

The Wyvern's Tale

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Star Trek Lives and so do we!

By CDR R. Coleman

Based on all the hype and doomsayers, we thought 21 Dec 2012 would usher in a fiery end of the world. By that afternoon, it had become more comic than cosmic. The doomsayers who had predicted apocalypse were nowhere to be seen. Instead, people sported T-shirts reading "The End of the World: I Was There." and we can read the punch line of countless Facebook posts.

So here we are in 2013 and looking forward to the convention season, the latest JJ Abrams Star Trek movie this May, and the next adventures we take together as a crew. Let's make 2013 the year of new beginnings. Bring It On!

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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



Greetings Shipmates,

I hope 2013 is being good to you all so far! 2012 was quite a year. I know that there were certainly ups and downs, for our Chapter and in our personal lives, but we have made it to an exciting new year. A new year we started off with a bang!

I want to say how proud I am of each of you for stepping up to make your departments work, be active, and ever helpful. As Crew members, Officers, and Leaders our success has been thanks to you! The most rewarding thing as your CO is to see your ideas come to life and see your projects succeed.

I look forward to see where this year will take us. I know we all have things we're working on while balancing real life. If any of you need me for any reason my door is always open! Feel free to e-mail anytime and my phone number is available to all of you.

Until next time, let's continue onward and upwards. And to this year's challenges I say "Bring it on!"

Ted

Captain Ted Knighton

CO, USS WESSEX NCC-74207



AROUND THE FLEET



Gathering of the Fleet!

The **2013 STARFLEET International Conference** will be held at the beautiful and luxurious [MCM Elegante Hotel](#) in the heart of **Dallas, Texas on August 1-4, 2013**. The theme for this IC is "The Year of the Phoenix", as 2012 is supposed to be the year the world comes to an end. From the ashes, the phoenix will arise, reborn. As Gene Roddenberry was often referred to as the Great Bird of the Galaxy (which was also referred to in the *Star Trek: New Frontier* books by Peter David) and the Phoenix was the name of Zefram Cochrane's ship in *Star Trek: First Contact*, we felt it would be a fitting theme for this 2013's International Conference.

For more information go to www.IC2013.com

USS Wessex Official Uniform!

By CDR R. Coleman

For years I have been wanting an official uniform to wear to conventions and STARFLEET functions. But due to my "plus size" proportions the off the rack costumes don't fit and I can't afford the cost of a custom uniform.

Thanks to All Seasons Uniforms Polo Shirt (<http://www.allseasonsuniforms.com/ac44.htm>) my problem, and perhaps yours, is solved. The 100% cotton polo shirt looks very close to the ST:TNG uniforms and they come in all the correct department colors. Pricing is reasonable and they are very comfortable. I think this would be the perfect official uniform for our ship.



Here I am in my home office sporting an example.

PROMOTIONS!

There have been some changes on the ship and I wanted to say congratulations to the following on their new positions:

LCDR J. Coleman – Chief of Communications
LT J. Barrie – Chief Engineer
LTJG J. Plummer – Chief Of Security

We have a Marine presence on the ship now and it's Officer In Charge is our Chief Science Officer Marine Captain Allen Norris.
Mr. Norris is joined by:
2ndLT B. Camacho and 2ndLT J. Thompson.

Another welcome onboard is extended to our newest members:
LT L. Mitchell – Assistant Chief Medical Officer
Crewman W. Smith - Security
Crewman Recruit J. Lane - Security.



GAMER NEWS

Star Trek: The Video Game due April 23

By Eddie Makuch, News editor

Submitted By Capatin T.Knighton

Spock and Captain Kirk will team up again April 23, 2013, when Star Trek: The Video Game comes to Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, and PC. Publisher Namco Bandai and Paramount Pictures announced the game's release date today. The game was first targeted to launch in 2012, but was delayed to 2013 in February.

Star Trek: The Video Game will be available for Xbox 360 and PS3 at traditional retail outlets, while the PC version will only be sold through digital channels. What's more, gamers will not need to trek to a brick-and-mortar store to buy the PS3 version, as it will also be available digitally through PlayStation Network.

All preorders for Star Trek: The Video game will include access to an "Elite Officer Pack." This includes "exclusive items" and "unique uniforms" for protagonists Kirk and Spock ranging from a Starfleet Type IV Stealth Sniper Rifle to a Vulcan Science Academy costume for Spock.

Star Trek: The Video Game is in development at Digital Extremes (BioShock 2 multiplayer, The Darkness II) with assistance from director J.J. Abrams' development company Bad Robot and the other producers. The game features an original story penned by Marianne Krawczyk, whose previous credits include God of War and Shank.

Star Trek: The Video Game will release three weeks before Star Trek: Into Darkness hits theaters on May 17, 2013. That film stars Chris Pine as Captain Kirk and Zachary Quinto as Spock. It is a sequel to 2009's Star Trek and sees the Enterprise crew return home to find an evil force besieging earth.

video available

<http://www.gamespot.com/news/star-trek-the-video-game-due-april-23-6401854>





GREETINGS MARINE

STARFLEET MARINE CORP (SFMC)

By CDR R. Coleman

Since I'm sure most of us are not familiar with the STARFLEET Marine Corp. Here is a short definition from their website: "The STARFLEET Marine Corps is a group affiliated with STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association Inc. The SFMC is considered an office under the Vice Commander, STARFLEET and as such reports to Vice Commander, STARFLEET.

Fictionally, the SFMC is part of the Ground Forces that are rarely seen in the episodes but are assumed to be a part of the Naval Fleet of the United Federation of Planets.

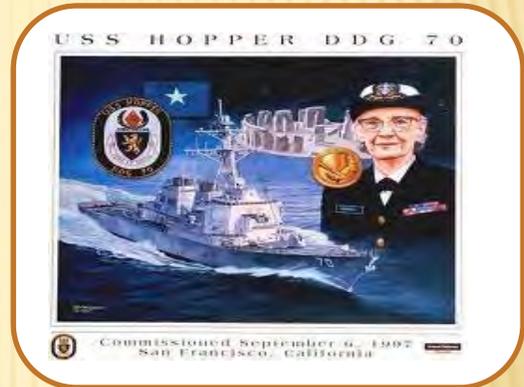
We are members of STARFLEET. The Corps does not have different requirements for membership, except that a STARFLEET Marine must be a member in good standing in STARFLEET. Although it does have a different name for each rank within the promotional system, and a different organizational structure than the Naval portion of STARFLEET, STARFLEET Marines are regular, dues paying members.

Some STARFLEET members are Marine Reserve. These are members who are active in the naval portion of the Fleet AND with the Ground Forces area as well. Occasionally you may find a STARFLEET Marine who is or was active military, but this is not a requirement to be in the Corps.

We're looking for a few good life forms



**STARFLEET
MARINE CORPS**



AMAZING Grace!

By 2ndLT J. Thompson

RDML Hopper was born in New York City on December 9, 1906. In 1934 she earned her PhD in Mathematics from Yale University and commissioned a Lieutenant (Junior Grade) in the US Navy in 1944.

RDML Hopper was one of the first programmers of the Harvard MK I computer and developed the first compiler for a computer programming language. Her conception of machine-independent programming languages led to the development of COBOL receiving the nickname of "Grandma COBOL". While working on a MKII Computer at Harvard, her team discovered a moth stuck in a relay. Upon removal of the bug, she remarked they were "debugging" the system. While the term "computer bug" cannot be attributed to RDML Hopper, she did bring the term into popularity. Currently the remains of the "First Computer Bug" reside taped to the group's log book at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington D.C.

RDML Hopper died on January 1, 1992 at the age of 85 and is buried at the Arlington National Cemetery. Her years of Active and Reserve service are 1943-1966, 1967-1971, 1972-1986. Her personal awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Hourglass Devices, and Naval Reserve Medal. The U.S. Navy Destroyer USS HOPPER (DDG 70) and the Cray XE6 "Hopper" super computer at NERSC are named in her honor.



GREETINGS MARINE

STARFLEET MARINE Training Exercise

By 2ndLT J. Thompson

These steps will aid any Marine with orders to a Starship. Recommend all Marines execute this training at their first opportunity. (A little humor ☺) (XO Note: Also gives you some insight living on a Naval Ship)

1. Buy a dumpster, paint it gray and live in it for 6 months straight.
2. Run all of the piping and wires inside your house on the outside of the walls.
3. Once a month, take every major appliance apart and put them back together again.
4. Have your next door neighbor come over each day at 5am, and blow a whistle so loud that it could be heard from a nearby starship and shout "Reveille, Reveille, all hands heave out and trice up".
5. Have your mother-in-law write down everything she's going to do the following day, then have her make you stand in the back yard at 6am and read it to you.
6. Submit a request form to your father-in-law, asking if it's OK for you to leave your house before 3pm.
7. Invite 200 of your not-so-closest friends to come over, board up all the windows and doors to your house for 6 months. After the 6 months is up, take down the boards, wave at your friends and family through the front window of your home...you can't leave until the next day you have duty.
8. Empty all the garbage bins in your house, and sweep your driveway 3 times a day, whether they need it or not. (Now sweepers, start your brooms, clean sweep down fore and aft)
9. Make your family qualify to operate all the appliances in your home (i.e., Dishwasher operator, blender technician, etc).
10. Repaint your entire house once a month.
11. Set your alarm clock to go off at random during the night, jump up and get dressed as fast as you can making sure you button up the top button on your shirt, stuff you pants into your socks. Run out into the backyard and uncoil the garden hose.
12. Sleep on the shelf in your closet within 6 inches of the ceiling. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Have you spouse whip open the curtain about 3 hours after you go to sleep. They should then shine a flashlight in your eyes and mumble "Sorry, wrong rack."
14. When there is a storm in your area, find a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you become nauseous. Have a supply of stale crackers in your shirt pocket.