

COMMAND STATUS REPORT

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER, STARFLEET FLEET ADMIRAL DAVID NOTTAGE SCC | 28197

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Greetings and I hope this finds you well!! Are you ready for the Holiday Season? It's time to get your spooky on!

I would like to wish you all a welcome to the Fall. As schools are in full swing do be safe and get those Flu and booster shots to keep you all going forward. We have now completed out first 10 months and we continue the progress moving Onward. 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. Be prepared for Q1 to recertify.
- The membership committee has completed its analysis and the determination is that we must increase the Membership Dues rate to \$10. This is an AB driven initiative to ensure the fiscal health of the organization going forward. Any question should be directed to your regional coordinator as they have all the answers.
- Ongoing creation of new Database platform estimated now for Second quarter of 2024.

More Work Ongoing:

- International Conference Bids
This administration Continues to seek bids for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 International Conference in a VIC or Hybrid model. 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. Deadline for 2024 submissions is October 31, 2023. 2025 deadline is March 1, 2024. 2026 deadline is March 1, 2025.
- Directorships
Outstanding departments are: Office of the Master Petty Chief (MCPO), Director of Accessibility (DoA) and the Director of STARFLEET Perks (DoSP). These posts are on the VR site and we are compiling the information and updating the descriptions. As of this writing the interview process has started For the DoA. The other two continue to remain open.
- 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 few months. We have completed production on the 50th Challenge coin and any day now the Quartermaster will have them up for sale along with the new SFI Flag. The new SFI Combades are complete and will also go up for sale. We have begun the process of the inserts. There are two that go with the badge. First is just a curve shape and the other is a delta. We have the Diversity delta and curve designed. The 50th curve is also complete. These three will go in for quote and be added to the QM site as presale items very soon. Currently there will be a STARFLEET Delta that is in the creation process now. Going forward there will be an unlimited customization for the Regional, and Chapter levels.

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. I am currently doing my "time" in Hawaii and look forward to meeting with those that come my way. First on my list is to meet with the head of the SFSO, Denise Rush in Waikiki. Hope you're ready for the TikiBar and Grill! If you are planning a vacation in Hawaii do connect. I have lots of watercrafts to entertain. I look forward to the events coming in March thru August of 2024 hosted by the Chapters and the Regions of Fleet. Look out R10 and 13 I have my eyes on you next!

Final thoughts please know that all actions taken by this administration are to benefit the many. We cannot please everyone, no matter how much we try. We have to look towards the long-term viability of the organization and to its fiscal health. If you don't like an action, look at it from a 360-degree view and

determine if this is your opinion in a minority of a single unit of measure. One person, Once Chapter, One Region. Remember we are One Fleet and that is what this administration strives to promote.

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

Getting it done, while having fun!



Fleet Admiral David Nottage - SCC#28197
Commander - STARFLEET, International Inc.
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OFFICES UNDER THE CS

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There is currently one open investigation that my team is currently working on.

Live long and prosper,
RADM Stephen Stott
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Pending Cases: one case in arbitration with SFMC

Current Cases: 2308-16001 - finishing
2309-19002 - just started JAG has been requested to help the accused.

Closed Cases: No further action being taken on former cases.

That is all.

S. Christopher Boggs, BGen - JAG-STARLFLEET
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"

AUXILIARY SERVICES

DIRECTOR – MAJOR GENERAL JEREMY CARSTEN

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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	1141	136	17	-	Permanent Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Special Operations	194	194	4	-	Permanent Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Medical	304	-	24	-	Permanent Auxiliary Service
PETFLEET	565	-	-	836?	Permanent Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Sciences	41	-	-	-	Established Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Corps of Engineers	74	-	-	-	Established Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps	5	-	-	-	Provisional Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Tactical	169	-	-	-	Provisional Auxiliary Service
STARFLEET Intelligence	79	-	-	-	Provisional Auxiliary Service

Again, every one of these showed growth in some way

Reports by Service

STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC)

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 Deputy Commandant Christopher Boggs (new emails pending) ltcolboggssfmc@gmail.com

“SFMC TRACOM

- Working on course updates, and revisions for various materials. MOSC Program being worked. Michael Timko was granted the ability to use the SFMC Award tool. Per his additional duties with CES for Moodle. Combat Engineer Applicant selected. The New CE director is getting acclimated and oriented to her duties.

SFMC FORCECOM

- In the past two months, FORCECOM has done many different things and stuff, including help with the SFMC portion of the VIC in AUG, and other points below. You may choose what to report onward.
- Since taking over FORCECOM, I allowed my last post, DCOFORCECOM-Operations, to lay fallow while I figured out what it was I was taking over. My goals have been to stabilize FORCECOM, keep it on an even keel by naming capable officers to fill the ranks of Brigade OICs, as well as to keep the Awards team on task, all with the purpose of handing off a functioning department to whoever replaces me. I would rate my success of the last five months at “mixed”. The fact is, there is always something else that needs to be fixed, so it may be that I will be here a lot longer than I thought. My goal then becomes to ensure that I do not become part of any problems.

- The brigade posts have been filled, and with Eric Johansson standing down as Awards Honcho (and taking up post as “Aide-de-Camp” - consultant so we can continue to make use of his experience and expertise), both DCO posts are open, and have been posted to STARFLEET Volunteer Resources accordingly. I allowed for three weeks to accept applications, rather than the usual two, to try to fling the nets wide (and so people could take academy courses, because I wanted to ensure that anyone putting in had some kind of grounding in what SFMC is all about, prior to any interviews). As with the Brigade OIC posts, I will interview all comers, but as yet I have not decided if I will go with the same questions for each, as I did before.
- INFOCOM needs info and is way behind. Personal life matters and hectic schedule of COINFOCOM to blame.”

“There have been two situations to note over the past month.

First (1st) Brigade has had an influx of new Units form with another unit soon to form. FORCECOM has appointed Dona Rozelle to the position due to her already working within the role. Though some grumblings within the brigade have arisen from the appointment, FORCECOM and the General Staff is in support of the appointment and will help when/if needed.

A new BOIC has been appointed by FORCECOM to the Thirteen (13th) Brigade. Though the beginning of the relationship between the BOIC and the RC staff was tumultuous, with the help of FORCECOM and other members of the General Staff, it is hoped that everyone will be able to start anew and begin to lay the ground work towards success within the Brigade.

The General Staff will be watching these two situations as they play out over the next few months and lend support and guidance to each as needed.”

Resources Needed:

None at this time.

STARFLEET Special Operations (SFSO)

Director

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Deputy Director

Mike Watkins

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- We have a proposal on the DAS’s desk just waiting for response.
 - o DAS - Passed to CS/VCS for comment. Will address post VIC/R3 Summit/CS travels.
- We finally have access to the DB to enter our years of awards and certifications.
- “Not much going on this last month.
- The Deputy Commander will be taking charge until the 23rd of Oct while the Commander SFSO is on a long-awaited and well-deserved vacation.”

Resources Needed:

I may need some help with entering all of the above. :D

STARFLEET Corps of Engineers

Chief of Engineers

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Vice-Chief of Engineers

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- Work continues on the Tribbons awards. Requests for work (mostly still logos and graphics) remain steady.
- A steady month, requests coming in regularly.

Resources Needed:

Several department heads as per previous reports.

STARFLEET Medical (SFMD)

Surgeon General

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Deputy Surgeon General

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- A well-deserved amount of down time followed the VIC and no major changes were undertaken in SFM.
- Work continues on adjusting and administrating the new educational and award programs introduced over 2023 and morale within the auxiliary is high.
- Our Chief of Operations continues to update our systems and webpages...and continues the work of issuing certificates and awards (of which there are many). He also compiled an infographic which details our accomplishments over the past 12 months...and truth be told, seeing it all in one place was incredible. (I can send this to you separately if you wish – however, it is available on our Facebook page and on Discord.)
- Our webzine, The Hypospray, was released mid-month and I would like to express my thanks to all of our contributors and especially to our Hypospray editor, Deborah Keyes. The theme of this edition was “Heroes of STARFLEET Medical” and our contributors were quick to select a favorite doctor, nurse or counselor and share stories of their lives and how they contributed to the world of STARFLEET Medical.
- Work completed on Interspecies Medical Exchange Program Challenge planning to start running about Mid October.
- As well, a new Starfleet Medical Mascot was introduced to the membership and registered with PETFLEET. We will begin a naming contest for our mascot in the coming weeks.

Resources Needed:

None at this time.

PETFLEET

Director

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Deputy Director

James Cecil

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- Hired an Assistant Member Service person, Jessica Odell
- Created a new Meme Chat Group at the request of members.
- STARFLEET Medical registered their Mascot T’Ana. Do other Auxiliaries have Mascots?
- Encouraged Final Mission registration through a Rainbow Bridge Photo Contest
- Announced the Rainbow Bridge Photo Contest Winners
- Held a Star Trek Day Photo Contest - only 6 entries, winners to be announced.
- Tanna took her dog, Jennah, to the ball game
- Nero tried to order 100 sticks off of Amazon
- We honoured the animal heros of 9/11
- Petfleet 2nd Academy Challenge continues until November 1st 2023
- Good participation on our Facebook Group, people are loving the new Meme Chat Group.
- You can see our full published MSR with photos, for September 2023, in the files section of the STAR-FLEET Petfleet [Facebook](#) group.
- “Petfleet is still looking for a Newsletter Editor and we are working toward completing our next Newsletter for early November 2023. If anyone would like to submit content for the newsletter they can do so at the following [form](#).
- Nero is still trying to obtain the Director’s Credit Card CVV number so he can complete his Amazon order for 100 sticks.

Resources Needed:

Newsletter Editor

STARFLEET Sciences (SFSCI)

Director Richard Heim alaricrh@charter.net

Deputy Director Mike Calhoun rc12@sfi.org

- A permanent director has not been selected yet, so no projects are underway. I believe that Commodore Calhoun would be best to lead Starfleet Sciences. I would be happy to serve as a lower level officer.

Resources Needed:

Other than Region 1, no regional reports, of any kind, come in anymore. Some members have left the Discord channel because of lack of information coming from me, but I have nothing to tell them at this time. There are members who still like to post science links and I think thats great.

STARFLEET Tactical (SFTA)

Director COL Matt Davies tactical@sfi.org

Deputy Director ENS Nick Young dep-tactical@sfi.org

- Tactical has gained control over the SFI STO Fleet and have begun reviving it. Michael Rosen and Dustin Williams have lead concentrated efforts to begin actively rebuilding it's standing.
- In addition, weekly STO on PC events have begun with attendance of multiple players. Applications have been received for several of the open positions and interviews will commence in the next week. The deputy of gaming at SFA joined the server and we made him a permanent office.
- Discussions have begun that will hopefully end in courses that can be integrated into our program (similar to what SFSDO does with training, though at a much smaller scale).
- I'm going to have section 4, lead by Meg Karper, start working on an official awards program.
- I have tasked all section chiefs to a writing assignment that will become significant parts of our Handbook.

Everything is on the upswing - numbers are growing organically, active participants are beginning to attend scheduled events, people are participating in discussions. I like the general forward momentum we're starting to develop.

Resources Needed:

I'd love access to edit our website so we can begin to use it.

STARFLEET Intelligence (SFIN)

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- Creating Pikes menu / staffing
- Deputy Director being interviewed as got several application but none replied to emails apart from one so going to interview them. Will proceed with that and assign a new director interview permitting and going well.

Resources Needed:

Website access needing so can update staffing

STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps (SFDC)

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Vice Chief Ambassador Steve Parmley bementfire@gmail.com

- Beginning to make contact with 501st for diplomatic relations. Setting up a program for each sector for events once we have made contacts.
- Restaffed the DC. With help of others have several organizations to make contact with

Resources Needed:

Getting staffed, posting soon

STARFLEET Auxiliary Services Headquarters (SFAS HQ)

Director Auxiliary Services

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Deputy Director Auxiliary Services

Mark Anderson (ACTING)

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Current Projects:

Social Media Policy - Assigned to DAS

- 60% (TBD)

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

- 50% (TBD)

SFAS Websites - Assigned to All SFAS Chiefs/Directors

- 100%

SFAS Handbook - Assigned to DAS

- 100%

Discord Moderators - Assigned to Perm Aux Directors

- 20% (TBD)

SFI Email addresses

- 92.5%

Individual Service Meetings

- 33%

Group meeting with all SFAS leaders

- 0%

Wordpress User Policy

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Move to Gravity Forms

- 64%

As DAS, Survived September, if barely. R3 Summit + personal, real life issues created yet another backlog. Mark Anderson was awesome in covering down as needed.

To list view:

[SFAS HQ Master to-do list](#)

Resources Needed:

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!

Final quarter of 2023 – how the time flies.

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 September.

50th Anniversary Coins Released

In our celebration of STARFLEET's 50th Anniversary, we are delighted to announce the official physical reveal and release of the SFI 50th Anniversary coin. This commemorative coin pays tribute to five decades of shared adventures, friendships, and Star Trek fandom within our organization. It is available for preorder on the Quartermaster Website, allowing our members to secure a piece of STARFLEET history. We encourage you to visit the website and consider adding this special collectible to your STARFLEET memorabilia.



New Official Commbadge

Furthering our connection to the Star Trek universe, we are thrilled to unveil the Official SFI Commbadge. This emblematic piece, true to the vision of Gene Roddenberry, is a symbol of place within the Star Trek fandom. The official physical reveal and release are also now live on the Quartermaster Website for preorder. The Commbadge is available in both magnetic and pin stylings with insert designs to follow in the coming months as they are currently in production.



Finalization of the SFI Branding Document

As we strive to present a cohesive and recognizable identity to the Star Trek community and our members, I am pleased to report that the SFI Branding Document is now in its finalization stage. This document will serve as a guide for our visual identity, ensuring consistency and recognition across all materials, events, and

platforms. The anticipated release date for this document is in this fourth quarter of 2023.

Admiralty Board Membership Cost Committee

In the spirit of transparency and accountability, as the VCS, it is my duty to call together various Committees of the Admiralty Board and in Q1 I created the Membership Cost committee with membership from Regions 2, 8, and 20. Then using information garnered from past membership data (provided by Membership Services) and Budgets (provided by the CFO), the Committee returned with a proposal regarding a potential membership rate change within STARFLEET. On September 21st, the Admiralty Board received the comprehensive membership rate change proposal, which has been meticulously examined and discussed by its members. The next phase of this process involves sharing the details of the proposal with the membership at large. This dissemination will be facilitated through our dedicated Region Coordinators, who are working to ensure that all members have access to the proposal. Please note, the AB's vote on the proposal is scheduled for November 18th. Your perspectives and feedback are integral to their decision-making process, and are committed to ensuring that any changes align with our organization's mission and values.

Collaboration with Information Services on Google Drive

Our collaboration with Information Services on the Google Drive onboarding process remains ongoing. This initiative seeks to grant accessibility and organization to our organizational and historical documents. By leveraging the filesystem of Google, it's my aim to streamline and simplify access to crucial information (so that, perhaps, I can provide documents to various Facebook Thread demands). The process continues to evolve, and I am excited about the future improvements it will bring to our members' experiences within STARFLEET.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in this community and your continued support of our administration.

Onward and Upward!
VADM Ryan Case, VCS
CO, USS HAISE
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OFFICE OF STARFLEET OPERATIONS
ADMIRAL JOHNATHAN "GUMBY" SIMMONS
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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]

As of 20 SEP 2023 there are 5438 members serving aboard 220 chapters in the Fleet. 16 chapters and 2 RCs failed to report for August. Those RCs are from regions 10 and 15.

As of 01 OCT Ops will no longer accept emailed MSR submissions. All COs must use the database to report.

The ShOC Accelerated Shakedown Program is on hold while we make necessary changes.

There are 11 chapters on Stand-By. They are:

Thunder	Diamondback	Thunderchild	Lexington
Yeager	Augusta Ada	Abraham Lincoln	Pioneer
Harry Mudd	H Lamarr	Phoenix	

There are 4 chapters in DryDock. They are:

Columbus	MAAT	SpiritWolf	Tejas
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3 Chapters have been decommissioned. They are:

Anansi	Space Station R-13	Sandwich
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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	USS Ouroboros	NX-93725	Miami, Oklahoma	James Brinson	CMDR	85555
4	USS 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 Ciudad Verde, MX	Carlos Neyre Abad	LTC	83919
20	USS Mercia	NX-81891	Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire	Clive Burrell	CMDR	82837

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

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No Report

ADM Alex Rosenzweig
 Director, Department of Technical Services
 Director, Office of Technical Information



OFFICE OF STARFLEET COMMUNICATIONS
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The premiere of *STARFLEET News Now* was on Sept. 24, and comments on the production have been very positive. Being the first broadcast from the Comms Dept., there are a few things we will work to smooth out for the next one. Producers CMDR Bradley O'Connor and CAPT Ryan O'Connor did an excellent job of "creating" this "next generation" show, aided by Director Ken Kopacki, the hosts and guests. We have added a West Coast Producer, ENS Fred Copeland of the USS Golden Gate, who was able to produce a segment on short notice when time was getting close to broadcast and it had been difficult to schedule that segment with the primary Producers. The flexibility of having Producers on both US coasts will be useful going forward. There have been 468 views of SNN on YouTube so far. We know there were a number of people watching via Facebook too, but it's harder to get a number there since we only know who's watching if they make a comment. The next broadcast is scheduled for December 3 and will be "The Holidays Show."

Preparation of *The Communique* (CQ) for its October 1 release was very busy in September. We've seen an increase in the number of chapter-generated articles submitted, which of course we like very much. Regular features such as the photo contest, con reports and schedule, Trek-inspired technology, and celebrity interviews have had very good feedback from readers. Following the CQ's release, CQ Editor Justin Hunt will be working with the Accessibility Committee for a trial-run of an edition in a format accessible to members that have special needs. This trial-run will be a "feasibility study" to give the committee a chance to see how long it takes and how much work is involved.

Social Media team members try hard to keep up with all requests and postings, but it is our desire to recruit a couple more team members to help with the current and potential future workloads for Facebook and Discord. The Facebook group "STARFLEET Communique' Newsroom" has been shut down and all members removed. It was too duplicative of what was on the Members Only and Business Only groups and we felt it no longer served a distinct purpose on its own.

The STARFLEET Pinterest group continues to see growth in its usage with an increase of 19% from the previous month's audience. The location of the audience has seen a shift as well. In September, the audience in the U.S. made up 23.9%, but the audience from outside the U.S. made up 49.7%. No explanation at this time for why this occurred. It might be just a one month anomaly, but it could indicate an increase in global interest in the site. The coming months' data will be telling.

I was in sickbay for much of the month, but there was no interruption in any Comms services. The Deputy Comms Chief and other members of the staff did a great job of filling in for me and keeping everything going smoothly while I recuperated. I can't thank them enough.



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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

Welcome to the halls of the Educational Services. We have been working to bring new ideas to the table and listening to new ideas. We do like to see people apply to work with the academy and bring those ideas. We cannot do all but we can look at the proposals.

Educational Services cover the STARFLEET Academy and STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy. With these two we have a lot of courses to choose from. I see SFSO and SF Medical uses our courses as part of their training and that is great. Petfleet has used some courses for challenges. And I even saw Region One Operations use some courses for a challenge. This is great. It not only help get the courses out to be viewed and used and it helps other programs to get out there. I look for to see what the next challenge is.

Remember if there is something that you either need clarification on or if you need help start with the Director. You can then ask the dean and after that the Head of each Academy.

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

SFA NEWS

From the STARFLEET Academy Commandant:

September topped August in the number of courses taken overall, with over 2460 courses completed. However, we did have slightly fewer students, with only 177 individuals taking at least one course in the month. Some of the traffic this month was thanks to another challenge, this time from the Region One RDC of Operations, who offered the Captains of Starfleet Challenge. Originally only for R1 members, this was quickly opened to all of Fleet, and the challenge ended with 44 participants from 10 different regions and 29 different chapters. Those students took 140 courses. This is the kind of participation we like to see!

We still have one institute with missing grades, and that is the Institute of Space Studies. I appreciate the continued patience of students who may be missing grades from that institute. If you are still missing grades in any OTHER institute, please start by contacting the Director for the college, and they can start an investigation into the missing grade(s). Please be aware that you MIGHT be asked for certificate or other form of proof, but hopefully we will be able to find it in our records.

Participation in SFA (and SFMCA) is up, and that also means more Boothbys! Our Awards Program Director is still working on getting the backlog cleared from when the program had to be paused, but he is making progress, and I can assure you that anyone who is due a Boothby (either from past work or current) will get them as soon as possible.

Students sometimes ask me “what if I don’t agree with my grade”? When you take a course, if you believe that you are not given credit for an answer that should be considered correct, your first stop is to contact the Director and politely raise a challenge. Please make sure to tell them which course, and include the text of the question and answers (not just the question number, as many of our exams have the questions shuffled), and the reason that you believe your answer is correct. Directors should answer you within a week, and let you know if they believe your challenge is valid. If your challenge is successful, your grade will be changed. However, if the Director denies your challenge and you still believe there is an error, you have the right to elevate your challenge to the Dean of the institute. If necessary, you may continue to elevate your challenge, going next to the Academic Coordinator, then to the Vice-Commandant, and then to me. In some cases, the CES may even get involved. If you believe there is a problem, please speak up ... it could be

be a programming error, or an error on the key. Additionally, if you see typos or similar errors in our materials, please bring those to the attention of the Director. We try to make sure we catch those before materials are released, but things do get past us from time to time.

If you have ever considered joining our staff, now is a good time. We have several openings for Assistant Directors, and there are some new colleges that are being created that will need Directors and Assistant Directors. We maintain a job listing for Assistant Directors at the [Volunteer Resources website](#) and when we have Director openings, those will be listed separately. You can also contact me privately (dep-ces@sfi.org) for more information.

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 online record-keeping system. Meg Karper has taken over Combat Engineering and Jill Tipton has been appointed the IN Asst BD

Michael Malotte, General
SFMCA Superintendent

More details will be reported in the October 2023 CSR.



OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

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The last few weeks have been incredibly busy in our department. In the wake of the Region 3 Summit presentation earlier this month, our team has been diligently working to enhance the capabilities of our database systems and improve the overall user experience. In addition to these technical advancements, we have also made important staff changes and launched various initiatives to optimize our processes.

Database

Following the presentation at the Region 3 Summit early in the month, the work that has been completed was deployed to the test server where select members who agreed to have their PII utilized were able to log in and see the work that was demoed. A number of bugs were identified through this effort and prioritized to be quickly fixed. In new development, two key features that were completed this month include password reset functionality and two factor authentication. Both of these efforts required integration with Mailgun to send automated emails to members, which will be crucial to ongoing development. Current application development work is focused around user registration and membership processing, which will require PayPal integration. Another ongoing effort is the creation of a deployment schedule and a CI/CD pipeline to automate deployments of new development on a bi-weekly basis. In addition, the form for PII consent for test users was rereleased, and the pool of test users increased to 30 members.

Routine Server Maintenance

Two of our servers were temporarily taken offline to facilitate routine maintenance conducted by Tony Knopes. The maintenance was executed successfully, and no issues or anomalies were identified during the process.

Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce the addition of two deputies to our team. Colonel Scott Sawyer will be assuming responsibility for the oversight of all our Web Technologies, while Rear Admiral Tony Knopes will take charge of our existing database and mail technologies. Both Tony and Scott are actively engaged in supervising the development of our new database project. We have expanded the role of our Chief of Staff, Fleet Captain Gregg Kleiner, to manage Jira ticket assignment and the supervision of our written materials.

EC Department Process Evaluations

Infoserv is in the process of evaluating different database processes as part of our efforts to establish the new database system. At present, our focus is directed towards the assessment of the functions of Ops within the chapter.

Quartermaster Website

The eagerly anticipated revitalization of the Quartermaster site has been successfully completed and officially transferred to the new Quartermaster for utilization by our membership. During testing, a purchase and payment transaction was executed seamlessly, with only one minor reported issue with a specific email address not being accepted by PayPal with a comcast.net email. We are looking into that issue. We extend our thanks to Chris Poole and Mark Anderson for their invaluable support and contributions in successfully bringing this project to fruition.

Current SFI Website

An email notification has been dispatched to the ECAB, outlining the procedure for submitting content for inclusion in the announcement section of the SFI website. Members interested in posting significant announcements are encouraged to reach out to their respective RCs.

We are actively working on reintroducing an events calendar to showcase virtual events accessible to all SFI members. If you have a special or recurring event open to all members, please don't hesitate to contact Greg Mortensen at gmortensen_infoserv@sfi.org.

We are delighted to announce that SFI.org now offers support for multiple languages, accessible through the main menu.

SFI Email and Vanity Email Jobs

We are conducting an assessment of our existing vanity email addresses to verify their ongoing utility. It is within our capacity to generate vanity email addresses for auxiliaries, with a maximum allocation of 10 addresses per auxiliary. These email accounts will be subject to mailbox size restrictions. Requests for such email addresses can be made through our help desk services by auxiliary organization leads.

Weekly Team Meetings

Our team meets weekly, conducting two sessions to accommodate the diverse time zones of our team members. These meetings are a crucial platform for exchanging updates, addressing current issues and challenges, and strategizing upcoming work. In recognition of the interdependence between our departments, we have invited Membership Services to join any of our meetings, fostering collaboration and ensuring seamless coordination between our teams. These meetings will remain open to any other EC departments who wish to attend.

New InfoServ/DPO Processes Document

We are presently in the phase of compiling a comprehensive document that elucidates our operational procedures, provides key definitions, and incorporates Data Protection Officer related content. This initiative is under the leadership of Gregg Kleiner, supported by Meg Karper and Ann Marie Norris.



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CHIEF OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES – ADM Bran Stimpson

This month: Welcome to fall everyone, Membership Services has been as busy as ever. Processing is up to date and processing around 3 times a week. That is a huge step forward for getting new members into the onboarding pipeline and quickly renewing those members returning. Onboarding is sending out both welcome emails to our new members and a thank you email to those returning. This is still a work in progress as we need to make some changes to our welcome and thank you emails.

Orientation put out a fantastic Google Form to get input from the membership. A lot of it was very constructive and we are now analyzing that and working to see what we can do about those items. Helpdesk continues to work with the members who are having issues small to large issues. Volunteer Resources is helping connect members with volunteer opportunities. Recognition is busy processing all the various Order of Merit's and Promotions that you all submit for your deserving members. I have some conversations in process for Recruitment, hoping to have an announcement soon. Retention remains vacant at this time. I would love to share a recent comment from a member about our Processing team!

STARFLEET Business Only · Phillip Hunter Gilfus · 3h ·

Since I know we usually just get complaints on here, I did want to give a compliment:

Membership services is operating at warp speed this month. I have renewals (mine and others) updating in a 48-hour turnaround. The quickest I've seen in a bit.

Good job, folks!

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You, Albert G. Diaz and 32 others 3 comments

Kinds words from the membership are always welcome.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - CAPT John Brice Jr.

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

DIRECTOR OF ONBOARDING - ENS Albert Diaz

During this month: Lieutenant Diaz reported on the error logs that were problematic during membership onboarding (specifically in reference to returned or missing emails). All NEW and RENEWING Onboarding (As of 9/15) Emails have been sent out as of today.

DIRECTOR OF ORIENTATION - CAPT Meg Karper

Started an initiative to get a proper orientation program going; for this I put out an anonymous google forms survey with 71 members reporting back at last check. I've begun bringing their answers together to determine the best path forward. I have an outline for a FAQ going, as well as a few other side documents like a "what our members want you to know" for new folks, ideas for videos, and some suggestions that members wanted but that are other department's purview and not ours. I also spoke to Stephen Hebbend-Bach, head of the Corps of Engineers, about the videos - he said the Engineers would be more than happy to help with production/figuring out YouTube hosting for us when we are ready to go.

DIRECTOR OF PROCESSING – RADM Matthew Ingles

MONTHLY APPLICATIONS PROCESSED:

JULY	Renewals	297	New	113	Donations	\$232.00
AUGUST	Renewals	226	New	106	Donations	\$362.03
SEPT	Renewals	195	New	80	Donations	\$224.00

FINANCIAL SIDE PENDINGS:

Aug: Currently 4 applications in Pending status awaiting email address updates from Sam Black Lt. Diaz is also providing rejected onboarding emails to Processing and we will be contacting the payers to try and get good email addresses.

PROCESSING NOTES:

As of Sept 30th, we have 6 members with unpaid memberships in the renewal queue.
 As of Sept 30th, we have 10 potential new members with unpaid memberships in the new member queue.

RECOGNITION DIRECTOR – FCPT Kelli Caplette
Recognition Director Comments:

General:

CMS has requested a meeting with the Recognition Department. Due to heavy, real-life schedules, a meeting time has not yet been scheduled.

Recognition Manual:

It was decided that the OOM and Promotions would have their own manuals that would be attached to the Recognition Manual. Due to the number of changes under consideration, I am waiting on the decisions before adding them to the Manual. I will submit the updated draft once I have that information.

Annual Awards:

Working on corrections to the suggested edits.

Orders of Merit:

1. Two proposals regarding OOMs were submitted in the August MSR.
 - Grankite Order of Tactics, Order of Samaritan and Order of S'harien – suggested that if a member is nominated for a First Class of one of the above OOMs, for service at the VIC/IC, they be approved without having to go to the EC for a vote.
 - It was suggested that an OOM for translating be created. Order of Borges was suggested.

There has been discussion about the proposals, but nothing resolved.

2. Recently nominators have been sending their OOMs nomination forms to the Recognition email. I didn't notice that Recognition was the recipient and not cc'd. I have forwarded all the OOMs to the Merit email. I am going to put a statement out on the social media about where to send those. In looking at the Orders of Merit page under Recognition on the Member's Hub, I don't see the email for Merit listed at all. I think that should be added there, along with a PDF copy of the nomination form. I think that will cut down on the nominations being sent to the wrong address.

3. The 3 Orders of Samaritan in September were issued to Chapters. Pam stated that, last year, CS Parmley and Member Services Director Stimpson both approved awarding OOMs to Chapters. The Member's Hub page states the following: "The STARFLEET Orders of Merit Program is designed to recognize achievements of STARFLEET members at every level of the organization." A formal decision needs to be made regarding allowing chapters to be eligible or not.

4. I am going to send a template to the OOM director to use for submitting reports. I think it will look more professional for the reports to appear more uniform in their layout.

Promotions:

Brevet promotions, to the rank of Fleet Captain, for EC Deputies, is being considered. Per the Deputy CMS, "this change is temporary for now and will be included in a future revision of the MHB. The promotion guidelines will remain permanently changed since the effect changes no one's current titles."

An edited copy of the Promotion Criteria was sent to the CMS on 9/21/23. I am waiting to hear back from CMS if the new wording is approved.

DIRECTOR ORDERS OF MERIT REPORT – ADM PAM MICHAUD

Number of OOMs Earned for this Period: 3

THIRD CLASS

Order of Samaritan

Chapter donated \$50.00 to Maui County Humane Society

Chapter donated to Maui Fire Relief Fund

Chapter raised \$105.00 for Akron Canton Food Bank

Comments:

None

CHIEF OF PROMOTIONS REPORT – ADM Richard Sams

Number of Promotions Completed this Period: 3 (1 is brevet)

Brevet Promotions:

P-23-42 (COMM) Upon appointment as Chief Financial Officer

Promotions Completed:

P-23-41 (ADM)

Promotions in Queue:

P-23-43 (FCAPT) This rescinded promotion is being appealed

P-23-46 (ADM) This promotion is currently with the EC to vote

Promotions Withdrawn:

P-23-20

Promotions Not Approved:

P-23-44 (FCAPT) CS did not approve this promotion request

Comments:

Certificate templates updated to reflect new rank of VCS.

ANNUAL AWARDS REPORT – FCPT Kelli Caplette

Proposed Edits to the Annual Award Process were sent to the CMS on 8/26. Corrections were sent back and are being added. Once the corrections are complete, an updated draft will be sent for review.

CHAPTER LEGACY AWARDS – FCPT Kelli Caplette

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

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD – FCPT Kelli Caplette

Requested information on wording for Recognition Manual.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD – FCPT Kelli Caplette

None this month.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES DIRECTOR – CAPT John Brice Jr

Requisitions Submitted – 5

Applications Submitted – 28

Requisitions Closed – 3

A Deputy Chief of Information Services has been selected. The Combat Engineer Director position at SFMCA, and Director of Recruitment positions have also been filled but not announced at this time. Starfleet Tactical continue to not receive any application at all, so we need more people interested in helping them. The SF Intelligence, Diplomatic Corps, and Petfleet positions continue to be extended. The Commander, Starfleet positions were requested to stay open until the 15th of October. And we've had quite a bit of applicants for the new DCOFORCECOM positions.

DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT – Vacant

No report submitted.

DIRECTOR OF RETENTION – Vacant

No report submitted.

DIRECTOR OF RETENTION – Vacant

No report submitted.

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER HELPDESK – CAPT Chris Pittarelli

For the month of September, the help desk fielded 71 new tickets, with 51 being resolved. 20 Open tickets. The biggest issues this month were, database access, website updates, and email access.





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Aloha Everyone,

There are five financial management-related updates for this month's Command Status Report from the CFO's Office:

[1] Current Financial Status:

As of close of business on September 30th, 2023, STARFLEET had a total bank balance of \$138,269 with two final \$1,000 scholarship payments still pending.

[2] First Quarter, FY2024 Performance:

Looking at our Fiscal Year 2024 first quarter (*July 1st thru September 30th*) performance, we collectively netted \$1,270 for the quarter, but had \$1,300 more in expenses for the month of July than we took in income-wise—due largely to expenses for the Virtual International Conference, Annual Awards, and software upgrades.

[3] Current 12-Month Financial Trends:

Looking at the past twelve consecutive months of financial activity (*September 1st, 2022 thru September 30th, 2023*), STARFLEET's balance sheet started with \$140,655 and ended this one-year period with a net balance of \$138,269. Deducting the two pending/still-processing \$1,000 scholarship payments, the adjusted actual bank balance is \$136,269. This figure accounts for a net operating loss of \$4,386 or ~3.1% for the past one-year period. During this same period, STARFLEET had more operating expenses going out than income coming in during four of the twelve months during this period (*October 2022, November 2022, March 2023, & July 2023*).

[4] Quartermaster Website Updates:

STARFLEET's new Quartermaster, RADM Christina Sievers, has been busy making updates to the existing Quartermaster website and is adding multiple new items ranging including new two-inch STARFLEET 50th challenge coins, new STARFLEET flags, and new STARFLEET Comm Badges.

[5] New CFO Logo:

Attached below is a copy of the Finance Office's updated logo. I'd like to pass along a special thanks to the STARFLEET Corps of Engineers—and Captain Gerhard Pretorius in particular—for their OUTSTANDING graphics support in finalizing the new design!





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Reporting month: September 2023

Reporting officer: Jerry Tien

Activities: Answered bidder questions, making sure event streaming is included in the bid packages. Updating bid guidelines for upcoming years.

Issues: N/A

Submitted by Jerry Tien, IC Liaison