

REGION 2 MONTHLY MEMO July 2000

COMMODORE PETE MOHNEY
REGION 2 REGIONAL COORDINATOR



Greetings from Region 2 Headquarters!

This summer has been busy and exciting, with a lot going on for me and for the region. I joined twenty thousand acquaintances at Dragon Con a couple of weeks ago for three days of fun, and got to see and meet some of my favorite writers and actors. As usual, I bought lots of stuff I do not really need, walked until my legs were like lead, and generally had a good time. Near the end of the weekend, I discussed the recruiting table that we have traditionally had in the main area, and we decided not to spend the time on it next year. The gathering in Ten Forward spread more awareness of Starfleet to more people in three hours than the table did all weekend, and was a lot more fun!

The Vote of Confidence for Region 2 Regional Coordinator is complete, with 19 of 26 chapters having turned in their votes, and all 19 of them expressing a vote of confidence in my administration. I was pleased and amazed to get such a high turnout, and such an excellent level of support, from the chapters of the Region. My staff and I will endeavor to earn this and make the next two years even better.

I sent in the nominations for Region 2 for the Starfleet International awards that will be given out at the International Conference in September, and was told that our region was the only one that had submitted in every category! I reviewed all the nominations prior to sending them out, and I have to say we have quite a well-qualified group of nominees. I wish luck to all of them at the judging this year, and hope that Jennifer Rosbury will bring home a few awards for Region 2!

Region Two member Jimmy Whatley has undertaken the job of Starfleet Birthday Officer, a position where he sends out email greetings and announcements of the birthdays of Starfleet members. If you would like to be on his list, please email him your name and birthday to lwiz3@yahoo.com.

Several chapters in the Region had some difficulty sending in their monthly status reports in the past couple of months, and I would like to repeat a suggestion I have been making for some time. Have a backup person! Each chapter Commanding Officer should have someone who can quickly and easily pick up their slack if they are unable to do any aspect of their job. That is, more or less, the main duty of the Executive Officer in many chapters. This particular duty is very important, as a strictly interpreted rule about chapter reporting would have seen several chapters in Region Two under threat of decommissioning this year. Your Zone Coordinator should contact you if they have not received your report by the last day of the month, and I will try to send reminders to any chapters that have not reported by the time I have to send in my regional report. By then, however, you may already be late, and that is not good for your record. Please appoint someone to be your backup person in case of health or family problems, computer crashes, or other real life reasons you would not have time for Starfleet.

Part of my responsibility as your RC is to reward and award members of R2 with promotions to Captain and above. This can happen one of two ways.

The first is if someone else in Starfleet nominates a person - perhaps a member of your ship has done exemplary service, and you feel he or she is due promotion to Fleet Captain (or higher). You can nominate them for a promotion; the promotions board may consult me on this, but the final decision is theirs. If you nominate them for a promotion to Captain, the board may consult me, as promotions to that rank often come from the RC.

The second is if for some reason I feel that a person is due a promotion. This may be because of seniority in rank or time in Starfleet; for service to region, zone or chapter, or the like. I can promote to Captain and it will be approved; if I recommend a higher promotion, it goes to the promotions department.

The main reason I'm writing all this is that I'm sure there are quite a few members in R2 who are deserving and due for promotions over the next year. It is very helpful to me if the data on the Starfleet database reflects as accurate information as possible.

So, what I'd like to ask you to do, especially chapter COs, is the following.

For anyone who is a commander or higher, please check your database and confirm the rank and date of rank is correct. (You can do it for ranks below that, but since I cannot promote to Commander or lower ranks, it won't affect what I do.) If you have any corrections, please send them to CompOps@sfi.org. They'll get them in, and the next roster I see will aid me more in doing my job. If you notice any other wrong data, such as address, telephone, or email, now would be a good time to correct that, also.

I have gotten quite a few photos from various people who attended the Summit, and I would like to thank them all for their contributions. These photos will be posted to the Region 2 site, to the main SFI site, and I will be using them here and there in the Memo over the next few months. We had a lot of fun, and I expect next year to be even better! The crew of the Continuum, under the leadership of new CO Bruce Dolan, are meeting regularly and making some fun plans for the 2001 Summit (some of which they are keeping secret!).

I had an idea for something that would be very interesting, and possibly helpful, to publish in the Update and Memo. If some chapters could send fairly detailed reports of their meetings and gatherings, it would give other chapters ideas of things they could do at their meetings. I know that in my chapter, things have gotten a little stale after ten years; we tend to do the same old things we have always done, and it may hurt attendance. If people could send these notes to me or to Ike Turner (at yamatocomm@aol.com), we could publish them for everyone to see and use.

The Region 2 Handbook project is moving along slowly. We have an outline and some excellent ideas for information we plan to include. 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 August 6, 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 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 have been posting auction lists to the Region 2 maillist and the Starfleet maillist, so if you are not subscribed, this is another good reason to join either or both of these lists. To join the Region 2 maillist, write to majordomo@sfi.org, with a message of subscribe region2-1@sfi.org youremail@your.provider. You will be subscribed within a day, and get a head start on all the information and news that is hot for Region 2!

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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Region 2 Summit 2001 logo
by Bruce Dolan

COMMUNIQUE' DEADLINES

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 due date for the remainder of the year: If you would like to submit articles, photos or other items to the Communique', email them to cq@sfi.org.



CQ 100: AUG/SEP 2000
CQ 101: OCT/NOV 2000
CQ 102: DEC 2000/JAN 2001

Deadline for Submissions - July 25th, 2000
Deadline for Submissions - September 25th, 2000
Deadline for Submissions - November 25th, 2000



Region 2 Quartermaster Sale 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.

Sale on Region 2 Summit t-shirts - \$5 off the original price!

Summit T-Shirts \$10.00 ea.

Large 4
 XXX Large 1



Region 2 Polo Shirts		\$25.00
Medium	2	
Large	9	
XLarge	15	
XXLarge	1	

Denby Potts models an R2 polo shirt

Other Items	# on hand	Price
Region 2 logo Clock	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



Region 2 Clock



REGION 2 CHALLENGE

Well the summer of the Dragon is starting and this is one that is not going to let it pass by. You may not know me but I am the XO of one of the newest ships in the Second Fleet, the USS Draco. Anyway, I am putting together a Region 2 Challenge. This will be a good opportunity to be visible, recruit, and have fun making money for charity.

I propose to all chapters in Region 2 to set up a bowl-a-thon in your local area. Each person on your ship collects pledges for points, i.e. say, 20 cents for every 10-point or pins. Then you have a bowling night and have a good time at it. Use this time to recruit, and just have a good time. Get you local radio and TV involved in it as well. What I would like to do with the money generated is to give it to MDA (Jerry's Kids). Either each Ship in their area go make the donation or send it to our RC and let him make it on behalf of your ship and/or the region.

Now after all is said and done each ship will send to the RC or myself there score sheets and we will tabulate and average the scores per individual and ship. Then at the next R2 Summit we will present a plaque or trophy to the top bowling individual and ship in the region.

I would like to have all the scores in by the end of July so we have plenty of time to make the donation plans for the telethon. This will make us more visual to everyone in our states and areas, and show what the best Region in the Fleet can do when we work together. I am planning my ship night for the last weekend of June, (if nothing happens). Pledge sheets will be ready by the end of May.

For more information, Ideas or just comments email me at Lwiz3@yahoo.com or write to me at: Commander James Whatley
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"Spreading Our Wings To Help Others Touch The Sky"

The Office of Communications Presents The Annual Newsletter Awards for 1999 Publications

The time is approaching for the Annual Newsletter Contest presented by the Communications Division in recognition of the outstanding Chapter and Regional newsletters published in the calendar year of 1999.

This year, I will be adding a category for those publications that are distributed solely through the electronic media (email or web page) and do not have a hard copy counterpart.

Categories:

Newsletters will be judged in the following five categories: Outstanding Cover, Outstanding Graphics, Outstanding Presentation, Most Informative, Best Electronic (non-hardcopy), and Newsletter of the Year.

Hard Copy Submissions:

Chapters or Regions interested in submitting their newsletters for consideration should send one issue per Chapter or Region no later than 15 August 2000 to:

Allyson M.W. Dyar
SFI Newsletter Contest
1209 SE 89th Avenue
Portland OR 97216-1715

If you would like your newsletters returned, please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with sufficient return postage. Otherwise, I will donate the newsletters to the IC 2000 for everyone to enjoy (in this case, the newsletters will not be returned.)

Electronic Submissions: Please send one copy or send a link if it is a web page to <comm@sfi.org> (or <allyson@ssnexus.org> if there is a problem with the sfi.org email address). Submissions must be received by 15 August 2000.

Winners will be announced at the STARFLEET International Conference, 2000 in Vermont.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar <Comm@sfi.org> or snail mail <1209 SE 89th Avenue, Portland OR, 97216> -- please enclose a SASE).

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How to Submit a Proper Promotion Request

MGen Michael W. Malotte

Director of STARFEET Promotions

As the coordinator for promotion requests for STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marine Corps, I see all of the requests for promotions. They come to me through the online form, in email and the US Postal Service. I take all requests for Fleet Captain/Brigadier and above and forward them to the Promotions Listserve, where the Executive Committee votes on them. Once those are voted on, I print certificates for those who have passed, sign them, then forward them on to Fleet Admiral Mike Smith. Once he receives them, he signs them and either sends them to the appropriate individual or brings them with him to the event in which they are being presented.

Those that come in for Captain/Colonel are forwarded to the respective Region Coordinator for consideration. Occasionally, I get requests for promotions to Commander and below. These are redirected to the appropriate Chapter Commanding Officer. Since Region Coordinators and Chapter COs are the one who approve requests for Captain and Commander and below respectively, it's not possible for me to track those. If you have any questions on those requests, please contact the appropriate RC/CO.

Of the 57 Flag Rank requests received from the 1st of January to the end of April, only 11 were turned down. Of those 11, most were turned down for one of two reasons. The first is Time in Grade. This was the case in 4 requests. Remember, to be eligible for promotion, you need to be in your current rank for at least 13 months, unless extraordinary circumstances are present. That is the first thing the Executive Committee looks at.

The most common reason for being turned down is insufficient information in the promotion request. I've seen quite a few requests that list everything a person has done since joining Fleet - I mean EVERYTHING! While this is great for a Fleet resume, it's not what the Executive Committee is looking for.

When you submit someone for promotion, concentrate on what the individual has done since their last promotion. List, in detail, the accomplishments of the individual. What have they done since then? What positions have they held? How have they gone above and beyond the norm in their position? What is it that makes them stand out above all others in their duties? What have they done *since their last promotion* to make them eligible for the next promotion? These are the things the Executive Committee are looking for, along with Time in Grade, when they consider someone for promotion.

One last thing to remember - if someone you have nominated is turned down for a promotion, you need to wait a minimum of 6 months before submitting that person again. If you need to know when someone can be resubmitted for consideration, drop me a note at promotions@sfi.org and I'll be happy to let you know when they are eligible again.

I hope this helps clear up the process and, once again, congrats to all those promoted since the first of the year!

A Word from the Ops Chief

Greetings,

It has come to our attention that some people have been making use of pseudonyms when dealing with STARFLEET Operations. While it is not our intention to undermine anyone's sense of fun and enjoyment in STARFLEET, this practice presents us with some very real accountability issues in terms of people holding titles and responsibilities without any form of legal accountability if necessary.

Let me state quite simply that this practice is not acceptable to STARFLEET Operations. If you have a legal name change, this is not an issue. If you intend to give an assumed Name when taking a CO or XO position and this is subsequently revealed, STARFLEET Operations will contact you with a request for updated information. If said information is not given, it can lead to actions that could get you removed as CO.

Please note that we here at Ops will keep any of this information strictly confidential. It will not be entered into the STARFLEET Database unless a separate request to Computer Operations is made. This is strictly for the purpose of legal accountability if necessary, which is something we've not really had to deal with even once in the 4 years I've worked with Ops, but better to be safe then sorry.

Lastly, I would like to note that it is current STARFLEET policy to not accept non-humans as members, never mind for positions of responsibilities.

This includes imaginary friends, computers, pets, inanimate objects and whatever else one can reasonably (and narrowly) define as a "person".

STARFLEET Computer Operations is already not willing to accept obvious members who fall outside of this classification and simply will refund membership monies in obvious examples. While there really is nothing we can do about such entities in the general sense, I would appeal to your common sense and decency to not go this route to stockpile memberships and/or votes. This simply is not the way to do it.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at:

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Take care.

STARFLEET FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JUNE 2000

The Executive Committee shall install and maintain an accounting system for STARFLEET in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles sufficient to maintain STARFLEET's tax-exempt status and which will generate concise and easy-to-understand financial statements no less than three times a year, which shall be published in the COMMUNIQUE.

As per the above:

January 1st 2000, STARFLEET General Account had a balance of \$4788.36
March 31st 2000, STARFLEET General Account had a balance of \$5398.56

Quarterly income: \$22,478.38
Quarterly expenses: \$19,937.14

For the purposes of this report, income is all funds deposited by STARFLEET, such as membership funds, quartermaster purchases, etc.

For the purposes of this report, expenses all funds disbursed by STARFLEET, such as paying for services rendered (ie, printing and postage for the CQ, costs associated with Membership processing, etc.)

STARFLEET Academy maintains a separate bank account for incoming and outgoing funds; I'll be asking Academy Commandant Marlene Miller to send me that data for posting.

STARFLEET Scholarship Director Sue Hampton also maintains a separate bank account for incoming and outgoing scholarship funds. I'll be asking her to send me that data for posting as well.

Thank you for your time and patience in this particular aspect of our financial reporting.

Regards,
Mike

Commander, STARFLEET - cs@sfi.org - <http://www.sfi.org>

DETAILED EXPENSES FOR STARFLEET TREASURY

From Fleet Admiral Mike Smith

\$1210 on computer related issues including parts and related expenses to support the two STARFLEET-owned computers that help provide internet related services that are located in Conshohocken, PA, a tape backup drive and a CD-Recordable drive that are at SFHQ, owned by STARFLEET and will be

transferred to the new CS. (The funds related to the purchase of the tape backup and CD-Recordable drive were returned by me).

\$3100 in related expenses surrounding the printing, professional mailing and postage costs of the Communique

\$920 in telephone related expenses, some of which was incurred in the latter months of 1999.

\$420 dollars in expenses related to my travel to the Region 2 Summit in Birmingham, Alabama, all of which has been returned to the organization via \$200 expenses donation from Region 2, and \$220 returned by me.

\$1740 in expenses related to STARFLEET collecting and delivering funds via credit card for the 2000 STARFLEET Region 1 Summit.

\$40 to STARFLEET Region 5/Allyson Dyar in the matter of a money order from Scott Akers (I believe) that was written out to STARFLEET. The money order was sent to SFHQ for deposit and reimbursement

\$1029 in expenses related to STARFLEET collecting funds on behalf of the STARFLEET Marine Corps for the SFMC Marine Pins.

\$750 in expenses related to the shipping of various packages and documents on behalf of STARFLEET, some of which was incurred in the latter months of 1999

\$1000 in expenses related to payment of scholarships awarded to Amy Alexander and Becky Thane

\$500 in expenses related to the STARFLEET Quartermaster

\$120 in expenses related to STARFLEET Operations and a mailing sent by STARFLEET Operations early in the year

\$140 in expenses related to the collection and forwarding of funds via credit card for the Year 2000 STARFLEET HQ Patches

\$356 in expenses related to the collection and forwarding of funds via credit card for the 2000 STARFLEET IC.

\$4200 in expenses related to Membership Processing

\$2000 in relation to CQ costs

\$200 in SFHQ Office Supplies (paper and inkjet cartridges)

[Note from Pete Mohny: if you add up the numbers above, and compare it to the quarterly expenses in the prior report, you'll note a large discrepancy. I do not at this time know why there is a difference.]

FIRST QUARTER 2000 STARFLEET ACADEMY FUND

Here's the First Quarter, 2000 Starfleet Academy Fund checking account info:

Beginning balance: 397.74

Less: 170.23 reimbursements to Academy directors for expenses

Less: 4.00 refund for College of Communications course

Less: 21.00 account maintenance fee

Plus: 461.00 income from course fees

Ending balance: 663.51

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Here's the First Quarter, 2000 Starfleet Academy Fund savings account info:

Beginning balance: 813.56 (this money initially came from Academy tuition)

Less: 6.00 service charges

Less: 6.00 two 'bounced' checks from a Starfleet member

Less: 14.00 'bounced' check fee (2 @ 7.00)

Plus: 4.01 income from interest

Plus: 19.00 deposit from Academy tuition.

Ending balance: 810.57

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As an aside... I contact Starfleet members who 'bounce' checks and ask them to send replacement checks for the tuition and bank fee(s). To date, most people have done so.

Hopefully, for the third quarter, we may eliminate the service charges from both accounts by meeting the 'minimum deposit required' as set by the bank authorities. I'm awaiting the June statements and 2nd Quarter reports will be made once that happens.

Marlene
academy@sfi.org

SECOND QUARTER 2000 STARFLEET ACADEMY FUND

As promised, here are numbers from the Second Quarter, 2000 Starfleet Academy Fund.:

Academy Checking Account Info:

Beginning balance: 663.51

Less: 434.94 reimbursements to Academy staff & faculty for expenses

Less: 7.00 account maintenance fee

Less: 9.00 three 'bounced' checks from Starfleet members

Less: 21.00 'bounced' check fees (3 @ 7.00)

Plus: 1021.00 income from course fees

Ending balance: 1212.57

Academy Savings Account Info:

Beginning balance: 810.57

Less: 6.00 service charges

Plus: 3.72 income from interest

Ending balance: 808.29

VAdm Marlene J. Miller
Commandant, Starfleet Academy