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From the center seat
by Captain David Sladky

Well this last meeting went very well, with almost all of the crew attending and or calling in. Starting at noon, we had call in's by Donna DiMatteo, Neil Buster, James Kanely, Tom Gorman was online, Larry Neigut, Barbara Boyd, Megan Lee and Elora Mallat. Attending was Theresa Trees, Brian Higgins, Ken Kadin, Megan McNally, Lori Sawchuk, Mike Sladky, James Paxson, Marybeth Simkins, Irwin Seruya and new member Joanne DelGesso. This was an amazing turn out and I hope we can keep attendance up in the future. The creation of club tee shirts has been a hot topic around the command staff and a few ideas have been put forward. I wanted to get a silk screening machine so that we could create our own shirts for our own personal use as well as offering our services to other clubs in the area, iron on and heat transfer were also brought up and have I

decided to put together a tee shirt committee to look over the options and produce samples so we can see what is the best product with the least expense for this project. We went over the calendar of events for the next 6 months.

Shore Leave July 8,9 and 10 I will be going to this convention in Hunt Valley on the 8th this is a fantastic science fiction convention and if you have never been to one this is an experience you don't want to miss.

STARFLEET International Conference August 12, 13 and 14 at the Poconos, I will be going up for Saturday only, this is a major event for the STARFLEET organization and as members of STARFLEET this event is where you want to go to see the inner workings and have your voice and ideas heard.

15th Anniversary Paintball game Sept 30, Oct 1 and 2 Skirmish Poconos, Pa. Star Trek paintball sim are a fun and exciting way to enjoy both Paintball and Star Trek LARP's (Live Action Role Play). I intend on going up for the game on Saturday, anyone interested in attending contact me; more information will be posted on the website.

Masquerade Oct 31 at Le Grande Fromage Food and Fun with prizes for best Costume and uniform.

Food Drive November Collecting food for the national food bank for Thanksgiving, everyone can donate to this major holiday event. We can help to feed the hungry and help families in need for the holidays.

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December Toys for Tots Toy drive will continue. This traditional United States Marine Corps charity helps to collect toys for children around Christmastime, this is a major and year ending event to cap off the wonderful year we are having.

After our monthly meeting was taken care of, we were able to partake of the food event that was going to be a BBQ/Picnic, but due to not being able to find a viable location, it was decided to be held at my residence. I want to thank Theresa for making Macaroni Salad, Megan for bringing wonderful chocolate cake and soda, Jim for beer and watermelon and Ken for the Danish and potato salad. I supplied the chicken and biscuits and fun was had by all. We got some work done as Irwin and Ken passed OTS and at the request of Ken Kadin, a former armor officer in the US Army, redesigned the 726 Marine Strike Groups logo. Movements include transferring Marybeth and Irwin into the Marines, Meghan McNally into communications and Joanne as the ship's first Nurse. Effective immediately I have stepped down as XO of the 726th MSG and appointed Ken Kadin as my replacement.

I am very happy with the work everyone is doing, in the next few months we should have even more events, like the suggestion of a movie or game night at my house on Mondays and a regular marine meeting separate from the regular ship's meeting. I also want to set up a time for an online meeting via Yahoo chat or Skype for members who cannot attend regular in person meetings.

Again I want to thank everyone who has been an active part in helping out with events and projects for this club. Without your help we would not be where we are today, which is one of the most active chapters of STARFLEET in the region!



Commander Judith Oliveri
Chief of Operations

Though this is the Operations department, my article today is on communications. No ship or club can be operational without communications between members, crew and department heads, and even just between department heads themselves. Ideas and feedback should flow through the ship freely, and without the fear of reprisals or gossip. I know our captain sometimes feels that he is pressuring us when he calls, and talks to us.... And he probably thinks that his updates and messages on yahoo is too much But what he is doing is keeping

the lines of communications open between all of us! Without this we cannot become a unit, a good ship, or even good friends. Communications is vital to all of this. As a department head, even though it's only Operations, I would love to hear feedback, complaints, and anything else that should come my way.... With the complete understanding that anything pertaining to the "SHIP" will be passed on to the Captain. Anything else will be kept confidential if you ask that it be. Keep the lines of communication open. Don't feel that you're being intrusive, or that it's not your place.... Voice your opinions. Only this way will the ship become one! If you're too shy to speak up at meetings.... Tell one member of the staff, that you feel safe talking to, and ask that they pass it on. But please remember that, while the staff would love to hear your opinions and gripes, the final decision on any matter will be discussed and decided by the group as a unit. So don't be hurt or offended if we pass on something you suggested. This time we might, but next time we might not. Everyone should feel free to talk and be heard.



LTJG Theresa Trees
Chief Communications Officer

On April 17th, 2011 the Crewmembers and Department heads all got together and we threw a mixer to help everyone get to know one another in a more controlled environment. The turnout was tremendous and everyone appeared to have an excellent time. We even had some new members that had recently joined but had never had the opportunity to join one of our events. We had food, fun and games for everyone and to my amazement everyone participated and enjoyed it as well.

Also I just want to add that it was a pleasure to finally get to meet the Chief of Operations Judith Oliveri for the first time even though we had spoken on the phone on previous occasions. Many thanks to my Communications predecessor Marybeth Simkins for all of her hard work and the future hard work she is doing as our "Recruiting Officer"

From the Recruiting Desk:

The dept. has been spreading the knowledge of the ships presence in the area. Fortunately a lot of people are listening, but they are just not willing to join our band of merry crew members.

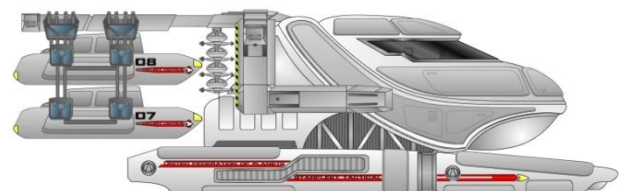


LTC Kenneth Kadin
Executive Officer 726th Marine Strike Group
Greetings Marines:

Let me introduce myself, I am Kenneth Kadin, the new Executive Officer of the 726th Marine Strike Group. I have had an extensive history of armor, armored Cavalry and combined arms assignments. I would like to welcome to my department 1st Lt. Marybeth Simkins who will be assisting with group operations and planning and WO1 Irwin Seruya who has signed on as our newest Shuttle Pilot.

I would also like to say our Commander Colonel Robert Dimatteo was called to StarFleet for briefings on upcoming missions. I know we are all looking forward to completing whatever these missions may be. In conclusion let me say that I am looking forward to working with all of you.

"SEMPER FI"



Hopper with Hover tanks

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The science-fiction media franchise Star Trek has borrowed freely from the scientific world to provide storylines. Episodes are replete with references to tachyon beams, baryon sweeps, quantum fluctuations and event horizons. Many of the technologies "created" for the Star Trek universe were done so out of simple economic necessity — the transporter was created because the budget of the original series in the 1960s did not allow for expensive shots of spaceships landing on planets.



**Chief Science Officer
Commander Barbara Boyd**

Outside observers have used both Star Trek's strengths and its weaknesses for educational purposes. Physicist Lawrence Krauss has written *The Physics of Star Trek*, a book which postulates what phenomena might make some Star Trek technology feasible, while detailing the blunders the show has made. He followed this book with a sequel, *Beyond Star Trek*, which applies the same approach to *Independence Day*, *The X-Files* and others. Astronomer Phil Plait takes a similar attitude in his "Bad Astronomy" website, a regular feature of which is reviews discussing the scientific mistakes in popular movies and TV shows. Software developer and hyperreality theorist Alan N. Shapiro has written *Star Trek: Technologies of Disappearance*, examining the physics and computer science of all major Star Trek technologies, as well as posing the sociological question of why exactly our culture is so interested in building these technologies.

Discovery Channel Magazine stated that vanishing spaceships, faster-than-light travel and dematerialised transport were only dreams at the time the original series was made, but physicist Michio Kaku believes all these things are possible



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**Chief Medical
Officer
Brian Higgins**



Status Report
Attn: all personnel

Greetings crew...

Please allow me to introduce myself; I am Brian Higgins DHHM, MD. I have recently assumed to position of Chief Medical Officer after serving as "Ships Counselor". I am anxiously waiting meeting all of you on a professional and personal level.

General Medical Status...

I am pleased to report the overall health status of the ship, to be "Good to Excellent". Although a few of our comrades are recovering from recent medical issues (Judith, Tom and Larry). They are doing well and I would like to ask that you all try to send "get well" wishes to them, as I believe nothing is as beneficial to recuperation as good morale.

Health and Safety practices

I would like to address some basic health and safety issues as we enter into this season of summer travel and recreation.

- 1: All crew who are traveling outside of Federation protected sectors should make sure their immunizations / vaccinations are current.
- 2: While you are exploring your destinations, you should always be aware of your surroundings, wear proper clothing, footwear, and also know the location of emergency medical treatment **stations**.

When possible you should keep a basic First Aid Kit on hand (keep in shuttle or on one's person). A proper kit should include (but is not

limited to) standard bandages and antiseptic cleansers. Larger size "Ace" wraps and chemical ice packs are also good for bone sprains and fractures.

If the above first aid items are not available, a roll of paper towels and Duct Tape will suffice in most scenarios.

3: Finally, for those of you who are planning more Hedonistic and /or amorous adventures (such as the beaches and spas of Risa, etc...), please be sure to practice safe sex and use federation approved "Intergalactic Prophylactics". These protective devises are available in a variety of sizes for males and females of most known species, or can be adapted to most others (again ref: Duct Tape).

In conclusion, I would like to wish "god speed" to all traveling crew. Have a fun and exciting vacation season.

Health and prosperity to all...
Brian E. Higgins CMO.





Special Security Division

Investigative Data Report



Report Prepared by: Lt. jg. Thomas M. Gorman, Director, Special Security Division,
Currently

Assigned to the U.S.S. Storm NCC-1694

Open Request Letter to the Command of the U.S.S. Storm NCC-1694

To: Captain David Sladky, CO, U.S.S. Storm

VADM Larry Neigut, XO, U.S.S. Storm
CMDR Judith Oliveri, COO, U.S.S. Storm

From: Lt j.g. Thomas M. Gorman, SSD, U.S.S. Storm

To the command of the U.S.S. Storm NCC-1694, I would like to propose a consolidation of all of the Intelligence departments on board the Storm under one command. In doing so, each department can continue with their methodology and policies of their organizations but include their reports and results to one overseeing department to be forwarded to your command. In doing so, a broad range of intelligence gathering specialties can be used that are unique to each Intelligence departments and consolidate their information through one department for reporting to the ship's command and Starfleet Headquarters.

This proposal is not to ask for the SSD to be the umbrella agency on board who would disseminate this information, but to request an efficient process to intelligence gathering and analysis.

Please consider this proposal and request as a suggestion for increasing this ship's efficiency in providing the Federation with the best and most accurate assessments of intelligence gathering in the entire fleet.

Thank you.

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Ensign Lori Sawchuk
Captains Yeoman



June 12, 2011 Barbecue and Captain Sladky's house

The following members were in attendance for the meeting: Ken Kadin, Joann the ships new nurse, Jim, Brian, Megan, myself and of course Captain Sladky. Trees was in attendance both for pre-meeting discussion and post meeting discussion. Donna phoned in her and her crew were not able to attend. Katie, a friend of Marybeth's stopped by to visit. Mike and a friend, Marybeth and Irwin arrived later to be updated on the events discussed.

Captain Sladky provided the chicken and Trees made macaroni salad. Other Jim and Megan provided desserts and drinks. Everyone ate and participated in the discussions. It seemed that everyone really enjoyed themselves. Captain Sladky announced that he was going to shore leave if anyone would like to accompany him. He is hoping that our ship will get recognition and receive some awards. We currently have 31 members and are the most active in our area. Megan brought up the scavenger hunt and was told that if she was really interested in doing it she should organize the event.

Crew member tees were discussed and Trees is looking into getting a silk printing machine which would enable us to design our own shirts for a fraction of the cost and we would be able to provide services for others at a cost to raise money. Upcoming events are: July Shore Leave in Maryland, August: International Conference in PA, Sept.: paint ball in PA, Oct.: masquerade party to be held at the La Grande Formage in Atlantic City, prizes will be awarded for best uniform and best costume, Nov.: food drive all donations will go to the food bank, Dec. toys for tots.

In addition to the monthly meetings, we may also have a game night once a month to get members together. We want all members to be able to be involved in the ship and realize that not everyone is available for meetings.

Trees received the Dionysus Award.

Ken and Irwin took and passed their Officer Training School. Congratulations to them.

HELP WANTED

Current openings on the USS Storm

Chief Tactical Officer
Casino Manager
Director Internal affairs
Section 31 Agent
Design Team Manager
Training Officer
TV/VCR repair
Storm trooper Commander

Interested parties can contact Operations with their resume.



Random Green Woman



**Engineering Chief
Capt. Donna DiMatteo**

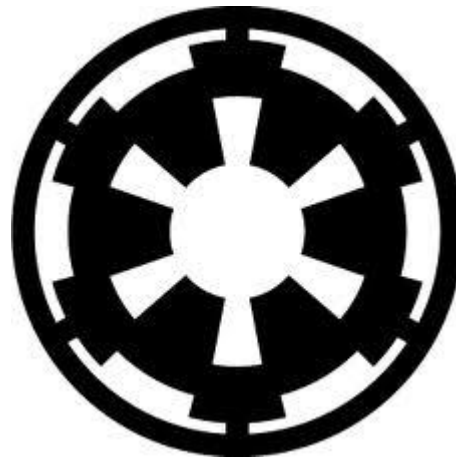
PLEASE NOTE: H-Deck access will be restricted for the next 24 hours due to a repair issue.

This means no model starship racing tonight or tomorrow until we put the additional wall protectors on!

ALSO: Please tune down the phaser strength on ALL model ships! The poor walls...



"Are you sure this is the way to the bar?"



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The crew



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Everyone is always welcome to join!

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