

A change of CFO

It is my duty to announce a personnel change on STARFLEET's Executive Committee. Admiral Pat Spillers has been relieved as Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET. FADM Rickard asked her to resign on Thursday evening, and I asked her to resign yesterday, following her observation that I am currently serving as Acting CS. Pat still refused to step down, and I made the difficult decision to remove her from office this morning, effective immediately.

This is a decision that Les and I made together. Due to a variety of questions and issues that have arisen over the last several months, it is our strong feeling that Pat no longer enjoys the confidence of STARFLEET's membership, and she no longer enjoys the confidence of the CS and VCS in her handling of her job. Les has made it clear that he and I, and STARFLEET as a whole, must have confidence in the people he's leaving behind to help run STARFLEET while he's overseas serving in the Navy for the rest of his term as CS.

There is no question that Pat has devoted a lot of time and energy to her duties as CFO since she joined FADM Livingston's crew, as well as her efforts for her chapter and Region 3. In particular, Pat made a clear effort to provide lots of information about the organization's finances to the members. Unfortunately, that wasn't the entire job. Whatever differences of opinion we may have, she deserves credit for all her work, and she deserves our respect for the time and energy she has devoted. Les and I would like to sincerely thank Pat for all of her service to STARFLEET as CFO.

Because the CFO is a position that needs work on a day-to-day basis, we don't have the luxury of waiting for an application period, so after consulting with a few advisors, Les and I have selected Commodore Liz Woolf as our new Chief Financial Officer. Thanks to Liz for her willingness to take on this role.

Liz has been involved in STARFLEET's staff for many years and in many capacities, most visibly as STARFLEET Awards Director. She's already familiar with how Fleet works, and has audited our finances for more than one administration. The cfo@sfi.org e-mail address has already been changed to point to Liz, and you can also reach her directly at lizwoolf@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about this decision, you're welcome to contact Les or me directly.

General Mark H. Anbinder
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

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New SFA Electronic Services Director & Electronic Services Support Staff - Graphics

It is my honor to announce that SFA has some new and talented members joining the staff. Please welcome Lieutenant Alejandro (Alex) Luis Barreiro Agrelo (USS Magellan) as the new Director of Electronic Services/ Webmaster & Ensign Ayled Barreda Diaz (USS Magellan) as Electronic Services Staff Member - Graphics to SFA.

If you have any questions about the dept and it's staff, you can contact Alex at: academy-web@sfi.org

Welcome Alex & Ayled to SFA!

Rear Admiral Christopher M. Esquibel
Chief of Staff, Starfleet Academy
<http://academy.sfi.org>
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Quick announcement...

I'm delighted to announce that RADM Tammy Willcox, former STARFLEET CFO, has agreed to be my Vice Chief Financial Officer.

You can reach her at vcfo@cox.net should you need to contact her.

COMM Liz Woolf
Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET
cfo@sfi.org

Web Pages

USS Mir homepage
www.ussmir.org

Region 17
www.region17.org

STARFLEET International
www.sfi.org

STARFLEET Marine Corps
www.sfi.org/sfmc

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Treasury Report

Current balance \$70.94

OCP Totals









No report

Crew Birthdays

May 16 Faye Wilbur
July 4 Randy Lynch
July 20 Lisa Crunk
Aug 17 Deb Kern
Aug 24 Robert MacAlpin

USS Mir annual dues:
Have been extinguished.

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.

	<p>Commanding Officer Rear Admiral Nancy Lynch nlynch@zianet.com</p>
	<p>Executive Officer Captain Everett Brooks everett_01@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Chief of Operations Vacant at this time</p>
	<p>Chief of Security Colonel Randy Lynch rlynch@zianet.com</p>
	<p>Chief of Engineering Lt Commander William Baker ghost8472@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Chief of Sciences Ensign Ethel Lynch elynch@zianet.com</p>
	<p>875th MSG OIC Colonel Everett Brooks everett_01@hotmail.com</p>
	<p>Chief Medical Officer Ship Historian Lieutenant Kathy McCartney kalyn_mc@yahoo.com</p>

13 Things PMS Stands For:

1. Pass My Shotgun
2. Psychotic Mood Shift
3. Perpetual Munching Spree
4. Puffy Mid-Section
5. People Make me Sick
6. Provide Me w/ Sweets
7. Pardon My Sobbing
8. Pimples May Surface
9. Pass My Sweat pants
10. Pissy Mood Syndrome
11. Plainly; Men Suck
12. Pack My Stuff

and my favorite one.

13. Potential Murder Suspect

17 Brigade Valor Awards

During Dinner Friday night (4/20/07) I forgot to announce the recipients of the 17 BDE Valor Awards as requested by Mike Dethlefs, the BDE OIC. Please forgive this oversight. Here are the recipients of the 17 BDE Valor Awards for 2006:

17th Brigade Legion of Valor (Unit of the Year)-898th MSG (USS Anasazi)

17th Brigade Cross of Valor (Marine of the Year)-David Reustle

17th Brigade Sword of Valor (Officer of the Year)-Susan Cerame

17th Brigade Shield of Valor (Volunteer of the Year)-Susan Cerame

17th Brigade Star of Valor (NCO of the Year)-David Cerame

MGN John Roberts

Commandant, SFMC

jcroberts2@hotmail.com

Region 20 Regional Coordinator

Good evening, STARFLEET! It is my duty to report the results of an unscheduled Vote of Confidence conducted by the Inspector General, STARFLEET, Commodore Ray Brown, at the request of the chapters of Region 20.

Commodore Brown informed me:

“As of this date, I have received 3 electronic “Vote of Confidence” forms. As today, 18 April 2007, was the last day to receive VoC forms, the Region 20 Regional Coordinator “Vote of Confidence” balloting is officially closed. The tally for the VoC forms is as follows:

<i>does have confidence:</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>does NOT have confidence:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>abstains from voting:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>total number of votes:</i>	<i>3</i>

Therefore, pursuant to the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it is my duty to report that the majority of the Chapters of Region 20 have declared a Vote of NO CONFIDENCE upon FCAPT Raymond > Spiteri, Regional Coordinator of Region 20.”

Accordingly, as Acting Commander, STARFLEET, I must relieve Fleet Captain Spiteri of his duties as RC and ask the Inspector General to begin a nomination and election process for a new RC. I will ask Captain Darren Anderson, the Vice Regional Coordinator, to serve as Interim RC until this process can be completed and a new RC appointed.

On behalf of STARFLEET Headquarters, our sincere thanks to Ray Spiteri for his service to STARFLEET on the Admiralty Board.

*General Mark H. Anbinder
Vice Commander, STARFLEET*

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Attention to Orders

I would like to thank you for your patience. I know that I have taken a long time to debate the merits of the more than a dozen very qualified applicants for the position of Deputy Commanding Officer Forces Command. I knew that it would be a difficult decision, but I was not prepared for the quality of applicants that I received. I want to say thank you to each of them for stepping up and offering to fill the position. Unfortunately, many of them already hold important positions within Fleet or the Corps and while I was not holding this against them as candidates, I was looking more for someone who was not wearing quite as many hats.

I feel that I have found this person and I would like for all of the Corps to help me welcome him.

Would Mark West please step forward. This the twenty-second day of April, Terran year two thousand seven, I charge you with performing the duties of the office of Deputy Commanding Officer Forces Command as outlined in the Marine Force Manuel and as may become necessary in the future while you hold the position. I ask that all SFI Marines grant Mark West the respect and cooperation due the office. May God have mercy on your soul.

*Major General Linda Olson
CO Forces Command
ST_DragonLady@msn.com*

Awards Announcement

Congratulations to all those individuals and chapters that received awards.

Region 17 Medal of Valor
John Roberts / Craig Cheairs / Wendy Cheairs

Newsletter of the Year
USS Tiburon Open Waters

Helping Hands Award
Rick Speaect / Talon Speaect / George Bartling / David Cook / Donita Hilfinger /

Max Khaytsus / Jennifer Scott / Gaylene Speaect / Rick Speaect / Sue Walentosky

The Order of Boothby
David Cook / Adrian Tompkins

The Order of Kathryn Janeway
USS Omega Glory

The Order of Edith Keeler
USS Omega Glory

The Order of George & Gracie
USS Omega Glory / Sue Walentosky / Talon Speaect

The Order of Hikaru Sulu
USS Omega Glory

The Order of Leonard McCoy
Jennifer Scott

The Order of Surak
David Cook

The Gene Roddenberry Great Bird of the Galaxy
Humanitarian Award
USS Omega Glory

Region 17 Enlisted Member of the Year
David Cerame

Region 17 Officer of the Year
Christina Sievers

Region 17 Flag Officer of the Year
John Roberts

Region 17 Commanding Officer of the Year
John Roberts

Region 17 Mothership of the Year
USS Anasazi

Region 17 Shuttle of the Year
Shuttle Tomahawk

Pat Stewart Medal of Excellence
Christina Sievers

Region 17 Starship of the Year
USS Anasazi

IC 2007 - Have you Registered Yet?

We are hard at work to provide you, the member, with the very best in IC programming and events. The STARFLEET International Conference is the place to be this summer. Friends and Fandom will meet in Denver, Colorado for a weekend of Fun and Fleet!

Are you registered for STARFLEET's premiere annual event yet?

We are using the PASSKEY service for registrations. Do not call the hotel directly. Please call 877-642-9212 or use the REGISTRATIONS link on the IC2007.org website. If for any reason you experience a problem, please call Jennifer Scott at 720-270-2975 and she will personally see to it that you get taken care of. More IC 2007 updates are coming... don't touch that dial!

Admiral Johnathan Simmons
IC 2007 Public Relations Chair
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IM 2007 MESS NIGHT AND MARINE PROGRAMMING

On Friday night of IC, the SFMC will host its first ever Mess Night. The Mess Night or dining-in is a formal dinner for members of a military organization or unit. It provides an occasion for officers to meet socially at a formal military function. The purpose of a Mess Night or dining-in is to recognize individual and/or unit achievements or any events that are effective in building and maintaining esprit de corps to include saying farewell to departing officers and welcoming new ones. A Mess Night or dining-in may also be held to honor one or more distinguished visitors. It is important to emphasize that a Mess Night or dining-in should be viewed as a manifestation of association rather than a mandatory formation for all parties. The required for the SFMC Mess Night is Either formal Dress Uniforms (SFMC or Fleet) or comparable civilian attire.

On Saturday afternoon, the SFMC Marine Muster will be held. This year the Muster will feature a few panels to cover topics of interest to the SFMC membership. Panels are still being decided upon and amore complete will follow in the next few months. If you are interested in hosting a panel during the Muster, please let Commandant John Roberts know at dant@sfi-sfmc.org. Space is limited so please contact him soon with any ideas for panels you may have.

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We hope to see you all at IC/IM 2007 in Denver.

More IC 2007 updates are coming... don't touch that dial!

Admiral Johnathan Simmons
IC 2007 Public Relations Chair
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Announcement from the Office of Information Command

For the past several years, I have served in the position of Commanding Officer, Information Command. This office was created to oversee the Internet arm of the SFMC, from maintaining the SFMC website, to operating the SFMC IRC channel, to maintaining the SFMC E-mail addresses.

In November of last year, I was laid off from a job, and in taking a new job, my work schedule went from one where I had my evenings free, to working a modified second shift job, and having very little time to give to the SFMC. Between work and family, I have finally realized that I no longer have either the time, nor the energy, to give to the Office of Information Command, and effective May 31, 11:59PM Central, I resign from the position of CO-Infocom.

I consider it a privilege to have served the SFMC in this position, and I look forward to working with the new CO, transitioning the electronic arm of the SFMC to the new boss.

LGN Wade Hoover
Soon to be retired, CO-Infocom, SFMC
wade@ussnomad.org

ATTENTION TO ORDERS-COINFOCOM

In the wake of LGN Wade Hoover's resignation as COINFOCOM and the lack of a current DCOINFOCOM, I am appointing the new Commanding Officer, Information Command.

BDR Sean Niemeyer, step forward.

You are hereby appointed to the post of Commanding Officer, Information Command effective June 1, 2007 and are subsequently charged with all duties and responsibilities of that Office.

Any assistance you need in transitioning will be provided by LGN Hoover and I look forward to working with you on the General Staff. May whatever deity(ies) you believe in have mercy upon you.

MGN John Roberts
Commandant, SFMC
jcroberts2@hotmail.com

Appointment of Regional Development Officer

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of John Roberts to the position of Regional Development Officer. John and I have talked and he has some plans to start building a foundation for those in the Region who might be interested in starting a new chapter in the Region. The Regional Development Officer is charged with not only helping new chapters form within the Region but also helping current chapters with recruitment and retention, who may wish it. Currently we have two groups interested in starting chapters and John has already been in contact with to help them start. Currently John can be contacted at jcroberts2@hotmail.com. Please feel free to contact John with any questions that you might have. Thank you John for being willing to add more to your plate and help the Region.

BDR Bran Stimpson
Regional Coordinator Region 17

40 THINGS YOU'D LOVE TO SAY OUT LOUD AT WORK

1. I can see your point, but I still think you're full of shit.
2. I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
3. How about never? Is never good for you?
4. I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.
5. I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to see it my
6. way.
7. I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
8. I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message.
9. I don't work here. I'm a consultant.
10. It sounds like English, but I can't understand a damn word you're saying.
11. Ahhh...I see the screw-up fairy has visited us again.
12. I like you. You remind me of myself when I was young and stupid.
13. You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.
14. I have plenty of talent and vision; I just don't give a damn.
15. I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
16. I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
17. Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.
18. The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist.
19. Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.
20. What am I? Flypaper for freaks!?
21. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
22. It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burn off.
23. Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.
24. And your crybaby whiny-assed opinion would be...?
25. Do I look like a people person?
26. This isn't an office. It's Hell with fluorescent lighting.
27. I started out with nothing & still have most of it left.
28. Sarcasm is just one more service we offer.
29. If I throw a stick, will you leave?
30. Errors have been made. Others will be blamed.
31. Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed.
32. I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.
33. A cubicle is just a padded cell without a door.
34. Can I trade this job for what's behind door #1?
35. Too many freaks, not enough circuses.
36. Nice perfume. Must you marinate in it?
37. Chaos, panic, & disorder - my work here is done.
38. How do I set a laser printer to stun?
39. I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted a salary.
40. Who lit the fuse on your tampon?
41. Oh I get it... like humor... but different

Region 20 Regional Coordinator

Good evening, STARFLEET! It is my duty to report the results of an election conducted by the Inspector General, STARFLEET, Commodore Ray Brown, to select a new Regional Coordinator for Region 20.

Commodore Brown informed me:

“Due to the Involuntary Vote of Confidence upon the sitting Regional Coordinator, Region 20, and said IVoC having removed the sitting RC, an election for a new Regional Coordinator, Region 20, was called for and conducted by Email.

The nomination period for the COs of Region 20 to select their choice for Regional Coordinator started on April 21, 2007. As of this date, I have received 2 nominations from the two Commanding Officers of the Region to nominate their choice for Regional Coordinator for Region 20.

The Nomination Phase is officially CLOSED. The tally for the nominations returned are as follows:

Adrian “Adi” Jones - 2 (100%)”

Accordingly, as Acting Commander, STARFLEET, I hereby announce that Colonel Adrian Jones is the new Regional Coordinator of Region 20. Congratulations, Adi!

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Ithaca,*

USS Crown Victoria launched (R12)

Please join me in welcoming USS Crown Victoria to Starfleet. This chapter is currently based in Oklahoma City, OK. For info on joining this ship, please contact CMDR Robert Rogers at ncc42859@yahoo.com.

*RADM Jerry Tien
Director, Shakedown Operations Command
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USS Atlanta launched (R2)

Please join me in welcoming USS Atlanta to Starfleet. This chapter is currently based in Atlanta, GA. For info on joining this ship, please contact ADM Michael Henigan at mikehenigan@comcast.net.

*RADM Jerry Tien
Director, Shakedown Operations Command
shoc@sfi.org*

USS Aviator launched (R9)

Please join me in welcoming USS Aviator to Starfleet. This correspondence chapter is currently based in Baasrode, Belgium. For info on joining this ship, please contact Comm. Michael Vermoesen at michael_vermoesen@hotmail.com.

*RADM Jerry Tien
Director, Shakedown Operations Command
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New Director in SFA

It is my pleasure to welcome Rear Admiral Richard Hewitt to the family of Directors at Starfleet Academy! He is taking over the Romulan Orientation College from me, who has taken on other projects within the Academy.

Please be patient with Richard as he gets up to speed with all that directors do.

*Adm Carol Thompson
Vice-Dant, SFA
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A financial matter facing STARFLEET

Good evening, STARFLEET! I'm writing on behalf of Commander, STARFLEET FADM Les Rickard and Chief Financial Officer COMM Liz Woolf and the rest of the EC, to inform the membership of an issue that has arisen.

Last weekend, at the STARFLEET Region 3 Summit in Dallas, a woman asked to meet with Liz and R3 RC Brad Pense, who were joined by the other members of the EC who were on hand, and identified herself as an Enforcement Officer for the Texas State Comptroller's office. She informed us that they had received an anonymous tip into their Austin headquarters about the event and that STARFLEET and Region 3 might not be in compliance with tax law.

The Sales Tax Issue

A meeting was held with the enforcement officer, the aforementioned EC members, CS Chief of Staff Greg Trotter, Region 3 Regional Coordinator Brad Pense, and at times, Pat Spillers, former CFO, former Quartermaster, and the chair of the 2005 STARFLEET International Conference (which was held in Texas).

She brought to our attention that Texas state law requires collecting and remitting sales tax for merchandise, Summit registrations, banquet fees, and charity auction sales. In addition, she informed us that in Texas, memberships are taxable if processed in Texas for Texas residents who submit memberships by mail. (Internet-purchased memberships, and memberships for those in other states, aren't taxable.)

Also, STARFLEET Quartermaster sales were handled in Texas by Pat Spillers for some time, so all Quartermaster sales to Texas residents during Pat's tenure are subject to Texas sales tax. STARFLEET's 1998 and 2005 International Conferences, both of which occurred in Texas, also came up.

Though I was travelling on Saturday afternoon en route to California for work, Greg and Liz reached me and briefed me on the situation. We have since informed Les and the rest of the EC, and the Admiralty Board, and have had a few valuable discussions on the subject.

What's Next?

Our first order of business shall be to open a dialogue with the state to clarify our responsibilities and any liabilities. The Texas Comptroller's office is offering amnesty through August 15, 2007 for remedy of past-due taxes. Thus, if we can have any amount due paid by that date, we should be able to pay no penalties or interest on our late filings. We plan to work with a Texas-based CPA or tax attorney to assist us with this task.

In addition, we'll have to determine the sales tax requirements for all states in which we do business. For example, in New Jersey memberships are not taxable, nor are items of clothing. Because Liz is an officer of the corporation and resides in New Jersey, however, we may be considered to be "doing business" within the state, and it is likely that non-clothing Quartermaster purchases are taxable to New Jersey residents, regardless of how they are ordered. These determinations will have to be made in every state in which STARFLEET operates, especially those housing operations centers (such as Membership Processing or the Quartermaster) or those in which corporate officers reside.

The events of this weekend also bring into question the tax status of our International Conferences. We will be working with IC'07 organizers to communicate with the State of Colorado, and most likely, STARFLEET will obtain a "special event" sales tax ID in Colorado for the IC.

Task Force

To deal with these many questions we have established a task force of knowledgeable STARFLEET members who are willing to do the leg work and research to help STARFLEET come into compliance with these regulations. The task force will be run by Steve Halber, and will include Brad Pense, Tammy Wilcox, Chrissy Killian, Emmett Plant, and Liz Woolf.

My thanks to these folks for agreeing to share their time and expertise with STARFLEET as we figure this out. While we don't plan to expand the task force, please let Liz or me know privately if you have specific expertise or knowledge pertaining to the relevant sales tax laws in your state.

What Should YOU Do?

We have asked the STARFLEET and SFMC Quartermasters to stop selling merchandise until the sales tax requirements facing them can be clarified. Liz and I would caution all regions and chapters to be very careful in selling merchandise or collecting funds for any reason until we have some more answers. Our suggestion is that you cease all sales and other activities involving taking in funds until the situation can be clarified. (Note that sales via separate organizations such as CafePress can continue; they are selling the merchandise, not you, and they're responsible for collecting sales tax as needed.)

STARFLEET will continue to process memberships. We believe we have a pretty good grasp of how this affects us.

Staying Focused

It's very important that STARFLEET act and speak with one voice in this matter. Please DO NOT contact authorities in your state on STARFLEET's behalf, and please DO NOT contact the Texas Comptroller's office to request more info. Please DO NOT begin your own inquiry into these matters.

We expect to be able to provide information that will help individual STARFLEET chapters and other subgroups of the organization to determine what their responsibilities are with regard to sales tax. If we're not able to provide information relevant to you, we'll encourage you to contact your local authorities solely for your own local needs.

While some of the reactions I've heard this week have tended towards shock or dismay at the realization that someone, presumably within STARFLEET, reported this issue to the State of Texas rather than attempting to bring it up within the chain of command. I must urge all of you to remember that, while that might have been a preferable approach, it's still something that simply needs to be addressed. The important thing is to determine the right thing to do to fulfill our legal obligations to Texas and the other states we operate in, protect STARFLEET, and ensure there is a club to go on. Yes, this could sharply affect our finances, but we will survive this and continue.

General Mark H. Anbinder
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

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Operational note

In light of the current financial situation outlined by VCS Mark Anbinder, STARFLEET is taking some temporary actions to reduce our potential liability while the situation is remedied.

Specifically:

- VRR fees are temporarily waived until further notice. Go forth and launch a shakedown chapter, it's free!
- SFA course fees are temporarily waived. Have you taken an Academy course lately? Why not try one?
- Both the STARFLEET and SFMC Quartermasters are suspending all sales until further notice.

Obviously, we will be doing everything we can to get STARFLEET's operations back to business as usual.

COMM Liz Woolf
Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET
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New Mexico State Police

submitted by Ethel Lynch

A Truth or Consequences New Mexico policeman had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then he discovered the problem - a 12-year-old boy was standing up the road with a hand painted sign, which read "RADAR TRAP AHEAD". The officer then found a young accomplice down the road with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket full of money. (And we used to just sell lemonade!)

A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a \$40 speeding ticket was included. Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$40. The police responded with another mailed photo of handcuffs.

A young woman was pulled over for speeding. As a New Mexico State Police Officer walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, "I bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the State Policeman's Ball." He replied, "New Mexico State Police don't have balls." There was a moment of silence while she smiled, and he realized what he'd just said. He then closed his book, got back in his patrol car and left. She was laughing too hard to start her car.

Appointment of Director of Public Relations, STARFLEET

It is my pleasure to announce the filling of an open position that I have wanted to fill for some time, Office of Public Relations, STARFLEET. It is my pleasure to announce that this position will be filled by Admiral Brandt Heatherington, who served briefly as Commander, STARFLEET in 1979.

A little about Brandt. Adm. Brandt Heatherington has a Starfleet career that dates back to 1977 when he joined SFI under the first commander, FADM John Bradbury. Heatherington formed the USS Lexington (NCC-1703) that same year in the D.C. metro area, and was Captain for two years. The Lexington command grew to the point that it was converted to Starbase 04 and Heatherington was promoted to Commodore. During this time he formed the Command Assistance Committee, which aided command personnel across Starfleet with various organizational and personnel matters. It was during this phase that Heatherington was asked to take over as Chief of Personnel. When the second commander of Starfleet, FADM Adeline Longshaw resigned in 1979 due to family illness, Heatherington served briefly as the youngest Commander, Starfleet at 16 years old. Heatherington served until FADM John Wetsch took over later that same year as the fourth Commander, Starfleet. Heatherington has maintained a strong interest in technical research, memorabilia collecting and of course watching ST whenever he wants to on DVD. In civilian life, Heatherington is the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the American Counseling Association, a 42,000 member professional society. Heatherington still lives in Northern Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C

Brandt can be reached at brandth605@aol.com and his sfi.org vanity address will be pr@sfi.org but isn't up yet.

FADM Les Rickard

Commander, STARFLEET

TDY Delta Quadrant

lesrickard@gmail.com or cs@sfi.org

State of INFOCOM, June 2007

Deep from the bowels of the SFMC Data Warfare Center it's time for the monthly INFOCOM report.

****SFMC Web site****

I've been updating the various parts of the web site bringing the information in it up to date. The biggest change was the awards listing which was completely redone to reflect the awards information contained in the 2006 edition of the Marine Force Manual.

Currently there are plans underway to redesign the site and move the site to the SFI web host. As not to adversely affect the reporting periods the move will be coordinated so that it occurs between two reporting periods. I cannot give a time frame at the moment, but once I have something more concrete I will publish a time line for the redesign and move.

****SFMCA Subdomain****

The SFMCA has been assigned a subdomain, sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org, using this url will take you directly to the course listing page on the SFMC site. Directors have also been assigned sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org addresses. These addresses are used by the Course Request System to send course requests to. A listing of the Branch Directors and their e-mail addresses can be found here: <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom/directorlist.php>

****BDE OIC and DOIC e-mail****

BDE OICs and DOICs have been assigned [sfi-sfmc.org](http://www.sfi-sfmc.org) addresses. This was done in an effort to make administering the report forms a little easier. A listing of the OICs and their e-mail addresses can be found here: <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom/stafflist.php?thisdiv=3>

****Report Forms****

As mentioned above the forms now use the [sfi-sfmc.org](http://www.sfi-sfmc.org) addresses that have been assigned to the BDE OICs and DOICs. Another update to the forms is that Maritime Operations units are now an available option for unit branch. The unit type and branch menus have also been alphabetized. There are plans underway to integrate the report forms into the SFI database so that they will operate in much the same way as MSRs. That is they will auto-populate with the pertinent information such as unit roster, SFMCA graduates, etc... Again I wish I could give a time frame, but this is going to take some time and coordination between SFI CompOps, the SFI database administrator and myself.

****Award Nomination Form****

The Award Nomination Form has been updated to include some awards that were missing from the list of available choices. The IET and NCO Academic Ribbon were removed from the list since those are automatically awarded when certain SFMCA courses are passed. The added awards can currently be found at the bottom of the list when the pull-down is clicked on. This will be fixed in the near future so that the awards will display in the list by their order of precedence.

****Quartermaster****

As many of you may or may not know there is currently an issue regarding sales tax that has arisen. This issue has necessitated the Quartermaster to temporarily halt sales. I've taken the QM order form down and will put it up again once this issue has been rectified.

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