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No doubt the first thing you noticed about this issue is the cover page. I tried many different ideas that just didn't seem to 'do it for me'. You know how it goes, your mind is a total blank, can't find the right image, nothing feels right ... I had an idea and started to work on it, but I just couldn't make it work ... talk about your writers block! I went back to look at some of my wallpaper images and found the one on the cover. Do you recognize it? If you did – Good for You! It's an image that came from the cover page on our 2nd Issue, August 2024 – although this time it's rotated 90 degrees, starboard. That's when I saw an opportunity to have the cover page become interactive.

Creating constellations – the rules ... there are none.

Analogous to connecting the dots, it's connecting the stars. Look at the brightest stars in the image. If you look at them long enough, akin to looking at clouds, you'll start to see shapes. The Pleiades cluster has a LOT of bright stars, so bright in fact you can see 6 or 7 of them with your naked eye. This photo image has captured a plethora of them. That's basically it. The first thing I saw when I rotated this image was Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. What will yours be? Don't forget to get the cadets (or non-cadets) involved. Make a list, check it twice, send it in for the next issue. Yes, I know, that doesn't rhyme.

**I've looked at my list, and checked it twice
to be absolutely, without a doubt, unequivocally sure
that all submissions are tucked in, and as quiet as a
Cardassian vole ... (shaking head) I really need to
work on my rhyming. Mocha Raktajino to the rescue!**

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On the Cover – A recognizable image from August 2024, issue #2, rotated 90 degrees starboard which shows the complete view. Background image by Elliot Maddox, Digital Art and Photography. I bought a reprint of this image. I've always loved looking at the stars. And for those that are not aware, this is the constellation Pleiades, one of my favorites.

Happy Trekmas First Fleet!

On behalf of Justin and I, have a safe, healthy, and Glorrrious Holiday season-no matter how you recognize it. Qapla'! See you in 2026!

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From The Editor

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Mellow greetings,

The last few months have slid by as if Father Time upgraded to a quantum slipstream dive. I would be lying if I said it has all been rainbows and jumja sticks, but it's when we're down that we find out who has our six. I'd like to thank CMDR Cindy Ray, our beloved Publications Officer, for having mine. She is often kinder to me than I am to myself. Without her putting in so much extra effort, this issue of *Hailing Frequencies Open* would be in worse shape than Ceti Alpha V.

That is one thing that I love about STARFLEET: the sense of friendship. The further I dig into this organization, the stronger the sense of community I find. Region One in particular is laden with examples of this. As we see what everyone has sent our way, I am starting to understand why those from outside our region can get overwhelmed by what we bring to the table.

With all of that said, I hope you enjoy the First Fleet's *Hailing Frequencies Open*.

Savan! (I salute you all!)

CAPT Justin 'Emissary' Hunt, KGO

Editor - *Hailing Frequencies Open* (HFO)

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Region One Region Coordinator (RC)

Vice-Admiral Mike Wilson

Region One Region Coordinator (RC)

The Region in Review

Starbase One

From the desk of Vice Admiral Wilson
Region One RC

Greetings everyone and Happy Holidays from all of us here at Starbase One. Since this is the last Newsletter for this year I thought it would be a good idea to take a look at some of the things that have been done by the hard-working folks of region ones staff.

When I became active at the regional level as VRC and then on to RC we had many issues to try and resolve. I've tried to put good people into the various positions that the Region has to offer, and I believe our command staff and RDCs are among some of the best in STARFLEET. They are all hardworking and right on top of things on a daily basis.

Region one is bigger than any one person, even the RC. The RDC program early on was almost ready to be put on the shelf; it is now very active and its members seem to enjoy their work.

The R1 website was practically nonexistent. It was redone and won website of the year at the 2024 IC. It's now an excellent source of R1 information.

The Region one Handbook was completed after being more than a few years out-of-date. The region's Newsletter that you are now reading was restored, renamed and made active again for everyone's reading pleasure.

The R1 summit was put back into action after being shut down because of Covid. R1 created a ShoC liaison to help new Chapters organize their paperwork so to get launched asap.

The Command staff has regular zoom meetings to discuss issues in between the CO/XO meetings every other month; and, the Region has not been late or missed a report to STARFLEET since June of 2024 taking us from the worst reporting record in the Fleet to one of the best. And, don't forget, we have a second-to-none awards program here in R1. Did I do all this? NO, it happened because of the dedication of the many staff members and volunteers here in region one, the chain of command, and allowing people to do their jobs!

These folks are focused on having fun, not using their positions to carry out their own agendas but to see that Region one's membership gets anything they might need for themselves and their chapters. All of our staff and volunteers have my utmost respect and my thanks for jobs very well done. I wish I could name them all here and give them the recognition they deserve but no matter how many names I could put down, I feel I might be leaving some out and that wouldn't be fair at all.

Are we done? NO! We have other programs and procedures to implement in 2026. So, for now I say enjoy the Holiday season everyone!

Vice-Admiral Wilson
R1RC



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Region One Region Coordinator (RC)

Region One Treasury Report

Space camp:	\$1785.00
Awards:	\$ 360.00
General Fund:	\$ 600.00
Relief fund:	\$ 355.00
Total Funds:	\$3100.00

This is a combination of Region One Summit funds generated and funds turned over to me from former RC Phillip Cox. Relief funds have been granted to two individuals this past year alone; totaling \$330.00. Also, the Region maintains a zoom account to which \$100.00 dollars was paid this year. The totals above reflect the balance after payouts as of today October 20th, 2025.

When I took over there were no records to speak of since 2022 that I could find. I had access to the EIN account that was setup by Phillip and Kevin Plumber, however, I've had a computer crash since that time and the records are no longer available on the R1 google documents site. They've been deleted. I asked Phillip if he could resend it to me but got nothing. I was told when I became RC not to use anything that was set up by Mr. Plumber since he is no longer in Fleet. I did however recently contact him to see if he would share the info with me so I could see how it was set up before but was quickly told politely that after all that happened and he got kicked out he basically didn't care.

To that end I'm forced to reset everything and obtain a new EIN number. I also must do this through a new non-profit LLC for the region. It is now late October and I don't see starting a new

LLC until January 2026 for possible tax considerations. I know we will be a non-profit organization but reports still will have to be filed with the IRS and possibly the State. I would rather the fiscal year begin in January 2026. I asked both Ruth Lane and Pam Michaud early on if they would be interested in being treasurers, both declined. I've asked Ben Redding to be treasurer once this is all redone. I figured Ben of all people would be the most trusted by all of R1. I'm aware that he needs to be confirmed by the Region, but there's nothing to confirm until all this is done. When it's ready, the Region will have their chance to confirm Ben as treasurer.

There have been many extenuating circumstances as to why this hasn't happened any faster. Some of which I am not at liberty to discuss and many personal issues as well. Without going into detail let's just say that in the past two years I have fought about every government battle a disabled person can think of. From disability benefits to Medicaid, Medicare and Rehabilitation sessions to try and recover from a stroke as best that I can. If you've never been in that situation, you can't know how all the paperwork bogs you down almost daily.

Add to that that R1 was in an almost dysfunctional shape when I became VRC and then RC. With the help of a great staff and a lot of time talking through things I think we have done pretty well all and all. The R1 funds are in my possession, and this last hurdle will be dealt with in January.

Thanks for your time and understanding,
Vice Admiral Wilson, R1RC



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Region One First Brigade SFMC

Brigadier General Peter Yohe

First Brigade Officer-in-Charge

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By CMDR Cindy Ray

Just recently, Region One First Brigade changed leadership. Congratulations to both Brigadier General Peter Yohe stepping into the role of Region One First Brigade Officer-in-Charge and First Lieutenant Justin Ropel as the First Brigade Surgeon General.

As they settle into their respective roles, and to continue a presence in the Region newsletter, a review of First Brigade and its Battalions seems appropriate (the logos have updated since last reported in this newsletter). The following information can also be found on the Region One website (r1.sfi.org):

The First Brigade consists of STARFLEET Marine groups located within Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. These groups take on various forms, from the usual Marine Strike Group (MSG) on an active chapter, to a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) a unit independent of any chapter (membership in STARFLEET is required, remember).

In addition there are several branches to which Marine Groups can belong. These are Aerospace, Armor, Combat Engineering, Combined Arms, Headquarters (BDE only), Infantry, Maritime Operations, Maritime Service, Mecha, Medical, Special Operations and Support.

Battalions of the First Brigade



First Battalion – Indiana

100 MSG *Beta Sector Warbirds*, USS *Indiana*
127 MSG *The Ravens of Odin*, USS *Gungnir*
169 MSG *Spartan Predators*, USS *Gorkon*
133 MSG *Arch-Angels*, USS *Columbia*

Second Battalion – Kentucky

111 MSG *Bluegrass Stallions*, USS *Commonwealth*
132 MSG *Knights of Peace*, USS *Constellation*
163 MSG *SF Counter Terrorist*, Unit Station *Nikola Tesla*



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Third Battalion – North Carolina

105 MSG *The Tunnel Rats*, USS *Kitty Hawk*

158 MSG *Roughnecks*, USS *Serenity*



Fourth Battalion – Ohio

116 MSG *Lightning Bolts*, USS *B Franklin*

147 MSG *Guardians of Forever*, USS *Moebius*

157 MSG *The Scorpions*, USS *Liberator*

164 MSG *KryptoDrakon*, USS *Jurassic*



Fifth Battalion – South Carolina

161 MSG *Wascally Wabbits*, USS *Ronald E McNair*



Sixth Battalion – Tennessee

123 MSG *The Space Cowboys*, USS *Tanasi*

162 MSG *The Black Watch*, USS *Vengeance*

176 MSG *Continental*s, USS *Yorktown*

197 MSG *The Overmountain Men*, USS *Aries*

367 MSG *Ulfhednar*, USS *Excelsior*



Seventh Battalion – Virginia



Eighth Battalion – West Virginia

130 MSG *Montani Semper*, USS *Mountaineer*



Region One Chief of Communications

RADM Anthony Leopard

RDC Chief of Communications

Region One Communications in the Season of Renewal

Greetings Region One,

There's something really special about fall in the Smokies. The air gets crisp, the trees light up with reds, golds, and ambers, and everything feels like it slows down just enough for us to reflect, reset, and reconnect. As the season shifts, Region One Communications has been quietly growing and changing, taking advantage of this natural time for renewal.

Over the past few months, we've been working on building stronger connections within our community—making things more accessible, boosting our online presence, and preparing resources to better support everyone. These efforts may seem like small steps on their own, but together, like leaves gently falling from the trees, they add up to something truly meaningful.

A key part of this progress has been led by our Publications Department, which continues to convert important guides—the *Region One Handbook*, *RDC Handbook*, and *Ceremony Handbook*—into accessible formats such as screen-reader friendly text and text-to-speech versions. Just as the Smokies welcome all who visit, we want our Region to be inclusive and

accessible to every member, regardless of ability. This initiative goes beyond updating documents; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and participation for all.

Building on this commitment to inclusion, our online communities have also been flourishing, buzzing with activity much like the mountains bursting with fall colors. The **Region One Public Facebook Group** has grown to 595 members, welcoming five new people between July and October, with nearly 163 posts shared.

Our **Members-Only Facebook Group** now counts 274 members, adding four new voices and over 112 posts. On the **Region One Discord Server**, four new members joined recently, bringing the total to 108 and adding fresh energy around our digital campfire. These platforms continue to be vibrant spaces where members can connect anytime—day or night, rain or shine—just like hikers sharing stories at a scenic overlook.

This spirit of connection extends beyond the digital realm, as since late July, our community has also enjoyed a vibrant lineup of in-person events. From the colorful Flag City Balloon Fest and engaging tours at the National Museum of



Region One Chief of Communications

the Great Lakes to the Alpha Sector Pre-Fall get-together, members have gathered to share experiences face-to-face. Highlights included the USS *Ronald E. McNair's* First Sunday Away Mission, a scenic hike along the Wolf River Greenway with Station *Shelby*, the thrilling *Toyhio 23: Monsters in the Toybox!*, and, the ever-popular bi-monthly Virtual Quark's Bar Social Hour hosted by the USS *Ranger*.

If you want to stay in the loop with everything happening across Region One, be sure to bookmark our Events Calendar at <https://r1.sfi.org/2025-homepage/r1event/>. From ceremonies and awards to chapter meetups, there's always something going on – each event like a falling leaf adding to the rich tapestry of our community. And if your chapter has something coming up, just submit it here: <https://forms.gle/hXZ7V7whEEWqns4ZA>. We'd

be happy to help spread the word.

As we move deeper into this reflective season, fall reminds us how change can be beautiful – and that sometimes letting go creates space for something new. Whether you have questions, ideas, or just want to say hi, we're always here to listen. Reach out anytime at:

chief.of.communications@r1.sfi.org.

Thanks for being part of Region One, where every voice – like every leaf in the Smokies – adds to the brilliance of the whole. We look forward to seeing you online this fall – and wherever the path leads next!

Live long, prosper, and stay informed,

Rear Admiral Anthony Leopard,
Chief of Communications
Region One, STARFLEET



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Region One Chief of Operations

RADM Ron Novak

RDC Chief of Operations

“Happy Holidays

And a



Prosperous

New Year

To ALL”!



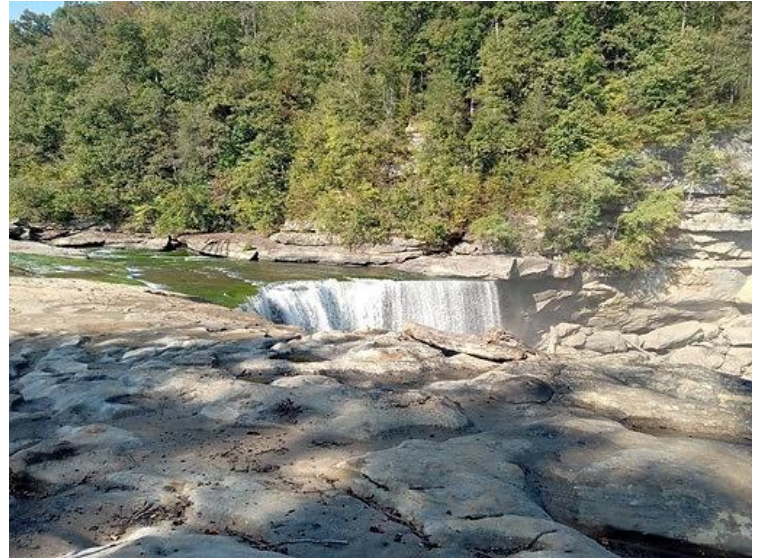


ADM Ben C. Redding

Region One ALPHA Sector Coordinator

Several chapters went to the first ever Beta Sector get-together at Cumberland Falls State Park in Kentucky. That is a very beautiful place to see and visit. The waterfall there is called, "The Niagara of the South" and is amazing to see. We cooked hot dogs in the steamer and enjoyed lunch around 1:00 PM, and then folks went to check out the park and waterfall. Afterwards several met at the Lodge and just talked about whatever came to mind. But as with all good things, it had to come to an end and everyone headed to their respected homes. It sure was nice to meet and greet some new folks there. There were 5 chapters involved in some way or another to help make it happen.

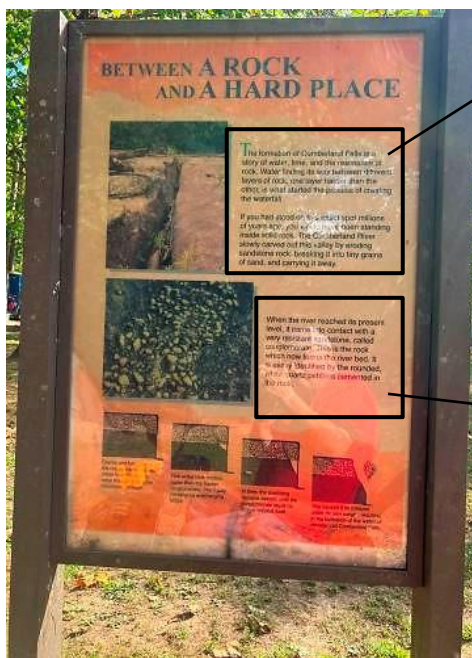
Coordinator Alpha Sector Ben C. Redding



The formation of Cumberland Falls is a story of water, time, and the resistance of rock. Water finding its way between different layers of rock, one layer harder than the other, is what started the process of creating the waterfall.

If you had stood on this exact spot millions of years ago, you would have been standing inside solid rock. The Cumberland River slowly carved out this valley by eroding sandstone rock, breaking it into tiny grains of sand, and carrying it away.

When the river reached its present level, it came into contact with a very resistant sandstone, called conglomerate. This is the rock which now forms the river bed. It is easily identified by the rounded, white quartz pebbles cemented in the rock.



See Ben's reflection in the sign and the enlargement.

Region One Awards Program

ADM Pamela Michaud

Region One Awards Director

R1 2025 Annual Awards

It won't be long until
the Deadline for 2025 Annual
Awards Submissions.

Region One has a lot of deserving people
one that should be recognized.

Categories are:

CO of the year

XO of the year

Best shakedown

Chapter of the year

Cadet of the year

Enlisted of the year

Officer of the year

Flag Officer of the year

Edith Keeler (volunteer)

Newsletter, website, chapter handbook

Deadline January 31, 2026

awards criteria can be found at

<https://sfirawards60.wixsite.com/starfleet-region-one>



Region One Chaplain Corps

RDC – R1 Caplain's

CAPT Justin 'Emissary' Hunt, KGO, SFMD, SFMC

The Chaplain Corps has been quiet recently – at least on the surface. Despite our perceived silence, the last few months have been used to set some things in order. The idea is to clear the path to a stronger presence in our chapters and in our online communities.

Don't worry, this RDC isn't going to go on a big recruiting push, and we certainly won't be using the program for proselytizing. However, we want to do more to bring joy, peace, and togetherness to the region. That is, we want to be of service where we can and how we can. Moreover, we want to enhance the membership experience of each member of the First Fleet in a meaningful way.

The Chaplains RDC was first established in 1992 and fell into inactivity and eventually went defunct. In January of 2025, it was reestablished and has been undergoing a facelift and seeking to find its identity. With this upcoming January being the one-year mark since its revitalization, I now feel confident that we are in a place to properly serve the region.



With that, I am now asking any and all chaplains in the region to start providing reports on or near the 25th of each month. These reports are intended to log your activities with your chapter. It is well known that participation in the RDC program is voluntary, but this program exists to provide support for those of us in the office. We can't help if we don't know how. Further, even if there is nothing you need help with, your activities might help to inspire others that are running short on ideas on how to serve their own chapters. If Star Trek teaches anything, it's that *we are better together*.

If you or your chapter leadership has any interest in, or questions about, the R1 Chaplaincy, please don't hesitate to ask. All thoughts, questions, and/or reports can be sent to rdc.chaplains@r1.sfi.org.

Savan! (I salute you all!),

CAPT Justin 'Emissary' Hunt, KGO, SFMD, SFMC
RDC- R1 Chaplains



RADM Janice R. Graham

RDC Star Crafters

I remember shopping with Mom for holiday decorations but only a few times, and the only things I remember her buying were a set of glass bell ornaments (I still have three.)

There must have been other things, such as lights or things we couldn't make. Mostly I remember her gathering us kids and sometimes the neighborhood kids and making decorations for holidays. You know the type of things: paper turkeys, those red and green construction paper chains, or valentines with red paper and those fancy paper doilies.

She used to make funny books for kids in the hospital using things/people/animals cut out of catalogs and magazines. She'd glue them into hand-made books and split the pages so you could change the heads or bodies or legs and feet just by turning that section of the book.

Those are the things I remember most: the time she spent with us, making things from bits of

this and that. It didn't matter if what we made was not so good, or okay, just plain awful, she never said that. She encouraged us to try.

Perhaps that's why I get such fun out of trying, sometimes more than actually finishing the thing.

How about you? Does it have to be "perfect" or does it just have to be fun? Are you making memories with people you love? Those are the things that are remembered, even when what you made is long forgotten.

Happy crafting!

RADM Janice R. Graham
XO, CSO Renegade
RDC Star Crafters

Star Crafters of STARFLEET Region One on Facebook is open to STARFLEET members. It is a closed group so you must receive an invitation from me to join. I check it every day. Will I see you?



Photographer: Cindy Ray, from my personal photos, 2022. Free to use, no copyright. Attribute owner. Home-made Hermits from my Great-Grandmother's recipe.

Commodore Michael Lewis

Assistant-Regional Division Chief

RDC Sciences Report

Astronomy Is a Science

Aug 24, 2025

Sky quality reading at 2230 is 18.88 magnitudes per square arcsecond.

Variable star of the month – “R Aquilae”

Sept 22, 2025

Sky quality reading at 21:59 is 18.57 magnitudes per square arcsecond.

Variable star of the month – “Delta Cephei”

Oct 21, 2025

Sky quality reading at 21:45 is 16.59 magnitudes per square arcsecond.

Variable star of the month – “Mira or Omicron Ceti” apparent magnitude is about 9.

The American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) lists at least one variable star for each month. Observers look at the star. They note how the star gets dimmer or brighter. The unit of measurement is the apparent magnitude.

You have the brightness of the sky overhead according to a sky quality meter. You have the apparent brightness of the variable star according to observations from Earth.

If the sky is dark enough and the variable star is

bright enough, then observation by the naked eye works. If the star seems too dim to view with the naked eye, then use of binoculars or a telescope can help with the observation.

This is where I am. I use my sky quality meter to find an area dark enough to view variable stars with my naked eye or an AWB OneSky telescope. I use an app, *Stellarium*, on my iPad for assistance with the location of celestial objects to view.

Amateur astronomers can assist busy professional astronomers with reports on observations of variable stars. The observations

may be with: the naked eye, binoculars, a basic telescope, or an expensive spectroscopy setup.

Reporting your observations in a certain manner to an organization like the AAVSO's International Database, for example, is helpful to researchers.

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RDC Engineering

FCPT Darrel W. Millner

RDC Engineering



In my role as Chief Engineer: Late at night as I walk through Engineering it provides an amazing peace of mind to me. From the hum of the warp core, musical tones of the control panels running the nightly system checks, to the caffeine supported discussions of the late shift, it's a special

environment. After forty years on and off assignment on the NCC-1793 I could not be more blessed with the leadership, fellow department heads, and crewmembers that I have the honor of working with on a regular basis. Currently the *Heimdal* Engineering team consists of me, Larry, William, Zak, Jody, and Gary (plus communication support by Kathy) and we have a tight nit group. Together we put out an amazing award-winning newsletter, "The Engineering Link", monthly departmental zooms, and support the chapters newsletter, "The Rainbow Connection" and, support the chapter monthly meetings. It is extremely rewarding, and a great way to bring together the department's creative energies. Look out, 2026 is going to be a Transwarp drive sort of year.

Before we begin, I feel it is important to take a moment to remember our former R1 RDC of Engineering Admiral Jason Schreck. It amazes me to think that he took the next step in the cosmos in September of 2021, wow has it been four years already? Jason, R1 Engineering & the 501st Legion miss your energy. Let us take a moment to raise a glass – "*To absent friends.*"

As Region One's Regional Department Chief of Engineering: I would like to remind CO's, XO's, Chief Engineers, & Assistant-

Chief Engineers we have monthly Zoom gatherings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm ET. These sessions are focused specifically on the Region One Chief Engineers & Assistant-Chief Engineer (and/or CO/XO's representing the Engineering department of their R1 vessels), the gatherings vary in size but always entertaining and informative for us all. Coordinates can be found via

[r1.sfi.org/engineering](https://www.facebook.com/groups/516839255047526/), and are also generally posted on the Discord Region 1 RC Office & Facebook STARFLEET Region 1 Corps of Engineers page located at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/516839255047526/>.

As always, the objective is NEVER one of telling Chief Engineers "Do it this way", "you must complete reports", or, "this is how it must be done", it's a collaboration and encouraged association of likeminded leaders that want to grow and support one another. Regional Engineering Support is available to ALL Members of Region One Engineering.

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RDC Engineering

Of course you are encouraged to respect your command structure, meaning seek guidance from your Chapter Chief Engineering Officer (CEO), Assistant CEO, XO, CO, first but know that my door is always open for discussion and support.

Email: r1engineering@r1.sfi.org

Remember, "You Are Not Alone."

Allow me to conclude as I have done in the past with this thought for your consideration, and perhaps as a nudge, "*We are all on our own individual STARFLEET Journey and we can do as much or as little as we choose*". Be active where you are; strive to expand your influence, one person can truly make a difference. Dig into STARFLEET Fandom Academy, Corps of Engineers, Newsletter Exchanges, Models, Photography, whatever makes you happy; share that energy with your crewmates.



It is my hope **you** will be the Schreck Henderson - who keeps the Trek alive in someone you may not even know is watching you. Millner Out.

USS Heimdal, NCC-1793



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CAPT Angela Leopard

RDC Tactical

Tauri Private World of Warcraft Server Offers a Fun Option for Gaming and Saving Money

As the RDC over Tactical, I wanted to share one of our tips for being able to enjoy video games while saving some money.

My husband Anthony and I really enjoy video games and especially like *World of Warcraft* (WoW). While a subscription is reasonable, they do have occasional expansions that can put a dent into the budget. When we discovered we needed to cut back on some extras, we were reluctant to let go of one of our favorite past times. Then we remembered a short time ago that we were able to play WoW for free thanks to the *Tauri Web Server*.

Tauri Web is a private server that was given permission to allow players to do quests, have guilds, raids, and dungeons without having to part with their money. It is the same game, but they do not have as many expansions as the retail *World of Warcraft*. For the longest time, one could only level up to their legendary *Mists*

of Pandaria expansion to level 90. It is likely the reason that the servers are not very populated. But that also means when doing various quests it is not over crowded, and that one does not have to miss out on herbalism, skinning, and mining professions in the games.

However, there is good news. Recently, *Tauri Web* has added a newer expansion which means more exciting quests and story lines. Their *Warlords of Draenor* expansion has been added. Soon they will also open up their *Legion* expansion. While this means more people crowding the server, it may go a long way to ensure that *Tauri* will be able to offer free gaming for more years to come.

In conclusion, retail *World of Warcraft* is a wonderful, fun, and exciting video game, but for those that need to save money, *Tauri WoW* is a great option.



I hope this article finds you well and hope that you have a great Holiday Season.

CAPT Angela Leopard



A Holiday Meditation

A Holiday Meditation

The holidays are soon to be upon us. As many get busy about becoming extra jolly and getting plans in order for family celebrations, I go through my regular struggle to not strip the fun out of things. As those who know me can tell you, as each year comes to an end, I get quiet and contemplative. I always ask myself the same questions:

"What have I actually accomplished this year?" "What lessons can I take with me into the next year?" "What should I leave behind?" "Is Rudolph's nose a small biological warp nacelle while the other eight reindeer account for .825 impulse power, so Santa doesn't blow the roof off our houses when he takes off?" And if so, "Does Santa travel with a Canadian-born elf with a fake Scottish accent that feeds Rudolf dilithium kibble to regulate the energy output from the micronized matter-antimatter reaction chamber in his nose?" You know – the important questions.

One question that always trips me up a bit is "Am I being grateful enough?"

Living squarely in the Beta Sector of Region One, I am surrounded by the agricultural way of living. Each year, at harvest time, the communities around me come alive with all the hustle and bustle that goes into bringing in the crops. By the time Thanksgiving comes about, a good deal of the workers are more than ready to slip into some well-deserved, turkey-induced comas.

But how grateful am I?

Regardless of our cultural backgrounds, gratitude is a uniting factor, and it plays (or should play) a major role in the bulk of the holiday festivities this time of year. This notion of gratitude is so important that it is even a part of the traditions of Bajor.

Each year on the Bajoran calendar includes several observances, one of which is Peldor, more commonly known to us humans as the Festival of Gratitude.

This festival is one where the Bajoran people appreciate the good that they've had over the past year and is accompanied by copious amounts of food and celebration. The tradition normally includes a meditation for peace, and the burning of bateret leaves and Renewal Scrolls. The Renewal Scrolls were slips

A Holiday Meditation

of paper with your troubles and worries written on them, and as the scrolls burned, your troubles were symbolically turned to ash.

While I'm not one to go in for manifesting in this way, I do especially like this concept in conjunction with gratitude and celebration. One of the biggest obstacles I have to really appreciating the things I have and being able to find happiness is the weight of all the problems that life throws at me. My worldview acknowledges that problems are all around us; many of which we can do nothing about. It further attests that we can't fix these problems by worrying about them. However, what worrying can do is prevent us from enjoying the good and celebrating it. In short, it hinders us from showing our gratitude.

As we go through our holiday season, it is my sincere hope that we can each put aside our worries, find peace, enjoy the good, and genuinely celebrate with loved ones.

On behalf of the chaplains of the First Fleet,

Peldor Joi!

CAPT Justin 'Emissary' Hunt, KGO, SFMD, SFMC
RDC R1 Chaplain Corps



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USS *Saratoga* and *Yorktown* Station Away Mission to Dublin

In September, we went on a long-planned trip to Ireland to meet Tom's extended family. It amazed us both how the land looked so much like home. The people are quite diverse, and it was fascinating to be



around 900+ year old buildings and new ones alongside. We saw so much and took about 1500 snaps between us. Thank goodness we don't have to develop film anymore! Tom's highlight was seeing his family's farm in Cavan, and the

Donohoe's are the oldest family there. The old house is still standing, nearly 300 years old, but

they don't live in it anymore. While in Dublin, we took the opportunity to spend time with the crew of the USS *CúChulainn*. They were having their end-of-summer bash and invited us to join them, and it was an excellent opportunity to represent the STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps. I have said many times, nothing is better than spending time, in person, with members of SFI, and this event was no different.

Captain Lee Raythorn, the commanding officer, and his crew welcomed us aboard and we had a blast. Fellowship, a raffle, karaoke, good snacks, and drinks...what more could you want? As a bonus, Michael Quigley, executive officer of the USS *Belknap* in R7, was also there.



Nikki Wardmichael sang like an angel, and her duet with Michael blew me away. I did everyone a favor and declined to sing. She had a fantastic playlist, too.

The youngest member there, Annalee Whelan, pulled the tickets for the raffle. She gamely put up with all us rowdy adults. We were sorry the evening had to end. Before we left they kindly gave us custom communicator pins and patches. Traveling home, the

hardest part was not crushing our tribble, courtesy of Anthony Raythorn. He's the Tribble Whisperer, and you've seen his creations in

the Communiqué and on SFI Facebook. My advice when you're traveling, look up a local chapter of SFI and meet up with them. Whether it is a quick meal, or a longer event, it will be well worth it. Next stop, Alabama! **ADM Kimberly Donohoe, Yorktown Station SFR-106**



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USS *Ranger*, USS *Stella Pirata*, USS *Renegade*, and, the USS *Katherine Johnson*

Away Mission to "Fort Necessity National Battlefield" in Farmington, Pennsylvania

On September 28, 2025, "Commodore" Bob the Raptor, Captain Kevin Lyons, and Lt Josh Kaefer of the USS *Ranger* joined our friends of the USS *Stella Pirata*, USS *Renegade*, and our new friends of the USS *Katherine Johnson* at "Fort Necessity National Battlefield" in Farmington, Pennsylvania. This was a fantastic experience despite the rain. The Museum was fantastic.

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R1 Beta Sector Coordinator
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COMM Bob the Raptor



Crew of USS *Katherine Johnson*:
Left to right: MCPO Geoff Burns, CMDR Liz Gorman, VADM Tom Restivo, CMDR Mo Lee, and FCPT John Lee.



CAPT Christopher Stough –
USS *Renegade*, and Lt Josh
Kaefer



FCPT Maria Dutilly - USS *Stella Pirata*, LT Josh Kaefer - USS *Ranger*, and CAPT Kevin Lyons - USS *Ranaer*

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USS Jurassic

NASA's International Observe the Moon Night, October 4, 2025

By CMDR Cindy Ray

On October 4, 2025, several USS Jurassic crewmembers braved the cold in Ohio to observe the Moon on the 15th anniversary of this event by NASA. It was originally started to increase interest and awareness in observing the night sky in 2009. The first official Observe the Moon Night was in 2010. Since then it has grown to a huge world-wide event with hundreds of countries participating with events, photos, learning classes. Astronomy clubs around the globe join in and share their telescopes with anyone that wants to see, perhaps for the first time in their lives, an up close view of our nearest neighbor, our Moon.



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There were clouds obscuring a lot of viewing by several members, one person was able to sketch their observation, but decided it wasn't very good so did not submit it.

One other member (myself) that observed the moon on October 5th, came up with a unique and MacGyver-style way of creating a "monocular" from their "binoculars". They lost their telescope to gravity the year before when it tipped over the porch railing during an observation attempt at a comet. Concrete and telescopes do not go well together – the concrete always wins. See the below setup photos and unbelievably a couple of moon shots of it starting to rise over the tree tops. This is not an easy process as the iPhone camera needs to align with the monocular lens and the whole contraption needs to point towards the object and keep it in the field of view long enough to snap a few photos. It doesn't take long for the rising moon to move out of the field of view. The fun part is getting this to work!



Oct 4th - I was figuring out how to securely attach my binocular's onto the tripod – many hours of Mac Gyver thinking and was successful!

Oct 5th - First photo taken with iPhone alone, Moon starting to rise. Next two iPhone camera aligned on adjustable ocular of the Mac Gyver "monocular" (one side of binoculars).

By mounting the binoculars onto an old tripod I had - using elastic bands! This way I was able to continue to keep the Moon in the field of view both horizontally and vertically (more or less). As it rose higher, the difficulty to keep it in view increased until the pitch of the porch overhang obscured it completely.



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USS *Ronald E McNair*

Away Missions

by Pam Michaud

Soda city comicon: August 23-24, 2025

We had two members attend, Ensign John Dulaveris and Crewman Jason Rutledge.



Crewman Rutledge in Star Wars garb



Smokey Mountain Fan Fest: September 5-7, 2025. We had two members attend this: Ensign Raquel Pizzarello and Ensign Mike Burtle. Raquel fulfilled her dream of meeting Walter Koenig. They presented Mr. Koenig with honorary membership to the USS *Ronald E McNair* and Region One.



Left to right rear: Mike Burtle, Raquel Pizzarello
and front: Mr. Walter Keonig



Raquel and Ceti eel

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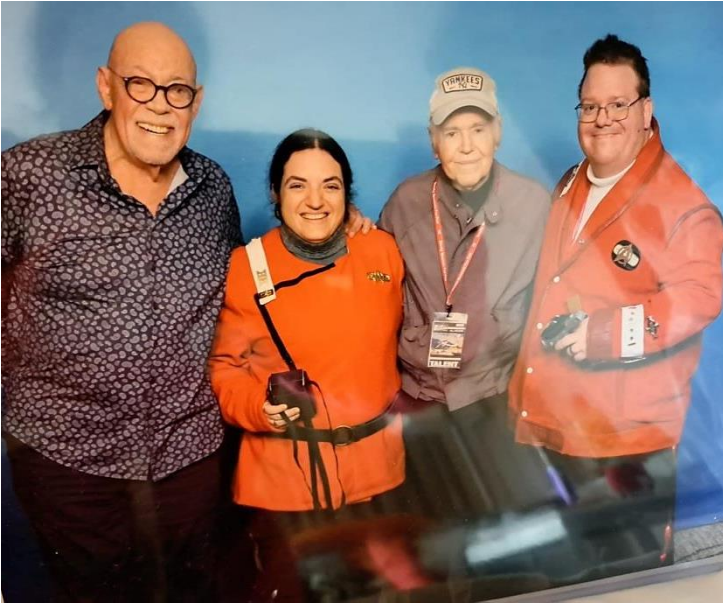
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Dragoncon: August 28 – September 1, 2025 in Atlanta, GA



John Schuck, Raquel Pizzarello, Walter Koenig, Mike Burtle

Outer Banks Series Tour: October 18, 2025, Charleston, SC

Cadet Alea Darby celebrated her 13th birthday with a trip to Charleston, SC to see the places used in the filming of her favorite Netflix series, *Outer Banks*. Alea and her Mom, also a McNair member, stayed at the hotel, in the room used in the series. She and her Mother, Michelle Darby, took the boat tour to see lighthouses, homes, marshes, and the restaurant used in the series. Alea and her Mom also stayed at the hotel and in the room used in the series. They watched dolphins swimming around the boat.



Billy Zane, James Tolkán, Claudia Wells, Christopher Lloyd and Susan Mahaffey

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Home used for home of Kiara in *Outer Banks*



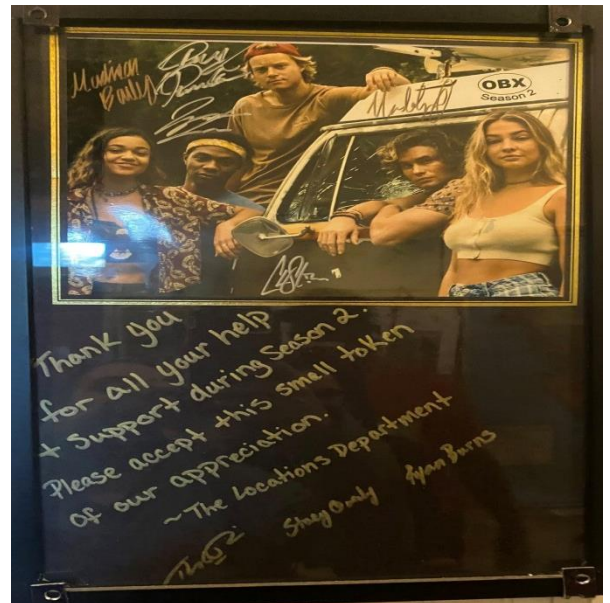
On the boat tour: Michelle and Alea Darby



House of John B in *Outer Banks*



Cast photo in the hotel room used in *Outer Banks* series



Restaurant in *Outer Banks* Series

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Comets in the Sky Above Me

By Michael Weldon Lewis

A friend, Jerrold, emailed a request to me a few months ago. He asked if I could write something about Comet SWAN. Where I was most of last April was overcast. I missed Comet SWAN. During October, I depended on a YouTube video for observation of C/2025 A6 Lemmon and C/2025 R2 SWAN (Dobrijevic, D., 2025). The views of the comets were wonderful.

I live in an area that is too bright to see faint objects. I plan to access darker skies via remote control telescopes.

On a space weather website I read about another comet, Comet 3I/ATLAS, getting brighter for some reason. So I may get a story out of a comet soon.

References:

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NEWSLETTER

2026 Submission Due Dates to Remember

January 24, 2026

April 24, 2026

July 26, 2026

October 25, 2026



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NEW Wilderness Challenge! Join Now! 1-month only

SFMC 1st BDE 2025 Holiday Edition WC

For 2025, the Holiday Edition Wilderness Challenge will be co-hosted by the 147th 'Guardians of Forever' and the 169th 'Spartan Predators'. The WC will be Virtual as far as we will be away and Apart from each other, but if you would like to have a group of several units, please feel free to arrange this locally for you! The idea is that EVERYONE can do this from their own location, even inside their homes. Some parks may have FIRE RINGS to create camp fires in. Many camping areas CLOSE after November 1st though. If you can camp and want to, awesome!

This WC can be done at home, in a park or campground near YOU, or you can gather together in groups in a location you all choose. You do not have to travel to SW Ohio to complete it. There will be Virtual parts to this activity, and in-person parts as well, but those can be done on your own, or in a group. There will be T-Shirts and bandanas for the WC available to purchase, and there will be some prizes. Nearly Everyone should be able to complete this challenge.

Ideas to make that happen have been discussed and thought out. If you have ability issues, there are ways around them for this WC. Instead of setting up a full size tent or tepee or lean-to, set up a small model on a table, or in a bin that you have filled with dirt, and use wood or bamboo food skewers as "logs" for your model.

There will be an Online Meetings, during which any questions about the twenty to thirty specific goals and challenges will be explained and discussed. Solutions will be suggested to complete them, but if you get too much info, what is the challenge?

During the WC Weekend, everyone will also meet online to compare notes thru a GENERAL thread IN DISCORD in the DISCORD SERVER. You will be thrown an INVITE to your Discord NAME, once you fill out the form for participation. Plan on regular communication with "SFMC HQ ". Photo and Video Dump for your completed objectives will be through your UNIT or CHAPTER thread on the Discord for documentation, or you can send a DROPBOX or email Dona Rozelle Burgio with large files.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, YOU ARE DOING THIS **AT YOUR OWN RISK**.

CALL 911 or your local Emergency Assistance near you.

THE SCENARIO:

You are in one of three types of shuttles, carrying various gear for various missions. Sadly, challengingly, your craft will fail, and you will have to survive for 48 hours (roughly) to three weeks... you never know if you get captured or have a huge issue. You have from DECEMBER 1st, 2025 until JANUARY 1ST, 2026 to

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complete this HOLIDAY EDITION WC. You will write down your own mission document, your supply list, and your food list. You may be forced to Role Play being sheltered in your Shuttlecraft, or in a field with a destroyed craft, or need to find a cave nearby. You roll the dice for your own mission.

Remember that you can scavenge an area for supplies, or befriend a native, who may give you edible food or not. USE YOUR smallest TRICORDING devices.

There will be a list of objectives (challenges) provided, TEN of which you will need to complete to qualify for the WC award. You will have a HOLIDAY EDITION LIST which you will need to complete FIVE of TEN to qualify for earning prizes. Documentation is key, with Photos and Videos. Be in contact with the STARFLEET MARINE CORPS WC (DISCORD GROUP) (which the link will be sent to you) through the time you are going through the HOLIDAY EDITION WC. There will be times to check in regularly, and times that you can make "emergency contacts", fictionally.

This WC is aimed at Inclusion and Enjoyment. No one should feel excluded. The idea is to have a FUN WEEKEND!!!! IF you get confused, or need assistance with ideas to complete objectives, ask in the group thread on discord.

This 2025 HOLIDAY EDITION Wilderness Challenge, also has PRIZES. We have SFMC QM Gift Certificates which will be given out randomly to participants, and some other cool perks. The Holiday Edition of the WC 2025 will be the whole month of December 2025, from December 1st, 2025, thru January 1st, 2026. We hope you attend

The Holiday Edition follows, and contains the same activities as the 1st BDE WC, so you can participate in the Holiday Edition and still qualify for the Wilderness Challenge award.

Please FILL OUT these link forms:

PARTICIPANTS FORM:

<https://forms.gle/UxyqE8VKPCp3yACe8>

AFTER ACTION REPORT FORM: <https://forms.gle/cWPZtS4e4oJtbphP7>

Read the Article with the info, it should be near this article. The article lets you know you are completing the Wilderness Challenges at your own risk.

Contact Dona Rozelle Burgio for more details, on Facebook, messenger, discord, just no smoke signals. Email me if needed, but I'm easy to find on SFI fb pages and social media. The other co-host is Kal Meltos from the 169th MSG. Hope you'll think about completing this Holiday Edition WC with us!

Remember: *Do this WC **at your own risk***, the hosts are NOT liable for anything you do to complete this Wilderness Challenge.

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ALPHA SECTOR – KENTUCKY

Convention	Date	Location
LouisvilleCon 2025	December 6, 2025	Triple Crown Pavilion Louisville, KY
FrankfortCon 2026	January 24, 2026	Capital Plaza Hotel Frankfort, KY
PokeKon Fest - Hebron, KY 2026	January 25, 2026	Marriott Cincinnati Airport Hebron, KY
Lexington Comic & Toy Convention 2026	March 26-29, 2026	Central Bank Center Lexington, KY
Etown Anime-Fest 2026	May 3, 2026	Pritchard Community Center Elizabethtown, KY

ALPHA SECTOR – TENNESSEE

Convention	Date	Location
Clarksville Anime-Fest 2025	November 29, 2025	Quality Inn Exit 4 Clarksville, TN
Yama-Con 2025	December 5-7, 2025	LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge Pigeon Forge, TN
Nashville Celebrity Comic Con 2026	January 31 - February 1, 2026	The Fairgrounds Nashville Nashville, TN
JohnsonCity Anime-Fest 2026	April 18, 2026	Holiday Inn Johnson City Johnson City, TN
Nashum FurCon 2026	May 22-24, 2026	Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport Nashville, TN

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BETA SECTOR – OHIO

Convention	Date	Location
GalaxyCon Columbus 2025	December 5-7, 2025	Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, OH
Mahoning Valley Comicon 2025	December 13, 2025	Metroplex Expo Center Girard, OH
Ohayocon 2026	January 30 - February 1, 2026	Dayton Convention Center Dayton, OH
PokeKon-Fest - Cleveland, OH 2026	February 14, 2026	Wyndham Garden Westlake Westlake, OH
FantastiCon Toledo 2026	March 14-15, 2026	Glass City Center Toledo, OH
HorrorHound Weekend: Cincinnati 2026	March 20-22, 2026	Sharonville Convention Center Cincinnati, OH
Animarathon 2026	March 21-22, 2026	Bowling Green State University, Bowen-Thompson Student Union Bowling Green, OH

BETA SECTOR – INDIANA

Convention	Date	Location
Amazing Art Expo Evansville 2025	November 21-23, 2025	DoubleTree by Hilton Evansville, Evansville, IN
Starbase Indy 2025	November 28-30, 2025	Indianapolis Marriott East Indianapolis, IN
Days of the Dead Indianapolis 2025	December 5-7, 2025	Indianapolis Marriott East Indianapolis, IN



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Brickworld Indianapolis 2026	March 14-15, 2026	Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, IN
South Bend Anime-Fest 2026	March 29, 2026	Hilton Garden Inn South Bend South Bend, IN

DELTA SECTOR – VIRGINIA

Convention	Date	Location
MarsCon 2026	January 16-18, 2026	Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Norfolk Virginia Beach, VA
PokeKon Fest - Richmond, VA 2026	February 7, 2026	Four Points by Sheraton Richmond Airport Richmond, VA
Blerdcon 2026	March 6-8, 2026	Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport Arlington, VA
GalaxyCon Richmond 2026	March 19-22, 2026	Greater Richmond Convention Center Richmond, VA
BrickFair Fredericksburg, VA 2026	March 28-29, 2026	Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center Fredericksburg, VA

DELTA SECTOR – WEST VIRGINIA

Convention	Date	Location
Morgantown Anime-Fest 2026	February 21, 2026	Holiday Inn Morgantown - University Area Morgantown, WV

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GAMMA SECTOR – NORTH CAROLINA

Convention	Date	Location
Asheville Anime-Fest 2025	December 13, 2025	Haywood Park Hotel Asheville, NC
Fayetteville Anime-Fest 2025	December 20, 2025	Crown Complex Fayetteville, NC
PokeKon Fest - Wilmington, NC 2025	December 20, 2025	Hotel Ballast Wilmington Wilmington, NC
Animate! Raleigh 2026	January 9-11, 2026	Raleigh Convention Center Raleigh, NC
PokeKon Fest - Greenville, NC 2026	January 24, 2026	Holiday Inn Greenville Greenville, NC
Big Charlotte Anime 2026	January 24-25, 2026	Charlotte Convention Center Charlotte, NC
Ichibancon 2026	February 13-15, 2026	Embassy Suites Concord Concord, NC
City of Oaks ComicBook Odyssey 2026	February 20-22, 2026	Sheraton Raleigh Hotel Raleigh, NC
Ibashocon 2026	February 20-22, 2026	Hilton Raleigh North Hills Raleigh, NC
Charlotte Anime-Fest 2026	March 7, 2026	Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Ayrley Charlotte, NC
Triad Anime Con 2026	March 27-29, 2026	Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, NC

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GAMMA SECTOR – SOUTH CAROLINA

Convention	Date	Location
Retro-Toy Con 2025	November 21-23, 2025	Embassy Suites by Hilton Greenville Golf Resort & Conference Center Greenville, SC
CharlestonCon 2025	November 23, 2025	Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center North Charleston, SC
PokeKon Fest - Charleston, SC 2025	December 27, 2025	Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center North Charleston, SC
Columbia Anime-Fest 2025	December 28, 2025	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, SC
Central Carolina Comic Con 2026	January 10-11, 2026	South Carolina State Fairgrounds Columbia, SC
Banzaicon 2026	March 6-8, 2026	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbia, South Carolina Columbia, SC

Comic, sci-fi, anime, and pop-culture fan conventions (various dates) FanCons.com. Available at: <https://fancons.com/> (Accessed: 13 Nov 2025. updated May 18, 2025).



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Region One – Open Position(s)

RDC of Uniforms and Costuming

DESCRIPTION:

The role of the Regional Department Chief (RDC) of Uniforms and Costuming is crucial to our community, serving as the primary resource for all things related to Star Trek costumes and uniforms. This includes both pre-made and custom options, as well as expertise in sourcing materials and offering guidance on creating costumes and accessories.

While the primary focus is on Star Trek, the RDC must also possess a broad understanding of other Sci-Fi, Cosplay, and Steampunk genres. Experience from previous conventions will significantly enhance the effectiveness and insight this role brings.

The RDC is responsible for maintaining active and engaging presences on Facebook, Discord, and other social media platforms. Regular posts—on a weekly or bi-weekly basis—are essential to keep these channels vibrant and foster communication and collaboration within our costuming community.

Additionally, the RDC should make it a priority to reach out to new chapters within Region One shortly after their establishment. Providing timely assistance and guidance will ensure that our members, whether seasoned or new to costuming, receive the support they need.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- o Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.
- o Be a member of a Chapter within Region One. (You don't have to physically live within the region as long as you are a member of a chapter that is within the region.)
- o Preferably a DC on that chapter, or an "expert" on the subject matter (not a hard requirement, but, definitely a plus).
- o Passed OTS.
- o Passed OCC.
- o Must SFDPP certified.
- o Reliable internet.
- o Reliable e-mail.
- o Sense of humor and a great attitude.
- o Pride and enthusiasm in Region One.
- o The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner. (While it is true that this is a volunteer position, you will have certain duties that **MUST** be done regularly as an RDC.)
- o Willingness to invest personal time and effort to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of Region One's members.
- o Passed any SFA school that is within the RDC position's subject. (For example, if you are applying for the position of RDC of Sciences, you may want to take a course in the SFA Vulcan Academy of Science, etc.). This may not apply to all positions. Please list the dates taken and passed.



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OVERALL RDC REQUIRED JOB DUTIES

How the RDC runs their department is pretty much up to them. However there are certain duties that apply to ALL RDCs. These include:

- o Make your RDC program one that provides value and interest to the region!
- o Monthly reports to the RDC Program Director are due on 1st of every month; the 2nd – 5th is considered late and after the 5th is considered failure to report. Missing 2 reports in a row will get the RDC a warning. Missing 3 reports in a calendar year will result in possible dismissal from position. (BUT, the RDC Program Director can be very understanding if they know what they are being understanding about. If circumstances cause you to miss a report or two ... don't wait until you get a warning to call or write and say you have been very busy with something. Instead, you should send a note; e-mail or regular mail saying what is causing you to miss this report before it is due or as soon after it is due as possible).
- o Post to the Region One Facebook Page or Discord AT LEAST every two weeks
- o Stay in contact with those ships that provide you with names and addresses of a contact person. Don't make communication a one way street. After a while your contact person will get tired of sending in reports if they never know if it arrived or not. When you get a report, let the person reporting know.
- o Send a recent photo of yourself if you are chosen for the RDC webpage.

All interested applicants are asked to fill out the application form at:

r1.sfi.org/rdc/



Regional RDC of Logos and Graphics

DESCRIPTION:

The position of Regional Department Chief of Logos and Graphics (RDC of Logos and Graphics) plays a crucial role in establishing and maintaining the visual identity of our region. As the RDC, you will be the primary point of contact for designing logos and graphics to meet various needs, including chapter logos, event branding, departmental visuals, and more. These graphics should be provided in standard formats (such as .jpg, .bmp, etc.), with a maximum turnaround time of four weeks.

A strong background in graphic design is essential, as is a commitment to creativity and efficiency. You are encouraged to build and lead a team of talented designers and graphic specialists who can support your efforts and ensure that all design requests are fulfilled promptly and to a high standard.

Additionally, you will be responsible for posting monthly updates to regional lists, promoting the logo and graphics services available. It is also important that you reach out to each new Region One Chapter within the first few weeks of their establishment to offer your services and support.



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Your work will be instrumental in ensuring that our region's visual identity remains unified, professional, and consistently impactful.

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- o Passed OTS.
- o Passed OCC.
- o SFDPP certified within one month of accepting the position.
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r1.sfi.org/rdc-logos-and-graphics/application/



Regional RDC of Diplomatic Corps

DESCRIPTION:

The Regional Department Chief of Diplomatic Officers (RDC) is entrusted with the creation and maintenance of a comprehensive knowledge database, detailing effective recruiting techniques and practices. Additionally, the RDC will engage with non-SFI fan groups within the R1 area, publicizing joint events and operations to enhance regional visibility and cooperation.

Collaboration with the R1 Recruiting Officer is a critical aspect of this role, ensuring that strategies and insights are shared and aligned. The RDC must be committed to the overall well-being of the Region, always prioritizing collective interests.

On a more imaginative note, a familiarity with Federation diplomats and their methodologies is beneficial, reflecting the diplomatic finesse required for this position. You are tasked with posting bi-weekly updates to the Region One Facebook Pages, Discord channel, and other social media sites to promote our gaming program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- o Be a member of Starfleet in good standing for at least one (1) year.
- o Be a member of a Chapter within Region One. (You don't have to physically live within the region as long as you are a member of a chapter that is within the region.)
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- o Reliable e-mail.
- o Sense of humor and a great attitude.
- o Pride and enthusiasm in Region One.
- o The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner. (While it is true that this is a volunteer position, you will have certain duties that **MUST** be done regularly as an RDC.)

Region One – Open Position(s)

- o Willingness to invest personal time and effort to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of Region One's members.
- o Passed any SFA school that is within the RDC position's subject. (For example, if you are applying for the position of RDC of Sciences, you may want to take a course in the SFA Vulcan Academy of Science, etc.). This may not apply to all positions. Please list the dates taken and passed.

OVERALL RDC REQUIRED JOB DUTIES

How the RDC runs their department is pretty much up to them. However there are certain duties that apply to ALL RDCs. These include:

- o Make your RDC program one that provides value and interest to the region!
- o Monthly reports to the RDC Program Director are due on 1st of every month; the 2nd – 5th is considered late and after the 5th is considered failure to report. Missing 2 reports in a row will get the RDC a warning. Missing 3 reports in a calendar year will result in possible dismissal from position. (BUT, the RDC Program Director can be very understanding if they know what they are being understanding about. If circumstances cause you to miss a report or two ... don't wait until you get a warning to call or write and say you have been very busy with something. Instead, you should send a note; e-mail or regular mail saying what is causing you to miss this report before it is due or as soon after it is due as possible).
- o Post to the Region One Facebook Page or Discord AT LEAST every two weeks
- o Stay in contact with those ships that provide you with names and addresses of a contact person. Don't make communication a one way street. After a while your contact person will get tired of sending in reports if they never know if it arrived or not. When you get a report, let the person reporting know.
- o Send a recent photo of yourself if you are chosen for the RDC webpage.

All interested applicants are asked to fill out the application form at:

r1.sfi.org/rdc-of-diplomatic-corps/



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