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## **Crew Meetings & Activities 2019**

Oct 12 Zombie Hayride
Oct 26 mtg Promotions and Awards – Ship's birthday month
Nov 23 Escape Room

Dec 14 Klingon Dinner Thing & Ferengie Gift Exchange (Christmas Party)
Dec 20 Star Wars IX (invade movie house in Star Trek uniform or dress)

#### 2020

Jan 25 mtg

Feb 22 mtg

Mar28 mtg

Apr 25 mtg

May 23 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)**

Since I'm still new to this job, I still haven't unpacked all the boxes from moving in. This month there isn't much to report. But as you will see from the rest of the newsletter, we have a lot going on. His is a **really** busy and fun ship. Thanks for letting me join.

Richard Morrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Gold Division Leader

#### CO REPORT

For the first time since I joined the ship (in August 2009), we actually had a Leadership Committee meeting! Thanks to Daniel for hosting, and thanks to the Division Leaders and our Exec for coming. We covered a lot of ground, and thereby shortened our normal crew meeting considerably. Again, thanks to everyone for your input.

Two weeks later, we had a great meeting. If you weren't there, we missed you! Oh, and welcome to Steven, who found out about us from Meetup.com.

October is looking like it'll be a fun time, too. Our Landing Party this month is a Zombie Hunt Hay Ride at DFW Adventure Park (13055 Cleveland Gibbs Rd, Northlake, TX 76262 – off of 114 east of I-

35W) on 12 Oct. We'll meet first at Rosa's Café, on the northeast corner of the intersection of I-35W and 114, around 5pm. Let's make this a uniform event, and let's make sure everyone has plenty of cards to hand out.

We're also planning to get back together with the Haltom City Library, to participate in functions at the library as well as to have movie days, game days, and other fun stuff.

Our normal monthly ship's meeting will be a bit different than usual, as October is our promotions/awards meeting. It's also the anniversary of the chapter's commissioning as the USS Comanche, Galaxy-class, NCC-71809. Our little group has been around since 1992 – that means 27 years of representing STARFLEET in the Fort Worth area. I'm hoping one of our newer members, Rusty, will be able to join us.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> is going to be an "Away Meeting" – we're going to go to an escape room! We're not quite sure which one we'll be going to, so stay tuned to our facebook page and our web site.

December is our least active month, but that's because everyone has holiday things. On Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll get together at Daniel's at noon for a combination Klingon Dinner Thing/potluck dinner and Ferengi Gift Exchange. Bring a dish to share and an inexpensive wrapped gift to join in the exchange (like a "White Elephant" exchange.) \$5-10 is a good range.

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

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

## **XO REPORT/Communications Report**

Referring to the above article, there is a list of all our upcoming activities at the end of this newsletter. I figured putting it all in one place might make it easier for everyone to keep up with.

Respectfully,
R. Admiral Liz Goulet
First Officer, USS Sea Tiger, NCC-2009
Articles for next month need to be in by Oct 31...

## SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE) Ship's Services



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

Alien Civilizations May Have Explored The Galaxy and Visited Earth Already, New Study Says. We Just Haven't Seen Them Recently

The Milky Way could be teeming with extraterrestrial civilizations that have spread across the stares, according to a new study.

The new study offers new perspectives on the Fermi Paradox which asks why we haven't found signs of intelligent extraterrestrials in our galaxy.

There are plenty of scenarios in which aliens could exist but we haven't heard from them, the study authors wrote. Aliens may have even visited Earth, they say, just not recently enough for us to have noticed.

The study suggests that aliens might wait for stars to move closer to one another before spreading across the galaxy.

The Milky Way could be teeming with interstellar alien civilizations, according to a new study. We just don't know about it because they haven't paid us a visit in 10 million years.

They study published last month in The Astronomical Journal, posits that intelligent extraterrestrial life could be taking its time to explore the galaxy, harnessing star systems' movement to make starhopping easier.

(To be continued next month)



Birthdays for next month: Liz Goulet celebrates Oct 27.



# Red Division

Greetings Tigers,

It's hard to believe but another month has come and gone. September has been a quiet month with little of note. Myself and the leadership came together for what was explained as "the first time in a

long while" I was happy to host aboard the shuttlecraft ROE. There were pinwheel sandwiches meatballs and jalapeno poppers. We discussed promotions and warrants of merit. it is always nice to recognize everyone with these awards and maybe a promotion or two. The commissary is up and running with the warp core humming quite nicely. Stay tuned to the USS SeaTiger Facbook group page as I will send out discount codes to help offset the cost of swag. Christmas is around the corner so what better gift than a Sea Tiger shirt or mug. Our main page features a link towards the bottom of the page. (don't worry all ferengi have been banned from working the register)

In last month's newsletter I gave a few options for the escape room "holodeck" away mission. Upon further research I have found that "in my never to be humble opinion" that "Escape The Room" Fort Worth, 605 Houston ST. Fort Worth Texas escapetheroom.com/dallas-fort-worth will offer the best experience possible. As of this date 9/30/2019 they are offering 6 different rooms and boast the best sets and most immersive of any other escape rooms in the state.

They offer an escape from a submarine, a western bank heist, a theatre filled with puppets (think cross between howdy doody and toy story), an adventure to save Fort Worth from an evil corporation cloning dinosaurs you must stop the cloning process to save the stockyards (seems I've heard this story somewhere), travel through time to save a timekeeper that is stuck in the clock he is supposed to keep running, the Meltdown takes place in a nuclear power plant that will explode if the clues are not solved in time destroying all of the DFW area.

All the recent reviews are all positive and the rooms are large and roomy, some can have up to 10 people at one time, so everyone should be able to move easily. Prices are \$28 per person with groupons available for groups of 2, 4, 6, 8, an 10. We will be choosing the holodeck program on Nov 23 and need a solid head count by the 15th of Nov. Anyone who is interested in doing this, please contact me or the CO so we can have a good head count to use to Groupon. Tank's email is <a href="mailto:greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com">greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com</a> and my is <a href="mailto:Tex1391@gmail.com">Tex1391@gmail.com</a>. And you can also let me know at the next monthly meeting on Oct. 26.



The first proofs for our very own Sea Tiger Comm Badge has been completed. The crew voted on the DS9/Voy era badge and if the proof is any indication this will be beautiful upon arrival. Ten badges will cost \$80 which is much cheaper than previous outlets. They are being hand made by a gentleman from the great Down Under (Australia) Steve Robb. I have placed the order as of the time of this article and will pay the upfront price for them. All members receiving them will be able to pay directly with cash at a ships meeting, using PayPal, Cash App, or check. Amount has been previously discussed. Any extra money will be donated to the Ships Coffers.

Dealing with recruiting, myself and CMO Tracy Clark, will be working together to organize a food drive/fund raiser/ recruiting event. We will set up a booth at a location and ask for can goods and non-

perishable items to donate to a local food bank to help impact our local communities. We will also be taking donations to help us with our established charities and hopefully we can sign up a few new members. This will be a uniformed event TBT by the Officer Of The Day of the event (Tank)



Finally on Dec 14th we will have our Klingon Christmas party on the Shuttle Roe. (my house) I am calling it Happy Birthday Kahless party. more to come in later issue so keep your sensors maximum intensity so you don't miss out.

2ND LT Daniel Roe SFMC Combat Engineer USS Sea Tiger NCC 2009 Red Division leader 333rd Yellow Jackets Region 3 STARFLEET INT

P.S. The XO has compiled a list at the end of this newsletter that will also clarify things.

#### **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-commisary.



#### **BOSUN (Chief in Charge)**

I am still collecting flip-tops in-case anyone is wondering. I am so devoted I went to Red Division Chief's house (Daniel's) to pick his up. One of my collector's is now doing it for his mom – but the kids still benefit and that is what is important.

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 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ft Worth, TX.

Alan Goulet, MCPO



## Military Intelligence Group:

Last month I said that the weather was getting cooler. I was at least a month early. As I'm writing this (on 02 OCT), the current prediction is that on Monday 07 OCT the high temperature out here will be in the mid-70s (Fahrenheit). Bring it on!

I'm still interested in getting the rest of our flags and a set of flagpoles, plus a couple of drill rifles. I think that buying combadges, patches, and shirts are a bit higher priority. However, in discussion with other members of 3BDE Staff, we can always borrow the Brigade's equipment, as needed. (I just think it would be nice to have our own.) In conjunction with my trip to Merkel to work with USS Diamondback's color guard people, I'm re-examining the SFMC's manual... and I know it needs new photos when it is updated.

Along those lines, is there an interest in making a unit Guidon?

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

Thank you all; carry on!

Major General Tank Clark, SFMC, SFMD (BFHD, LMAO) Officer-in-Charge, 333<sup>rd</sup> 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!

No real news from M.A.C.O. HQ this month. No firm word yet on re-worked/re-published manuals, like a uniform manual or training manual. 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.

I still haven't thoroughly devoured West End Games' "The Price of Freedom." It seems a well-designed system, of the 'roll lower than the target number on a d201' type. Very straightforward, with an interesting premise, but as most of my reading time is spent in front of the TV in the evening, I haven't been engrossed by it. I still want to try it out sometime.

My RPG group is building characters for a  $2^{nd}$  Edition Advanced Dungeons & Dragons game. I've found a copy of "Return to the Keep on the Borderlands" an adventure that revisits the classic Basic D&D module B-2, "Keep on the Borderlands." Not too many years ago on Gary Gygax Day we played through B-2, resulting in a TPK $^2$ , so I remember it pretty well. It will be interesting to play there in  $2^{nd}$  Edition.

Meanwhile, there's been interest expressed to me about playing a game with the crew. Tracy has said that she's willing to DM, and even has a copy of T-1-4 "The Temple of Elemental Evil." If you have never played this mega-module, you're in for a treat... and if you have played it before, don't worry. Everything is different the next time through.

This is, of course, subject to the Real World getting in the way, but it would be great to play at the Haltom City Library.

We're thinking about using the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition AD&D rules; I have most of the books for it on PDF (as well as quite a few hardcopies). If you would like a copy of the PDFs, let me know, and maybe give me a thumb drive (USB) for me to load 'em on for you. If you want a print copy, I recommend Amazon.com and Half-Price Books. ©

If you're interested, let me and/or Tracy know, and we'll go from there.

Meanwhile, Modiphius, the company that produces the most recent Star Trek Roleplaying Game, ran a sale recently on their *Conan: Adventures in an Age Undreamed Of* roleplaying game. This uses the same engine as their other games<sup>3</sup>, which they call the 2d20<sup>4</sup> System. I'm waiting for the hardbound book, but they sent me a PDF of it, which I've been trying to read. The system is very interesting to me, and they seem to have done an excellent job of capturing the feel of Robert E. Howard's Conan stories. Character creation is random enough to please an old-school gamer like myself, but also balanced enough to ensure each character, while different, is viable. I find myself very much looking forward to receiving the book (having a book in my hands is so much better than reading it off of a tablet or cell phone) and reading it in depth.

I think that's all I have for everyone right now. Stay tuned, of course, and we'll schedule an RPG day as soon as we can... AFTER autumn actually arrives!

If you're interested, let me and/or Tracy know, and we'll go from there.

## Sum non Satis?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A d20 is a twenty-sided die.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TPK: Total Party Kill... where every member of the party ends up dead.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> John Carter of Mars; Mutant Chronicles; Dune; Achtung! Cthulhu; the afore-mentioned Star Trek Adventures, and several boardgames including one for Kung Fu Panda.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2d20, meaning two twenty-sided dice. The game also requires six-sided dice.

"Have Phaser, Will Travel"

## A list of Activities till the end of the Year

Oct 12 – Zombie Hayride

DFW Zombie Hunt located at DFW Adventure park located in Northlake, TX. It is at the intersection of Hwy 114 and Cleveland Gibbs Road (13055 Cleveland Gibbs Rd, Northlake, TX 76262). You ride a hayride and shoot at the Zombies but they can't shoot back! It is \$25 per person which gets you on the ride, you sit behind a turret gun and you get 125 paintball rounds. (You can also get an additional 125 rounds for another \$10.)

We will meet at Rosie's Cantina and Tortilla Factory (on the northeast corner) located at 18451 I-35W just before Texas Motor Speedway on 114 and just past Buc-ee's at 5:00 pm to energize before going Zombie hunting.

#### Oct 26

Regular meeting at Shady Oaks at 3:00 pm. We will be celebrating our chapters birthday month. Also, we will be presenting Awards and Promotions at this meeting.

#### Nov 23

#### **Escape Room**

(Red Division Head Daniel Roe has information on this in his report. For this event, we will need to have a head count by Nov. 15 to reserve the room.)

#### Dec 14

Klingon Dinner Thing and Ferengi Gift Exchange

Noon at Daniel Roe's house

Klingon Dinner Thing is a potluck meal where everyone brings some kind of dish. (Usually meat since that is what Klingon's like best) That doesn't mean you can't bring salad, fruit, dessert, etc. The normal recommendation is a dish for you with some to share. Awhile back, we had one of these and everyone brought a meat dish. We all actually *wanted* green vegetables and fruits!!

## Ferengi Gift Exchange

This is like the Chinese swap – everyone brings a gift (\$10 - \$15) The cost isn't the big deal, we even encourage re-gifting which can be interesting at times. Wrap them up so we can't tell what they are (yes, you can use unusual boxes, etc.) All of them are put on a table and then we all draw numbers from a container. When your number comes up, you get to pick out a gift. If people have drawn before you and you see something you would like; you can take it from them. However, once gift has been exchanged (taken) three time (first draw and two more after) it is officially dead or no longer able to be taken. Otherwise we would be swapping all afternoon. The person who draws first does get to see if they want to take something after everyone has gone through once.

This is really fun because you never know what is going to be presented. It doesn't have to be Star Trek or SciFi oriented, just good clean fun!

Oh, if for whatever reason, you don't want to do the gift exchange, it is optional.

#### AND THEY RUN OUR COUNTRY

Think the world is a scary place? Read this and you will be terrified!!!

This came from a Travel Agent who had done this for thirty years. And it amazes her how some people act.

- I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.
- I got a call from a candidate's staffer, who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, then she interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts." Without trying to make her look like the stupid one, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa." Her response. (click)
- A senior Vermont Congressman called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what
  was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried
  to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie
  to me. I looked on the map, and Florida is a very thin state!"
- I got a call from a lawmaker's wife who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?" I said, "No." She said, "But they look so close on the map."
- An aide for a Bush cabinet member once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas.
   When I pulled up the reservation, I noticed he had only a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between the gates to save time."
- An Illinois Congresswoman called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20 a.m. an got into Chicago at 8:33 a.m.. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

(To be continued in November's newsletter)



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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