



CHANNEL ONE

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Oct/Nov 2016 Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE RC

Here we are Fall already. Time has gone fast this year. By now you should have received your ballot for CS if you were a member by August. Since there are five teams running for CS, the ballots ask that you choose the order you prefer each team place in the election. Should your first choice have the least amount of votes and none of the other teams have the 50% + 1, then that team is eliminated. They go down the list till one team has 50% + 1 and becomes the winner.

We have lost a few chapters lately. USS Black Elk had a change of Command and moved to Colorado. USS George Washington, USS Helen Pawlowski and USS Bellerophon moved to region 15. September 24, 2016, we said goodbye to the USS Jamestown. After 34 years, they decided to decommission. Some members are staying in Fleet and transferring to surrounding chapters.

Denali Station commissioned. The CS investigation is still under way. Reviewing the Fleet membership handbook has just started. The AB list has been busy too.

Special points of interest:

- Summer Fun at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center
By Sebastian Motes
- Mission Reports from the USS Star League and USS Heimdal



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Rear Admiral Scott Gibson
Vice Regional Coordinator
Program Operations
Region One



Hello Everyone, welcome to this issue of Channel 1!

In this issue, I want to focus again on our Space Camp Scholarship. As you all are aware, this program is intended to provide funds for a deserving young person to spend a week as an "astronaut trainee" at Space Camp, located at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Traditionally, a lucky youth will be selected by the Region and the tuition for the program will be paid out of Scholarship funds set aside in our treasury. Unfortunately, contributions to the fund have been slowing up again and, to make things a bit more of a challenge, the cost of the program has increased to \$1,200 for one youth to attend the week long program.

Darlene Harper, our Space Camp Scholarship Director, has issued a challenge to every chapter in region one to donate at least \$25 to the Space Camp Scholarship Fund this year.

I'd like to encourage all of the members and Chapters in Region One to support the Space Camp Scholarship program. If your chapter is looking for an activity, please consider fundraisers for the scholarship. Bake Sales, Yard Sales, Car Washes or even collecting cans, the Scholarship can use any help you can provide!

To find out more about the program, contact Darlene Harper at: captharper2002@yahoo.com.

If you'd like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, contact Our Treasurer, Barry Jackson at: barryj0065@gmail.com.

That's all for now, folks! See you next issue!

Looking for a way to become more involved with the region? Check out the region's website and see all the departments under the staff tab. You can see what departments are open or if you see a department that you are interested send a email to the department head and see if they need any volunteers.

If you know someone that is interested in starting a ship, contact the shuttle operations or they can contact me for assistance or information.

Have a ship's history you would like to share contact the regions Historian.

These are just two of the many departments. Our doors are always open to all for ideas, suggestions or to answer questions.

Admiral Darlene Harper
Region One Senior VRC
USS Columbus



After a recent knee replacement surgery and a continuing recovery, I took a trip to the wonderful world of Dragoncon. My Labor Day tradition is to immerse myself in the wonders of Dragoncon, the wonderful costumes and interesting people. It is a kind of busman's holiday for a counselor but a curiosity about people is why I went in to psychology. As always it was a ton of fun, exhausting and amazing. This time I did a new thing and did the Star Trek trivia contest on Saturday morning. There were about 50 people in the room but only about 20 of us participated in the contest. Lo and behold I actually came in 3rd against very stiff competition. I was so proud of myself.

The lesson from this is be open to new things and give it a shot. You never know what might happen.

As always your Counselor Corps is here to serve you.

This is a picture of my prize (a button from Gameshow Command -United Federation of Planets and an isoliniar chip. Also in the picture is my golden ticket - my streaming membership for Dragoncon).



There is a challenge for each ship in Region One to donate \$25 to the space camp fund by the end of October.

The cost of camp has increased this year, this is the first raise in price for several years, so we will need to raise more money to send a camper we will need at least \$1200 to cover costs.

Thank you to everyone that can assist in this fund raising.

Admiral Darlene Harper

Region One

From the Publications Office:

You will notice in this issue that I have removed the calendar pages from the end of the newsletter. I will gladly add it back if there is real interest in it however, I was not getting the information from enough chapters to make it viable.

I have also worked more towards the idea of a magazine format, let me know if you like it.

Captain Kevin R Plummer

R1 Publications Officer





Summer Fun at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center

By Sebastian Motes

September 25, 2016

Editor's Note: Sebastian Motes is a crew member on STARFLEET's USS Columbia. He is also a 13-year-old dual-enrolled student at Austin Peay State University and the Middle College @ Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. He is concurrently working toward high school and university graduation, and would like to pursue a career in electrical and mechanical engineering. In 2016, he was awarded scholarships to attend two camps at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The Army Aviation Association of America-Tennessee Valley Chapter sponsored his attendance at Aviation Challenge-MACH II, and STARFLEET Region 1 sponsored his attendance at Space Academy. He attended both camps in August, and this article describes his experiences.

.My Experience at Aviation Challenge-MACH II

I had an amazing experience at the military-style Aviation Challenge camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) in Huntsville, Alabama. I participated in the MACH II section of the camp.

Day 1

On the first day, the trainees were divided into teams, given call signs (nicknames), and given Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs). My team's name was "PPG," named after one of the camp's sponsors, PPG Industries, a company known for manufacturing aircraft windshields and windows. I was given the call sign "Crab" because when my team met me, they thought about Sebastian the Crab from the Disney movie *The Little Mermaid*. We were informed that, throughout camp, each trainee would be required to wear his or her BDU the majority of the time.

Later in the day, we learned about parade rest, which is a military stance in which one keeps hands joined behind one's back with thumbs interlocked. In this stance, one must also maintain a straightforward gaze while remaining silent and still unless otherwise instructed. We were told when to execute the stance throughout the remainder of camp. We also learned the basics about aircraft, including the four main forces acting on them: lift, thrust, drag, and weight. In addition, we reviewed the history of how aircraft technology has changed over the years.

We also explored an outdoor activity center known as "Area 51." Here, my team was split into two groups. The group to which I was assigned completed two activities. The first activity was quite challenging. Using only ropes, we were required to transfer three tennis balls from one bucket to another.



Colonel
Jerry Ross
with
Sebastian Motes

We were not allowed to touch the buckets or balls. To solve this problem, we tied taut-line hitches made from two ropes around the bucket containing the balls. Afterward, two people stood across from one another and tightly pulled the ropes while simultaneously twisting them in the same direction to tilt the bucket and release the balls into the other bucket.

For the second activity, the group was required to balance on a big lever while alternately sitting and standing. During the standing balance, the group was further required to sing and do the motions to the song "I'm a Little Teapot."

In the evening, we saw an IMAX film called *A Beautiful Planet*. This film depicted what it is like to

	NORTHROP GRUMMAN	PPG	GENERAL	SEARCO
Mission 1	24	39	34	40
Mission 2	29	38	28	39
Area 51				
Squadron Patch				
Search & Rescue	18	11	15	22
Fire Competition	22	18	15	15
D&C Competition	37	36	43	40
D&C Winner			50	2
Escape & Evasion	20	10	30	4
Top Gun				
Bay Inspection				
Photo Challenge	10	15	10	
TOTAL				

live and work on the International Space Station (ISS), what Earth looks like from space, and what we should do to help protect our planet for future generations.

Day 2

On the second day, we learned more formation stances and positions, including fall in, fall out, present



arms, order arms, attention, at ease, left face, right face, and about face. We were also introduced to the daily protocols of living in military-style barracks. Wake-up time was 6:30 A.M. We were required to fix our beds so that they were uniform before we left for breakfast. To do this, we were required to put all personal belongings, not including our suitcases, into our lockers next to our beds so that no personal items were visible in the living space. Each trainee was also required to make “hospital corners” on his or her bed, and had to ensure that the blanket was pulled tight so that there were no wrinkles and so that a ball could be bounced on the bed.

Later, we were introduced to flight simulators designed specifically for Aviation Challenge. Using these simulators, we learned the basics of how to operate the joystick and throttle, and then practiced flying and landing F-18 fighter jets. We also learned how to shoot missiles, drop bombs, and fire bullets. The next activity involved patrolling in the woods. For this activity, my team selected me to be Lead 1, which is a position that

checks for enemies when crossing a road while patrolling. After patrolling in the woods, everyone went rafting and swimming in the facility’s man-made lake.

Day 3

On the third day, we continued to explore the flight simulators. We learned about radars and how to get different views such as “air-to-air” and “air-to-ground.” Using our radars to lock onto targets, we refined our use of missiles, bombs, and bullets. We were later assigned to secret combat missions against an opponent team. My team was given a mission to stop an opponent force known as “Liber8.” We completed a variety of missions throughout the week involving bombing enemy bases and shooting down enemy aircraft. These missions were entertaining and well-planned.

Later on, my team learned about wilderness survival and basic first aid treatment. After that, each person on my team was able to take a ride in a Barney Chair, which is a spinning chair that simulates what it feels like to fly a fighter jet.

In the evening, we went covertly patrolling in the woods on a mission to take out all enemy guards without being captured. To take out a guard, a team member had to come out of hiding, sneak up on the guard, and touch both of the guard’s shoulders without being spotted. By the end of the activity, about half of the team members had been captured and the rest of the team was still hiding.

Day 4

On the fourth day, my team was able to ride Aviation Challenge’s two-person centrifuge. During the ride, a light would turn on periodically and each trainee would have to press a button beside his or her seat to keep the centrifuge spinning. This mechanism, along with a red emergency button located between the two seats, provided the option for a trainee to stop the centrifuge if needed.

In the afternoon, we went swimming again in the man-made lake. We also were given the opportunity to go on two water-related simulators. The first one was a helicopter water crash simulator in which trainees sat in a helicopter fuselage that was then lowered into the water. As water filled the fuselage, the team swam out to safety via open windows. The next simulator replicated a helicopter water rescue operation. Trainees had to



stand in the lake and each of us was assigned pretend injuries. The team had to help an injured individual get inside a safety net, which was then raised to a platform via a motorized pulley system. Trainees were hoisted up one by one until the entire team had experienced the simulator.

Afterward, we returned to the flight simulators to complete a bombing mission and an air-to-air shoot-down mission. Then, we went to a survival training lesson during which we discussed what is safe to eat and drink in the wilderness, how to find water and filter it, and how to set up traps and hunt if necessary. After eating dinner, we practiced building and maintaining a fire for an upcoming fire competition to be held the following day.

In the evening, my team participated in a Search and Rescue (SAR) mission. Our first mistake was killing our Pilot, who we thought was an enemy guard. After that, we ran into the enemy, who had stolen secret files that we were required to retrieve, and nearly everyone was captured. A few people, including the Assistant Patrol Leader, were able to hide, but as time passed they were picked off one by one until only the Assistant Patrol Leader was left. While several captured team members distracted the enemy guard by talking to her, the Assistant Patrol Leader managed to get behind a tree located next to the guard. Shortly thereafter, she was able to take out the guard, free the team, and retrieve the stolen files. We had nearly finished our mission when we ran out of time.

Before returning to the barracks, we participated in an airplane building activity. Each person was given a Styrofoam plate, a penny, tape, scissors, a Sharpie marker, and a template. Construction was limited to these materials, but the template could be modified if desired. Once each person was finished building his or her plane, we tested them outside. The tests turned into a competition, and on the final try, my plane came in second place.

Day 5

In the morning, the Top Gun competition was held in the flight simulators. This competition involved trainees fighting against each other, one-on-one, in a tournament to see who was the most skilled. A point system was used to determine the winner of each round. To win points, if a trainee actually saw the opponent aircraft flying (not just displayed on the radar) and he or she said, "Tally-Ho," then he or she would receive a point. If a trainee was flying behind the opponent, he or she was required to say, "Alpha-Whisky" to request permission to shoot. If he or she did not say the phrase, or permission was denied and he or she shot anyway, points would be deducted. The trainee who lost a round would be eliminated from the tournament, and the winning trainee would face another opponent in the next round, until a final winner was declared.

Later, we did a scavenger hunt searching for tagged poles using a map and compass. This was an exciting activity that helped me improve my survival skills. After that, each team had a formation competition based on the commands we had learned. My team was coordinated and did pretty well.

Before lunch, we got a chance to ride the Space Shot and G-Force Accelerator simulators. The Space Shot propelled us vertically 140 feet in 2.5 seconds putting 4 Gs of force on our bodies (the equivalent of four times the force of gravity at the Earth's surface), then allowed a 2-second sensation of out-of-seat weightlessness before beginning a 1 G free fall. The G-Force Accelerator spun us in a circle for several minutes as we stood against the walls of the simulator, causing 3 Gs of force to push on our bodies. These rides were both exhilarating!

In the evening, the fire competition was held. Each team had to divide all of its trainees into three groups, which included gatherers, fire builders, and fire lighters. I was one of the fire builders. We successfully built a stable log cabin fire structure, but were unfortunately not able to light the structure using five or less matches as required by the rules.

During the night, we did two activities. These activities were Seal Ops and Escape & Evasion (E&E). The Seal Ops mission was similar to the SAR mission except that we had to plant bombs on military fighter aircraft instead of retrieving stolen files. My team was assigned to plant bombs on the Grumman F-14 Tomcat and the Kaman SH-2 Seasprite aircraft. Working together, all of the teams successfully planted bombs on the assigned aircraft and eliminated all of the enemy guards. The next activity, E&E, required crawling through the woods without being spotted by an enemy guard. Before the activity, each trainee was given a coin. If a trainee was spotted once, he or she had to give the coin to an enemy guard but could continue the mission. If spotted twice, the trainee was captured. At the end of the mission, each team was awarded points for coins that had not been confiscated. It was an intense but fun experience.

Day 6

This was the last day of Aviation Challenge, and it consisted of packing up personal belongings and attending the graduation ceremony. At the ceremony, Colonel Jerry L. Ross, an American astronaut who went on seven missions in space, totaling 58 days, 0 hours, and 52 minutes, gave a short inspirational speech about leadership and teamwork and then congratulated all of the trainees. After that, he passed out certificates, accepted each graduate by turning his or her name patch right-side-up (as the patches had to be worn upside down throughout training), and shook hands with the graduates.

After camp, I attended a luncheon with Colonel Ross. During the luncheon, he gave a presentation in which he discussed his reactions during his first trip to space and showed the attendees clips of goofy activities and stunts that he and his team had completed. Colonel Ross also signed copies of his book *Spacewalker: My Journey to Space and Faith as NASA's Record-setting Frequent Flyer* for the attendees.

Overview

Overall, Aviation Challenge was a fun experience that emphasized discipline, teamwork, and leadership. The camp provided a challenging week of adventures and allowed me to enhance my skills in many areas. In addition, the camp activities enabled me to complete Boy Scout requirements for my Aviation merit badge, plus most requirements for the Wilderness Survival merit badge.





My Experience at Space Academy

I had the incredible privilege of attending the Space Academy camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) in Huntsville, Alabama. This camp built upon my experiences at Aviation Challenge camp, which I had attended during the prior week.

Day 1

On the first day, all of the trainees were assigned to teams. My team's name was "Boeing," named after the company known for manufacturing aircraft, rockets, and satellites. Shortly thereafter, we were given a tour of the Space Academy facilities.

Later in the day, we saw an IMAX film called *A Beautiful Planet*. Although I had seen this film previously at Aviation Challenge camp, a second viewing allowed me to gain additional insight about paying attention to the environment and avoiding harmful activities that may pollute and destroy Earth.

In the evening, we went to the Davidson Center for Space Exploration, a museum that houses the Saturn V Dynamic Test Vehicle. This gigantic rocket is displayed horizontally and is elevated so that visitors can walk underneath it. In addition, the rocket stages are separated and the engines are exposed so that the various components can be easily viewed. The Davidson Center also houses numerous other interesting exhibits, including the Apollo 12 Mobile Quarantine Facility, an Apollo 12 moon rock, the Apollo 16 Command Module, an Apollo 16 recovery parachute, and a Skylab solar array, to name a few. Near the end of our visit, the team went over a brief history of space exploration with an extremely helpful staff member.

Day 2

On the second day, we got up at 8:00 A.M. and did physical training (PT) under the space shuttle exhibit at Shuttle Park before heading off to breakfast. Later, we went to Rocket Park, a location that houses twenty-seven missiles and rockets, where we were given a tour and then quizzed on our ability to identify each exhibit. After that, we went on the G-Force Accelerator. Even though I had experienced this simulator previously while attending Aviation Challenge camp, I still enjoyed it.

Later, we toured the NASA grant-funded featured exhibition *ISS: Science on Orbit*, which includes two mockups of International Space Station modules with numerous full-scale replicas of equipment and supplies necessary to live and work in space. This gave us an idea of what to expect for our missions. Not long after that, we did team building exercises and trained for our first mission. During that mission, I was the Flight Director. The Flight Director is part of Mission Control, which is a ground-based communications facility. We were given transcripts to follow that listed commands for us to speak and outlined what to press or monitor on the computers in front of us. This was a realistic and fun replication of a NASA mission.

Later on, we went to a room with rocket parts and divided into groups. Each group had to design and build a rocket. My group designed our rocket to be tall and aerodynamic. We were informed that we would build the rocket the following day.

In the evening, my team was assigned the job of making plans for constructing a colony on the moon. We developed plans for food, oxygen, and water supply as well as industrial facilities that would need to be built. In addition, we developed a budget that would be required for constructing the colony, and prepared a presentation that we would deliver to all the Space Academy trainees a few days later.

Day 3



Once again, we got up at 8:00 A.M. and did PT under the space shuttle exhibit. After breakfast, we went swimming in the on-site man-made lake where we played an extreme game of Marco Polo. After swimming, we built our rockets from the designs that we had developed the previous day. However, my group had to redesign our rocket so that the center of mass was in the middle so that the rocket would perform correctly. We ended up naming our rocket "Apocalypse" since it was the tallest rocket out of all the teams. We were told that we would launch the rocket the following day.

Next, we went to a presentation about Newton's Three Laws. There were interactive scenarios for which trainees were invited to come up and complete a task in order to test a particular law. I went up with two other trainees to do an activity testing Newton's second law which states, "Acceleration is produced when a force acts on a mass. The greater the mass (of the object being accelerated) the greater the amount of force needed (to accelerate the object)" [<http://teachertech.rice.edu/Participants/louviere/Newton/law2.html>]. The task was to use a straw to repeatedly blow a cup of pennies to the opposite side of a table, with more pennies added on each successive attempt. This exercise was easy for me. I was able to blow the cup across the table, even when the instructor put all of the pennies in the cup, but the other two trainees had trouble blowing the cup once more than thirty pennies were added. The demonstration confirmed that when a force is exerted upon an object to move it, the amount of force must be increased as mass is added.

In the evening, we trained on the 1/6th Gravity Chair, which is designed to simulate the lower level of gravity on the moon. I found that while it was easy to move up-and-down, it was quite difficult to move side-to-side or backward-and-forward. After this activity, we went to a fascinating presentation about the constellations and the life cycle of stars. Finally, before bed, we played an amusing game of Poison Dart Frog.

Day 4

On the fourth day, we once again did PT in the morning under the space shuttle exhibit. After breakfast, we went to two presentations. The first presentation was about astronaut suit durability. We tested various space glove prototypes using special equipment. Some of the qualities we investigated were maneuverability, protection against space debris, protection against pressure, protection against radiation, and protection against extreme temperatures. Although none of the test gloves would be suitable for actual use in the field, we got an idea of what factors must be considered when a space glove is being designed. The second presentation covered various commercial space businesses including each company's current positions and future goals. The companies that were discussed included SpaceX, Boeing, Orbital ATK, Blue Origin, and Bigelow Aerospace.

After the presentations, our second mission was conducted. Before the actual mission, however, we practiced our roles. This mission happened to be our most successful mission out of the three that we completed. During this mission, I was assigned to be Commander of the space shuttle *Explorer*. My role was to execute the operations listed in my manual once I received commands from Mission Control. When anomalies came up, the Pilot or I informed Mission Control by saying, "Houston, we have a problem," and then waited for follow-up instructions from Mission Control. In addition, I was in charge of landing the shuttle, which I did successfully. Apparently, I was one of the few people over the years that had actually landed the shuttle on the runway. I was told that most trainees who take the role of Commander end up landing the shuttle in the water or in one of the fields. This was my favorite mission, as it allowed me to further develop my teamwork and problem solving skills.

After our mission, we went on the G-Force Accelerator again and also explored another simulator, the Bullet Spaceship. The Bullet Spaceship is a neat ride that incorporates a capsule that moves in sync with video it displays to make the scenario seem realistic. After this, we went to launch our rockets. My group's rocket shot up about 75 feet off the ground before the engine shot out causing the rocket to go a few feet horizontally, curve at its peak, and then land into the ground like a dart. Fortunately, the rocket was not damaged. After everyone launched their rockets, we went back to redesign them for a second launch scheduled for the next day. My group decided to add more weight to the front and to add two extra fins that were about twice the size of the original fins.

One of the last things we did on this day was to try out the Multi-Axis Trainer (MAT). The MAT is a giant gyroscope that simulates a tumble spin in space. The cool thing about this simulator is that when a trainee rides it, he or she is not likely to get sick because his or her stomach remains centered in the gyroscope. Furthermore, the trainee should not get dizzy since the MAT does not spin more than twice consecutively in the same direction (so the trainee's inner ear fluid should not shift).

Day 5

Once again, we woke up early and did PT under the space shuttle exhibit. But, this was the last time for PT, which was a welcome relief! After breakfast, we saw a presentation about exoplanets. It reviewed various types of exoplanets, how they get their names, and methods that scientists use to find them. This presentation suggested that there may potentially be many life-bearing planets in the universe. After that, we went to a presentation and experiment regarding thermal heat tiles. The experiment involved developing and testing shields to prevent glue from melting off a stick when heated. Trainees were able to use materials such as bronze screen, aluminum screen, and aluminum foil in their prototypes. The experiment was interesting and demonstrated that metal could effectively conduct heat away from the glue so that the glue would not melt.

For our final mission, I was Scientist 1 and Mission Specialist 1. During the practice run of the mission, we learned how to use a keypad to solve anomalies and we learned where all the materials for experiments are kept. As Scientist 1, I performed an experiment using Borax and another chemical to produce a bouncy ball. As Mission Specialist 1, I followed written procedures in a manual and instructed the Commander how to land the shuttle. When the Commander overshot the runway, I told her to pull up and try it again. Instead of pulling up, however, she pushed down and dived right into the ground, thinking that is what I'd meant. This mission became a highlight at Space Academy for such a funny crash.

Later on, we relaunched our rockets. This time, my group's rocket soared about 100 feet before reaching its peak. Then, it turned toward the ground and the engine shot out, making it go double the speed. The parachute failed to deploy and the rocket landed in the ground like a dart. Due to the fast rate of descent, the middle part collapsed and one of the fins detached.

Next, we rode the Space Shot simulator again. Before the day was over, we saw an astronaut present about her journey to space. Shortly afterward, my team presented our lunar colony plans to the other Space Academy trainees and received a loud round of applause.

Day 6

This was the last day of Space Academy. After packing up our personal belongings and cleaning, all trainees participated in the Space Bowl, a trivia competition focusing on what we learned during our time at Space Academy. My team ended up winning first place.



Sebastian with astronaut
Captain Wendy Lawrence

The camp concluded with a graduation ceremony. At the ceremony, Captain Wendy B. Lawrence, an American astronaut who was the first female graduate of the United States Naval Academy to fly into space, and who went on four missions in space totaling 51 days, 3 hours, and 56 minutes, delivered a short inspirational speech about pursuing our dreams, and then congratulated all of the trainees. Afterward, she passed out certificates, accepted each graduate by turning his or her name patch right-side-up (as the patches had to be worn upside down throughout training), and shook hands with the graduates.

After camp, I attended a luncheon with Captain Lawrence. During the luncheon, she gave a presentation in which she discussed what it was like to be in space and how it affected her life. She also signed copies of her official NASA photograph for attendees.

Overview

Overall, Space Academy was a fun experience that emphasized problem solving, teamwork, and leadership. This camp provided several challenging adventures and allowed me to enhance my skills in various areas. In addition, the camp activities enabled me to complete Boy Scout requirements for my Space Exploration and Astronomy merit badges.



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**The space camp program
is supported by you!**





On August 27, 2016 Rear Admiral Pam Michaud, Cadet Max Michaud and I attended the festivities at the Soda City ComiCon in Columbia, SC. This is a comic book convention convening at the Columbia Convention Center. The convention had over 11 special guest speakers. Most of them were writers connected to the comic book world.

During the convention we sat in on a presentation given by Tom Cook. He is a famous illustrator and former director of Hannah and Barbara productions famous for putting out a multitude of cartoons. He also worked with the famous Filmation studios which put out the Star Trek Animated Series. The convention had over 200 vendors and we spent many hours walking through the area and getting photos taken with quite a few people in costume. Cadet Max was also able to get his gaming time in as two different areas were set up for computer gamers. Fun was had by all. This is an annual event and we are looking into the possibility next year of setting up a recruiting table at the convention. This is First Officer Stott reporting. USS Ronald E McNair.



The USS Columbus participated in the grand re-opening of Starbase Columbus, a local sci-fi store in Columbus, Ohio.

All the local ships were invited to set up recruiting tables at the event. The Columbus, USS Asgard and one independent ship took advantage of the offer.

The Columbus held a raffle to collect funds for our charity, Fire Fighters 4 Kids toy drive. We raffled a Star Trek throw blanket of the original USS Enterprise. We raised \$32 for the toy drive, 100% of the money will go to the toy drive as the throw was donated.

Admiral Darlene Harper



STARBASE COLUMBUS

This September is one for the record books!

U.S.S. Star League reporting in: We have had an incredible September as we continue celebrating Twenty Five Years as a STARFLEET chapter and fifty years of Star Trek fandom.

We started out the month with the Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention Dragon Con. Several of our members not only attend but took part in Cosplay activities such as the Dragon Con Star Trek photo shoot.

That same weekend an interview aired featuring our on Bjo Trimble on CBS Sunday Morning.

We also learned that they would be honored for their efforts on behalf of the show and the renaming of the Space Shuttle to Enterprise by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum the very next weekend.

We were thrilled to see that their accomplishments and the impact the show has had through in part their efforts would be recognized by this historic institution.

Two additional members of the Star League flew out for this event, the Star Leagues CO and PO3 Allen Mooney. We spent part of the weekend as together as chapter members, exploring Washington, the museums and monuments and seeing the Enterprise , newly refurbished and on display.

Then that evening we were allowed to share John and Bjo's experience as their guests and as guests of the Air and Space museum. We were honored to meet Rod Roddenberry and his wife Heidi, museum officials and Paramount representatives.

The CO was given special privileges to photograph the event. We watched the Star Trek episode THE MAN TRAP on the IMAX screen at the same time it originally aired exactly fifty years ago followed by a

question and answer session by the Smithsonian's special guests.

What a truly spectacular event that we were privileged to be a part of. The U.S.S. Star League and her members of her crew were truly honored to be a part of this historical event.

Later in the month our crew meet to celebrate Twenty Five years as a STARFLEET chapter, we celebrated with an awards banquet where we recognized the crew for their work on behalf of the community, the chapter and STARFLEET, we watched our videos and planned new ones, played Star Trek Trivial pursuit and most importantly enjoyed each other's company and also remembered absent friends. We also brought to conclusion two of this year's charitable events by gathering together donations that had been gathered over previous months, pet supplies for What Promises are for an Animal Shelter and Art supplies for Goshen Elementary. We also accepted a Regional Primitive Weapons Training challenge from our fellow R1 chapter the U.S.S. Ronald McNair. We joined with the McNair and U.S.S. Robins crew for a game of Putt Putt. Had a truly great time with my fellow members of Region One.

Last we began putting finishing touches on our Float for this year's parade season! A Replica of the TOS version of the U.S.S. Enterprise, representing Fifty Years of Star Trek Fandom and our years of service as a STARFLEET chapter.

I cannot express how proud I am of this organization and all that they do in the name of fun and fandom, where else can you meet people such as this and a chance to share in these experiences.

To the next fifty years. Warp Speed!

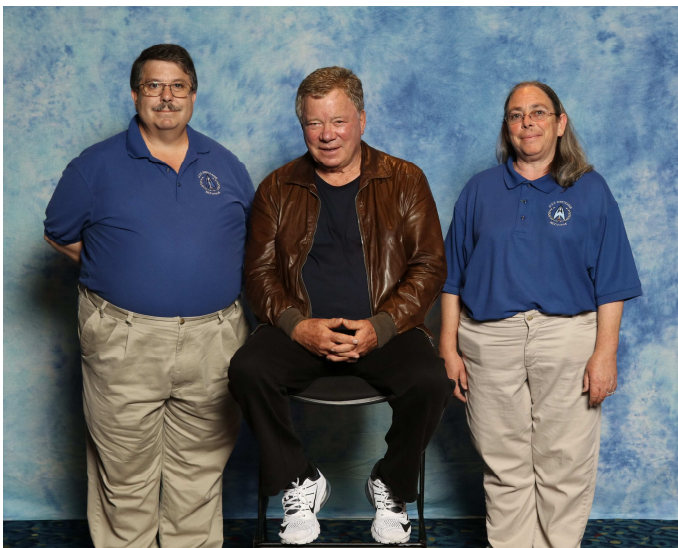
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Star League members Peggy & Carnell Eubanks 4th row from bottom 5th & 6th from left



Alexander Siddig, Aron Eisenberg, Garrett Wang
U.S.S. Star League, U.S.S. Robins

Dragon Con Photography

Carnell Eubanks, William Shatner, Peggy Eubanks

Alien Yeoman & Peggy Eubanks

Carnell with Salt Vampire



Star Trek Fifty Year celebration at the Smithsonian National Air And Space Museum Washington DC



Rod Rodenberry, Smithsonian Host, BJO & John Trimble Q & A at the Smithsonian



Carnell Eubanks, Bjo Trimble, John Trimble, Allen Mooney in front of the restored studio model of the Enterprise.



Heidi Roddenberry, Bjo Trimble, Rod Roddenberry with Enterprise

Carnell with Space Shuttle Discovery Smithsonian Annex Virginia





Group photo celebrating Twenty-five Years as a chapter of STARFLEET.

Our First CO Cindy Krell cuts cake

Art supplies donation:

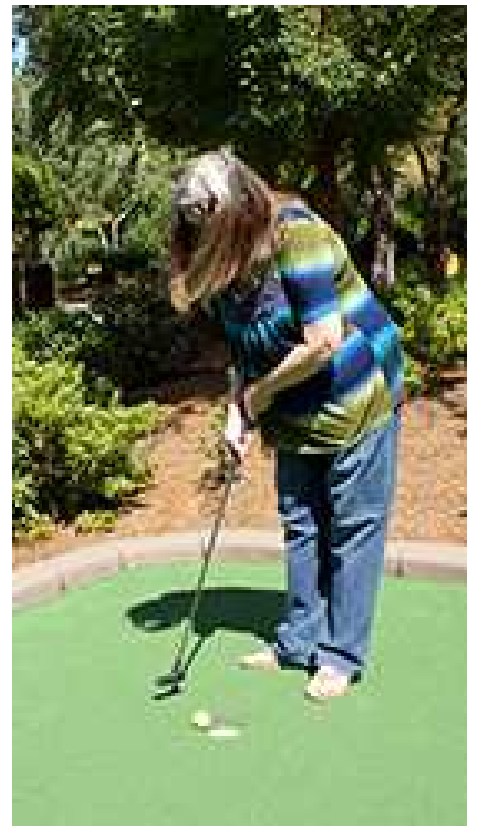
Pet supply donation

Enterprise float construction progress



Ronald McNair Mini Golf / Primitive Weapons Challenge U.S.S. Ronald McNair, U.S.S. Robins, U.S.S. Star League, Frankie's fun Park Columbia SC





HEIMDAL AWAY TEAM REPORT ON HULL'S DRIVE-IN MISSION

Submitted by RAdm. Carl Davis, Heimdal Security Chief

When it became obvious that we weren't going to be able to recruit as usual at the opening of the new Trek movie, I wondered if Hull's Drive-In over Lexington way was a possible location. I did some research on line and was impressed with the atmosphere that the non-profit drive-in advertised. I sent an email to the Hull's Angel address and asked some of the questions that would need to be answered before we could consider an away team mission to the unknown valley beyond the mountains.

In practically no time at all I received an excited reply from Jeremy Reter, the Executive Director of Hull's Angels, Inc. He said that they would not be able to run the movie on opening night but that we were very welcome to come and recruit when they had it.

I sent Linda an immediate email and asked what she thought about the opportunity and she said to get all the information and we'd go if enough crew were willing to make the trip.

I tentatively confirmed that the Galileo and some crew in uniform would like to be available for recruiting. Time passed and the week before our auction I got an email saying the movie would be showing that weekend. I sent out a plea for crew to come together at Hull's at 7:00 pm in Lexington and received 8 affirmatives.

I piloted the Galileo II into their landing area at 7:00 p.m. I saw a man hurriedly making his way down the hill to intercept me before I got to the ticket stand. It was a very excited Jeremy Reter directing me to come in the exit road and dock the Galileo in front of the concession stand. He was a most gracious host and really appreciated our presence.

For the hour and a half before the movie started we had numerous visits from Trek appreciators. Several of us answered questions and signed up folks to receive our newsletter. The time flew by and it was no time at all before it was time to store the nacelles and prepare the Galileo for non-space travel.

Several of us stayed and saw the movie on the really big screen. As we prepared to pull out, once again the speakers crackled with thanks to the crew of the Heimdal for being there and an invitation to our auction the next day.

The crew performed at their usual level of professionalism and I believe I am correct in saying a good time was had by all. We have an invitation to setup again at the next Star Trek movie and Jeremy teased that it might be the weekend of its release.

Thanks to all who made this away team mission a success!

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A Star Trek fan wanted to have her picture taken with us
Chris Thompson,
Kenny Proehl, Carl Davis & Willy Smith goofing around
Willy Smith & Bonnie Davis talking to interested people at Hull's

USS Heimdal's 2016 Charity Auction is Huge Success **By Adm. Linda Smith**

The USS Heimdal is based in Madison Heights, VA in Region One.

After working on the Annual Public Charity Auction for 9 months, the Heimdal's event was a huge success this year, bringing in a total of \$4758.00. This money will be used to fund the chapter's 10 adopted Christmas charities & assures that the Heimdal will be able to send a local middle school student to Space Camp in 2017.

The Heimdal's Annual Public Charity Auction was held August 20 at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Lynchburg, VA & offered 261 auction donations up for bid. The donations ranged from household goods, automotive donations, science fiction items & 121 gift cards from restaurants, merchants & state attractions. Canvassing for donations began in March by Heimdal members.

Present & helping kick off this year's auction event was 14-year-old Carl Hayden, Jr; the local student the Heimdal sent to Space Camp in June. He wore his flight suit, mingled with the crowd before the auction began & spoke briefly about his Space Camp trip as he helped welcome the auction guests. Carl was the best example of how the money earned at the auction is spent.

The Heimdal's Security Chief, Carl Davis was once again the auctioneer & 20 Heimdal members worked the auction. It was a wonderful event & a very productive day. After taking several months off, the crew of the Heimdal will begin working on the 2017 Annual Public Charity Auction in March.





Welcome Table with Tammy White, Beth Hopkins, Pam Giovanelli & Brett Witcher



Carl Hayden, Jr, Heimdal's 2016 Space Camp student welcoming crowd



Heimdal's Security Chief & auctioneer, Carl Davis



Heimdal member, Ben Springer modeling handmade Yeti costume donated to the auction by Alan Provo



Willy Smith with a standee of Sheldon that was an auction donation that led to a "bidding war"

Tim Hazlett showing auction item to crowd

Chris Thompson showing auction item to crowd



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USS Heimdal Celebrates Star Trek's 50th Anniversary

By Adm. Linda Smith

In May the Executive Director of Riverviews Artspace in Lynchburg, VA contacted me with a proposal that the USS Heimdal partner with Riverviews in September to present a **50th Star Trek Anniversary Celebration & Movie Marathon** commemorating & celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first airing of Star Trek on September 8, 1966. Kim, the Director, is a personal friend & told me if any group could pull this off, it was the Heimdal.

Kim's idea is that art is *everywhere* & while she is the Executive Director of Riverviews Artspace she very much wants to demonstrate that art can be found in places other than hanging on gallery walls or at poetry readings; events mainly sponsored by Riverviews. And she wants to involve as much of the public as possible. She sees Star Trek as iconic & wanted to do something in honor of the place it holds in our culture & our history. Kim's proposal was that Riverviews would handle all advertising, ticket sales, concessions & actually having someone show all 12 Star Trek movies for a 9-day-long Star Trek movie marathon. The Heimdal would provide members in Star Trek costumes every evening at the movies, the actual 12 movies & would set up a **50 Years of Star Trek Exhibit**. Tickets for each movie would cost \$8 with Riverviews receiving \$3 of each ticket sale while the Heimdal would receive \$5 of each ticket sale to go towards our Space Camp Program.

I presented Kim's proposal to our crew at our June meeting & took a vote. Everyone unanimously voted to partner with Riverviews on the project even though we were heavily involved in our Annual Charity Auction. The partnership with Riverviews sounded like a lot of fun & something very different for us to do as a chapter. We also couldn't turn down the opportunity to raise extra funds for our Space Camp Program. We did know, however, that the project would require a lot of work &, because of our auction, we would only have the 2 weeks after the auction & before the movie marathon to pull our part of the event together. We jumped in anyway.

Following our Annual Charity Auction on August 20, we immediately started working on the movie marathon. People signed up for specific nights to volunteer at the marathon & Carl Davis., Kenny Proehl & I began planning our **50 Years of Star Trek Exhibit**. The exhibit was to take up a very large conference room at Riverviews & the 3 of us visited Riverviews to check out the space. Then we got together & formulated a plan for the exhibit. Willy Smith had donated part of his Star Trek collection, we added it to ours & everyone brought their collectibles to our home.

While we were attempting to get the exhibit together, I contacted people I knew, the Riverviews Director contacted people she knew & we worked out a media blitz in addition to sending out flyers about the event to everyone on Riverviews mailing list.

The week before the opening of our **50th Star Trek Anniversary Celebration & Movie Marathon**, which was also the week following the Heimdal's auction, the Artspace Director & I did a total of 2 television interviews, 5 early morning radio interviews, 2 newspaper interviews & 1 college newsletter interview. We did most of the interviews together & a couple each, alone. It was exhausting & fun ... & exhausting.

Our downtown has an event called **First Fridays** the first Friday of each month. Stores, restaurants & local galleries stay open a few extra hours & people have an opportunity to visit them leisurely. So the plan was that our event would open on **First Fridays** on September 2 with the majority of us in Star Trek costumes going downtown, walking into restaurants & businesses & passing out flyers for our marathon. 7 of us did that & it was so much fun. Cars stopped in the middle of the street while the drivers took our pictures (& blocked traffic). People gave us the Vulcan salute, asked to have their pictures taken with us & we all had a wonderful time giving out close to 200 flyers.

In the meantime, Carl Davis, in uniform, had volunteered to stay with our **50 Years of Star Trek Exhibit** as it opened to the public on **First Fridays** evening. None of us could have imagined the interest there was going to be. Within the first 2.5 hours over 100 people had come to see the exhibit & Carl, trying to stay in the exhibit room to answer questions & greet the public, was also attempting to man our recruiting station & answer questions about the Heimdal. After a very short time, he called for "back-up."

Our **50 Years of Star Trek Exhibit** included 6 costumes from the various Star Trek series & feature films, one-of-a-kind collectibles, memorabilia, Trek toys, original Star Trek artwork that made a small, yet distinct art show as part of the exhibit & a Christmas tree filled with Star Trek ornaments. The local WSET TV News came to the opening of the exhibit & interviewed several of us for the News at 11.

During the evenings between September 3 & 11 we showed all 12 Star Trek feature films, which included 3 double features. Riverviews sold popcorn, soft drinks, beer & wine.

The response to the movies wasn't as big as we'd hoped but the response to our **50 Years of Star Trek Exhibit** was phenomenal. Each night, those of us who volunteered were invited to watch the movies with our guests. EVERYONE had a wonderful time watching the movies back-to-back & sharing the experience in our uniforms together with people who shared the same love for Star Trek.

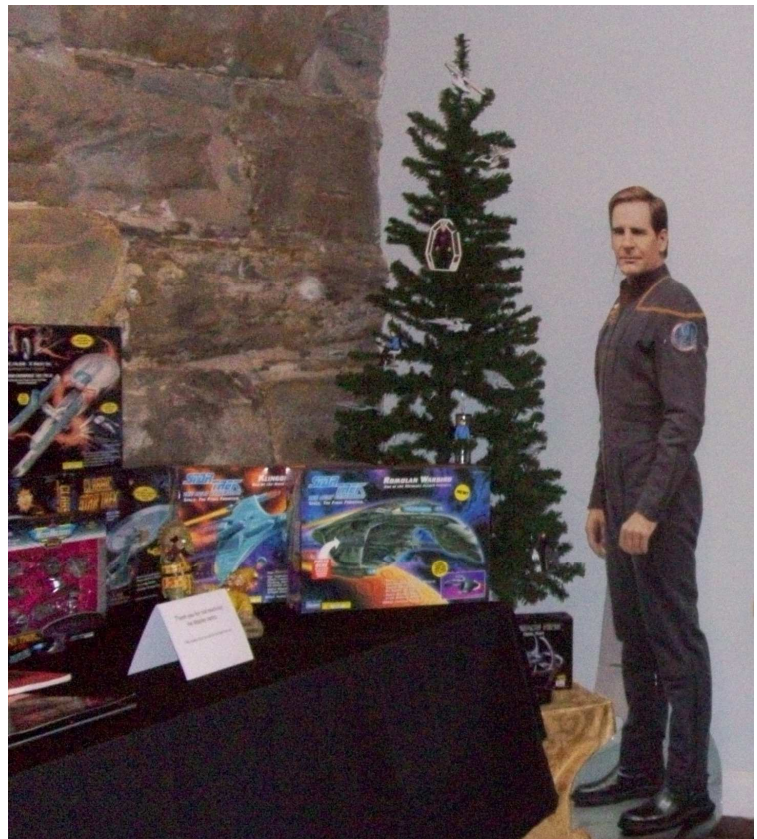
We learned that we CAN do something huge like this marathon event & can do it well. If another opportunity comes along to do something like this, we know we can. And we had FUN. No one complained about having to work an evening & all of us just kept coming back. It was pretty awesome & a tremendous show of teamwork.

Was partnering with Riverviews Artspace on the **50th Star Trek Anniversary Celebration & Movie Marathon** worth it? A resounding YES. We got a tremendous amount of media coverage & visibility, we partnered with a group that added to our credibility, we had a wonderful time, we learned that we can do something huge like that, we signed up 2 new

Starfleet / Heimdal members (so far) AND we made \$600 for our Space Camp Program.

Would we do it again? Without question ...









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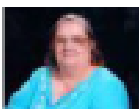


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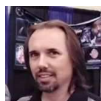
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