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Commander's Update By RADM Paul C. Dyl



Rear Admiral
Paul C. Dyl

Hello and greetings! I hope that the holidays have been good to you all and to your families. I for one am very glad 2013 is here and 2012 has passed. Please take a minute to remember those members that we have lost in 2012. They will be missed but never forgotten.

I will not step on the XO's report as to the over all accomplishments and activities from December, but for those of you who were able to participate, it was a great time. Now we must focus on our goals for 2013.

Next month the Department Chiefs and I will discuss what are our goals and in what ways we can meet those goals. I hope that you the member will talk to your Department Chiefs and let he/she know what you would like to see from the chapter.



We also still have a few Department Chief positions available such as Operations and Science. If your interested please feel free to contact the XO or myself.

As you will see in this issue, we have included the reports from CQ170 and 171 from the Commander, STAR-FLEET and Vice-Commander, STAR-FLEET. The HQ Staff have worked very hard to get the CQ's up to date. The issue is not who is at fault..it is more to fix it and learn from our mistakes. They are all volunteers and things just happen that we do not expect. I thank them for what they are doing and I support this administration 100%.

One item I do want to mention. During the IC, the AB voted to change the CQ from bimonthly to quarterly and to change the format from a newspaper style back to the magazine style. I for one preferred the magazine format. It made it easier and more attractive to potential members at recruiting drives. This will start I believe with CQ 173 or 174 in the next month or so. Before we say anything negative, please give it a chance.

Until issue 3.....
RADM Dyl signing out!

Scholarship Donation in Helen's Name

By ADM Marlene Miller

Several people have mentioned that they would like to donate to a STAR-FLEET scholarship in Helen's honor. The scholarships are in the process of being reorganized, but our finance team has informed me that, if anyone wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund in Helen's name, the donations can be tracked as long as they specify that it is in honor or memory of Helen.

We have an anonymous donor who will match dollar-for-dollar all

scholarship donations up to \$1,000. Please be sure to earmark the donation as being in honor of Helen so there's no confusion that the money is for the scholarship fund and in her memory.

You may PayPal donations to: epayments@sfi.org Or you may snail mail checks or money orders to:

STARFLEET
PO BOX 8213
Bangor, ME 04402-8213

Again, be sure to earmark the donation in honor or memory of Helen Pawlowski.

If there are any questions on how to donate, please contact the finance team at cfo@sfi.org and/or cfo-vice@sfi.org.

I'm sure she would be excited and yet humbled that members of STARFLEET would like to honor her in this way.

First Officer's Update By CDR Carol A. Dyl



Greetings everyone!

Well 2012 is now behind us and as many have said, they hope 2013 is better. But I can say 2012 had some positive points that can be made. They are:

- Crew strength is 75.
- We submitted a total of 237 Campbell Soup Labels for Education for the year.
- Our annual Angel Tree project allowed us to adopt 6 children for the Christmas holiday.
- We collected 17 new toy donations for the annual Toys for Tots campaign.
- We shipped a total of 27 care packages to NC Soldiers who had been deployed during 2012.
- We had our annual Thanksgiving Day event in which 7 families of the chapter and 5 guest attended.
- Our annual Christmas party had 5 families attend.
- Our annual Star Trek Marathon for New Years eve was a great success. We had 9 families attend.
- Our annual Halloween Party was yet another success. We had about 14 adults and 12 children participate.

This is all a great job for a correspondence chapter. Areas we need to accomplish are things like getting our web page up and running and reaching out to other chapters for newsletter exchanges ect. Lets start

reaching out to the other chapters for an information exchange but also for fun!

Now that 2013 is upon us, our events and community service projects start all over. Paul wants us to look at supporting a scholarship and be able to donate to it each year. When you can get the chance look at the different scholarships and let me know which one we should support and why. Please keep in mind that we want one that represents our past CO's idealism and interests.



Please review the information about the upcoming promotion boards and awards boards. See your Department Chief for further information.

As the Captain said in his report, we still have two Department Chief positions vacant. They are the Operations Department and Science Department. For more information see the Department Vacancy notice in this issue. You will see that we changed the one large grouping of vacant positions to each department listing. This way each position can be described more clearly and the requirements for that position. Remember that what you get out of the chapter is what you put into the chapter.

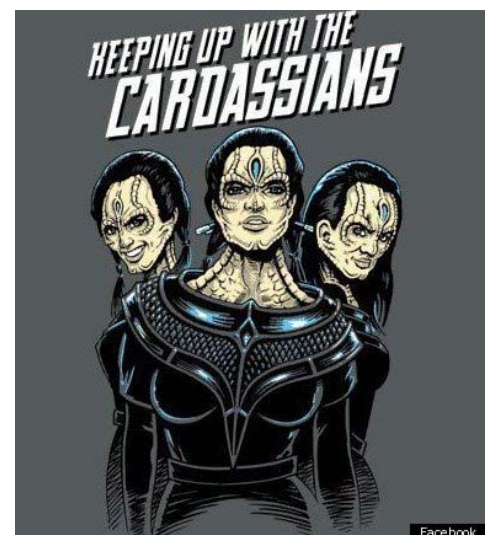
We should have the first set of chapter t-shirts in the next 2 weeks. We

ordered 6 shirts just like the last time for the SS Troubadour Station. I will contact you as soon as they come in.

I know it is still out there in the future months ahead, but please start looking at the Region One Summit and the STARFLEET IC2013. I know Paul plans to go to both. I will probably go to one and maybe the other. We will have to see how finances are with Paul's retirement etc. But I encourage everyone to at least go to one of them.

Well in closing I wish you and your families a Happy New Year and I will see you in the next issue.

CDR Carol Dyl
First Officer
Chief Medical Officer



Now if I was to watch one of those reality shows...this one would be it!



Commander, STARFLEET Fleet Admiral Dave Blaser (CQ #170)



*Fleet Admiral
Dave Blaser*

Right about now, there isn't much that I wouldn't give to be in a fully stocked sickbay being treated by Doctor Crusher--or the HoloDoc, or Doctor Bashir, or even Doctor McCoy--for the head cold that I've got right now.

But I wouldn't want to be treated by Doctor Phlox. Knowing my luck, he'd probably use Denobulan tree slugs to help clear out my sinus passages. The thought of all those little slimy critters wiggling around in my head doesn't seem particularly appealing.

I mean, here we are in the twenty-first century, we can split the atom, we can build huge particle accelerators to annihilate matter in search of the Higgs boson, we've started to build and launch spacecraft that are exploring our solar system and are soon to start expanding our knowledge about the galaxy around our little island in the middle of the ocean, but we still

don't have a cure for the common cold yet.

We've got plenty of medicines that can help us to reduce the symptoms, or at least mask them enough so that we feel normal enough to take care of our day-to-day lives. But what I wouldn't give for one of Doctor McCoy's fix-all pills, or Doctor Crusher's hyposprays.

I guess I'll have to wait a few years for that, and, suffer through a few more head colds, complete with the sniffles. It'd still be nice, though.

So, what's happening in STARFLEET at the present time?

By the time you're reading this, the summits for Regions 1 and 15 will both have taken place. Both R1 and R15 were booked for the same weekend, and while I'd love to be at both, I like to try and get around to as many of the regional summits as possible, so this year I'll be heading for New Hampshire.

Region 1 summits are a lot of fun. I really enjoyed myself last year-12 years since I'd first been at one of their summits--and I'm positive that they're going to put on a great event again.

This May, over what is the Victoria Day weekend for me in Canada, I'll be having my first visit to Region 15 in an official capacity. I've been to Region 15 before, and to New Hampshire specifically back when Debbie and I went down to meet Melodie, our



latest four-legged furry friend whom some of you have met at IC2010 and IC2011, but this will be the first time I get to meet with many of the members there in an official capacity and get a chance to see how R15 works internally.

It's also a chance for us in STARFLEET to see how some of the new things we're trying with the Quartermaster will work. We're trying to get Quartermaster items out to regional events to give more members a chance to see what we've got and hopefully give more folks a chance to get some great STARFLEET branded items.

Overall, I'm anticipating that it'll be a great time. Our regions really know how to have fun, and they do it while getting their business squared away!

We're still fighting the back-log on the Communiqué, and trying to get a good handle on how to move the CQ forward into the future.

We've got a few ideas, but it's a challenging thing to put this newsletter

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Commander, STARFLEET Fleet Admiral Dave Blaser (CQ #171)



*Fleet Admiral
Dave Blaser*

As I start to write this article, I'm in the midst of getting ready to hold a membership drive event for STARFLEET and for my local chapter here in Toronto, Canada, at a convention called Polaris. My local chapter and I are hoping that we can expand STARFLEET a bit in Canada and maybe give us a better chance at having more Fleet members that we can interact and have some fun with. As we're planning this event, I keep asking myself about what I think sets STARFLEET apart from other fan clubs, what makes us different, and what we offer to people that would entice them to join STARFLEET.

The first things that I think about are the tangible things – the membership perks that our members get which can save them money on things. The discounts from the hotels like Motel 6 and Red Roof Inn – in travelling around to different

STARFLEET events, summits, or even to just go and visit with friends or on vacation, the hotel discounts have saved me more than what I've paid in my membership dues for the year.

I think about the discount that we have with Cosplaysky.com, where I've ordered a costume that I'm hoping will arrive in time for me to wear at the convention and at the International Conference, again enough to have paid for my membership this year.

Next I start thinking about the Academy. Comparatively to other fan clubs, we have a huge Academy, with over 3,000 courses in 60 colleges, all free to members of STARFLEET. That's huge, and it's something that most other Star Trek fan clubs can't come close to touching.

What's more is that our Academy is very broad ranging – some of the courses are about Star Trek itself, but they also broaden out into other science fiction, fantasy, even real world science and technology topics that can entice you into wanting to learn more, which might just encourage people to doing their own independence research and education, or even to take a course at their local school or community college.

As I keep thinking, I come to our clubs within the club. We have the STARFLEET Marine Corps and all of the things that the Corps offers, from

the Commandant's Campaign, the Reading Challenge, the SFMC Academy, and all of the things that we can learn from the Corps, for those who have an interest in the more military side of things. We have STARFLEET's Special Operations Group, a branch of STARFLEET that is a bit looser in order and organization than the SFMC, still more regimented than the rest of STARFLEET, but having a lot of fun in their own way. If there's one thing our members know how to do, they know how to have fun.

But the biggest thing that I think attracts people to STARFLEET is the chance to interact with and have fun with other Star Trek fans, and it's the biggest thing that sets us apart from at least the Official Fan Club – we get together, we meet and make new friends, we interact and we have fun! How is that different than the Official Fan Club? Well, for one thing, the Official Fan Club is more like a magazine subscription than anything else. You could walk down the street, pass right by someone else who is also a member of the Official Fan Club, and you'd never know it.

But something like that is much less likely to happen with STARFLEET because of how we're structured into chapters and regions, and because of how we actually get together and do things. That's a huge difference over the Official Fan Club, and even some of the smaller Star Trek fan clubs.

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Vice Commander, STARFLEET Lieutenant General Bran Stimpson (CQ #170)☆☆☆



*Lieutenant General
Bran Stimpson*

Welcome to another issue of the CQ. I wanted to take a little time and discuss some of the avenues available to you, the members of STARFLEET, to get assistance with your membership.

Under my office is the Member Services Department, this department is specifically setup to assist you with just about anything you might need.

Ranging from password resets, address changes, email corrections and chapter transfers (request must come from the member or family primary).

You can contact the helpdesk in three ways. The best and recommended method is to use Member Services Helpdesk at helpdesk.sfi.org.

By submitting a ticket there is record in the system that can be tracked and recalled if necessary.

Also, you are given a ticket number which you are able to use to track your ticket. The other two methods are via email (hd-admin@sfi.org) or via phone (using the STARFLEET toll free number). Remember when using any of the methods that it may take a little time for the Helpdesk to reply and get your ticket resolved. On average tickets are handled within 24 hours after the submission.



Commander, STARFLEET Cont.

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together. It's a really big job, one that can be very thankless and that, unfortunately, seems to only really get out on-time when we have people producing it who aren't also working a full-time day job.

STARFLEET Academy is always a hopping place to be--you folks certainly enjoy your Academy courses, and with the way that our members go through courses, it's a good thing that it's always growing and new courses are constantly being developed!

CompOps continues to work on getting our new database in order. We had a number of problems with our previous contractor, and we had to select a new one. This new contractor comes to us with good references and with a bit of a personal interest--he's a Star Trek fan as well, and has even expressed an interest in joining STARFLEET, so I think that this just might be the one that will get us past the stage of talking about getting our database upgraded and will actually help us to get it done!

So, as I head back to get myself another facial tissue and take a couple more cold pills wishing for the

ministrations of Doctor McCoy or Doctor Crusher, I'll wish you all the best and will look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming summits, the International Conference, and writing to you again in CQ171!



Vice Commander, STARFLEET Lieutenant General Bran Stimpson (CQ #171)☆☆☆



*Lieutenant General
Bran Stimpson*

Membership Packet Changes

I hope that so far your 2012 summer is proving to be a good time!

This time of year my chapter kicks into high gear with outdoor activities like hiking and picnics and I hope everyone else is having a great summer as well.

There is a change that you will see coming in your membership packet starting at the 2012 International Conference! We have come to the end of the bumper stickers and have decided on what the next item we will send you for your membership.

In the past there have been magnets, window decals, bumper stickers and other things. This year the Executive Committee has decided that as a thank you gift for joining or renewing your STARFLEET membership between the 2012 IC and 2013 IC you will receive a microfiber cleaning cloth with an imprinted STARFLEET logo! One cloth will be included in every membership packet. So keep an eye out for this new gift coming to you after the 2012 International Conference.

What do you use these cloths for, you might ask? Well darn near anything!

Since the fabric is safe for virtually any surface, you can use one for a variety of cleaning tasks. Anything from kitchens to cars and of course eye glasses can be cleaned using one of these cloths. In general, you will use them dry for dusting, light cleaning or polishing. Use one damp/wet (just a little water needed) for more thorough cleaning on mirrors, windows, counters, stove tops etc. These cloths will remove dust, dirt, stains, spots, grease, fingerprints, odor causing bacteria, germs, fine particles and much more! There is an endless amount of uses for these cloths, and they do all of the cleaning, so no additional sprays or chemicals are needed to achieve professional levels of clean.

The STARFLEET HOLODECK

Once upon time there was the Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC), then there was the Fleet Resource Center (FRC), then the STAR TREK Applied Research program (STAR) and now the STARFLEET HOLODECK! What is the purpose of this program, you ask? Well, the HOLODECK Program is an outlet for members of STARFLEET to come and introduce an interest, activity or program that will benefit all STARFLEET members. Currently the HOLODECK has six wonderful areas for the members of STARFLEET to enjoy. They are:

- **Chaplain Services** - is designed as an outreach to the spiritual and moral needs of Fleet members in order to express an avenue of love and hope to those who may require assistance in those areas, and will be made available at the discretion of the Chaplain Services team in order to provide said assistance throughout

all regions.

- **Emergency Preparedness** - strives to bring you information on how to prepare and train for the next emergency. There are links to important information to the Red Cross and other organizations around the world to keep you informed, prepared, and ready.

- **Ship's Counselors** - to gather and share experience and information among their profession; to listen to the true thoughts and feelings of their shipmates and support them through difficult times; to learn, both from the academic resources provided, as well as the less tangible resource of the experiences of others.

- **Special Operations** - provides each member with a one-on-one experience, by allowing a member to BRING a military flavor to Trek, via one of five career tracks within SFSO. Members can either be rangers, SEALs, recon specialists, intelligence officers, or support services officers.

- **STARFLEET Medical** - oversees medical operations and assistance to Regional Medical Officers in offering medical information and resources to the members of Fleet. They assist members of Fleet by helping to give information and lead a healthy life style.

- **STARFLEET Science** - to serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET. In so doing, the goal is to enhance interest in real science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education wherever possible, as well as

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January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Aron Eisenberg	7 Mark Allen Shepherd Catherine Harris	8 Ethan Phillips Michelle Forbes	9	10 Xander Reynolds	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 DeForrest Kelley	21	22	23	24	25	26 Kayla Nelson
27 Susanna Thompson	28	29	30	31		



February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Brent Spiner
3	4	5	6 Joel Richards	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Susan Oliver Emily Reynolds	14 Andrew Robinson	15 Rachel Richards	16 LeVar Burton
17	18	19	20	21 Martha Hackett	22 Jeri Ryan	23 Majel Barrett
24	25	26 Chase Masterson Helen Pawlowski	27	28 Madonna Kraatz (Leap Year)		

USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI Promotions Update By RADM PAUL DYL



I wish you all to congratulate those promoted. Promotions are earned thru three factors. 1) Time in Service 2) Time in Current Rank and 3) Participation!

As the Commanding Officer promoting a deserving crewmember is one of the key duties I enjoy most. Again congratulations to you all.



To Petty Officer 3rd Class

Rebecca Reynolds



To Petty Officer 2nd Class

Bobby Dyl
Rebecca Dyl
Eric Dyl

Matthew Dyl
Patrick Dyl
Joel Richards
Tanya Kraatz

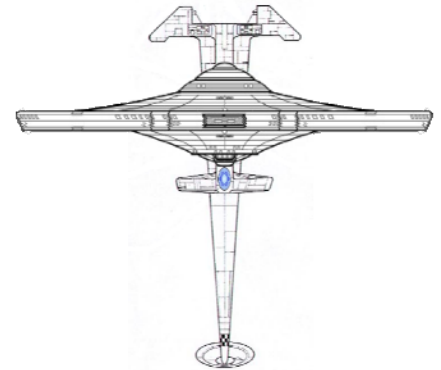
If you have any questions pertaining to the chapter promotion system, please reference your Chapter Membership Handbook to Regulation 100.

The next Promotion Board will be conducted on January 26th and February 2. The board members are as follows: RADM Paul Dyl, ENS James Nelson, ENS Jessica Reynolds, ENS Sam Phillips and PO2 Michael McCarthy.

Please review the Time in Grade requirement in Regulation 100. If you feel that you qualify for a promotion, see your Department Head. He/She will assist you in completing the chapter promotion worksheet and having submitted to the Operations Department

Remember that for Officer ranks, OTS is a prerequisite and depending on the rank being recommended for, OCC could also be a prerequisite.

Board results will be published in the March issue of "THE GUARDIAN". All approved promotions will have an effective date of 1 March 2013 unless is a promotion to Ensign due to completion of OTS. The date of completing OTS will be the effective date.



USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI Awards Program By CDR Carol Dyl



The next Awards Board will be conducted on January 26th and February 2. The board members are as follows: CDR Carol Dyl, ENS Heather Fikes, ENS Gary Reynolds, ENS Douglas Kirk and PO2 Rachel Richards.

Board results of only approved awards will be published in the March issue of "THE GUARDIAN". All approved Awards will have an effective date of 1 March 2013 unless the award is a time in service award in which case the effective date is the date in which the award was qualified.

Any awards that were either denied

or returned without action will be sent back to the recommender of the award with an explanation as to why the award was denied or what is needed to correct the recommendation.

If you have any questions about the chapter awards program, please refer to the Chapter Membership Handbook to Regulation 200.



Operations Officer's Update VACANT



The Chief Operations Officer is appointed by the Commanding Officer, USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI and fifth in command. The COO reports monthly to the Commander, USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI and is responsible for all chapter record, personnel records, chapter database and membership processing,

The Chief Operations Officer will be at least 20 years age and upon appointment to the position of COO, he/she will be temporally promoted to the rank of Junior Ensign in which he/she will complete OTS with in four (4) months and then OCC in three (3) additional months.

The Operations Department aboard the USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI is a busy department and has the responsibility for the operational duties of the

chapter.

The department starts off as the first contact for all new incoming members and we will assist them to get adjusted to

reports and day to day correspondence to personnel records, awards processing, promotions and much more.



the operation of the chapter and help them to choose a department.

The department also is responsible for the records keeping from chapter

Engineering Officer's Update By ENS Gary Reynolds



Hello everyone!

I want to take this time and introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Gary Reynolds and I am the newly appointed Chief Engineer.

Over the next month or so I will be reviewing what this department is suppose to be doing and establishing goals that not only what I think needs to be done, but what the chapter would like to see from us.

Some possible ideas or projects would or could be a technical library that is on a computer. That way each member can have copies etc. This could include starship schematics, technology information like on phasers or tricorders etc.

I will also be looking at doing a series of articles of Star Trek technology and the technology advances in the



real world. Because as you and I know, we have already started seeing items that was first introduced in Star Trek being used in the real world.

Some personal goals I have is to complete OCC and start taking some of the Engineering and Starship Operations type courses at STARFLEET Academy.

Well until the next issue, I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday and may 2013 be a much better year compared to 2012.

ENS Gary Reynolds
Chief Engineering Officer
USSPawlowskiEngineering@ec.rr.com

Medical Officer's Update

By CDR Carol Dyl



Hello and welcome to this issue's Medical Officer's Report.

In my First Officer's Report, I covered the status of all the events etc. I do report that December seems to have been the month of the flu. As of today the 1st of January we had 9 confirmed cases of the flu by crewmembers which includes me. I spent Christmas Eve in the ER. We also had 15 others with flu like symptoms. See the article I have found about the flu. I had the flu shot this year and still caught it.

The Medical Department will be manned with a minimum staffing as the rest of us recover from the holidays and our busy work we did on the Holiday projects that we accomplished. I would like to thank each and everyone of you who donated toys for the Toys for tots project and for the donations for the Angel Tree

project. I really wished I was present when those children we had adopted received their gifts. I know we made some children happy and that is what its all about!



Once we get our Holiday recovery in, we have had a few requests from crewmembers about other possible projects for us to get involved in. I will need to see the actual proposal con-

cept but each and everyone of them needs to be reviewed.

Sorry again this issue for not having the recipe for this issue. Will all the events and getting sick, well it was not a top priority. I hope to have one for you in the next issue in March.

Best wishes to you and your families and I will see you in the next issue in March.

CDR Carol Dyl
First Officer
Chief Medical Officer

Security Officer's Update

By ENS James Nelson



Greetings!

The holidays are now at an end. I am glad to get life back in order. Instead of a report I would like to let you all know that with the new year upon us, Paul will be officially retired from the Army in 30 days! I want to thank him for his service and sacrifices. Some of you know and yet some of you don't know. Paul started his military career when he was 18 and straight out of High School. He went to Ft. Benning, GA where he went to Basic Training and then Advance Individual Training to be an Infantryman. While there he volunteered for Basic Airborne Training and upon graduation he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC. He served with the 1st Brigade and participated in combat operations in Operation Just Cause and Desert Shield/Storm.

In 1993 he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea for a one year hardship tour without his family. After that tour he returned to



the 82nd Airborne Division and served in the 2nd Brigade. After 3 years Paul was selected to attend the US Army Drill Instructor Program and attended school at Ft. Jackson, SC.

Upon completion he was assigned to the 1st Brigade as a Basic Training Drill Instructor..

Paul shortly left the military service but after a year decided that the military was his life and enlisted in the National Guard. He eventually became a dual service technician and then a fulltime AGR Soldier back in NC. There he served with the 30th Separate Brigade and deployed twice to Iraq. Paul finished his career serving at the State Headquarters as the State Army Personnel Systems NCOIC with a total of 25 years.

When you get the chance, thank him and his family for his service. Its because of individuals like him that we live in such a great country.

Until the next issue.....

Communications Officer's Update By ENS Ashley Walker



Hello everyone!

I want to take this time and introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Ashley Walker and I am the newly appointed Chief Communications Officer.

I am currently a full time student at Western Carolina University in North Carolina and I am majoring in Film. I am also a member of the school Fencing Club. Yes I said Fencing!

If you email me, please understand that it may be a day or two before I can get back to you.

Over the next month or so I will be reviewing what this department is suppose to be doing and establishing goals that not only what I think needs to be done, but what the chapter would like to see from us.

Already you have seen the changes in the Newsletter. Our chapter publications now has the name of TARDIS Publications. Those who do not know,



TARDIS is the name of the Time Machine in the Doctor Who series. Yes I love Doctor Who.

I will be asking for anyone to submit articles of interests. It can be conven-

tion reviews, movie reviews etc. If you can draw and even see a graphic that we can use, I just ask that you also give us the source of the graphic so we can give the proper credit.

The last item I have is publications deadlines. On the second page we list when we need the materials for the next newsletter. Please make those dates if you plan to submit something. Failure to do so could mean your item being used or not.

A personal goal I have is to complete OCC at STARFLEET Academy.

Well until the next issue

ENS Ashley Walker
Chief Communications Officer
USSPawlowskiCommo@ec.rr.com

Science Officer's Update VACANT



Chief Science Officer is appointed by the Commanding Officer, USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI and tenth in command.

The CSCO reports monthly to the Commander, USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI and is responsible for keeping the chapter informed of science issues such as new and old technology, environmental issues and issues relating to the animal kingdom.

The Chief Science Officer will be at least 18 years age and upon appointment to the position of CSCO, he/she will be temporally promoted to the rank of Junior Ensign in which he/she will complete OTS with in four (4) months and then OCC in three (3) additional months.

The main purpose of this department is to increase awareness and education concerning new technologies, information on our Earth's ecology,



wildlife conservation, or anything to do with our ever changing environment. This is done via report's/ articles presented in the ship's newslet-

ter. Also by organizing educational trips to local zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, science fairs, museums, and the like.

Within the Science Department is the science library, which contains issues of magazines of science fact and fiction with information on just about every conceivable subject.

The Science Department offers unparalleled opportunities for knowledge and excitement about this world and universe we live in.

Support Services Officer's Update

By ENS Jessica Reynolds



Salutations and Happy New Year!

I want to take this time and introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Jessica Reynolds and I am the newly appointed Chief Support Services Officer

Over the next month I will be reviewing what this department is suppose to be doing and establishing goals that not only what I think needs to be done, but what the chapter would like to see from this department

The main project that needs to be accomplished is the establishment of the ship store. Things that we order will be like rank pips and chapter and department t-shirts etc. Then we will assist crewmembers on where and how to acquire other Trek merchandise.

I know that the Captain wants this department to build a mobile display case that will have rank insignia and badges and awards etc to display when the chapter goes places and



conducts recruitment drive. I know the chapter goal is to have 100 members and this department wants to help to reach that goal.

I will also be looking at doing a series of articles of Star Trek merchandise and reviewing those products and the companies we deal with.

My last idea is to get the interest in costume making moving forward.

Some personal goals I have is to complete OCC at STARFLEET Academy.

Well until the next time I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday.

ENS Jessica Reynolds
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Marine Officer's Update

By ENS Sam Phillips



Hello everyone!

I want to take this time and introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Sam Phillips and I am the newly appointed Marine Strike Group Commanding Officer

I have spent 6 years in the Active Duty Army as a journalist or public affairs. My last duty assignment was with the NCO Journal magazine at the Sergeant Majors Academy at Ft. Bliss, TX.

As you can see we are not a Strike Group yet, but I have contact the 1st Brigade OIC to introduce myself and request to start a Strike Group. I hope to have more to report in our next issue about the status.

Projects that I would like to start are gaming sessions involving games such as Call to War and Duty and

HALO. Some crewmembers have even asked about paintball activities which could lead to us going up against other chapters.



As a Marine, one needs to take some basic courses at the Marine Academy. You do not need to be current or prior military to participate in this program. It is open to everyone. I have a

lot of key positions to fill and squads to form. I look forward to this tour of duty.

Well until the next issue of THE GUARDIAN.

ENS Sam Phillips
Marine Strike Group CO
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Diplomatic Corps Officer's Update By ENS Heather Fikes



Greetings everyone and happy New Year!

I want to take this time and introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Heather Fikes and I am the newly appointed Chief Diplomatic Corps Officer.

I have been in STARFLEET no for 20 years. Which also happens to be just a few years then my age.

Over the next month or so I will be reviewing what this department is suppose to be doing and establishing goals that not only what I think needs to be done, but what the chapter would like to see from us.

Some of the possibilities is to establish a newsletter exchange with other Star Trek clubs. Also arranging joint activities with them so we can get to

know them better and at the same time they get to know us.

I am a big gamer of World of War Craft! So I would like to get those who



are already playing it or those interested in playing it to start a gaming group

Some goals I have is to complete OCC at STARFLEET Academy.

Until the next issue,

ENS Heather Fikes
Chief Diplomatic Corps Officer
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Join to Save the Galileo Shuttlecraft! By www.galileorestoration.com



The plan to acquire the Galileo and share it with all Star Trek fans!

The original filming set of the Galileo has been in storage in Ohio for the past twenty years. While an extensive restoration was undertaken in the 1990's, the Galileo is in very bad shape.

We have acquired the Galileo and plan now to transport the Galileo to the chosen restoration facility. We expect restoration costs to be over \$

100,000 to get it to its original state.

Note that we are a team of dedicated, experienced professionals (who just happen to be total Star Trek geeks too). This is being undertaken as a non-profit corporation. Fans can be assured that we will:

- Restore the Galileo in the most professional and accurate way possible.
- Make the Galileo available for fans to see and tour the Galileo for the 50th Anniversary of Star Trek.
- Find a permanent home for the Galileo in a museum that will guarantee she is always available for public viewing in a safe, indoor environment.

For more information and updates, please go to the following web site: <http://galileorestoration.com/>



Astronomers find biggest black hole ever

www.space.com

Astronomers have discovered what may be the most massive black hole ever known in a small galaxy about 250 million light-years from Earth, scientists say.

The supermassive black hole has a mass equivalent to 17 billion suns and is located inside the galaxy NGC 1277 in the constellation Perseus. It makes up about 14 percent of its host galaxy's mass, compared with the 0.1 percent a normal black hole would represent, scientists said.

"This is a really oddball galaxy," said study team member Karl Gebhardt of the University of Texas at Austin in a statement. "It's almost all black hole. This could be the first object in a new class of galaxy-black hole systems." The giant black hole is about 11 times as wide as the orbit of Neptune around our sun, researchers said. The mass is so far above normal that the scientists took a year to double-check and submit their research paper for publication, according to the study's lead author, Remco van den Bosch.

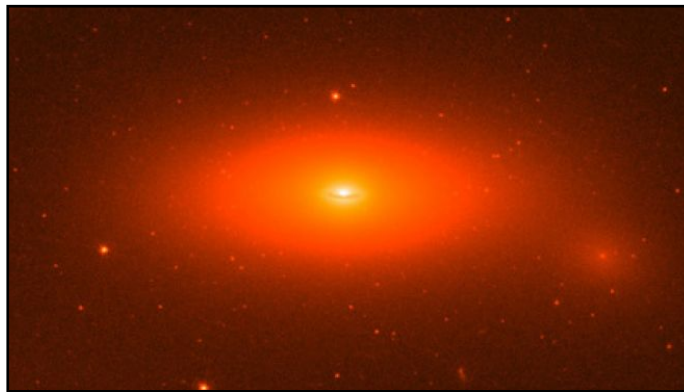
"The first time I calculated it, I thought I must have done something wrong. We tried it again with the same instrument, then a different instrument," van den Bosch, an astronomer at Germany's Max Planck "Then I thought, 'Maybe something else is happening.'" [Strangest Black Holes in the Universe.

Galactic evolution questioned

The finding may have implications for our understanding of how giant black holes evolve in the center of galaxies. Astronomers typically believe that the size of the central part of a galaxy,

and the black hole inside of it, are linked. But the vastly different proportions seen in NGC 1277 are calling that into question.

NGC 1277's black hole could be many times more massive than its largest known competitor, which is estimated but not confirmed to be between 6 billion and 37 billion solar masses in size. It makes up about 59 percent of its host galaxy's central



This image shows the disk galaxy NGC 1277, as seen by the Hubble Space Telescope. The small, flattened galaxy has one of the biggest central super-massive black holes ever found in its center, the equivalent of 17 billion suns. (NASA / ESA / ANDREW C. FABIAN / REMCO C. E. VAN DEN BOSCH (MPIA))

mass - the bulge of stars at the core. The object's closest competitor is in the galaxy NGC 4486B, whose black hole takes up 11 percent of that galaxy's central bulge mass.

However, van den Bosch's team says it has also spotted five other galaxies near NGC 1277 that look about the same, and may also harbor gigantic black holes inside of them.

"You always expect to find one sort [of a phenomenon], but now we have six of them," van den Bosch said. "We didn't expect them, because we do expect the black holes and the galaxies to influence each other."

Black hole census

Van den Bosch said his team discovered the mega black holes during a survey to seek "the biggest black holes we could find."

The astronomers analyzed the light coming from 700 galaxies, using an immense light-gathering telescope: the Hobby-Eberly Telescope at the University of Texas at Austin's McDonald Observatory.

From that large survey, they found six galaxies with stars and other objects whipping about inside of them at unusually high average speeds — more than 218 miles a second (350 kilometers). The galaxies also were small, at less than 9,784 light-years across.

Suspecting the speed and size measurements meant massive black holes lay inside these galaxies, the team used Hubble Space Telescope archival data of NGC 1277 and discovered the large black hole.

The team also noted that NGC 1277 has only old stars inside it. The youngest stars in the galaxy are 8 billion years old, almost twice the age of our sun.

Van den Bosch said he is curious to know if these large black holes only formed in the early years of the universe.

"It could just be this thing has been sitting around since the Big Bang and not done much since then," he said. "It might be a relic of what star formation and galactic formation looked like at that time."

What Causes a Cold or the Flu? By www.realsimple.com



Distinguishing Between Colds and Flu

What Exactly Is a Cold?

Every one of the 1 billion annual cases of the common cold in the United States begins when a tiny dose of a virus is inhaled into the nasal passages from droplets sneezed or coughed into the air or transmitted by contaminated fingers. The virus then moves to the back of the nose, where it attaches itself to the adenoid area and begins to reproduce. Within 10 to 12 hours, the body attempts to defend itself by releasing mucous-gland secretions and by sneezing and coughing—the cold symptoms you begin to feel. Typically, symptoms worsen over the first 48 hours, then start to diminish. Most colds last about one week, though a severe case may linger a bit longer.

What Exactly Is the Flu?

If a cold is like being sideswiped by a bike messenger, the flu is like being run over by a truck. Caused by the influenza virus, it comes on more suddenly than a cold, and the symptoms, which usually last four to five days, are generally worse. Your fever can be moderate to high—usually 101 to 103 degrees. Body aches and fatigue may be more intense, and your cough will be dry and hacking rather than wet. You're more likely to have a headache and chills and less likely to get a sore throat or a runny nose. Because the flu invades the bronchial tubes and the lungs, it's more serious than a cold.

How You Catch Them

It's more accurate to say that the flu or a cold virus catches you. Both are spread in the same two ways. An infected person coughs or sneezes, shooting virus particles into the air, which you breathe in. Or you touch an object—a doorknob, someone's telephone—contaminated with the virus and then carry it to your nose or tear ducts with your fingers.

How to Manage a Cold

Do:

Make yourself comfortable. "That means listening to your body," says Eric Westerman, M.D., an infectious-disease specialist at the Methodist Hospital, in Houston. "If your body

says you need to sleep, then that's what you should do. Ignore it and it could take you longer to recover.

Drink three to four extra glasses of fluid a day to replace the moisture lost from coughing and sneezing and to thin mucous secretions.

Try echinacea. A recent study of 14 controlled trials found the herbal supplement can slightly reduce a cold's duration—and can cut people's risk of catching a cold by 35 percent when a rhinovirus, the most common cold culprit, is involved.

Don't:

Rely on vitamin C. A 2007 review of 30 studies found it doesn't reduce your chances of getting a cold and is unlikely to affect an existing cold's severity.

Use zinc to calm a cough. Guidelines set forth by the American College of Chest Physicians in 2006 do not recommend turning to it for this purpose.

OD on Airborne. Kelly Scolaro, Pharm.D., who cowrote the 15th edition of the *Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs* (\$150, amazon.com), says there is "absolutely no clinical evidence out there about the effectiveness or the safety of this product." And as there are 5,000 international units (IU) of vitamin A in each tablet, people who take Airborne can easily exceed 10,000 IU, the maximum safe daily dose for this vitamin.

How to Manage the Flu

Taking a prescription drug, such as Tamiflu or Relenza, can reduce the duration and severity of the flu, but these drugs must be started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms. Most symptoms will disappear by themselves within a week, though a cough

and fatigue could persist for a few weeks.

Stay hydrated, get lots of rest, and try appropriate over-the-counter or home remedies.

When a Cold or the Flu Lingers

If your cold symptoms haven't gotten better—or are worse—after 10 to 14 days, you may have a sinus infection or bacterial bronchitis. This means that bacteria have caused irritation to the main airways of the lungs. Call your doctor; these infections usually require antibiotics.

The worst complication from the flu is bacterial pneumonia. This primarily strikes older adults and those with chronic heart or lung conditions, but healthy people can also get it. Call your doctor if your symptoms disappear and then return or if you have chest pain, shortness of breath, or a severe cough that brings up blood or phlegm.

Your Prevention Plan

"Hand washing is number one, two, and three on any list of ways to prevent infection," says Susan Rehm, M.D., medical director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. Scrub for at least 20 seconds with soapy water. When you have no sink, an alcohol-based antibacterial hand gel (like Purell) can help. Enough sleep, a balanced diet, and regular exercise can also help make you less vulnerable.

To avoid the flu, get vaccinated. The vaccines may thwart 70 to 90 percent of flu cases, and even if a strain slips through, your illness should be milder. Schedule a vaccine in September or October, well before the peak of the flu season.

If your family members are sick will you get sick, too? With a cold, you're most contagious two to three days after the first symptoms appear. You can pass the flu along one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick.

Potentially habitable planet just 12 light-yrs away

www.space.com

A sun-like star in our solar system's backyard may host five planets, including one perhaps capable of supporting life as we know it, a new study reports.

Astronomers have detected five possible alien planets circling the star Tau Ceti, which is less than 12 light-years from Earth — a mere stone's throw in the cosmic scheme of things. One of the newfound worlds appears to orbit in Tau Ceti's habitable zone, a range of distances from a star where liquid water can exist on a planet's surface.

With a minimum mass just 4.3 times that of Earth, this potential planet would be the smallest yet found in the habitable zone of a sun-like star if it's confirmed, researchers said.

"This discovery is in keeping with our emerging view that virtually every star has planets, and that the galaxy must have many such potentially habitable Earth-sized planets," study co-author Steve Vogt, of the University of California, Santa Cruz, said in a statement. "They are everywhere, even right next door."

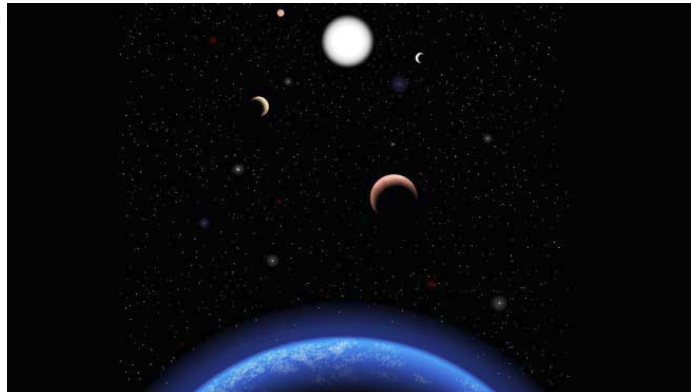
The five planet candidates are all relatively small, with minimum masses ranging from 2 to 6.6 times that of Earth. The possibly habitable world, which completes one lap around Tau Ceti every 168 days, is unlikely to be a rocky planet like Earth, researchers said.

"It is impossible to tell the composition, but I do not consider this particular planet to be very likely to have a rocky surface," lead author Mikko Tuomi, of the University of Hertford-

shire in England, told SPACE.com via email. "It might be a 'water world,' but at the moment it's anybody's guess."

Spotting signals in the noise

Tau Ceti is slightly smaller and less luminous than our sun. It lies 11.9 light-years away in the constellation



Artist's impression of five possible planets orbiting the star Tau Ceti, which is just 11.9 light-years from Earth.
(J. PINFIELD / UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE)

Cetus (the Whale) and is visible with the naked eye in the night sky. Because of its proximity and sunlike nature, Tau Ceti has featured prominently in science fiction over the years.

Astronomers have searched for exoplanets around Tau Ceti before and turned up nothing. But in the new study, researchers were able to pull five possible planetary signals out from under a mountain of noise.

Tuomi and his team re-analyzed 6,000 observations of Tau Ceti made by three different spectrographs, instruments that allow researchers to detect the tiny gravitational wobbles orbiting planets induce in their parent stars.

The three instruments are the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher (HARPS), on the European

Southern Observatory's 3.6-meter telescope in La Silla, Chile; the University College London Echelle Spectrograph (UCLES) on the Anglo-Australian Telescope in Siding Spring, Australia; and the High Resolution Echelle Spectrometer, or HIRES, on the 10-meter Keck telescope atop Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

Using new analysis and modeling techniques, the team spotted the five faint signals, successfully separating them from noise caused by stellar activity and other factors.

"We pioneered new data modeling techniques by adding artificial signals to the data and testing our recovery of the signals with a variety of different approaches," Tuomi said in statement. "This significantly improved our noise modeling techniques and increased our ability to find low-mass planets."

The new analysis methods should aid the search for small planets, allowing more and more of them to be spotted throughout the galaxy, researchers said.

A nearby planetary system?

The five planets remain candidates at this point and will not become official discoveries until they're confirmed by further analysis or observations. And that's not a sure thing, researchers said.

"I am very confident that the three shortest periodicities are really there, but I cannot be that sure whether they are of planetary origin or some artifacts of insufficient noise modelling or

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USS HELEN PAWLOWSKI NCC-8494 CREW ROSTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SSC #</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
DYL, PAUL C.	RADM	22241	COMMAND	COMMANDING OFFICER
DYL, CAROL A.	CDR	67308	MEDICAL	CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER/XO
PAWLOWSKI, TIMOTHY	ENS	46295	SCIENCE	SCIENCE TECH
PAWLOWSKI, TERANCE	ENS	51760	SCIENCE	SCIENCE TECH
PAWLOWSKI, IAN	ENS	51761	SCIENCE	SCIENCE TECH
PAWLOWSKI, LESLIE	ENS	60584	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
KRAATZ, TANYA	ENS	65919	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
KRAATZ, MADONNA	CMDR	51762	COMMAND	FINANCE OFFICER
KRAATZ, LLOYD	ENS	51763	ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING TECH
KRAATZ, JAMES	ENS	51764	SCIENCE	SCIENCE TECH
KRAATZ, JEFFERY	ENS	51765	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
KRAATZ, LAURA	ENS	51766	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
KRAATZ, MEGAN	ENS	51767	SCIENCE	SCIENCE TECH
RICHARDS, RACHEL L.	PO3	55165	SUPPORT SERVICES	COMMISSARY TECH
RICHARDS, JOEL	PO3	55166	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TECH
RICHARDS, BETHANY	PO3	55167	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
RICHARDS, AMY	PO3	55168	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
RICHARDS, DAVID	CRMN	55169	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
DYL, ROBERT JR	PO3	55170	ENGINEERING	SHIP FITTING
DYL, VICKIE	PO3	55171	MEDICAL	NURSE
MCCARTHY, MICHAEL	PO2	55172	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
DYL, REBECCA	PO3	55173	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
DYL, DANIEL	PO3	55174	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
DYL, KALOB	CRMN	55175	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
DYL, LANCE	PO3	55176	SCIENCE	COMPUTER SCIENCES
DYL, PATRICK	PO3	55177	SUPPORT SERVICES	COMMISSARY TECH
DYL, ERIC	PO3	55178	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
DYL, MATTHEW	PO3	55179	MEDICAL	XENOMEDICINE TECH
DYL, PATTY	PO3	56527	SUPPORT SERVICES	COMMISSARY TECH
DYL, MOLLY	CRA	55176	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
DYL, TIMMOTHY	PO3	55180	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TECH
DYL, ROBERT SR	PO3	55182	SCIENCE	COMPUTER SCIENCE TECH
DYL, SANDRA L.	PO3	55183	MEDICAL	NURSE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SSC #</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
DYL, BRIAN A.	PO3	55184	SCIENCE	OCEANOGRAPHER
DYL, ANGELA	PO3	55185	MEDICAL	NURSE
DYL, BOBBY	PO3	55186	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
DYL, PAUL G.	PO2	67307	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
WALKER, ASHLY R.	ENS	67309	COMMUNICATIONS	PHOTOGRAPHER
PHILLIPS, CASSANDRA E.	ENS	23492	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TECH
PHILLIPS, SAM	ENS	67808	COMMUNICATIONS	CRYPTOGRAPHY TECH
PHILLIPS CHRISTOPHER	CRR	69540	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
FIKES, HEATHER M.	ENS	23493	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
PHILLIPS, STEPHONIE	CRR	68198	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
FIKES, ELIZABETH	CRR	67809	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
REYNOLDS, JESSICA D.	ENS	23494	SUPPORT SERVICES	COMMISSARY TECH
REYNOLDS, EMILY	CRR	67760	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
REYNOLDS, XANDER	CRR	67761	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
REYNOLDS, GARY	ENS	67762	SCIENCE	COMPUTER SCIENCE TECH
REYNOLDS, EDDIE	CRR	67763	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
YOUNG, CHRISTINE R.	ENS	23495	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
YOUNG, CERIA	CRR	67800	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
YOUNG, WILLIAM	PO3	67801	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
YOUNG, NATALIE	CRR	67802	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
NELSON, JAMES E.	ENS	67692	SECURITY	CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER
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NELSON, BRANDIE	PO3	67694	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
NELSON, HEATHER	PO3	67695	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
NELSON, KAYLA	CRMN	67696	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
NELSON, PEARSON	CRR	67697	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
PEFFER, PAUL	PO3	PEND	SUPPORT SERVICES	QUARTERMASTER TECH
PEFFER, ALISHA	PO3	PEND	SUPPORT SERVICES	QUARTERMASTER TECH
DYL, ELLEN	PO3	55181	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TECH
DYL, ZACKERY	CRR	68205	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TECH
DYL, HANNAH	CCR	69309	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TECH
DYL, KYLE	CRA	56684	MEDICAL	MEDICAL TECH
KIRK, DOUGLAS	ENS	69835	MEDICAL	NURSE
HARRIS, CATHERINE	PO3	68855	MEDICAL	NURSE
LLOYD, JESSICA	ENS	69654	MEDICAL	DOCTOR
FREDDY MOGILKA	PO3	69870	SUPPORT SERVICES	QUARTERMASTER TECH

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PATRICIA MOGILKA	PO3	69874	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT TECH
FREDDY MOGILKA JR	PO3	69872	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT TECH
ROSALIE MOGILKA	PO3	69871	SUPPORT SERVICES	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT TECH
KATTIE STAPLES	PO3	69963	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS TECH
CARLTON STAPLES	PO3	69964	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH
BRADY STAPLES	CRR	69965	SECURITY	SECURITY TECH



EXPENDABILITY

KIRK, SPOCK, MCCOY AND ENSIGN RICKY ARE BEAMING DOWN TO THE PLANET. GUESS WHO'S NOT COMING BACK.

Vice-Commander, STARFLEET Cont.

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to better enjoy the portrayal of science within the Star Trek universe. If you are interested in getting more information or becoming involved with any of these areas, please feel free to check out holodeck.sfi.org to get information on contacting them. Do you and some of your Fleet friends have an activity, hobby or special interest that you think other members of STARFLEET from around the world might be interested in? Are you not sure how to get others from across Fleet involved? Well we have that answer for you, the STARFLEET Holodeck! Yes, the Holodeck team is here to help you take that activity, hobby or special interest and bring it to all of STARFLEET.

You can contact the holodeck team at holodeckco@sfi.org and Anthony

Dowling will be more than happy to help you.

I hope to be able to see many of you in this summer's International Conference in Memphis, TN in August.

I am sure that Warren and his team are putting together a wonderful event that we will all enjoy.



Potentially habitable planet just 12 lt-yrs away Cont.

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stellar activity and/or magnetic cycles at this stage," Tuomi said, referring to the potential planets with orbital periods of 14, 35 and 94 days (compared to 168 days for the habitable zone candidate and 640 days for the most distantly orbiting world).

"The situation is even worse for the possible habitable zone candidate, because the very existence of that signal is uncertain, yet according to our detection criteria the signal is there and we cannot rule out the possibility that it indeed is of planetary origin," he added. "But we don't know what else it could be, either."

If the Tau Ceti planets do indeed exist, their proximity would make them

prime targets for future instruments to study, researchers said.

"Tau Ceti is one of our nearest cosmic neighbors and so bright that we may be able to study the atmospheres of these planets in the not-too distant future," James Jenkins, of the Universidad de Chile and the University of Hertfordshire, said in a statement. "Planetary systems found around nearby stars close to our sun indicate that these systems are common in our Milky Way galaxy."

If confirmed, the Tau Ceti planets would not be the closest exoplanets to Earth. That title still goes to Alpha Centauri Bb, a roasting-hot, rocky world recently spotted just 4.3 light-years away, in the closest star system to our own.

The new study has been accepted for publication in the journal *Astronomy & Astrophysics*.



REGION ONE SUMMIT 2013



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!

Friday, May 3, 2013 at 5:00 PM Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 12:00 PM (EDT)
Pigeon Forge, TN

Commander, STARFLEET Cont.

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Yes, many of our chapters get together on a semi-regular basis, much like the smaller fan clubs do, for chapter meetings, movie and game nights, for dinners and for different celebratory parties, but we also see multiple chapters come together for some activities like game days, week-end retreats and summits.

And then there's our International Conference. People come from far and wide, sometimes from different parts of the world, to get together, have a big party, to meet new people, and to just plain old have fun

together.

I think I know what I'm going to tell people at Polaris about STARFLEET in July, and maybe they'll agree that it could be a lot of fun and give us a try.

Talk to you in the next edition!



The Captain's of Starfleet: Cpt Spock

By StarTrek.com

STARFLEET HISTORICAL DATA-BASE: Spock

Full Biography Mode

Rank: Captain, retired

Serial number: S179-276SP

Full Name: Spock (lineal Vulcan name unpronounceable)

Year of birth: 2230

Place of birth: Shi'Kahr, Vulcan

Parents: Ambassador Sarek and his wife Amanda Grayson

Education: Starfleet Academy, 2249-53

Marital status: Once married

Last whereabouts: Romulus

Starfleet Career Summary

2252 – As cadet, assigned under Capt. Christopher Pike, *U.S.S. Enterprise*

2253 – Commissioned as ensign, still aboard *Enterprise* under Pike

2265 – As lieutenant commander, named first officer and science officer under Capt. James T. Kirk aboard *Enterprise*; promoted to commander soon after



**Lenard Nimoy
as Captain Spock**

2269 – Retired from Starfleet

2271 – Reactivated commission during V'Ger crisis under Kirk on refit *Enterprise*

2277 – Promoted to captain, assigned to Starfleet Academy faculty and cadet training with *Enterprise*

2285 – Relinquish cadet-filled *U.S.S. Enterprise* to Kirk for rescue of Project Genesis team

2286 – Though uncharged, stands with Kirk and shipmates for theft of *Enterprise* charges

2287 – Accompanies Kirk aboard *U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701-A* for Nimbus III mission

2293 – Envoy to UFP-Klingon peace accords, spurred by explosion of Klingon moon Praxis

2368 – Now retired, took on secret personal mission to Romulus, pursuing reunification

2369 – Working with Romulan underground, aided ally Vice-Consul M'ref's escape offworld

2387 - Presumed dead in a black hole, amid failed effort to save Romulus from a vast supernova Spock's mother, Amanda Grayson, was a human schoolteacher from Earth and

his father, Sarek, was a respected diplomat. For most of his life, Spock was torn between his emotional human side and the stern discipline of his Vulcan half until his experience with the V'Ger machine-entity in 2271 and his later death and rebirth in 2286 broadened his perspective. As of 2267 he had earned the Vulcanian Scientific Legion of Honor, had been twice decorated by Starfleet Command and held an A7 computer expert classification.

As a child, Spock had a pet sehlat—a cuddly Vulcan bear-like animal with claws and fangs. His older half-brother, Sybok, who was ostracized from Vulcan because he rejected the way of pure logic, was killed in 2292 after battling an alien entity at the galaxy's center that claimed to be 'God.'

At age 7, Spock was telepathically



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bonded with a young Vulcan girl named T'Pol. The telepathic touch would draw the two together when the time was right after both came of age: once every seven years all Vulcan males experiences *pon farr*, a powerful Vulcan mating drive which demands that they mate or die. In 2267, however, T'Pol chose [Stonn](#), a Vulcan, over Spock, and the Vulcan returned to the *U.S.S. Enterprise* unwed. He did eventually marry in a ceremony attended by Lt. Jean-Luc Picard.

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Because the young Vulcan chose to join Starfleet, he and Sarek opened an 18-year rift over Sarek's hope his son would attend the Vulcan Science Academy. Spock was the first Vulcan to enlist in the Federation Starfleet, serving aboard the *U.S.S. Enterprise* under Captain Christopher Pike as a lieutenant, and later for James T. Kirk.



USS ENTERPRISE crew during the V'Ger mission

After the conclusion of the *U.S.S. Enterprise's* five-year mission, Spock retired from Starfleet and returned to Vulcan to pursue the emotion-purging of the kohlinar discipline from the Vulcan Masters. Although he completed the training, Spock failed to achieve kohlinar because his emotions were stirred by the V'Ger entity in 2271. He then reentered Starfleet and was eventually promoted to *U.S.S. Enterprise* captain when that ship was assigned as a training vessel at Star-



USS ENTERPRISE (Refit)



fleet Academy.

Spock sacrificed himself in 2285 to repair plasma conduits that allowed the *U.S.S. Enterprise* and its crew to escape from the detonation of the Genesis Device by Khan Noonien



**USS ENTERPRISE
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Singh; his radiation-wracked body was consigned to space but landed on the newly formed Genesis Planet and began regeneration. Prior to his death, Spock had mind-melded with McCoy to transfer his katra, apparently intending for his longtime friend and sparring partner to return it to Vulcan and perhaps be fully regenerated in the fal-tor-pan or refusion process, conducted for the first time in generations.

In later years, Spock's work became more diplomatic than scientific, initially remaining a part of Starfleet.

In 2293, he served as Federation

special envoy to the Klingon government, paving the way for the Khitomer peace accords with Chancellor [Azetbur](#). That peace came about with great difficulty and personal turmoil for Spock, in that a conspiracy to sabotage the talks through the assassination of Azetbur's father, Chancellor [Gorkon](#), and the subsequent framing of Kirk and McCoy, involved his own Vulcan protégé, Lt. [Valeris](#).

After decades as a civilian, in 2368, Spock secretly traveled to Romulus on a personal mission to further the cause of Romulan/Vulcan reunification — a mission which shook up the Federation so that Captain Jean-Luc Picard was sent undercover to determine his motives. On the same trip he was saddened to hear of the death of his father, Sarek, but Picard's presence allowed Spock a final last solace thanks to an earlier Picard-Sarek mind meld. Spock remained to work with the Romulan underground and in 2369, helped arrange the defection of Romulan vice-proconsul [M'Ret](#) to the Federation to pioneer an escape route for dissidents.

In 2387, a Praxis-like emergency opportunity for cooperation arose as an expanding supernova threatened to engulf Romulus, allowing Spock to



Alternate Universe Spock

head a project to stem the nova's massively destructive advance. The use of red matter was intended to create a strategically placed black

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hole to thwart the nova, using a special one-man science vessel, but renegade miner Nero's *Nerada* vessel attacked him and caused both vessels to be lost in the singularity Spock created. The project also failed to save Romulus in time, although the anomlay's expansion was halted and numerous other worlds were preserved.

Spock carried a life-long interest in art, music, literature and poetry from many worlds, especially Terran, and played both tri-dimensional chess as

well as the Vulcan lute or harp and a keyboard harpsichord.



Zachery Quinto
as Commander Spock

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Staples PROMOTED TO Petty
Officer 3rd Class on 11/09/2012
SCC: 69963 Kattie
Staples PROMOTED TO Petty
Officer 3rd Class on 11/09/2012
SCC: 69965 Brady
Staples PROMOTED TO Crewman
Recruit on 11/09/2012

ACTIVITIES : Held chapter Thanksgiving dinner with 8 families attending. Chapter name change to honor our past CO is complete and with great assistance from the R1 Graphics Department we completed the new logo and ship graphics. Working on the chapters annual Angel Tree project. We hope to support four children in need this holiday season. Chapter Christmas party is planned for the 22nd of December followed by our New Years Trek movie marathon planned for the 31st of December. Added to our crew a family of 4. Plans for a website continues.

COMMENTS : None

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 2nd Class on 12/23/2012
 SCC: 55177 Patrick
 Dyl PROMOTED TO Petty Officer
 2nd Class on 12/23/2012
 SCC: 55178 Eric Dyl PROMOTED
 TO Petty Officer 2nd Class on
 12/23/2012
 SCC: 55179 Matthew
 Dyl PROMOTED TO Petty Officer
 2nd Class on 12/23/2012

SCC: 55186 Bobby
Dyl PROMOTED TO Petty Officer
2nd Class on 12/23/2012
SCC: 65919 Tanya
Kraatz PROMOTED TO Petty
Officer 2nd Class on 12/23/2012
SCC: 70078 Rebecca
Reynolds PROMOTED TO Petty
Officer 3rd Class on 12/14/2012

ACTIVITIES : Our annual Angel Tree Project was a great success. Our goal of four children was exceeded and we supported 6 children, each getting two outfits and 4 toys! We also sent out 5 holiday care packages to Soldiers who are in the NC National Guard and are currently deployed. Our annual Toys for Tots was another success. we collected 17 new toys and deposited them at Camp Lejeune. Our annual Christmas Holiday was a success as much as we could. We have many of the crew catching the bug going around so only half of who was expected to attend was able to. But for those who did attend, we had a great time. Have a Bake sale planned for the 31st December all proceeds will go to STRAFLEET membership renewals for those members participating. For this month we turned in 43 Campbell Soup Labels for Education

COMMENTS : Sent new logo and a request to the SFI webmaster to update chapter logo and change the region from 12 to one on the online vessel registry over two weeks ago.

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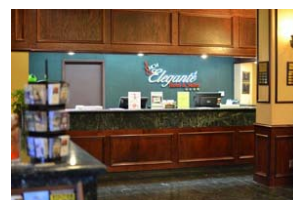
It is an honor and a privilege to personally invite you to the STARFLEET International Conference 2013, to be held at the beautiful and luxurious MCM Elegante Hotel in the heart of Dallas, Texas on August 1-4, 2013. We have a lot of surprises in store for those in attendance, in addition to all of the wonderful things you've come to expect from an International Conference!

The theme for this IC is "The Year of the Phoenix", as 2012 is supposed to be the year the world comes to an end. From the ashes, the phoenix will arise, reborn. As Gene Roddenberry was often referred to as the Great Bird of the Galaxy (which was also referred to in the *Star Trek: New Frontier* books by Peter David) and the Phoenix was the name of Zefram Cochrane's ship in *Star Trek: First Contact*, we felt it would be a fitting theme for this 2013's International Conference.

Information will be added to the website as it becomes available, and we strongly encourage you to keep checking with us as 2013 approaches — we'll be posting some very exciting information between now and then.

In the meantime, if you are planning on attending IC2013, we suggest that you take this opportunity to lock in the early registration rates by printing your information on the downloadable registration form and returning it to us with your full payment to the address provided below:

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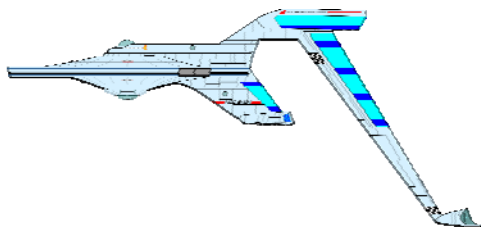
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Many of our crew enjoy going to the movies, to Star Trek and other Sci-Fi conventions. A great part of being able to experience the dream of Gene Roddenberry gives many of us the opportunity to help our community by volunteering in community projects such as the Angel Tree Project over Christmas and the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots.

While many volunteer to participate, others do not, but our main goal is to have FUN!