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July 2019

Crew Meetings & Activities 2019

Aug 17 Daniel's house computer game Artemis

Aug 24 mtg

Sept 28 mtg

Oct 26 mtg

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

August's ship meeting is at Shady Oak on the 24th. Join us, bring a friend or two, and enjoy tasty food and enjoyable fellowship.

Before then, however, we've got other things happening.

First, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, we'll be at the Haltom City Library, interacting with people and maybe even recruiting a bit. Wear a uniform (we'll be inside in the air-conditioned coolness) and be ready to talk Trek, science, science fiction, and fun!

We'll be playing Artemis at Daniel's on the 17th of August. We'll get there around noon (STARFLEET Standard Time). Bring a pot-luck dish to share and a laptop or iPad!

September is shaping up to be fun, too... Region 3 has a trip scheduled to NASA in Houston (visit Region3.org) on September 14th, and I'm sad that I won't be able to go this year. Our September meeting will be on the 28th, and we'll try to plan a fun activity for some Saturday earlier that month.

Leadership Committee: be prepared to meet sometime in September to discuss promotions & awards. As those of you who attended Summit may remember, the Third Class STARFLEET Orders of Merit now have the chapter president (that's Ship's Captain to you and me) as the issuing authority, and I'm going to want recommendations. Visit <http://sfi.org/Backup/merit/> and make notes.

Remember that October is our promotion/awards month. In years past we've done Klingon Dinners and Mirror-Mirror months in celebration of our chapter's anniversary (Oct 1992, as the USS *Comanche*) – Let's talk about what we'd like to do this year, for our 27th!

Second star to the right, and straight on 'till morning!



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

XO REPORT/Communications Report

Well, everyone else gave me their reports before we went to the library, so I'm going to report on that event. Six regular members and one new member showed up at the Haltom City Library on Saturday Aug. 3. They had a table all ready for us and we spread out all kinds of stuff related to Star Trek. There were many books (it's a library...) some stuffed toys, models, comics, etc. And we even had a banner on the table and in the back ground.

Lots of people came through and our opening question was "Do you know Star Trek"? And most of the time the reply was "Of course, I know Star Trek. I watched it as a kid or with my mom, etc." And having started the conversation, it proceeded from there. Most people knew of us, they didn't know we had a chapter in the area. Most of the little kids seemed to know of us. In fact one little girl went so far as to double check where the books were located in the library so she could check them out.

All in all, we had a really good time and were sorry that the two hours they allowed us to stay went by so fast. By the way, two new recruits showed up. Mr. Randal Hermes and a Mr. Clinton Beam. Hopefully we will be seeing them at a monthly meeting in the future.

Here are some pictures of our little group so you see all the fun you missed.

(They were doing face painting in the parking lot so Tracy decided to go Klingon on us.)





(The crew: Michelle, Daniel, Tank, Tracy, Liz, Alan, and Randal.)

Respectfully,
R. Admiral Liz Goulet
First Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009
Articles for next month need to be in by Aug. 30.

SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE) Ship's Services



“What is the nature of the medical emergency?”

Oh, it's you again. As *Sea Tiger's* CMO is apparently busy doing things, it's left to me, your friendly neighborhood Emergency Medical Hologram, to give you a brief glance into the world of medicine. Very well... here you are.”

One Step Closer to a Blood Test for Alzheimer's

A study presented July 16th at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2019 suggests researchers may be one step closer to a potential breakthrough for treating the devastating and widespread disease — a simple blood test to detect proteins that accumulate in the brains of patients with Alzheimer's disease, causing neuron death.

A blood test that recognizes such a biomarker for Alzheimer's in the brain could “revolutionize clinical trials today and in the future,” says Maria Carrillo, chief science officer of the Alzheimer's Association. “And think of the implications for clinical practice once we have a therapeutic.”

In that event, as she describes it, patients could one day get a quick blood test during their annual checkup to see if they have elevated biomarkers for Alzheimer's. Those who do would then be referred to a specialist to begin a course of treatment as soon as possible.

In the new study, researchers at the National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology in Japan developed a prototype for a blood test that “reliably” picked up the accumulation of amyloid precursor protein (APP) with 93 percent specificity in the blood of 201 patients with mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, or non-Alzheimer's dementia. It also picked up the protein in some subjects who were cognitively normal. (While amyloid plaque is considered a reliable biomarker of Alzheimer's, some of those with the plaque never go on to develop signs of the disease.)

Last year the same group of researchers found that blood biomarkers of this kind of amyloid protein were as reliable as the current gold standard of diagnosing Alzheimer's with positron-emission tomography (PET) or measuring the protein through cerebrospinal fluid. A blood test is much less invasive and more cost effective than a PET scan.

The new blood test developed in Japan may also be more efficient at picking up preclinical stages of Alzheimer's disease, according to the study. This would enable earlier intervention. Currently, changes in amyloid protein can exist for as long as two decades before the point at which a patient would be clinically diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

“Clinical trials haven't succeeded up until now, likely because we need to find a novel therapeutic and be able to catch people early in the disease before it is established and becomes a runaway train,” says Barry Greenberg, director of the Alzheimer's Disease Translational Center at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Some of those hearing news of the blood test remain cautious, citing the need for the study to be replicated in a larger, more diverse population, or noting that a blood test that detects other Alzheimer's biomarkers, such as viruses or a protein called tau, might turn out to be better biomarkers to target in a blood test going forward.

Ultimately, “we need effective biomarkers at all stages of disease — before and after onset of symptoms — to both measure progression and test potential therapies to see if they slow or perhaps reverse the progression,” says Eliezer Masliah, director of the National Institute on Aging's Division of Neuroscience.

“Brain Cloud? *Brain Cloud!*?!?! You didn't get a second opinion on something called a brain cloud? I mean what are you, a hypochondriac?”

EMH, reporting for

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

Source: <https://www.aarp.org/health/dementia/info-2019/alzheimers-blood-test.html>



Birthdays for next month:

August: Amy Pegues (Aug 9), Roon Marchant (Aug 24), Karen Chaffin (Aug 28), and Daniel Roe (Aug 31)

ENGINEERING DIVISION (RED)



2ND LT Daniel Roe SFMC Red Division Leader

Greetings and salutations,

Red Division is having a banner month and I am proud to say morale is high and there have been no mutinies to speak of.

We all enjoyed the Wax Museum and Ripley's Oddity museum. Myself, Tank, Tracy, Roon and my Girlfriend Dallas attended and we only lost one redshirt on the away mission. (don't worry we found him later) While the *Enterprise* exhibit has been removed we all had a very good visit. We noted they are working on an entire new area and look forward to another visit. I do hope the bridge crew of the NCC 1701 is put back up at a later date. We had many photo ops and you can see them on the USS SEA TIGER Facebook page.

There are a few things in the works and I would like to tell you all what I am working onto keep you guys happy and not keel hauling any of the upper brass.

August 3rd we will be meeting at the Haltom City Library to participate in the end of year reading finale. We will be set up inside in the AC and have access to the WIFI. Let's get together and make an impact on the youth of today and encourage them to get interested in reading and science and engineering. Gene Roddenberry's vision for the future is a bright one so let's help make it reality and live the Trek life we all love so much.

August 17 will be Artemis game day at my home and I need to know who will be in attendance due to the need to install the proper software onto your laptops. I can either install it the day of, meet at an earlier date or put the files onto google drive. Note that if you want to wait till the day of the event it may cut into your play time. We will order food while there so please let me or the upper brass know if you have any dietary needs or allergies. (Address: 5906 Denise Dr., Haltom City, TX)

I have been doing some research and found this activity know as an "Escape room". If you are not familiar with the concept, it is a simple premise. We get "locked" in a room and have to use the elements of in the room to solve puzzles and solve whatever theme the room has. Red Door Escape Rooms in Fort Worth is such a place. With different degrees of difficulty; ranging from very hard to easy, there is a wild west room, a casino room, time machine room, fairground room, and two VR experiences available. The price is \$28-\$33 per person depending on the room. It is a good chance to role play and use your brain.

The Vintage Flying Museum in Fort Worth is \$10 per adult with teens and seniors being \$8. The planes Range from a B-24 flying fortress to a jet MIG. The museum prides itself on the restoration and ability to fly each and every plane they get. you can see various stages of restoration and they even offer the ability to fly in a few of their working planes.

Star Trek Ultimate Voyage [Http://www.startrekultimatevoyage.com](http://www.startrekultimatevoyage.com)

While tickets are not available yet, TBD, they will be a full orchestra playing all the greatest music from all series of trek while they play the associated clips on a 40ft screen behind the musicians. It will be in Verizon Theatre. I am waiting to hear any new information and as soon as I hear something I will let you know.

It has been an outstanding month and I hope next month will be just as exciting.

2nd Lt Roe signing off.

Live Long And Prosper



2nd LT. Daniel J Roe SFMC Combat Engineer
333rd MSG Yellow Jackets
Red Division Team Leader
USS Sea Tiger NCC 2009

Here is a mockup of the T-shirt design I have come up with. as discussed the colors would be the color of your Fleet department or your chosen SFMC BMOS. I can change the anchor in the breast to a Combadge or MACO symbol. I have a few mock ups for the "Bowling Shirt" or POLO as well. We can also put nicknames on the ships – if preferred. I'll purchase them after you give me your preferences and then you can pay me back. Unfortunately, I don't have a good price for either the Tee shirts or Polo shirts just yet. (Email is tex1391@gmail.com).



BOSUN (Chief in Charge)



We as a group have been collecting fliptops for Ronald McDonald house for the as five years. The Captain of the ship asked me to quantify our charity work. Here is what we have collected for each of the last five years.

2014-1015	6646	5 lbs. 14ozs.
2015-2016	24,288	21 lbs. 8 ozs.
2016*2017	8391	7 lbs. 7 ozs.
2017-2018	8016	7 lbs. 1 oz.
2018-2019	7136	6 lbs. 5 ozs.

The final total was 54,476 which is 48lbs. 4 ozs. totaling about \$24.00. Hope this year will be a good one for us.

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



As I prepared my monthly reports (one from our ship, called the MSR, that goes up fleet-side channels to the Regional Coordinator and beyond, and one from the M.A.C.O. team that goes up to the M.A.C.O. Powers That Be) and my bi-monthly STARFLEET Marine report (due by the first of each even-numbered month), I noticed that every activity of the ship for the last 60 days was performed exclusively by members – either active or reserve – of the Yellowjackets. (Well, the trip to the wax museum included two non-members, but still...)

I'm not saying anything, I'm just saying.

As the temperature keeps going up, I just want to remind everyone to keep hydrated. This might be a good time to stay indoors and work on those SFMC-A exams...

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.

Thank you all; carry on!

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



Have Phaser, Will Travel!

M.A.C.O. Mumbles

As usual, no real news from M.A.C.O. HQ this month. No word yet on re-worked/re-published manuals, like a uniform manual or training manual, but so far, nothing. You can still use the old training manual for your Academy coursework... and some of the colleges have moved at the Academy.

There's been another administrative change: instead of three reporting groups, there are only two. As far as I can see, this doesn't do anything for anyone on the front lines, nor does it affect anyone on our team in any way – except for sending in the monthly report, and in any case we're in Group 1 instead of our old... Group 1. Huh. *shrugs*
Meanwhile, RPG stuff.

I'm still looking through my 'new' RPG, "The Price of Freedom" by West End Games. It looks like a solid game system, with good 'crunch' (rules system) and interesting 'flavor' (the setting and the 'fluff'.) Its set in a late-1980s idea of a world in which the Soviet Union has conquered the United States. It's still fairly early days, and the PCs are Americans fighting back against the Communist (expletive deleted.) Watch "Red Dawn" (at least, the original one... I have never seen the remake, so I can't tell you anything there.) Eventually, I'll read through the rest of it and give y'all a review.

My RPG group has just finished their second adventure in the home-brew world we're currently in, playing AD&D First Edition. There are an awful lot of changes between AD&D and the original 'white box' D&D, but it's still quite loose in the ruleset. Some things just seem added on, and the more modern concept of consistency – of die rolls, of situational modifiers, even of 'rolling high is always (or never) good' – just isn't there. You can see how things got added, and why things changed.

Observation 1: Modern RPGs all seem to minimize randomness. At character creation, for example, the six (or seven) basic attributes¹ used to be rolled with six-sided dice; now, most games call for a point-buy system of one type or another. I've lost track of the number of characters I've played who died in combat with a random encounter; now, all encounters are designed in advance, and in such a way that the encounter is 'balanced' with the party more likely to defeat than be defeated. (Old school gamers learned to have their PCs run away a lot, early & often.)

Personally, I prefer some of the randomness. It's great to be able to limit poor rolls of the dice, but if you don't risk having those, than you just don't get the wonderful amazing super-rolls, either. For example, I've had uncounted PCs with five stats in the 9-12 range, with one 14-16; on the other hand, I had a paladin with 17 in four abilities, with 18 in the other two, generated honestly with Method IV from the 2nd Edition Player's Guide.

Observation 2: In many modern RPGs, there are few – if any – tables that must be referred to during play. The older the game, the more tables were needed, especially in combat. Original D&D and (first edition) AD&D had a collection of matrixes for combat for different character types; in 2nd Edition of AD&D, these matrixes were replaced by a game mechanic called "To Hit Armor Class Zero"

¹ In D&D, AD&D, AD&D 2nd Edition, D&D 3.0, 3.5, Pathfinder, D&D 4th Edition, D&D 5th Edition, the d20 Star Wars Games, etc: Strength, Intelligence, Wisdom, Dexterity, Constitution, and Charisma. AD&D added Comeliness with the Unearthed Arcana tome.

(THACO), that required players to do addition and subtraction of both positive and negative numbers. 3E, 3.5, and later replaced both descending Armor Class and THACO with ascending Armor Class and a set of Attack Bonuses – making the math be addition only, with an occasional penalty having to be subtracted. Once the DM had the most common used penalties and bonuses lodged in his head, you wouldn't have to look at any tables during standard combats.

I like using a chart – mainly because I don't like math-ing in my head. Some systems go too far with their charts, though. (I refer you to ROLEMASTER, SPACEMASTER, and to a somewhat lesser degree, MIDDLE EARTH ROLEPLAYING GAME (MERP) to see what chart insanity can lead to.) I find myself beginning to ramble. More next time, and as always, I'd love to hear from y'all.

Sum non Satis?

Commodore Tank Clark, SFMD
Team Leader, 33rd STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations unit (“The Paladins”)
“Have Phaser, Will Travel”

September trip to Houston Space Center



To: The Officers and Crew of Region 3 Vessels and Guests
From: Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck
Date: June 5, 2019
Subject: STARFLEET Region 3 Day at Space Center Houston

This year the world celebrates the 50th Anniversary of man's first steps on the moon! What better way to celebrate than a trip to Space Center Houston, Johnson Space Center and Mission Control! There will be special exhibits on display to celebrate this milestone in mankind's history. Mission Control has been restored to again reflect the way it looked during the Apollo 11 mission. It is possible Space X may have a rocket on display by September as well. Hosted by the USS Zavala, the Region 3 Starfleet Day at Space Center Houston will be extra special this year. Start making your plans to be part of the celebration by joining us on **Saturday, September 14, 2019.**

The Region will do a pre-paid advance group ticket purchase to reduce your cost to attend. With fees included, your total is \$18 per ticket (regardless of age). This requires a minimum 15 ticket purchase so please get your payment submitted by the deadline. Purchase your tickets by going to gm@region3.org. Payment **MUST** be received no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2019. There are no refunds for this type of advance group sale purchase.

Following our day at Space Center Houston, we will convene for supper at 6:00 pm (we know you'll be starving by then after the day of activity) at Victor's American Diner and Deli, 1425 NASA Parkway (literally next door to SCH).

Space Center Houston opens for visitors at 10:00 am. Parking is \$5.00 after 9:00 am. We will gather in the parking lot prior to opening to distribute tickets at 9:30 am. We will convene at precisely 10:30 am for a group photo inside. Dress casually for your busy day at SCH (Region or chapter shirts or any Star Trek themed shirt) and bring your uniform to change into for supper (another group photo op).

The designated motel for this event is the Days Inn & Suites, 201 N. Texas Ave., Webster, TX 77598. They have offered us a discounted rate of \$74.99 for a Single King and \$84.99 for Double Queen beds (plus taxes and fees). Please call the motel directly at **281-724-4672** to make reservations. The group code is Starfleet Region 3. There are more Double rooms on the second floor, but be aware there is no elevator. They do have handicapped accessible rooms on the first floor. The Days Inn has recently undergone a complete renovation. It offers free breakfast, a mini-fridge and microwave in each room, an indoor pool (bring your suit!), and free WIFI. You can cancel as late as 24 hours in advance without being charged. Check in is 3:00 pm with checkout at 11:00 am. The special rate is available to us for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

There are other near-by options in case you have points you can use for a free or reduced room, or you prefer something a little more up-scale. Nearby are Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and SpringHill Suites/Marriott.

We look forward to hosting you for Region 3 Day at Space Center Houston. If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact me at franck.lucyferron@yahoo.com, or Jeremy Carsten at rc@region3.org. Celebrate the moon landing together on September 14!



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.
For information contact CO Commodore Tank Clark

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or visit our web site

<http://ussseatiger.weebly.com/>

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