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## ***FROM THE ADMIRAL'S DESK***

It has been a long time since we have communicated by a newsletter. I hope this finds everyone well and safe.



I attended STARFLEET's International Conference over July 30th to Aug 1st. The conference was held at the Western Hills Guest Ranch in Wagoner OK. The first thing I can say about the conference is that it was held in a beautiful place. It was green and surrounded by a lake. The second thing I can say is that it was HOT! I did spend a little bit of time outside and it was hot early. I was glad that the hotel had very good air conditioning. When I left on Sunday afternoon at 1pm, it was already 105 degrees and very humid. I had a great time but was glad to get back to the normal California heat. The hotel staff was very friendly and the food was good. It was good to see some old friends and to make a few new ones. In addition, I was able to attend a CPR class and got my certification. My thanks to Joseph Gallagher, from STARFLEET Medical, for teaching the class at ICs. Everyone should be certified in CPR and some emergency first-aid.

You will see ads/statements from both candidates for Commander, STARFLEET, Emmett Plant and Dave Blaser. I encourage everyone to visit their websites, ask them questions and decided for yourself who you wish to be the next Commander, STARFLEET. I encourage everyone to vote.

In addition to voting for Commander, STARFLEET, you will be voting for new by-laws. I encourage everyone to read the by-laws. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. You can find the new by-laws at <http://www.sfi.org> under documents and Proposed New Member Documents.

I am currently working on the Region 4 Conference and hope to have an announcement out very soon.

I want to thank Neal Fischer for his assistance with this issue of the Region 4 Subspace Communicator. I don't know if I would get it out so quickly and looking good without his hard work. Thanks Neal.

On a last note, I want to say that I miss our former newsletter editor, Unicorn Escobedo. Unicorn's death was a shock to all of us. We may not have always seen eye to eye on issues but I had a lot of respect for him and am glad to have told him that before his death.

That's it for now.

Chrissy

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# BLASER & STIMPSON IN 2010

## ***MOVING FORWARD***



Hello, Region 4! For those who don't already know who I am, my name is Dave Blaser, and I've been a continuous member of STARFLEET since 1998 and am presently serving as the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, and as Chief of communications on Bounty Station, STARFLEET's only Harmony Class Recreational Space Station, based in Region 13.

On the chapters I've been part of, I've been everything from Second Officer up through Commanding Officer, currently serving as Chief of Communications on Bounty Station in Region 13; in Region 13 I've been the both the VRC Communications as well as Regional Coordinator, which means that I've served as part of the Admiralty Board and have contributed to making STARFLEET policy; and at the Fleet level I've been a Director in the Academy, and the Director of the FRC Communications. It's because of these kinds of varied experiences that I think I'm a good choice for Commander, STARFLEET.

I've asked Bran Stimpson, CO of the USS Tiburon in Region 17, to be my Vice-Commander, STARFLEET candidate, and to run with me in the election. Bran has been a member of STARFLEET since 1998 and has served in a number of different positions around STARFLEET, including as a member of the Admiralty Board, a Vice Chief of Computer Operations, and presently serves in both Membership Processing and the STARFLEET Member Services Helpdesk, where many of you may have been in contact with Bran to get help with your membership, missing Communique's, or any number of different matters.



Bran and I have put together a great team of people in STARFLEET to work with, some of which will be familiar to many of you, and some which are new to see at the International Level, but all of which are enthusiastic and looking forward to working with all of you as your Executive committee. The members of our team include:

- Joe Sare, CO of the USS Sinclair in Region 13 as the candidate for Chief of Operations;
- PJ Trotter of the USS Marko Ramius in Region 12 as the candidate for Chief of Communications;
- Peg Pellerin, XO of the USS Ian Flemming in Region 15 as the candidate for Commandant, STARFLEET Academy;
- Our candidate for Chief of Computer Operations is presently open and we are taking applications for this placement; and
- Linda Olson of the USS Relentless in Region 2 as the candidate for Chief Financial Officer.

Our team has put together a solid foundation in our platform that we would be happy to discuss with you, the members of STARFLEET, as I'm sure that many of you will have questions about what we'd like to achieve as we continue moving forward with STARFLEET.

We have continued to talk with members around STARFLEET regarding our platform, their ideas and suggestions. While we came into the campaign with ideas of how we'd like to proceed, we have been listening closely to what STARFLEET's members think about what's happening in STARFLEET and how to move forward as an organization.

Please feel free to drop by my team's campaign website at <http://campaign.blaser.ca> and if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to drop me a line at [dave@blaser.ca](mailto:dave@blaser.ca) and I'll be happy to talk to you about your questions, comments or concerns.

Thanks for your time and for your participation in the election process. It's your STARFLEET and this is your time to voice what direction you want it to go in.



Greetings, R4! We salute the home of CBS/Paramount, Starfleet Command, the Starfleet Academy, and most importantly, the birthplace of Star Trek!

We'd like to take a moment to talk about this year's STARFLEET Election.

We're Emmett Plant and Alex Rosenzweig, and we're running for CS and VCS.

What do we stand for?

- We love Star Trek. We want to share that love, and help others do the same.
- We believe that STARFLEET needs to work harder to be a better resource for chapters, providing considerably more support and partnership to help chapters meet their individual goals and participate in the STARFLEET community.
- We believe that outreach to other Star Trek fan groups and associations is important, because every Trek fan is a potential friend.
- We believe that the best way to create new services for STARFLEET is to seek advice and input from our membership as the first step in the journey, and to keep the conversation going to make sure we're doing the right job, not just hard work.
- We believe in creating as many options as possible for members to serve at the international level of STARFLEET, while emphasizing responsibility in that service.
- We believe that the best times in STARFLEET are just ahead, and we know that the best way to enjoy them is together in friendship.

From coast to coast and beyond, we're talking to members filled with exciting ideas. We'd like to hear yours, and add your enthusiasm to our own as we chart the next stage in STARFLEET's ongoing journey.

If you'd like to be part of the adventure, check out our website here:  
<http://www.fleet2010.org/>

and feel free to get in contact with us at:

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## REMEMBERING J. UNICORN ESCOBEDO



The news was shocking, to say the least. Unicorn's passing from this life will affect many people, beyond the limits of our own backyard. We will miss him dearly, and rant and rail against the perceived injustice of it all. And yet, we all must face the final curtain, to slip from this world and enter the next. Let us hope that we can face our demise as elegantly and with such poise as Unicorn did. He knew his time here was limited, and he threw himself into Life as an exuberant child, with awe and wonder in his eyes, as well as determination and willfulness that gave people pause. He was resolute in leaving a better world than he had found it. One more compassionate, tolerant and forgiving than his experience taught him. Would that we all had his strength of character to tilt at windmills, to persevere against impossible odds, and in opposing the evils of the world, reduce them to absurdity and the shadow of malice that they are.

I first met Unicorn at the Regional Conference in Fresno in 1996 or 1997. He was always friendly and outgoing and his smile was infectious and freely given. He was an inspired member who wanted to make a difference. And he did.

I can't say I knew him well, but I did consider him a friend. We met at numerous Regional events and I always enjoyed my time with him. He was quite vocal over the voter repeal of the gay marriage law, and signed his e-mails with the line "Second Class Citizen of California", but I always considered him first class—as a man, a citizen, and a member of Starfleet. We will miss him deeply. Fair winds and calm seas, brother. Rest in Peace.

ALVIN RUPP

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Hello Region 4,  
As most of you probably know by now, J. Unicorn Escobedo passed away on May 18th, 2010 from conjunctive heart failure. It should be noted that he made the most of his life having been told he had less than a year to live over 11 years ago. I never met him, but I sure admire his tenacity!

When I first became a member of the Region 4 staff he advised me that I'd most likely become a target for those who had political ambitions. Simply put, because I was now in the line of fire, I'd get shot at. Well, so far I've kept my head down and listened to what he had to say. I wonder what he would have said about the CPA election problem that has popped up?

Unicorn also helped me with my R4 Newsletter submissions and subsequent awards nominations. He did make a great editor and I wish he could have stayed on as editor of the Communicate for SFI, but that's another story for another day.

I wish him well in his Final Frontier



Respectfully Submitted,  
RAdm Dave Pitts  
R4 ShOC



# ***ShOC REPORT***

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Long time no see as the saying goes. Let's see what's happened since our last newsletter. If I've gotten anybody's information skewed up, please tell me, I won't mind.



There have been three commissionings and one Chapter-in-Training aka Shuttle for you fleet old schoolers. They are:

First up is the USS R'UUSTAI commanded by Captain Krystal Rubenstein of Las Vegas, NV. The R'UUSTAI commissioned May 16, 2009 and is a Prometheus Class Starship. Their webpage can be accessed at <http://www.ussruustai.net/web/>

Next up is the USS WESSEX commanded by Captain David Jamison of Temecula, CA. The WESSEX commissioned December 27, 2009 and is a Defiant Class Escort vessel. Their webpage can be accessed at <http://www.usswessex.org>

Third is the ISS RASSILON commanded by Captain Marie Wilson of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, England The RASSILON commissioned June 2, 2010 and is an NX Class Starship. Currently they patrol the Region 20 area of space and their webpage can be accessed at <http://www.nx11.org.uk/>

Finally, we have the Chapter-in-Training USS KARME commanded by Captain Jonathan Connor of Tempe, AZ. The KARME is projected to commission December 3, 2010 and will be a Luna Class Starship. Currently, they do not have a webpage, but expect to have one in the near future.

In closing, let me congratulate everybody involved and if I screwed up anybody's information please let me know. I really hate when I bog things up.

Sincerely,

RAdm Dave Pitts  
Region 4 ShOC