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**Crew Meetings & Activities 2017**  
**June 24, July 22, Aug 26**  
**September 23, October 28, November ?, Dec ?**

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 (YELLOW)**  
**CO REPORT**

**From the Ready Room**

A ham sandwich walks into a bar. The bartender says...  
... "Sorry, we don't serve food in here."  
(Sorry.)

**Ship's status**

At the last meeting, I officially took command of USS Regulator, and Liz officially became the First Officer. According to the Database, we have thirteen members; Glen's membership has expired (and we hope he'll renew!), and Scott's will expire on 11 JUN.

The Red Division and the Gold Division are vacant at this time. We need volunteers! Weather permitting, I'm scheduled to go skydiving on 03 JUN. If I survive, and if I have fun, Tracy has said she'll consider going skydiving herself to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Next meeting is on 24 JUN, at Shady Oak BBQ. Uniform of the day (for those of you who are interested) is Class B; Officer of the Deck is LTC Roon Marchant. I intend to post an agenda in the Facebook Event; if you have something you want to make sure we discuss, please let me know.

**Recruiting Drive**

Our ship's membership is currently on a downswing, so I would like to encourage each and every one of you to "spread the word" about the USS *Regulator*, and to bring a guest! Please also think of ways we can increase awareness of the chapter.

## **InfiniCon**

August 11-13, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. Captain Cross is trying to arrange for a table, at which we will try out the "Fleet First" concept for ourselves. We intend to coordinate this with the crews of the USS Apollo and the USS Trinity River. We need you to get your uniforms together, set the weekend aside, and prepare for a few days of meeting some awesome people and spreading the word about our charities, STARFLEET, and us, and how the convention-goer can help!

## **IC2017**

The STARFLEET International Conference will be in New Orleans, at the New Orleans Airport Crowne Plaza, on August 18-20. As IC is in Region 3's Area of Operations (AO), the Region won't have a separate, stand-alone Summit, so you can spend the money & time you might have spent on Summit on attending IC instead. Tracy and I have made our reservations, and will be there (God willing). Hope to see y'all there, too!

## **The Future...**

As we begin another two-year tour, it's time to make plans for what we'd like to do. If you have an idea for something you'd like us to do, please share it with us. You can email us at [ussregulator@gmail.com](mailto:ussregulator@gmail.com), or post a thread on Facebook. Any and all ideas are welcome.

Respectfully,

Commodore Tank Clark  
Captain, USS *Regulator* NCC-2009

## **XO REPORT**

Well, here we go again. The CO will probably go over everything we discussed at the meeting. It was a small group and they were so booked up, we had to sit in the main dining area. Really good for talking purposes. But as always, the food was great and the fellowship was greater. We are working on an away mission to the convention in August over in Addison. And we have lots of movies to go see. Hope to see everyone next month and bring a friend or two. Stay cool.

Respectfully,

R. Admiral Liz Goulet  
First Officer, USS *Regulator*, NCC-2009

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## **SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE)** **Ship's Services**



As I mentioned in the last article, I have a few ideas for fundraising.

My favorite is an online scavenger hunt. For a small entry fee (donation), the participants would have fun deciphering clues, taking pictures, and submitting them. I have thought of ideas on the clues, but I haven't worked them all out yet.

The second idea is more of an on-site contest. Like our old "Guess how many tribbles" contest, a simple thing, but it has proven to be profitable.

The third idea is photo contest. Take a picture with your favorite alien; voters would donate money to vote on their favorite.

Other ideas include a game night with an admission fee, or collecting books to trade at Half-Price Books.

I know these ideas might not gain much for our charities, but “some” is certainly more than the current “none.”

As always, I welcome and appreciate any comments or suggestions.

Singin’ the Blues,  
Commander Tracy “Gleek” Clark, SFMD  
Blue Division Leader & Chief Medical Officer, USS *Regulator*, NCC-2009

### **Birthdays for next month:**

June birthdays : Scott Cornatez Jun 19, Tracy Clark Jun 26

**Renew Memberships with Fleet:**; Glen Wilkerson due 5/15; Michael Cross 5/22

### **Movies Upcoming**

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales	May 29
Wonder Woman	June 2
The Mummy	June 9
Transformers: The Last Knight	June 23
Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets	July 21

## **Science (NASA)**

### **Your Immune System In Space**

Getting sick when you’re far from home is a drag. You’d give anything to crawl into your own soft bed and sleep. But you’re stuck in a cookie-cutter hotel room feeling like a sick fish out of water. Well, it could be worse.

You could be an astronaut on the way to Mars—a really long way from mom’s chicken soup.

Future space travelers will need to stay healthy to perform well for their own safety and for mission success. So it’s important to understand how extended space travel will affect them.

Factors like radiation, microgravity stress, and altered sleep cycles could all affect astronaut’s immune systems. A new NASA study will investigate the immune system changes that occur in the International Space Station’s crew members. Understanding these immune system changes may help scientists pinpoint the onset of illness and suggest monitoring strategies or treatments that can boost the immune system and prevent full-blown infections and diseases here on Earth.

For more information on these studies go to [science.nasa.gov](http://science.nasa.gov) .

## **Communications**

Ok, everyone, I am expecting lots of movie reviews this next month. With four major movies coming out and I know you all want to see most of them – I want your opinion on if they were worth the time and effort to go see them. Also, if you think anyone else would enjoy them. Remember this newsletter is for you – I just put the articles together.

Liz Goulet, R.Admiral  
Communications Officer, USS *Regulator*, NCC 2009

## ENGINEERING DIVISION(RED) ENGINEERING

### Red Division

The Red Division Leader position is open at this time. Please apply to the Captain if you are interested in filling this important leadership role.

The Red Division is in charge of membership recruiting and retention, as well as the ship's social activities (like parties). He/she serves as our Morale Officer.

Thanks to those who have recently renewed their STARFLEET memberships: Amy Pegues, Scott Cornatzer, Michael Cross. Glen Wilkerson's membership expired in the end of May; we're hopeful that he will renew soon.

Our recruiting drive continues. Please invite anyone you meet who may be interested in joining our little chapter, as growth is a very important part of our continued existence.

Red Five, standing by...

### BOSUN (Chief in Charge)

Thank you for the final input to the contest. This should help determine the winner of the contest. I am sorry to report one of the bags did not have a name on it. These donations will be well received by the Ronald McDonald house. I hope we have a good contest next year for all who want to participate.

Alan Goulet

**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

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**Military Intelligence Group:  
OIC, VMA-333 "Phoenix Squadron"**

Greetings, Marines!

(Please read all the way through this.)

For those of you who haven't been paying attention, you may notice that we're no longer on one of the USS Regulator's flight decks. This is because Phoenix Squadron has closed, and instead of being yet another Aerospace squadron, we are now a Support Branch unit: specifically, a Military Intelligence Group. Come on in, and let me give everyone the fifty-cent credit tour.

(This tour is UNCLASSIFIED, and the spaces you're visiting have been sanitized for public viewing. No classified document has been harmed in the production of this tour.)

First, to answer the question of "why did the Marines change branches?" The short answer: "because."

The longer and more thorough answer: I felt as though we had become a bit stale. Our Marine unit has changed branches before... in fact, when the ship was the *Galaxy*-class USS *Comanche*, the Marine unit was an Aerospace squadron, and when I joined the ship (while it was the *Achilles*-class USS *Regulator*), it was a MECHA unit. After I became Captain (the first time around), we changed it

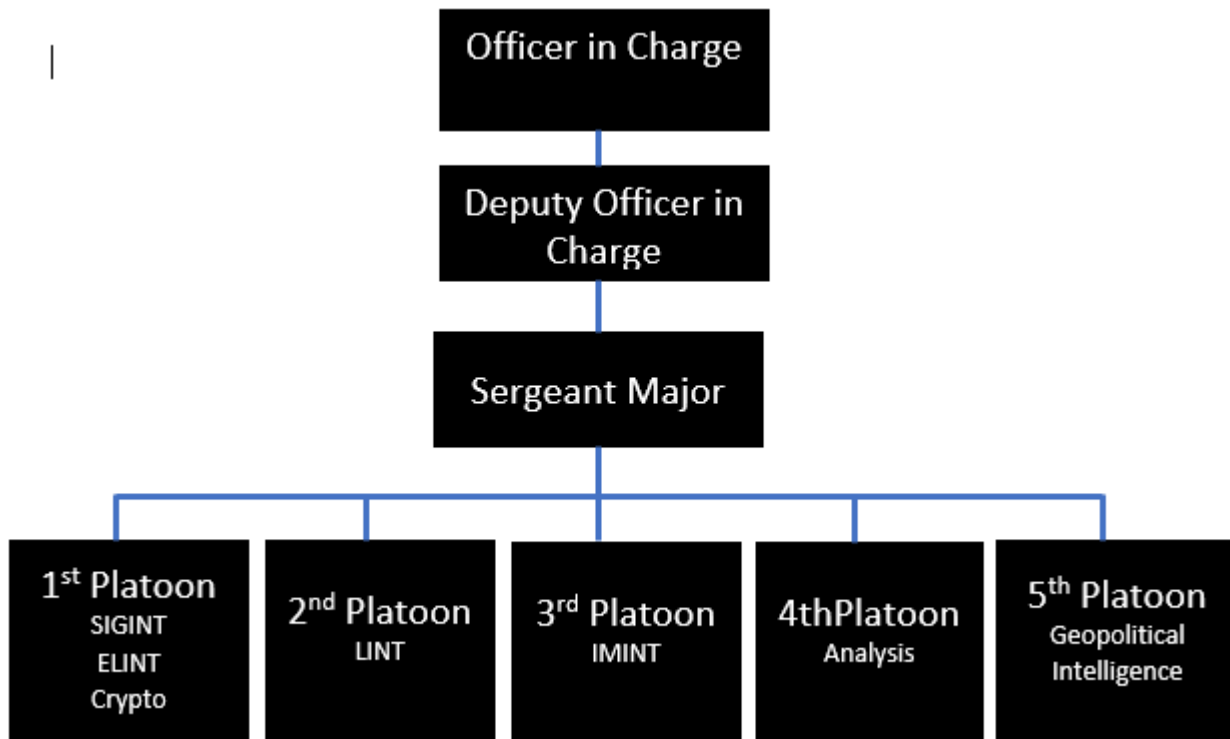
to Phoenix Squadron in Aerospace (again – not knowing that it had been an Aerospace squadron in the past). It was fun for a while, but I was getting bored with it. We visited the occasional aircraft museum, and the occasional air show, but after you've done the same thing over and over again, something new is in order. I asked everyone to think about a change. (see last month's issue, for example.)

I studied upon the idea myself, and re-read various Branch manuals, and found myself drawn over-and-over to Military Intelligence, in the Support Branch. Many of you may remember that my rating in the United States Navy was Intelligence Specialist, so I have the real-world knowledge (as well as a fair amount of nostalgia, as the years have passed.) With my more-than-passing interest in having ship-wide roleplay opportunities, I realized that having a forward-deployed Intelligence Center, similar to where I worked at CINCUSNAVEUR but instead on a heavily armed Ship of the Line like our current *Excelsior*-class USS *Regulator*, provided a wealth of such roleplay possibilities.

To flesh out this concept, I wrote up a brief description of the organization of the 333<sup>rd</sup> as a Military Intelligence Group (or, MILINTGRU). The 333<sup>rd</sup> MILINTGRU is company-sized, and is organized into five platoons:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon (Operations)
  - Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) – gathers electronic data (scanner emissions, energy profiles, etc.) using ship's sensors, remote satellites, probes, long-range sensors, drones, aerospace craft, and special sources
  - Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) – gathers signals data (intercepted communications) using ship's sensors, remote satellites, probes, long-range sensors, drones, aerospace craft, and special sources
  - Cryptography – Decodes intercepted communications to permit analysis.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon (Operations)
  - Lifeform Intelligence (LINT) – gathers information from various life-form sources – interviews, interrogations, spies, the press, informants, etc. (what used to be called HUMINT in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon (Imagery)
  - "Imagery Intelligence (IMINT)" – gathers images from ship's sensors, remote satellites, long-range sensors, drones, aerospace craft, and special sources
- 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon (Tactical & Strategic Analysis)
  - Interprets raw data from various sources, identifies trends, deduces probable future developments and actions of the target based on historical tendencies, the target's established behavior patterns, military doctrine, and culture.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Platoon (Geopolitical Intelligence)

- Using data from a wide selection of sources (including but not limited to SIGINT, ELINT, LINT, Imagery, and open sources like the press), analyzes current events of military, political, industrial, and cultural natures, determining trends and likely developments and their relative importance, as well as the impact these events are likely to have on



Federation interest.

The unit, of course, has a new nickname, as suggested by LTC Roon Marchant: “The Yellowjackets.” (The Branch color for Support Branch is “Starfleet Gold,” the mustard-yellow color worn by engineers, security, and tactical folks in the Next Generation.) The nickname lends itself to a mascot of a yellowjacket, that I believed should be holding a magnifying glass (in a nod to the US Navy’s Intelligence Specialist rating badge, which is a crossed magnifying glass and quill pen.) Suggesting this on a thread on Facebook prompted COL Brian Allen, the 3BDE S-3 and the SFMC’s COFORCECOM, to create a picture of said mascot (who, in my head at least, I call Jack):

I came up with a new motto/slogan: “We Know Better”. This is, of course, a bit of a play on words... the first meaning is that we, as an Intelligence unit, have better knowledge of what’s going on in the galaxy; and the second is that we do whatever we’re doing even though we know better than to do it.

So, what should we, as the newly-minted Intelligence Group that we are, *do*? Here’s my first idea: 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon is all about Imagery Intelligence – that is, analyzing images. How about a photographic scavenger hunt? Let’s make the first mission fairly easy and somewhat fun.



Your mission: using a digital camera (like most cell phones), capture an image of as many different **models** of cars. (Model as in “make and model”: a Dodge Neon, a Dodge Caliber, a Plymouth Voyager are three models.) Year differences don’t count, color differences don’t count.

Email these to me at the ship's email address (ussregulator@gmail.com). Mission end date is 23:59 Central time, Friday 23 June 2017). The prize is to-be-determined.

Any questions, or if you just want to chat about stuff, feel free to email me ([greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com](mailto:greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com)), call me (940.255.9445), text me, or find me on Facebook, or whatever.

Thank you all, and Carry on!

Brigadier General Tank Clark, SFMC, SFMD (BFHD, LMAO)  
Officer-in-Charge, 333<sup>rd</sup> Military Intelligence Group, "The Yellowjackets"  
*"We Know Better"*  
[Greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com](mailto:Greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com)

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### **From the Deck 15 Horde: Known as the Klingon Krew**

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The next Good Day to Dine will be Sun 30 JUL 2017 at Uncle Julio's Mexican restaurant, 190 Stacy Road, Allen, TX 75002.

It would be good to have some Klingon-oriented activity outside of the Good Days to Dine and the annual Klingon Dinner Thing. This isn't all about what I'd like to do, though... so, please let me know what you would like to do.

Meanwhile, at a "Texas Airhogs" baseball game Kalamity and I attended, we saw a Klingon playing ball for the visiting team:

For the Empire!

Kommodore Klark, son of Konald



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### **Have Phaser, Will Travel!**



As always, the monthly reminder: You should, when and as possible, be taking Ranger courses from STARFLEET Academy. You can get the lists of what you should take for each Grade (1 through 10) from the Publications page of the SFSO web site: <https://sfisfo.wordpress.com/publications/> There's a lot of stuff to learn, and it's fun. Do it! When you complete a grade, notify me, letting me know the dates you completed each course within the grade. I'll send it up through my chain of command, and get you certified. Easy-peasy. Completing Grade Two earns you the Major Hayes ribbon... just like Rear Admiral Goulet and I have earned.



I am also seeking a volunteer to become the Assistant Team Leader, replacing Tracy. If (God forbid) something happened to me that would prevent my being able to function, Tracy is liable to be out-of-action, too... and it would be good to know that the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers can continue without me.

Now, on with the game stuff...

I was looking through my hoard (again, it's not a collection, it's a hoard... collections are organized) a while ago, and I saw the Discworld Role Playing Game. Discworld, if you don't know, is a fantasy world created by the late Sir Terry Pratchett, first appearing in the early 1980's in the novel *The Colour of Magic*. It's a flat world, a disc, that rests on the back of four elephants, who stand on the back of Great A'Tuin, a turtle. The world has changed significantly since he first wrote about it – the last novel in the series that I read, entitled "*Raising Steam*", tells about the first railway on the Disc – and the fight some Dwarfs put up against it.

The RPG, like many I own, is a bit dated. This edition doesn't include, nor refer to, about half of the series. It's written using the third edition of the GURPS rules, and includes a "lite" version thereof. To get the most out of the game, though, I'd suggest using the full GURPS rules. GURPS stands for Generic Universal Role Playing System, and it's published by Steve Jackson Games (the same folks who make Munchkin, amongst other great stuff.)

The game system is thorough. You can, given enough character points, make ANY character you wish, from any time you wish. Want an elf wizard? (The Discworld doesn't have 'em, but other fantasy universes do.) No problem. Want a cyborg? Ok. A superhero? Can do. A Roman gladiator, an Egyptian priest of Set, a Viking raider, an Old West gunfighter, a Discworld werewolf? No problems. Of course, this thoroughness comes at a price: character creation is fairly slow, very meticulous, and involves math. Lots of math.

Grab some dice, and let's start killin' some goblins – ...  
*Sum non Satis?*

Commodore Tank Clark, SFMD  
Team Leader, 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers ("The Paladins")  
"Have Phaser, Will Travel"

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## ARTICLES OF INTEREST ETC. BY VARIOUS CREW MEMBERS

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### StarTrek IC 2017 August 18-21, 2017

Registration for the International Conference in August in New Orleans, Louisiana is now \$45 per person. Rates will increase before the event. Register now to take advantage of the lesser registration fee. The hosting crew have some really big plans for this year's event and we look forward to seeing you there. I would like to thank those who registered before the price increase and a big thanks to those who have contributed to the event knowing they will not be able to attend. We are still a long way from the goal for the event and I am still hoping to see many more of you come thru registration.

The website for registration is <http://www.ic2017.org/registration/>



The IC 2017 Committee has secured a block of 150 room nights. STARFLEETmembers will get the special rate of \*\$99 during the days of the Conference as well as one day before and one day after (8/17/17 – 8/21/17). Members can call the hotel directly at 1-800-227-6963 (800) 227-6963 and give promotional code “SIZ” to get the event rate. Or use the link on the [www.ic2017.org/venue](http://www.ic2017.org/venue) to make your reservation online.

This year we have an extra special opportunity. Everyone who registers for the Admiral’s Banquet will have a chance to sit at the Fleet Admiral’s table. There will be a drawing from the banquet registrations to dine with the Fleet Admiral. It doesn’t matter how long you’ve been in Fleet or what your rank is, all you have to do is register for the banquet and your name goes in the hat. If you are unable to attend International Conference this year, please consider supporting our efforts with a Contributing Membership. For a mere \$25, your membership will allow you access to the IC via a streaming service, a souvenir program book, and a bag of goodies as our thanks for helping out with the event. We are working hard to make this IC the biggest and the best yet and we cannot wait to share the experience with our STARFLEET Family. So please come on down and \*  
Les Bon Temps Roulet!\*

The Menu: Banquets can be purchased at our Online Registration Portal for \$45.00 each. The IC 2017 Committee this year has decided to go with plated dinners. Each will come with the following: House Salad, Rolls with Butter, Chefs selection of Vegetables; Starch, and Chefs Dessert Selection.  
Drinks offered: Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea.

Special dietary concerns: We addressed this with the hotel, should the menu not satisfy a Members dietary needs. There will be some special dishes in advance to address this. The Banquet Form on the website is designed to alert the Committee of those needs and pass them to hotel. Remember the final date to get your Banquet Orders in is July 31, 2017.

#### **Friday: August 18 The Marine Mess Selection**

New York Strip Steak: Grilled and Marinated, this cut is topped with a Fresh Crab Meat & Herb Butter Sauce. Chicken Oscar Roulade:Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast rolled with Fresh Asparagus & Crab Meat, Crawfish Bearnaise Sauce

#### **Saturday: August 19 The Admiral39s Dinner Selection**

Cajun Stuffed Pork Loin:Pork Loin stuffed with Louisiana Sausages, Crawfish, Crab & Shrimp, topped with a Spicy Creole Veloute. Pecan Chicken: Sauteed Breast of Chicken encrusted with chopped Pecans and topped with Chardonnay Cream Sauce.



Meetings for the *USS Regulator* are held every month  
at 1500hrs at Shady Oaks BBQ at Sand Shell &  
Hwy 35. Usually on the fourth Saturday of every month.  
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<http://ussregulator.weebly.com/>

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