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**Crew Meetings & Activities 2017**  
July 22, Aug 26  
September 23, October 28 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
November ?, Dec ?

All above meetings 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**

Why did the cowboy buy a dachshund?

... He was told to "get a long little doggie."

(Sorry.)

**Ship's status**

According to the Database, we have sixteen members; welcome RADM Joy Flynt and BGN Byron Flynt, who once-upon-a-time were members of the USS *Comanche*!

The leadership posts for Red Division and Gold Division are still vacant at this time. We need volunteers!

Next meeting is on 22 JUL, at Shady Oak BBQ. Uniform of the day (for those of you who are interested) is Class B; Officer of the Deck is RADM Liz Goulet.

**Recruiting Drive**

Our ship's membership is currently on a downswing, so I would like to encourage "all y'all" 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.

**IC2017**

The STARFLEET International Conference will be in New Orleans, at the New Orleans Airport Crowne Plaza, on August 18-20. You're running out of time to make your reservations and join us!

## The Chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Fort Worth Chapter of STARFLEET – that's us! – will celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. To be different, we're planning on a dinner at BoBo China restaurant in Grapevine, TX, at 4pm. Just dinner and a celebration, no meeting as such. BoBo China doesn't take reservations more than 3 weeks in advance, so we'll have to wait to finalize these plans, but Save the Date! We'll be inviting people from all over the Region... dust off your "dress uniforms!"

## The Past, and the Future...

Once upon a time, when the chapter was only a decade old, the Captain and parts of the crew decided they wanted to change ships from the *Galaxy*-class USS *Comanche*. Instead, the chapter became the *Achilles*-class USS *Regulator*. About two years ago, we moved into an *Excelsior*-class starship, keeping the name USS *Regulator*.

A discussion came up at the ship's meeting in June about the name *Regulator*. I never had particular feelings for the ship's name one way or the other, but I was always curious why the ship was named after "bad guys" – in the Lincoln County War, the Regulators were an armed faction with no law-enforcement powers, that killed (among others) the county's sheriff, William Brady. (Billy the Kid was a Regulator. This can all be found on Wikipedia after a simple Google search.) Apparently (and this is something of which I was unaware), many people on the crew – then and now – were against the name change, especially to a name honoring "bad guys." This discussion resulted in my sharing some of the ship names I've always liked: *Sea Tiger*, *Batfish*, *Copperfin*, *Boxer*, and others. In turn, this conversation carried over to our Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USSREGULATOR/>, and there we've been talking about how having a ship more suited to our Marine unit's mission (intelligence), and named after something more appropriate, might be a good idea.

The Facebook thread has mentioned several ideas for names: *Yellowjacks*, *Bon Homme Richard*, *Potempkin*, *Vespula*, *Arlington* (*Wasp* and *Hornet* are not available, unfortunately), and on Sunday 02 Jun, I found a list of "famous intelligence officers" which included Mata Hari, Giacomo Casanova, John Andre, Bella Boyd, and Nathan Hale. (Currently, I really like the name *USS Nathan Hale*, and if we go with the ship I'd like to go with, maybe name the ship's class the *John Andre*-class.)

As for ship designs, the famous classic TOS *Constitution*-class was mentioned, as were:

- the *Hermes*-class from the Franz Joseph "Starfleet Technical Manual" of 1975,
- the *Archer*-class scout from the *Star Trek: Vanguard* series of novels,
- the *Saladin*-class/*Pompey*-subclass destroyer (which has two nacelles) from STARFLEET's Department of Technical Services,
- The *Peregrine*-class, a frigate that looks like a Romulan Bird-of-Prey (<http://www.inpayne.com/models/kitbash/trekpage.html>)
- The goofy-looking Ascender-class scout (<http://www.inpayne.com/models/kitbash/trekpage.html>)
- The *Vigilance*-class Space Warning and Control Ship <http://www.inpayne.com/models/kitbash/trekpage.html>,
- The *Minmus*-class destroyer, <http://www.inpayne.com/models/kitbash/trekpage.html>,
- The *Yeager*-type scout, a "kitbash" using the Voyager's primary hull, and
- my current favorite, a computer-modeled early TOS scout labeled the USS *Wildcard* suggested by COFORCECOM Col. Brian Allen. A great feature of this one is that the artist be persuaded to put our new name and hull number on



the images for us! <https://evilgenius180.wordpress.com/tag/federation/page/7/>

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 (I *strongly* encourage joining us on Facebook!). Any and all ideas are welcome.

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

### XO REPORT

There were two suggestions for away missions made at this meeting. The first was to the Granbury Paranormal 6<sup>th</sup> Expo. It is held in the Granbury Square and admission is free. Don't know about the parking situation, will do a recon on that one. It is held Sept 30 10-7 and Oct 1 10-5. There are lots of different Paranormal exhibits and displays as well as fantasy and scifi. The Regulator is also listed as making an appearance – so come in uniform. It looks to be lots of fun.

The other idea was going to the Military Museum of Fort Worth located in the Stockyards off Rodeo Plaza. It was suggested to go there on a Saturday and then find some place in the area to eat. There is lots of parking behind the Stock Exchange building.

There is also going to be a showing of the film "Remembering Leonard" about Leonard Nimoy made by his daughter and son-in-law. It concerns Leonard's fight with COPD. It will be at the Alamo Draft House in Dallas on Sept 14. USS Apollo is promoting this event with the American Lung Association. If you can't attend there are ways to support this cause. Once we get more information I will pass it on.

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

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



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

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

July birthdays : Michelle Goulet Jul 11; Melissa Brulotte Jul 8

### **Renew Memberships with Fleet:**

### **Movies Upcoming**

Despicable Me3	Jun 30
Spider Man Homecoming	Jul 7
War of the Planet of the Apes	Jul 14
Dunkirk	Jul 21
Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets	July 21
Dark Tower (Stephen King)	Aug 4
Murder on the Orient Express	Nov 10

## **Science (NASA)**

From Cynthia Crouch and the Texas Journey/ May-June 2017

### **Hello Darkness**

A total eclipse of the sun comes to the U.S. in August by David Swanson

A crowd of a few thousand congregated for the event of a lifetime – a celestial pas de deus. From our vantage point a hilltop park in the town of Sivas, Turkey, skies were clear. Then the midday light began to fade.

It was August 11, 1999, about an hour before a total solar eclipse. People circulated cardboard glasses so that we could watch the moon sink in front of the sun. Meanwhile, the shadow created by this celestial encounter, the umbra, was racing across Europe toward us at a speed of 1,600 miles per hour. The total eclipse would transpire when the umbra engulfed Sivas.

A minute before totality, the horizon to the west darkened abruptly and the crowd of amateur astronomers began to roar as the shadow approached. Then the moon slipped in front of the sun the city erupted in cheers as a ghostly white halo emerged from the moon's perimeter.

It was now safe to remove our cardboard spectacles and behold the vista. The sky was a deep dark blue, and stars and planets came out for a bow. The horizon was aglow in every direction. The air had chilled and, with the color drained from clothes and faces, the lighting was mystical.

A total solar eclipse transpires somewhere on the planet about seven times each decade. On August 21, 2017, it's America's turn, as a solar eclipse traces a path across 12 states from Oregon to South Carolina. It will be the first time since 1979 that the moon's shadow will touch the lower 48, according to predictions by Fred Espenak, a scientist emeritus at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. And the last to be visible from here for seven years.

While many of us have seen a partial eclipse, witnessing a total solar eclipse is rare and usually requires some effort. Texans will be able to see a partial eclipse in August. But a position inside the narrow path of totality will yield a dramatically different experience that you can safely view with the naked eye – and for that, you'll need to travel.

"It is one of the most startling and exquisitely beautiful sights in all of nature," suggest Espenak. "It is only during a total eclipse that the sun's entire brilliantly bright disk is hidden from view, revealing the faint and glorious corona that surrounds the sun."

The umbra will come ashore on the Oregon coast, west of Salem, at 10:15 am (PDT). Here, those sitting at the centerline of the shadow will experience 1 minute, 59 seconds of totality. The length of the eclipse gets longer as the 68 mile wide umbra speeds across the heartland, with the greatest duration occurring in southern Illinois, where, Espenak says, totality will last 2 minutes, 40 seconds.

Viewers should also consider weather statistics. Sighting odds decrease for the eastern U.S. according to Jay Anderson, a retired meteorologist at Environment Canada with nearly 40 years' experience in studying eclipse weather.

"The farther east you go, the cloudier it gets," says Anderson.

Following several eclipses with less than ideal circumstances, the relative accessibility and favorable weather forecasts for August have pushed this year's event to the top of eclipse chasers' lists. It's no

accident that the Astronomical League, an organization of more than 240 amateur astronomy clubs, is holding its annual conference in Asper, Wyoming, days before the eclipse.

With hotel rooms and campsites at a premium, many of us may find ourselves reconnecting with long-lost relatives from Idaho or Nebraska, among the states with the best viewing prospects

The next total solar eclipse will occur in 2019 and will be visible in Chile and Argentina. The next eclipse visible from the continental U.S. won't happen until 2024, but weather odds are not as favorable as for the event this August, according to Anderson. "The great advantage of this eclipse is you can just get in your car and drive to it," he says.

*David Swanson writes for National Geographic Traveler, the Chicago Tribune, the Dallas Morning News and the Miami Herald.*

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(Same magazine as above)

### **LONE STAR, ECLIPSED** (Here's what to expect in our state)

Texas is too far south to make viewing a total eclipse possible. Still, "See even a partial eclipse is wonderful," says Don W. Carona, head of the Physics Teaching Observatory at Texas A&M University. "And any location north of Dallas, especially in the Panhandle region, will experience at least 80 percent of maximum eclipse. Degrees of totality decrease as you travel south." Here are just a few of the August 21 events planned around the Lone Star State – *Eli Ellison*

### **The Lunar and Planetary Institute**

This Houston institution will host a viewings party, complete with free solar glasses and a live eclipse video feed in Levy Park from noon to 2 p.m. 3801 Eastside Street, Houston. (281)486-2163  
[Lpi.usra.edu/education/solar-eclipse](http://Lpi.usra.edu/education/solar-eclipse)

### **Seguin Park Library**

Austin area space adepts – at least younger ones- can flock to this free kid-geared event from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for arts and crafts, eclipse viewing, and a presentation by a NASA ambassador. 313 W. Nolte Street, Seguin (830) 401-2422  
[Library.seguintexas.gov](http://Library.seguintexas.gov)

### **McDonald Observatory**

Those who trek to this world-class facility in West Texas's Davis Mountains stand a good chance of encountering clear skies. Live solar telescope images are shown daily. Tickets (adults \$8) sell out quickly, so advance purchase is recommended. 3640 Dark Sky Drive, McDonald Observatory. (432) 426-3640 [mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://mcdonaldobservatory.org)

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## **Communications**

The latest suggestion circulation around is changing the name of the ship. This crew has had only two names since it was formed. It has been brought to my attention that the term "Regulator" has some bad groups associated with it. When the name was first suggested – it was in reference to the original name of the Texas Rangers (Law Enforcement not baseball). When the Rangers were originally formed by the Governor of Texas they were known as the Regulators because they were to help "regulate" law in the state of Texas. Which is the reason it was decided to take the name. It wasn't until recently I found out the name "Regulator" was linked to groups across the states that were lawbreakers. Knowing this now, I feel it is a good idea to change the name to something that reflected who we are as a group. And it would be most appropriate since we are celebrating 25 years to change it now.

It was also suggested that for this year's anniversary (25<sup>th</sup>) we go to Bo Bo's Mandarin Chinese in Grapevine. The prices are outrageous and the food sounds good. Roon recommended it and we know he's a good judge of food. If anyone else has a suggestion, please feel free to mention them as the July meeting. Even though it's three months away, it will be here before we know it.

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

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## **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. (Not, as Ensign Parker of the movie *Mister Roberts* fame, the Laundry and Morale Officer... unless you just want to wash the Captain's socks...)

Thanks to those who have recently renewed their STARFLEET memberships: Byron and Joy Flynt, returning to STARFLEET after a very long absence. Welcome Aboard! Next up to renew: Tank and Tracy Clark, in August 2017.

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)**

This has been a fun contest to run for the last three years. We have had different winners each year. I hope we will have another good year this coming year. In the last three years we have collected over 39,325 flip tops for the Ronald McDonald House. Here is the result of the Flip=Top challenge for this year.

Family Group		Individuals	
Tracy & Tank	3372	Cindy Crouch	159
Goulet's	2899		
Mike Cross	1961		
Totals	8232		

Over all Total was 8391

**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!

First: the mission discussed in the last issue of this newsletter was – shall we say – “poorly received”; therefore, it has been modified. Your intelligence-gathering mission: using a digital camera (like the one on most cell phones), capture an image of as many different historical markers that you can. These all have to be within the State of Texas, and you should include the location of each marker, as well as the date & time you took the image. Email these to me at the ship’s email address (ussregulator@gmail.com). Mission end date is 23:59 Central time, Friday 27 October 2017). The prize is to-be-determined.

Second: relating to the ship name/class/etc. discussion (see the Captain’s article), here’s some information on America’s first spy, Nathan Hale:

Born June 6, 1755, and died (by hanging) September 22, 1776) was an American soldier and spy for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He volunteered for an intelligence-gathering mission in New York City but was captured by the British and executed. His last words before being hanged were reported to be, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Hale has long been considered an American hero and, in 1985, he was officially designated the state hero of Connecticut.

After the Revolutionary War began in 1775, he joined a Connecticut militia and was elected first lieutenant within five months. His militia unit participated in the Siege of Boston, but Hale remained behind. It has been suggested that he was unsure as to whether he wanted to fight, or whether he was hindered because his teaching contract in New London did not expire until several months later, in July 1775. On July 4, 1775, Hale received a letter from his classmate and friend Benjamin Tallmadge, who had gone to Boston to see the siege for himself. He wrote to Hale, "Was I in your condition, I think the more extensive service would be my choice. Our holy Religion, the honor of our God, a glorious country, & a happy constitution is what we have to defend."<sup>[6]</sup> Tallmadge's letter was so inspiring that, several days later, Hale accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the 7th Connecticut Regiment under Colonel Charles Webb of Stamford.

In the following spring, the army moved to Manhattan Island to prevent the British from taking over New York City. In September, General Washington was desperate to determine the location of the imminent British invasion of Manhattan Island. To that end, Washington needed a spy behind enemy lines, and Hale was the only volunteer.

The Battle of Long Island led to British victory and the capture of New York City via a flanking move from Staten Island across Long Island. Hale volunteered on September 8, 1776, to go behind enemy lines and report on British troop movements. He was ferried across on September 12. It was an act of spying that was immediately punishable by death and posed a great risk to Hale.

During his mission, New York City (then the area at the southern tip of Manhattan around Wall Street) fell to British forces on September 15 and Washington was forced to retreat to the island's north in Harlem Heights (what is now Morningside Heights). On September 21, a quarter of the lower portion of Manhattan burned in the Great New York Fire of 1776. The fire was later widely thought to have been started by American saboteurs to keep the city from falling into British hands, though Washington and the Congress had already denied this idea. It has also been speculated that the fire was the work of British soldiers acting without orders. In the fire's aftermath, more than 200 American partisans were rounded up by the British.

An account of Nathan Hale's capture was written by Consider Tiffany, a Connecticut shopkeeper and Loyalist, and obtained by the Library of Congress. In Tiffany's account, Major Robert Rogers of the

Queen's Rangers saw Hale in a tavern and recognized him despite his disguise. After luring Hale into betraying himself by pretending to be a patriot himself, Rogers and his Rangers apprehended Hale near Flushing Bay in Queens, New York. Another story was that his Loyalist cousin, Samuel Hale, was the one who revealed his true identity.

Hale reportedly was questioned by British General William Howe, and physical evidence was found on him. Rogers provided information about the case. According to tradition, Hale spent the night in a greenhouse at the mansion. He requested a Bible; his request was denied. Sometime later, he requested a clergyman. Again, the request was denied.

According to the standards of the time, spies were hanged as illegal combatants. On the morning of September 22, 1776, Hale was marched along Post Road to the Park of Artillery, which was next to a public house called the Dove Tavern and hanged. He was 21 years old. Bill Richmond, a 13-year-old former slave and Loyalist who later became a boxer in Europe, was reportedly one of the hangmen, responsible for securing the rope to a strong tree and preparing the noose.

The United States Navy named a submarine after Hale, the USS *Nathan Hale*, SSBN-623, a *Lafayette*-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, commissioned in November of 1963, and decommissioned in January 1986. (The *Nathan Hale* was struck, and recycled in the Ship-Submarine Recycling Program, with the recycling completed in April of 1994.) Her home port was Charleston, SC, and she performed deterrent patrols as a member of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. After overhaul and refitting (1967-1968), she was transferred to Pacific Fleet, home ported in Pearl Harbor, HI, and operating out of Guam. By April 1986, she had completed 69 deterrent patrols in the Atlantic and the Pacific.



*Nathan Hale's* hull number, 623, was used on the submarine portraying the fictional USN nuclear submarine USS *Sawfish* in the 1959 film *On the Beach*. In the film, *Sawfish* was physically portrayed by the Royal Navy's Diesel sub HMS *Andrew*. Additionally, *Nathan Hale* was the name of the fictional USN sub in the 1967 novel "Pre-Empt" by John R. Vorhies. This book involves a submarine commander who goes rogue and threatens to launch his submarine's missiles unless all the world's nuclear powers surrender their nuclear weapons to an international body.

I believe *Nathan Hale* would be an ideal name for a Starfleet ship that spends a great deal of her time collecting (and refining, and disseminating) intelligence data. Being named after a U.S. Navy submarine is a bonus, as so many Starfleet ships (and, for that matter, STARFLEET ships) are named after real-world ships and submarines of various navies, including the U. S. Navy, Britain's Royal Navy, and so forth.

Of course, your mileage may vary... let's talk about it!

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

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No real change from last month:

- 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.

I'm finally watching episodes of Deep Space 9 after season 2. There are some wonderful Klingon episodes, but in a way I miss the TOS type Klingons. You know, before the whole space biker/Viking thing...

For the Empire!

Kommodore Klark, son of Konald

### **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://sfisfso.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.*

*The requirements for some of the grades have recently changed, as some courses are no longer offered by STARFLEET Academy. Go to that link above and check 'em out.*

Completing Grade Two earns you the Major Hayes ribbon... just like Rear Admiral Goulet and I have earned.

I have completed my Grade 10 – "Director", as well as my "Intelligence Officer" certification. I am working on the "Engineer" certification, as well as the Doctorate in Intelligence. Follow me, my friends! (*Pass me, if you can!*)

Now, on with the game stuff...

Troll Lord Games puts out some great stuff. Their flagship is, without a doubt, Castles and Crusades – a new-style RPG with an old-school feel. This is what 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of D&D should have been... it feels like a streamlined version of 3E, in fact. The "engine" of the game is pretty streamlined, and, like D&D in the old days, can be co-opted for use in other genres. Thus, if you want to play a great

RPG set in the universe of the Pulp (think The Phantom, Alan Quartermain, and Indiana Jones), pick up a copy of Amazing Adventures.

If you're a role-playing gamer, most of the system is very familiar. Six stats, ranging from 3 to 18, giving attribute modifiers; these modifiers are added to a d20 roll to attempt to beat a target number. There's some special bits about "primary" or "secondary" attributes, as well as some special bits on various special abilities, but that's the main point. "Armor Class" is affected by what you wear... so, if I'm wearing my trench coat and fedora, I'm AC 13... adding my fancy duds and a nice pair of gloves, I can get up to an AC 16. Groovy!

The books are readily available on DriveThruRPG.com – which was running a sale when I picked 'em up digitally. I haven't had a chance to play, yet. I haven't even rolled up a character... but this game, and this system, is definitely on the list to try out!

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

**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.

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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.  
For information contact CO Commodore Tank Clark  
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or visit our web site  
<http://ussregulator.weebly.com/>

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