

# USS New York

She was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept. 9, 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. "It was a spiritual moment for everybody there."

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the "hair on my neck stood up." "It had a big meaning to it for all of us," he said. "They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back."

The ship's motto? "Never Forget"



# SFMCA Colleges

The SFMCA is divided into colleges, each comprised of the various different branches of study that is offered by the SFMCA. One can “graduate” from one of these colleges once the necessary requirements for graduation have been completed. For many years a Marine could “graduate” from the colleges upon request, but it would not be recorded in the DB. Well TRACOM is pleased to announce that as of tonight the SFMCA Colleges have been added to the DB. This means that the “graduation” will be recorded in a students academic record and you will receive a certificate for it.

Requirements for graduation as well as the different colleges are outlined in the TRACOM Policies and Procedure Manual 2006 Edition. Please be sure that you are using this edition when checking the requirements for graduation.

If you believe that you meet requirements for graduation please send an e-mail to [ops@ussasimov.org](mailto:ops@ussasimov.org) with the subject “SFMCA College Graduation Request”.

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## Web Pages

**USS Mir homepage**  
[www.ussmir.org](http://www.ussmir.org)

**Region 17**  
[www.region17.org](http://www.region17.org)

**STARFLEET International**  
[www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org)

**STARFLEET Marine Corps**  
[www.sfi.org/sfmc](http://www.sfi.org/sfmc)









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## TCMU Goes Bi-Monthly

Effective immediately, the Mir Universe will be produced every other month. This is mainly due to the lack of material to build the issues around. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to pass them along.

**USS Mir annual dues:**  
Have been extinguished.

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**Is there something you would like to see in *The Mir Universe*? If so, send in your suggestions or submissions to your Section Chief. Don't know who your Chief is? Contact the CO or XO for help.**  
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# OCP

There are no OCP updates this month.

## TREASURY REPORT

Current Balance      \$70.94

## CREW BIRTHDAYS

March 27 Ethel Lynch  
April 22 Everett Brooks  
May 16 Faye Wilbur

## New Fleet Promotions e-mail address

Good morning, STARFLEET! Promotions Director Mike Malotte has set up a new mailbox to get around the e-mail difficulties he's been having.

[fleetpromotions@gmail.com](mailto:fleetpromotions@gmail.com)

Please use that address for all flag promotion nominations and requests for the time being. If you've submitted any promotions requests since the beginning of 2007, it wouldn't be a bad idea to resend to that address.

*General Mark H. Anbinder*  
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*Vice Commander, STARFLEET*

# Commissioning of USS MARS

To: All Stations, All Commands — Attention To Orders.

From: STARFLEET Headquarters, Office of ADM Johnathan Simmons STARFLEET Chief of Operations

CC: RADM Jerry Tien, Chief of Shakedown Operations Command

Re: Commissioning of USS MARS • NCC-525

To RADM William Herrman, First Fleet: You are hereby directed and required to deliver USS Mars, Saladin Class, Siva Subclass Destroyer, STARFLEET NCC-525, into commission as of this date as a STARFLEET Ship of the Line.

This Correspondence Starship is based in Liberty, KY, USA.

To Commodore Pete Lutz, Herein appointed Commanding Officer of USS Mars: You are hereby directed and required to repair forthwith on board of the said ship and take upon you the charge and command of Captain of her accordingly; and all the officers and company of said ship subordinate to you are further charged and commanded to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective employments with all due respect and obedience to you, their Captain.

To Captain Richard Jolitz, Herein appointed Executive Officer of USS Mars: You are hereby directed and required to repair forthwith on board of the said ship and take upon you the charge and command of Executive Officer of her accordingly; and all the officers and company of said ship subordinate to you are further charged and commanded to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective employments with all due respect and obedience to you, their Executive Officer.

The Commissioning of a new Starship is the proudest duty that I have as Chief of STARFLEET Operations. Your official orders for the Ship's records will be forthcoming via regular STARFLEET dispatch.

On behalf of STARFLEET Operations, Good Luck and God Speed in your STARFLEET journey.

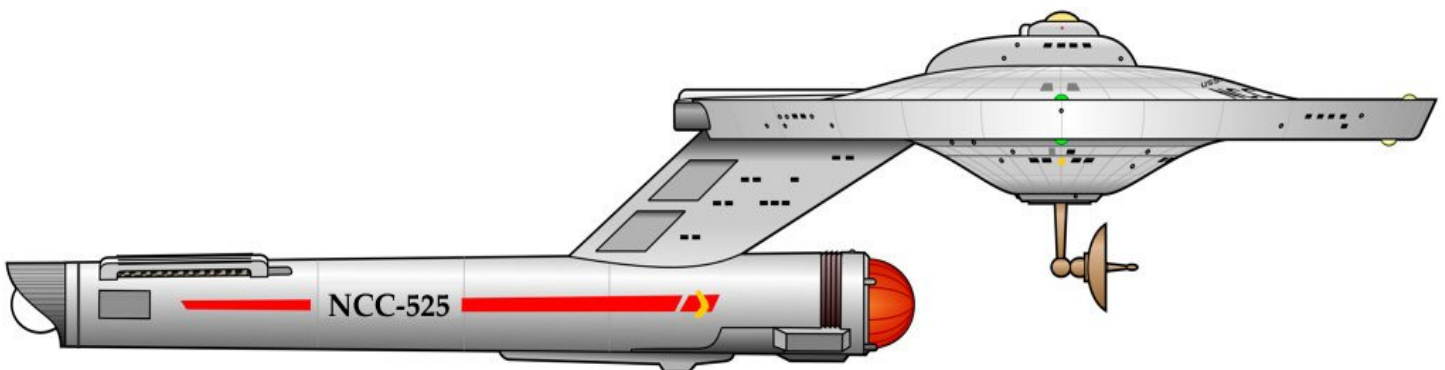
Given under my hand and the seal of STARFLEET Command, stardate 10703.16

*Admiral Johnathan Simmons*

*Chief of Operations*

*STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.*

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# New Director For the PD and LD branches

I'd like to announce that we have filled the position of director of the PD and LD branches.

I am very proud to welcome Scott Akers as our new PD/LD director. Scott has had extensive experience with the SFMC, including being a past Commandant, and with the SFMCA, having beta-tested many of the courses online today and wrote some himself.

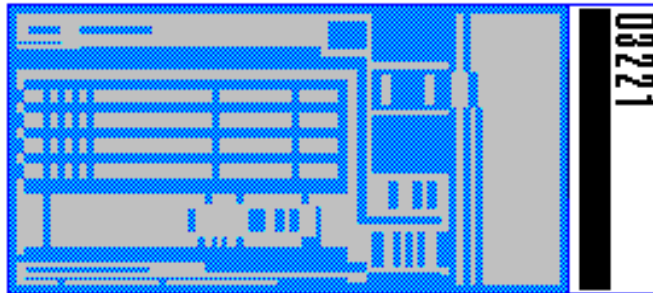
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*Director, SOST, ILM, SFA ([sost.canada@delhaven.ns.ca](mailto:sost.canada@delhaven.ns.ca))*



# SS Genesis launched (R14/11)

Please join me in welcoming SS Genesis to Starfleet. This correspondence chapter is currently operating in Adelaide, Australia. For info on joining this station, please contact CMDR Gary Amor at [picard@senet.com.au](mailto:picard@senet.com.au).

*RADM Jerry Tien*

*Director, Shakedown Operations Command*

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# STATE of the SFMC

## Bank Account Information

We started the month of February with a balance of \$910.49. We had deposits of \$187.36 and withdrawals in the amount of \$16.00 (a monthly maintenance fee which was incorrectly deducted from our account and will be refunded on our next statement). This left the SFMC account with a balance of \$1,081.85 at the end of February.

## International Muster 2007-Have you registered yet?

Denver. The first ever SFMC Mess Night (Friday night), friends, fun and SFMC Programming Track during Saturday Afternoon. If you are interested and want more information, please visit the IC 2007 website at [www.ic2007.org](http://www.ic2007.org). If you have ideas for program you want to see at IC/IM, contact the IC staff or the SFMC General Staff and we'll see what we can do to help make it happen if possible. I hope to see many of you there in Denver, it promises to be a fun weekend.

Now is the time to register for IC and the Mess Night Banquet (as well as the other meals being hosted at this year's International Conference. Go to [www.ic2007.org](http://www.ic2007.org) for more information and to register online.

REMEMBER: Even if you have already registered for the IC, you can still go to the website and add the Mess night Banquet or any other meal/merchandise you want to purchase and pay for it online. It's never too late to "buy early and buy often."

## Complaints about SFMC Staff

I want to take a moment and speak to this issue in case any of you have concerns that have not been properly addressed. If you have issues with any member of the GS or their staffs that you cannot resolve with the staff member privately and desire assistance in resolving the issue, please follow these steps:

1. Try to resolve the issue with the staff member privately;
2. If assistance is needed or desired, contact the GS member who oversees that staff member for assistance (if a GS member is the person involved, please proceed to step 3) and try to resolve the issue with their assistance;
3. If the issue still cannot be resolved or you get no response from the GS member, send your request, detailing the problem and the steps you have taken, to both myself and the Deputy Commandant, and we will try to help you resolve the issue (if the problem involves a member of the GS' staff, a courtesy cc of the email to that GS member is a good thing as well).

Please remember, we want the problem to be resolved at the lowest level possible. However, if problems cannot be resolved easily, the GS is here to help and we will try to assist as best we can. However, please note, we may not be able to resolve every problem to your satisfaction, nor may it be possible for us to even get involved, depending on the problem.

## SFMC Historian

Do you have an interest in history? Do you like to write fiction? Then the SFMC wants you! We are looking for an SFMC Historian. This person would be charged with creating the SFMC History, based upon the information in the MFM and other SMFC publications and then "filling in the gaps." You would report to the Commandant of the SFMC and have almost unlimited creative control (it must still be approved and fit in the already established histories). You would also need to work closely with the STARFLEET Historian to make sure there were no contradictions in the histories.

## Minimum Qualifications for this post are:

1. Be a member in good standing of STARFLEET and be, at least, a member of the SFMC Reserve;
2. Have passed OTS and PD-10 (OCC and PD-20 are preferred);
3. Have regular and reliable email access;
4. Have the ability to write clearly and creatively within accepted guidelines.

Still interested? Then here is the application procedure:

Write a fictional history for the SFMC Mess night Manual (will be uploaded to the SFMC website in the next few days) detailing the history of the SFMC Mess Night in the same basic manner as the modern day military histories contained in Appendix A of the current draft are written. The history you create must cover the period of time from 2100 to 2261 and should include anecdotes and stories such as those contained in the earlier histories of the modern day military.

*MGN John Roberts*  
*Commandant, SFMC*  
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# TRACOM Report

## Publications:

Nothing new to report

## Staffing:

TRACOM wishes to welcome onboard Scott Akers as the new director of the PD and LD branches. Scott brings a large wealth of experience to the table, including having a hand in starting and working with the original Marine Corps academy and having tested many of the current courses available today. Scott can be reached at [scott@chuone.org](mailto:scott@chuone.org)

## Course Development / Support:

New with the MD branch: Cross Credit for MD-25

For SFA students who have completed the Aerospace Medicine (including the Basic Doctorate - which is a compulsory course for SACOM). They will be given credit for MD-25: Aerospace Medicine Course as long as they have met ALL of the pre-requisites for MD-25. Upon meeting the pre-requisites, the SFA student will just need to inform the Medical Branch Director (by normal application) and the SFA student will immediately be granted credit for MD-25. Prerequisites for MD-25:- include completion of AE-10, 20, and AE-25 or 30, and MD-10 and MD-20.

For SOM-SFMCA students who have completed MD-25 will be given credit for Aerospace Medicine Specialty provided they have PASSED Basic Doctorate from SACOM. After which the Director of SACOM will award them cross-credits for Aerospace Medicine Specialty.

For both these cases, the scores reflected on the database for the relevant courses will be exactly the same for the other. For example PASS for MD-25, PASS for Aerospace Medicine Specialty. HONORS for Aerospace Medicine Specialty, HONORS for MD-25.

## Current Revision Cycle

It's that time of year again when TRACOM will be starting our manual revision cycle. This cycle isn't going to be as heavy since we did a major revision last year, so this revision will mostly be correcting spelling or grammar, adding additional segments to the manuals due to additional tests being added to a branch, etc. We are also working on test revision as well during this period.

## SFMCA Colleges

In early February we also added the SFMCA colleges into the database so that they are now part of a student's record. Any student who feels they qualify for any of the colleges can contact myself or Sean for confirmation and inclusion. Information on what courses are needed to qualify can look in the 2006 version of the TRACOM Policy Manual, available for download off <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org>

## Projects In The Works:

As reported earlier, TRACOM is currently working on finding an online testing solution that the SFMCA can use to make things easier for both students and staff. A solution has been identified and is currently being evaluated. It's an online, open source software solution called Moodle ([www.moodle.org](http://www.moodle.org)). Now, I do caution that this software has not been chosen yet, we are only testing it right now. This testing will continue for an indeterminate amount of time, primarily because we want to be absolutely sure this would be able to fill our requirements. If it doesn't look like it will then we won't invest more time customizing it and will look elsewhere.

## Comments:

As always, my door is always open at [tracom@sfi-sfmc.org](mailto:tracom@sfi-sfmc.org). Feel free to drop a line if you have a suggestion or comment you wish to make.

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