



*Newsletter Issue #17*



## 2024 --Year Of the Wood Dragon

Wood represents **vitality and creativity**, while the dragon is related to success, intelligence and honour in Chinese culture. This combination makes people born in the Year of the Wood Dragon full of energy and drive. They dream of changing the world and are good at coming up with innovative ideas and implementing them.



We all have a whole new year ahead. May we all get all the excitement we are looking for – No more, No less.

What we have going for this year on the Silverwing is more interaction with fans of our interests. I have a fan-fiction story that is developing slowly (I originally considered it would be finished... Halloween time? Sorry) The working title for the story is the “Heterodyne Incident”.

Wife Brenda and I have also done a variety of Zoom meetings lately, with a variety of different groups: USS Indianapolis (doing this since last year), USS Acherone (Cliff and his group/chapter in Maryland), and Mark and Lisa Sickle’s USS Monocacy.

## In Our Thoughts:



**Robert Jackson**, minister and social activist in the Indianapolis area is in the hospital, probably for his bout with cancer. He was active with local community and a member of Starfleet's USS Indianapolis. My wife Brenda and I met him last summer at the annual Starfleet get-together. And was surprised when he gave us both the biggest bear hug. We wish him to best, and hope for a good outcome from his hospital stay.



**Cliff Bailey**, is head of the Starfleet chapter USS Acheron, out towards Maryland. He is also in the hospital, and has been for several weeks. We don't know the reason[s] he's there. But he started in the ICU and has, last we heard, been moved to a private room. We also wish Cliff a speedy recovery.

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**Convention Season** is coming up. Here are a few in our area we know about. The Silverwing crew will (hopefully) get a chance to visit three this year. Erie AnimeFest (Erie, PA), Nickle City ComicCon (Buffalo, NY), and ComicCon Erie (Erie again).





## Erie Anime Fest (near Erie, PA)

March 9, 2024 - 10AM to 5PM

Tickets -- \$20

Location - Quality Inn - Suites, Conference Center across from Casino



## Nickle City Comic Con

Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Buffalo, NY

June 28 to 30, 2024

Tickets: June 28<sup>th</sup> - \$25

29<sup>th</sup> - \$40

30 - \$30



## Erie ComicCon 2024

September 20<sup>nd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bayfront Convention Center

1 Sassafras Pier, Erie, PA

Tickets: Friday - \$19

Saturday - \$22

Sunday - \$19

3 Day - \$35



## Ed Oconnell Fan Fiction:

There are fans and super-fans. Ed Oconnell is one of those in the super-fan category. He is active in Star Trek, Star Wars, and Battlestar Galactica fandoms. He has started clubs in at least two of those fandoms; and now can be known for writing fan fiction.

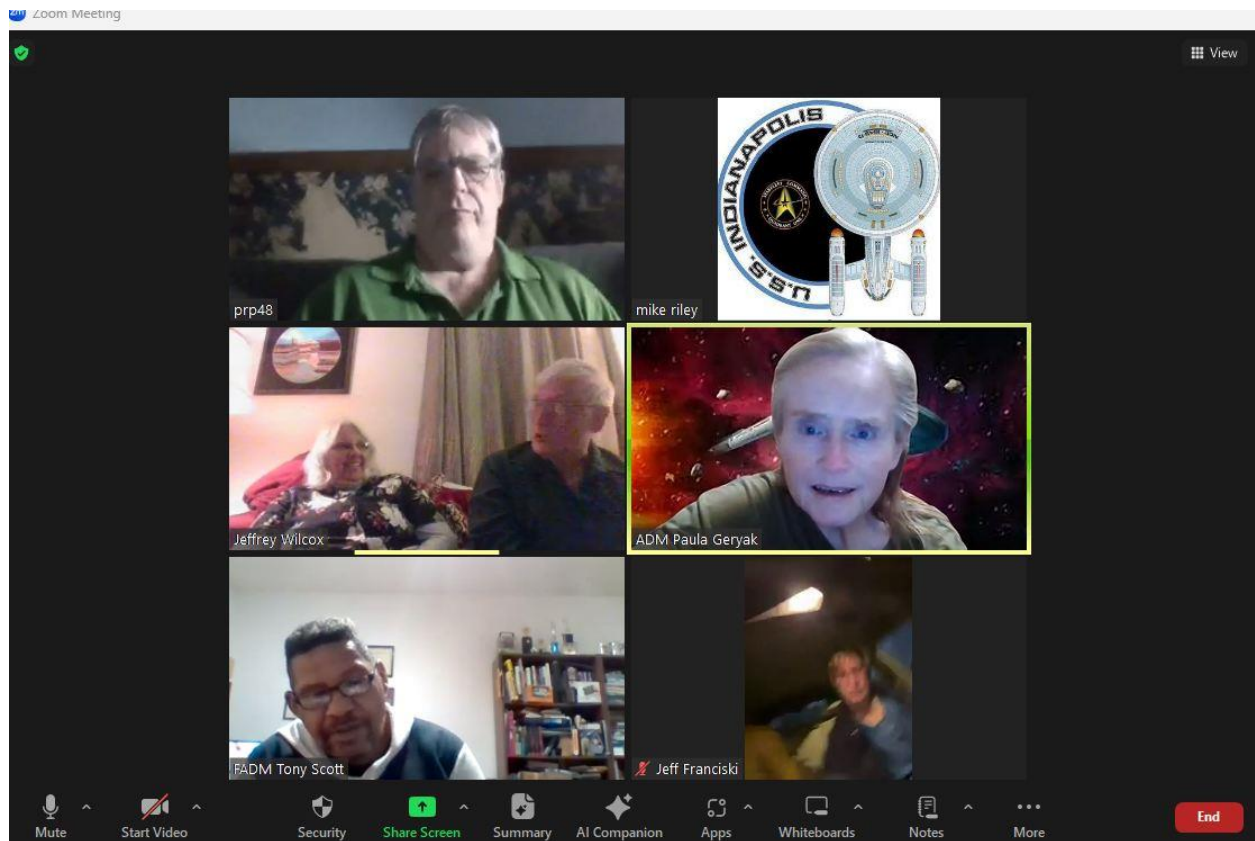
On Deviantart.com, Ed is known as Reaper63. And his Deviantart page has photos from his adventures with fellow fans (doing cosplay adventures in NYC's Central Park), and fan-fiction stories. One of these latter is "Mission Atlantis" by Growler (USS Growler is Ed's New Jersey Trek club). It can be downloaded free in PDF format.

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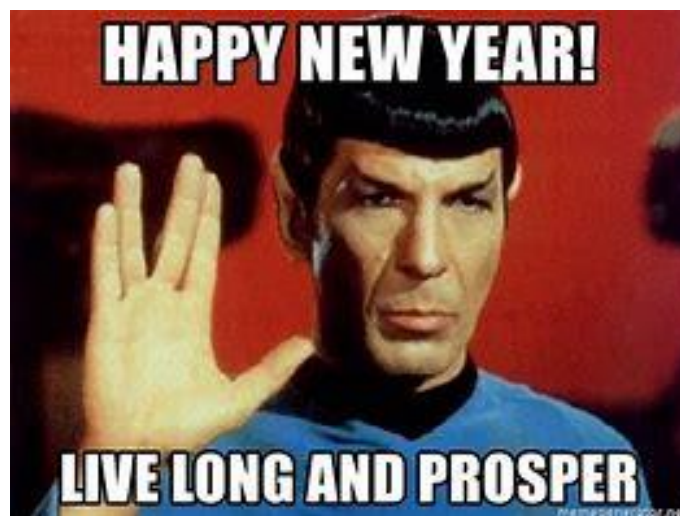
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March 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoom meeting with the USS Indianapolis crew had a treat. Fleet Admiral Tony Scout (lower left of pic) attended the meeting to announce that Jeff Franciski (lower right pic) was promoted to Captain and was added to the Starfleet HQ staff. Congratulations, Jeff.



# STAR TREK

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Doctor  
Elim Garak  
Geordi La Forge  
Gul Dukat  
Hikaru Sulu  
Jadzia Dax  
James Kirk

Janice Rand  
Jean-Luc Picard  
Johnathen Archer  
Kathryn Janeway  
Leonard McCoy  
Miles O'Brien  
Montgomery Scott  
Odo  
Quark

Reginald Barclay  
Seven of Nine  
Spock  
Spot  
Tasha Yar  
Tom Paris  
Uhura  
William Riker  
Worf



