

Region 2 Quartermaster Shopping List

The office of the Region 2 Quartermaster is now stocked, with more items to come. If you would like to order any of these items, send payment to:

Region 2 Quartermaster Bill Paul
110 Napier Avenue
Warner Robins GA 31093

Make checks to Region 2 Starfleet, and add \$3 per item for postage, except for the following: buttons, air fresheners and keychains, postage is \$1 for the first one, .50 for each additional, no postage charge if shirt or clock is included in purchase.

Summit T-Shirts \$15.00 ea.

Large	4
XXX Large	1
Total	5

Region 2 Polo Shirts \$25.00

Medium	2
Large	9
XLarge	15
XXLarge	2
Total	28

Other Items	# on hand	Price
Clocks	2	\$25.00
Starfleet Buttons	5	\$1.00
ODO keychains	9	\$.25
Enterprise Air Freshners	19	\$.50
CD's "A Very Strange Trip"	5	\$1.00

or excursion. A review of a book or a game, perhaps. An article with personal insight or commentary about Trek in general.

The bottom line is that there is a lot of good material out there so why not consider expanding your audience a bit? If you know of a good article in your chapter or regional newsletter, why not send it on for publication in the CQ?

Or if you got an original article, send that in too!

You can send CQ submissions to: CQ@sfi.org

We're working hard to make the CQ a better product. But to do so, we're always dependent on your help and input. Comments, suggestions, and even complaints can be sent to me directly at cq-editor@sfi.org. I read them all, and do my best to respond in as helpful a manner as possible.

With regards,

Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace
Vice Chief of Communications, STARFLEET
Editor - STARFLEET Communiqué

due date for the remainder of the year:

CQ 97: FEB/MAR 2000	Deadline for Submissions - March 1st, 2000
CQ 98: APR/MAY 2000	Deadline for Submissions - March 31st, 2000
CQ 99: JUN/JUL 2000	Deadline for Submissions - May 31st, 2000
CQ 100: AUG/SEP 2000	Deadline for Submissions - July 31st, 2000
CQ 101: OCT/NOV 2000	Deadline for Submissions - September 30th, 2000
CQ 102: DEC/JAN 2001	Deadline for Submissions - November 30th, 2000

This new production schedule, along with improvements in the printing and mailing of the CQ itself, should allow us to successfully aim for deliveries of CQs within the first month of cover.

The next issue where we've identified problems in is that of actual delivery to the people in the STARFLEET Database. To understand this process a bit more, allow me to explain what happens when Computer Operations turns over the data for the labels.

Computer Operations sends the mailing house a listing of member's names and addresses generated from the STARFLEET database. Our mailing house then "optimizes" the labels by converting them into a form that meets the requirements of the United States Postal Service. This entails capitalizing everything, adding the +4 Zip code and sometimes altering addresses to fit guidelines -- such as "North 53rd Avenue" becoming "N 53RD AVE" and such.

Right now, we are of the belief that it is during this process that some people's names are mangled and thus do not wind up receiving their CQ. Now, is this process necessary? Yes, it is. It is part and parcel with our usage of the postal permit.

I wish I could stand here now and give everyone an easy answer and say "We've got a perfect solution and it'll be fixed", but the truth is we do not have such a solution and I can't say if and when we will have one right now. What I can say is that Greg Trotter has volunteered to work closely with the Mailing folks to hopefully deal with this problem and thus eventually settle this issue as well. Several people have already volunteered to verify each and every label printed out if need be -- and if that is what it takes, it will be done. As for myself, I promise to continue to streamline the actual production of the CQ to ensure that it gets to the printers in as timely a fashion as possible, allowing us the maximum lead-time to get it into your mailboxes as quickly as possible.

Lastly, there is one more issue I personally have with the CQ.

That would be the issue of content. Lately we just haven't seen much in the way of content submissions from around the 'fleet and that is discouraging. I've decided to do my part to increase the amount of content provided and we'll hopefully be seeing a few new (if somewhat familiar) columns appearing in the CQ. But that is not enough. What we really could use is input from members and groups such as yourself.

Now, speaking strictly from a Region 5 perspective, I know for a fact that there are several groups in this Region alone who publish outstanding chapter newsletters with lots of fun and informative articles. Articles about a group's latest event

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR OF THE STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE'

As some of you have noted, the STARFLEET Communiqué has been running what appears to some as "late". Frankly, the CQ has been "late" since the day FLEET started, but just because it has been so for the last twenty-five years does not mean it needs to be so for the next twenty-five.

The fact of the matter is that, due to our publishing schedule and various production problems, the CQ has been appearing towards the end of its cover months rather than in the middle or beginning for some time now.

What were some of these problems? One was layout and production. Once a CQ deadline arrived, it was necessary to pull all the information and submissions together and actually put the document together. I am fortunate to have a powerful workstation that allows me to build and change the CQ in "real-time" as I receive submissions, so this "build time" is now down to a matter of hours after the deadline, as opposed to days.

Another problem is that our mailing house would sometimes have to delay mailing because they had no idea the CQ was currently being printed and only received notice of it when the printers called to have them pick it up. Then they would have to query Comp Ops, get data for the labels and print and process those before any actual labeling and mailing could be done. Depending on how fast the mailing house picked up the CQs, and how fast Computer Operations delivered the labels decided how fast the actual distribution of the CQs would begin.

As you can imagine, taken separately and together, this was all a terrific waste of time. In discussions with Kurt Roithinger, Scott Akers, and Greg Trotter, we are developing a system so that when we upload the master CQ files to the printers' ftp site, we can get an estimated time of completion on the printing job. This information will then be passed on to both the mailing house and Computer Operations, so that both can prepare for the distribution process. The printers will contact the mailing house when the CQs are ready for delivery, but at least this way the mailing house will already know that they are coming and Computer Operations will have already been able to get them the labels. The mailing house can then start on our job that much quicker.

The next step in addressing the issue is related to the actual timetable of the production of the CQ itself. With Issue #96 and #97 I will release the PDFs to the printers the first Monday of the second month on the cover-date. Therefore, you can expect #97 around the end of March / first of April. Issue #98 will begin the transition to the new schedule, whereby the due date is the last day of the previous month of the cover dates. In other words, the due date for Issue #98, covering the months of April and May, will be March 31, 2000.

Yes, I realize this means that in all probability, Issue #97 will arrive *after* the close of submissions for #98. As I currently receive all my submissions by email, I view this as an acceptable trade-off to get the CQ on a more-timely schedule. I hope that the Regional Coordinators and Commanding Officers who are online will be able to disseminate this information to the members who do not have internet access and who wish to submit to #98 via hard-copy format.

For Issues #98 onwards, we will now release the CQ to the printers within the first week of the first month of the cover months. In a nutshell, this is the submissions

Rich Trulson, Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations and Commanding Officer of the USS Wernher Von Braun, said, “The biggest highlight for me was presenting the Richard Daystrom Cyberspace Award for the first time ever. Even though I was nervous and nearly mispronounced a couple of the winners and categories, everything went very smoothly. I was honored the Awards Director entrusted me with the huge responsibility and honor of judging this award. All the hassles and stress became worthwhile when several of the award winners thanked me later in the night.

Of course, there were several humorous moments that stick out in my memory as well. The best one was when Ron Fell (Starfleet’s FDC of recruiting) lost all control of the Auction on Saturday night. Suffice to say, I’ll never look at Jar Jar Binks and Spock the same way again thanks to what was revealed and more so to the commentary of those there. I was also brought back to previous R2 Summit shenanigans during the Awards Panel with Barbara Paul, Region 2 Chief of Awards. Lets just say that the International Plastic Modelers Society acronym has a whole new meaning now too!”

The awards ceremony was followed by our first-ever Summit Dance, where about half the folks at the summit attended. We had an enthusiastic group on the floor for most of the evening, and an excellent sound system provided by Steve Gordon. Steve played music for hours, with help from Dallas Vinson, and we danced, played games, chatted and played the evening away.

On Sunday morning, we had three hours of panels. The first one for me was the ‘Ask the Brass,’ where the regional brass (that’s the RC and VRC) sit down with the Fleet Admiral and answer questions from people in the region. There was one little problem – no Fleet Admiral! Chief of Operations Les Rickard sat in, and answered a lot of Fleet-level questions, which we really appreciated. I have attended this session every year for five years, and just like the Captain’s Call, it has pretty much changed from a ‘complaint session’ to an ‘information session,’ thanks to improved management of memberships and other Starfleet materials. The next two hours worth of panels fairly flew by, and finally it was time for closing ceremonies. Most of the same group who did the opening ceremonies was on stage for closing, and we each spoke briefly, thanked everyone for attending, and said goodbye for another year.

former Region 2 Regional Coordinator Kelly Hilliard and his team, for working hard to make things better every year.

I spent most of the rest of the morning and early afternoon either poking my head in the doors of various panels, or helping out in the summit store. I attended a presentation by our featured guest, Lee Shackelford, a former Star Trek: The Next Generation script writer. He was a fascinating and funny speaker, and had lots of inside information and secrets about Paramount to tell, accompanied by a great slide show.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up by the annual Summit Auction, where almost 200 items donated by Region 2 members, or purchased with Region 2 money, were auctioned off to support the region's expenses for another year, to allow us to make a donation to a Starfleet Academy scholarship, and to give up capital to purchase Region 2 items for our quartermaster's office. It was very successful, bringing in more than \$2000 for the region's treasury. We had already purchased polo shirts with the Region 2 logo embroidered on them, and they were selling fast in the Store. I purchased a couple of items, and was outbid on a few more, but mostly I watched happily as item after item was bought – because everything that was left was going home with me for a year!

Every year we schedule putt-putt and go-cart competitions, and about every other year they are rained out. This year proved to be a rained out year, so we let the auction run a little long, then spent a little time in casual relaxation. The next big event would be the banquet, one of the high points of the summit each year. Everyone attends in uniform or evening wear, and I can attest that we were a fine looking bunch of Starfleet officers! The dinner was excellent, with choices of two main courses, several sides and several desserts. The only low point was the tea, which tasted more like some sort of lemon-sugar concoction than any tea I've ever had. After the dinner ended, we moved into the main meeting area for the annual awards.

The awards ceremony began with a series of flag rank promotions. This year there had about a dozen promotions to hand out, and it was really exciting to me to be the one up front handing them out and shaking hands for the first time! Region 2 has a lot of deserving officers, and I got to personally reward them for their hard work, devotion to Starfleet and Region 2, and all their contributions that helped make our region the success it is. The awards followed, and if anything, this part was even better. Our awards chairman, Barbara Paul, has developed an excellent program, and the process went off without a hitch. We started off with the little awards, and worked our way up to the big ones at the end – chapter of the year and member of the year. It was such a pleasure to see the happiness on people's faces as they and their chapters won awards, it made me wish I could do it more often! One of my favorite moments was near the end, when I presented Barbara Paul with a Superior Performance award for her work on Region 2 Staff – and then took it away, telling her she couldn't have it! The look on her face was priceless, especially when I replaced it with a new award, named after her, in honor of the many years of service she has given the region, and the many times she was nominated for the award this year.

REGION 2 SUMMIT 2000 by Pete Mohney

I arrived at the hotel Friday about noon. There were a few of people present already, so I started distributing some of the items I had brought to my hotel room, to the Starfleet Academy room, to registration, and to the Store. My wife, Sue Ellen Mohney, had suggested we allow pre-bidding and even pre-auction purchases this year, as we had seen this technique work so well at art shows at larger conventions. We also had a dealer, in the form of the screenprinting company that produced the Summit t-shirts, and the Region 2 Quartermaster had a table full of goods (mostly the brand-new Region 2 Polo shirts, in red with the new R2 logo on the chest).

I spent the afternoon setting up the store, dealing with small problems, and visiting with various R2 folks and guests from outside the region. At five p.m. we caravanned to the restaurant we had chosen for our dinner, and our first glitch showed up. The map that I had made had the wrong restaurant name : Long Horn instead of Lone Star! Fortunately, everyone figured it out, and we had a very large crowd for dinner with the Fleet Admiral.

When we returned, Danny Potts started up a game of Who Wants to be a Latinumaire, and the 2001 Summit hosts set up their hospitality suite for next year. They covered the hotel bar with food and drink, and kept it that way all weekend, much to the delight of the attendees! At 9:30, twenty people gathered to take part in the Great Dalmuti tournament. We split up into three tables, and fought a first round to eliminate eight players, a second round of two tables to eliminate the pool to six, and a final championship round. I was eliminated in the second round, and went to bed at about 1:30 a.m., looking forward to five hours sleep before the next mornings activities.

Arising early the next morning, I joined a crowd in the breakfast room. Most of those present were Starfleet folks, but there were a few regular hotel patrons eating there also, and it was fun to see them trying to not be obvious about staring at the various aliens and uniforms in the room! After that relaxed breakfast, the business of the day kicked in and I hardly had a moment to pause for thirty-six hours!

I proceeded from there to Opening Ceremonies. At a long table sat myself, VRC Jennifer Rosbury, Summit Chairman Danny Potts, IC 2000 Chairman Cindi Dimidio, Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, Region 2 Marine OIC John Adcock, Chief of Summit Mike Henigan, and Marine Commandant Brian Davis. We each spoke briefly, and awards up to the rank of Commander were presented.

After that completed, the panels began. I attended the Captain's Call, where all R2 Commanding Officers or their representatives sat with us in a Question and Answer session. We discussed some problems that some chapters were having, and how to deal with them, and a few requests were made about making some communications more two-way, which we agreed were good ideas. This session, which I have attended for five years straight, has become less and less of a complaint session and more and more of an idea session each year. I think we can thank the current SFHQ administration, and and

Summit. We will be placing an order for R2 patches very soon, and other items will be come available as funds permit. Region 2 Chief Quartermaster, Bill Paul, will handle all orders and will make a list of items and prices available. There is a list of items elsewhere in this issue.

We also have some items left over from the summit auction from 2000. I will be working up a list of items soon, for publication in the Region 2 Update and Monthly Memo, so you can purchase them between now and the next Summit.

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.

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Well, I am still recovering from the Summit, but I have gotten enough back on my feet to type a few words about it and other Region 2 business this month. We had a great time, and the Summit was a huge success with only some very minor glitches. Read elsewhere in this issue for a recap of the Summit. We should have photos on the R2 web page before too much longer.

Now that the 2000 Summit has come and gone, I can officially announce that the 2001 Summit will be hosted by the USS Continuum, and will take place in Mobile, Alabama. Details of location and pre-registration will be available in future publications and on our web page, www.region2.sfi.org.

The final Summit Auction Bucks winner was Dennis Evans of the Hephaestus. This program gave out certificates to one person per month, and encouraged people to register early so they had the best chance to win multiple times. Thanks to all of you who won, and I hope you used your certificates for something special!

As I have promised for some time, the Region 2 Handbook project starts now that we are done with the Summit. The members of the committee will be myself, the VRC Jennifer Rosbury, the zone coordinators, one at-large member per zone, and present for an advisory capacity, IG Danny Potts. If you have concerns, questions or ideas about what will be in the Handbook, please contact your ZC. After the committee hashes out a preliminary document, it will be picked apart and polished, then put up for a regional vote, just like the Constitution was.

The position of Region 2 Recruiting Officer, which is actually a Starfleet Headquarters position, can be applied for by contacting Starfleet Recruiting Division Chief Ron Fell, at recruiting@sfi.org. Holding a SFHQ position and doing a good job in it is one of the avenues to promotion and recognition, not to mention a chance to do something really needed and helpful for Region 2!

The next Region 2 Internet Chat will be on May 7, at 7 p.m. Central Time, 8 p.m. Eastern time. If you are not sure how to join an IRC chat, go to the www.sfi.org web site, 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.

Our Region 2 Quartermaster now has various items for sale, including the polo shirts with the embroidered Region 2 logo that you may have seen at the