

ECAB Report October 2008

Office of the Commander STARFLEET

As you of course know by now, the month of October was spent working on the issue of hiring a VCS to fill the rest of this administration's term due to Gary Halverson having to step down due to a major and unexpected promotion in his real-life career. After some serious consideration, I was very pleased to select Dave Blaser to present to the AB for confirmation and I'd like to thank this body for its swift movement through the process. I'd like to take one more opportunity to thank Gary for his service and to also thank Dave for stepping up to the plate and agree to serve on "this side of the aisle."

At the start of the year, we opened the Personnel Office to have a central location to coordinate members who wanted to let it be known that they would like to volunteer their time and abilities for the advancement of STARFLEET. This office was to also be the one-stop shop for job postings and for collecting generic resumes for all departments. Additionally, one of their projects was to work with all departments across the board and help each and every position write a complete job description. I selected someone for this position who understood what I wanted to get accomplished with this position. However, it seems that something has happened along the way. This individual hasn't returned emails or phone calls in quite some time, so I've decided to treat this as an open position again and will be making a call for applications for the position shortly, if not already by the time you receive this report. The announced deadline for applications for Inspector General was November 1st. I'll be going through the applications and present my choice for the position shortly. Additionally, the deadline for applicants for Judge Advocate General was also November 1st. I've heard of one applicant and will be asking all members of this body to begin presentation of any applicants they have for the position shortly, as well.

Office of the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

FRC

STARFLEET Engineering Corps: Vacant
STARFLEET "Echoes from Space" Troupe: Vacant

- I. *Summary of Services Provided by Each Department*
- II. *Summary of Activities this Reporting Period*
- III. *Summary of Future Plans and Goals for Department*
- IV. *Summary of Problems/Issues/ Concerns of Department*

Alternate Universe:

- I. What the Alternate Universe program proposes to do is to combine all facets of our fandom into one cohesive unit to create an entire universe in which we can have as our playground. By assisting ships and members of the various groups to gain ideas and assistance in having there universe into a Alternate Universe one.
- II. Working to create necessary information to create Website and to assist Fleet members with writing or creating an Alternate Universe scripts and to be distributed soon. We have gotten a time line established. And we are working with and contacting other Alternate Universe organizations and forming ideas for equipment and uniforms.
- III. That being said I and Lee are reviewing material that will give us a alternate time line, dating back to 1776 and onward up to 2375 (Deep Space Nine time frame). We have had discussions relating to uniforms (for both the Imperial Fleet and Imperial Marines). We are creating a new Imperial Award System, as well as open a dialog with Moon props for creation of them and obtaining other Empire related devices. We are also putting together a new Ranking System.
- IV. Getting old ships that where in Mirror Universe back involved.

Ambassadors Corps:

- I. STARFLEET Ambassador Corp mission is to make contact with other organizations to see if there is something that can mutually gain from collaboration with one another. It is our hope that such joint activities, friendships will develop, fun will be had and the resulting growth will be good for all concerned.
- II. Letting members know they are appreciated as members, not just as numbers. Passing on information of other Sci-Fi organizations and the various programs in STARFLEET. Al so in fostering good will between the organizations.

- III. Still working to get messages out on the entire regional lists, and through to the RCs of the region. Plan to contact the ship CO's and thank them for their presence and Goodwill.
- IV. I am having problems with getting RC to respond to my requests and to post to the Regional Lists. And I am dealing with Real World issues.

Counselors Corps:

- I. This is what the STARFLEET Counselors Corp is designed to provide. Though not created to mediate conflict, the counselors Corp is there to listen to how the membership feels about the performance and value of STARFLEET programs and is given the opportunity to express how they think things can be improved. STARFLEET belongs to its members and by utilizing the Counselors Corp members can now have a direct influence on the direction of their organization.
- II. The goal for the Counselor's Corps is to revitalize and redefine the role of the ship's counselor by increasing the knowledge base and expanding the "job description" of the ship's counselor.
- III. Submitting a CQ article to find out where the ship counselors are and to establish a communication and resources information for them. I am also working to revise tests and material for Counselors program in STARFLEET Academy.
- IV. Desiring to help rebuild the Counselors in the various regions need to be able to post to the various regions Lists. And getting the word out we had established contact but few of the counselors have stayed in touch. We are working to get things organized for all ship Counselors.

Chaplains Corps:

- I. Faith is an important foundation in many people's lives and for many of our own membership. A long-standing program in STARFLEET, the Chaplain's Corp will continue to provide the membership with an avenue to express their own individual spirituality and provide a forum in which to express their faith to their "higher power".
- II. We have been continuing to work to get in touch with chaplains in the organization. We have been using the SFI-I list is back up. In the next few days I will again announce the department on it. And keep announcing it on a regular basis.
- III. We had a Memorial Day Service. Which we broadcasted and announced on all the lists available. We are working to make the next years one better organized.
- IV. None at this period I am waiting to get webpage together and getting information together. We are working to get the word out.

Crafting and Costuming Corps:

- I. The STARFLEET Crafting and Costuming Corps is the Resource department for these areas and for Fleet members to get information and assistance in costuming and creating crafts at all different levels.
- II. To get our website up and running that will provide crafting and costuming ideas to members of fleet.
- III. We are under construction. Director stepped down and we are trying to re-establish the department.
- IV. Searching for a Director.

Medical Corps:

- I. The STARFLEET Medical Corps will oversee medical operations and assistance to Regional Medical Officers in giving medical information and resources to the members of Fleet. To assist members of Fleet by helping to give information have and lead a Healthy life style.
- II. We have Began contacted the CMO's of the fleet. At this time of reporting we have made contact with the Regional Medical Officers in Region 1, 2, and 6. And are working to contact the others. We are also working on completing our article submission for the CQ as requested by FRC Director.
- III. Have Department fully functional by Nov. 1st, 2008, and contact all CMO for the fleet by December 1st.
- IV. None this reporting period.

Military and Veterans Corps:

- I. The STARFLEET Military and Veterans Corps will work to assist and establish a network for Veterans in Fleet of the various branches of the service. And establishing communication, and other networking needs to assist and help veterans of STARFLEET.
- II. We are preparing for a Veterans day program to thank the Veterans in STARFLEET. We have also established a connection at the National Veterans Resource Forum to get information out to Veterans as they need it.
- III. Get website operational and more information out to the members. Our Group is now made up of 143 STARFLEET Veteran members.
- IV. None this reporting period.

Special Operations:

- I. The STARFLEET Special Operations unit is a small group of dedicated and highly trained individuals committed to the defense of the Federation by use of covert and quiet counter measures with the goal of maintaining the peace and sovereignty of the principles we hold dear.
- II. I have currently established the Staff for the department. We did some restructuring of the departments and our new website is on line. And we currently have active units in all Regions.
- III. Re-Establish with the units that were in previous service in the SFSO. And to get the units back involved.
- IV. Getting units back involved.

Sciences Corps:

- I. The STARFLEET Science Corps Serve as an informational and communications resource for the Science Regional Division Chiefs, Regional Coordinators, and ship Chief Science Officers throughout STARFLEET. Its mission is to enhance interest in science within STARFLEET's membership and to promote science education wherever possible. They accomplish these services via the internet (Starfleet Sciences web site, Science-Lab listserver), articles in STARFLEET publications, and presentations at STARFLEET meetings.
 1. Posted Starfleet Sciences news updates to Starfleet general list, Science-Lab list, and several regional lists.
 2. Posted general science news items, web reports to Science-Lab list.
 3. Attached is an excel spreadsheet summarizing the growth in the number of hits on the Starfleet Sciences web site pages.
 4. Continue to post interesting and informative news items to Science-Lab list; ongoing.
 5. Prepare a science article for the next issue of the Starfleet Communiqué (this one may be about something I learned at the American Geophysical Union international conference in Acapulco, or it could be a combined article discussing science activities of Starfleet Sciences, Region One Sciences, and the USS Alaric).
 6. Decide on content of Starfleet Sciences Handbook.
 7. Add history of science web articles to web site.
 8. Continue to add web links and content to web page, post science items to Science-Lab list, and submit articles to Starfleet Communiqué.
- II. Other than having so much to do and so little time to do it, both in my 'Fleet life and in my "real" life, there were no difficulties encountered this month. After years of fine-tuning, this department is humming quite well. Have no suggestions on how to improve Sciences and the STARFLEET Science Corps as a whole, at this time. Waiting to see what changes are coming with the new VCS.

Video and Movie Guild:

- I. The STARFLEET Video and Movie Guild will work to establish communications with the various region ships and EC departments to create Video and Material for recruitment purposes and needs of the Chapters or needs of the EC.
- II. Preparation and creating STARFLEET Videos and recruitment materials for distribution for ships.
- III. Working with the FRC Director in making a recruiting Video at this time and material to set up on various communication lists to show the video. Are contacting Paramount to see if we can run an ad in the Pr Movie Clips of new release movie. And working on getting material created. With FRC Director on his suggestion to have a National STARFLEET Night out for Ships on Movie release night of new STAR TREK Movie.
- IV. None this reporting period.

Annual Campaign

The Annual Campaign department which consists of Sherry Newell, Helen Pawlowski and me, are continuing to write and encourage others to write upbeat articles for the CQ.

We have discussed Dave's suggestions of having a Starfleet Trivia contest as well as a Starfleet Writer's Contest.

We're concerned that both contests, especially the Trivia, won't be accessible to anyone without computer access if it's conducted entirely in an IRC

All Starfleet members should be able to submit a story for the Writer's Contest as long as we ensure that submissions

will be accepted via surface mail, as well as e-mail. If we do receive submissions via surface mail, I will volunteer to type them into a Word.doc which can be e-mailed to all the judges, and will surface mail a copy of the written documents to Helen Pawlowski who does not have computer/internet access.

Dave suggested prizes for the Writer's Contest. Inexpensive MP3s but I'm wondering if we can, instead of purchasing prizes from "outside", offer prizes from the Starfleet and/or Starfleet Marine Quarter Masters. The Marine QM has a fantastic flash drive for \$25 and Starfleet's QM also has some really nice items. How much of a budget can you secure? Can we also give a nice prize to the winner of the trivia contest.... and award certificates to top-scorers of both?

International Charities

No report submitted.

Member Services



STARFLEET MEMBER SERVICES

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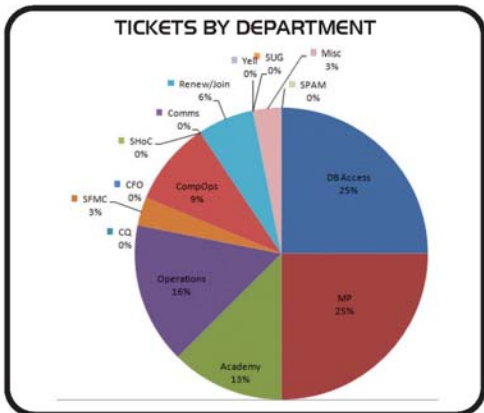
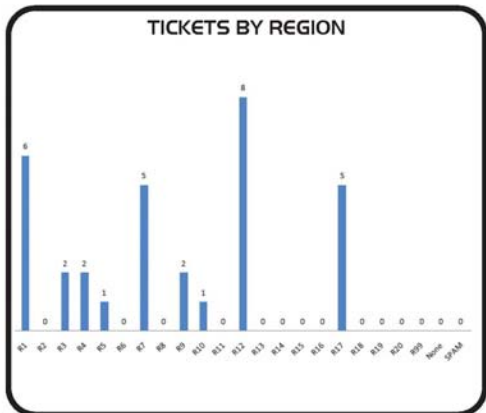
CQ REMAINING		
Remailed	Postage	Supplies
0	0	0

TICKETS		
Submitted	Resolved	Unresolved
32	26	6

UNRESOLVED TICKETS
 276/290 - Concerning automated database emails
 281/282/286/301 - Missing membership packets

NEW ISSUES
 Members becoming concerned because they are not receiving automated emails from the database whether for renewal reminders or academy records.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES
 265 - Membership expiration date
 243 - 403 Error
 180 - International Membership costs



COMPLAINTS
 No Complaints filed

COMPLIMENTS
 No Compliments filed

FEEDBACK
 No Feedback filed

COMMENTS

Office of the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

No report submitted.

Office of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Still no new Vice-Chief of Communications as I write this.

Item 1: CQ #148

Following up on last month's report, our printer, Edmond Sun, gave us a 5% discount off the cost of our last printing job due to the quality control issues. However, I just discovered on Friday that they mistakenly over-billed us for this issue. We typically get a 20% discount off of standard rates based on our longevity as a customer. The \$1,260 we were billed should have been \$1,008...with another 5% tacked on, for a total bill of about \$960. Pat Spillers will be contacting Edmond Sun this coming week to correct the error. Apparently, along with a new printing manager, there is also a new billing team, and things are still a little messy there in Oklahoma. So I intend to stay on top of things.

Item 2: CQ #149 and higher quality paper

Layout for CQ #149 is done, and files will be uploaded to Edmond Sun this coming week. This means a likely print date of the first week of December, with issues reaching members just before Christmas. I intend to post the issue online to the database after Thanksgiving.

We received the following price quote from Edmond Sun for higher quality paper (Hi-Brite newspaper web sheet):
36 pages color placement on standard size. = \$819
48 pages color placement on standard size. = \$992

Now, if these numbers seem strange to you, that's because they appear to be LOWER than the price we currently pay for the lower quality newsprint. I'm trying to get an explanation for this, but in the meantime, I do have confirmation that these prices are accurate. They include a 20% discount for our longevity, but they might require us to sign a new contract for next year (6 issues). I am also trying to confirm this. As I said, things are a little messy there, and it's tough tracking down an answer. I would like to have CQ #149 printed on the higher quality paper to see if there is an improvement. Since the price seems to be the same, there doesn't appear to be a reason not to.

Item 3: Possible other printing option

I have been contacted by Starfleet member Joe Hinson of Colorado Springs, CO. He and his partner (also a Fleet member) own a small print business. They do not own large printing presses, but they do rent them out from a print shop on the weekends, using their own labor on-site. Joe and his partner are willing to purchase paper for us at cost, charge cost to make the printing plates, and charge minimal labor to print, cut, fold, and bind 2,500 magazine-quality full-color 48-page issues. The only unknown is how much they would have to pay the printer whom they would rent the facility from for the weekend.

Based on paper, plate, and minimal labor, and an unknown estimate from the print shop, we could be looking at a CQ cost of \$1,500-\$1,900/issue for a 2,500-run. This is far from confirmed, however, as the print shop has just been sold to a new owner. However, I would like to discuss this option with the EC once I have a final price. A magazine quality, full-color CQ would be an awesome recruiting tool. But we need to know the new cost and be certain Starfleet could afford it. I also need to determine if the cost is based on a minimum number of copies, or if the price goes down by half if we only print 1,250 copies.

Another thing to consider is their location. Colorado Springs would require us to change our postal permit and use a new mailing company. There are three mailing companies in Colorado Springs, and Joe has offered to drive the completed issues to any of them that we choose. I haven't gotten estimates from these Colorado mailers yet, but other estimates I've collected match what we're paying currently—approximately \$315-\$350 per issue for the service. I would hope Colorado Springs would be comparable.

Item 4: CQ #150

Most of the content has been received for CQ #150, but we're still missing reports from about half of the EC. I'm trying to hustle to get this issue laid out and to the printers before Christmas. That would put it into members' hands by late

January (a month later than the last issue of 2008--#150--should have reached members, but we're slowly getting back onto schedule).

Item 5: Surplus CQs for Recruiting

This is the same thing I wrote up for my last report. It is my understanding that SFI pays for 3,000 copies of CQ, even if only 2,500 or 2,200 are delivered to us. The rest are, I'm guessing, trashed or recycled by our printers. If this is, in fact, the case, then I recommend we take possession of all 3,000 copies and ship the extras to Bran Stimpson. Although the shipping to Bran would be more expensive than the 50 or 100 copies he is shipped now, I feel that having these extra copies available for COs to request to help recruiting. Assuming we can get 800 extra copies of each CQ, I would recommend we allow CO's to request up to four CQs for their chapter, as long as the CO pays for shipping (which could be done as a check sent to Bran for postage). Again, I'll bring this up in the future to the EC after I have verified things with the printers.

Item 6: The "Missing" CQ #145

I'd still like us to do something about this issue that never reached about 300 of our members. This will involve making sure the memberships of these 300 members are extended by two months. I need to know if CompOps can do this if PJ Trotter supplies the list of names. Then we need to send out e-mails ad/or letters to these folks.

Item 7: The New Alumni Outreach Program

Annie Wheeler will be submitting an article for CQ #150 on the progress/success of this new program. I will submit that article as a report to the EC when I receive it.

Item 8: The Regional Relay Officer Program

The program continues to function well...although only eight regions have provided me with RROs so far: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, and 15. I will be contacting the other RCs shortly to get RROs for their lists.

Office of the Commandant STARFLEET Academy

As of November 1, Marlene Miller took over as Vice Commandant of SFA and Carol Thompson took over the newly opened position of Coordinator of Academy Services. The transition went so smooth it was hardly noticeable.

With the passing of Truman, Scott Anderson is now the STARFLEET Academy Awards Director.

I'm please that as of October 27, 2008, our cheating policy went through with the majority of the AB's approval. It is now in place in our policies procedures page as well as a notation for all students, when they go to the applications page to look at our policy as we don't look well on cheating. (Not those exact words).

We have a number of Colleges closed due to real-life situations or for rewrite. We also have a goodly number of colleges in the works, for IOMS, IOSFS, IOTA, and IOST.

Colleges that were vacated are being picked up by assistant directors or students who have taken all the classes in those Colleges. One was advertised and subsequently filled.

Watch for new courses in Flag Officer's School, College of Sci-Fi in Cinema and College of Intelligence Operations.

New to the Academy is a College of Mathematics with a subset for the Cadets and a totally rewritten Klingon Warrior Academy that will challenge even the most avid Klingon fan.

Academy is also looking for a pool of beta-testers for new courses and substitute directors, should a director need an extended leave of absence. Beta-testing is a great way to build up one's academy record.

We are finally coming out of the "black out" on the website problems. Greg and JT are working on some enhancements on the website.

On a financial note, we have had no income or expenses.

Office of the Chief of Shakedown Operations, STARFLEET

We had 18 out of 21 Chapters in Training report for the month of October.
The following are chapters that have launched in October:

USS Commonwealth R1
USS Ganymede R1
USS Exeter R2
USS Qual'at R17

The following chapters were decommissioned in October: None

I have one chapter that is on Standby: USS Battleborn

Possible new launches in the near future could be: None

Chapters that have completed the mandatory time in the Shakedown Cruise and can start the commissioning process in October were:

USS Virginia R1
USS Serenity R3
USS Devron R7

PROBLEMS: ShOC has sent the Thor's Hammer paperwork to Ops for commissioning.
Please note ShOC is working with the USS Starquest to get them commissioned. Numerous problems have plagued the process.

Vice ShOC Jerry Tien reported,

Activities:

1. Created SFI DB entry for two chapters.
2. Gave advice regarding a problem new chapter.

Problems: N/A

Comments: N/A

Department of Technical Services News:

DTS activity decreased noticeably in October. For the first time in a while, no new vessel reservations were received. No other chapter-related activity took place, either, with the exception of one name now released after the six-month waiting period having passed. OTI focused on completing the Ship/Station Quick Recognition Guide in October. Both our current schematic artists are working on projects at this time, as well, though not much progress took place this past month.

Work on the DTS site is ongoing. Mike Dugas reports that the design is 80% complete and coding is in progress at this time. I'm looking forward to seeing it!

ASDB: Joost Ueffing reports that the main activity at ASDB has been monitoring the conversations between DTS Admin and a representative of an old STARFLEET chapter, the Hakuna Matata, regarding returning to 'FLEET and developing a new class of ship.

Office of the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET

No report submitted.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer, STARFLEET

Quartermaster Reports -

We've received reports from both QM's however, we're still waiting for receipts, etc. from the SFMC's QM. For the STARFLEET QM, we're waiting for the Shopping Cart to be set up and running. We received three orders, however, we didn't record these in the QB's system since we're waiting for a notification as to whether the shopping cart is up and running. Sam Black is working on the shopping cart.

Sales Taxes -

We've received complete data from both QMs and what we believe is the sales data from IC08, through the end of September to complete both the second and third quarter sales reports for calendar year 2008. We plan to have AL, FL, MD, NC and NY Sales Sales Tax Reports completed by the first week of November.

Federal Form 990 -

The STARFLEET Federal Form 990 is due November 15th for the fiscal period ending, June 30, 2008. We have the STARFLEET data and sales figures we need, however, we still have some unanswered questions about the IC 2008 data that we're trying to resolve. We plan on having the Form 990 to the outside CPA for review by November 10th.

Financial Statements -

We're currently up to date through September 2008 in completed financial statements and Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements Reports.