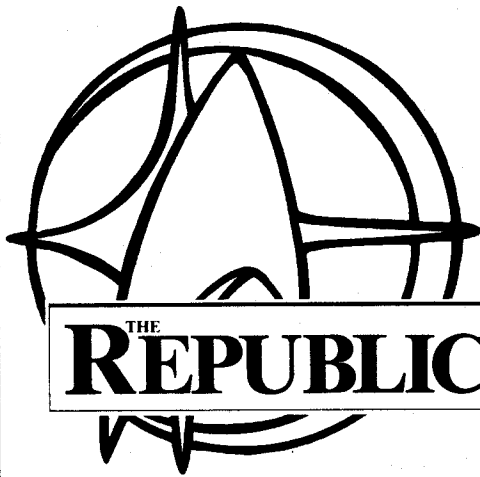


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From The Editor

First, this is now the **official** publication of USS Republic -- The REPUBLICation! This newsletter will be published on a bi-monthly basis starting in January 1989. Due to several staff changes the newsletter and indeed the entire Publications department have been moved to Special Services, and the format is being revamped to reflect these changes. Some things that you can expect to see from The REPUBLICation are:

- On time, bi-monthly issues
 - Regional News/Fleet News
 - Letters to the Republic
 - Feature articles
 - Crew profiles
 - Fiction
- and a whole lot more!!

However, in order to accomodate all of the changes we're going to make, we need your help. You can mail your submissions to the standard Republic address (at the bottom of the page), or you can give it to myself or your department head at any ship's meeting (first and third Saturdays of every month at Devry campus, Room 101). The deadline for the next issue is December 17.

This particular issue is only to try to catch you up to date on what has been happening lately. The first *real* issue is due out the first week of January. Be on the look for it; it promises to outdo anything we've (the ship) done yet!!



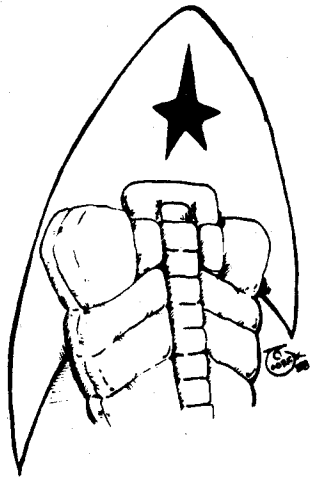
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LCDR Bruce Lewis	Chief Engineer
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From The Center Seat



"Helm, all stop.

Duty officer, open the ship's log.

As of 1300 hrs, 8810.08, for the duration of FCPT Christopher Ernst's leave of absence, or until relieved by STARFLEET Command, I hereby assume active command of this vessel.

Mr. Flatley, all ship's general orders stand as is until further notice.

Helm, resume present course, warp 4.

Mr. Flatley, you have the conn."

And thus I assumed temporary command of the Atlanta chapter of STARFLEET. Chris Ernst, our original commander, has assumed the duties of the Vice Regional Coordinator for Region 2. It was his decision to take a leave of absence from the REPUBLIC, so as to be able to devote the proper time to his new duties. It was his decision that I assume command over Brian Flatley, our Executive Officer, to have the opportunity to demonstrate my command abilities before the election that would decide his successor for the next two years.

Several changes have slowly been made since I have become the temporary chairman of this chapter. With very few excep-



tions, these changes reflect the general opinion of the staff and hopefully the crew. The Associate Membership option was returned to the description in the International handbook, that of an inactive member. Several of the ship's "civilians" were consulted on this. An associate member is a member that receives our newsletter, attends functions, votes, and generally participates to whatever degree they choose, without participating in the active operation of the chapter. As such they are not considered active duty. ALL ship activities are open to Associate Members. The Cadets were removed from the Divisional structure to form the Cadet Corps. Julie Swanson, having met the requirements for Ensign under the ship's rank structure, was promoted to Cadet Ensign (CENS) and named as the Cadet Corps' Commander. LCDR Brian Flatley assumed command of the, er, Command Division. Joy Gilbert and the remainder of the Training Department were moved from Operations to Command. Joy continues as the Cadet Corps liaison, being the Cadet Corps Commander's contact to the ship. Bertha Ray became the ship's Yeoman, also a Command Division job. As I am acting CO, Dale Simpson took over as Acting Chief of Operations, while being the Special Operations Department Chief.

Ramona Birmingham requested a transfer to Medical, where she was named the Recreation Department Director. The "Holiday Party" scheduled for 8812.03, having just occurred by the time this goes to print, was her first major project. Any and all suggestions for social events for the chapter should be addressed to her.

We, the staff, are recommitted to having fun! This is a fan club after all. Any and all suggestions are welcomed, and will be acted upon whenever feasible. Remember, however, that we are all volunteers, these are NOT our jobs. We take our fun seriously and are serious about having fun, so hold on tight, we are preparing to go to warp speed!!!!

CAPT Bart Alcorn
Acting CO
USS REPUBLIC, NCC 1371



Convention Calendar

First up is yet another Vulkon, this time in Jacksonville, FL. It'll be held on January 14 - 15 at a hotel that is yet to be announced. Planned guest is John Delancie, 'Q' from The Next Generation. I'm sure he'll have some interesting stories for us all.

Also planned are several STARFLEET events including a Regional meeting and the Captain's Call. For more information on this convention, contact the Executive Officer, Brian Flatley, at 664-8806.

MOC IV will be held March 17 - 19 in Greenville, South Carolina this year. Among the guests scheduled are Michael Dorn (Worf) and Sylvester McCoy (the seventh and current Doctor Who). More information concerning STARFLEET's participation as it becomes available.

Submission Guidelines

The REPUBLICation is intended to inform, educate, and entertain the members of USS Republic in matters regarding Star Trek and STARFLEET (the International Fan Association). These words should be kept in mind when preparing anything for submission. Any articles, short fiction or art prepared for The REPUBLICation should be aimed at the *total audience*. Research work, treatises, full length fiction, and other items of a specific nature should be submitted to Robert Ray for possible inclusion into the twice-yearly megazine. If this is confusing, send whatever you wish to submit to the Publica-

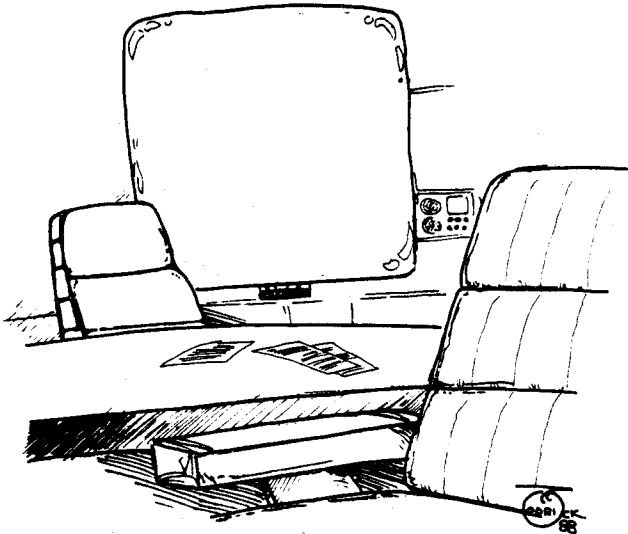
tions Department, and we'll sort it out at this end.

All submissions should be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 inch white paper.

Submission deadlines are as follows:

Dec 17 '88	for January '89 issue
Feb 18 '89	March '89
April 15 '89	May '89
June 17 '89	July '89
August 19 '89	Sept '89
Oct 21 '89	Nov '89
Dec 16 '89	Jan '90

The Briefing Room



Special Services

In the division of Special Services, there are a few announcements. Ensign Bertha Ray has been transferred to Command as the Yeoman for USS REPUBLIC. We're sorry to see her go, but wish her best of luck in her new duties. We also welcome Ensign Robert Ray as the Special Publications Director. Be on the lookout for an article from him concerning all aspects of this ambitious new project!! The Archives Project (headed by Ensign Linda Carter) is still looking for donations to use. This can include any old Trek novels or back copies of Starlog (or other Trekish magazines). All information in the Archives will be available for reference and check out by members of the Republic.

Security

Greetings from the bunker!! This is my first Divisional report for USS Republic, so bear with me. My name is LT(jg) David Duncan and I have been the Chief of Security for some time now. Ensign Bill Price is my Assistant Chief of Security. We have several projects developing. Foremost is the Security Manual. This manual will cover real and fictional aspects of Starfleet Security. The manual will not cover the military history of the Federation. That will be covered in another publication. We need all the help we can get. Please submit articles. everyone is encouraged to participate. Other projects are an official STARFLEET Phaser-tag team. Also, there is an idea by Mr. Price for a fund-raising Lazer-tag competition (Details to be issued later).

Engineering

(No report submitted by Chief Engineer)

Medical

Recently, the Medical Division distributed revised Personnel Medical File forms to be completed by all crewmembers. The purpose of this is to help prevent medical crises and to provide helpful information should they occur. As the cover letter on the form indicates, all information will be held in strictest confidence by the CMO and the ACMO. Each member is encouraged to fill out a form and return it as soon as possible.

Other current activities of the Medical Division include the creation of the Fleet's handcrafted photo ID badges and the coordination of REPUBLIC's charitable donation. Proposed projects include blood drives at cons, etc., canned food drives for Atlanta's needy, CPR certification courses, sign language courses, and more. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Medical Division and/or assisting us with these projects should contact LT Michael G. Hart, CMO.

Command

The Command Division is the newest division of the REPUBLIC. Its make-up consists of all the division heads, the Training department, and the Cadet Corps. Also included are all the administrative matters of the chapter. Helping in this regard is Ship's Yeoman ENS Bertha Ray. Her duties include answering requests for more membership information and taking notes at Staff meetings (poor woman).

The Training Department, headed by CDR Joy Gilbert, has come up with a certification program, which you will hear more about in the future. All Starfleet Academy programs are coordinated through her.

Remember, if you are having any problems with your International membership (you have joined International, right?), see me, and I will see to it that the problem is resolved. LCDR Brian Flatley, Executive Officer.

Science

The Science division has been restructured to accommodate the ever-increasing crew complement of the USS Republic. The division now consists of five major departments: Life Science, Computer Science, Physical Science, Social Science, and Communication Science. Each department is broken down into a number of sections, reflecting a field of science more specific to that department. Crewmen previously given positions will still retain them as "specialists". There are still a large number of section chief positions available. Please contact the science officer at any ship meeting, or via mail, if interested. Additional sections and departments will be added as personnel and expertise become available.

Past Events

Since the last newsletter was released (Federation News and Republic Report) various and asundry members of REPUBLIC have: attended three conventions (Deep South Con, Fantasy Fair, Dragon Con), rafted down the Chattahoochee River, manned the phones at the WGTV public television pledge drive, staged yet another successful picnic at Stone Mountain, wowed the crowd at the Atlanta Arts Festival with Ramona Birmingham and Michael Hart's stunning "Science Fiction/Science Fact" presentation, and have, of late, been practicing their sharpshooting skills at Lazer (Phaser) Tag. Whew!!