



# Regulators Charge!

## Defending the Final Frontier

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### Crew Meetings & Activities 2013

2014

Mar 22 Regular Meeting  
Apr 26 Dinning In Regular Meeting  
(Highlighted in Ready Room Article)  
May ? Regular Meeting  
Jun 21 Regular Meeting  
Jul 19 Regular Meeting  
Aug 16 Regular Meeting  
Sept 20 Regular Meeting  
Oct 18 Klingon Dinner Thing (Decatur)  
Nov 15 Regular Meeting  
Dec ? Christmas Party

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.)

### From the Ready Room

We're getting close to the end of February, and the ship's calendar looks wonderfully busy & fun.

We had a good turnout at the Ship's meeting. As always, we enjoyed good food and great company. I'd especially like to welcome LT(JG) Sean Washburn to the crew, and I hope he and his wife Laura enjoy being *Regulators*.

March is going to be awesome. The first weekend of the month, 01-02 Mar, is the Dallas Comic & Pop Expo (CPE) in Richardson, TX. This is the first year for this convention, and we're honored to be representing STARFLEET with a recruiting/info table. It should also be a lot of fun working as volunteers for this new con... in years past, we've always been able to meet new and interesting people, and we usually get to have some of our members work with the con's guests.

We haven't done a convention as a ship for a while. As the costs of getting a table goes up, it makes it harder and harder. One of the things we discussed at the February Ship's Meeting was getting a table for Dallas Comic-Con in May. We've never actually recruited anyone at a con - while they're fun, and a good way of getting the word out to people who may not have heard about STARFLEET (or even organized Star Trek Fandom). Currently, I think a vendor table at Dallas Comic-Con is way out of our chapter's financial reach (according to <http://www.scifiexpo.com/dcc/2014-new-exhibitor.pdf>, a single booth space is \$695.00) but a discussion on the Region 3 e-mail list has made an interesting suggestion.

Imagine, instead of the *Regulator* having a static table, that we instead send a Landing Party (or, for those Next Gen types, an Away Team.) The members of this Party/Team dress in the same style uniforms, carry appropriate props, stay (mostly) together... and stay "in character" the entire time. Security officers wielding phasers to protect the detail, science officers scanning vendors' merchandise with

tricorders, a yeoman recording the Party/Team's leader's "Log Entries"... and everyone ready to give out ship business cards or flyers.

This might be difficult to do for the May con, as not everyone has a uniform that matches everyone else's. It would take some work and some coordination to get a team put together for this sort of thing. TOS is cheaper and easier, but certainly other options are do-able, especially with the 15% discount STARFLEET members get from [www.cosplaysky.com](http://www.cosplaysky.com), and the 10% discount from [www.cosplaysupplies.com](http://www.cosplaysupplies.com). As a chapter, we don't require uniforms, and I would NEVER tell anyone they "had" to get or make any particular uniform item... but for those of us who enjoy costuming and convention-going, it might be something to look into as a ship.

Usually, our ship's March meeting would be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, but to allow crew to attend All-Con X, and to allow me to attend the *USS Artemis'* Commissioning Ceremony (as a good Zone Leader should), we've agreed to postpone until the following weekend (22 March). We'll be back at Shady Oaks on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, starting at 3pm.

April is another month where we'll be moving our meeting, as our usual date (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 19 Apr 2014) is the day before Easter. Instead, we'll be holding our Spring Dining Thing on Saturday 26 Apr at the Trail Dust Steakhouse, 2300 E Lamar Blvd, Arlington, TX 76006, starting at 3pm. This is a promotion & awards event, and I encourage those of you who have uniforms - especially dress uniforms - to wear them. I especially encourage those members who aren't able to attend meetings often to come if at all possible. Also, I'd like everyone to take a look at the chapter awards page on the web site (<http://ussregulator.weebly.com/chapter-awards.html>) and feel free to nominate your fellow crewmembers for awards.

Looking into May, we may make it three months in a row for a re-scheduled meeting, as our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday is also the weekend of Dallas Comic-Con (as discussed above.) We'll discuss this at our March meeting. I hope to see you there!

Meanwhile, let's keep having fun!  
With my compliments,  
Brigadier Tank Clark, SFMC  
Commanding Officer, *USS Regulator*

### XO/Communications

This ship just keeps getting better and better. And I should know, I've been here the longest. Our upcoming events are well-worth coming to and the monthly meetings are always full of fun and good company. We had a great turnout this month and I hope everyone can make it next month to see what we discuss next.

Liz Goulet, Commodore  
XO/Communications Officer

## BRIDGE REPORT

I am writing this as I prepare for our away mission to the Dallas Comic and Pop Expo. The Regulator will have a recruitment table at the Expo and I look forward to sharing glorious stories when we return!  
I would like to welcome Sean Washburn on board. He joined us for our February meeting and decided to join us anyway. Sean and his wife Laura were a very welcome addition to our crew and we hope to share many future away missions with them.

We are all set for our Dress Dinner in April. It will be held at the Trail Dust Steakhouse in Arlington. Please join us if you can. I know Captain Tank has lots of awards and promotions to hand out. If you have a uniform please wear it, if not please wear clothes. It is a "Dress" dinner after all. (No, Scott you don't have to wear a dress... unless you want to. Who am I to judge?)

Remember dues are due. If you haven't paid your \$2.00, try and do so at the next meeting. That brings me to STARFLEET memberships. If your membership has or is about to expire please consider renewing. The new online membership is only \$10 a year. It allows you access to the Academy, the Communique newsletter and a whole lot more.  
Now about the bridge... Please no eating on the bridge. The LLCARS displays are all getting sticky and we almost flew into Romulan territory at warp 9 when one of the buttons got stuck. Marine Captain Marchant, do whatever you want in engineering but I want this Commodore 64 off the bridge. Have you ever tried to reacquisition 5.5 inch floppies from Starfleet? Also please remove Windows Vista from my display panel... It was very funny but I want my Linux system back.

Once again let me say how much I enjoy this ship! It is everything I wanted from a fan organization. Thank you all for making it so.

LLAP  
Till next month,  
LT Michael Cross

## MEDICAL ALERT!! MEDICAL ALERT:

Emergency Medical Hologram reporting...

CDR Tracy Clark has been too busy sewing uniforms & things to write up her article, so she once again ordered my to find something interesting to present to the crew.

However, as she's not going to pay attention to what I'm doing here, I have decided instead to show you a picture of the late President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, firing an automatic weapon whilst riding on a velociraptor which is carrying a United States flag.



So, there!

"What is the nature of the medical emergency?" Hmph.

Be Happy, Be Healthy  
Comander Tracy Clark  
Chief Medical Officer

## BOSUN (Chief in Charge)

Book Review: Driver #8 – Dale Earnhardt Jr.

This book is about the rookie year that Dale Earnhardt Jr had when he became a Winston Cup driver. This is a personal story about that year and how he did in each race that year. Along with the back story about a third generation race car driver, who drove for one of his dad's racing teams. It talks about things a driver has to do on and off the track during the racing season. If you are interested in NASCAR and what goes on behind the scene, this book is a good read.

Alan Goulet, MGSgt

## From the Flight Deck:

### OIC, VMA-333 "Phoenix Squadron"

Okay, Marines – take a knee and listen up:



I'd like to remind everyone about the SFMC reading challenge. The Marine reports are sent in by the first day of each even-numbered month (e.g.: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec), so I'll need your info a couple of days before then. Either use the form at <http://ussregulator.weebly.com/sfmc-reading-challenge.html> (click "Reporting Form"), or email me a list of your books. The info I need is: Your name, Your SCC# (I have this on file) The title of the book, The author of the book, the ISBN of the book (if it's an e-book, there's an equivalent to the ISBN – or just give me the ISBN of the print version if you can find it), and the number of pages. Again, if it's an ebook, there's usually a page equivalent – or use the page count of the print version.)

If in doubt, I go to either BN.COM for Barnes & Nobles' book info (ISBN & page counts) or to GOODREADS.COM for the same info.

Regarding the SFMC logo redesign: the committee has apparently finished their work, and reported to the General Staff. The GS is now talking with the USMC, to make sure that the new design does not infringe in any way with the USMC's stuff. The last thing we want to do is to make the US Marines unhappy with the STARFLEET Marines, as – lets face it, the SFMC is an homage to the US Marines as well as all armed forces (not just of the US, but also of every nation who are part of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.) I don't know what the new logo looks like, but I'm as excited as anyone to find out! I'll keep you up to date.

The Brigade Staff is still talking about either a Wilderness Challenge or something similar for the Brigade. No real info at this time, but it's something that is still on the table. Regardless, there seems to be a desire to do "Marine Focused" activities & events around the Brigade, and I'm in favor of that. If you have any ideas on something we as an MSG can do, please let me know.

I've talked about uniforms in other articles, so I'll mention them here, too. Remember, as Marines we have both more choices of uniforms, and more instructions on how they're to be worn properly. Your first source is the latest Marine Forces Manual (MFM), which you may download at <http://www.library.sfi-sfmc.org/index.php?id=general>. There are uniforms from most eras of Trek, as well as uniforms that resemble current modern stuff. We Marines wear different rank insignia, too, and that's also discussed in the MFM. Check out the SFMC Quartermaster for the globe-and-anchor (and eventually, for whatever will replace it), Branch devices, ribbons, and other nifty stuff. Visit [www.paradestore.com](http://www.paradestore.com) for rank insignia (and remember to re-paint the enlisted rank insignia silver, and the officer rank insignia gold). I'm always happy to help... just let me know. Meanwhile, carry on smartly.

Colonel Tank "Bazinga" Clark, SFMC  
OIC, VMFA-333 "Phoenix Squadron"  
3BDE S-1 Personnel & Administration

## News from The Paxton Boys (in PA)

No news from the away team. Hope they didn't freeze up there?

Sincerely,

John A. Kraly II

Commander-SFI, PA member of USS Regulator

President & Organi-czar – West Shore Science Fiction Society

CO-USS Pennsylvania NCC-17120 (Independent Star Trek club)

"In the spirit of BB-38 & SSBN-735"

"The *Achilles*-class starship is a warship developed by the Federation during the Dominion War" – [http://memory-beta.wikia.com/wiki/Achilles\\_class](http://memory-beta.wikia.com/wiki/Achilles_class)

## From the Deck 15 Horde:

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For you tera'ngan'pu, go to <http://www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/klingson.php>

I will be discussing Klingon rank insignia now. I believe that there is NO "official" canon rank insignia for Klingons – because I believe that the Klingon fleet is organized more like a squadron or fleet of "privateers" than an official Navy. Each Klingon ship seems to be much more self-contained than a Starfleet ship. Smaller Klingon ships (like commander Kruge's in *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* and the Klingon captain in *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*) obviously don't bother with getting orders from a higher command authority.

In the Original Series, we didn't actually meet as many Klingons as you might think. The first Klingon commanding officer we met was Commander Kor ("An Errand of Mercy") who led the Klingon occupation forces on Organa. In this episode, Kor wore no insignia, other than the emblem on his baldric (sometimes called a "sash").



In the Animated Series, we see Kor again ("The Time Trap") – and now he's wearing two trapezoidal gold items on his shirt, and he no longer is wearing a baldric. By the way, I think he's rockin' that lavender vest...



Later in the Original Series, we meet Captain Kang ("Day of the Dove") Kang is wearing what appears to be the same baldric Kor wore, but he's also wearing what seems to be two separate pins on his vest, near his collarbone. His crew also seemed to wear a variety of pins in the same location on their vest (but on both sides).

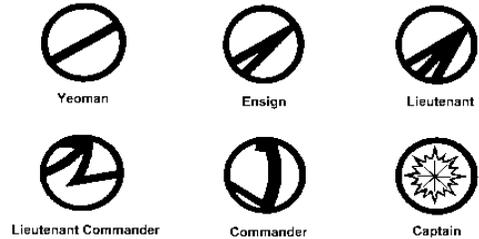
The third Klingon commander I'll mention from the Original Series is Captain Koloth, of "Trouble with Tribbles" fame. Koloth doesn't wear a



baldric, but he does wear two pins on his shirt, above the vest and near the collarbone.

In the first *Star Trek* movie, we get to see the "ridged" Klingons for the first time. Along with this, we also see the "armor" uniforms – and once again, we don't see any standard rank insignia.

The first source I've been able to find on "official" Klingon rank insignia is from the old FASA *Star Trek* Roleplaying Game. This game included a chart of rank insignia, apparently created from whole cloth by the designers of the game. This insignia is currently used by many Klingon fan organizations, including the Klingon Attack Group (KAG). In *The Final Reflection* by John Ford, the insignia for a Captain is described as a starburst, which matches this chart. (see something similar below)



Of course, other role-playing games have their own ideas for rank insignia. The good folks who created "Prime Directive," an RPG based on the same licensing agreement that Franz Joseph had to make the old *Starfleet Technical Manual*, and that FASA used to create its own RPG and the *Star Fleet Battles* game, created their own insignia... and I have to admit I like it a lot. It's a series of bars and dots attached to the old red/green/blue/gold Klingon trefoil insignia. Here's what a Navy Lieutenant (or Marine Captain) would wear:



This is a Navy Captain (or Marine Colonel):



And finally, a Navy Rear Admiral (or Marine Major General):



As a reminder, the next Good Day to Dine (GdtD) is at Zenna Thai & Japanese, Rosemeade & Midway in Dallas, on Sunday 30 Mar 2014, beginning at 1600hrs (4:00 PM). I encourage as many of you who can to participate, and dress in Klingon garb if possible (Starfleet uniforms if you don't have Klingon – or at least “Trek” up as much as you can). The GdtD are designed for Klingons – and Klingon-friendly people – to invade a DFW-area restaurant and freak out the mundanes a little. This works best if everyone is clearly part of the group – and as Klingon, or at least as Star Trek, as possible.

Tracy is happy to help anyone who wants to make a TOS-style Klingon uniform. You provide the black turtleneck/mock-neck/long-sleeve t-shirt, black or brown pants, and boots – she'll make the vest. Just let her know, at [gl.redroses@gmail.com](mailto:gl.redroses@gmail.com).

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For the Empire!  
Klark, son of Konald

Notes:  
“A **privateer** or “**corsair**” was a private person or ship authorized by a government by [letters of marque](#) to attack foreign vessels during wartime. Privateering was a way of mobilizing armed ships and sailors without having to spend treasury resources or commit naval officers. They were of great benefit to a smaller naval power or one facing an enemy dependent on trade: they disrupted commerce and pressured the enemy to deploy warships to protect merchant trade against [commerce raiders](#). The cost was borne by investors hoping to profit from [prize money](#) earned from captured cargo and vessels. The proceeds would be distributed among the privateer’s investors, officers, and crew. Privateers were part of naval warfare from the 16th to the 19th centuries. [Some privateers](#) have been particularly influential in the annals of history. Sometimes the vessels would be commissioned into regular service as warships. The crew of a privateer might be treated as [prisoners of war](#) by the enemy country if captured.” – <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privateer>  
Other sources for this article include [www.trekcore.com](http://www.trekcore.com), Memory Alpha ([www.memory-alpha.org](http://www.memory-alpha.org)), IKV Bloodlust (<http://ikvbloodlust.net/Ranks.htm>) the Imperial Klingon Battle Fleet crew handbook at [http://webspaces.webring.com/people/xq/qorethh/ikbf\\_hb-crew.html](http://webspaces.webring.com/people/xq/qorethh/ikbf_hb-crew.html).

## Have Phaser, Will Travel!



All of my articles for this newsletter seem to be uniform-focused. As I said last month, our ship has never required anyone to own/wear a uniform, and I won't “require” any member of the Paladins to wear one, either. I'd like to see more uniforms, but that's just me. Honestly.

The *Regulator* spreadshirt site does have Paladin-specific shirts for as low as \$14.00, though: <http://ussregulator.spreadshirt.com>. Check it out.

I'd still like our ship's Ranger unit to do something special. There should be a reason to be in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Rangers, other than the nifty-looking uniform options. I welcome any suggestions. Some of my thoughts include a special role-playing game session just for the Paladins, or even a cooperative writing story about a Ranger mission. Maybe we could go on a laser-tag, Airsoft, or paintball trip, or maybe even a STARFLEET Ranger Campout.

Oh, and as a reminder... If you ARE a member of our Ranger unit, make sure the STARFLEET Database reflects that. Sign in to the Database, go to the Member tab, and select Affiliation Status. Then, select “Special Operations.” It's that easy! Oh, and make sure I know you're a Ranger, too. Here's who I know are Rangers:

- Tank Clark, Team Leader
- Tracy Clark, Asst Team Leader
- Liz Goulet
- Cynthia Crouch
- Roon Marchant
- Scott Cornatzer
- Colin Gabbert
- Juanita Stone

If anyone else wants to join the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers (“The Paladins”), you are most welcome. Tell me!

Oh, and always remember: “*If the enemy is in range, so are you!*”

Leading the way,

With my compliments,  
BDR Tank Clark,  
Team Leader, 33rd STARFLEET Rangers, “The Paladins”

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## THE LOUNGE

Remember to return your empties to the replicator, and what happens in the lounge stays in the lounge, unless we get a better offer...D  
Mark West  
Bartender

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## Cadet Counselor

Birthdays for the month of March are John Morgan on Mar 17. Don't forget to come to the Dinning In in April. It should be a very interesting time. Thanks to the Second Officer for finding us a place.  
Michelle Goulet, Chief Petty Officer

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## Engineering Department

The Sci-Fi Expo was an interesting weekend, which two blackouts and an false fire alarm, so a fitting end to the ICC.

All he line were long for each guest and Karl Urban line never seemed to move.  
Roone Machart, 2Lt  
Chief of Engineering

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## Science Department

We are looking into this thing called the “Arctic Express” that seems to be blanketing the country with frigid weather. We let you know when we have more.  
Ensign Amanda

## SECURITY! SECURITY!!

In security we don't have any insecurity. That is to say, we are all very secure, and we are keeping the ship very secure. Anyone who demonstrates insecurity is not secure, and will be restrained and escorted to the nearest security reinforcement station (SRS). At the SRS, first time offenders are given five pokes with a Klingon pain stick. Second time offenders are vaporized. There is no insecurity in security.

Please look both ways before crossing busy corridors. A cross-corridor collision can be dangerous, and if you get injured it generates paperwork for both Security and Medical. Security officers forced to do too much paperwork miss time in the target range, and sometimes miss out on donuts. They are then agitated, and that makes them trigger-happy. Nobody wants a trigger-happy security officer.

This is Chief of Security Brulotte, signing off.

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## GAME MASTER REPORT

Hi All,

Not much to report this month but snow. Yes the bad weather set back the release date of almost all games. The next 2 weeks I will get a lot to tell you about but the bad weather is the news for this month.  
Game Master, Eugen Connolly



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

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