways could be Yahoo forums, or Goggle+. Please think about it, and let me, the CO or the XO know.

Again this is the second edition but I hope that I can start making one every 3 or 4 months, but I need help. Think about things we can possibly do together.

Thanks for reading and may you all Live Long and Prosper.

Alex King
Chief Science Officer
Newsletter Editor



A Word From The Commanding Officer

By COL James Nelson

Greetings crew of the USS George Washington!

First off I would like to thank LCMDR Alex King for working on this issue of the newsletter. I did the first issue and with everything else I was doing in STARFLEET and at home, it was a challenge.

A little background on me, I am separated and I have three daughters and three grandchildren which I have greatly enjoyed.

I joined the army back in 1977 and I was an MP out in CA. After my tour I got out of the Army and I did odd jobs for a few years then went back to school and earned my contractors license and eventually became a police officer in Atlanta, GA.

Still missing the Army life, I joined the Army National Guard as an Infantryman and then in 2003 I was transferred to an MP unit for deployment to Kuwait and Iraq as a Squad Leader. Our MP unit performed prisoner detaining, route patrols etc.

Upon my return I decided to transfer to the NC Army National Guard so that I could be closer to my parents who lived in Jacksonville, NC. My father was a retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer.

I was assigned to the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team in Wilmington, NC. There I served full-time as a Rear Detachment Training NCO while the brigade was already deployed to Iraq. Upon the unit return I was hired on as a Full-time Detachment Readiness NCO until the unit was reorganized and then I became the HHC 120th IN Training NCO. Then in 2008 I was transferred to the 230th Brigade Support Battalion to be a S1 Human Resources Sergeant. My primary job during that deployment was to run the entire battalions Leave and emergency leave program, manifesting for flights leaving the Forward Operating Base Falcon which was in Baghdad, Iraq. I also assisted the Battalion S1 and S1 NCOIC on any tasks that needed to be performed.

After our return back to the US, I stayed with the 230th BSB as a Battalion Training NCO until I retired with 20 years of active service in October 2013.

Now I do some contracting work but I also help take care of my mother who has Parkinson Disease.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter and remember, we need your help to make this newsletter even better by department heads reporting any activities, or members submitting art work, articles about Star Trek, or a summary of a specific activity you may have done such as a museum trip etc.

Until next time,

James E. Nelson

CO-USS George Washington



A Word From The First Officer

By LTC Leonard Peffer Sr.

Greetings crewmembers of the USS George Washington.

Since this will be the first newsletter since I became the XO and Marine OIC, I thought I would give you intro of me.

I am married to Alisha Peffer and I have son and two step daughters.

I joined the army back in the mid 1980s and I started out as an MP at Ft. Bragg, NC but switched over to Supply during my second enlistment and deployed to Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After my second enlistment was completed I decided to join the NC Army National Guard and became a dual Guard and Civil Service employee and my job of course was Supply. My first job was the HHC 120th IN Supply Sergeant and then to move up the civil service side of the house, I took a Supply job at the NC National Guard Training Center at Ft. Fischer, NC. Under the Guard side I served as a Supply Sergeant with the States WMD reaction team and then a supply Sergeant with the States' Training Center at Camp Butner. Then in 2010 I was promoted to Sergeant Major and I was assigned to the 113th Sustainment Brigade as the SPO Sergeant Major. We deployed to Kuwait/Iraq and Afghanistan in 2012 and returned in 2012/2013. I am currently still serving.

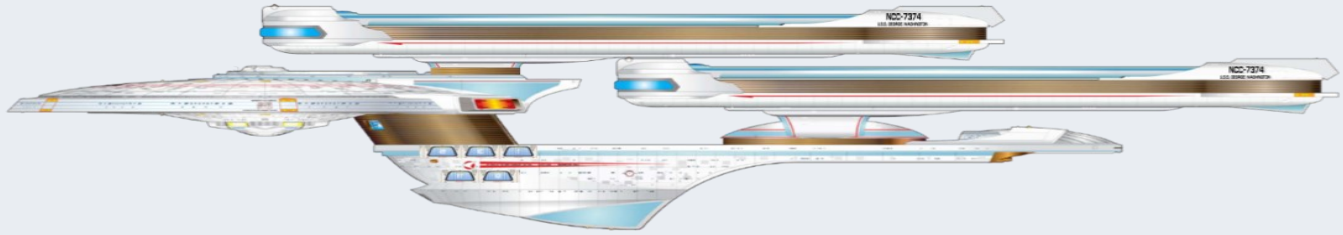
If your interested in the 130th MSG please feel free to contact me. Even if your assigned to a different department you can still serve in the unit as a Marine Reservists.

I hope to hear from you all ...

XO-Out!

Leonard P. Peffer
XO-USS George Washington





Membership Roster

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
BOLTON, DAVID, DR	CRR	Medical	Medical Officer
COOTS, KEN	SSG	Joint Spec Ops	First Sergeant/MACO Team Member
COOTS, MATTHEW	SGT	Joint Spec Ops	Light Weapons-Rifleman/MACO team Member
DYL, ANGELA	1LT	Joint Spec Ops	Pilot/MACO Team Member
DYL, BRIAN A.	1LT	Joint Spec Ops	Pilot/MACO Team Member
DYL, ERIC	2LT	Joint Spec Ops	Light Weapons Infantryman/MACO Team Member
KING, ALEX	MAJ	Science	Chief Science Officer
MCCLULLAN, JOSH	CPL	Joint Spec Ops	Light Weapons Infantryman/MACO Team Member
MCCLULLAN, LYNN	SGT	Joint Spec Ops	Marine Support Tech/MACO Team Member
MOGILKA, JOHN	1LT	Joint Spec Ops	Pilot/MACO Team Member
MOGILKA, PAUL	1LT	Joint Spec Ops	Pilot/MACO Team Member
MOSES, KENNY	CPL	Joint Spec Ops	Light Weapons Infantryman/MACO Team Member
NELSON, HEATHER	SGT	Medical	Medical Tech/MACO Team Member
NELSON, JAMES E.	COL	Command	Commanding Officer/MACO TM LDR/Pilot
NELSON, KAYLA	CPL	Medical	Medical Tech/MACO Team Member
PEFFER, ALISHA H.	1LT	Joint Spec Ops	Pilot/MACO Team Member
PEFFER SR, LEONARD P.	LTC	Joint Spec Ops	Pilot/MACO Team Member
PAMELA RHOADS	CRR	New Join	New Join
TOTAL	18		

A Word From The COMMANDANT, SFMC

By GEN Michael McGowan

Greetings Marines,

This is going to be pretty brief this time around.

I enjoyed International Conference 2015 a great deal. Dave and his team should be commended for throwing a great bash.

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SFMC awards issued at IC 2015 have already been posted. What follows is a list of SFMC awards issued as a result of activities at IC 2015.

International Service Ribbon

David Anderson 71553
Mark Anderson 61429
Tim Barrington 60369
William Devine 62361
Cynthia Duran 71607
Michael Garcia 64621
Thomas Guertin 54904
Barry Jackson 52343
Paula Kesler 54252
Michael McGowan 32888
Matthew Miller 69225
DJ O'Brien 45325
Paul Reid 13374
Hayden Segel 22906
Robert Stronach 61812
Russell Witte-Dycus 70230

Great Barrier Expedition

David Anderson 71553
Mark Anderson 61429
Tim Barrington 60369
Michael Garcia 64621
Barry Jackson 52343
Paula Kesler 54252
Michael McGowan 32888
Matthew Miller 69225
DJ O'Brien 45325
Paul Reid 13374
Russell Witte-Dycus 70230

Embassy Duty

David Anderson 71553
Mark Anderson 61429
William Devine 62361
Cynthia Duran 71607
Michael Garcia 64621

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Thomas Guertin 54904
Barry Jackson 52343
Michael McGowan 32888
DJ O'Brien 45325
Hayden Segel 22906
Russell Witte-Dycus 70230

Marine Honor Guard

Anbinder, Mark 14560
O'Brien, DJ 45325
Guertin, Tom 54904
Killough, Wayne 47215
Olson, Linda 30869
Olson, Wade 31632
Segel, Hayden 22906
Ueffing, Joost 53298

The new edition of the Marine Force Manual has been released. It may be found at: <http://www.library.sfi-sfmc.org/downloads/mfm1508.pdf>. There are two new uniforms included as well as enough other items of change that I would encourage marines to read the new manual thoroughly.

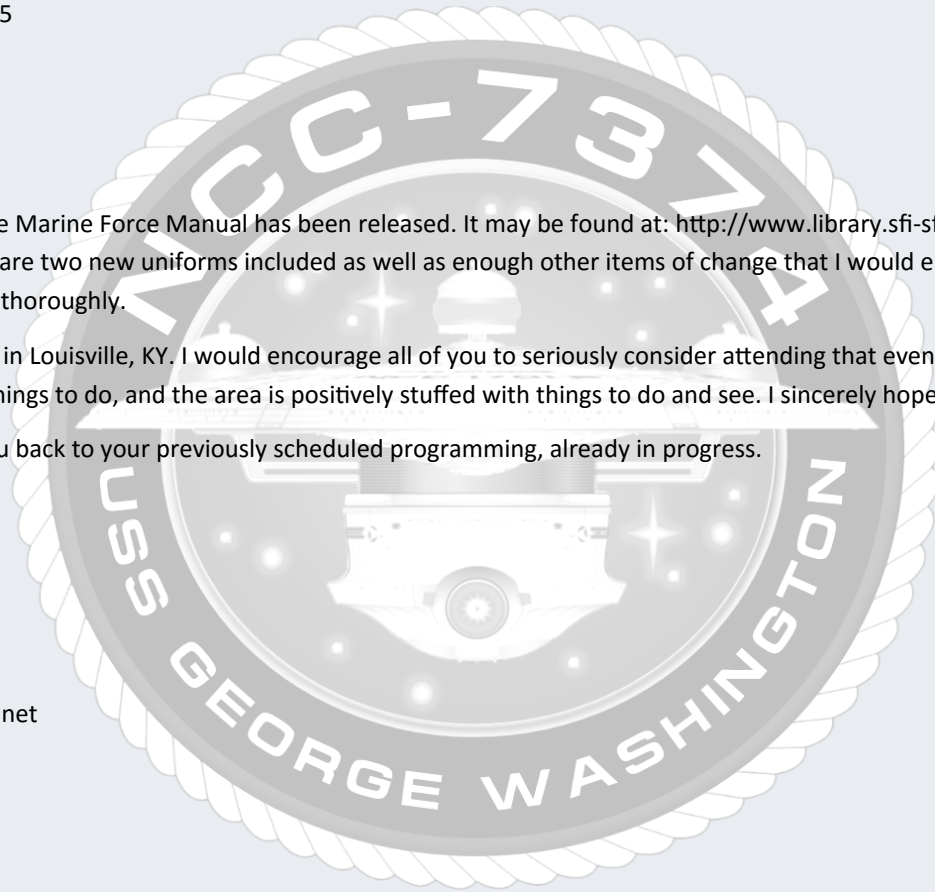
Next year's IC is to be in Louisville, KY. I would encourage all of you to seriously consider attending that event. The weekend should be jam-packed with things to do, and the area is positively stuffed with things to do and see. I sincerely hope to see you all there.

With that, I'll send you back to your previously scheduled programming, already in progress.

Mike

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A Word From The SGM/SFMC

By MSGSGT Jerome A. "Gunny Hawk" Stoddard

State of the NCO Corps September 2015

Greetings Marines!

As usual, I'm in the booth in the back in the corner in the dark of my local NCO Club, where we could really use a big shovel or maybe even a Combat Engineering Vehicle to clean up the "fertilizer" that stacks up during some of the late night "discussions", and the mandated weekly meeting of Senior NCOs is still opened the same way: "Jacks or better, nothing Wild but Top."

By now, you should be aware that the latest revision to the MFM is available for download at the Library section of the SFMC Website. That would be a STRONG Hint, folks. I won't spoil it for you, but I will say that the most extensive changes were made in Section 7 (Uniforms), including a new TNG era Class B uniform, and a new, "off the rack" Class A uniform, as well as organizing all the little "bits and bobs" authorized for wear on our uniforms.

And, with the publication of a new edition of the MFM, it's once again time I reminded you all (with my tongue mostly in cheek) ... Marines ... every time you ask a question whose answer is clearly in The Book, or answer a question without looking in The Book to be sure you're right, some reasonably omnipotent being somewhere in the universe takes a completely innocent little adorable puppy, fluffy bunny, or playful kitten, or their alien equivalent, and cruelly promotes them to "butter bar". Please, Marines ... think of the puppies, bunnies, and kittens (and alien equivalents)! Check the current Marine Force Manual (MFM) FIRST ...

Since this is the "State of the NCO Corps", it's perhaps time to look briefly at a couple of numbers from a recent data dump from the STARFLEET database. The following information may be assumed to be B.A.D. (Best Available Data). Of the roughly one quarter of STARFLEET's total membership identified in the database as Marines (Active or Reserve) holding any sort of adult rank (which would exclude Cadets and those with no rank assigned), 20.1 percent hold enlisted ranks. When we add those excluded into the total, 23.7 percent of the SFMC does NOT hold an "officer's" rank. In other words, about one Marine in five is enlisted, and only about three out of four Marines are officers.

As I promised last month, I'm going to briefly touch on the report I gave the Commandant for IC. In addition to my duties assigned by the MFM and Policy Manual, I continued to oversee and promote the March for the Disabled campaign. This component of the Commandant's campaign has now been expanded to run all during the calendar year. And, I "put my money where my mouth is" by logging and reporting up the Chain of Command 20+ hours on this campaign since IC 2014, despite my personal disability and remote location. I also had to note that I quietly celebrated the milestone of serving over seven years in this post, spanning three administrations, and concluded with "Did NOT shove anybody, living or otherwise, headfirst into the trash disposal system, despite possibly justified provocation."

That last bit is keeping with the last of my stated goals for the coming year, which included continuing to do the jobs assigned me by the MFM, Policy Manual, and Commandant, explore the possibility of collecting all the "History Lesson" segments into one document and making it available to the SFMC Library (a few folks have asked me to do this – feel free to add your voice if you'd like to see it happen), and finished up with "Take my position seriously, but not TOO seriously to avoid burnout."

As I've said many times before: SFMC does not stand for "STARFLEET Martyrs Collective." We are supposed to be doing what we do because it's fun, and keeping that firmly in mind is one of the reasons why I've lasted over seven years as SGM SFMC. Having said that, here's my usual reminder that community service is a big part of what we do, but it doesn't have to involve any sort of organized charity or cause at all. Just giving of your time and energy to someone who needs a hand is the spirit of community service. And remember: "If you don't report it, we can't reward it."

As always, the SFMC General Staff needs your input and ideas in order to properly do our jobs. Don't hesitate to contact the appropriate GS member with your questions, comments and ideas. You can find all the email addresses at the SFMC website, and, of course, we monitor the Corps-I list, and the SFMC Facebook group.

Now it's time for Top's History Lesson. For the most part, the military career of Sergeant Soichi Yokoi of the Imperial Japanese Army can be summed up with one word: undistinguished. Born in Nagoya in 1915, he was an apprentice tailor when he got drafted in 1941. Initially he was posted to the 29th Infantry Division in Manchuria, and then was transferred to the 38th Regiment, and sent

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to Guam in February of 1943. There, he was assigned to the supply depot, working mainly with the Japanese naval garrison on Guam.

Then came the US invasion and recapture of Guam in 1944, and I know what you're thinking: Sergeant Yokoi must have done something dashing and heroic in that fight. Maybe he did, but nobody ever knew about it. What he mainly did, along with a lot of other Japanese soldiers on Guam, was to head for the hills when the battle was lost and the Japanese command structure was in shambles. They were told to "prefer death to the disgrace of getting captured alive."

In the next few months, thousands were killed in mopping up actions, and by the end of the war in 1945, about 130 remained, hiding up in the hills and presenting no real threat. All they were concerned about was simply surviving and evading capture. Over the years, 114 of them either finally surrendered or were otherwise persuaded to come on in, and the rest died, often from malnutrition. But one of them was still out there- Soichi Yokoi.

Initially part of a group of ten soldiers, his group soon broke apart, and eventually he and three others settled in small, hand dug caves in the same general area. The others died in 1964, probably of starvation, since despite their efforts to live off the land, food was often in short supply, leaving him alone until January of 1972 when two local hunters checking their shrimp traps at night were attacked by a strange, emaciated figure in home-made clothing. Yokoi had assumed they were hunting HIM, and figured they were going to kill him. He made a desperate, weak grab for one of their rifles, but the two younger men easily subdued him, and brought him out of the hills at last.

For 28 years (over a quarter of that completely alone), Soichi Yokoi lived in a tiny cave, eating whatever he could catch or find growing wild, making clothing from bark and whatever he could scrounge on his forays under the cover of darkness. He had learned of the end of the war in 1952, but felt that to surrender even then would be dishonorable, and he continued his life of hiding.

To his surprise, when he returned to Japan, he was greeted with cheers, and considered a hero for his devotion to the "old ways". He is quoted as saying upon his return simply "It is with much embarrassment, but I have returned."

The former sergeant soon married, and settled down to a simple, rural life ... mostly. He had become something of a celebrity, and often spoke and taught about survival skills and the benefits of austere living. He appeared on television, and even ran unsuccessfully for the upper house of the Japanese parliament in 1974. One small ambition of his, to meet with Emperor Hirohito was never achieved, but, in 1991, he had an audience with Emperor Akihito at the Imperial Palace, where he said "Your Majesties, I have returned home ... I deeply regret that I could not serve you well. The world has certainly changed, but my determination to serve you will never change."

Soichi Yokoi died of a heart attack on September 22, 1997, and was buried in his native Nagoya under a tombstone commissioned by his mother in 1955 when he had been officially declared dead on Guam. He was simply a soldier who did what soldiers have done through the ages: obeyed his orders to the best of his ability, and do his best to survive when doing so.

In his case, he didn't just survive all those long, hard years hiding in the jungle on Guam. He faced the greater challenge of surviving a change to his country's entire way of life and I'm thinking that must have been a profound shock to him at first, and something that he was never completely comfortable with. Sometimes, change is harder to survive than any jungle or enemy attack.

In Service and in Friendship,

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A Word From The COFORCECOM, SFMC

By BGN Jari "Gato" James

Status of FORCECOM October 2015

Good Evening, Marines.

The message of this month's report is 'PRTM'.

'PRTM' stands for 'Please Read The Manual' [which is the polite variant of that other acronym we all know and love].

'PRTM' comes into play in all sorts of things that happen in SFI in general and the SFMC in particular. Little things like 'How do I wear this?' or 'What does that color of shoulder cord mean?' up to larger things like 'How do I get promoted?'. SFI has it's 'Members Handbook' which we all fall under. The SFMC equivalent is the 'Marine Force Manual'.

The MFM is chock full of tasty little bits of information. Anything and everything from the steps you need to take to create a new unit up to 'who qualifies for what awards'. The MFM is the last and final authority for SFMC Policies and Procedures. If you run into a conflict in another manual, you follow what the MFM says.

Also, 'PRTM' can be extended to other things such as reports, etc. With paperwork currently coming across my desk the major problem I'm running into are things coming to me incomplete. Little things like submitting an award nomination with a name misspelled or without an SCC# can literally make the difference between an easy submission and spending a lot of time and hair pulling just trying to figure out who everyone is talking about. So long as we up here in the Records Center have the SCC# we're still good. But without something, it's a long hard data base haul. Now multiply that by all the members of the SFMC. Not a pleasant situation.

Also, just because you call yourself a Marine [which along with being a paid member of SFI, are the only real requirements for membership in the SFMC], that doesn't always mean we upstream know that. Take a moment to visit the SFI database and make sure your affiliation is listed correctly. It's simple. Log in using your ID and password [if you haven't gotten your password yet, contact the very helpful folks at the SFI Member Services Helpdesk – <http://helpdesk.sfi.org/>]. Once in, look down the left column and click on 'Member'. You'll get a new list of options. Click on the one that says 'Affiliations'. You are now given three options: 'Active', 'Reserve' and 'None'. If you want to be a Marine your choices are 'Active' or 'Reserve'.

If you have questions about the difference, just ask anyone in your Chain of Command or check the MFM. If you check either of the first two [A or R], we here at the SFMC Personnel Office [otherwise known as FORCECOM] can find you and add things like awards, etc. If you check 'None', it's a lot harder for FORCECOM to find you. A little quirk of the database information access system limits the records we can access to Marine affiliated members only.

Finding you and your information isn't impossible, but it then becomes a harder. If for some reason you're having problems making these changes yourself, just let myself or BDR Liam Smith, the DCO of FORCECOM, know and we can fix that for you.

Now some of you are probably thinking [or saying out loud] 'Hey! It's not my job to keep track of things. That's what my Unit OIC is supposed to do.' Well yes, to a certain extent it is. But why make it a lot harder for them and every single person up the Chain of Command who gets those reports? A few moments on your part can smooth the way for future entries and also give you the chance to review your records and see if everything is correct.

And as any Mud Marine who has been around the Corps for any length of time will tell you 'If you don't keep up with what's happening to your own records, no one else will.'

And as always, when in doubt, use your Chain of Command, folks. It's just easier to keep track of things that way. That's all for now. Keep it safe out there and be nice to each other.

Stand Easy, Marines.
BGN Jari "Gato" James
COFORCECOM

A Word From The COINFOCOM, SFMC By MG Mark “Slayer” Anderson

State of INFOCOM September – October 2015

Greetings Marines,

Sorry I missed last month’s report, so this month is a double report.

As I am writing this report I keep hearing a knocks at my door as the neighborhood kids make their trick or treat rounds tonight. A long with the normal ghost and witch costumes I do see a lot more super heroes and Star Wars costumes this year. That tells me the next generation of sci-fi fans are out there and I’m glad they will have the same enjoyment watching and reading as I have had. I’m still working on the websites on the new host. It looks like I have everything about ready except the reporting. This may take a bit more time to get a handle on than I had planned.

I hope to have everything wrapped up in the next couple of weeks depending on my work schedule. Well I have someone else rapping at my chamber door, Happy Halloween everyone.

In closing here’s the pingdom stats for August and September 2015.

August

Uptime: 100%

Outages: 0

Downtime: 0

Response time: 304 ms

September

Uptime: 100%

Outages: 0

Downtime: 0

Response time: 294 ms

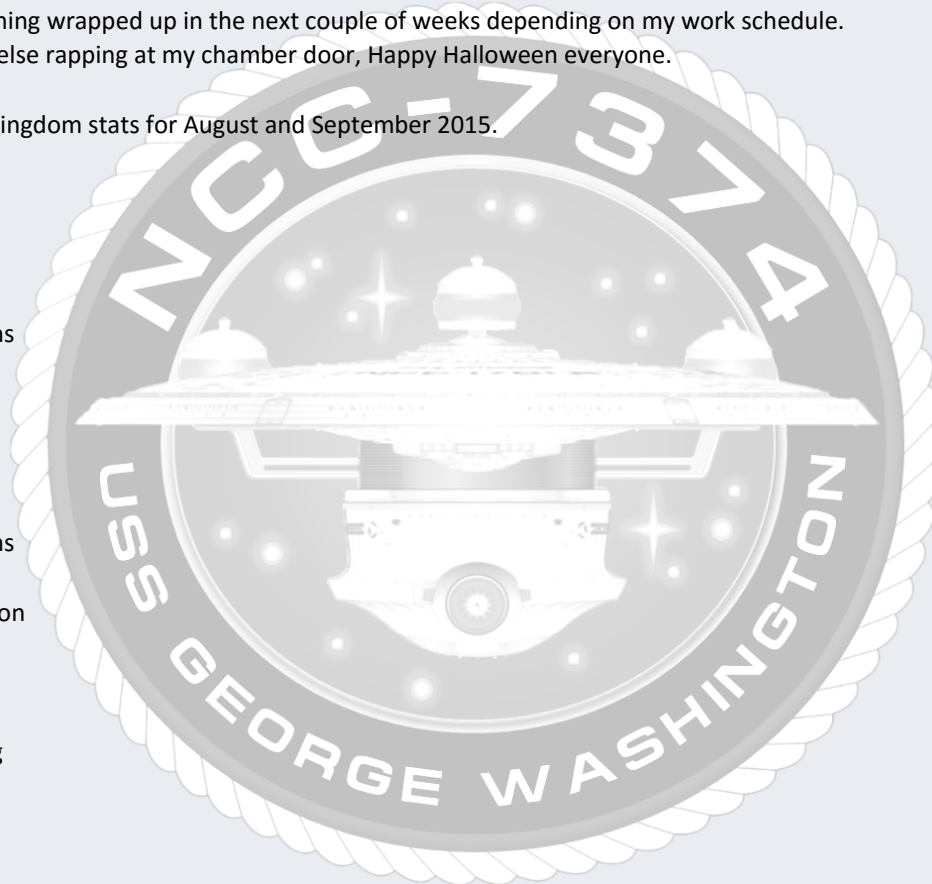
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A Word From The COFINCOM, SFMC

By MG Barry Jackson

Sorry this is late but sometimes real life stuff get in the way.

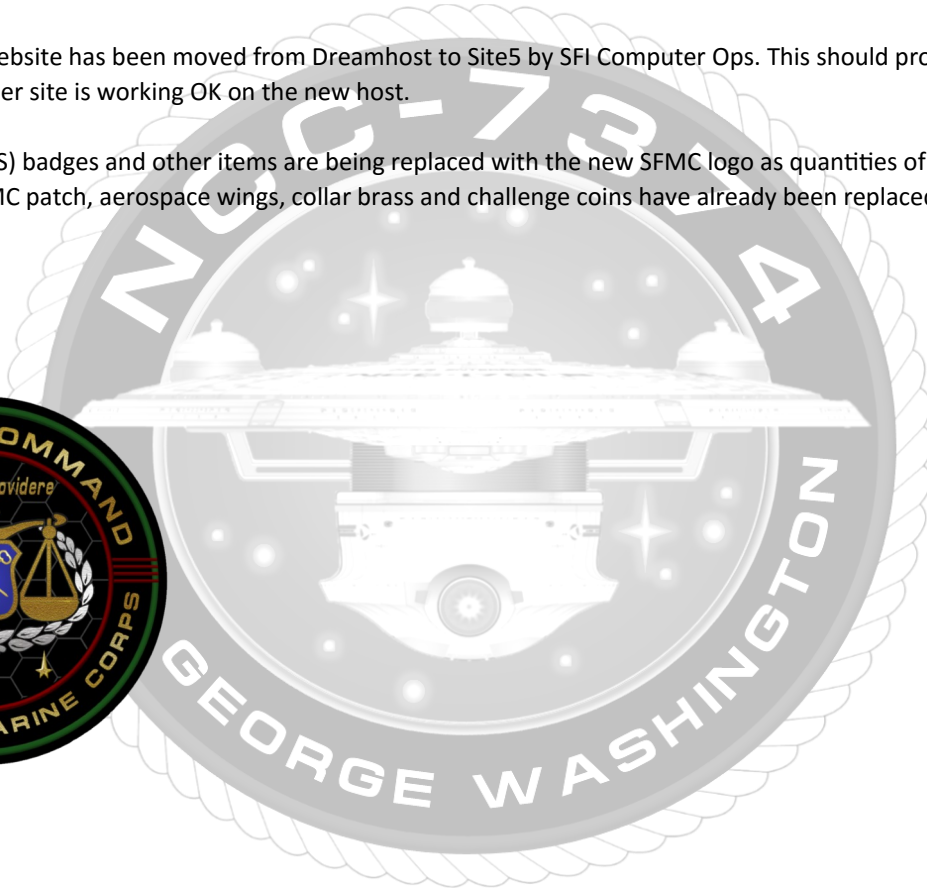
Opening balance for the month of July was \$6235.93
Credit – \$44.99 PayPal transfer
Debits total – \$39.15
Closing balance for the account was \$6241.77
Opening balance for the month of August was \$6241.77
Credit -\$256.81 PayPal transfer
Debits total – \$123.50
Closing balance for the account was \$6375.08

Other News:

The Quartermaster website has been moved from Dreamhost to Site5 by SFI Computer Ops. This should provide better service and security. Quartermaster site is working OK on the new host.

Branch of service (BOS) badges and other items are being replaced with the new SFMC logo as quantities of the old items are being depleted. The SFMC patch, aerospace wings, collar brass and challenge coins have already been replaced.

MGEN Barry Jackson
COFINCOM





This is end of the 2nd edition of the FEDERALIST. I need some feedback please. Be kind this is my first attempt at doing a newsletter. I also need help from the rest of the crew, this isn't my newsletter, this is our newsletter.

May all of you Live Long and Prosper.

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