

REGION 2 MONTHLY MEMO

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REGION 2 REGIONAL COORDINATOR



We have had a very important development in the 2000 Region 2 Summit. The hotel that we had originally contracted with, the Inn Towne Lodge, has done some construction that has drastically cut down on the meeting space available, such that the site is no longer suitable for the Region 2 Summit. Danny Potts scoured the city hotels, looking for an appropriate site, and we have decided to relocate to the Howard Johnson in Homewood. The HoJo has quite a bit more space than the Inn Towne did, even at its best, with the only drawbacks being that it will cost a little more, and there are no elevators. Fortunately, only one meeting room is upstairs, so this will not be much of a problem. However, if you are planning a room party, be sure to request a downstairs room, so all of our members will be able to attend. Also, if you need a ground floor room, you should specifically ask for one, ask they are planning to block all the Starfleet rooms together on the second floor, above the meeting rooms. Contact information for the Howard Johnson is 1-800-446-4656. Ask for the Howard Johnson Hotel on 275 Oxmoor Road in Homewood, Alabama. Room rates are \$49 per night.

There has been a great deal of discussion about changes in the Region 2 Awards program online, in person and over the phone. The short list of changes is that we will be dropping runner-up and honorable mention awards for most awards; Marine awards will be done at the same time as the rest of Region 2 awards (after the banquet at the summit); and most award nominations will have to be filed electronically (either by email attachment or file on disk). One proposed change that was reversed was to drop the newsletter award; it was decided to keep it unchanged this year. However, next year, chapters wishing to enter the newsletter contest for 2001 must treat Barbara Paul and myself as subscribers for calendar year 2000. There will be two categories, monthly newsletters, and non-monthly; if you wish to enter the monthly contest, we must receive a newsletter every month, without fail.

Several of the vacant regional positions have been filled. First, the election for Zone Coordinator in Florida is over, and Joe Dobson has emerged as the winner. Florida chapters should have already begun reporting to Joe, as this announcement was made on the maillist several weeks ago. The second position that was filled was actually a SFHQ position, the Starfleet Diplomatic Corps Assistant to Region 2, which was filled by Ed deGruy. Finally, the position of Chief of Public Relations has been filled by Jean Smith of the Drakkenfire. Congratulations to all of them on their appointments!

I attended the 1999 Starfleet International Conference from August 5-8, where I had several meetings with Starfleet leadership and staff. We discussed a number of items, great and small, but a few stood out and will affect the membership this year and next year.

One of the biggest was the new Starfleet Membership Handbook, which we spent several hours going over on Friday morning. This document will be the best, most complete in the history of our association. It covers every aspect of

membership, and will answer most of the questions that a new member could have. It is also filled with drawings of uniforms, rank insignia, an organizational chart for SFHQ, and much more. I think this rewrite will stand for many years.

A second item of major concern was the membership rate structure. Membership rates for Starfleet have not gone up in nearly ten years. No one likes to pay more for memberships than they have in the past, but several concerns called for the reworking of the rate structure. First, the cost of printing and mailing materials has shot up in the past two years; these costs have been absorbed by expense cutting by SFHQ. However, there has been an imbalance between the individual/small family rates, and the rates for large families. In short, it cost no more to have ten members on a family membership than it did to have four. This imbalance has been unfair and has encouraged illegitimate memberships. The Executive Committee and Admiralty Board discussed the measure at length, and decided to make two changes to the rate structure, which will take effect on January 1, 2000. First, the number of members in a family membership will be capped at six. Second, there will be a cost for each member. The cost for the second and third members will remain the same as it has in the past; the fourth, fifth and sixth members will each cost an additional three dollars, in order to cover the expense of membership packets, ballots for voting, and maintenance of membership information. The chart following shows the old and new rates (note these are for U.S. memberships; foreign membership rates will be adjusted similarly). Members may renew their Starfleet memberships early, if they wish to renew under the old rates. If you are renewing a family of 4-10, it would be worth a significant amount of money to send in your renewal before the end of the year. Note that under the new structure, if you have 7 or more members in your family, you will have to purchase at least two family memberships under the new structure.

Number of members	Old structure	New structure
1	\$15	\$15
2	\$22	\$22
3	\$25	\$25
4	\$25	\$28
5	\$25	\$31
6	\$25	\$34
7-10	\$25	N/A

There are still some Region 2 Staff positions open, though applications and resumes have begun arriving. These include Engineering, Shuttle Operations Command, Recruiting, Sciences, and Medical. In my drive to fill all these positions by the end of the year, applications for Medical will be closed at the end of September and a new chief chosen then. If you would like to apply for any of these positions except Recruiting, send a resume to Region 2 Vice Regional Coordinator Jennifer Rosbury (also known as my Chief of Staff) at:

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 Oakland FL 33309
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To apply for the Recruiting post, you need to contact Starfleet Recruiting Division Chief Ron Fell, at recruiting@sfi.org.

The next Region 2 Internet Chat will be on October 3, at 7 p.m. Alabama and Mississippi time, 8 p.m. for Georgia and most of Florida. If you are not sure how to join an IRC chat, go to the www.sfi.org website, and click on the Cyberspace button. There are directions on that page on how to install and use IRC software. You can join the Region 2 Chat in the same fashion you join the main Starfleet channel, #starfleet, except that the channel name is different. The R2 channel is #sfi-r2. I drop by often, so join any time, you never know who you will see there.

All chapter Commanding Officers now have access to their chapter roster via the www.sfi.org page. Go to the main page, and click on the Membership button. On that page, click on the Database Interface link. If this is your first use of the chapter roster function, you will have to apply for a password to view your chapter roster. In order to apply, you will have to send a request through the U.S. Mail. This function is limited to the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of each chapter. Because of this new functionality, I will not be mailing printed chapter rosters every three months as I had been. I do encourage you to review your roster regularly, and send updates and corrections to membership@sfi.org. Please do not send them to me, as I just have to forward them to membership. Soon I should have the ability to view the roster for the entire region through the web page, which will greatly aid my ability to aid chapters with membership questions and problems. I have sent in requests for all the Commanding Officers in Region 2 for their passwords, which you should have soon if they have not arrived already.

We will be publishing a list of all Region 2 Summit paid registrants in each monthly publication, from now until the 2000 Summit. This will help people see if their registration has been received. In addition, we will send an email or postal mail confirmation to all registrants. The list so far:

Registrant	Chapter	Package
Tim Tennery	Dark Silence	C
Cynthia Tennery	Dark Silence	C
Bill Hart	Triumph	A
Pete Mohny	Hephaestus	A
Sue Ellen Mohny	Hephaestus	A
Nick Mohny	Hephaestus	A
Danny Potts	Hephaestus	A
Denby Potts	Hephaestus	A
Freddy Heller	DaVinci	A
Jean Smith	Drakkenfire	A
Alice Strange	Drakkenfire	A
Barbara Paul	Rogue Phoenix	A
DJ Allen	Relentless	A
Larry Morris	Khai Tam	A

In addition, certain Starfleet staff or Regional staff may be given complimentary memberships. Note that these do not include transportation or lodging, except at the discretion of the Region 2 leadership, which may (if finances permit) elect to subsidize some of these expenses.

Mike Smith	Fleet Admiral	A
Brian Davis	SFMC Comm.	A
Mike Henigan	Chief of Summit	A
Ron Fell	Auctioneer	A

At the end of each month, we have been having a drawing from among the paid Summit registrants for a \$10 Auction Certificate, good for \$10 on bidding at the auction. Summit staff members are not eligible for these drawings, even if they are paid attendees. You may win each month between now and the end of February!

I am nearly ready to rebuild the Region 2 Quartermaster office, by purchasing a couple of dozen polo-type shirts with the R2 logo and some other items. Summit planning and attending the IC has kept me too busy to achieve this prior to now, but we should have materials on hand by October. Until then, we have some items left over from old orders and the summit auction from 1999. If you wish to purchase any of these items, send payment in check or money order to me, made out to Starfleet Region 2. If you wish to purchase multiple items, postage would probably be less; contact me for details.

Price	Postage	Item
6.00	1.00	Region 2 embroidered patches
5.00	3.00	Region 2 1999 Summit t-shirts, XXXL
2.00	2.00	Posters (postage on additional posters .25) many small Star Trek: Voyager crew posters 3 different Star Wars: CCG posters many small Star Trek: First Contact/Star Trek: The Experience two-sided posters several small Babylon Five crew posters
3.00	2.00	3 full-sized Star Trek: First Contact
3.00	2.00	Playmates figures: ST: Generations, Kirk in space suit The Mugatu
5.00	3.00	coffee mug with image of Mr. Spock plate
3.00	2.00	Books: 3 copies of Beyond Uhura, hardback 2 copies of ST:TNG, Dark Mirror, hardback Star Trek: TNG: Kahless, hardback ST: TNG: Crossover, hardback Boldly Live as You've Never Lived Before, hardback
5.00	1.00	Pass to Laser Zone in Mississippi, worth \$7.50 each (5)

As always, I am here to serve you. Report your problems and achievements in your monthly reports, and I will look to solve the first and congratulate you for the second. If you need to contact me, email is preferable; please limit telephone calls to weeknights no later than 9 p.m. or weekends no later than 10 p.m.

Region Two, Second to None!

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The following is from notes published on the Starfleet maillist, in regard to the recent International Conference. This will give you an idea what went on over the weekend.

STARFLEET International Conference General Session 9908.07

Introduction of Regional Coordinators and STARFLEET Headquarters Staff and presentation of colors.

Region Roll Call.

Computer Operations [Rear Admiral Jesse Smith]: Thanks the CompOps staff and additional people for their help. Remember to tell Membership Processing about changes of address. We've gotten hundreds of renewals and over a hundred new memberships through the STARFLEET online membership form. We now have an online membership lookup page, and RCs and COs can look up their rosters online. Membership Processing now can accept applications and other materials via fax at 419-793-7976.

Shuttle Operations [Rear Admiral Dennis Gray]: The START manual is finally complete, and it's here this weekend. When he runs out, he'll happily take orders for more. They are \$3 each. He'd like to thank Vice Chief Denine Sanders, who picked up the torch with the manual last year, and put in countless hours working on this, with shuttle COs, and with others throughout the Fleet. Thanks also to Johnathan Simmons for great work on the START project, and to Biff Bassett, who thinks he doesn't do much, but he does. The MOM (mothership operations manual) will be out in the next couple of months. A brand new VRR form has been released this weekend.

STARFLEET Academy [Represented by Fleet Captain Tom Restivo]: We've had a complete changeover since last year. We're grateful for the services of Carolyn Donner and Mandi Herrmann, who stepped down from their positions over the last year. We now have two Vice Commandants, Tom Restivo for administration, and Joe Podesta for electronic services. Rear Admiral Mandi Herrmann has been appointed as the new Special Assistant to the Commandant. The STARFLEET Academy Australian Campus is now open, offering many Academy courses to folks in that part of the world. Efforts are under way for Canadian and European campuses. Income has tapered off for the Academy Scholarship Fund. Please give!

Communications [Vice Admiral Gordon Goldberg]: "Where's Sven?" He's actually at the IC, and will be at the banquet, but he's off sightseeing! Thanks to vice chiefs Allyson Dyar, who couldn't be here but sent the whip, and Wendy Fillmore. We've got a Communique coming out that you will eventually be receiving! We're going to be looking for a replacement for Wendy, who needs to devote more time to her kids. We're appreciative to Mark Anbinder for filling in for Wendy for two issues. Welcome Todd Brugmans, who's taking over Stellar Visions. Welcome back Tamara Copple as Communique remailer. Kristi Fell is joining us as the Director of the Office of Graphic Design. We'll be issuing the web awards and newsletter awards at tonight's banquet.

Operations [Represented by Vice Admiral Tom Monaghan]: "Y'all gotta remind me to thank Les for this esteemed honor." Thanks to the STARFLEET Operations staff, who've really been keeping things going for the last two and a half years. District Vice Chiefs J.C. Cohen, Andrea Haag, Chelle Johnson. Correspondence Chapter Operations, Armed Services Program, Existing Fan Club Program, Department of Technical Services, Chapter Assistance Program, Advanced Starship Design Program, Online Operations. Thanks to Chief of Operations Les Rickard and Senior Vice Chief Matt Myers.

Vice Commander, STARFLEET [Represented by Rear Admiral Tony Rowley]: Chuck sends his greetings and he's sorry he couldn't make it. He's missing a good time.

Commander, STARFLEET [Fleet Admiral Michael D. "The duck stops here" Smith]: It's humbling to be part of this 25th anniversary celebration. Thanks to all of the members who've come to make this a special celebration. I'm honored to present two people who are here with us who really represent the beginning of the modern era of STARFLEET. Welcome to Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox and Admiral Sue Hampton.

The State of the Fleet is very good. We've continued to grow and prosper, as Denine and Dennis stated earlier. We continue to launch shuttles and commission chapters. We've had about 20 shuttle launchings since April. I'm honored to have been Commander, STARFLEET during this wonderful time of growth. The various EC departments have done a tremendous job and everyone has put their shoulder down. I'm sorry to lose Wendy, but I'm honored that she chose to work with us, and she did a great job on the

Communique. Chuck worked as hard on getting our periodicals permit as he did on getting the IRS situation resolved.

Promotions:

We have some promotions to help us celebrate.

To the rank of Captain: William "Biff" Bassett.

To the rank of Fleet Captain: David J. Rose, Jerry Tien, Bea Hart, Donna Jean Nodden, Teri Smith, Michael A. Figueroa, Ben Redding, Michael J. Stratton, Carol Thompson, Jennifer Rosbury.

"Hee-hee! I love doing promotions. It just rocks."

To the rank of Commodore: Ed Nowlin, Thomas Restivo, Alan Yates, Richard Hewitt, Mark H. Anbinder.

To the rank of Rear Admiral: Isaac Turner, Helen Pawlowski, Joe Ruttar, Sharon Ann Campbell.

To the rank of Lieutenant General: Scott Akers.

Now that that's all said and done, I've got an order for all of you: Have fun! This conference is about fun, camaraderie, and friendship. Go out, go to the panels, go to see Charlotte, do whatever you want to do, but have fun. We thank you very much!

More announcements from the IC Co-Chairs:

Thanks to J.C. Cohen, International Conference Court Jester.

We're expanding tomorrow's non-denominational church service to include a memorial service in memory of DeForest Kelley and Pete Conrad.

Steve Strasser stepped up to announce that for over 15 years, Operation: EAGLE has supported our armed forces. For the last nine years, STARFLEET has actively participated. Director Bill Herrmann has received a letter from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense in thanks to STARFLEET. Bill Herrmann adds that it's the chapters of STARFLEET who reach out to people, spanning the globe. The Secretary of the Navy has sent a letter to thank STARFLEET on behalf of the thousands of sailors who serve our nation for 116 tons of volunteer mail, and to wish us well on our 25th anniversary.

In recognition of their assistance for Operation: EAGLE, Bill Herrmann and the STARFLEET Awards Department would like to present commendations to:

Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, Region 6, Region 7, Region 9, Region 10, Region 11, Region 12, Region 13, Region 15, Region 17, Michael D. Smith, and Chuck Freas Bill will be sending certificates to every chapter and member who participated.

Steve comments that he's out of uniform. In fact, he's in another uniform. He recently became involved at the ground floor of the "Pilot for a Day" program at McConnell air base. The organization takes critically ill children, gives them uniforms, paint their names on a B1 bomber, and makes them pilots for a day on a B1 bomber simulator.

The signage for the IC is an example of the work of Kristi Fell, of the new STARFLEET Graphic Design department.

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to bring their state or province flags.

Respectfully reported this 7th day of August, 1999 by Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, Commanding Officer, USS Accord.

1999 Starfleet Awards

Ladies and Gentlemen. Here are the winners and finalists of the Starfleet International Awards presented at IC '99. Please join me in congratulating all the finalists as well as the winners. Any winners not at IC, your plaques were picked up by either the RC for your region or by the selected representative. And now, the awards:

Helping Hands Award: Finalists were Beverly Reynolds and Barbara Paul

Winner - Beverly Reynolds - Region 4

Scholastic Achievement Award: Finalists were Beth Steidle, Alice Strange, and Jason Phipps

Winner - Beth Steidle - Region 7

Cadet of the Year: Dean Rodgers from Region 7 was the unanimous selectee

Enlisted Officer of the Year: Finalists were Gracie Schmidt and Pat Young

Winner - Gracie Schmidt - Region 7

Shuttle of the Year: Finalists were Shuttle Stormbringer, Shuttle Atlas and Shuttle Raven

Winner - Shuttle Stormbringer - Region 4

Officer of the Year: Finalists were Kurt Roithinger, Teri Smith, Richard Hewitt and Steve Turner

Winner - Kurt Roithinger - Region 5

Ship of the Year: Finalists were USS Triumph, USS Tanagra, USS Athena, and USS Constar

Winner - USS Athena - Region 1

Member of the Year: Mark Anbinder from Region 7 was the unanimous selectee.

This concludes this announcement. Watch for an in depth article in an upcoming Communique!

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SFI Awards Director

1999 Starfleet Web Awards

The Office of the Vice Chief of Communications: Net Services and the Office of Web Consultants is proud to announce the Winners of the 1999 STARFLEET Web Awards which were handed out at the Awards Ceremony at this year's International Conference in Charlotte NC.

*Chapter Web Site of the Year: USS Atlas, NCC-75013 (Region 12) <http://www.ussatlas.org/>

*Regional Web Site of the Year: Region 3 <http://www.region3.com/>

*Fun Site of the Year: Team Testosterone <http://www.teleport.com/~gren/cs98/>

*Information Site of the Year: International Conference 1999 <http://ic99.regionone.com/>

*Award of Excellence: ISS Lexington, NCC-1703-C (Region 7)
<http://www.simplecom.net/ISSLexington>

*Award of Excellence: Region 12 <http://www.region12.org/>

*Award of Excellence: STARFLEET Enema <http://nick.regionone.com/fleet>

*Winner's Choice: USS Cydonia, NCC-74687 (Region 12)
<http://www.inlink.com/~moonhawk/cydonia>

*Best Web Site of the Year: USS Atlas, NCC-75013 (Region 12)
<http://www.ussatlas.org/>

Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, STARFLEET
Senior Vice Chief/Communications: Net Services

STARFLEET ACADEMY AWARDS FOR 1999 BY Tom Restivo

Hello! This year at IC99 in Charlotte, I had the distinct pleasure of giving out the Academy Awards (and there were no change of costume or bug dance number). Once again, SFA recognized the Best of The Best in each school with the Red Squad Awards. The best student was recognized as Red Squad Leader. In addition, the School of the Year and the Director of the Year were recognized.

Without further ado....

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP - Dean - Adm. Peg Pellerin

Officer's Training School

Nancy Bonica -- USS Athena, Region 1
Curtis D. Bellman -- USS Ohio, Region 1

Officer's Command College

Susan Jones -- USS Aeon, Region 1
Barbara Buffington -- USS Ohio, Region 1
Glenda Werner -- USS Peacekeeper, Region 4
Teri Smith -- USS Tanagra, Region 7

Flag Officers School

Janet Shepherd -- USS Alioth, Region 17
Keira Russell-Strong -- USS Alioth, Region 17

INSTITUTE OF ARTS - Dean - RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell

College of History

Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3
Michael G. Boatright -- USS Star League, Region 1
Karen J. Watson -- USS Ultimatum, Region 12

School of Literature

Amy Alexander -- USS Hawkeye, Region 1
Kim Rochelle -- USS Hawkeye, Region 1
Dana Miller -- USS Phoenix, Region 12

School of Music

Nancy Lynch -- USS Mir, Region 17

School of Language Studies

Steve Turner -- Cascade Station, Region 4 (Note: Steve Turner has completed ALL TEN courses. The last 8 levels were designed especially for him because he wanted more tests!)

Larry W. Jones -- USS Morning Star, Region 12
Karen Watson -- USS Ultimatum, Region 12

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Dean - VAdm. Sharon Ann Clark

Vulcan Science Academy

Linda Oakley -- USS Bennu, Region 1
Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3

College of Computer History

Steve Turner -- Cascade Station, Region 4
Alan Cohen -- USS Lexington, Region 7
Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3
Karen J. Watson -- USS Ultimatum, Region 12
Cathy L. Edgington -- USS West Virginia, Region 1

STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine
Allyson Dyar -- Space Station Nexus, Region 5
Anne Miller -- USS Nomad, Region 12
Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3

College of Trade and Commerce
Steve Turner -- Cascade Station, Region 4
Ian Johnsson -- USS Alaric, Region 1
Gary Telecsan -- USS Maat, Region 1
Julie Tanski -- USS Maat, Region 1

Counselors College
Wendy Cozine -- USS Trident, Region 2
Maud Freifelder -- USS Triumph, Region 2
Donna Marie Mominee -- USS Tycho, Region 1

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES Dean - FCapt Greg Staylor

Security School
Barbara Buffington -- USS Ohio, Region 1
Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3
Wayne Killough, Jr. -- USS Ultimatum, Region 12

College of Survival Studies
Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3 (He completed the entire Mapping Survival series, with Honors, in the College of Survival Studies.)

Klingon Warrior Academy
Nancy Lynch -- USS Mir, Region 17 (100 % on both the Klingon Warrior Initiate Course and the Journeyman course)

Red Squad Member of the Year
Larry Goldman -- USS Rhyanna, Region 3

School of the Year
College of Computer History

Director of the Year
Helen Pawlowski

Congratulations, one and all!