



Volume 15 Issue 9

September 2018

Crew Meetings & Activities 2018

Oct 27 regular mtg

Nov 17 regular mtg

Dec 29 Christmas mtg and exchange gifts

All above meeting are subject to change. Normally we meet at Shady Oaks BBQ at 3:00 p.m. on the dates above (unless otherwise mentioned.)

COMMAND DIVISION (GOLD)

CO REPORT



September proved to be much wetter than anticipated, and we find ourselves pleased that the rain has – for a while, at least – ceased.

Our ship's meeting was entertaining, as usual, if a bit lightly attended. Attending were Commodore Tank Clark, Commander Tracy Clark, Rear Admiral Liz Goulet, and Master Chief Petty Officers Alan and Michelle Goulet.

Discussion included upcoming movies and TV shows, possibly putting on a future summit, and membership issues. We also talked about some "local" members who have joined the ship, from Weatherford, who are unable to attend regular weekend meetings (as they work in a tattoo parlor.)

As Byron Flynt and Joy Flynt no longer meet the requirements for Division Leader, I have declared their positions (Red and Gold Division Leaders, respectively) vacant.

The question that continued – and continues – to come to my mind is, "What can we do to encourage/increase attendance & activity within the ship?" Is there something that we're doing wrong, or something we could do better? Is the day upon which we have our regularly-scheduled meetings (the fourth Saturday of each month) a poor choice? Is there a better location, or a different time? I have said this before, and will say it again: this isn't "my" ship, it's y'all's. It belongs to us all, and I'm willing to do what I can to improve the experience we can have. Talk to me, folks! The ship's email is ussseatiger@gmail.com, if you want to email me directly, or you can text me (or call me) at 940.255.9445, or simply join – or start – a conversation on our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/USSREGULATOR/>). Our next meeting is October 27th, at 3pm at the Shady Oak BBQ near I-35W and Western Center Blvd.

At the end of September, I took a trip to Houston for the semi-annual Third Brigade Overnight aboard

USS *Texas* BB-35. Forty-Three people attended, representing STARFLEET, the STARFLEET Marines, the Klingon Assault Group (KAG), and The Royal Mantacoran Navy (as well as the Grayson Space Navy and the Royal Mantacoran Army, both parts of TRMN).

I departed home around 1000 hours Friday 28 Sep (Stardate 11809.28) and arrived in good order at the Clarion Inn on I-10 in Houston in the late afternoon. Traffic on some of the Houston area highways was, typically, horrible. I ate dinner (Subway's), watched some TV, did some reading, and watched a bit of TV before retiring for the night.

I slept well enough, and stayed in bed late, not rising until after 0930. I proceeded to the restaurant at which we were to all meet, "Backdraft BBQ," arriving about 1300. A period of socializing and eating followed. We all left the restaurant around 1600 to meet at the ship and do the various in-processing procedures. We boarded around 1700, and -- after raiding the Third Brigade's flag as well as that of the Royal Mantacoran Army unit in attendance, we commenced our tour.

We heard great stories about the USS *Texas* and the sailors who served aboard her, and went into spaces on *Texas* that I'd never been -- up and down ladders and through hatches that the average person never gets to see --

and ended our tour exhausted, thirsty, sweaty, and happy to sit down. (My Fitbit said I'd climbed 6 flight of stairs and walked over 6,000 steps.) The rest of the evening was spent enjoying camaraderie. I personally didn't hit my rack until around 0100 Sunday morning.

Reveille was at 0630, with breakfast at 0700 and the raising of the Ensign at 0800. We took advantage of the photo opportunity, and -- after going ashore to store our gear in our vehicles -- spent too much money at the gift shop.

After saying my goodbyes, I departed in my vehicle and returned home, arriving around 1500 hours, exhausted and hungry.

Next year, the Region plans to visit NASA; the year after that may -- should -- prompt a return to the USS *Texas*.

Respectfully,
Commodore Tank Clark
Captain, USS *Sea Tiger* NCC-2009

XO REPORT/Communications Report

Well, my husband and daughter have recruited at least one person from Weatherford for the club. She is not Starfleet member yet but she likes the program so much, she has a tattoo of Geordie and Worf on her arm. She is going to work on several of her co-workers who also like Star Trek, Star Wars, Marvel – you get the picture. We are thinking of setting up a separate meeting with them since they are only off Sundays and Mondays. As XO, I would attend and keep them up to par on what is going on. Sort of an away mission but on a more permanent basis. I'll keep you posted on how it works.

Respectfully,

R. Admiral Liz Goulet

First Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009

Articles for next month need to be in by Nov 2.

SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE) Ship's Services



Everyone on the ship seems to be in good help and spirits. Will have more reports later.

Yours in service,

Commander Tracy "Gleek" Clark, SFMD

Blue Division Leader & Chief Medical Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009

From NASA: Solving Earth's Mysteries

Earth recently experienced its largest annual increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels in at least 2,000 years. Data from NASA's Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 (OCO-2) which launched in 2014, are helping scientists understand why.

Many factors go into improving long-term climate forecasting, including the study of how, how much, and where carbon dioxide (CO₂) is absorbed and emitted by natural processes and human activities at different locations on Earth's surface. These exchanges vary from year to year, and scientist are using OCO-2 data to uncover the reasons.

Dr. Annmarie Eldering, Deputy Project Scientist for OCO-2 at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory explains: "We already knew that the global mount of carbon dioxide taken up and released by the land and ocean differs each year, and that often in El Nino years, more CO₂ remains in the atmosphere. But this mission's high-precision data on atmospheric regions contributed to this phenomenon and exactly what was driving the change."

OCO-2 data for an El Nino event during 2015-2016 revealed that extra CO₂ in the atmosphere at that time was caused by releases from South America, Africa, and Indonesia.

Eldering says, "We saw that each of these regions released more carbon for slightly different reasons –different combinations of increased temperatures, less rain, or more fires."

Not all of the carbon dioxide emitted into Earth's atmosphere stays there. Some of the CO2 is absorbed by Earth's oceans. Natural land sinks also absorb CO2 but the amounts of CO2 taken up at different locations on earth's surface are not well understood.

Eldering asks: "As carbon dioxide continues to build up, will the land and oceans continue absorbing it? Will natural processes reach a saturation point or will they keep taking up more and more?"

The many and varied uses of OCO-2 data will continue to be essential to understanding the dynamics of carbon dioxide across our planet, and will help contribute to improved long-term climate forecasting.

Provided by science.nasa.gov.



Birthdays for next month:

October Birthdays: Liz Goulet Oct 27

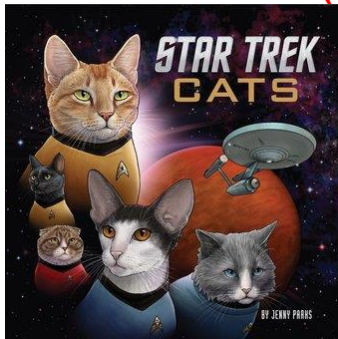
Movies Upcoming

Nutcracker and the Four Realms Nov 2

Mary Poppins Returns Dec 19

Fantastic Beasts the Curse of Grindelwald Nov 16

ENGINEERING DIVISION (RED)



ENGINEERING

Red Division



BOSUN (Chief in Charge)

I need more flip tops. You can set a can up in your office area or I have extra McDonald flip top houses that can be used just about anywhere.

Special Note: Please put your name and what group you want your flip tops to be counted for on your bag with the tops. If you **do not** put your name on it, you won't get credit- I will.

Alan Goulet, MCPO

Military Intelligence Group:

Intelligence Center
Greetings, Marines!



I was asked by the Third Brigade OIC to help COFORCECOM review the text on a revision to the SFMC uniform guidelines. The last time these were published was in August of 2015, and with the future new rank insignia, it's definitely time for a review and revision. There is a greater-than-zero change that the uniform guidelines will be separated from the MFM, and published separately, so that they (the guidelines) may be updated easier as needed. As I learn more, I'll pass it along to you all.

Meanwhile, we're approaching the end of our overview on military intelligence

This month, we continue our look at Intelligence Analysis. Although other platoons do some analysis within their fields, the Analysis Platoon goes into much greater detail.

Our Table of Organization for the 333rd Military Intelligence Group has Intelligence Analysis and Assessments assigned to 4th Platoon.

This brief is UNCLASSIFIED, from open sources. (My Underpowered Brain, and Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligence_analysis)

Part 3: Organizing what you have

Collection processes provide analysts with assorted kinds of information, some important and some irrelevant, some true and some false (with many shades in between), and some requiring further preprocessing before they can be used in analysis. Raw information reports use a standard code for the presumed reliability of the source and of the information. The U.S. Intelligence Community uses some formal definition of the kinds of information.

Term	Definition	Example
Fact	Verified information; something known to exist or to have happened	A confirmed inventory of a resource of one's own service
Direct Information	The content of reports, research and analytic reflection on an intelligence issue that helps analysts and their consumers evaluate the likelihood that something is factual and thereby reduces uncertainty; Information relating to an intelligence issue under scrutiny the details of which can, as a rule, be considered factual, because of the nature of the source, the source's direct access to the information, and the concrete and readily verifiable character of the contents.	COMINT or OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) quoting what a foreign official said; IMINT providing a count of the number of ships at a pier; HUMINT from a U.S. diplomatic officer who directly observed an event

Indirect Information	Information relating to an intelligence issue the details of which may or may not be factual, the doubt reflecting some combination of the source's questionable reliability, the source's lack of direct access, and the complex character of the contents	HUMINT from a reliable agent, citing secondhand what an informant said that a government official said. OSINT providing a foreign government document that gives the number of ships at a pier. Indirect OSINT from a U.S. Embassy officer. COMINT that contains a report by a foreign official to his government, about something he cannot confirm, but states with a probability.
Direct Data	Organized information that provides context for evaluating the likelihood that a matter under scrutiny is factual	A chronology of events based on observations by U.S. officers
Indirect Data	Organized information that provides context for evaluating the likelihood that a matter under scrutiny is factual	A chronology of events based on reports from a liaison intelligence service.

Collation describes the process of organizing the raw data, interpolating known data, evaluating the value of data, and putting in a working hypothesis. (In my Naval Intelligence days, we often called this "fusion analysis" as we fused information from diverse sources together.) The simplest approaches often are an excellent start. With due regard for protecting documents and information, a great deal can be done with pieces of paper, a whiteboard, a table, and perhaps a corkboard. Maps are often vital, especially ones that may be written upon.

There are automated equivalents of all of these functions, and each analyst will have a personal balance between manual and machine-assisted methods. Unquestionably, when quantitative methods such as modeling and simulation are appropriate, the analyst will want computer assistance, and possibly consultation from experts in methodology. When combining maps and imagery, especially different kinds of imagery, a geographic information system is usually needed to normalize coordinate systems, scale and magnification, and the ability to suppress certain details and add others.

Outlining, possibly in a word processing program, or using visualization tools such as mind maps can give structure, as can file folders and index cards. Data bases, with statistical techniques such as correlation, factor analysis, and time series analysis can give insight.

Regardless of its form or setting, an effective collation method will have the following attributes:

1. Be impersonal. It should not depend on the memory of one analyst; another person knowledgeable in the subject should be able to carry out the operation.
2. Not become the "master" of the analyst or an end in itself.
3. Be free of bias in integrating the information.
4. Be receptive to new data without extensive alteration of the collating criterion.

The more interactive the relationship between the consumer of the intelligence and the producer of it becomes, the more important certain tools become:

- Collaboration tools – including all various media, like voice, video, instant messaging, electronic whiteboards, and shared document markup (for example, Google Docs.)
- Databases – these not only need to be interoperable, but they need to reflect different models when appropriate. In some cases, there will be no clear line between databases and web applications.
- Analytic tools – covering a wide range of pattern recognition and knowledge organization.

Come back next month for part 4 of this multi-part series!

Any questions, or if you just want to chat about stuff, feel free to email me (greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com), call me (940.255.9445), text me, or find me on Facebook, or whatever.

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Have Phaser, Will Travel!



Here’s my monthly nagging: Take courses, have fun, earn ribbons and certifications. (It *really* is pretty fun.)

There’s a little bit of business, and a bit of RPG stuff this month.

It is looking like the proposed new insignia may, in fact, be adopted. Whilst I think this is fine for enlisted Marines and M.A.C.O. troops, I’m less than pleased with the officer insignia. (See last issue for an image.) We will, as usual, wait and see.

Meanwhile, the STARFLEET M.A.C.O. have changed their official web site. The new URL is <http://maco.sfi.org>. When I checked it, it had a “new canon” history of the Starfleet MACO (notice lower case) that was full of grammatical errors – and I won’t comment on the “history.” To be honest, I don’t see anything in what we’ve seen of the on-screen **M.A.C.O.** to make me believe they were anything other than regular Army-type troops, with some training to make them useful on board ships. I don’t see where they (STARFLEET **M.A.C.O.**) have come up with the idea that they/we are “Special Forces”. Your mileage may vary.

Okay, so let’s discuss some RPG stuff.

On my way home from the ship’s meeting, we stopped at Half-Price Books, at which I found two RPG “treasures.”

The first one was an adventure “module” for the West End Games’ *Star Wars: The Roleplaying Game*, from the late 1980s. It was incomplete, missing the player handouts and the Sabbac game deck insert, but the adventure itself was in very good condition, and someday, we’ll play it.

The other book is *Al-Qadim: Arabic Adventures*, for the 2nd Edition of the *Advanced Dungeons & Dragons* game. This is my second copy of the book, and it was in excellent condition. The Al-Qadim campaign setting is inspired by real medieval history of the Arabic part of our world, by the stories of

the “Arabian Nights” and of Sinbad the Sailor, and by the Hollywood portrayals of such: *The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad*, *Ali-Baba and the Forty Thieves*, *101 Arabian Nights*, and so forth.

The setting uses many of the “optional” rules for 2nd Edition, adding enough of a twist to the standard rules to make it a very different game than the typical “Tolkien-esque” settings. Although I’ve owned a copy of this since it was first published in 1992, I’ve yet to either play a game or “DM” a game in the setting. We’re in the middle of a BECMI “Basic” *Dungeons & Dragons* campaign, and we have a Pathfinder campaign ready to go, but after that, this may be next on our list.

Roll 1d10 for initiative!

Sum non Satis?

Commodore Tank Clark, SFMD

Team Leader, 33rd STARFLEET Rangers (“The Paladins”)

“Have Phaser, Will Travel”

Movies Reports

The House with the Clock in it’s Wall

Lewis goes to live with his Uncle Jonathan. Simple, right! Well, Jonathan is a warlock and lives in a house that looks like it belonged to the Adam’s family. This house was originally owned by a powerful warlock who put a clock behind the wall to signal the end of the world as we know it.

Lewis is picked on in school – being the new kid- but he gets some lessons from his uncle and pretty soon everyone wants to be his friend. It’s an interesting mix of old family values, new family thinking and just plain fun.

The special effects will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Michelle Goulet



Meetings for the *USS Sea Tiger* are held every month
at 1500hrs at Shady Oaks BBQ at Sand Shell &
Hwy 35. Usually on the fourth Saturday of every month.

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