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Greetings and I hope this finds you all safe!!

I would like to wish you all a very happy Summer. We have now completed our first 7 months and we continue the progress moving forward. As we work hard going forward here is an update on where we are:

# As of today, The Administration has completed or is still working on:

- Legal authority collaboration regarding Data breach continues.
- Implementing of the new 23-24 SFDPP certification.
- For any new Chapters or new course takers SFDPP 101 and 102 are open. This will closure not affect new Commanding and Executive Officers from forming new chapters. Be prepared for the recertification to open in January and everyone that needs to recertify will have a 90-day window until Ops begins the Standby process to Decommission.
- The membership committee has met and it is preparing their analysis to the AB which will come to the membership very soon.
- Ongoing creation of new Database platform estimated for first quarter of 2024.

## More Work Ongoing:

- International Conference Bids
- This administration is seeking bids for the 2024 and 2025 International Conference or VIC or Hybrid.
  This is the 50th year of STARFLEET and is a special event. If you wish to Bid on this honor in whatever
  form, you choose either in person, Virtual, or Hybrid, and all Global options will be reviewed I
  encourage you to do it soon. I have heard already of one potential and it would be great to see more.
- Directorships
- Outstanding departments are: Office of the Master Petty Chief. This post will be put to the HR site in the coming weeks as we are compiling the information and updating the mission.
- Currently, the VCS and I are working on a style guide for Organization, Region and Chapter use of the SFI Branding. We hope you have liked seeing some of the new elements we have been showing over the last month. The AB today has seen more and implementation will begin soon after the VIC. As a part of this we are completing the research for registering and/or trademarking the primary logo of STARFLEET.

#### Commander Starfleet Travels

If you have an event that you wish me to come to your area do let me know and I will work it into my schedule. Currently I am planning trips to R3 Summit in San Antonio, will be back in Hawaii for a time, then R2 enroute to the STAR TREK Cruise. Future plans for R10 and R13. Wish list and soooo hoping for one to R11. It will all depend on the structure of visit.

Final thoughts my well wishes go out to the residents of Lahaina on Maui in Hawai'i. This was my hometown for so many of my childhood years and it is horrible to see it all destroyed by fire. If you have ever visited Lahaina keep those memories for they will never be there again.

The following are reports from your Executive Committee and Staff Members giving you the State of the Fleet.

Getting it done, while having fun!

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Fleet Admiral David Nottage - SCC#28197 Commander - STARFLEET, International Inc. Commanding Officer, USS Golden Gate / NCC-2562 - San Francisco, CA

# **OFFICES UNDER THE CS**

# **INSPECTOR GENERAL REAR ADMIRAL STEPHEN STOTT** SCC | 46891



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As last month - mercifully there is nothing to report at this time - all is guiet within the FLEET.

Live long and prosper,

RADM Stephen Stott IG. STARFLEET

# JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL BRIGADIER GENERAL S. CHRISTOPHER BOGGS SCC | 23592

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Cases 1.

> Pending Cases: None at this time Current Cases: None at this time

Closed Cases: All cases closed at this time.

- 2. Eagerly awaiting VIC in August.
- 3. **JAG VIC**

Staff was requested to come up with the "Rules of Conduct for the VIC". Sent them to the CIS for review and they were accepted. Looking forward to helping in various capacities during the Conference

S. Christopher Boggs, BGen - JAG-STARLFEET Mike Watkins. CMDR - DJAG-STARFLEET Ronald B. Rozier, COL - Chief of Staff Justin O'Donnell, 1st LT - JAG Investigator Antonio T. De Angelis II, COL- JAG Investigator

Respectfully Submitted, Brig. General S. Christopher Boggs, "SANTA" Judge Advocate General - Starfleet Superintendent - SFMC Academy Chief of Staff - SFSO DOIC,12th Brigade, 2nd Division Starfleet International - Central Arkansas CO, U.S.S. BLACKSTONE, NCC-74918

"Proudly serving 31 years... and counting"



# **DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY**FLEET CAPTAIN PAULA LENNOX SCC | 74128



Just a little over six weeks ago the Department of Diversity or 'DoD' was launched with the guidance of the CS. After the artwork and the settings for the FB page were all in place it was opened to all SFI members, It was slow to start but once the link was shared around the other SFI pages and departments it started to gain interest. After a few weeks I started to assemble my dept staff, Assistant Director, Culture Assistant, and two FB page moderators. In the last few days I have asked each of them to pick a day and look after the posting for that day it's a little slow to get sorted but I think once people settle into thier roles we will see wonderful diverse content being posted. We are currently gearing up for the VIC as we will have quite a presents there this year, I believe this will be the first time a DoD will be present at the VIC so watch this space, I am sure there is loads I have left out, so I will be adopting the same format I do my MSR for the chapter I am a part.

Director of Diversity, Fleet Capt. P.Lennox

# **AUXILIARY SERVICES**DIRECTOR – MAJOR GENERAL JEREMY CARSTEN SCC | 60142



Auxiliary Services By the numbers:

Service	Total Members	Total Units (SFMC and SFSO)	Total Regional Officers (Brigade OICs, ASGs, etc.)	Total Pets	Status
STARFLEET Marine Corps	1135	137	15	-	Permanent Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Special Operations	190	44	4	-	Permanent Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Medical	281	-	26	-	Permanent Auxiliary Service
PETFLEET	550		-	1100	Permanent Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Sciences	11	-	6	-	Established Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Corps of Engineers	54	-	-	-	Established Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps	5	-	-	-	Provisional Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Tactical	97	-	5	-	Provisional Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Intelligence	70	-	-	-	Provisional Auxiliary Service

# Reports by Service

# STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC)

Commandant Edward C. Tunis III (new emails pending) pirategentsfmc@gmail.com
Deputy Commandant Christopher Boggs (new emails pending) ltcolboggssfmc@gmail.com

- Prepping for muster.
- Slugging out over upgrading logo.

Forcecom, Infocom and Tracom are to be commended for their hard work over the past couple of months. They have been working hard on a number of internal projects that, though aren't seen by the Marines now, will be seen in the future. Well done, everyone.

#### Resources Needed:

None at this time.

# STARFLEET Special Operations (SFSO)

DirectorDenise Rushsfso@sfi.orgDeputy DirectorMike Watkinsdepcmd.sfso@sfi.org

- We have a proposal on the DAS's desk waiting for review. (Yup...they do...)
- Since SFSO Operatives are rabidly taking courses and earning Certifications right and left, I upped the ante for SFSO education to include a new Special Black Ops Device. The requirements for this device are the completion of all Grade Levels 1-10, all Specialties, all Advanced Training, and Doctorates in both Intelligence and Special Operations. I thought this would slow them down a little, but I am very pleased to say I already have one Operative that has met my challenge and another that has personally told me they are taking it on. I am very proud of my Operatives and it will be interesting to see how many of them meet the challenge.

# Resources Needed:

The only issue / problem we have is the inability to record our Awards in the Database. They have been piling up for years.

# STARFLEET Medical (SFMD)

Surgeon General Captain Lynn Harper <u>surgeongeneral@sfi.org</u>
Deputy Surgeon General Wade Poitras <u>medicaldsg@sfi.org</u>

- Focus has now shifted toward the Virtual International Conference and our part in it.
- The majority of ASGs and department heads have submitted short introductions and descriptions of what they do at SFM and preparations are nearing completion in regards to a mock scenario that will demonstrate the capabilities and talent of STARFLEET Medical.
- We are continuing work on filling all ASG positions. Emails have been sent to the RC's concerned and we will follow up next month.
- Awards and Training entry into the SFI database has commenced.
- SFMD certification work finalized and will be announced in August.

# New Medical Staff Appointments:

- Gabanette Wooltorton DASG R13
- Ariel Vitali DASG R7
- Arlene Henriques DASG R5
- Stephen Vetrano ASG R5

# Medical Challenges:

- Medical Conditions in Star Trek Challenge commenced on the 4th of July by Women's Health Lead Deborah Keyes.
- Certificate has been developed.
- Work commenced on developing certificate Interspecies Medical Exchange Program Challenge for later on in the year.

#### Resources Needed:

None at the moment.

#### **PETFLEET**

Director Commander Randy Mitson <u>petfleet@sfi.org</u>
Deputy Director James Cecil <u>jcecil2930@gmail.com</u>

- Vic photo contest
- Director has no internet

Resources Needed:

Director needs cool name/title (input by DAS).

# STARFLEET Sciences (SFSCI)

Director (Acting) John Brice, Jr <u>alaricrh@charter.net</u>

Deputy Director Mike Calhoun rc12@sfi.org

- Richard Hiem stepped down as Director STARFLEET Sciences after 20 years of service.
- John Brice Jr. Appointed to ACTING Director SFSCI, pending HR process.
- Discord Server established
- Initial SFSCI membership form created. Will track interest, mostly, until new staff roles, processes, etc. are established.

# Resources Needed:

A web TEAM to transition the material from the site RIchard maintained for SFSCI on his own server, to SFI. org spaces.

# STARFLEET Corps of Engineers

Chief of Engineers Stephen Hebbend-Back <u>chiefengineer@sfi.org</u>
Vice-Chief of Engineers Jayden Tyronian <u>dep-cis@sfi.org</u>

- Usual bread n butter work mostly still gfx.
- 3D has completed the files for the command star award, prototypes being readied for presentation at VIC 2023
- Work on the awards schemes for CoE and the members handbook proceeds at pace.

# Resources Needed:

3 department heads.

# STARFLEET Tactical (SFTA)

DirectorCOL Matt Daviestactical@sfi.orgDeputy DirectorMichael Rosendep-tactical@sfi.org

- Substantial contributions to the VIC by Michael Rosen including engaging Modiphius, organizing the event, representing Tactical at VIC meetings and increasing our presence in Gather.town space.
- Our membership on the Discord server continued to grow.
- We have begun discussing a membership form.
- Awards will be tackled after VIC.
- We still have to find a way to engage more of non-staff in scheduled events

I think, due solely to Michael's efforts, Tactical has represented itself very well amongst the active players in our community.

#### Resources Needed:

We are still working on increasing engagement in Tactical. Promoting our events and increasing engagement with the community on discord/facebook.

# STARFLEET Intelligence (SFIN)

Director (ACTING) Ben Thomas <u>sfin-director@sfi.org</u>
Deputy Director VACANT <u>sfin-depdirector@sfi.org</u>

- Staffing and viability.
- Going through applications this week.

Resources Needed:

Applicants for open posts.

# STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps (SFDC)

Chief Ambassador Aaron Himes <u>sfifleetambassador@gmail.com</u>

Vice Chief Ambassador Steve Parmley <u>bementfire@gmail.com</u>

- Working on presentation for VIC.
- Trying to to setup a treaty signing with an outside organization, pending SfAS Director, CS and EC/AB

Resources Needed:

New Website!

@SFI.org addresses



# STARFLEET Auxiliary Services Headquarters (SFAS HQ)

Director Auxiliary Services Jeremy Carsten <u>das@sfi.org</u>

Deputy Director Auxiliary Services Mark Anderson <u>COS-SFAS@sfi.org</u>

#### **Current Projects**

Social Media Policy - Assigned to DAS

• 60% (HOLD)

Google Drive Policy/Collection - Assigned to All SFAS Chiefs/Directors

• 50% (HOLD)

SFAS Websites - Assigned to All SFAS Chiefs/Directors

70% (Will be 100 by VIC).
 SFAS Handbook - Assigned to DAS

• 100%

Discord Moderators - Assigned to Perm Aux Directors

• 20% (HOLD)

SFI Email addresses

• 90%

Individual Service Meetings

• 33%

Group meeting with all SFAS leaders

• 0%

VIC Moderators

80% - Could have done better, will continue to press.

VIC individual plans

• 90%% All have drafts in the works, most are simple powerpoint presentations.

Wordpress User policy

• 90%

Look at all those @SFI.org addresses! No private addresses left in this report. More work to do to standardize and get all to full inboxes vs forwarders- but progress! Many thanks to InfoServices on this matter!

SFSCI website has initial update with staff/interest form/etc, Will work on the last 3 sites this week (initial builds).

Mark Anderson Appointed permanent SFAS-COS.

SFAS Handbook draft delivered to CS/VCS, now out among services for comments. Will be ready to send to ECAB for read ahead by Saturday.

To list view:

SFAS HQ Master to-do list

A web TEAM - exact nature/placement TBD. Conversation forthcoming with INFOServices for plan and recommendation.



# OFFICE OF THE VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET VICE ADMIRAL RYAN CASE SCC | 71413

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Greetings STARFLEET!

Seven months in and still so much to do.

I am pleased to provide an update on some of the significant projects and initiatives undertaken by the Office of the VCS in the month of July.

# Reveal of the New STARFLEET Logo & Branding

You may have seen a new logo floating around on the various Social Media pages and officially are delighted to announce STARFLEET's new logo. This redesigned emblem represents a fresh, modern image that aligns with our branding and vision. The new logo has received a lot of positive feedback from our members since the VIC. I'm exceedingly happy to have received help from the Corps of Engineers in helping to freshen up the previous design to create something I think we can all be proud of. Alongside this project is an upcoming Visual Identity manual – more on that next time!



# The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

# 50th Anniversary Projects

In honor of STARFLEET's upcoming 50th anniversary, we have initiated a series of projects to commemorate this historic milestone. The first of these is the unveiling of the Anniversary Challenge Coin. This beautifully crafted coin pays tribute to our organization's half-century of dedication to Star Trek fandom and serves as a tangible symbol of our enduring legacy.





# **New Official Commbadge**

We are thrilled to introduce our members to the STARFLEET's first official commbadge. This emblematic accessory not only celebrates our 50 years as an organization but also represents a significant milestone for our organization. The commbadge combines classic Star Trek aesthetics with modern design, offering members a unique and distinguished way to display our STARFLEET affiliation. I am SO excited to continue designing the various inserts and onsets for it.



# Awarding of the Astrolabe Award to Gerhard Pretorius

It is with great pleasure that I also acknowledge Gerhard Pretorius as the recipient of the prestigious STARFLEET Astrolabe Award. Gerhard's contributions to the Office of the VCS (everything mentioned above he had a primary hand in designing) are invaluable and my projects genuinely would not have the visual flair they have without his help. His support is critical and I extend my heartfelt congratulations for this well-deserved recognition.

#### Collaboration with Information Services

Finally, as mentioned in my previous reports, STARFLEET has embarked on a collaborative effort with Information Services to facilitate the migration of all organizational documents onto Google Workspace. This initiative aims to streamline our document management processes and allow accessibility between administrations.

It is SO good to see many of my initial thoughts from our campaign coming into being with such efficiency. Can I just say, again, "I love this job"?

Onward and Upward! VADM Ryan Case, VCS CO, USS HAISE NCC-74664 – Jackson, MS

# OFFICE OF STARFLEET OPERATIONS ADMIRAL JOHNATHAN "GUMBY" SIMMONS SCC | 23195

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[Editor's Note - Ops Data will always be approximately 2 report cycles behind release date as MSRs/RSRs are due on the 10th/15th of the previous month - This data was given to Ops on June 15th and, thus, the following data is the May 2023 reporting cycle)

# **Greetings Fleeters!**

As of July 20th 2023 there are 5484 members serving aboard 218 chapters in the Fleet. 20 chapters and 3 RCs failed to report for this month. R7, R8 and R11 failed to report. 5 chapters were placed on Standby due to missing three or more reports.

# Chapters failing to report are:

Columbus MAAT Joan of Arc Tejas Agusta Ada

These chapters can go back to Active status by simply filing an on time MSR.

That's it for this month. See you around the Fleet! Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Ops Chief **SFI SHOC** 

Vice Admiral Steven P. Bowers SCC#52370

# Current Shakedown Chapters:

Region	Name	Registration	City of Charter	CO	Rank	SCC
1	USS B Franklin	NX-72413	Columbus, Ohio	J Eric Davis	RADM	52498
1	USS Gungnir	NX-74209	Fortville, Indiana	Michael Parks	COL	71825
2	<b>USS</b> Ouroboros	NX-93725	Miami, Oklahoma	James Brinson	CMDR	85555
4	<b>USS</b> Phenomenon	NX-6301231	Long Beach, California	Derek Allen	COL	66756
13	Space Station R-13	SFX-1301	Oshawa, Ontario, Canada	Adam Reiss	COL	82316
18	USS Galaxy	NX-1033	Urbanizacion Cuidad Verde, MX	Carlos Neyre Abad	LTC	83919
20	USS Mercia	NX-81891	Stoke-on-Trent,	Clive Burrell	CMDR	82837
			Staffordshire			

Launched USS B Franklin - R1 May 19 Launched USS Gungnir - R1 June 15 Commissioned USS Odin - R5 June 13

Vice Admiral Steven P. Bowers
Mirror Universe Officer
USS William Wallace, Region 12, STARFLEET International

#### SFI DTS

Admiral Alex Rosenzweig SCC#10712 | dts@sfi.org

Greetings!

Here's the DTS report:

DTS activity stayed roughly steady in July, with some chapter activity and all three offices mostly active as well. Two new vessel reservation requests were received, one for an established class and one for a new class. No class changes were processed, but one chapter did partially change its name. One new class was added. No new shuttlecraft were reserved. On the departmental offices side, ASDB had a quieter July. DTS Admin accepted ASDB's recommendation to approve the O'Brien-class Rapid Response Multi-Purpose Starship, and a bit of progress was made on the Ouroboros-class fightercraft. Otherwise, ASDB was mostly quiet. OTI responded to an inquiry about the Federation flag in the 2280s, and continued R&D on the Lost Era shuttlecraft. Work also progressed on the expansion of the Office's collection of vessel and station silhouettes for use in publications or for other graphical needs. In OSA, CAPT Gerhard Pretorius has done a

preliminary draft on the Phalanx-class heavy cruiser, but he was also very much in demand during July for the VIC and OSA had to take a back seat. We also continue to search for additional persons to take postings in that office.

Names approved for new vessels (either on shakedown cruises or preparing for same) include:

USS Hibernia NCC-91087 O'Brien-Class Rapid Response, Multi-Purpose Vessel

USS Mae Jemison NCC-97007 Odyssey-Class Star Cruiser

Name/Class/NCC changes approved for starships/stations include:

USS Matthew Decker NCC-3030 Adamant-Class Dreadnought to USS Decker

New classes approved include:

O'Brien-Class Rapid Response, Multi-Purpose Vessel Range: NCC-9108X Ex.: USS Hibernia NCC-91087 (Class Created by STARFLEET Chapter-to-Be)

Names approved for shuttlecraft include:

[NONE THIS REPORT]

The decommissioning/deactivation of the following vessels was noted per the report of ADM Simmons, or from other sources, and their names are now listed as on-hold, as per standard protocol, pending any decision to reactivate those vessels:

[NONE THIS REPORT]

Additional releases of names for those vessels having left STARFLEET can now take place, the requisite 6-month waiting period having passed. Therefore:

Names now available following chapter withdrawal from STARFLEET and 6-month waiting period: [NONE THIS REPORT]

# **ASDB**

Greetings! Here's the DTS report:

CAPT Scott Melrose reports that with the O'Brien-class proposal approved by DTS Admin, things at the Bureau have returned to a bit of a lull. He is currently just keeping in touch with everyone on the ASDB staff. The only item under development is the Ouroboros-class fightercraft design proposal. On that item, schematic design work is still underway, and hopefully will be completed next month.

#### OTI

In July, OTI responded to an inquiry regarding the design of the United Federation of Planets flag during the 2280s. A proper image of the design was located and provided, and enabled the creation of a nice keepsake. OTI's research on Lost Era shuttlecraft designs, in support of developing the embarked craft load-out for CH 12060 USS Avenger, moved into the stage of trying to reach out to the creator of the Weyland-type shuttle design for approval of the drawings created. An e-mail was sent to Day Uyeno, but he has not yet responded. Work also continues on the expansion of the Office's collection of starship silhouette graphics, for use in upcoming publications as needed. We are gradually closing in on the end of the classes in use by STARFLEET, and will then work on the best way to make the entire collection available for use.

#### **OSA - Schematic Artist**

The applicant referred to in the last report has not yet responded with actual samples of engineering drawings, at least so far. Meanwhile, CAPT Gerhard Pretorius has embarked on doing drawings for the Phalanx-class heavy cruiser. He sent a first draft top view, and I have provided some feedback, and now await the next draft. It's challenging because the source artwork itself is not 100% consistent, but part of the challenge is in the reconciliation, so we'll see what happens. There hasn't been much progress recently, as Gerhard has been heavily involved doing graphics for the VIC, a most worthy endeavor! Meanwhile, we still continue to search for personnel to fill positions in this office, so the load is not entirely on Gerhard.

And that's the news!

In Service...
ADM Alex Rosenzweig
Director, Department of Technical Services
Director. Office of Technical Information





# OFFICE OF STARFLEET COMMUNICATIONS ADMIRAL LUCY FERRON FRANCK

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The Communique', Issue #215, was delivered via Mailchimp to all members on July 1, and very positive comments have been received. Some members in R20 sent word that they really like the "flipping pages" style. I haven't heard any negative comments about using the Flipsnack app for the CQ, so we will continue to do that. First-time Editor, Justin Hunt, did an excellent job. The CQ was quickly added to the website and the database as .pdf files. Stats from Mailchimp will be later in this report. Staff writers are already working on articles for the next CQ, including the con report, Trek technology, and interviews with the CS and VCS. The photo contest is again generating good participation. The CQ Editor posted updated guidelines for submissions to the CQ. Guidelines and a specialized release form are nearly finished, and we will soon be announcing a call for original artwork submissions from members for CQ inclusion.

The new fiction publication, Strange New Words (supplement to the CQ technically), Issue #1, was sent to all members via Mailchimp on July 21. First, Second, Third places and 2 Honorable Mentions were announced inside this first issue. The First, Second and Third place winners are receiving gift cards of \$50, \$25, and \$10 respectively. Certificates were prepared and sent to all winners, participants, and judges. A .pdf version of the SNW should be available on the website and database any day now. The next submissions deadline is November 1.

Newsletter award winners in four categories have been determined. The winners will be announced during the VIC. I picked out acrylic awards/trophies to be engraved and Gerhard Pretorius made the graphic designs (that saved money). They should be ready for pick up on Monday. I will ship them to the winners after the VIC. Newsletter awards were not presented for 3 years previously, and we are very pleased with the amount of participation this year as we brought those awards back. We intend to continue these annual awards.

An article about Pinterest was included in the July 1 CQ. The SFI Pinterest manager has reported that by July 31, there was a 45% increase in the monthly audience. While we can't be certain the increase is due to the CQ article, the large increase in one month would lead us to think so anyway! The audience age distribution for July was 33.3% for age range 18-24, 23.6% ages 24-34, and 13.0% for ages 35-44. Mailchimp Stats for July:

Date/Title	Successful deliveries	Bounces	Recipients who opened
7/1 - The Communique'	4,397	103 (2.3%)	2,478 (55.3%)
7/7 - 2023 VIC Schedule	321	2 (0.6%)	268 (83.5 %)
7/19 - Region 3 Summit	392	13 (3.2%)	201 (51.3%)
7/21 - Strange New Words	4,379	103 (2.3%)	2,263 (51.7%)
7/22 - VIC (sign-up reminde	er) 4,368	95 (2.1%)	2,107 (48.2%)

Note: Emails 7/7 and 7/19 were sent to a selected audience only.

The Mailchimp Specialist is working with Membership Services on the bounced email addresses.

# OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LIEUTENANT GENERAL TJ ALLEN SCC | 66154

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Chief Educational Services – TJ Allen Deputy Chief Educational Services – Jill Rayburn Chief of Staff – Sam Black

Academia Council – composed of the heads and deputy heads of all campuses and the heads or deputies of the organizations represented.

#### **CES OFFICE**

Forward moving in our endeavors.

The CES has been working with both academies to make sure everything is moving forward and resolving any issues that come across.

We are still making sure all grades are getting put into the database. We still have some that seem to be found that did not get entered and both academies are working to get those in.

I like to remind people that if you have questions, please email the director first. There is still a chain of command within the Academy and we strive to keep it going properly as the director maybe able to get you a better answer than someone higher up. Thise that are higher up are dealing with more than the college that you may have a question in. So please talk to the directors first and do not use social media to ask the questions.

I am not putting down social media but I have seen things on there that should have been directed to the director first and moving through the proper chain. Also, some of the stuff may come across as going around the proper channels or someone my stir you in the wrong direction.

Educational Services are always here <u>ces@sfi.org</u> and <u>dep-ces@sfi.org</u> are the best ways to get us.

#### **SFA NEWS**

From the STARFLEET Academy Commandant:

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July has been the best month yet this year! There were just over 2,750 courses completed by 181 individual students. This includes those people who were completing the SFDPP recertification course before it closed (for now). One big reason for this is the (still ongoing for another few days) STARFLEET Medical challenge, Medical Conditions in Star Trek. There are five courses in that challenge, and in July, the total for all five of those courses for the month is 231 courses completed. We here at SFA are always excited to be a part of this, and would love to encourage more Auxiliary Departments to create fun challenges for the members.

The majority of the blackout grades have been added. If you are still missing courses in a few places, please contact the respective College Director and they can assist you. If you are missing a large amount, please contact me directly (dep-ces@sfi.org) and I will investigate as it could mean a larger problem. We are aware that there have been some duplicate grades created also. We are working to get those removed, and are taking care to not delete properly earned courses. We are also attempting to notify students before this is done, so that no one panics when the database sends a deletion message. However, if you do get a deletion notice and have not been notified, you can also contact me about that and I can verify things for you.

The Accessibility Committee is busy helping students in need, and the Directors who are serving these students. If you have a challenge that affects your ability to successfully take courses, or that you believe the committee can assist you with, please contact them at accessibility@academy.sfi.org and they can assist with various services.

We are continuing to work towards better record keeping that will not only comply with data protection laws and procedures, but will also help both staff and students. I do have a reminder for students; your official record of courses is the database, not Moodle. Moodle will only show courses in which you are currently

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enrolled, and not those you previously took. It will also not show courses that were taken outside of Moodle.

The Boothby program is going again, but the Director is still catching up, especially with the courses that were recently imported from the blackout period. We appreciate everyone's patience regarding this, and please know that you will get the Boothbys to which you are entitled.

We have several openings for Assistant Directors. If you are interested in joining our staff, please fill out the form <a href="here">here</a> and make sure to include possible areas of interest so that we can find the best place for you.

General Jill Rayburn Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

#### SFMCA NEWS

From the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy Superintendent:

14 schools are open in Moodle and QAM. Work continues on finalizing the Cadet courses; Military History and Combined Arms are being reviewed.

#### Our Current Timeline:

- Our Cadet College courses have received a complete makeover and are in the beta process.
- The schools of Military History and Combined Arms are beginning the redo process. We hope to have the re-released by the end of the year.

All BDs are using the new online record-keeping system. James Herring has taken over MECHA with the resignation of Jenn Cheatem. I have unveiled the new SFMCA College Degree Program.

Michael Malotte, General SFMCA Superintendent

More details will be reported in the August 2023 CSR.

The Department of Information Services has upheld its commitment to managing STARFLEET's technological assets, while also ensuring strict adherence to data compliance. Substantial efforts have been dedicated to the development of innovative projects aimed at enhancing the Fleet's overall capabilities. This report presents the latest highlights and progress made during July.

#### Annual Web Awards

- Most Elegant: USS Renaissance, R13
- Most Informative: USS Angeles, R4
- Best Regional Website: R1 Design by Michael Busbee of the USS Ronald McNair
- Trek Experience: USS Continuum, R2
- Vanguard: USS Tydirium, R11

Congratulations to all of the Web award winners

#### **SFDPP** Compliance

Currently, all chapters found to be non-compliant have undergone actions such as being placed on standby, entering drydock, or undergoing decommissioning. The responsibility of maintaining these now lies solely with the Operations department. Notably, the SFDPP Recertification course will remain inaccessible until January 2024, as revisions are being undertaken to enhance its content and effectiveness.

Decommissioned Chapter Member Transfers No tickets, none actioned

# SFI Email and Vanity Email Jobs

Our team is still currently engaged in multiple SFI email and vanity email projects aimed at improving communication and maintaining branding consistency across all platforms. To ensure a unified approach, we have been actively encouraging everyone to reach out to the help desk for assistance with obtaining an SFI email specifically for fleet-related business purposes. This initiative aims to streamline communication channels and strengthen our brand presence. We are nearing the end of our audit and cleanup, with some reminders being sent to contacts who have not yet responded. A number of old COMPOPS addresses are being checked and adjusted to remove forwards or accounts that can be merged into one (such as for purposes of database outbounds, etc.)

#### Progress on the New Quarter Master Site

We have been actively working with the Quartermaster to set up and make ready the new QuarterMaster website. Mark Anderson has been our key contact liaising with the QuarterMaster directly along with Jayden Tyronian assisting with the backend technical matters. As of 8 August 2023, the QuarterMaster was given access to the new QuarterMaster site in order to do final checks and any final account associations with third party vendors such as PirateShip. The QuarterMaster indicated that he could not see the new Donations settings, which Information Services is looking into and he has also requested to have another plugin installed to assist with group products together; these are being looked at by our Cyber Security staff member and will be installed pending the green light. The QuarterMaster has indicated that the new site should switch on during the week of 14th August 2023. We have also advised the QuarterMaster there will now be a transition period, whereby he can directly liaise with Mark Anderson to sort out any glitches and bugs and any other matters until 30 September 2023. At that time, the transition period will end and will be business as usual, which also means the QuarterMaster will then be required to log HelpDesk tickets for issues and requests going forward. We also expect that the two old QuarterMaster sites will be decommissioned around this time as well.

#### Weekly Team Meetings

Our team maintains its commitment to weekly meetings, conducting two sessions to accommodate the diverse time zones of our team members. These gatherings serve as a crucial platform for exchanging updates, addressing current issues and challenges, and strategizing upcoming work with efficiency. In recognition of the interdependence between our departments, we have extended an invitation to

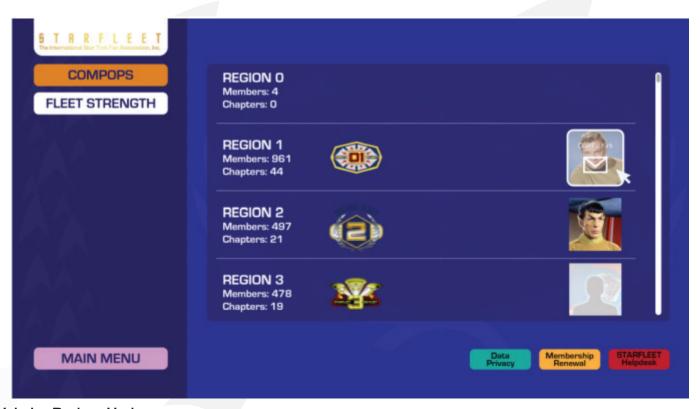
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Services to join any of our meetings, fostering collaboration and ensuring seamless coordination between our teams.

# **Database Project Update**

This month the Database team has been focused on the processes surrounding member registration and renewal. We sat in with the membership services team to learn more about their manual processes in order to find ways to automate and improve them. We are currently working with the Paypal API to automatically populate the necessary membership data received when payment is processed. Rather than membership services having to dig through emails and cross-reference spreadsheets to figure out what member the payment is for and enter their payment confirmation number as well as correct errant data, our new process should only require a quick check of the member's information and one button click to assign them an SCC #, create them in the database, and email them the information for them to activate their log in. We believe shortening the time necessary for this process of electronic payments will allow for new members to be engaged more quickly. In addition, the team has engaged Gerhard Pretorious to help design the new database's look and feel. The team has been working with Gerhard to come up with new designs that they can implement as they continue to develop new functionality.

This is an example of our regional search page:



## Website Project Update

Since our last report, the Branding committee has discussed and agreed upon the new STARFLEET logo and its alternative versions and is available for use. The SFI websites have now had this logo changed over and was also used within Gather Town for VIC. The VCS more formally announced and showed the new logo at the VIC. The new logo will first appear on merchandise of a new and updated flag and the upcoming STARFLEET 50th anniversary coin.

Ongoing branding conversations continue, including discussion around logos and graphic design elements, colors and is crucial before substantial progress can be made on both the web redesign and the final visual look of the database project.

#### **Auxiliary Awards**

Awards have been created for STARFLEET Medical. We are moving to add SFSO awards which should be complete by 20 August 2023. There have been no other requests for awards from other auxiliaries.

# VIC Update

Throughout the weekend, each member of the InfoServ team actively participated in the VIC initiative. The event unfolded smoothly, encountering only minor technical hiccups that were promptly addressed. The announcements of promotions and accolades were successfully made, barring an unintentional omission of the newsletter awards. The Awards of Merit have already been submitted to the recognition officer, pending approval. The attendance records for the marine awards have been duly submitted. Additionally, efforts have been made to secure recognition for moderators, with submissions forwarded to both SFMC and SFSO. A comprehensive report will be available at a later time. Thank you to all of the VIC hosts, moderators, guests, and SFI members who attended.



# OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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# CHIEF OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - ADM Bran Stimpson

Howdy STARFLEET what a month Membership Services has had! We had the return of processing in late June and with the help of RADM Matt Ingles and the InfoServ team we have cleaned up processing. We are now processing memberships almost daily. At this point we are keeping the quoted the 14-day processing time. We are looking at changing this soon but for now as we continue to smooth out the rough edges, we are keeping it. Also, something to note, if the birthdate or email address does not meet the SFI MHB the membership will be held until that is corrected.

As you may have seen on Fleet social media, Charlie and April Carden needed to step down from their Membership Services departments of Recruitment and Orientation. I completely understand and respect them stepping up and making that decision. This of course is a setup back for the areas. We are currently accepting applications for both so please check out this link for those openings if you would like to see what they are about and consider helping.

In closing, everyone please have a great time at the upcoming Virtual International Conference. I hear there is some fantastic programming this year.

#### DEPUTY CHIEF OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - CAPT John Brice Jr.

Please see HR/VR report for progress made this month.

#### **ONBOARDING DIRECTOR - ENS Albert Diaz**

During this month:

7/16/2023- Attended SFI Membership Services Meeting on July 16, 2023. During this meeting met to discuss the Onboarding email. We went over the Excel Sheets for the membership information to be imported into a mail merger document.

Admiral Stimpson gave an orientation on the different fields and our focus for the onboarding emails. There are some anomalous fields, which we need to be aware of when processing these. Focus of onboarding emails will be:

Primary Member

Status: New or Renewal

7/21/2023 Received sample membership list format to test out for mail merge.

7/21-8/1/2023 Worked on mail merging existing document email. Some issues setting up Outlook on

MacOSX (Resolved on 7/27/2023)

7/30/2023 Created test Mail Merge Document using Mail Merge Data Excel Sheet-Mail Merge

Document is able to parse out First and Last Names and SCC # and this

shows on the PREVIEW DOCUMENT on WORD.

## ISSUES:

I receive a notification when mail merging, "Open XML for Excel wants to use your confidential information stored in".." This prompt keeps requesting a password to continue. Admin password for Mac sometimes is accepted and sometimes not."

RESULTS: When accepted the mail merge preview works, however when I then proceed to FINISH AND MERGE, the option for MERGE TO EMAIL is greyed out and will not allow me. Some solutions researched indicate to convert Excel file to XLS rather than XLSX, however, I have not done this yet. I will continue to work on this as I feel a solution is close. My next course of action is to redo the email and test excel, and also to try this on a PC rather than Mac as the access issues are less strict on the PC. I will provide updates regularly on this in the DISCORD channel.

#### **DIRECTOR OF ORIENTATION - VACANT**

No report submitted.

## **DIRECTOR OF PROCESSING - RADM Matthew Ingles**

MONTHLY APPLICATIONS PROCESSED

JULY: Renewals 297 New 113

#### FINANCIAL SIDE PENDINGS

JULY: Currently 6 application in Pending status awaiting email address updates from Sam Black

#### PROCESSING NOTES

As of July 31st all members with unpaid memberships in the renewal que have been contacted many have responded and accounts have been cleared up those who did not respond have been deleted except for 4 who listed payment via check or money order those I will hold for another month as we wait to see if they arrive.

As of July 31st all potential new members with unpaid memberships in the new member que have been contacted and those that have responded have been processed, 7 are listed as checks or money orders so are waiting to see if they arrive. Those that did not respond and have been in the system over 2 weeks have been deleted.

As we move forward I will be contacting those who file unpaid for applications in a timely manner and any that go unheard from will be deleted after 2 weeks from emailing.

## RECOGNITION OFFICER - FCPT Kelli Caplette

## General

The "new" Lifetime and Distinguished Membership Awards have been assigned to Recognition. The Director of Recognition has assumed the duty of entering these awards into the database.

#### **Promotions**

- The Promotions that have been in the Queue since February have gone to the EC now that they have the LoR from the RC.
- Spoke with CMS if a release date had been selected for the updated Promotions Guidelines and Nomination Form. CMS indicated that they were in the approval process and hoped to release them on August 1st.

#### Orders of Merit

Help Desk Ticket submitted on 6/29/23 to correct the online nomination form. (#W1Y-1H1-PZLL) As of 8/2/23 the online nomination form still has not been updated.

#### DIREBTOR OF ORDERS OF MERIT REPORT: ADM PAM MICHAUD

Number of OOMs Earned for this Period: 10

SECOND CLASS Order of Dionysus Awarded 7/23/23

Number of OOMs Earned for this Period: 10

# CHIEF OF PROMOTIONS REPORT: ADM RICHARD SAMS

Number of Promotions Completed this Period: 6 (4 are Brevet)

# Brevet Promotions

P-23-27 (CAPT)	Brevet upon appointment as Aux Director
P-23-28 (FCAPT)	Brevet upon appointment as Aux Director
P-23-29 (FCAPT)	Brevet upon appointment as Aux Director
P-23-40 (CAPT)	Brevet upon appointment as Δux Deputy Direct

# Promotions Completed

P-23-16 (BGN) To be presented at VIC P-23-31 (COMM) To be presented at VIC

#### Promotions in Queue

P-23-09 (RADM) Promotion has been sent to EC for vote P-23-20 (BGN) Promotion has been sent to EC for vote P-23-24 (RADM) Promotion has been sent to EC for vote

# Promotions Rescinded

P-23-26 (FCAPT) CS did not approve this promotion request

#### Comments

Work on new promotion form and guidelines is complete - awaiting approval from CMS.

## Annual Awards Report: FCAPT Kelli Caplette

The Annual Awards are completed.

#### Chapter Legacy Awards: FCAPT Kelli Caplette

I am still awaiting information on how to conduct these awards.

# Member Legacy Awards: FCAPT Kelli Caplette

I am not sure if I have the title of these awards correct. I am still awaiting information on how to conduct these awards.

# Lifetime Membership Award: FCAPT Kelli Caplette

None this month.

# Distinguished Membership Award: FCAPT Kelli Caplette

None this month.

#### **VOLUNTEER RESOURCES DIRECTOR - CAPT John Brice Jr**

Requisitions Submitted – 16 Applications Submitted – 41 Requisitions Closed – 6

A new record for the number of requisitions posted and applied for. Slowly but surely, we are whittling our way through the archives to fill positions that have been open for so long. I deleted the old TRACOM positions that never had applicants anyway and helped fill the vacant Diversity and some of the Auxiliary Services positions. Currently only COE, Medical, Tactical, and Diplomatic Corps continue to have openings with little or no applicants. I will reassess their worthiness at the end of the month.

Updates: N/A

# **DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT - VACANT**

No report submitted.

#### **DIRECTOR OF RETENTION - LCDR Jameson Hughes**

No report submitted.

#### DIRECTOR OF MEMBER HELPDESK - CAPT Chris Pittarelli

The help desk reports 109 new tickets, with 76 resolved and 32 outstanding. Membership Services has really resolved the previous issue about processing times. Current issues revolve around permissions and getting the Auxiliary Department up and running.

\$135,000 in checking New Deputy CFO – Dave Lowrey

50th Anniversary items coming to QM store.



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Activities: Monitoring progress of Virtual IC 2023. Attended VIC meetings. Directing folks to Gregg Kleiner for VIC related questions.

Worked with several potential bidders interested in hosting in-person / hybrid IC 2024. Highlighting the need to include streaming / interactive aspect of future IC's.

Submitted by Jerry Tien, IC Liaison