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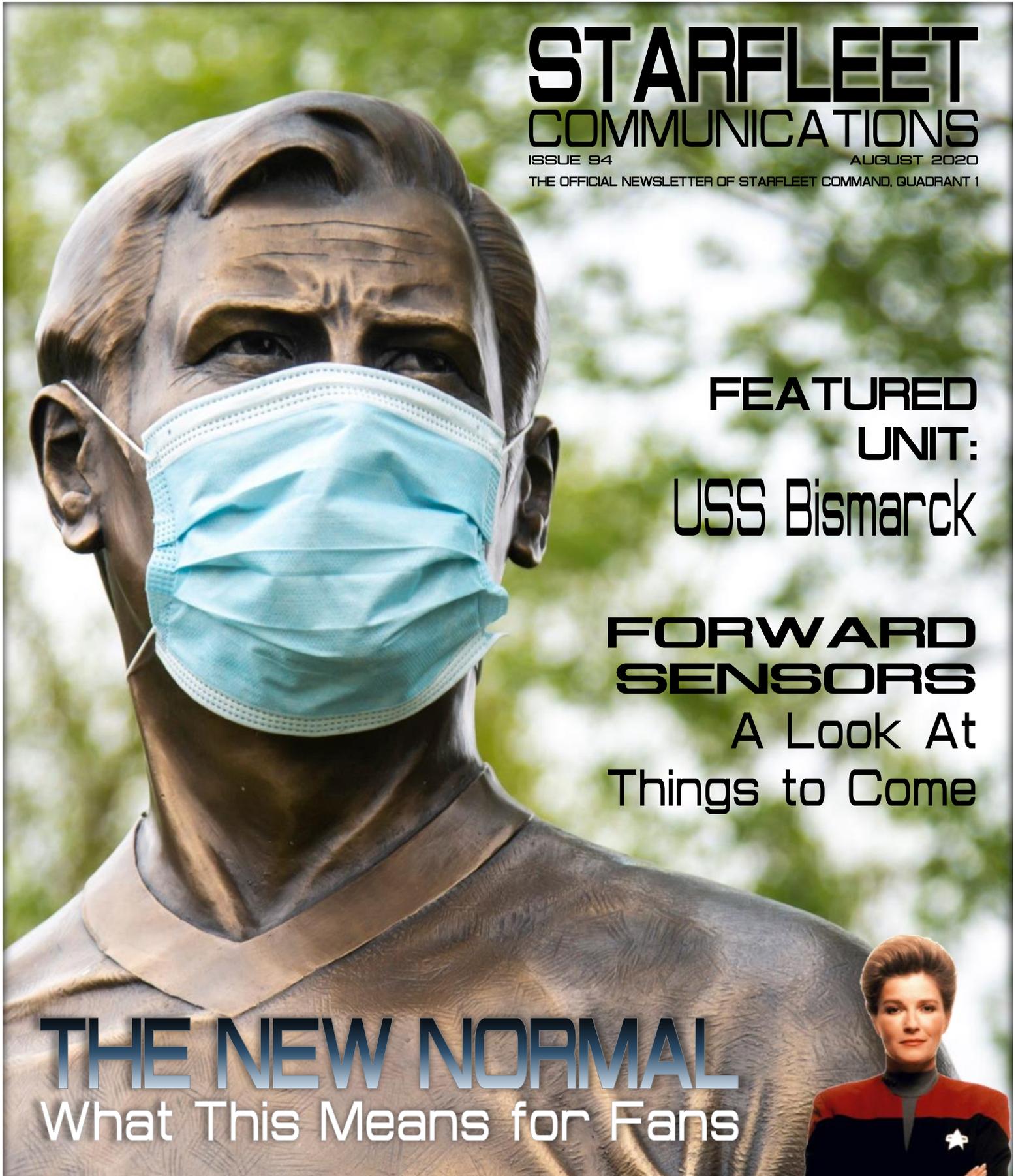
**FEATURED
UNIT:
USS Bismarck**

**FORWARD
SENSORS**
A Look At
Things to Come

THE NEW NORMAL

What This Means for Fans

PLOT A COURSE, MR PARIS
Janeway Monument is a Go!





Devastating Storm Rolls Through Midwest

STARFLEET Command hopes that all members who were in the path of this devastating storm are safe and they and their families are getting back to a more 'civilized' way of life, with power.

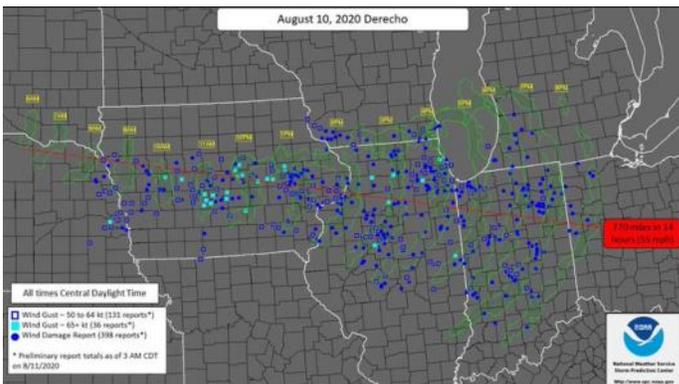
An intense derecho moved from far southeast **South Dakota into Ohio** on Monday 8/10/20. This derecho traveled approximately 770 miles in 14 hours and produced widespread damaging wind gusts, including numerous wind gusts over 74 mph (65 kt) & several over 90 mph in central Iowa

According to NOAA, National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL), a derecho is a widespread, long-lived wind storm that is associated with a band of rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms. In order for a cluster of thunderstorms to be defined as a derecho, a wind damage swath must extend for more than 240 miles and include wind gusts of at least 58 mph along most of its length.

"Although a derecho can produce destruction similar to that of tornadoes. The damage typically is directed in one direction along a relatively straight swath," the NSSL states. "As a result, the term 'straight-line wind damage' sometimes is used to describe derecho damage."

Also known as an inland hurricane, a derecho doesn't have an eye like a hurricane and its winds come across in a line. The damage it does is likely to spread out over a large area like a hurricane, as opposed to localized impacts from a tornado.

Estimated winds between 90 to 100 mph were reported in parts of Iowa as the storm system moved through "Many communities had significant tree/structural damage. Travel was impassable in some areas and **tens of thousands of people were without power, internet and cell phone service after the devastating winds blasted through.**





FINALLY!!!!

Something To Look Forward To

The fans of the second season of Discovery fell in love with Captain Christopher Pike, Number 1 and Commander Spock... and CBS took notice.

In mid-May, the fandom jumped out of their Spock ears when they learned that CBS had greenlighted **Star Trek: Strange New Worlds**, a reportedly exciting return to the episodic format that many have been looking for in the modern incarnations of the franchise. It will bring back to the small screen the beautiful and iconic USS Enterprise cap-

tained by Christopher Pike (Anson Mount).

While the ship may look radically updated, her overall feel should be very familiar to all those who fell in love with her so many years ago.

No word on when production will begin, but we Trek fans will be anxiously waiting for a more classic-feeling show. Keep an eye on all of the normal platforms for updates... "Hit it!"

For the kids in all of us, *CBS All-Access* has finally set a release date for the highly anticipated animated series *Star Trek: Lower Decks*. August 6th will give the world the chance to meet the

"interesting" new crew of the USS Cerritos, the least important ship in the fleet. While it may be edgier and at times, more adult, *Lower Decks* promises to be a decidedly different addition to the franchise as a whole.

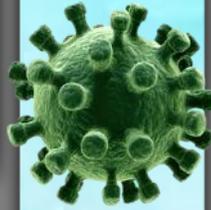
Immediately following *Lower Decks*, the long-awaited season 3 of Discovery will be on *CBS All-Access* starting Oct 15. With its 900 year jump to the future, Discovery will begin to navigate the unknown in a big way and will be in a better position to answer the questions on everyone's minds: What does the Federation look like now? Is the Federation still in existence? Who is friend and who is foe?

This will be an amazing year for Trek with 23 weeks of something new... almost six months of NEW STAR TREK! I, for one, can't wait!



Welcome to the

NEW NORMAL?



Well... that was fun, but is it over?

Whether COVID-19 was just a nasty little bug or the next big epidemiological nightmare, the damage has been done on a global scale...and it's not likely to go away anytime soon. With the general public still coming to terms with how life continues from this point on, there is one overlying emotion which seems to be taking root: FEAR.

The primary casualty to the public sense of ill-at-ease is the practice of social distancing. It has a myriad of benefits for the here and now, namely ensuring the health and well being of your fellow humans. Keeping an mindful eye on the elderly and immune-compromised gives us all a sense of pride, knowing that we are doing our part, albeit small, in the grand scheme of things.

However, social distancing does come at a cost. For fans of...whatever, the get togethers that have been planned for and highly anticipated are now being postponed or cancelled out right. Occasions that are typically spent in groups amongst fellow enthusiasts are now relegated to online events and meetings. There is an overwhelming feeling of isolation: being stuck at home, not being allowed to physically interact with others.

Star Trek fans, in particular, are doing everything they can to brave this maelstrom. Using the available technology to meet with fellow crewmates, posting on social media pictures and/or videos of the new uniform or prop that was finally delivered and attending online cons is going along way in keeping us from going out of our 'Vulcan minds'.

So the question is asked: Where do we go from here? Into the unknown...into the future, of course. Now is the time to take stock and learn from everything that is challenging our notion of what it is to be NORMAL. This may not be easy for some, but it is the only way to move forward and live. A certain amount of risk is normal and actually healthy. However, too many risky actions can cause undue harm to you, your family and/ or friends.

Make no mistake: the next few months from now on are not

going to be as it was before. This is the time to reevaluate what is important. Things such as:

- Wearing your mask
- Checking on friends and loved ones
- Washing your hands
- Practicing social distancing

Will greatly improve not only your chances, but others chances to be able to go back to whatever normal will be.

On that note, remember this: Normal is what you make of it. My normal isn't the same as your normal. Taking babysteps into the unknown will be the most prudent way to ensure normality's eventual return. It can't be rushed. It shouldn't be rushed.

The second wave is upon us, and it isn't being particularly kind this go-around. Reclosings of businesses, beaches, and restaurants are happening. School years are being postponed or strictly virtual. The overall stress level is increasingly being elevated. The time for adjusting to what may be the new normal has arrived.

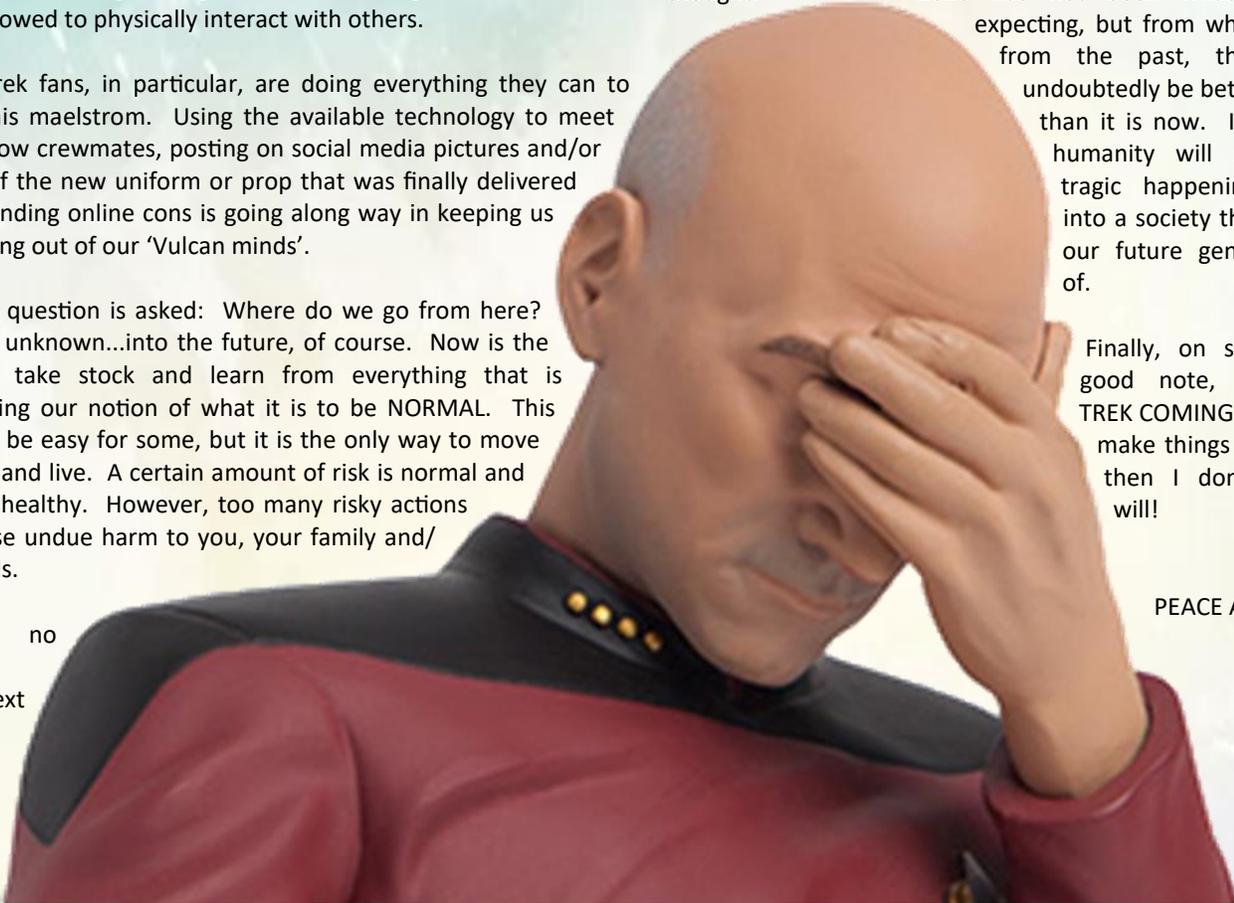
As I step down from my soap box, let me leave you with this final thought:

2020 has not been what we all were expecting, but from what we all know from the past, the future will undoubtedly be better and brighter than it is now. I can only hope humanity will reflect on the tragic happenings and grow into a society that would make our future generations proud of.

Finally, on somewhat of a good note, THERE'S NEW TREK COMING! If that doesn't make things more bearable, then I don't know what will!

PEACE AND LONG LIVE!

BGEN JP Coree
Editor in Chief
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Starfleet Command's Successful Launchof It's New Website

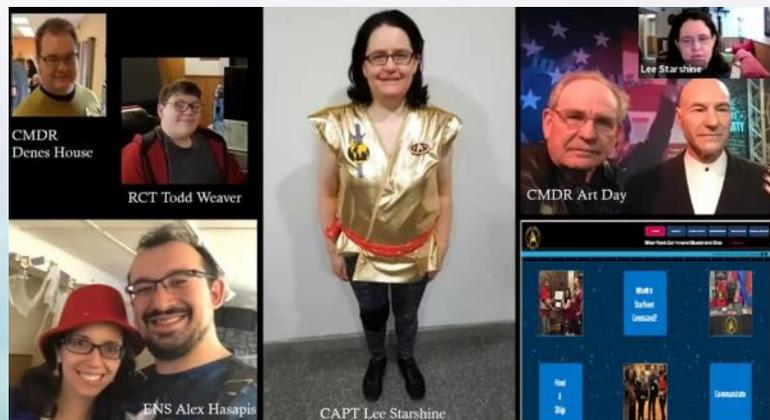
Starfleet Command is very pleased to announce the successful launch of our new website! Over the past several years, our previous site started to become increasingly unmanageable. Things that worked well began to fail, plugins for the site increased in cost, and the site became more difficult to maintain on a daily basis. As such, a decision was made to transition to a new platform and rebuild the site from the ground up. The web address (URL) is the same, but the website has a brand-new look. It's more modern in appearance, more robust in functionality, and includes some new features, such as an SFC event calendar.

This has been quite the long-term undertaking, with an initial proposal to transition being presented to Admiral Roy Jackson in January 2019. Discussions continued on and off for almost a year, and a formal proposal was approved by the Admiralty Board in January 2020. The website development team worked tirelessly over the next six months, and the new site was deployed on July 2, 2020.

Starfleet Command would like to thank the development team, Captain Lee Starshine, Commander Art Day, Commander Denes House, Ensign Alex Hasapis, and Recruit Todd Weaver for their efforts in bringing this to fruition. Starfleet Command relies on dedicated members like these, who volunteer time and skills to keep the club running. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please stop in and take a look at the new site: <https://www.starfleet-command.com/>

Commanding officers, please contact the Chief of Communications if you'd like an event added to the website calendar.



ADMIRAL'S CORNER

Now Hear This



A new policy has been engaged within Starfleet Command Quadrant 1.

As of 8-1-2020, all members will require 30 days in membership with SFC Q1 before they can request exams from the Academy. This will allow Membership Services time to get new members assigned to ships/chapters, allow time for the Academy to be notified of new

membership, allow Communications time to get new members listed on the email distribution list and allow Finance time to get the payments verified.

Any exam requests prior to 30 days of membership will be denied.

Resistance WILL be futile.

Since the last newsletter, we've added a great many new members to our organization. Let me take this moment to introduce you to:

USS Athena - RCT Joe Cepeda

USS Hunter S Thompson -

RCT Christopher Abbott
RCT Yvette Blackmon Tom
RCT John Dawe
RCT Jeffrey DeleRee

LTJg Heather Jordan
ENS Homer Frizzell
ENS John Tufarella

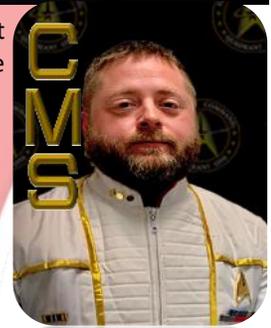
RCT Ruth Gale
RCT LouiS Hollenbeck
RCT Paul Klinko
RCT Jenna Monaghan

RCT Christine Morretta
RCT Mohamed Noor
RCT Donald Smith
RCT Julie Sorrell
RCT Michael Welch
PVT James Brancato
PVT Edward O'Connell

USS Terminus
RCT Gilbert Conrad
RCT Elizabeth Corbet

Starbase 03

RCT Nathan Guill
RCT Allan Hohensee
RCT Rosemarie Hohensee
RCT Connie Rizo



Let's all take a moment and welcome them all into the Fleet. On behalf of all of us serving on the Admiralty Board, we are all excited to see what you bring to your units and to our organization!

It's A Good Thing!

...and Now for Something Completely Different

Starfleet Command has authorized a venture into a strange new frontier with the hopes of engaging more than just our members: the Nova News Webcast.

Being the brainchild of CMDR Rex Wood, Starfleet Command's Nova News will feature club related updates and entertaining segments on real science with Dr Mohamed Noor (who just joined SFC). The webcast is aimed to not only entertain and inform, but to serve as a valuable tool for recruitment and basic public relations.

CMDR Wood has scoured the membership to find his new team.

BGEN James P Coree and LTJg Heather Jordan will also be the face of the new webcast. BGEN Coree will focus on production and fleet related issues while LTJg Jordan will use her skills to interview the special guests.

Starfleet Command members are encouraged to visit the website (sfcnovanews.com), visit the Facebook page (STARFLEET COMMAND's Nova News), watch the actual webcast, and suggest ideas for the show. The show won't have any political or personal opinions, but will be Trek -centric as much as possible. Think of it as the online newsletter...but not!

Let them know what you think at:

sfcnovanews.com

STARFLEET COMMAND'S NOVA NEWS



CMDR Rex Wood



BGEN James P Coree



LTJg Heather Jordan



From left to right Tom Efker, Jen Fish, Richard Hatfield, William Fish, Richard Pinsky (in blue) Scott Fish, Matt Mote (on floor) Daniel Johnson, Pat Stanly, Anthony Day, Anakin Mote, Lisa Johnson, Tammi Mote, Rebecca Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Jack Barr, Dennis Gilbert and Suzanne Barr took the photo.

USS Bismarck A True Success Story

Some high lights from the past 28 years;

- We worked out at the Ohio Renaissance fair as our big fund raiser for 15 years
- We helped raised \$12,000 one year to equip emergency squids with children size life saving gear. Somewhere in Atrium Hospital there is a bronze plaque with the USS Bismarck listed on it.
- Years ago we had a deal with the local Elder Beerman department store that gave their employee's turkey's at Christmas time to give us any extras for local food banks. One year we had like 50 turkeys to give out, but most times we only had 20-30. They stopped doing that years ago.
- At our biggest we had like 57 members.
- We have had 5 crew go on to command SB 05, and set on the Admiralty board over the years.
- We have had two spin off ships. Only the Armstrong is still around.
- We have had 4 custom pins, two jackets and one challenge coin for our crew members over the years.
- We have had 4 weddings
- There has been 5 kids been born aboard the ship, their age go from 11-16 now.
- We took a home made pineapple upside down cake to every firehouse and police station on Christmas day one year as a special treat for everyone working. (this was before 9/11 and much easier)
- We have help run conventions over the years, by doing security.
- As for awards we have over to large totes full, dating from the 1990's to 2019
- We also did our owe awards for years, like attendance, merit, fundraising, shuttle pilot (if you gave rides to other crew to meeting and events), departmental to name a few.
- If you want more photos of things befriend Molly Gram on FB she is our archivist.

SFC FINANCIAL REPORT

Mid-Year Financial Report

BEGINNING YEAR BALANCE	\$5,375.09	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$2,542.00	
TOTAL STORE SALES	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,542.00	
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	(\$399.38)	DOMAIN RENEWAL/WEBSITE CERTIFICATE
TOTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS	(\$843.87)	NEWSLETTERS
TOTAL FINANCE	(\$96.07)	PAYPAL CHRGS/BANK FEES
TOTAL FLEET STORE	(\$208.65)	T-SHIRTS
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$1,547.97)	
YEAR TO DATE BALANCE	\$6,369.12	

USS INDIANAPOLIS

Remembers

USS INDIANAPOLIS

USS Indianapolis (CA-35) was a Portland-class heavy cruiser of the United States Navy, named for the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. Launched in 1931, the vessel served as a flagship for the Commander of Scouting Force 1 for 8 years, then a flagship for Admiral Raymond Spruance in 1943 and 1944 while he commanded the Fifth Fleet in battles across the central Pacific during WWII.

Captain McVay took command of the USS Indianapolis in November of 1944. He led the ship the invasion of Iwo Jima, then the bombardment Okinawa in the spring of 1945. But in July 1945, Indianapolis completed a top-secret trip to deliver parts of 'Little Boy', the first nuclear weapon ever used in combat, to the United States Army Air Force Base on the Island of Tinian.

On the way back to the Philippines, on a training duty, at 0015 (1:30) The Indianapolis was sunk by 2 Japanese torpedoes. It went down in 12 minutes. Of 1,195 crewmen aboard the ship, there were only 317 that survived. As of today, there only 8 survivors that are living.

This remembrance brought to you by CAPT Paula Geryak of our own USS INDIANAPOLIS NCC 1945-A.



FIELD REPORT

The USS Trinity went into total shutdown and space isolation in April per mandate by Earthlings who yet maintain control of the universe, or so they claim.



In May, the USS Trinity welcomed aboard our new Honorary Crew Member: Bean Luc Picard. He continues to be

unidentifiable and so far does not appear to be an Earthling, nor a Vulcan. At this time we consider him a UFO: Unidentified Flying Oddball.

Some starship members had a sneak meet tailgate picnic in May as part of reconnaissance duty. Of course the Captain will not release any names regarding this event, nor will he confirm or deny that it actually happened. Other members attended the 30-Plane Flyover Tribute to healthcare workers in May.



Certain crew members also watched the historical NASA-SpaceX Dragon launch in late May.

In June, we hit the 3,000 mark for interplanetary pop tabs for charity donation. Way to pop those tops, crew!

Due to the sensitive nature and secrecy of our missions, what you see in this newsletter may or may not be true. Don't count on it. Photos may or may not be actual representations. We pledge to fully protect our shipmates to the ends of the universe.

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starfleet-command.com *Today!*



USS Henry Hudson's Star Trek Picard viewing party hosted by Commander Rev. Denes House. left: Commander Denes House, Timothy House, Chris Hopler, Commander Steve Robinson, Steven Brinckerhoff



USS Henry Hudson celebrates the premiere of Star Trek: Picard w/ a specialty cake! back left: Captain Lee Starshine, Ensign Alex Hasapis, Sara Vecchiolla, Commander Debbie Vecchiolla, RCT Stephanie McCann, Commander Steve Robinson, RCT Wendy Mendes, RCT Feliciano Mended, Lt. Commander Claire Vecchiolla, Medical Officer Krystina Mueller

Meet Your Commanders

The chain of command is the most important structure that any organization has in place. From your department head to your unit CO to the Admiralty Board, there is a certain path you must take to deliver grievances, suggestions, etc. While the Board is critical to the operation of Starfleet Command, your Starbase Commanders should be your go-to officer for advice on the topic of your choice. Promotions, transfers, complaints and whatnot need to go through these commanders before it ever gets to the Board. That's why they are there; to be the intermediaries between the units and the upper echelon. Utilize these officers as much as possible. That's why they're there. Let them help you however they can!



RADM Brian W. Peterson
Member since 1992



RADM Paul W. Rikard
Member since 2011

Former Fleet Marine



CMDR Rex A. Wood
Member since 2018

Founding member of
USS Hunter S. Thompson
Co-founder of Nova
News



BGEN James P. Coree
Member since 1992

Founding member of
USS MOORE NCC 17015
Founder of Trekkers
Against Bullying
Co-founder of Nova
News

The Captain is Finally Coming Home

The stalwart captain of the Intrepid-class *USS Voyager* is being honored in the same way that Capt. James T. Kirk and Spock have been, by way of a monument in her home town.

Bloomington, Indiana will be the new Star Trek pilgrimage destination beginning in May 2020. The Captain Janeway Bloomington Collective met their fundraising goal late in December 2019. A limestone sculpture and accompanying information display are being designed to serve as a monument to Captain Janeway, with a target installation date of May 20, 2020. As part of this installation, the Janeway Collective is planning a commemoration unveiling to celebrate the character and her future birthplace, with activities highlighting Janeway's strong leadership alongside the science and technology from the Star Trek universe, and how they impact us today.

For all those interested in making the 'trek' to Bloomington, Indiana, leave a post on the Starfleet Command Q1 Facebook page and setup an away mission to remember! And as always, take plenty of pictures. The newsletter loves to see and share pictures of our members out and about sharing their love of all things Trek, not to mention that we get to share in history being made!

UPDATE: The new unveiling date is 24OCT2020. Make your plans now!!



Unit CO's Something To Keep in Mind

STARSHIP PERIODIC ACTIVITY REPORT (SPAR-I)
FOR AUTHORIZED STARFLEET COMMAND OFFICERS USE ONLY
REVISED FOR USE 7-1-2020

Earth Date:	DD /Month / YY	Commanding Officer:	
Reporting Period:	DD - DD- MMM	First Officer:	
Ship Chapter Title:		Email:	NCC #

PERSONNEL AND RECORDS

Promotions Granted: (Name/previous rank/current rank & department)

Email or Address updates:

SHIP / CHAPTER ACTIVITIES
(What did your ship / chapter do this reporting period?)

Meetings or Crew Gatherings/get-togethers etc. (Dates & Places/event/activity)

Newsletters, blogs, Joining another SFC Ship for a meeting, etc. (Dates & Places/event/activity)

Other:

*Names of Crew participating in Activities:

AWAY MISSIONS and/or PUBLIC EVENTS
(Public Events Occurring in the Community)

Conventions, Parades, Festivals, etc. (Dates & Places)

Picnics, Movie Outings, Ballgames, etc. (Dates & places)

*Names of Participating Crew:

RECRUITING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Convention Recruiting Tables, Newspaper Ads, Meet-Ups, etc.

Social Media, Website Updates, FB Contributions, etc.

*Names of Participating Crew:

SHIP/CHAPTER CHARITY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
(Did you support your Community in any way?)

Charity Events: (Charity & Donation Type)

Volunteering Time or Donations: i.e. Charitable Activities or Philanthropy: (Charity & Donation Type)

*Names of Participating Crew:

FLEET SPONSORED ACTIVITIES
(SFC Approved Events)

Meetings, Festivals, Dinners, Conventions, etc. (Dates & Event)

Pop Tab Collection, SFC Newsletter, SFC FB or SFC Project Contributions, etc.

*Names of Participating Crew:

*Names of Crew members completing Academy Exams: (Name & Exam)

The SPAR-I & II's have recently underwent a much needed redesign... and as unit Commanding Officer, you'll need to take notice rather quickly.

The older version of the **STARSHIP PERIODIC ACTIVITY REPORT (SPAR)** had the feel of last century and was lacking in a few critical informational areas. With the new look, the reports will now have a few extra feature that will not only help to make your ship stand out, but also assist the Admiralty Board come award time.

Commanding officers will now be required to list the attending crew members, what was done, and who did what. Gone are the days of just getting by with "6 crew met. We watched TAS" and leaving it at that. If the Board doesn't know who was there, how can the reward the member or members doing to work? They want to know who? Who planned it? Who showed up? Who brought the Garlic Parmesan Gagh? You even have the opportunity to show pictures of the event to go allow with the report so that you can show off you crew having a swell time! The Board likes to see a happy membership.

Starbase Commanders aren't being left out, either. Their SPAR-II's have also been updated and their powers of outreach have been broadened as well. Communication will be increased between Starbases and units in the hopes that membership won't feel left out or abandoned.

Ship CO's: If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Starbase commanders. They have been trained to answer all of your questions to the fullest. Utilize their knowledge. That is what they are there for!

KLINGON Word of the Day

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HoD

"captain"

We Want YOU!

Contributors Welcome



Cookout 4th of July

We had a little cookout on the 4th of July. We also watched SFC Mid year meeting on Zoom. The food was really good and lots of it. Many of the crew couldn't make it. But those that did had a wonderful time. We had two birthdays this month.



June's Meeting

June's Meeting 2020 was at El Mariachi. We had 8 crewmembers in attendance. We had a few trivia contests, and we had two birthdays. Everyone had a wonderful time and the food was really good too.



We, at Starfleet Communications, are in need of content from you, our members. Scouring through Facebook is fine, but surprisingly, there isn't that much to pull from. And while we understand that the current global pandemic is halting most if not all outings, we know that you are doing Trek related activities.

Tell us what you are doing during your local lockdowns. Did you put together a model of the USS Enterprise-D? Show us how it turned out! Did you make your our Starfleet uniform from scratch? Share your secrets with the rest of the membership. You may be surprised at the feedback! Did you make a fan film and need help editing it? "Advertise" here and help the get word out.

Sharing your activities with us can be highly beneficial. It can lead to added interesting into your favorite hobby. It may also show off your



That's right... you might receive an award for your hobby. The more you share, the more you

are involved, the more of the right people will take notice and possibly seek you out for help.

Whatever it is that you do or have done, let us know. We want to show you off. But we can't do that if you don't submit articles for the newsletter.

And remember, you don't have to be a commanding officer to turn in articles. Anyone can offer suggestions...within reason. Below is a list of items that we WON'T publish:

- Politics
- Religion
- Anything insensitive toward a group or individuals

Guidelines for submission are as follows:

- 250 words max
- Suitable pictures if desired WITH captions
- Dates and locations are helpful.

Finally, if there is something you'd like to see more of, let us know. We want very much to make this a desirable product. Changes are going to happen and will happen. With your help, we can make this newsletter a fantastic piece of entertainment!



And the Award Goes To...



It's that time again: Time to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of your ships and crew!

2020 has been an 'odd' year to be sure, however, there are those that have stepped up and showed their commitment through actions and deeds.

This is the time of year when officers from the entire fleet nominate others for awards that will be voted on and awarded at the end of year meeting.

The same goes for the Starbase Commanders. They all have the opportunity to show off the units under their command just like the unit

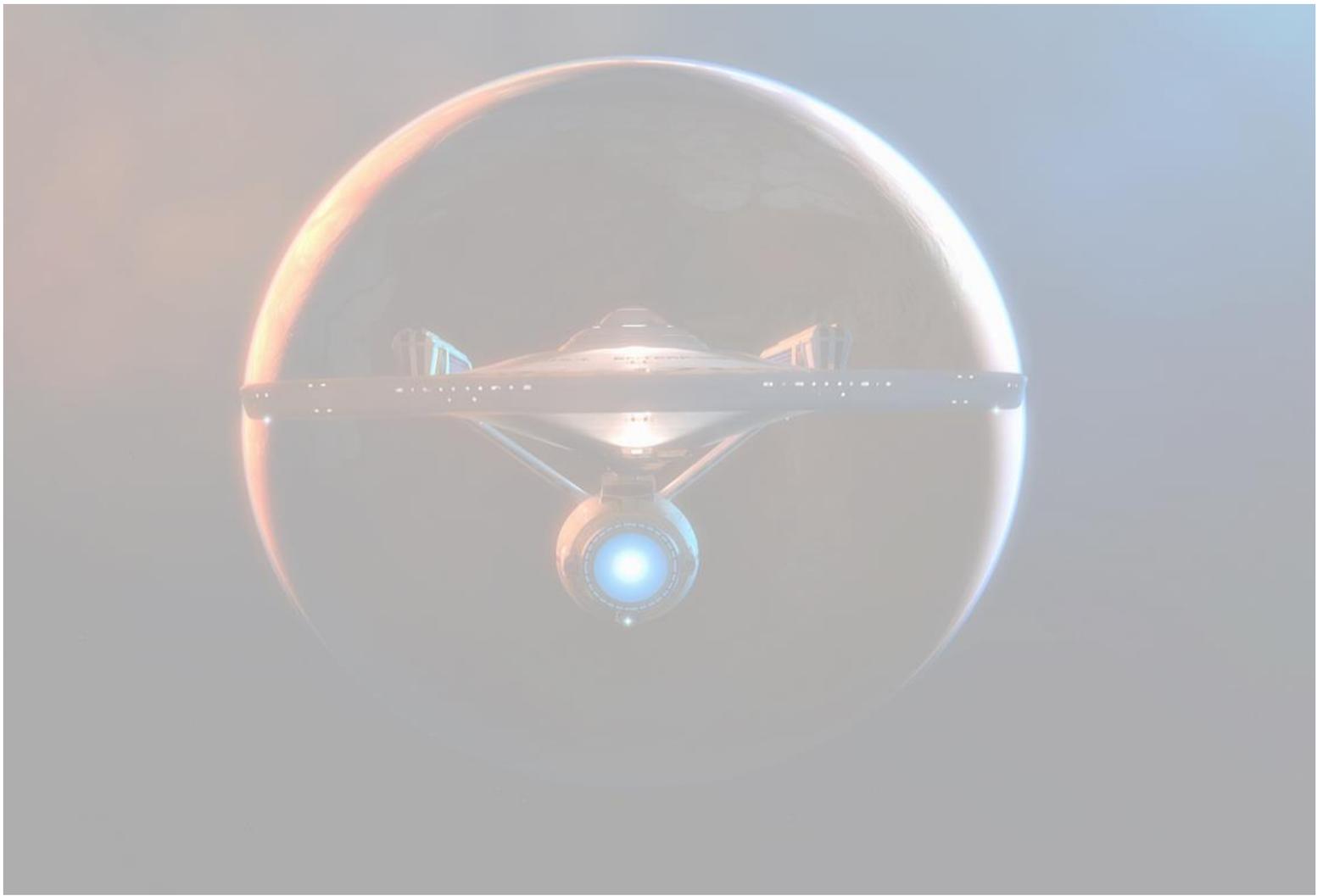
CO's do.

The categories are:

- ⌘ Senior Officer of the Year
- ⌘ Junior Officer of the Year
- ⌘ NCO of the Year
- ⌘ Newsletter of the Year
- ⌘ Website of the Year
- ⌘ And of course, **SHIP OF THE YEAR**

Please check with the requirements for each. Be sure to send you recommendations as soon as possible as the Admiralty Board will need to vote on them soon.

Celebrate with your crew. Be proud of their accomplishments! Let's strive to end the year on a positive note!



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