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BRING IT ON !

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Greetings, most gallant crew!

Wow! What an interesting time I have had of late! ☺ First off, I just want to give each and everyone of you heartfelt thanks for your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time for me.



I believe nobody ever wants to hear the “C” word from your doctor at anytime in your life, for me, this was the second time. About a month ago I was diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma, a superficial type of skin cancer. The problem with this one was the proximity to my spinal column and the possibility of it reaching my lymphatic system.

Fortunately I have received a clean bill of health from my physician and I am currently cancer free! A very personal thanks to our XO Ros, she has always been there for me and I shall always love her for her support and friendship!

Thanks Number One, I would give you a hug but that would violate Bridge protocol! ☺ I look forward to getting back into the swing of things next week by catching up on our group emails and writing an RPG post.

We are definitely down to the wire for commissioning and some last minute details must be finalized. Once again, I can never thank you all enough for what you have done! I am so proud to serve with you all!

Captain Dave Jamison

Captain Dave Jamison
CO, USS Wessex

Useful URLs

(this month supplied by CRMN-R Ron Coleman, Communications)

Don't have time in your busy schedule to see the latest movie, or you're stuck in your cubicle jungle wondering where your red stapler happens to wander to? Then check out Angry Alien Productions: 30-Second Bunnies Theatre (<http://www.angryalien.com>). Utilizing a Flash cartoon environment, watch the bunny troupe re-enact your favorite movies in just 30 seconds. If you enjoy the series, look for the DVD debut expected this holiday season. Enjoy!

Breaking News: We Have A Sister Ship!

USS Wessex has partnered with USS Atlantis (Region 10: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan and Yukon) – we are now sister ships!

If you are not familiar with the concept, here goes (explanation by Carol Thompson):

A Sister-ship is not a formal union. It's a social, cooperative effort for support, sharing, and activities. It's formed to strengthen two entities that might not do well by themselves, but by combining efforts, lend their strengths, knowledge and experience to each other.

- 1) A sister-ship relationship will strengthen our International presence and we can share in activities and news. Correy chapters can easily languish, with members hanging on just to have a place to hang their hats.
- 2) We should subscribe to each chapter's listservs and boards.
- 3) We should post sister-ship news and events as well as our own in our newsletters and boards.
- 4) We should brag to several venues about our relationship when we have something to share. Such venues would be the CQ, the correy chapter list (which needs some activity), our respective Regional lists.
- 5) Find some way to highlight our International flavor, maybe by posting information about our several holidays and celebrations. The two chapters have crew from at least four nations and we certainly can learn culture from each other. SFI needs to feature more of the International and be less of an Americans-only organization. We have a good start with the vigour of Region 11, the Icelandic Chapter, and the increasing number of International directors in SFA.

We have already subscribed the command staff of USS Atlantis to our googlegroup, and are in the process of getting the Wessex command staff subscribed to their yahoo group. XO Ros Haywood is already registered in their forums – yes, they've got forums! In case you want to look around, the address is:

<http://www.thunderdownunder.org/forum/index.php>

and click on the link to USS Atlantis.

Take a look at the USS Atlantis website at

<http://atlantis.thunderdownunder.org/>

and have your speakers on!

Some details about the Atlantis:

Atlantis is based off the Federation space station Vella Cava located within the space known as 'The Slot', which is a corridor of space protecting the Federation task force known as Python Fleet in the Pythus Sector and is also a corridor link between Python Fleet and the main UFP space.

USS Atlantis commenced its shakedown on the 26 November 2007 and is now a fully-commissioned STARFLEET vessel.

CO: ADM Carol Thompson

XO: FCAPT Jayden Tyronian

Wessex Shakedown Calendar – August 2009

(taken from ShOC Manual)

- Finalize chapter by-laws
- Finalize chapter promotion policy and awards program
- Send out newsletter



How We're Doing

#1 – Finalize chapter by-laws

Almost there! Yes, yes, I know we said in the last newsletter that the Charter would be available for the crew on August 1st, but unforeseen circumstances have delayed the final 'go ahead', so now it's more like September 1st!

#2 –Finalise chapter promotion policy and awards program

Further comments are still requested on the awards program. The Command staff want these awards to happen frequently throughout the year – but we have to work out what they are first! See later on in this newsletter for our ideas – and then write in and add your own!



#3 – Send out newsletter – Here it is!

#4 – Encourage Division Chiefs to give reports

CO Dave will be contacting you individually to discuss this. This means YOU!

What Happens Next – September 2009

- Send out newsletter
- Select committee to plan commissioning party?
- Encourage Division Chiefs to give reports (carried over from last month)

Mad Mathematics

$$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$$

Anonymous

Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it. *Irving Berlin*

"One million, seven hundred seventy-one thousand, five hundred sixty-one. That's starting with one tribble with an average litter of ten every twelve hours. After three days –"

Spock, then Dax

The optimist says the glass is half full. The pessimist says the glass is half empty. The engineer says the glass is twice as big as it needs to be. *Anonymous*

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong. *Anonymous*

Wessex Awards Program

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Wessex awards program has two types of awards: (1) ones awarded on a yearly basis and (2) ones that are used for immediate recognition. Given that we are a virtual group that has a membership that changes more rapidly than in meeting ships, folks may not remember all the various projects going on (usually only a couple people at most are working on them).

Recommendations for each of these awards are always welcome. Contact the officer responsible for the award to submit your nomination.

ANNUAL AWARDS

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| CREWMEMBER OF THE YEAR | Any member is eligible for this award. Nominations will be accepted by the Executive Officer. Judging panel to consist of the Command staff. (The Commanding Officer is not eligible to receive this award). |
| OFFICER OF THE YEAR | Any crewmember is eligible for this award. Nominations will be accepted by the Executive Officer. Judging panel to consist of the Command staff. (The Commanding Officer is not eligible to receive this award). |

ANYTIME AWARDS

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| COMMENDATION | Awarded by the Commanding Officer to crewmembers for instances of significant service to the crew. |
| NEWSHOUND | An award for contributing to the newsletter frequently and/or regularly |
| RECRUITER | Awarded to any crewmember who recruits two or more fans as members of this chapter, or recruits one fan as a member of this chapter which registers with Fleet Headquarters. (The sponsoring crewmember must submit the applicants' email address to the Commanding Officer or the Personnel Officer to be eligible for this award) |

Academy News This Month

It's an exciting time for the College of Genealogy (Director: Wessex XO FCAPT Ros Haywood). Three course levels were already offered, but now five more Level 2 courses have gone through the process of being written and tested – and the beta testers have pounced on them with delight. It was decided to go into specific areas of genealogy, and so these new courses are covering topics such as Roman numerals, modern genealogical jargon, censuses, handwriting, plus old diseases and their cures. But the clear favourite has to be 'Old and New Occupations'. It was found to be so well-received, that a sequel has followed (sound like a movie you know?). This course covers jobs and job titles from our ancestors' times – the Fear-Nothing Maker, the Lavender, and the Milestone Inspector - right through to the future and Star Trek - the Dabo Girl and the Assistant Manager of Policy and Clientele at Quark's. Whether you are a long-time family history enthusiast or someone who has never traced their family tree before, there is sure to be something here to interest you. Everyone starts with the 101 basic course – First Steps in Genealogy – then the subjects expand from there. Your ancestors and your descendants are going to love you!



Congratulations to CRMN-R Ron Coleman for passing OTS!

This month has also seen Wessex crewmembers learning about emergency sleeping gear, nutritional diseases, cryptography in WWII and more.

Congratulations also go to FCAPT Ros Haywood for being awarded Red Squad status from the College of Down Under (Director: Atlantis XO FCAPT Jayden Tyronian) at IC2009. Red Squad are counted as Starfleet Academy's Best of the Best. This award has previously been won by RADM Anne Bellenger, and last year by Second Officer LCDR Chris Lane; this year, it was also awarded to three Atlantis crewmembers.

StarTime

from sfi.org

[Chilli X](#), in collaboration with [LCARS Computer Network](#), are proud to present StarTime, a date and time clock to keep you on time in your trek from star to star.

StarTime displays the time and date in a large easy-to-read display on your iPhone or iPod touch. Authentic animations and sounds will make you feel like you're on the bridge of your favorite Starship. StarTime overrides your auto-lock setting so your phone won't automatically go to sleep making it ideal as a desk clock when your device is on charge or even a night stand clock using the built-in dimmer function. The sounds can be set to play randomly, to chime on the hour or switched off all together. You can also choose to listen to music from your iPod while StarTime is running.

They're already getting some great reviews including a thumbs up from the legendary Mike Okuda who designed the original *Star Trek* LCARS computer interface that they've based StarTime on.

Coming soon:

- landscape mode
- more skins
- more sounds
- alarm function!

'The Funnies'

Commanders Under Pressure



The Enterprise is under attack and various commanders have only enough time for one last order. How is this tense situation handled by different characters ?

Scotty : "Why, ye lily-livered poor excuse for a silly puddy potato head, I oughta blast ye t'Ceti Alpha Six!"

McCoy : "I'm a Doctor, not a soldier!"

Geordi : "Reroute the phase inducers and heterodyne the frequency of the warp coil!"

Worf : "yopwaHHomwlj yISop, romuluSngan!" (Eat my shorts, Romulan!)

Spock : (Raises eyebrow)

Data : "Romulan commander ! your actions are most unnecessary and are not in keeping with the established treaties. May I advise you of the current political situation which threatens the very continuity of the principles involved. A corollary I might point out would be that of"

Riker : "Shields UP ! Red ALERT ! Captain to the BRIDGE !"

Picard : "Open hailing frequencies so that I can quote Shakespeare!"

Kirk : "FIRE !"

[What are your thoughts? Got a favourite character? How would THEY react? – Ed]



**The Borg are coming! Quick – try and look useless.
Yes, like that.**

