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From the center seat by Captain David Sladky

By luck I happened to get the weekend off that The Captains was being giving a free premier in New York City at the USS Intrepid Sea, Air and Space museum. I headed up with Communications officer Meghan McMannaly, and we got to the city around 11am. After a trip around the fashion district, Meghan went to do more shopping and I went to the Intrepid. The Museum is an awesome attraction, along with finding out that the space shuttle Enterprise will soon be house there.

The day was cool for July, and waiting in line with members of STARFLEET made the wait not seem long at all. The limit for people to see the movie was 1000 people, I am sure we made that number with room to spare. After William Shatner himself, came out to say a few word to the crowd, the movie started. I have to say I was very moved by the production, the Actors from each TV series were interviewed as well as the new actor to portray James T. Kirk. The free form flowing of the movie contrasted the deep and moving interviews that once and again surprised me. I was expecting memories and clips from the movies and TV shows, and got a very introspective tribute from the cast and actors that have made such a dramatic change in so many people's lives. If nothing else, go to see it for Shatner in a cardboard box!

I got back to the Port Authority at 11 pm, as I sat waiting for my phone to charge, I thought about what I had seen. I can offer no higher recommendation for Trek and Non fans to go see this movie, as it is no one a tribute to the franchise as a whole, but a tribute to live in general. I would like to thank the members of the USS Iwo Jima, USS Justice, USS Avenger, USS Abraham Lincoln and the members of Region Seven for keeping me company.



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**Commander Judith Oliveri
Chief of Operations**

Conventions are a fun and interesting part of the Star Trek!!!!

It's a time to relax, have some fun, meet up with old friends, and make new friends!

You can do family things, like dress up in costumes, go to the Masquerade, or do the single mingle things like go to Ten Forward party and dance till you drop!

Plus they have tons of Authors and Panels on writing and Star Trek books, and filming your own Star Trek movies.

Not to mention the great dealers rooms, where you can go shopping, for great Star Trek items, jewelry, books, and so much more!!!! And of course getting autographs of your favorite Movie Stars and writers!! Even get your picture taken with them!

There are quite a few conventions every month! All over the United States, and other countries. It's amazing how a show that lasted only 2 years has become such a big part of our society!!!

All you have to do is type in "star trek conventions" in your search engine and you'll find listings for them!

My favorite, of course, is Shore Leave.

It's held every summer in Hunt Valley, MD. It's a weekend of fun, Stars, swimming, partying, and much, much more!

This year it's going to be held on August 3-5. They changed the regular days from July to August so they didn't have to compete with another convention for guest stars!

You can go to the web page at <http://www.shore-leave.com/> to find out more about the hotel and guests and events!

But I should warn you, when they say they are taking Reservations.....JUMP! Because the hotel rooms go very, very fast! It costs around \$125 a night for the hotel, and you also can buy a membership to the convention.

Going to the dealer's room, pool, and all the other hotel accommodations is free. If you want an autograph or to go to the main "ten forward" party, you have to have a membership.

<http://farpointcon.com/> is another great convention. It's a smaller, quieter one, just perfect if you're a first timer. But it still has all the fun and stars of the bigger convention.

It's also held in MD, on February 17-19. Check out the web page for more information on the hotel and guests.

Consider getting a room with a group of friends!

The more people in the room the less it will cost you..... but shhhhhh, don't tell the hotel how many people will be in your room, they don't need to know, just tell them "two adults", then pile your friends in... and split the cost of the room!

Also consider bringing booze, mixed drinks, and snacks with you. After all, it's a hotel, and just a can of soda can run you \$2! Bring your own and save money!!!

If you want any other information on conventions, what to bring, and the cost of everything, feel free to contact me at witchbythesea@yahoo.com and I'll give you a complete run down.

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**LTC Kenneth Kadin DOIC 726th MSG
STARFLEET MARINE CORPS**

Greetings Marines:

An overview of Operation Marmora

As you know on Stardate 2011.616, the 726th Marine strike group, along with the USS STORM, was ordered to the Planet Marmora, near the Romulan Neutral zone.

Marmora is an Earth like planet whose major pursuits are Industrial and Agricultural. There is a small Military presence that is highly trained, we lead, and with land, sea and air capabilities. Even with such it is believed that they would not last long in a full Planetary invasion. The Romulan Empire has been conducting hit and run raids on Marmora, testing their planetary defenses, in preparation for an invasion and take over. The Marmoran Governing Council has considered joining with the Federation and has requested our assistance in this matter.

The 726th was deployed and divided into three(3) groups:

The first, being led by Colonel Dimatteo, the second being led by yours truly, and the third under the command of Sargent Major Sladky. The F.A.R.R.P.'s (Forward, Arm, Re-arm, Re-fuel Points) were under the command of Major Neigut. Fire support and orbital defense was carried out by the USS STORM under the command of Capt. Sladky. Also let's not forget our Intrepid Shuttle Pilot, Warrant Officer Seruya, who not only flew re-supply mission, but also carried out faints against known and suspected Romulan positions.

After initial coordination with the Marmoran Military, it was decided to establish our base camp on the Northern most continent on Marmora.

Recon missions were conducted on all four continents and it was discovered that there were several Romulan groups planet side. It should

be noted that on several occasions SGM Sladky and his troops were within the Romulan camp's perimeters without being detected. Kudos to the Sargent Major and his troops.

Combat operations lasted for several days. With the help of the fire support from the USS STORM, all Romulan encampments were cleared by the Marines. All remaining Romulan's were allowed to collect their injured and board transports to return to their Home world.

All of this was accomplished without casualties to the Marines or the STORM; unfortunately the Marmoran Military suffered a few casualties.

A job well done
more to come

SEMPER FI!!!!!!!



Five science fiction movies that get the science right

Excerpts from an article by Michael Marshall 2008



**Chief Science Officer
Commander Barbara Boyd**

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

- All scenes in outer space are silent - sound does not travel in a vacuum
- The stars do not move past the ship - for there to be a visible motion of the star field, the ship would have to be travelling at close to the speed of light
- The crew eat paste-like food and only drink liquids through straws.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

The central character, Joel, discovers that his girlfriend Clementine has erased her memories of their relationship. Heartbroken and embittered, he goes to the company that performed the procedure and asks them to erase his memories as well. However, as the procedure gets underway, he realizes that he wants to keep the memories after all, and begins to resist. This sort of selective memory erasure is well beyond our current technology, but there are good reasons to think it may not be impossible. Several forms of dementia affect particular types of memory - for instance semantic dementia, which targets only factual knowledge about the world, and not "personal" life memories.

Alien (1979)

This sci-fi horror has a number of realistic touches, such as the use of suspended animation to keep the spaceship's crew alive during decades-long interstellar travel (no implausible faster-than-light travel for these astronauts).

Gattaca (1997)

Andrew Niccol's film is noteworthy for its grimly plausible vision of a society dominated by genetic prejudice. The majority of babies are conceived using IVF, following a process of preimplantation genetic diagnosis that weeds out all genetic imperfections. As a friendly geneticist explains to worried parents, "This child is still you, simply the best of you." Everyone's identities, and their genetic status, are also continuously monitored by biometric ID systems.

Solaris (1972 and 2002)

This Russian classic makes the list not so much for the specific science it portrays, as for its portrayal of the limits of science and of human understanding.

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**Chief Medical
Officer
Brian Higgins**



Status Report
Attn: all personnel

Greetings crew...
Greetings crew...

Thank you to all, the Ship's overall health status rating is 96.56333% (very good to excellent). We are safe and cleared to continue our exploratory journeys.

Doc's Desk...

I would like to introduce one of our newest shipmates, Ensign Joanne Delgesso, who has been appointed to the position of Head Nurse. Joanne has been a longtime associate of mine and I have absolute trust in her abilities to perform the duties of her office.

What is Stress

Stress is a body's normal response to events that make one feel threatened, or upset one's biological balance in some way. When one senses danger (real or imagined) the body's defenses kick into "warp drive", it's a reaction known as "fight or flight" or "the stress response". This response is your body's way of protecting you, when working correctly it can help one stay focused and alert. In emergency situations stress can save your life, (example – giving you extra strength to defend yourself, or speeding up reaction time, so you can hit brakes to avoid an accident).

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Keep in mind that the above symptoms could be caused by other physical or psychological issues. Anyone experiencing these signs

Unfortunately, when stress levels rise beyond a certain point they turn from being beneficial and can cause major damage to your health (both emotional and physical), and your general quality of life.

It is important to learn to recognize when one's stress level, is out of control. The most dangerous thing is how easily stress can build up on you. The symptoms overload can be almost anything, and everyone reacts to stress differently. Stress doesn't always "look" stressful, there are three common ways people react when overwhelmed by stress...

- Flight – a person withdraws, becomes depressed, shuts down and shuts out others. "space out" showing little emotion or energy.
- Fight – a person becomes agitated, angry, overly emotional, can't sit still.
- Deer in the headlights – this is a combination of the above. A person "freezes up" under the pressure, they can't do anything and yet they are extremely agitated under the surface.

The chart below lists some of the common warning signs and symptoms of Stress Overload...

- Cognitive signs – memory problems, constant worrying, racing thoughts, inability to concentrate, and poor judgment.
- Emotional signs – moodiness, short temper, the inability to relax, feeling overwhelmed, general depression or unhappiness.
- Physical signs – Aches and pains, nausea, dizziness, diarrhea or constipation, chest pain or rapid heartbeat, loss of sex drive (very bad).
- Behavioral signs – eating more or less, oversleeping or insomnia, neglecting responsibilities or procrastinating, nervous habits (e.g. nail biting, pacing), isolation from others, alcohol and/or drug use

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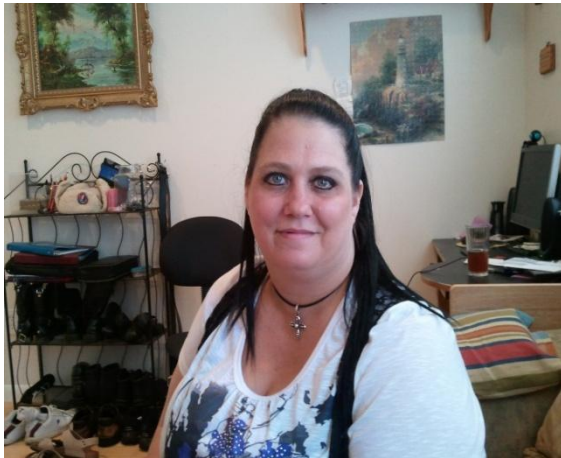
should consult a doctor for a full examination to determine whether they are stress related.

At this time I would like to wish all crew and passengers "Good Health" and leave you with some stress relieving tips.

CMO, B. Higgins

Stress Relief Suggestions

1. Take a hot bath, possibly light some scented candles and block out all outside noise.
2. Listen to your favorite music, again without distractions
3. Take a vacation, try the relaxing Spas of Risa.
4. Chocolate (especially the dark variety) can be helpful it contains Anti-oxidants which aid in relaxation.
5. Exercise or Yoga



LTJG Theresa Trees
Chief Communications Officer

Well, we have had an interesting year so far.

There have been several department leaders and such switched around several times. I for one started out in Medical as the Chief Medical Officer and then before the last Newsletter, got changed over to Communications. Not entirely sure how that came about but I would have to say it's a good thing and I thank any and all persons who were involved in getting me recognized by our Captain for this position. I sincerely hope that I have done well for all parties concerned.

On another note, we had a really good Game night last month. Attending were myself, Dave Bailey, Ken Kadin, Joanne Delgesso, her Daughter AnnMarie Delgesso, Irwin Seruya, Marybeth Simkins and last but not least, our Captain David Sladky. We had snacks and soda along with KFC and Taco Bell. Nothing went to waste. :-D. Captain David purchased a new game for us to play called "What's yours like?", and as the name suggests it is a very interesting game.

Also for all those members who have questions regarding the Halloween Masquerade....Which I was notified by Larry Neigut, that we have been

Given permission for this to be a Regional Event.....

The fee being charged from the "Le Grand Fromage" to host us is being covered by all members pitching in at least \$10.00, this goes for everyone. This price includes your entry to the event and food. Also tickets are being sold for others not part of our ship and possible recruits at \$5.00 advance and \$10.00 at the door. Our Captain has made a website for this event and I suggest all visit it and give him our input on any and all improvements deemed necessary.





USS Storm Winner Region Seven Shake Down Ship
Of the year 2010

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Photo Gallery USS STORM Meeting and Game Day



The Masquerade

On October 31st at Le Grand Fromage we will be having our first annual Halloween party. Food, music, dancing and a costume contest featuring a \$100 cash prize.

\$15 open beer bar

FREE PARKING!

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door, STARFLEET members enter FREE with valid STARFLEET I.D.

Music by DJ BABY

If you would like to stay overnight, rooms will be available close to the bar. It is in walking distance to the Trump Taj Mahal and Resorts International Casinos

Location:

**Le Grand Fromage
25 Gordon's Alley, Atlantic City, NJ
08401-7406**

<http://starfleetmarines.com/USSSstorm/aux/hparty.html>

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