

# BADLANDS

## NEWSLETTER

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## NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR

### From the Center Seat

**Force Admiral Rob Johnson – MFI International Coordinator**

I hope everyone in the U.S. had an enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday weekend that our International members are enjoying some great Spring weather. Spring symbolizes the rebirth of nature and MFI appears to be enjoying a rebirth as well. KTF has a new staff and is rebuilding. Everyone who ordered, should be receiving their MFI Badges shortly, if they haven't already done so and we should be getting close to reaching our mark for the initial Rank Pin order. The Academy is in its cocoon, working on its transformation and the new Database will be rolling out within another couple months.

All in all, 2005 is becoming a very productive year for MFI. Everyone's creative juices seem to be flowing lately and it's good to see. Let's see if we can get some of the juices flowing in the Newsletter as well. The conventions are gearing up and with the end of Enterprise, we should be seeing some more frequent appearances by Enterprise crew members. If you get a chance to go to some of the conventions this summer please send in a blurb about it to the Badlands staff. If you have a "Most Memorable Autograph" experience, please let us know about it.

Summer is around the bend and many people use the great weather to sit outside with a good book. If you find a book you wish to share with us, please jot down a paragraph or two about it! Your book review doesn't have to be a formal submission to the Newsletter staff, send it to the Members-List and we'll re-publish it to the Badlands!

Don't let Badlands be JUST a monthly status report sheet, help us make it more interesting and entertaining.

Until Next time,  
Rob Johnson, FADM (aka Adm Robert J McCoy, MD)  
International Coordinator, MFI



## From the Right Seat

**Admiral Laura Casey – Vice International Coordinator**

Laura is on extended personal leave to tend to her real life situations. Our hopes and prayers go out to her and her family during this trying time. We hope that she will again be in our midst very soon. We miss you, our Jedi WebMaster and our Vice! Take care! - FADM Gary Davis (Ret).

## From Behind the Curtain

**General Christina Doane - Chief of Staff/Zone 4 Coordinator**

Didn't I just write one of these? lol. Seriously seems like no sooner than I send in my Badlands articles then more are due. As some of you may know part of my job is helping out and working with the various departments in MFI. Well one of those is our Diplomatic Corps, we have a great diplomatic corps run by Commodore Warren Price [zone2@maquis.com](mailto:zone2@maquis.com). Also with Rear Admiral Logan Andrews as Chief Negotiator [TrinityCO@maquis.com](mailto:TrinityCO@maquis.com), but there's always room for more. The Diplomatic Corps is always hiring lol, just contact Commodore Price or RADM Andrews. For a current list of staff positions you will be need to email one of the two persons I named. Also if you have a suggestion for a treaty, that is welcomed as well. In this time more then ever, its important to reach out to other clubs and establish ties of friendship.

Also happy to report that the Membership department under RADM Andrews hopes to have the new membership application forms by late June. Over the summer there are plans are to add several pages to the recruiting resources section and to begin the DVD project outlined previously. Award Department under Captain Barbara Adams is retooling some graphics and hopes to have its updates complete by the end of the summer.

As with much recently its better to take ones time and do it right as opposed to rushing through and making more mistakes then need be, \*grin\*. I especially hope to see lots of unit reports in this Badlands, I enjoy reading them. And its with you that the success of this club lies.

With all that's going on I am sure I will more to report on our goings on by next time. So until then: SO LONG AND THANKS FOR ALL THE FISH!

## Operationally Speaking

**Vice Admiral Jonathan Cone – Chief of Operations**

Admiral Cone has reassumed the office of Chief of Operations as of May/June. A submission from the Operations Department will be forthcoming in the next issue.

## Maquis Minutiae'

**Rear Admiral Samuel Cummings – Chief of Computer Operations**

No Report submitted.

## Academically Speaking

**Admiral Jonathan Cone – Maquis Forces International Academy Commandant**

The Academy undergoing refit at this time. No report submitted.



## Hailing Frequencies Open

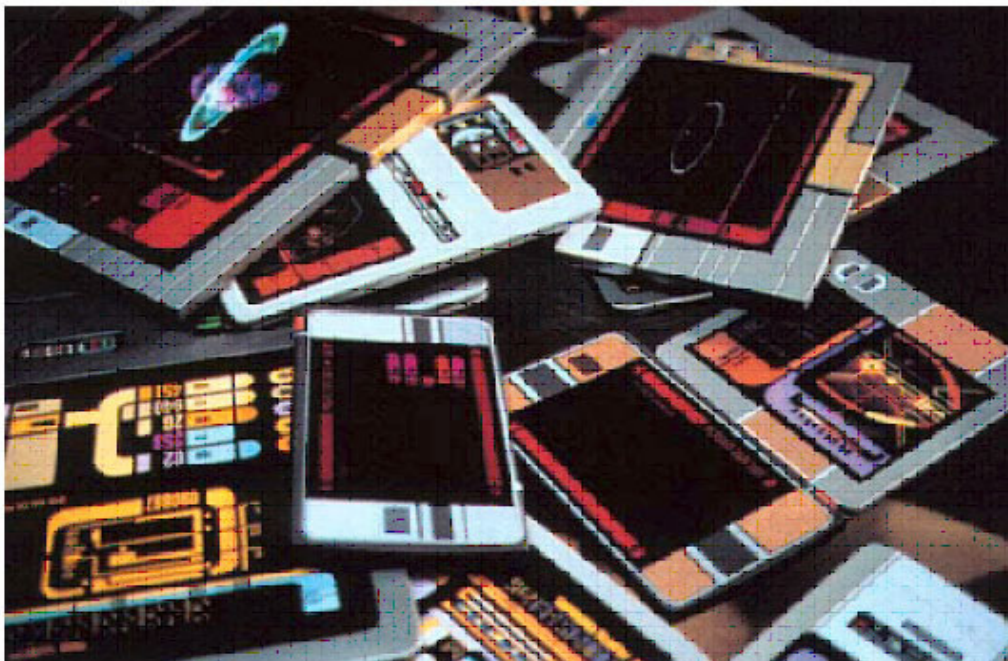
**Force Admiral (Ret) Gary Davis – Chief of Communications**

Greetings from the Comm Console. ANOTHER issue of the BADLANDS! Excellent. We may end up serving you a "lighter" dish each month in these pages, but at least we can get the publication out on a more regular schedule. I promised an edition in the first week of June, and here it is. Only YOU can make it have more "meat", or allow it to become a monthly "snack". Hmmm, now I'm hungry, I will have to visit the replicator after this to get something to much on! I've said it before, folks. YOU have to make this publication what it is. SEND me STUFF! I know you have interests, have seen movies, read books, etc. Lets fill these pages with the material that the MAQUIS enjoy!

As for the world of communications, things are pretty quiet out there on the subspace relays. I like how the listservs are progressing. I see posts in the Members area all the time. The subjects vary and it often erupts into a fun thread following a link, a game, or a joke that everyone gets involved in. What I groan over is when folks berate anyone for something that was off color, off topic, a non popular opinion, or heck, can we just say it, something that may be constructed as just plain STUPID (GRIN). I hope folks can read these posts with a little bit of patience and remember that we're all "family" and we should exercise patience and restraint when we hit that REPLY button. If you MUST respond, do it privately and do so with understanding and go less into "lecture" and flame mode and more into cooperation and corrective action mode. Bring in members of your chapter, your zone, or the CC as "partners" in these private offline messages to see if you can resolve whatever you disagreed with on the listservs to a more calm and relaxed resolution. I would like everyone to visit the listserv "rules" page and read through the VERY good and thought out guidelines as laid out by our revered Admiral Laura "Goody" Hartwell when she first set up the listservs: <http://www.maquis.com/listserv.html>

As for the other lists, they are humming along nicely. If you need to visit the site and get a complete list of those listservs which offer alternative and specialized discussion on various areas of MFI, you can visit it at: <http://list.maquis.com/mailman/listinfo>. Some are only available to those who have a "need to know" (using a military vernacular), however, others are open to all.

The other BIG news in MFI-land are the Echelon Badges and Rank Pins. I'm going to cover them in a separate article when I wear my other hat, that of the Quartermaster. Until next time folks, I've got my subspace channels open, that darn uncomfortable ear piece firmly in place ready to receive your transmissions. To issue the IMMORTAL words of MY FAVORITE Communications Officer, Commander Uhura, "Hailing Frequencies OPEN!"



## Maquis Forces Marine Corps (MFMC) Report

**Brigadier Marshal Liam Collins – Marine Force Commandant**

No Report submitted.

## Naval Forces Report

**Force Captain Gary Hollifield – Chief of Naval Operations**

Greetings folks. Here is the Zone by Zone breakdown as of 15 June 2005.

### Zone 1 - Admiral Jonathan Cone

MFS Carl Sagan      MFS Sutherland  
LP Darkwind      LP Phantom Zone  
MSS Yangtze Khyam  
*Decommissioning: MFS Resolute*

### Zone 3 - Force Captain (Brevet) David Ferber

MFS Phantom      LP Deep Space Arecibo  
RS Hecate      ICV Hedhgnach  
*Decommissioning: None reported*

### Zone 5 - Force Captain Loretta Parks

MFS Grethor      MFS Asar  
MFS Lafayette      I P Kiowa  
MFS Antonia Maria Valsalva  
*Decommissioning: MFS Darkseid*

### Zone 6 - Force Captain Glenna Julifs

IKV Bloodsword  
MAV Lonestar  
*Decommissioning: None Reported.*

### Zone 8 - Force Captain Glen Matheny

LP 8  
*Decommissioning: None Reported*

### Zone 11 - Force Captain Mack Howatt

LP Defender  
*Decommissioning: LP Caen*

### Zone 2 - Commodore Warren Price

MFS Raven      LP Sunseeker  
MFS Trinity      LP Philliger  
*Decommissioning: None reported*

### Zone 4 - General Christina Doane

RN Wayfarer      MFV Ka'La  
SB Kalamazoo      LP Kincaid  
MFS Liberty      LP Pontiac  
MAS Detroit      MFS Nebula  
MAS wlich      MFS M Nelson  
*MFS Kontessa*  
*Decommissioning: None reported*

### Zone 7 - Force Captain (Brevet) Jack Kem

MFS Tiwahe      MFS Oro Grande  
*Decommissioning: None Reported*

### Zone 9 - Rear Admiral Cameron Dangler

LP Cobra      MFS Winds of Change  
MFS Forrestal      MFS Deathstar  
MFS Blackfire  
*Decommissioning: None Reported*

### Zone 10 - Commodore Duncan Robinson

Starbase Essex  
*Decommissioning: None Reported*

### Zone VR - Commodore Carl Lewis

MFS Scorpion      LP Falcon  
MFS Dominator      USS Parallax  
LP One      Space Station Karag  
MFS Rakkason      LP Srellium's Moriarty  
MFS Thierull  
*Decommissioning: None Reported*

Additions-The USS Hell's Fury transferred command, and as such, went from Z9 to ZVR

## Special Forces (SpecFor) Report

Force Captain Norm Hacket – Special Forces Commander

No report submitted.

## Klingon Task Force (KTF) Report

Lieutenant General K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.)

I am proud to announce that the Klingon Task Force Command Council has been selected and are busy doing their respected tasks. I have opened up a few new discussions on the Klingon Task Force List and things are starting to pick up and roll. I am honored to see us making some progress. For those MFI and/or MFA Klingons that what to subscribe to our newsletter to do so. Take a look at <http://ktf.maquis.com/> for the latest and greatest information on the Klingon Task Force. If any of you have ideas, please feel free to share them.

Plans are underway to have Maquis Gras (10th Anniversary) 2005 information and/or flyers out very soon. There is a **DATE CHANGE** for you to be aware of. It is **SEPT 30th - OCT 2nd**. The Guests of Honor are J. G. Hertzler (Martok) and Robert O'Reilly (Gowron). I guarantee that if you haven't seen them together before, it is truly something to see. They are hysterically funny together. You don't want to miss this! If you want to go to Maquis Gras for this special tenth anniversary, keep your eye out for messages and reports from either myself or FADM Be'jen.

Check out <http://www.mavfiresword.com> for details. I hope to see a large contingent of Maquis and House Ki'RK there, especially since the both Klingon Chancellors will be there. There is also a bribe war going on to acquire 5 seats at the Chancellors' Table at Maquis Gras. Submit your bribe proposals to [Maquis\\_Gras\\_2005@yahoo.com](mailto:Maquis_Gras_2005@yahoo.com).

I have been having fun with the Anpu Attack Wing's "Play by Email" role-playing during the last few weeks. Any ICV Heghnach member wishing to join IKEF and Anpu Attack Wing officially are welcome to join in on the roleplay. I have not been officially assigned to anything in the IKEF Marines, but I am still working closely with them in order to gain more knowledge and experience to better build the Cha'ouwan Marines. As the IKEF Army Council's Chief of External Affairs, I have been tasked with coordinating with several agencies (i.e. Black Knights, Outworld Fleet, etc.) to help in planning the next Camp Dover. Any assistance in making the proper contacts or providing actual assistance with these people would be greatly appreciated. Contact me for details.

### Klingon / STARFLEET Joint Operations Update

The USS Inferno/ICV Heghnach/RS Hecate had their Command Staff meeting on April 9th and their monthly meeting at Ensign Ron Seymour's trailer during the Enterprise finale party on May 13th. Much food and non-alcoholic drink was consumed and everyone enjoyed themselves. The meeting at the Camp Dover Peace Conference had not really been very productive. A regular meeting place had been chosen as the New Horizons' Drop-In Center, but due to temporary budget cuts, we cannot continue to meet there for the next few months. For now, the next meeting will be determined by online poll on the 3FLT Yahoo Group.

Our next ship activities are the Walk For a Healthy Community on May 21st, followed by the Star Wars Episode III movie. See the 3FLT Yahoo Group for details.

The 2 new members that the ICV Heghnach acquired last month are actually assigned to the USS Cha'ouw until they complete their House training, but may be assigned to temporary duty to the ICV Heghnach for certain functions. Chris "Syrak" Roark and Annette "Kiffin" Roark have just joined the ICV Heghnach as affiliates in MFA. They may officially join MFI and IKEF later if it doesn't interfere with their Outworld Fleet duties. Kiffin will be our bartender and Chris will be our Chief of Security. Both are initiates in House Ki'RK. Ron Seymour and Tracey are strongly considering joining the ICV Heghnach (or the RS Hecate) to take advantage of the additional activities that each ship has to offer.

We are planning a July 4th celebration with details to follow. We are also planning another Camping Trip (Not an official Wilderness Challenge) for July 15-17 at Cooks Forest, PA. Anyone is welcome to attend. Let the Captain or XO know if you are interested in attending.

#### Charity/Community Service Update

Scouting for Food was conducted April 18th until May 9th and I volunteered for that again. There were no total contributions announced this year, but I put in several hours collecting food and money to help this charity.

Maquis Forces International is currently forming a Charity Task Force where I am an advisor since I have a large amount of experience in this area. Anyone wishing to assist in this area, contact me and I'll point you in the right direction. Naval Operations, Marines, SpecOps, and KTF all need a Charity Coordinator, but it shouldn't be someone in the Command Tier Structure already.

We had several members to volunteer and/or participate in the Pittsburgh Race For The Cure held on Mother's Day, May 8th. Combined ship total for volunteer hours for the project was 30 hours with 5 people on the project. Well over 37,000 people showed up to participate. Check out <http://www.pittsburghraceforthecure.org/> for further information.

This weekend, May 21st, we participate in the Walk For a Healthy Community to benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The New Horizons Drop In Center is the team that we are walking with since they allowed us to meet there a few times and several of our members are also members there. Attached is a photo that appeared on this year's flyer from last year's walk and features myself and David Ferber. I am in front center and David is in a black hat slightly to the right and back of me.

The House Ki'RK pop tab collection for charity has started again for this year. I was informed by Captain Saroka that the Ohio-PA Quadrant reigned superior in collection this year bringing in over 10 gallon milk cartons of tabs to Klingon Year Games and K'Hergh, the Ohio-PA Quadrant Commander was officially recognized at Beach Bash as being the best warrior in this challenge. FCapt Scarlett was the second place Quadrant Commander. The ICV Heghnach donated at least a pound this past quarter. Let's not stop there! Let's get started now collecting. **I would like to see each Heghnach member give me as many tabs as they can collect between now and Beach Bash 2005.** I, as Commander of the ICV Heghnach, ask that if you are not collecting these pop tabs, please start. Send them to the XO or I so that we can turn them into the Empire Quadrant Commander on behalf of this crew, so that we can increase this fundraising effort. If we spread the word that we are doing this, we could easily increase the amount that the House Ki'RK raises. I would like to see the ICV Heghnach double it's collection by next year. I want all tabs turned into the Command Staff before we go to Beach Bash so that we can give them to K'Hergh. I would like to be able to bring at least two or three gallons to him at Beach Bash, so get out there and start collecting those tabs! K'Hergh issued another challenge that whichever Quadrant Commander brings in the most tabs by Beach Bash 2005 will be the Supreme Commander over all Cha'ouw Empire Quadrants.

According to the Ronald McDonald House, "one pound of pop tabs is worth \$.04 more than one pound of pop cans. Depending on the present value of aluminum, the value from pop tabs averages 50 cents to 55 cents per pound. There are approximately 1,300 tabs in a pound. The Ronald McDonald House currently raises \$500 a month from the recycling of pop tabs. This amount could easily double or triple if everyone who reads this article starts to recycle." [http://www.rmhc.com/kids/poptab\\_collection/](http://www.rmhc.com/kids/poptab_collection/)

#### Upcoming Events

Maquis Gras September 30th - October 2nd at the Hampton Inn & Suites 1451 Silhavy Road, Valparaiso, IN (219) 531-6424 or 1-800-HAMPTON

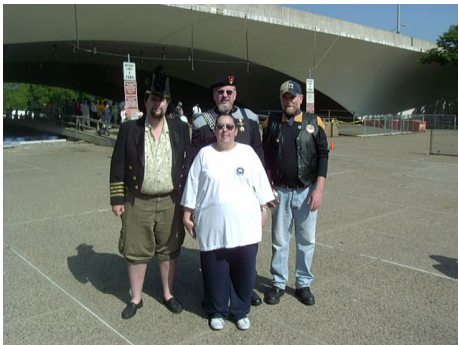
Be sure to request the Star Trek Convention room rate when making reservations <http://www.mavfiresword.com>



Camp Dover Peace Conference on April 28-30, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, New Philadelphia, OH.  
<http://www.tasigh.org/dover/index.html>



"On the morning of May 21st, COs & XO's of the ICV Heghnach and RS Hecate participated in the Walk For a Healthy Community to help raise money for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and other charities."



As many of you know the Terrans released a new Movie ...something called Star Wars Episode 3: Revenge of the Sith. The combined crews of the ICV Heghnach, RS Hecate and STARFLEET's USS Inferno went and infiltrated the ranks of those in attendance. LGEN K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK used his cloak to cover his ridges and a few other Klingons were surgically altered so no one ever suspected there was a Klingon Warrior in their midst. Our warriors even managed to get a photo opportunity

**FADM (Ret) Gary Davis – MFI Quartermaster Pro Tem**

Okay... with last min article submissions, I'm left with a BLANK page (ARGH). For a "filler" item, I'm throwing in a graphic I created for our vendor who is making our rank pins. This represents the "snapshot" of our order. I thought it would be interesting for a "filler"

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## **Membership Department Report / Awards Division Report**

**Rear Admiral Logan Andrews – Membership Department Head/ Captain Barbara Adams – Awards Division Head**

We are happy to report that the Membership department has the new membership application forms up and running! Over the summer there are plans to add several pages to the recruiting resources section and to begin the DVD project outlined previously. Award Department under Captain Barbara Adams is retooling some graphics and hopes to have its updates complete by the end of the summer.

There has been some confusion lately, judging by the number of questions I've had recently, about some of the criteria for the awards. So we will start a series of articles that hopefully will address most of these questions. This issue's article will be focusing on the Chapter Level awards.

From the Awards Division's web page, Chapter Level awards are "An award for which the Chapter Chairperson or Chapter Designee(s) determine the criteria and representation save for the representation of the ribbons listed below." Simply put each chapter has full control over any award on this level, with four exceptions. Those exceptions are the one listed on the web page: Military Service (MilServ), Civilian Service (CivServ), Community Service (ComServ), and Convention Service (ConServ).

These four awards are controlled by the Awards Division in their appearance and to a limited extent their criteria. They've been placed in the Chapter Level because they are easily verifiable and are best handled on that level. Let's review each one briefly.

**Military Service:** The Military Service award is for any Maquis who has served in their country's Armed Services. These include but are not limited to, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Countries outside the US may have others and they would be qualified. If you are not sure contact the Awards Division. Basically any organization under the jurisdiction of the Defense Dept of a government is qualified. 180 days (approx 6 months) was determined to allow for the completion of basic training but also allow for issues (such as family or medical) that would require removal from the military through no fault of the service member. This was done to ensure that the award went to those who truly applied themselves to the defense of their country. Chapter CO's are charged with verifying that the potential recipient is qualified. This award does not need routing through the Awards Board. Reserves will be qualified after a cumulative 180 days of service as opposed to 180 calendar days

**Civilian Service:** The Civilian Service award is for any Maquis who has served in a civilian (non-military) organization where their safety is at risk by the nature of the job. Examples of these include, but are not limited to, Civil Air Patrol, Fire, Law Enforcement, Rescue, and National Guard. Like the MilServ 180 days of service are required before a Maquis can achieve this award. Chapter CO's are charged with verifying that the potential recipient is qualified. This award does not need routing through the Awards Board.

**Community Service:** The Community Service award was made into a Division controlled ribbon since several chapters already had community service programs in place. It was decided that since it was a common award in the Maquis community a single representation was prudent. In order not to change what any given chapter may already have in place it was decided to allow the individual chapters determine their own number of hours required to achieve this award. The hope was and is that a reasonable amount would be determined based on the activity of a given chapter's members. For example if a chapter has members to don't have time to volunteer often the chapter can set the criteria at 25 hours, whereas another chapter has members volunteering a lot and thus selects 100 hours as their criteria. The idea is to set a reasonable number of volunteer hours so that the members are not earning "an award every month". For those chapters that want to start such a program, or for individuals who volunteer but the chapter has no program, Awards Division has set a default criterion of 50 hours. Chapter CO's are charged with verifying that the potential recipient is qualified. This award does not need routing through the Awards Board .

**Convention Service:** Conventions require a lot of work. In order to keep the admission costs down organizers often call for volunteers. These people may work in registration, security, cleaning, set-up, etc. Conventions hold a very special place in Fandom, so the Convention Service award was created. It is basically the same as the CommServ ribbon only the hours volunteered must be for a convention.



The hours need not be during the convention itself. Working on the schedule book, or helping with advertising can also count. While MFI is a Star Trek/Sci-Fi fan organization, the division decided that the ConServ would be applicable to any convention. Like the CommServ the default hours for this award is 50 and like the CommServ the chapter, via its rules and by-laws may set the hours according to any programs they already have or develop. Chapter CO's are charged with verifying that the potential recipient is qualified. This award does not need routing through the Awards Board.

One of the most common questions the division receives comes from Listening Posts or other smaller chapters, which typically have only from 1-3 members, particularly the chapters with only one member. These people don't feel right awarding themselves ribbons. Awards views this situation in two ways. First, there is a set criteria, thus there is little judgment required on whether or not the award is earned. Secondly, if the individual truly feels that they should not be giving themselves an award they can always submit the information to their Zone Coordinator(ZC) for approval. Please note that a ZC's approval is NOT required for these awards, as the Awards Board approval is not required. This would simply be a service that most ZC's would gladly do for chapters under their supervision. For those who believe that you should not "toot your own horn" by passing the information on to the ZC, remember that the ZC sees little unless you report it.

Finally there are the awards that a chapter can create on its own. The MFS Parallax has an excellent selection. Contact the Parallax's CO for a link as their web site has recently. When you do so, just remember that we ask that you do not copy any MFI ribbon already on existence, do NOT use any actual Military ribbon unaltered (We believe that it would be disrespectful to those who truly earned them) and please try not to copy any other organization's ribbon. When you wear Chapter Level ribbons they are worn last on the ribbons set with the four ribbon discussed above appearing first, in that order, followed by any individual chapter ribbons, in accordance with that chapter's Order of Precedence. Next issue we will discuss the Zone Level awards.

## **Diplomatic Department Report**

### **Commodore Warren Price – Diplomatic Corp Director**

A meeting with the Chief of Staff and the MFI Chief Diplomat was held. Various items were discussed and this is a brief overview of that meeting:

Activity from our ally IMA was brought up and It was agreed that they are defunct. It was decided that Embassies in Zone EM should all have a liaison. General Doane will serve as the liaison for MFA as it was observed that they currently lack one. Retired RADM Parks signed a treaty with IKEF then resigned so Logan will temporarily be liaison until another can be chosen. It was discussed that the KTF people should have first crack at it (with Warren's approval). Same type of thing for FedIntel which was signed by Jen Warren who is also no longer with us. Commodore Price is going to be temp liaison and find out if they are still current, we were thinking of giving SpecOps people the first chance. A website was but really the focus should be on getting a few more staff so they can better do what warren is envisioning for the department.

Once a staff is chosen time and energy should go into writing a guidebook for ambassadors and liaisons and an Ambassadors course to be place in the Liberal Arts College or wherever is best. Maybe Communications, not sure mainly focused on getting things current on the site and getting the staff up to spec.



## **Zone 1 Report**

**Admiral Jon Cone – Zone 1 Coordinator**

No Report Submitted

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## **Zone 2 Report**

**Commodore Warren Price – Zone 2 Coordinator**

No Report Submitted.

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## **Zone 3 Report**

**Force Captain David Ferber – Zone 3 Coordinator**

This is the first regular Zone 3 report as submitted for the reporting month of May, 2005.

### New ships

LP EXECUTOR, CAPT Lynn Smith commanding

### Existing ships – including “hidden” ships

LP DEEP SPACE ARECIBO, BGEN (SSD) Mark Zesewitz commanding

ICV HEGHNACH, LGEN (KTF) K'moghjIH zantai-Ki'RK [Larry D. French, Sr.] commanding

MFS-M PHANTOM, FCOL (MPMC) Larry Henderson commanding

RS HECATE, FCPT-Brevet (SOC) David W. Ferber commanding

LP KINCAID, VADM (FLT) Lorrie Nelson commanding

### Unknown ships – unknown if active in Zone 3 or Zone VR at this time.

MFS MENAGHA, CAPT (FLT) Richard Jolitz commanding

### Old Business

Have reviewed proposals outlined in last (initial) report with most COs in Zone 3, many of whom are supportive. I will pursue these proposals more aggressively this month with all COs in order to reach a referendum. I am scrapping the proposed rank pins. Please update our webpages at your earliest convenience to reflect our changes in designations and new ships (excepting the MENAGHA, for obvious reasons).

### New Business

I have named FCOL Larry Henderson to be the Deputy Zone Coordinator. I have started an ongoing briefing process to bring him up to speed on Zone operations and personnel.

### Ship Reports

*MFS Phantom* - The Phantom had it's April meeting at Borders in Boston. It was a nice easygoing meeting. We went over plans for the next few months including our next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May at Castle Island. As well as other events like the SFI Region 15 Summit and the SFI Region 15 astronomy day. We also discussed plans for our new chapter hats. The current plan is to have 2 prototypes at the next meeting and decide on which we want. We are looking forward to that. Also we discussed the idea of uniforms for the chapter. Once we finished the meeting the team set out on a Geocaching adventure. We used our GPS units to track down a Geocache in downtown Boston. The team did great finding it and we all had fun. For those who don't know what Geocaching is it is a modern day treasure hunt using GPS devices. For more info go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.

## Zone 4 Report

**General Christina Doane – Zone 4 Coordinator**

The Annual BBQ Zone 4 BBQ is confirmed for Aug 6. many have already confirmed, including some from our sister org. of Maquis Freedom Alliance. There is still time to confirm your attendance! It is hosted by Zone 4 and open to all Zone 4 members and our allies (aka friends lol). Zone 4 Would also like to welcome two new chapters:

MFS Kontessa. Captain Robin Nichols and her crew join the ranks of MFI and KTF from Zanesville, OH as well as MFS Wraith under Commander Micheal Waine. While they are unable to take the New member and Cell Command exams at this time we are happy to provisionally welcome them to the Maquis :).

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## Zone 5 Report

**Force Captain Loretta Parks – Zone 5 Coordinator**

No report submitted.

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## Zone 6 Report

**Force Captain Glenna Juilfs – Zone 6 Coordinator**

No Report Submitted.

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## Zone 7 Report

**Force Captain Jack Kern – Zone 7 Coordinator**

No Report Submitted.

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## Zone 8 Report

**Force Captain Glenn Matheny - Zone 8 Coordinator - CO, Listening Post 18**

No report submitted.

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## Zone 9 Report

**Admiral Cameron Dingler - Zone 9 Coordinator – CO MFS Forestall**

**USS Forestall CVA-2859.**

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: May

NAME: Cameron Dingler

NAME OF CHAPTER: USS Forestall CVA-2859

DATE OF LAST MEETING: 22 MAY 2005

RANK: RADM

ZONE: 9

NEXT MEETING: TBD

Chapter meeting on 22 May

Went and saw the preview for the upcoming movie Serenity Based on Joss Whedons Firefly TV Show, IT WAS GREAT. ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 30 DAYS: meeting sometime. PROBLEMS: None this period. REPORTING OFFICER: CO RADM Cameron Dingler . REPORT DATE: 31 May 2005

**USS Hell's Fury.**

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: May

NAME: M'Hutlhung zantai SalHov (Robert Torres) RANK: Colonel

NAME OF CHAPTER: USS Hell's Fury ZONE: VR and zone 9

DATE OF LAST MEETING: 14 MAY 2005 NEXT MEETING: TBD

Chapter meeting on 14 May. ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 30 DAYS: Recruiting drive, chapter staff meeting. PROBLEMS: None this period. REPORTING OFFICER: COL M'Hutlhung zantai-SalHov. REPORT DATE: 18 May 2005

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## Zone 10 Report

**Commodore Duncan Robinson - Zone 10 Coordinator**

No report submitted.

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## Zone 11 Report

**Force Captain Mack Howat - Zone 10 Coordinator**

Transmission begins. Boosting gain to compensate for electromagnetic storm interference.

Active Cells

LP Defender – CO Force Captain M. Howat

MFS Juno Beach – CO Colonel H. Roehm

1st Marine Orbital Assault Battalion (1MOAB) - CO Major T. Pugh

Decommissioned Cells

- LP Caen decommissioned May 05.

Updates

Brigadier General Paul Williams relinquished his post as Zone Coordinator of Zone 11 in May 05. Commander Mack Howat, CO of LP Defender accepted the position of Zone Coordinator and was promoted to FCAPT (Brevet) shortly after moving into the ZC office. He is looking forward to the challenge and fun (especially the fun) of being a zone coordinator.

MFS Juno Beach is planning an informal get together for newer members in the Maquis Forces Pickering area of operations. Good going Colonel Roehm and Juno Beach members. 1MOAB is planning to participate in "Toronto Trek" 15 - 17 July 05 with a table during the event. Here's hoping that a few rebels will rally to the cause and join the ranks of the Maquis in the Toronto area. Best of luck to Major Pugh and 1MOAB. Activity in LP Defender is a little slow as FCAPT Howat scouts his area of operations for potential new members. In the mean time, he has kept himself out of mischief as a director with a local charitable organization and other work with local youth. It would be great to see a couple more cells formed in the outer fringes of the badlands. FCAPT Howat desires to assume command of a Maquis ship with a gallant crew and leave the old LP in automatic relay mode.

Electromagnetic interference increasing rapidly. Transmission ends.

## MFI Rank Pin Project

**FADM Gary Davis – MFI Quartermaster Pro-Tem**

Okay, folks.. deja'vu. Last newsletter I was writing you on the success of the MFI Badge Project. EXCELLENT. This edition I am happy to report that the MFI Rank Pin Project is proving to be an equally successful endeavor.

Our initial goal was to reach 300 orders for the pins. This number was necessary to achieve a certain price on each pin. We exceeded that goal with a final tally of 350! Our next objective was to order at least 20 of each design presented to the membership. ALL pins achieved that 20 goal with many exceeding it easily!

As of this date, we're expecting the first production samples of the CAPTAIN/COLONEL and FORCE CAPTAIN/FORCE COLONE to arrive. When we have those in hand, we'll be publishing pictures for all to see the first rate work that this vendor is doing for us.

You can now see examples of all the pins in a rank pin matrix I updated for the site:

<http://www.maquis.com/ranks/>

Collections are going good. We're a little under half way in collecting for the orders and I have confidence by the time the moth is over, we'll have the funds to submit the order. As a reminder, we can't order these until we have everyone's payment. So no arm twisting here, but send in your payments when you can so we can start the clock on producing the whole run. I'm VERY excited about packing them up and sending them out to you. SPEAKING OF WHICH. I thought I'd share a few pics of my WONDERFUL duty to package up the MFI Echelon Pins! I took a pic of the batch before I dug into the boxes, and then a pic of them ALL packaged up and awaiting their trip to the Post Office and their eventual journey to YOU!



I can't wait to see the HUGE pile of Maquis Rank pins when they arrive so that I can package them up and get them to you as well....

Well.. that is all for the MFI Quartermaster this edition. Next edition I'll hopefully be reporting the status on a new project and a roundup of this one! Until then!



## Camp Dover Peace Conference Report

**General Christine Doane**

Once a year usually in April there is gathering of Klingons, Romulans, Vulcans, Humans, Maquis, Federation and more. You won't see phaser fire though, nor will you hear the orders "shields up!" for this is a peaceful gathering of many races and creeds. Started with the ideal of the IDIC and Klingon Honor fully in place nearly 15 years ago. All are welcome here, just behave yourself \*grin\*. It is the Camp Dover Peace conference; this year saw the largest MFI presence to the conference then previously. Members of the MFS/MAV Liberty, KVV Outlaw and others caravanned down to the place of peace in New Philly, Ohio. There was the usual convention happenings, the meeting of friends, the dealers room etc. I want to focus on something else though. Something that binds the conference together and really gives a sense of what it's meant to be all about.

The Flag Ceremony and Banquet. For those of us who have attended it can be an emotional event, it all starts with the aliens. Race of all types and costumes of all types make their way into the Banquet room. It is symbolic that all these different races, peoples, fan groups and the like all come together in the spirit of peace and fellowship to do that most uniting act of breaking bread together. The Hall is blanketed with sound as the voice of the delegates' murmur in many different conversations; the wait staff makes sure all is in place. Then the Thought Admiral of the IKEF, Thought Admiral Klaad and the one in charge of the Camp Dover Peace Conference asks all the delegates to stand for the presentation of the colors.

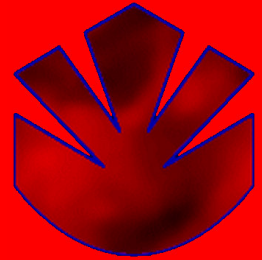
Here's where things really build as 'Sign Off' from Star Trek movie 6 begins to play. Gone are the dividers between clubs, peoples. Gone are the bad episodes, and hated writers of Trek. For a few minutes the ideals that have drawn so many fans has the full focus of the room. The IDIC, Honor, Peace, being welcomed no matter how odd you might be (trust me there's always someone weirder) and many others. A quick note on the great group that was there when there was trouble finding Romulan representatives to carry the Romulan Flag two Vulcans did it. They put aside their fandom differences and stepped up to help.

The Ceremony begins as a Star Trek musical score starts slow, the rows of people face the double doors as the first Flag assister steps forward first the Romulan flag assister with a steady yet dignified gait makes her way to one side of her flag post. As the heart touching music continues the Maquis assister steps off, his bearing respectful. Then the Federation and Klingon assisters their very attitude mirrored their respect for the ceremony.

All four stood facing the crowd from the front of the long room as the music continued to build; the Federation flag came out. Its white planet on a blue background one of the many symbols of what Trek is, half way to the front the Federation Flag stops as the others follow suit. The Klingon Flag its tri-branched symbol proud and unwavering. Then the Romulan Flag held with pride and finally the Maquis Flag. Yes even the maquis managed to conduct themselves well (see we can behave if we want too). As one all four flags dip in salute then return to their raised positions, then being as careful as they can make their way one at a time to the front where their assisters help place the flag. Again as one all 8 of the Flag Guard face front and salute the assembled as the music finished on a crashing crescendo.

I don't go into detail to bore anyone but to try to get across just a little of what I feel when I experience it, though when a part of it a lot of thought is on "please don't screw up", lol. After all something like this, well its important to do right. For a few minutes, I truly remember why I am a Star Trek fan and always will be. It's easy to get caught up in details and forget so it's nice from time to time to have these reminders. Though next year will mark the last Camp Dover, the legacy will live on for Thought Admiral Klaad has honored Maquis everywhere by stating at the end of next years Flag Ceremony he will present the Flags to none other than Fleet Admiral Be'jen zantai-minn'hor of Maquis Freedom Alliance, runners of Maquis Gras. She had organized the Flag Ceremony for awhile now with great dedication. Camp Dover may end but the legacy will live on.

Peace and Long Life to all....





## Getting to Know Each Other a Little Better.....

### Rear Admiral Samuel Cummings, Chief of Computer Operations

*Continuing a regular series of little tidbits from the lives of the members of MFI. I think this is a cool way to break the ice, especially with some of the new people we have around. What is it that you do(ne) for a living?*

#### Lieutenant General K'moghjiH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) – KTF Commander

I currently work in County Civil Service as a Computer Operator and Help Desk Technician. I will have been there 10 years at the end of next month. Before that, I worked many temporary jobs in computer data entry work. From June 1982 until July 1991, I served in the United States Air Force. The first year I was a Security Apprentice (81110) Reservist waiting on my Basic Training date. When I went to Basic, I was told that I didn't have the right personality score to be an active duty Security Specialist, so I went active duty as a Communications-Computer Systems Operations Specialist for my last eight years. I handled secure (email) Message Processing and Computer Operations (Data Processing) at the Base Communications Centers in Virginia, Germany, and Maine. I had served during many conflicts such as Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, and the Persian Gulf Wars. I acquire 3 Associate's Degrees and a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Applications and Data Processing. While at the colleges, I worked part time as a computer lab assistant and tutor. I am graduating with my MBA Technology Management on June 25th.

I am married to the lovely Debbie French (Fcol Ksimka sutai-Ki'RK) and have the absolute best marriage of all three marriages combined. I have two children from my first marriage, who are both in college at present. I have been married 3 years as of April 27, but I've been married a total of 15 years.

I have been a Star Trek fan since Star Trek came on the air in the 1960s. I have been in organized fandom since 1991 when I joined SFI and KAG. I am currently active in SFI as a ship XO, Marine Strike Group OIC, and the Director of Strategic Operations for Spec Ops, Marine Commandant for Cha'ouw Empire (House Ki'RK), Chief of Chaplains & 7th Div CoS for Starfleet Marines International, ship CO and Community Service Instructor for MFA, and ship CO, DaHar Master, and KTF Commander for MFI. I am also a new ship CO and DaHar Master in IKEF. Not much, eh?

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#### General Christine Doane – MFI Chief of Staff

Well mine won't be as cool as some of the job listings on this page, but give me time lol and of course with college didn't leave me a lot of time to get a lot of jobs but I tried lol. Throughout High School and College I worked in retail (Still in therapy over it lol), the school dining hall and as a parking lot attendant (oh the fun....not) I am currently working in a Library at the main branch for the Public Library here locally. Some day I hope to go back to school to get my masters as a librarian (hey you have your dreams, I have mine lol). I currently sort books, shelve books, check books out to people, get asked questions about books (sense a theme here? lol). I am usually reading something or another at any given moment in time. Currently it's a rather interesting series by Molly Cochrane re: a modern King Arthur...but I better stop myself before I get run off on a tangent lol. I have been a security guard and worked security at conventions. I am a 1Lt. in the Civil Air Patrol as my units Emergency Services Officer. I am trained for Search and Rescue in addition to looking for and turning off those darned ELT plane alarms lol. Generally if a plane is in trouble these go off...but they don't always need to be in trouble for this to happen, and don't always come from planes but that's another story \*grin\*. I am currently being trained, as of next month, as a First Aid/CPR Instructor. I play chess and like long walks on the beach...well more like short walks on the beach...ok I like to sit on the beach...with a book...lol... I've been with MFI since 1997 I've been or am a Ship CO (of MFS Liberty a semi organized bunch), Zone Coordinator (VR and 4), Marine TRADOC, Marine Deputy Commandant, Marine Commandant, Academy Dean, and currently COS. LOL pretty much whatever needs doing at any given time. I hold a few other positions in other groups but this email is way too long as it is.

For those of you who read this far: SQUIRRELLY WRATH!!!! <http://www.illwillpress.com>



**Brigadier General Mark Zesewitz – SSD Director**

I've been in the United States Air Force for close to 23 years. I'm retiring this month. I've been in the Security Police field for 19 of those 23 years. I also did a hitch in Aircraft Maintenance for the KC-135, and FB-111 aircraft. In 19 years of security, I've guarded nuclear loaded B-52, and FB-111 bombers. I've also guarded the F-15, F-16, F-117A Stealth, F-106, F-4, U-2, AWACS, Air Force One, Air Force two, to name the bulk of the aircraft. Many of these aircraft are now out of service. I've been all around the world but my two notable places I've gone have been Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico, and that 'secret' place out in Nevada. You can probably guess where I'm talking about. Don't ask me questions that I won't answer. LOL. My primary job now in security is that of a shift supervisor/squad leader. Now I need to find work for my post-military life. Anyone hiring? LOL.

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**Vice Admiral Logan Andrews – Membership Department Head**

I work for the local Goodwill store. My official title is truck driver, but I'm more of a Jack of all trades. There isn't anything save some of the paperwork that I don't do, including taking care of the computers. I've been there for around 6 years, 6 months less than the store has been opened.

Prior to that I did a short stint in a call center (yes I was an operator standing by...ok sitting) and prior to that an over the road truck driver (I have a Class A CDL...I can drive ANYTHING!!.....legally at least. I won't talk about my skills. he he).

Did 9 years in the Navy prior to that as a bubblehead(submarines) in the Nuclear Navy. Served as part of the initial manning for USS Nebraska SSBN-739 during her construction period and then went on to serve in Blue Crew after her commissioning for an additional 2 years. After that I was on the Oak Ridge ARDM-1, a floating dry dock, till I got out.

My only fandom experience outside of watching the shows and movies has been in MFI when I joined the Trinity shortly after she joined MFI in 1998. I think the ship joined in the summer of '98 and I joined Trinity Jan of '99. MFI is all I have known and given what I've seen in most of the other organizations I'm happy for it. I started out as Trinity's Communication's officer and then went to CMO and ZC2's assistant (ZC2 was Commodore John Smith then, one of our crew). About that time Gary started up the SSD and I joined as Zone 2's contact officer. Later after Mark left I was given command. That was about the time I was promoted to XO on the Trinity. Then when the CO left I was voted in as the new CO. Shortly there after SSD and SOC Combined to Special Forces and I was in charge of both. During that time I help forge two treaties (RSE and IFT). Most recently I was placed in charge of the Membership Dept and Awards was placed as a division under that dept.

I am studying computers at the local Community college right now and I hope to use that knowledge to both get a better paying job and to help advance MFI's web presence.

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**Commodore Warren Price – MFI Chief Diplomat**

RETIRED as well but...I worked for Proctor and Gamble for 27 1/2 years. Making Pringles Potato Crisps. Mostly manufacturing but my last 7 years I was a Quality Assurance Inspector where I got to travel lots of places in the USA inspecting our raw materials for Pringles.

I have a part time job working as a handyman for a person that owns a School of Massage both at his house and at his business. I may work 1 hour a week or 10 hours (very flexible) which I like. I have had referral jobs from this job that I do yard work for several people.

I do lots of volunteer work. I was a volunteer firefighter for 4 years. I volunteer my time with the Humane Society in which I foster out 14 dogs and I volunteer my time at the shelter once per month and whenever they need help. I also help with fundraisers as I am the head cook when it come to grilling. And last, I am the president of our community center. We do several fundraisers which take up lots of my time as we need a new roof on the center.

That's it in a nutshell..... for the rest of the story you are welcome to visit my web site. The URL is in my sig line. Thanks for your time.



**Force Col David Stayduhar – CO, MFS Theirrull**

I'm a 37 yr old Directory Assistance Operator for Verizon (the pleasant voice at the other end of the line) and have been for almost 2 years. Prior to that I worked numerous jobs such as factory worker (making parts for Royal Vacuum cleaners, Ford Trucks, Fellowes, Sony/Columbia house/whoever else- DVD cases, Swivel Straight Tree Stands, and various other plastic things) grocery store cashier, fast food, etc- whatever it took to get by. I have done 2 semesters at CamTech in Erie PA where I studied to be a Computer Service Technician and Web Designer (deans list both semesters with 3.667 QPA). plan to go back in another year or two to finish- full-time school and full-time job were taking their toll on me, so I took a break.)

Fandom experience:

International Federation of Trekkers:

1993-1994: Served as Chief of Operations on USS Angststadt in Rheems PA

1994-1996: CO of USS LoPresto in LeMoyne/Dallastown PA

1995-1996: XO of IFT Academy East

2000-present: CO of USS John W. Comish in Erie PA

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1995: Helped start chapter in Carlisle PA (name escapes me at the moment)

1995: Started USS LaForge in Camp Hill PA

1999: Penned and Orchestrated Triple Alliance between RSE/IFT/UFPI\*

UFPI:

1996-2000: CO USS LoPresto in Dallastown/Edinboro/Erie PA

1998: UFPI Director of Special Services

1999-2000: Chief Ambassador/Chief of Diplomatic Services for UFPI

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1999: Penned and Orchestrated Triple Alliance between RSE/IFT/UFPI\*2000: Orchestrated Alliance between IKEF and UPFI\*

RSE:

1998-2000: CO TSV Areinnye in Edinboro/Erie PA

1998-1999: Ambassador to UPFI/IFT

1998: Director of Security RSE Tal Shiar

1999-2000: Chairman of RSE Tal Shiar

2000(briefly): RSE Imperial Praetor (resigned from club shortly there-after as a result of internal power plays that I wanted no part in)

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1999: Penned and Orchestrated Triple Alliance between RSE/IFT/UFPI\*

IKEF:

1998-2003: CO IKV Sto'vo'Kor in Edinboro/Erie PA

2000: XO IKEF Battle Group New York

2001-2003: CO IKEF Battle Group New York

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2000: Orchestrated Alliance between IKEF and UPFI\*

MFI:

2005-present: CO MSS Thierrull in Erie PA ; SSD- Command Counselor/Advisor

I have been dubbed a 'Troublemaker' in some clubs because I don't play the dirty politics, and tell people as such, and have left more than one club because of bad political maneuverings, and other people taking credit for the work that I have done (one of my biggest pet peeves). I've been in MFI since early March, and have just been appointed to the position of Command Counselor/Advisor in the SSD.

*More Next issue. If you haven't sent in an input for this feature, feel free to do so on the public list.*

## MFI Charity Task Force

General Christine Doane/ Lieutenant General K'moghjH zantai-Ki'RK (Larry D. French, Sr.) –Charity Task Force

What is Community Service?

Before a ship can do community service, they should have a good idea of what community service is. We've provided several definitions as to what community service is. "Community Service is making a difference through actions of caring for others, either in these cool or in the community. It includes direct service, indirect service, and advocacy." (Adapted from State of Maryland definition of Service-Learning)

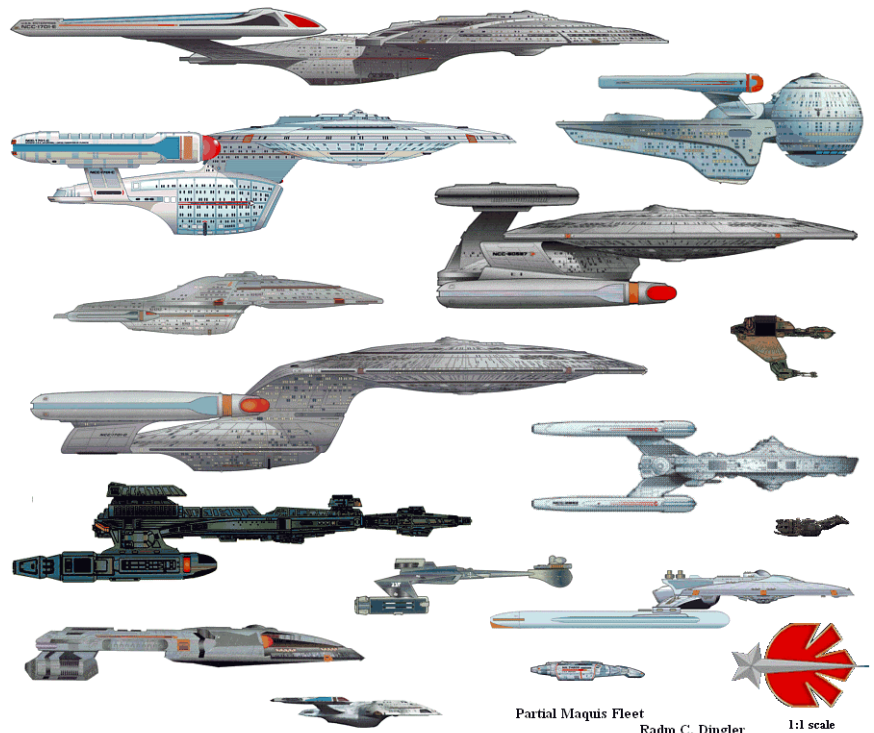
According to the Loyal Order of Moose, Community Service means doing something nice for someone each day. According to the Boy Scouts, it equates to "Do a Good Turn Daily." This is by far the most friendly definition, and as we say in the Charity Task Force, you don't have to save the world only help make your corner of it a little nicer. And as you can see the ways one can help their community is as unlimited as the potential in all of us.

One example of a Charity is Relay for Life, in this project a team of individuals gets together and raises money for cancer research. "Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times." -Relay For Life Website: [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/GI/gi\\_1.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/GI/gi_1.asp)

If a person can't run themselves there's always a way they can help whether it be by spreading the word or donating money themselves. Even within this one charity there are multiple ways one can do something. Starting in the next Badlands we, the Charity Task Force, will be highlighting a charity and a MFI unit that is either working on that charity or another worthwhile cause. If you would like to recommend someone or some unit be highlighted please contact us at [charity@maquis.com](mailto:charity@maquis.com).

## Maquis Fleet

Rear Admiral Cameron Dingle



## Come into my Web... The World Wide Web...

*We haven't had much input for this section in awhile, but recently, we've seen an influx of fan produced Star Trek films for both Star Trek. Sooo, here are the few websites which you can find these shoestring budget films with blockbuster type results! Check them out, after all, they're free and you'll be SURE to get your money's worth!*



### <http://www.newvoyages.com/> **Star Trek: New Voyages.**

In the 23rd century, space is the Final Frontier. Join Captain Kirk, Mister Spock, Doctor McCoy and the rest of the crew as year four of the five year mission continues. Boldly go back to where it all began aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and travel the stars to worlds as yet unknown, seeking out new life and new civilizations. THIS is Star Trek - New Voyages.



<http://starshipexeter.com/> **Starship Exeter.** For Jimm and Josh Johnson, the STARSHIP EXETER project began on Christmas Eve 1995 with a question: Could they, in their spare time, and with their extra money, write and film a pilot episode for a new series that would come close to the look and spirit of the original 1960's Star Trek television show? It took seven years, but on December 19, 2002, STARSHIP EXETER made its internet debut.



### <http://www.startrekecalibur.com/> **Star Trek: Excalibur.**

A fan based production just starting. STE believe that stories of the 23rd century are not all told and that the adventures of the U.S.S EXCALIBUR NCC-1705 are ready to join "Starship Exeter" and "Star Trek: The New Voyages" for all to enjoy. We are beginning pre-production on the 'pilot' episode of "Star Trek Excalibur" and hope to be filming by the end of the year.



<http://hiddenfrontier.org/> **Hidden Frontier.** Just stumbled upon this one this morning while trying to find another entry for this column. The website looks sharp, the graphics and CGI look crisp, however, the reviews are mixed. This TNG fan produced offering has cranked out SIX seasons of episodes (4-6 eps each) and is produced by a group of Trekkies in LA. The reviews indicate the acting is BAD, however, all say its worth a look! Again, you can't go wrong for a FREE download and an investment of your time.

*Got a favorite site? Browsed any good pages recently? Send it in to [gDavisoh@adelphia.net](mailto:gDavisoh@adelphia.net) with a short description of why its worth a look! Share it with others!*

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### ***About Our Organization...***

MFI an alliance of Maquis clubs and individuals around the world for the purpose of the free exchange of ideas, information, and friendship. Like our fictional counterparts on Star Trek who went renegade from Starfleet, most of our membership left established fandom organizations in search of a better banner to fly under. Our chapters left such organizations feeling dissatisfied and not all together comfortable with the politics and infighting that plague many fan organizations. MFI is much different. Being Maquis gives us the freedom to act and play as we choose without an organization dictating how we run our chapters and eliminates the need for politics. MFI is a breed apart from the standard Star Trek organization in that we are here for fellowship and fun rather than politics and money.

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