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April 2017

**Crew Meetings & Activities 2017****May 27****September 23****June 24****October 28****July 22****November ?****August 26****December?**

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**

**I wondered why the baseball seemed to be getting bigger.**

**... then it hit me.**

(Sorry.)

**Ships Elections**

Results: I have been elected Captain for the next two years. I have selected Rear Admiral Goulet to be my First Officer, continuing the tradition (six years now, and counting) of having an Executive Officer who outranks the Commanding Officer.

The Blue Division Leader is Commander Tracy Clark.

The Red Division and the Gold Division are vacant at this time. We need volunteers!

Yours truly will remain Marine OIC, and Ranger Team Leader, and Klingon Leader. Tracy and I both feel it would be wise to have someone new as Deputy Officer in Charge of our Marines, and as Assistant Team Leader for the Rangers (as if I died suddenly or was otherwise unable to do my duty in those roles, she would probably be unable to fill in for me.) I will ask for a volunteer for each at the May ship's meeting, following the Change of Command ceremony. (Liz, you're in both the Rangers and the Marines ... I'm not saying anything, I'm just saying.)

**Next Ship's Meeting**

Saturday, May 27, at 3 PM, at our normal haunt, the Shady Oaks BBQ near Western Center and I-35W. Uniform of the Day is Class A. We've got lots of fun planned:

- the official Change of Command will take place,
- Tank, serving as Officer of the Deck, will provide a trivia quiz of some sort;
- This is the last meeting to turn in Pop-Tops to MCPO A. Goulet, so make sure you bring 'em;
- Plus, of course, our normal discussions of what's coming up, what we want to do, and so forth.

### **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!

We'll be going to Baton Rouge on Thursday of that week, staying overnight and touring the USS Kidd on Friday with MGN Ed Tunis & RADM Trisha Tunis, before continuing the journey to New Orleans. I'm excited to begin another fun-filled fabulous two-year mission with all y'all groovy people. Like, neat-o!

Respectfully,

LLAP

Commodore Tank Clark, SFMD  
Commander, USS *Regulator*, NCC-2009

### **XO REPORT**

I want to thank Tank for wanting me as his XO. We have swapped these positions before. If you read his report, we have a lot coming up in the next few months and everyone's participation is encouraged. Also, if you need to reenlist in Starfleet please do so. Our numbers are not bad but since we need to maintain a count of 10 Starfleet people to maintain the shop and we have listed 13, we could use a bigger margin. Anything you can do to bring in new members will be great. See you at the May meeting.

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

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



As newly appointed Blue Division Leader, I have only a few things to say (this month.)

The assigned duties of Blue Division is charities and raising funds for those charities. Our charities this year are the Wise County Committee on Aging (WCCA) and the Center for Animal Research and Education (CARE).

### **WCCA**

Provides care for the elderly and disabled in Wise County by delivering Meals on Wheels, and providing transportation services; the organization is currently working on opening a kitchen in order to provide congregate meals, too.

### **CARE**

Provides care and shelter for all types of wild cats and a few other lucky animals. Additionally, CARE offers research opportunities that would otherwise be available. They rely on all types of donations in order to keep running, from money to bovines.

These are two fantastic charities, but we're always open to new ideas. Along with that, I could really use your help with fund raising ideas. I have a couple, but your help is always appreciated. Singin' the Blues,

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

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

May birthdays : Cynthia Crouch May 24

**Renew Memberships with Fleet:** Perry & Melissa Brulotte due 1/23; Glen Wilkerson due 5/15; Michael Cross 5/22

### **Movies Upcoming**

Lost City of Z	April 15
The Circle	April 28
Guardians of the Galaxy 2	May 5
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)**

#### **Massive asteroid set for close shave with Earth on April 19**

A 'potentially hazardous' asteroid estimated to be nearly a mile wide is set for an alarmingly close flyby with Earth later this month. Object 2014JO25 is said to be 'among the strongest asteroid radar target of the year,' and will pass by our planet within just 4.6 lunar distances on April 19.

According to NASA, it's the closest save we've had with an asteroid of this size in the last decade, and isn't expected to come this close again for at least 400 years.

The Mt. Lemmon Survey first spotted the object in May 2014. It's diameter is estimated to fall between 640 meters and 1.4 kilometers (0.4 to 0.9 miles).

Space Explorer Ron Baalke, of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, warned of the object in a tweet last year, showing how its orbit brings the massive space rock frighteningly close to Earth.

Asteroid 2014JO25 is classified as a 'potentially hazardous Asteroid', according to NASA.

But, it's expected to flyby safely at about 4.6 lunar distances (roughly 1.766,400km or 1,097,590 miles).

The last encounter with an Asteroid was with 4179 Toutatis at four lunar distances in September 2004. The next one of approximate size will be when 800-m-diameter asteroid 1999AN10 approaches within one lunar distance in August 2027.

### **Communications**

I would like to encourage all of the crew to participate in contributing to this newsletter as we start our new commands. I don't get to see all the movies I would like or read all the books that sound good. So I am asking you to contribute some articles on these things that you have seen, read or gone to. That way we all get to enjoy the adventure without everyone crowding in to participate in it.

On that note, we are working on have a representation at the Infinite Con  
Liz Goulet, R.Admiral  
Communications Officer, *USS Regulator*, NCC 2009

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## **ENGINEERING DIVISION(RED) ENGINEERING**

### **Red Division**

*The Red Division is responsible for membership recruiting and retention, as well as for social activities of the ship. These social activities include (but are not limited to) holiday parties, as well as the two promotion/awards ceremonies the ship holds each year: The Klingon Dinner Thing in April and the Mirror, Mirror Month Meeting in October.*

*On ST: TOS, engineers, security, transporter operators, lawyers, and many others wore red-colored uniforms. (Ship's Articles 2017, Section 4.02 (d))*

Those of you who weren't able to attend the Klingon Dinner Thing this month really missed an interesting meeting. We had our elections and the results have already been noted in previous articles. Congrates to Tank and Liz and Tracy (she has agreed to be Blue Division Leader).

This was an unusual dinner as these things go. Usually we have an even balance of meats (Klingon food of champions) and some vegetables and desserts. This time around we had all vegetables (some seafood) and desserts. Finger food for the most part. No meat whatsoever. Kinda odd for Klingons but we refrained from ordering pizza delivered.

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER MAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO TURN IN YOUR FLIP TOPS FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT.** June starts a new year and we will announce the winner for this year at that meeting.

**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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**From the Flight Deck:  
OIC, VMA-333 "Phoenix Squadron"**

Take a knee, Marines.

The type of Marine unit we have, now would be a good time: New (well, retread) Captain, new (well, another retread) First Officer, new ship's organizational structure, why not change the 333<sup>rd</sup> Marine Strike Group into a different type of MSG, if we want to?

We can, of course, stay an Aerospace Unit. Or, we could become:

1. A Support Branch unit. The Support Branch is the SFMC's largest and most complex. This branch's MOS include Quartermasters, Logistics, Field Services, General Supply, Computer Technicians, Fuels & Power, Mortuary Affairs, Soldier Support, Adjutant General, Finance, Recruiting & Retention, Transportation, Maintenance, Ordinance, Signal Corps (communications), Military Intelligence (Analysis, Games & Theory, Threat Analysis, Cryptography), Military Justice (Military Police, Criminal Investigation Division, Corrections, Judge Advocate General, Inspector General), Morale, Welfare & Recreation (Chaplain's Corps, PX & Recreation, Entertainment Division, Musicians, Dependent Welfare, Public Affairs, News, Ceremonial Honor Guards, Demonstration Teams, etc.), Research and Development, Et cetera, et cetera, ad infinitum. There are nearly 60 distinct organizational components employing millions of Marines and civilians in this branch, and some of these concepts sound like a lot of fun.
2. Medical Branch. These are the people who provide first aid & surgical support of all types during combat operations, and MOS include Combat Medics, nurses, flight surgeons, and Xenophysicologists.
3. Infantry. The basic fundamental combat force of any military, and the cornerstone of the Corps. All Marines are Infantrymen, first and foremost. The SFMC has light infantry, resembling their historical 21<sup>st</sup> Century counterparts, and Powered Infantry, wearing suits not unlike those described in Robert Heinlein's *Starship Troopers* (the book, not the movie... if you haven't read the book, I highly recommend it!)
4. Armor. This branch has big guns. It includes Artillery, Mechanized Infantry, Surface Engagement, and Cavalry. We might have to upgrade the *Regulator's* transporters to deal with the heavy equipment, but it's certainly do-able if that's what we'd like.
5. MECHA. Large, heavily armed and armored humanoid vehicles. Think *Pacific Rim*, zords from *Power Rangers*, and – of course – the tabletop game of *Battletech* (upon which most of this branch's SFMC-A coursework is based.) I'm not a player of *Battletech*, mainly because of the fairly large investment in time & books, but I do have *d20 Modern Future*, which has rules for MECHA in the familiar-to-me d20 engine (used by *D&D 3.0/3.5*, *Star Wars d20*, etc.) When I joined, the 333<sup>rd</sup> was a MECHA unit, but as the *Battletech* players moved on, we Marines who were left decided to change the unit into an Aerospace squadron.
6. Aerospace. This is what we are now, and we're pretty groovy. We have a nice nickname, Phoenix Squadron, and our number of 333 in "Marine Squadron Lingo" becomes VMFA-333 (which means Fixed Wing <V>, Marine <M> Fighter-Attack <FA> Squadron 333) – which happens to have been a squadron number of a real-world USMC squadron, a plane of which is currently in the "petting zoo" of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum.

7. Combat Engineer. These guys do construction, demolition, and surveying, in a variety of environments (underwater, underground, surface, deep space...) and under direct combat conditions. When Infantry needs defensive obstacles, or Armor needs to breach an obstacle, or when Community Relations needs 200 portable toilets for an airshow, they all call the Engineers.
8. Special Operations. I would prefer NOT to do this, as we already have a Ranger unit aboard, and they perform much the same tasks. Double-dipping doesn't make sense.
9. Maritime Operations. Wet-navy style seagoing ships... I'm not sure how this would work based on a starship. It's a pretty groovy branch, though, and I do have my Maritime Ops Branch Device.
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Well, that's it. We can stay what we are now, or we could change to any of the other branches... and I leave the decision up to you awesome Marines.

One other thing that I mentioned in my Ready Room article: I would like to have someone other than LTC Tracy Clark as my DOIC, as (quite frankly) if I were to be suddenly unable to perform as OIC, she'd be likely to be affected by whatever took me out. THEREFORE, I want a volunteer to serve as my Deputy. The position of Sergeant Major has been held by Alan Goulet – if he wants to continue in that position, great; if not, I'd like a volunteer to step up there, too.

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, VMFA-333, "Phoenix Squadron"  
*Never Give Up, Never Surrender!*  
[Greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com](mailto:Greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com)

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

The April 22 ship's meeting was not only the ship's elections and the Spring promotions & awards, but also the Klingon Dinner Thing. This was held at Ascension and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Bridgeport once again (as I can get the Parish Hall for free, and that's our favorite price). We had tasty food, good drinks, and good company. Those of you who weren't there, I missed you, and you missed some fun.

The next Klingon Good Day to Dine is on Sunday, April 30, from 1400 to 1700 (that's 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM for those of you who use twelve-hour clocks), at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 201 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018. The GDtD is always a wonderful time, and I highly recommend attending if you can. Wear your uniform so you can vote on where the next one will be.

In the Marine and Ranger articles, I asked for volunteers to become my deputy, so that should something befall me unexpectedly the deputy would be able to make the proper reports. This is unnecessary for our Klingon krew, as we don't report to anybody. If I die (and Today is a Good Day), I expect someone to lead a howl and assume my place.



For the Empire!

Kommodore Klark, son of Konald

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### Have Phaser, Will Travel!

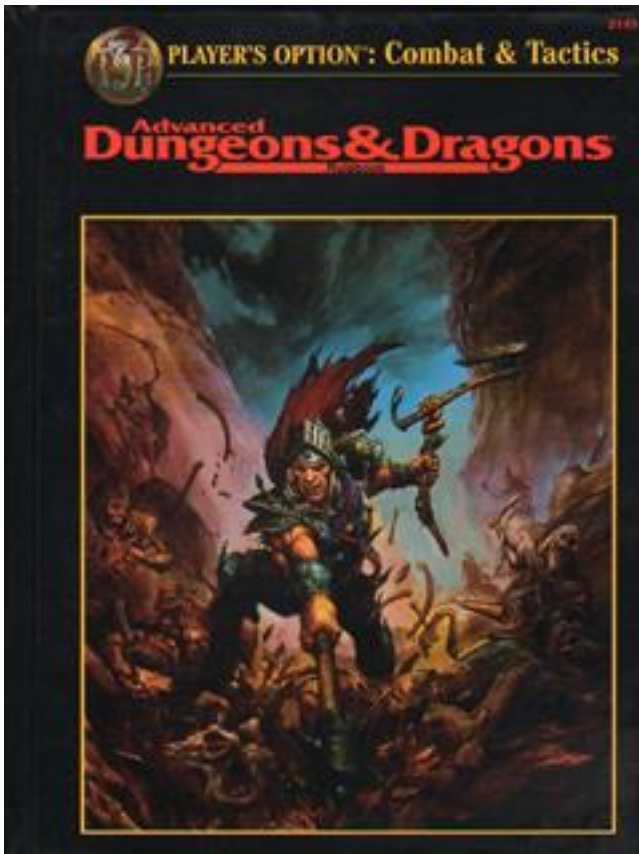


As always, the monthly reminder: You should, when and as possible, be taking Ranger courses from STARFLEET Academy. You can get the lists of what you should take for each Grade (1 through 10) from the Publications page of the SFSO web site: <https://sfisfo.wordpress.com/publications/> There's a lot of 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'm still (every once in a long while) playing in a unique blend of *For Gold and Glory/Advanced Dungeons & Dragons (Second Edition)/Rangers & Rabbits*. After a trip to Half-Price Books, I have acquired yet another book to add to this blend: *AD&D Player's Options: Combat and Tactics*, by TSR.



This book, as well as the other Player's Option book, *Skills and Powers*, came out pretty late in the Second Edition era. I did not get it, back in the day, and now I'm kind of sad that I didn't. It enhances game play in several ways, and is (in retrospect) an obvious stepping-stone on D&D's march from Second Edition to Third Edition.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed (and, for that matter, in *For Gold and Glory*), a combat round was roughly a minute long. In 3E, it was six seconds long. *PO:C&T* has a ten-second combat round. It also required the use of a battle map with one-inch squares, which represented (in melee) a five-foot square. Movement became more structured using *PO:C&T*, time became easier and more uniform to manage, and certain random events could occur at moderately rare intervals, possibly effecting the battle. Although spell durations were modified (because a 10-second combat round is lots shorter than a 1-minute round), this didn't really change much tactically, as the party (and the enemy) are uniformly affected.

*PO:C&T* also adds some great bits to character creation and improvement, which *For Gold and Glory* already appropriated – namely, the use of Weapon Groups and Weapon Types in the selection of Combat Skills (known in AD&D as Weapon Proficiencies.) *PO:C&T* also adds some wonderful

proficiencies that may fill either Weapon or Non Weapon Proficiency (aka Combat or Non-Combat Skills) slots, giving the character more options.

We haven't had the opportunity to play since I acquired this book, but when we next play, we will include elements from *Combat and Tactics*. If you see a copy somewhere, I'd recommend purchasing it!

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.

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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.  
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