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Crew Meetings & Activities 2019 July 13 Ripley's Wax Museum July 27 mtg 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

The first weekend in June saw the *Sea Tiger* represented at Region 3 Summit & Third Brigade Muster (this year in Baton Rouge, LA) by her captain and first officer and their families. Yours truly enjoyed visiting Mike the Tiger at LSU and touring the Old State Capitol, not to mention all the fun and exciting things at the summit itself. If you weren't at the Marine Dress Mess, you missed *some* <u>fun</u>! There were some great panels going on all day on Saturday, too.

On June 22, the valiant crew of the USS Sea Tiger met at our usual location (Shady Oak BBQ) for yet another fun-filled afternoon of fellowship. If you haven't been coming recently, we've missed you! Liz, Alan, Roon, Tracy, Daniel, and I enjoyed a tasty repast and some fun conversations. We're eagerly anticipating July 13th's Landing Party to the Wax Museum ("Louis Tussaud's Palace of Wax", 601 E Palace Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX.) According to their web site, adult tickets are \$20.99 each for that one attraction. (Currently, there isn't a Groupon available.) It opens at 10:00, and I'm told there is a Star Trek themed exhibit there – so let's go in uniform (for those of us who have them and want to do so) for a group photo.

July's ship meeting is at Shady Oak on the 27th. Join us, and bring a friend! We'll firm up the details on playing Artemis at Daniel's on the 17th of August. We'll get there around noon (STARFLEET Standard Time) and order pizza for lunch. Bring a laptop!

August's meeting will be on the 24th of that month, as the fun just keeps on a'comin'! I look forward to seeing y'all there!

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

XO REPORT/Communications Report

The trip to Summit was long and tiring but worth the time and effort. We had about 42 people show up and though we didn't have a lot of panels to attend, the ones they did have were interesting.

Be sure and read the letter at the bottom of this newsletter. It's about a trip in September down to Houston to tour NASA and celebrate their 60th year and the 50th year of the Landing on the Moon.

Respectfully, R. Admiral Liz Goulet First Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009 Articles for next month need to be in by June 28.

SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE)



Ship's Services

During the ship's meeting in May, we discussed perhaps changing our ship's charity. I'm not opposed to any change. An interest was stated for something pro-veteran, and (since I know the man behind Hero Labradors), I wanted to share a bit about them.

Hero Labs breeds and raises labs to become service dogs. They charge nothing for them, and everyone there is a volunteer. The money they get goes to care for the dogs and to get them to the training centers. Here's the story:

About Hero Labradors

Hero Labradors: Genesis (continued from May)

Halia took to training like a Lab takes to water. She learned to be an anchor, she learned how to behave in public, at work, around other dogs, at the airport and on and off lead. She learned commands and stays absolutely focused on me, despite what is going on around her. She's been on planes, trains, and in automobiles (she prefers golf carts.) She's been in hospitals and churches and every other public space you can think of without incident. She wakes me from bad dreams, cuddles (not as easy as you'd think with a 70 pound dog) when I'm down, and keeps me steady when I walk. She brings me things--mostly to see if I'll throw them for her. She even swims with me--including going down a waterslide that almost got us kicked out of the pool at a resort... but we had fun!

When the time came to retire from the Army, I had to consider what I was going to do with the rest of my life. Between my 22 year retirement and VA disability, I could afford a mortgage and keep the kids fed and clothed, and if Carren doesn't work (she's a social worker) she kind of goes a little crazy... likely from too much exposure to me. I thought about my post-Army life and I had an epiphany: What I really, truly wanted to do was breed Labradors. I didn't want to breed them to become the world's next AKC Champion breeder, or to breed them to win Hunting and Field trials, but to breed them for a singular purpose: to serve as service dogs.

You see, not every dog has the aptitude for service dog training. Not every dog has the drive, the focus, or even the intelligence. (Trust me, I have a black lab named "Tonto" who is, for all intents and purposes, dumb as paste. Many service dog programs go to animal rescues and shelters looking for dogs that can become service dogs, but it's fairly rare they find the dogs they need.

That was the genesis for Hero Labradors. I am breeding Labradors, and selecting for qualities and traits specifically for service. While a show breeder is selecting for conformation--coat, head size, color, height, etc., and a field breeder is selecting for prey drive, athleticism, and long legs/narrower body, a service dog has different needs.

Service dogs need intelligence, they need focus and a desire to serve and learn. You can't train them with harsh methods to do their service, they have to WANT to please. They can't be alpha dogs, because they have to take cues from their handler. They can't be Omegas either, because they need to assert themselves when it's required. Service dogs need to be Betas: They submit to their handler, but no one else (when working) and are confident and assured in new surroundings. They take things as they come, but are still vigilant and watchful over their handler.

So I looked. I looked for service dog breeding programs and I found... nothing. I found many breeders who would donate to training programs, and many training programs who would train dogs for Wounded/Disabled veterans and first responders, but I looked high and low and couldn't find any breeders who were selecting for the exact traits that a service dog needs to possess at a very early age. So I decided if it wasn't happening, I was going to make it happen. I've had to relearn how to walk, how hard can it be compared to that?

Well... If it was easy, everybody'd be doing it. I am lucky. Halia's breeder put me in touch with a breeder on the East coast who helped me select a male for breeding, based on his personality traits. We tried and came up empty, the insemination didn't take. Next heat came, and... success! Halia gave birth to a girl and three boys. Hopefully one of them would have "the right stuff" to be a service dog.

Well... good news and bad. The girl didn't survive past 48 hours. It happens sometimes. Sad, but goes with the territory. The boys, on the other hand...

At 8 weeks we had them evaluated for aptitude to become service dogs. ALL THREE passed! the rarity of a 100% success rate in a litter is staggering. I should've bought a lottery ticked the day Halia was impregnated. We decided to put two into training programs, and the third one, which we named Polar Bear, we kept.

We'd planned to keep a boy for some time, and we've also found him a mate--Nani Lelani (Beautiful Flower.) Nani is just a few months older than Polar Bear, and we're expecting very good things from the two of them in a few years.

We are producing QUALITY, genetically sound, AKC registered Labradors with AKC Champion bloodlines. We select, raise, and breed our girls (and one boy) to produce very high quality pups. Even then, we realize that not all of these dogs are going to become service dogs, but even those dogs will make phenomenal pets for loving families. Dogs of this caliber easily sell for \$2500 (or more, if I got some champion letters behind Halia's name.) So naturally, we select service dog training programs worthy of our dogs--and we give these dogs to them, free of charge, with only their guarantee that they train them and donate them to either a disabled veteran, wounded warrior, or first responder (or their family members) who need them. It costs training programs NOTHING to receive

one of our pups. Hero Labradors has zero paid employees, we're all volunteers.

Service Dogs for those who've served.

Yours in service, Commander Tracy "Gleek" Clark, SFMD Blue Division Leader & Chief Medical Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009



Birthdays for next month: Juy: Michelle Goulet July 11; 50th Anniversary of Apollo Moon Landing July 20

ENGINEERING DIVISION (RED)

Greetings and Salutations,

For those of you who do not know, please allow me to introduce myself. I am 2nd LT. Daniel J. Roe. I joined the valiant crew of the USS Sea Tiger recently and can say that we are one of best in the fleet. I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Trek has always been my inspiration and my guilty pleasure in life. As a small child I can remember watching Capt. Jean Luc Picard "trek" across the galaxy, meet new species and using the team work and experience of his crew to overcome every challenge. I wanted so badly to be a part of it. The action and adventure as well as the danger. I am so glad that I discovered STARFLEET INT. and I am finally able to be a part of that which we all celebrate and love. Trek is different for everyone but the acceptance and love of it, Yes even the fated Backula "Enterprise" it is all Trek and we celebrate it as a crew, nay a family.

I have been recently given the honor of heading up the Red Division of the USS Sea Tiger NCC 2009. I have a lot planned in the days ahead and hopefully give the intrepid crew many away missions to explore strange new stores and seek out new events and excellent reservations.

July 13th 2019

We will be beaming down to the "Lois Tussaud Palace of Wax". This will be an adventure you will remember for awhile. Capt. Kirk and Mr. Spock will be there on the bridge of the NCC 1701, no bloody A, B, C, or D (wax exhibit). Bust out your Class B Uniform, shine up your shoes and smile big. See Johnny Cash, Oprah and Lady Gaga.

August 17 2019

You lean over to see your panel and you hear the last thing you wanted to hear today. "Captain, Klingons on an intercept course bearing one three one." Barks your Conn. officer. "Open hailing frequencies " you instruct your communications officer. "No answer sir." Your Science officer gives the shield frequencies to your Tactical of the approaching D-7 K'Tinga class battle ship. "They are firing sir." "Raise shields brace for impact" you bellow to your crew. "Pizza hut, your pizza is ready" you hear as you snap back to your own home and realize, it's just a game. We will be meeting to

play Artemis Bridge Simulator, so please bring your laptop, Android tablet or IOS PADD. I highly recommend you bring a laptop if you are able as it will be able to more immerse yourself into the game. Uniform will be class B unless otherwise stated. If you do not own a uniform that is fine to, weather may be hot so dress according. Pizza will be ordered as well so if you have any specific food requirements or a special diet please let one of the command staff know so that we can accommodate you as best as possible.

In the months to come we will be doing many fun and interesting events such as setting up a booth at the local Library to encourage youth to read and perchance snag a few new interested Trekkies who may be interested in joining our family. I want to plan a dinner for us at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament.

There are is also an Anime Dallas Convention Nov 29-Dec 1 at the Hyatt Regency DFW; Spooky Spectacle 2019 Sep 14-15th at Will Roger Memorial Center Fort Worth. As well as the Galactic Swag Expo 2019 at the Esports Stadium in Arlington Texas on July 27-28.

Many other events are in the works and I would welcome any suggestions from anyone that has an idea. Let's get out there and make an impact on the communities we live in, invite as many as we can to join us in the fun. 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

P.S.

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. If you want pics of those as well please let me know and I will forward them to you ASAP.





BOSUN (Chief in Charge)

Report Update June 2019

The flip-top challenge went well this past year. Even with the turn out, this year we still were able to donate over 7,000 flip-tops to Ronald McDonald House. I hope we do better this next year and with your continued help we will succeed. Most contributed this last year were: Family – Goulets Individual – Cindy Crouch

Interesting Note: Approx. 1,128 tabs equals one pound. They get about .40 to .50 cents per pound. It averages out to about \$6,000 per year that they collect. This helps compensate for housing the families at the Ronald McDonald House. They ask for the tabs as they are easier to handle instead of the whole aluminum can.

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:

Greetings, Marines! Intelligence Center

Greetings, Marines!

The Brigade had a blast at the 2019 Mess and Muster at Summit in Baton Rouge. The Uniform Build-Along was fairly successful – all the members of Brigade Staff that were there wore that uniform, at least. The Mess on Friday evening was a great time, with 47 people in attendance. As The Goat this year, I was able to ensure that everyone at the Mess did something outside of their comfort zone and we all had fun with each other.

Apparently, I did a good enough job that the Brigade has decided that I get to be Goat again next year, but I get to choose my "Assistant Goat" from the attendees. <Insert Diabolical Laughter Here.>

Other than that, it's been pretty peaceful in the Intel Center this month.

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

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.

Meanwhile, RPG stuff.

My RPG group has completed the first adventure that we set out on in our return to First Edition Advanced Dungeons & Dragons.

The party is part of an Adventuring Company, "The Platinum Vipers." Five player characters (a halfelf Cavalier, a half-elf Assassin, a human Monk, a dwarf Cleric/Fighter, and a half-elf Magic User/Thief) set off to fulfill the requirements of the Cavalier's inheritance: to rid her uncle's keep of the humanoids who took it from him.

This was also a race against time, as the Cavalier had to accomplish her task and return with proof within a fairly short time.

The adventure was fun, and allowed each character to shine in his or her own area of expertise. It's taking a while to get used to using tables during combat, and some of the questions we all had took a bit of research to answer. Some of the questions were unanswerable "by the book" and so they required the Dungeon Master (DM) to make a judgement.

The "Old School" of RPG thought & play is quite enjoyable; it's nice to know that minor decisions matter, that sometimes (no matter what you do) the world can be a deadly place, and that preparation and teamwork is the key to success.

While at Summit, LGN Ed Tunis gave me his old copy of an RPG that I'd completely missed, back-inthe-day: "The Price of Freedom" by West End Games. I'm reading through it in some of my very limited spare time, and I hope to have a review for you all next month.

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 GuestsFrom: Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron FranckDate: June 5, 2019Subject: 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 <u>gm@region3.org</u>. Payment MUST be received <u>no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2019</u>. 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 <u>franck.lucyferron@yahoo.com</u>, or Jeremy Carsten at <u>rc@region3.org</u>. 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 at <u>seatiger@region3.org</u> or visit our web site

http://ussseatiger.weebly.com/

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