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Crew Meetings & Activities 2021

Mar 27

Apr 24

May 22

Jun 26

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

COMMAND DIVISION (GOLD)

CO REPORT



Ready Room

Please save-the-date for the weekend of 15-16 May; USS *Diamondback* is hosting a STARFLEET Marine/Klingon camping trip on Glenda Stephenson's property in Hico. Glenda is currently looking at about \$10 fee for food. Keep watching the Region 3 web site (region3.org) for updates, and to sign up.

The Summit staff and the RC have decided to err on the side of overabundant caution. Therefore, the 2020 Summit has been delayed once again, to 2022. Sigh.

On the other hand, here's some good news: Season 1 of Lower Decks is scheduled to be released to stores on 18 May, in both DVD and Blu-Ray formats. I'm looking forward to seeing all the extras on the Blu-Ray!

The Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games is returning to Decatur this spring, too. The weekend of Friday 30 Apr to Sunday 02 May, Tracy and I are planning to get our Scots on and enjoy good music and good food; any and all of you are invited to join us. If we want, we can make this an "official" landing party!

We have been fortunate in that we have been able to get together and do things. Our next ship's meeting is on 27 Mar, at the Patriotic Pig; I hope to see most of you there!

With my compliments,

Rear Admiral Tank Clark,
Captain, USS *Sea Tiger* NCC-2009

XO REPORT/Communications Report

It is sad that we have postponed Summit again but this pandemic is not a fun thing to get. We have been lucky but I have heard some horror stories. The good news is that though it is postponed to next year – if you have already paid for your registration and meals – that carries over to next year.

It looks like we may have lost some of our landscape due to that blizzard we had. Of course, most of these plants have been here since the 1970s so it's not like they were planted just last year. But boy is there a lot of clearing out to do. On the upside, I get to pick out some plants that I like instead of what my parents planted.

If you haven't been able to come out, the Patriotic Pig is really good. Last month was the first time since we have been using them that there were other people in the place. Usually we have the place mostly to ourselves.

Respectfully,
R. Admiral Liz Goulet
First Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009
[Newsletter articles to me April 2](#)

SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE) Ship's Services



BACK TO THE MOON

NASA is embarking on a new venture – back to the moon. This time we are calling them **Artemis** missions (Seems fitting since Artemis was Apollo's sister in mythology.) The new rocket that will accomplish this is a Space Launch System (SLS) which costs over \$27 billion and has been tested several times for different systems but ignited only once so far. The government insisted that Boeing build because this way those who had worked on the rockets in the past could still keep their jobs. However, the contract was supposed to only 6 years and it has now been 11.

It was suggested that a private firm other than Boeing could handle it cheaper and NASA was leaning that way but the government prevailed. Space X has a rocket that can be used over and over. In fact it has been sent to the Space Station 7 times to deliver supplies and astronauts. The SLS can only be used once because it cannot land after launching.

The lander for the mission is named Orion and will have three stages of preparation. Stage I would be testing the rocket (SLS) with Orion. Stage II will incorporate the crew with the rocket and lander. They already have crew of 18 (9 men and 9 women) picked out. Half are for testing and half will get to go to the moon. The third stage will be the actual mission to the moon.

They are hoping to land at the south pole where they have detected ice which means water.

Although the senate won't allow someone like Space X to build the rocket or the lander; they have agreed to let them do another project that is in the works. They plan to build another space station but this one will orbit the moon. It will be called Gateway Space Station to make working on the moon easier. And Space X has gotten the contract for helping put it up there.

At the present time Space X is working on another rocket project located in here in Texas called StarShip but there are having some problems with landing. It goes up ok and comes back ok but it has either exploded before landing or right after landing. It will be interesting to see where all of this goes in the near future. There is talk that the goal is to have this up and running and we be back on the moon before 2030. (Information provided by 60 minutes, CBS)

CMDR Tracy Clark, SFMD, SFMC-R, M.A.C.O., BFHD *et cetera ad nauseum*
Blue Division Leader, USS *Sea Tiger* NCC-2009



Birthdays for next month: None



BOSUN (Chief in Charge)

Welcome aboard to the ship after the DEEP FREEZE we had in Texas. I am working on getting the USS Diamond Back to help collect flip tops. They will be running their own challenge contest. For those who turned in flip tops this last month, they could have gone to ME. Reminder, do not forget **Your Name** with your flip tops you turn in. I have to know where credit is due. Lucky for you, I remembered who gave me what by the type of ziplock bag they were in.

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. Also, if you can't get them to the club, you can take them by the Randal McDonald House at 1001 8th Ave, Ft Worth, TX.

Alan Goulet, MCPO



Military Intelligence Group:

Greetings, Marines!
Intelligence Center

First off, some business

Starting Stardate 0/2101.01 (Jan 1, 2021) the Third Brigade has started the Field Training Exercise program. This program is designed to promote game play among STARFLEET Marines. Any active duty or reserve STARFLEET Marine in the Third Brigade may participate. STARFLEET members who are not STARFLEET Marines are encouraged to join the STARFLEET Marines (as a reservist or an active-duty Marine).

A member plays games and records them. When the credits a member has earned in a single category are equal to or greater than the number necessary for a certificate to be issued, the issuing authority does so.

A game qualifies if two or more SFMC members are engaged in playing it. In each game, one member is responsible for recording the game as well as notifying the members' unit OIC. There is a form available with which to do this (<https://www.ftx.3bde.org>); let me know as well so I can report it in the Marine Reports I send in every even-numbered month.

When the credits a member has earned are equal to or greater than the number necessary for a certificate to be issued, the issuing authority does so. For more details, please read the manual – it can be found on the Brigade's web site (www.3bde.org).

Also, we have acquired two parade-quality dummy rifles for use in color guards (and/or training for one). We're working on getting poles and stands, and then anyone who wants to learn how to do a color guard will be trained on the proper way to do it! We also will be sending a landing party to our friends on the USS *Diamondback* to teach them as well. (Most likely, this will be at the Diamondback campout on 15 May). If you want to be part of either our color guard team or our color guard training team, let me know. Currently, we have four Color Guard members -- Tracy, Daniel, Roon, and myself – but we can easily add more, simply by adding more flagbearers. At this time we're planning to do some drill instruction and practice after our regularly-scheduled ship's meetings.

We have decided that the easiest uniform for the Color Guard is the Picard 2399's, in SFMC Gold. We have not yet decided on the cover – but the SFMC black beret is a simple choice. Plans are in motion for an excursion to Omaha's Surplus in Fort Worth to see about other cover choices, like the black garrison cap. If you're interested in joining us on that trip, let me know.

Meanwhile, let us continue our tour of Klingon vessels in use during and before TOS¹, TAS², and the TOS Movies!³

¹ The Original Series

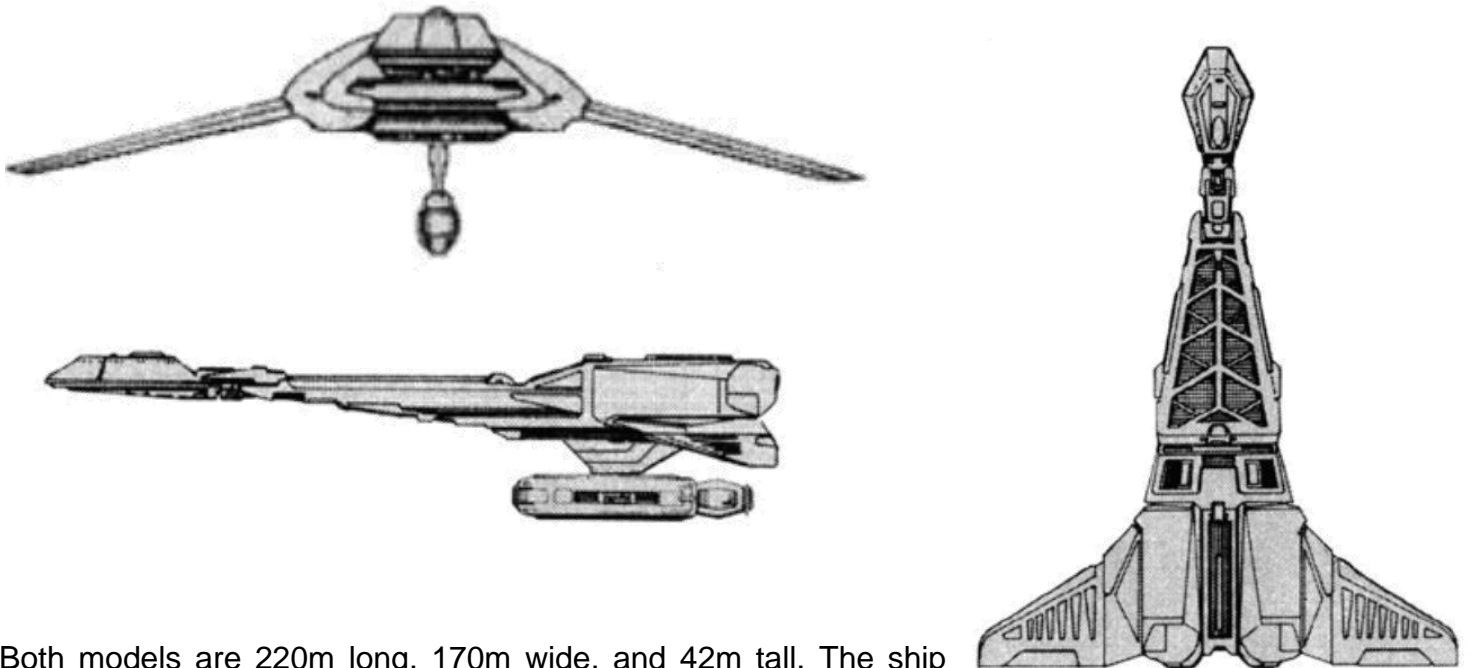
² The Animated Series

³ ST:TMP, ST II: WoK, ST III: TSFS, etc

This briefing is UNCLASSIFIED, from FASA's *Klingon Ship Recognition Manual* (1985); Most other sources found have been quoting this manual. Many ships found in FASA's material are no longer considered "canon" by CBS/Paramount (etc), but these are all in my 'head-canon.'

This month, we're looking at the D-14 *Stinger* class VI Destroyer. Personally, I don't really like the looks of this ship, especially the dorsal & ventral layout of the nacelles

Two models of this destroyer have been produced. The D-14A entered service on Reference Stardate 2/1607; the D-14B entered service four years later, on 2/2008. Twelve D-14Bs are equipped with the KCB cloaking device.



Both models are 220m long, 170m wide, and 42m tall. The ship uses the KWC-3 type warp engine, with a save cruising speed of Warp 6 and an emergency speed of Warp 7. Both models are equipped with four KD-6 disruptors and two KP-1 (for the type A) or KP-2 (on the type B) missile launchers. Both types are equipped for up to 30 passengers and carry two shuttlecraft. The D-14A has a standard crew complement of 285; the D-14B standard complement is 292.

The class name, from the Klingonaase "*Desta Kar*," refers to a predator on the planet Nogunda; this creature immobilizes its prey by injecting a paralyzing agent through its stinger.

Of the 208 D-14s built, 119 As and 61 Bs remain in active service. 20 As and one B have been destroyed, and two As and one B have been listed as missing. One B has been traded to the Romulans, one A has been sold to the Orions, and two Bs have been sold to private interests in the Triangle.

The D-14 is under production at Taamar, H'renn, and Fonawl. The combined annual rate is 20 of each type.

Please join us next time when we will discuss the D-16 *Swiftwind* class VI destroyer.

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, Discord, Marco Polo, or whatever

Thank you all; carry on!

Major General Tank Clark, SFMC, SFMD (BFHD, LMAO)
Officer-in-Charge, 333rd Military Intelligence Group, “The Yellowjackets”
“*We Know Better*”

*I am the very model of a modern Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I know the kings of England, and I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical...*



Have Phaser, Will Travel!

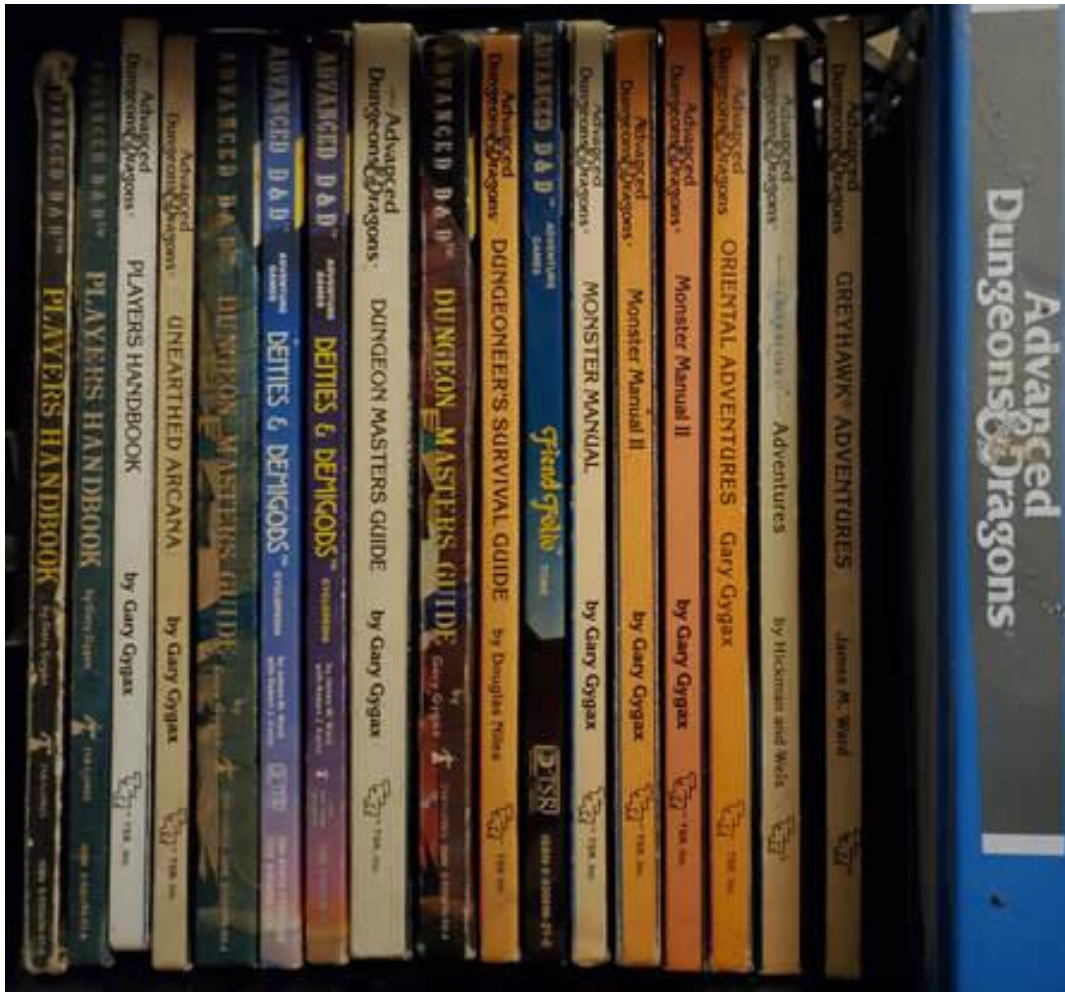
M.A.C.O. Mumbles

The *Sea Tiger's* Ship's Articles says that the MACO team is responsible for running games for the crew. I have “starter” adventures ready to go in both *Star Trek Adventures* and *Dungeons & Dragons* (pre-generated characters and all – I can even loan some dice). So, hopefully early next year, we'll get RPG sessions underway. I would like some feedback: who wants to play, and when.

The STARFLEET M.A.C.O. commander has managed to convince the CS, VCS, and EC/AB to return the name of the group to the original “STARFLEET Special Operations (SFSO).” I've arranged to maintain the MACO identity for us and for other MACO teams, so we are NOT changing our team again.

Additionally, I have been placed as Chief of Military Assault Command Operations, working under RADM De Rush (as Commander, SFSO), and I will remain the Deputy Commander of SFSO/MACO. Details are still being worked out, and I haven't had time to dedicate to it, but meanwhile, we'll carry on doing what we do as MACO.

Meanwhile, RPG stuff.



Once upon a time, my sister Lora and her then-husband invited me over to play this. If memory serves, it was either 1978 or 1979. Dinner was spaghetti. I sat on the couch, Tim asked me questions about the type of character I wanted to be, rolled some dice, looked at some books, and eventually handed me a hand-made character sheet for Samot, my brand-new halfling thief.

His campaign had some house rules, but I didn't know anything about that. All new characters started out at third level, and I'm fairly confident that he didn't follow any of the "standard" ways of generating ability scores. He had a *Monster*

Manual (MM) and a *Players Handbook* (PHB) but no *Dungeon Master's Guide* (DMG) -- they hadn't come out yet. Instead, he used tables from the old "White Box" D&D. Eventually, he used tables that were printed in TSR's magazine "The Dragon" that were published strictly to tide players & DMs over until the DMG was published. I didn't ever roll dice -- that was in the sole purview of the DM.

For decades, this was my go-to game, at least more often than not. Eventually, I purchased my own set of the core rulebooks... and then I found the "Red Box" Basic D&D boxed set at Walden's Bookstore in the Irving Mall.

(To be continued in April's newsletter)

Sum non Satis?

Rear Admiral Tank Clark

Team Leader, 33rd STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations unit ("The Paladins")

"Have Phaser, Will Travel"

Klingon Report

DIS chu' Datlvjaj!



Plans are already afoot for the next 5th Saturday – Stardate 0/2105.29 (29 May 2021), involving Thurber and New York Hill Cafe. (<http://thurbernewyorkhill.com/>)



This is an image of New York Hill.⁴ The writing is easily visible from the highway, and the restaurant is on top of the hill. We'll get there early enough to explore the Ghost Town and perhaps visit the nearby Thurber Castle.

Meanwhile, our Klingon detachment continues working on improved uniforms and costuming.

Qapla!

Klark, son of Konald, of House Klark
meQtaHbogh qachDaq Suv qoH neH (“only a fool fights in a burning house”)

Morale



ATTENTION CREW MEMBERS

I have set up a website where you can purchase shirts and other things pertaining to the ship. I have tried to keep things priced at a reasonable rate. Please check out the Sea Tiger commissary. Located at www.shop.spreadsheet.com/seatigers-commissary.

Major Daniel Roe SFMC Combat Engineer
USS Sea Tiger NCC 2009
Red Division leader
333rd Yellow Jackets
Region 3
STARFLEET The International Fan Association, Inc.

Red Division

⁴ Image by Nicolas Henderson of Coppell, TX; camera location 32° 30' 18.46" N/98° 25' 07.33" W.
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Meetings for the *USS Sea Tiger* are held every month at 1500hrs at Shady Oaks BBQ at Sand Shell & Hwy 35. (Unless otherwise specified.) Due to the pandemic we are meeting at Patriotic Pig on Rufe Snow Rd. Usually on the fourth Saturday of every month. For information contact CO Rear Admiral Tank Clark at seatiger@region3.org or visit our website at <http://usseatiger.weebly.com/>

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