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Farewell ENTERPRISE - We Miss You Already*

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Fleet Commander Report



Greetings to the Fleet!

As many of you know, we have recently made changes to the Admiralty Board command structure, assigning new tasks and titles to help streamline the running of the Fleet and the processing of renewals and new member packets. For example, my title is no longer the Chief of Fleet Operations; I am now Fleet Commander, Quadrant 1. The rest of the changes are detailed in this newsletter.

It is more important now than ever, with the cancellation of Enterprise, for Starfleet Command and its members to remain steadfast in our devotion to Gene Roddenberry's principles and the Star Trek universe. When our organization was founded in 1974, there were no Star Trek shows, except for the cartoon episodes on the screen. We have had the benefit of 20 plus years of new Star Trek shows and movies that the original founders did not even conceive were possible. Now, it is up to us to believe in the future of Trek and to fight for new shows, whether it be "Enterprise" or something else. With that in mind, the issues of retention and new growth are more paramount than ever before. Last year, we had 107 new members and we lost 94. This is not growth. I have instructed ADM Andy Sams to start a project through the Starbase CO's and through the unit CO's, to determine how we can better involve the general membership and thereby increase retention throughout the Fleet. I have always maintained that a successful ship does not need Fleet; a successful unit can stand on its own. So, I pose the question to the general membership, how can we improve ourselves as a club and grow into a world-class organization, demanding and deserving another 30 years of Trek? When this club started back then, we started out as a group of people sharing a common interest, with a desire to see a bright new future unfold, based on the principles of IDIC. Or, in the words of the august FADM Don Dailey, we're here to party, serve the community, party, get together with friends, and party some more. It is only through our camaraderie and our ability to embrace the philosophies of Star Trek that we will continue to set new horizons where others may follow.

With that in mind, we are developing a new approach to the newsletter. Details to follow from ADM Eliza Mitchell. For those of you who don't know, Eliza was ADM Kim Huff's deputy for quite some time and it is only when we split up ADM Huff's duties, that she was offered the position. Since she was already doing the job of putting the newsletter together, she is well-suited for the job and I would like to ask all of you to join me in welcoming her to her new position. Congratulations, Eliza! We are also going to be developing the online store over the course





of this year, as well as bringing PayPal online so that members, old and new, can renew through the website. This is a very exciting and challenging time for us and if you have any suggestions or constructive criticisms, please forward them to ADM Mitchell.

On a very exciting note, it was suggested by Dana Dougan aboard the USS Independent, that a Fleet Olympics be held. The dates proposed are the last weekend in July and we're looking at taking over Lieber State Park here in Indiana for camping and games. Don't worry if you're not fleet of foot, we intend to have a wide variety of entertainment from playing Euchre to running the obstacle course. It's best to book way ahead for your camping space so don't delay! Please note your calendar and be on the look out for updates in the future!

Lastly, the mid year meeting will be held at this year's InConjunction XXV (see page 7 of this newsletter) held at the Sheraton (Keystone at the Crossing) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2 at 9AM in the "Theater." We are fortunate that InConjunction is willing to give us a place and time to hold our mid year meeting. We hope you not only attend the meeting but the convention too. It is important that we support any and all science-fiction or fantasy conventions in your area. It is through mutual support that we will continue to be successful in all our endeavors.

Keep looking to the stars!
FADM Mark Bischoff
Fleet Commander, Q1

Hailing Frequencies



Greetings Fleet!

This will be my last and final Hailing Frequencies. As I am sure many of you have noticed, my life has been just too busy these days to take on so much within Fleet. Because of this and the fact that the online duties have increased so much over the years, we have separated my department into two departments. Eliza (see the article on the next page) will now take over any and all print and emailed communication. It will be my task to take care of the website and listserve.

I am sure this will come as a relief to many of you because the newsletters have been so few and far between. Because we are breaking up the work load, I believe the hope is to publish a monthly online newsletter and a quarterly printed newsletter.

Although my department is not going to be as busy, assistance will still be required. Anyone with web experience, please feel free to contact me if you are looking for a way to advance yourself within Fleet. I have immediate positions open regarding the maintenance of the website, some major changes to personnel, and other hosting configurations.

Finally, I would like to apologize to all of you regarding the untimely publication of the newsletter. As many of you know, myself and several others in and outside of Fleet have been working hard to bring you a wonderful annual convention like the old days. Between this and getting a new job, my time is very limited these days. I am sure that Eliza will be able to take good care of you from here on out.

Thank you to all of those that have helped me through the years.

Sincerely,

Kim Huff
Chief of Information Technology
Starfleet Command, Q1





Chief of Public Affairs Report

Greetings, Fleet. I bet everyone is asking who is this Admiral Eliza Mitchell who is now Chief of Public Affairs? What is this new position? Am I going crazy?

The answer is NO! Your sanity is intact. Let me try to explain. The Articles of Federation for our Organization state:

"GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization: Starfleet Command (SFC)

Purpose: To promote the concepts of "Star Trek" as portrayed in all television series of the same name and the subsequent movies. To establish the concept of Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations (**IDIC**). To act as a creative and recreational forum for "Star Trek", science fiction, space exploration enthusiasts and to promote the peaceful exploration of outer space."

Ladies, Gentleman, Sentient Beings, Beloved Aliens everywhere, I believe I am the living embodiment of IDIC. I am the Admiral formerly known as, Brian Mitchell.

I would dare to guess each of us harbors shadow secrets, those things about ourselves that we don't want anyone else to know. Granted, your shadow secret may not have anything to do with gender, but mine does. Every time I attempted to bask in the light of truth, I needed only look back to see my shadow following me, ever present, but always out of reach. I decided I needed to address my shadow secret. I needed to live in the light of truth. I had to be true to me. To this end, I began a new journey of self-discovery. I began intensive counseling and soul searching.

My outward body does not match my true inner being. Like a caterpillar weaving a cocoon, I have begun transitioning myself so I can finally, and forever, fly on the wings of truth instead of continuing to crawl in the darkness of my despair. I am still the person you formerly knew as Brian, only now I am a whole person known as Eliza. I know it is a lot to ask, but can you please give Eliza a chance? If you don't understand or agree, that is fine; please just support my right to be free and the person who I know I am inside. That is all I ask.

Now, to business. I am in charge of recording all newsletters. Whether your ship has an electronic newsletter or a printed one, please send them to me. My contact information is at the end of this article. There will be changes coming to the newsletters in the next few months. Please keep an eye open for updates on SFC's main LISTSERV.



I am also in need of a Deputy. The ideal candidate will be one who has been in Fleet for several years, enjoys writing articles, and has a fun outlook on life. If you are interested, please send me an e-mail with "Deputy Application" in the headline, and a list of your qualifications, and why you think you are the best person for this position.

Sincerely,

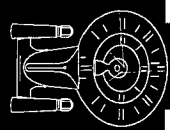
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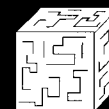


Expired Members

The following members will expire with this issue of the newsletter. If you are interested in renewing your membership, please contact your ship captain or fill out the renewal form at the back of this newsletter.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit Name</u>
MDSHM	Madeline	Jordan	USS Babylon
CDT	Natasha	Jordan	USS Babylon
CAPT	Christine	Murphy	USS Babylon
LTCDR	John P.	Murphy	USS Babylon
MDSHM	Patrick C.	Murphy	USS Babylon
ENS	April	Bindewald	USS Farstar
LTCDR	Eric S.	Bindewald	USS Farstar
ENS	Renee'	Bindewald	USS Farstar
ENS	Britt C.	Allen	USS Nimitz
LTCDR	Mary L.	Kramer	USS Melbourne
ENS	Cassandra	Detamore	SB06
MDSHM	Heidi	Detamore-Gunyon	SB06
ENS	Sarah	Miller	SB06
LTjg	Renee L.	Hobbs	USS Brightstar
LTjg	Shelby T.	Hobbs	USS Brightstar
2LT	Brian E.	Anderson	USS Defiant
LTjg	Dawn	Parker	USS Defiant
ENS	Anthony C. T.	Felumero	USS Halsey
ADM	Jo	Kirby	USS Halsey
LTCDR	David	Bloomfield	USS Phaethon
LTCDR	Jeanette	Bloomfield	USS Phaethon

Upcoming Conventions



Below are some of the upcoming conventions in the US. Conventions with an asterisk will have one more SFC Board members in attendance.

May 27 – 29, 2005

MARCON 40

Columbus, Ohio
<http://www.marcon.org/>

May 28 – 29, 2005

B&L Productions

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
<http://www.b-lproductions.com/>

June 10 – 12, 2005

Fresno Collectable Show

Fresno, California
<http://www.djprod.com/index.htm>

June 11 – 18, 2005

SlayerCruise 2005

Caribbean Islands
<http://www.slayerscruise.com/>

June 24 – 26, 2005

Trek Expo 2005

Tulsa, Oklahoma
<http://www.starbase21ok.com/>

July 1 – 3, 2005

InConJunction XXV

Indianapolis, Indiana
<http://www.inconjunction.org/>

July 8 – 10, 2005

Shoreleave 27

Hunt Valley, Maryland
<http://www.shore-leave.com/>

August 5 – 7, 2005

**Creation Official Stargate
SG1/Atlantis Con**

Secaucus, New Jersey (New York City Area)

www.creationent.com/cal/sgny.htm

August 5 – 7, 2005

Vulkon Kryptkon

Tampa, Florida
www.vulkon.com/tampakrypto2005/

August 11 – 14, 2005

**Official 4th Annual Star Trek
Convention 2005**

Las Vegas, Nevada
www.creationent.com/cal/stlv.htm

August 12 – 14, 2005

Conglomeration

Louisville, Kentucky
www.conglomeration.org/

August 18 – 21, 2005

GenCon

Indianapolis, Indiana
www.gencon.com/indyhome.aspx?file=indy

August 19 – 21, 2005

**Creation Official Stargate
SG1/Atlantis Con**

Columbus, Ohio
www.creationent.com/cal/sgchi.htm

September 2 – 5, 2005

Dragon Con

Atlanta, Georgia
www.dragoncon.org/



STARBASE *The TENTH Generation* **INDY**

November 25th — 27th
at the Indianapolis Marriott

It is time to start planning this years annual Thanksgiving get together at Starbase Indy. We have a nice list of fans coming and some really exciting secondary programming scheduled. We will continue with the Dinner with the Stars, but this year we are going Hawaiian casual. Yep, we are having a luau in November! Remember to wear your "ugly" Hawaiian t-shirt and be ready to get your picture taken with the stars. For more details, visit our website. Below you will find our current list with one maybe two more guests in the works.

Max Grodénchik

ROM – Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

Aron Eisenberg

ROM – Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

Chase Masterson

Leeta – Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

Vaughn Armstrong

ADM Forrest – Star Trek: ENTERPRISE

Larry & Janet Nemecek

Author Guests of Honor

Lolita Fatjo

Script Supervisor: TNG, DS9 VOY

Richard A. Coyle

Master Prop Builder

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Starbase 06 Awards

Every year on Thanksgiving weekend, Starfleet Command holds its Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. This year, it was held at the Starbase Indy Convention. During the Annual Meeting, which is usually held as a general meeting on Sunday morning, Starfleet Command presents its annual awards to ships in several categories based on each ship's work in Quadrant 1 over the past year.

This year, Starbase 06 also held its own Annual Meeting, which took place on Friday evening. We offered our own "Starbase 06 Awards," open to all ships and members within Starbase 06. This has become a real morale booster. It gives ships who have worked hard throughout the year an opportunity to receive awards from their Starbase, in addition to what they may have qualified for at a Fleet level.

I would challenge all Starbase Commanders to hold similar annual meetings for their areas and offer awards in a similar fashion. I find it is fun for those who attend, and gives all who attend a second shot at taking home an award for their ship or themselves. Everyone who has won works hard during the year and should be recognized, either at the Starbase level, or the Fleet level, for their contributions. No ship or person should be left behind.

Now I give you the 2004 Annual Awards for Starbase 06.

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Starbase 06 Commander's Ovation Award for 2004

Captain Roy Jackson
Commanding Officer, USS Endeavour

Ship of the Year 2004

USS Endeavour
Captain Roy Jackson
Commanding Officer



Ship of the Year 2004 - 1st Runner Up

USS Reliant
VADM Stephen Brown
Commanding Officer

Ship of the Year 2004 - 2nd Runner Up

USS Adventure
Commodore Kathy Hohman
Commanding Officer

Junior Officer of the Year

Lt Diane Carpenter
Chief Finance Officer
Starbase 06 Staff

Junior Officer of the Year - First Runner up

Captain Roy Jackson
Commanding Officer, USS Endeavour

Most Charitable Ship of the Year 2004

USS Reliant
VADM Stephen Brown
Commanding Officer

Most Charitable Ship of the Year 2004 - First Runner Up

USS Iwo Jima
FCAPT Tony Hlas
Command Officer

Most Charitable Ship of the Year 2004 - Second Runner Up

USS Endeavor
Captain Roy Jackson
Commanding Officer





Most Improved Ship of the Year 2004

USS Reliant
VADM Stephen Brown
Commanding Officer

Most Improved Ship of the Year 2004 - 1st Runner Up

USS Iwo Jima
FCAPT Tony Hlas
Commanding Officer

Most Improved Ship of the Year 2004 - 2nd Runner Up

USS Endeavor
Captain Roy Jackson
Commanding Officer

Senior Officer of the Year 2004

RADM Gary Bartle
First Officer
Starbase 06

Senior Officer of the Year - First Runner Up

VADM Jerome Eller
Webmaster, Former XO, and Chief of Staff
Chief of Command Staff, Starfleet Command

Lenox Mall Report



Since the opportunity was posted on the Starfleet Command listserve, we thought we'd give you our experiences of the Battlestar Galactica mall tour.

LTJg Sue Phillips and I went to Lenox Mall to view the Battlestar Galactica presentation. Both I and my Ops officer applied to be one of the costumed people in attendance. We thought we would have a good chance as we have done this kind of thing before, appearing in costume for a corporate convention (among others) and being paid for it. Sadly, they did not choose us.

There were three or four groups of three people each wearing costumes and handing out DVDs and little plastic armbands with the name of the show on them. That's it. One of each group had a nifty shirt with a TV screen on it showing bits of the mini-series. Each of the women looked identical with very blonde spiky hair. (I suspect a wig.)

All members of the group were Caucasian. This is a bit surprising as the cast of the show is strongly multi-racial. Yet there were no dark-skinned or Asian-looking people of any sort in this group. I don't know what the groups in other cities were like but I found this interesting.

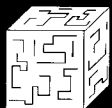
We suspect that they chose the people to fit the costumes they already had on hand and not the other way around. This makes more sense than to tailor costumes to each applicant.

We don't know yet what is on the DVD but it is labeled "limited edition". The bracelets are red-orange plastic. All in all, it was a very minimalist effort.

I did like the patches though.

Submitted by
FCAPT Joseph Campbell
USS Churchill





Almost Assimilated!

A recent encounter with the Borg gave me a whole new Experience. As required with all Borg contacts, I am filing my report.

In September, my husband Jim and I traveled to Las Vegas, which as you know, is the Earth equivalent of Risa. While exploring this on-planet pleasure center, we happened upon "Star Trek: The Experience" at the Las Vegas Hilton. Dabo dealers sporting blue Trek-tops man The Deep Space 9 Promenade encapsulating the new monorail shuttle bay. The monorail system was off-line while we were there, so we used the Yellow Shuttle for approximately \$12 from the middle of the strip.

Entering the gateway to Quark's Bar, we were diverted into the museum and ride area. For 34.99 Earth Credits you can ride both of the attractions: Klingon Encounter, and Borg Invasion 4D. The Ferengi now administer the rides, so each ticket buys only one trip through the two different experiences. For those unfamiliar with the museum, it is "The History of the Future." While waiting in line for the rides, the port side of the hall illustrates the Star Trek timeline in gratifying detail. The only thing more satisfying than reading the tidbits, is to be already familiar with each item mentioned. The updated timeline includes the Archer-led Enterprise, inserted between the 20th century space shuttles and the USS Enterprise captained by James T. Kirk.

The starboard side of the museum is covered with cases displaying uniforms and props from movies and the five series. There is a richness to the experience of waiting for the queue (not Q) to wind its way to the entrance of the rides that takes the bite out of any wait. Just be careful not to stand too close to the Borg case, they are only in stasis!

We chose to examine the Borg Invasion first and delved into an adventure that nearly left us in the embrace of the Collective. Volunteering for a mission on the edge of the Delta Quadrant led us into unfathomed danger. As a medical officer, I sought to advance medical knowledge and almost lost my individuality. If not for The Doctor and Captain Janeway... Well, I shudder to think of it! It was *more* than 3D so the 4D label was appropriate. I would explain, but I am unable to relate the details while the Collective's voice still resonates in my head.

Returning from this perilous encounter, we stopped off at Quark's for refreshments. Quark and Rom were visiting Ferenginar leaving a trio of cousins to collect the profits. We partook of the Holy (onion) Rings of Betazed, and a Frozen Hirogen smoothie. Jim followed this with the HamBorger (I told you the effects of the nanoprobes linger) and I chose the Saucer Section quesadilla. The food was bountiful and excellent.



The Ferengi Rogel stopped by our table to make sure we were satisfied in every way. Every way that is, except lobe massaging. He said it interfered with his business acumen.

Once refueled, we traversed back to the Klingon Encounter for a bone-jarring time travel ride that left me regretting the new one-ticket one-ride policy. The Klingons were fierce, the battle breathtaking, and the shuttle escape exhilarating! I long to regale you with detail, but alas, Captain Picard has ordered us not to reveal any information that could damage the timeline. Two notes: 1) Midshipmen should eat after the Klingon Encounter, not before. 2) Neither pregnant females, nor sentients with heart conditions are allowed to participate in the battle.

Escaping the Klingons, we landed in Moogi's Trading Post where much gold-pressed latinum slipped through my fingers. Left unsated, I know I must return. I am called. I am called. Even today, unbidden, the Queen's lovely face clouds my vision. Although I resist and struggle against it, I can still hear our song.

Respectfully submitted,

CMDR Katherine Shackelford
Deputy Chief Medical Officer
USS Adventure





Enterprise RIP

Enterprise started out as a novel concept. When the show first began, I was hesitant to like it. I don't know why, perhaps some sense of misguided loyalty to The Original Series (TOS). How sacrilegious to attempt to mess with the beginnings of Trek as I knew it. The main characters on Enterprise with the notable exception of a few were never eluded too in the previous incarnations of Trek (TOS, Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, Voyager).

I realized however, Enterprise had the potential of exploring long held mysteries we encountered during Trek's various series, the reason Romulan and humans hated one another, how and why Klingon's developed cranial ridges, how the Federation began. Sadly, it was not until the last season some of my questions would even be addressed. Instead for the entire third season, the Enterprise was involved in a needless war; a war in my opinion that dragged on much too long.

Odd, just when Trek started addressing some of those aforementioned mysteries the series was abruptly cancelled. Having hit the magic number, 100 episodes, the producers had their next saleable commodity, enough episodes to make DVD production profitable. Our beloved Star Trek, cannibalized for profit. Only a Ferengi would delight at such a predicament.

Who is to be blamed for the failure of Enterprise? I am not sure who exactly is to blame, but I know this, the ones who truly suffered are the loyal fans of Star Trek. We invested our hearts, minds, and souls, in this new vision of Roddenberry's dream only to be slapped in the face in the end. My prayer: may the producers, writers, and directors give us a superb ending to this newest version of Trek, one worthy of all in the name of fandom.

Sincerely,

Eliza Minuet Mitchell.
USS Adventure

SFC Renewal App



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