

Phoenix Rising



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MSR REPORT

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SCC	EXPIRE DT	RANK	NAME
44342	04/13/2016	ADM	Sunnie Planthold
46072	06/23/2016	COL	Patrick Malone
49691	04/13/2016	RADM	Ralph Planthold
55881	06/23/2016	CRMN	Michael Malone
61751	06/09/2016	PO3	Teague Banister
61754	06/09/2016	CDT	Ethan Banister
64850	06/09/2016	CDT	Emma Banister
70180	09/19/2016	ENS	Karessa Kow
70978	04/26/2016	LTJG	Rianna Melton
71621	03/03/2016	LTJG	Jeremy Schroeder
73140	01/26/2017	LT	John Bevan
73223	02/21/2016	CRMN	David Morton
73240	02/27/2016	CRMN	Carolyn Kaberline
73257	03/03/2016	CRMN	Ruth Lichtwardt
73283	03/07/2016	LTJG	John Buttimer
73652	06/05/2016	LTJG	Carrie Mills
73696	06/14/2016	ENS JG	El Johnston
73697	06/14/2016	ENS JG	Jean Martin
73875	08/02/2016	PO2	Travis Jackson
73876	08/02/2016	CRMN	Jamie Jackson
73877	08/02/2016	CDT	Gabriel Jackson
73878	08/02/2016	CDT	Larissa Jackson
73879	08/02/2016	CRMN	Venita Jackson
73886	08/02/2016	ENS	KLar Batt
73954	08/20/2016	LT	Brent Barbee Mr
74062	09/19/2016	ENS	Josh Levering
74085	09/27/2016	ENS	Rezty Felty
74086	09/27/2016	ENS	Laura Felty
74087	09/27/2016	CDT	Tesla Felty
74088	09/27/2016	CDT	Sagan Felty
74089	09/27/2016	CDT4	Dyson Felty
74246	11/13/2016	CRMN	Nicole E Blackburn
74365	12/23/2016	CRMN	Jim Robinson
74366	12/23/2016	CRMN	Mary Robinson
74487	08/02/2016	CDT	Hannah Bauer
74503	02/03/2017	CRMN	Reuben Juarez
74504	02/03/2017	CRMN	Selena Juarez
74509	02/05/2017	CRMN	Carol Jean Walker

ACADEMY :

John Bevan

SFI Individual Awards

Order of Darmok and Jalad - 2nd Class

AWARDED 12/25/2015

IOAS - School of XenAnthropology

(IOAS:COXA)

AQ-THO 103 - Military and Federation

DISTINCTION 01/31/2016

IOFHS - College of the Fantasy Realm

OW 119.1 - Percy Jackson & the Olympians

BETA-TESTER 01/29/2016

IOFHS - College of the Fantasy Realm

OW 119.2 - Percy Jackson - Sea of Monsters

BETA-TESTER 01/29/2016

IOIE - College of Intel in Movies (CIM)

CIM-108 - Agent Cody Banks

DISTINCTION 01/22/2016

IOIS - College of International Language Studies (CILS)

RUS 101 - Russian

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

IOIS - College of Chapter Development (IOIS:COCD)

COCD-102 - Understanding Technology & Social Media

DISTINCTION 01/29/2016

IOIS - College of Security (IOIS:COS)

IOIS:COS-202 Convention Security Officers Course

DISTINCTION 01/26/2016

IOIS:COS-103 Early Law Enforcement History

DISTINCTION 01/26/2016

IOIS:COS-104 TNG Early Rank Recognition

DISTINCTION 01/26/2016

IOIS:COS-105 ENT Rank Recognition

DISTINCTION 01/26/2016

IOIS:COS-301 Intermediate Security Officers Course

PASS 01/27/2016

IOIS - College of Strategy and Tactics (IOIS:COST)

COST 101 - Strategy and Tactics: The Basics

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

COST 102 - Strategy and Tactics: Advanced Concepts

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

IOPE - College of Action and Drama (IOPE:COAD)

SFF 103 - Fast and Furious 3

BETA-TESTER 01/21/2016

SFF 104 - Fast and Furious 4

BETA-TESTER 01/21/2016

SFF 106 - Fast and Furious 6

BETA-TESTER 01/21/2016

SFF 107 - Fast and Furious 7

BETA-TESTER 01/21/2016

SFF 105 - Fast Five

BETA-TESTER 01/21/2016

IOFPR - College of Law Enforcement

SLT 108 PHYSICAL FITNESS

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

IOFPR - College of Survival Studies (IOFPR:COSS)

TSS-101 Survival Training Course

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

TSS-102 Advanced Survival Studies

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

IOA - College of Baseball History

SH-MLB 101 - History of Baseball Part

1

DISTINCTION 01/29/2016

IOSFC - College of Science and Space-Time

SPB 101 - Spaceballs Characters

HONORS 01/27/2016

SPB 102 - Spaceballs Main Characters

HONORS 01/27/2016

SPB 103 - Spaceballs Technology

HONORS 01/27/2016

SPB 104 - Spaceballs Trivia

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

IOSFC - College of Star Wars Studies

SW ALN 101 - Aliens species

DISTINCTION 01/29/2016

SW QTE 101 - Quotes Part 1

HONORS 01/29/2016

SW QTE 102 - Quotes Part 2

HONORS 01/29/2016

SW REL 101 - relationships

HONORS 01/30/2016

IOSO - College of SpecOps Resources

WPN 110S - Weapons Safety Pt 1

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

COMM 104 - Electronic Communications

DISTINCTION 01/31/2016

COMM 105 - Field Equipment

DISTINCTION 01/31/2016

COMM 106 - Field Radios Pt. 1

DISTINCTION 01/31/2016

COMM 107 - Field Radios Pt. 2

DISTINCTION 01/31/2016

COMM 108 - SINGGARS Pt. 1

DISTINCTION 01/31/2016

IOSO - College of SpecOps Training (CSOT)

DEFT 104 - Defense Against Armed Opponents

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

DMS 104P - Parachute Training Pt 1

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

DMS 105P - Parachute Training Pt 2

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

DMS 106P - Parachute Equipment

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

DEFT 107 - Martial Arts Overview Pt 1

DISTINCTION 01/27/2016

CAMO 103 - Offensive Operations

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

CAMO 104 - Defensive Operations

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

CAMO 105 - High Value Targets

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

CAMO 106 - Special Environments

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

CAMO 107 - Requirements & Procedures

DISTINCTION 01/30/2016

IOSTS - College of Trekology (IOSF:COT)

TNG-101 - Characters

DISTINCTION 01/29/2016

TNG-102 - Main Characters

DISTINCTION 01/29/2016

TNG-103 - Episodes

HONORS 01/29/2016

TNG-104 - Technology

DISTINCTION 01/29/2016

TNG-105 - Trivia

HONORS 01/29/2016

IOTA - College of Law (IOTA:LAW)
COL 202 - STARFLEET Procedure
DISTINCTION 01/26/2016
 SFA Awards
BOCP - Chief Science Officer Certification
AWARDED 01/18/2016
BOCP - Chief Tactical Officer Certification
AWARDED 01/31/2016
BOCP - Chief Weapons Officer Certification
AWARDED 01/31/2016

Rezty Felty
 IOAS - Vulcan Orientation College
VOC-101 - Geography & Physiology
HONORS 01/06/2016
VOC-102 - Culture and Military
HONORS 01/06/2016
 IOIS - College of African History
CAfH 111 - Algerian History 1239 to 1839
DISTINCTION 01/06/2016
 IOMS - College of Starship Operations (IOMS: COSO)
CSO-102 - Medical Operations
DISTINCTION 01/30/2016
 IOPFR - College of Law Enforcement History
SLEH 101 Ancient to Middle ages
DISTINCTION 01/31/2016
SLEH 102 1600 to 1900
DISTINCTION 01/31/2016
 IOST - Vulcan Academy of Science (IOST:VAS)
VAS 101 - Specialist I in Genetics
HONORS 01/08/2016
VAS 102 - Specialist I in Virology
HONORS 01/19/2016
VAS 103 - Specialist I in Library Science
HONORS 01/19/2016
VAS 208 - Specialist II in Engineering
HONORS 01/29/2016
 SFA Awards
BOCP - Chief Science Officer Certification
AWARDED 01/28/2016

Laura Felty
 IOAS - Ferengi Orientation College
FOC 101 - Basic Ferengi Knowledge
DISTINCTION 01/10/2016
FOC 201 - Physiology & Society
DISTINCTION 01/20/2016
 IOAS - Vulcan Orientation College
VOC-101 - Geography & Physiology
PASS 01/05/2016
VOC-102 - Culture and Military
PASS 01/10/2016
 IOFHS - College of Zoms and Mums
ZOM 200 - The Walking Dead Series Overview 1
HONORS 01/24/2016
ZOM 201 - The Walking Dead Series Overview 2

DISTINCTION 01/24/2016
 IOLS - Flag Officers School (IOLS-FOS)
FOS 101 - Introduction to FOS
PASS 01/06/2016
 IOLSS - College of Abnormal Psychology
ABN 101 Abnormal Psychology Defined
PASS 01/02/2016
ABN 102 Experimental Psychology
HONORS 01/02/2016
 IOLSS - College of Medicine (IOLSS:SACOM)
COM-101 - Basic Doctorate
HONORS 01/02/2016
COM-113 - Pharmacology Certification
HONORS 01/13/2016
COM-131 - Basic Health Field Medic
HONORS 01/13/2016
COM-201 - AIDS/STD Research
HONORS 01/20/2016
COM-111 - Counselor Certification
HONORS 01/27/2016
 IOMS - College of Security (IOMS: COS)
IOMS: COS-102 Basic Security Officers Course
DISTINCTION 01/28/2016
IOMS: COS-101 TOS Rank Recognition
DISTINCTION 01/28/2016
 IOMS - College of Starship Operations (IOMS: COSO)
CSO-107 - Bridge Operations
DISTINCTION 01/01/2016
 IOPFR - College of Emergency Technology
SET 103 - OXYGEN TREATMENT EQUIP. 1
DISTINCTION 01/02/2016
SET 104 - QXYGEN THERAPY EQUIP 2
DISTINCTION 01/02/2016
SET 113 - NEEDLES
DISTINCTION 01/05/2016
SET 114 - TEMPRATURE AND O2 TESTING DEVICES
DISTINCTION 01/07/2016
 IOSO - College of SpecOps Resources
COMM 101 - Intro to Field Communications
DISTINCTION 01/24/2016
COMM 102 - Field Signals Pt 1
DISTINCTION 01/24/2016
COMM 103 - Field Signals Pt. 2
DISTINCTION 01/24/2016
 IOSO - College of SpecOps Training (CSOT)
CAMO 101 - Concealment & Detection
DISTINCTION 01/11/2016
 IOTA - College of Music (MUSIC)
CMU 101 - Introduction to Music
HONORS 01/14/2016
CMU 113 - Popular Music Part 1
DISTINCTION 01/20/2016
CMU 114 - Popular Music Part 2
DISTINCTION 01/27/2016
 SFA Awards
BOCP - Chief Medical Officer Certification
AWARDED 01/27/2016

Tesla Felty
 IOCS - Cadet Preparatory College (CPC)
CPC 100 - OTS-OCC Preparation - 6-9 year olds
DISTINCTION 01/08/2016

Sagan Felty
 IOCS - Cadet College of Mathematics (CCOM)
CCOM 101 - Basic math
DISTINCTION 01/31/2016
 IOCS - Cadet College of Science Fiction Studies (CCSFS)
CM-WAL 101 - WALL-E
DISTINCTION 01/25/2016
CTV-DRW 101 - Doctor Who
DISTINCTION 01/25/2016
 IOCS - Cadet Vulcan Academy of Science (CVAS)
CVAS 101 - Astronomy 6 - 9 Year Olds
DISTINCTION 01/02/2016
CVAS 100 - Logic Exam (6-9 year olds)
PASS 01/02/2016

Dyson Felty
 IOLS - Officer's Command College (IOLS: OCC)
OCC
PASS 01/31/2016
 IOST - College of Engineering (IOST: COE)
SoEH 105 - Starfleet Engineers
PASS 01/24/2016

OTHER INFO

MEETING DATE : 01/23/2016

PROMOTIONS :

SCC:	NAME	NEW RANK	EFFECT DT
74487	Hannah Bauer	CDT	01/30/2016

ACTIVITIES :

01/02 Impromptu crew casual dine-out at Culver's in Lawrence.



Cdt ENS D. Felty trying assiduously to squash CDT S. Felty into LT Bevan!



CDT T. Felty enjoying her crewmates.

01/05 SO hosted the chapter's biweekly Game Night at his home.

01/10 Command Staff & Felty parents attended memorial service for USS Valiant's founding CO, CAPT Dennis Bain.



L-R: LT Bevan; RADM R. Planthold; ENS Goerke; ENS L. Felty.; ENS R. Felty



LT Bevan, ADM S. Planthold, both well-known chocoholics, wantonly indulge.



USS Valiant's Command Staff in a lighter moment during the memorial.

01/16 CO, XO/OIC MSG 269 had supper with DOIC MSG 269.

01/22 SO hosted the chapter's biweekly Game Night at his home.

01/23 USS Dark Phoenix monthly chapter meeting, 6 PM at McAlister's Deli in Lawrence, KS. The first batch of crew ID photos was taken. Our guests included:

ADM James Herring, USS Missouri CO; COL Mike Calhoun, USS Valiant CO; MCPT Beth Calhoun, USS Valiant; ENS JG Timothy Thornton, late of USS Dark Phoenix.



L-R: LTJg Melton; ENS R. Felty.; ENS L. Felty; CDT T. Felty; CDT S. Felty; Cdt ENS D. Felty; LTJg Buttimer; COL M. Calhoun; ADM Herring; MCPT B. Calhoun; ENSig Martin; ADM S. Planthold; RADM R. Planthold; LT Bevan; LTJg Kaberline; CRMN Lichtwardt.



CO congratulates SO on the combined efforts of the crew to achieve Vessel Readiness Certification in all 16 depts.

Alternative caption:

CO deftly maneuvers SO into beaming himself on the drop lamp behind him.



CO assigns cadets to put together a ship puzzle instead of playing with dominoes. CDT T. Felty considers mutiny.



LTJg Kaberline belatedly receives her black pip from CO as SO looks on.

FUTURE PLANS

02/02 SO will host the chapter's biweekly Game Night at his home.

02/26 SO will host the chapter's biweekly Game Night at his home.

02/27 USS Dark Phoenix monthly chapter meeting, 6 PM at Jin Shan Buffet in Lawrence, KS.

COMMENTS :

- Congratulations to ADM Sunnie Planthold, recipient of the STARFLEET Order of Roddenberry, Second Class, as of 12/25/15 "For her consistent efforts to bring people together with her Vault of Chocolate whether at a chapter or regional event or a recruiting opportunity."
- Congratulations to LT John Bevan, recipient of the STARFLEET Order of Darmok and Jalad, Second Class, as of 12/25/15 "Recognizing his efforts to bring people to chapter meetings and other science fiction and fantasy events and his willingness to volunteer for different events."
- Congratulations to USS Dark Phoenix upon completion of the SFA Vessel Readiness Certification Program (VRCP) as of 01/11/16. USS Dark Phoenix is the first ship in the 12th Fleet (and only the 5th in all of STARFLEET) to have certified in all 16 departments!
- Congratulations to ENS Laura Felty upon her BOCP - Chief Medical Officer Certification, Awarded 01/27/2016. This makes her our first Department Chief to have the "Acting" removed from her title!
- Congratulations to ENS Rezty Felty upon his:
 - BOCP - Chief Science Officer Certification, Awarded 01/28/2016.
- Congratulations to LT John Bevan upon his:
 - BOCP - Chief Science Officer Certification, Awarded 01/18/2016
 - BOCP - Chief Tactical Officer Certification, Awarded 01/31/2016
 - BOCP - Chief Weapons Officer Certification, Awarded 01/31/2016.
- Congratulations to CDT4 D. Felty upon completion of OCC as of 01/31/16!
- Welcome aboard to CDT Hannah Bauer as of 01/30/16!
- The following crew members are reminded that their memberships are now APPROACHING expiration date, and that they should renew NOW:

SCC	RANK	NAME	EXPIRE DT
73223	CRMN	David Morton	02/21/2016
73257	CRMN	Ruth Lichtwardt	03/03/2016
73283	LTJG	John Buttimer	03/07/2016

Second Officer's Report
By LT John "Sparky" Bevan

Greetings, ladies and gentlemen! Happy New Year!

Another month, another series of great announcements! First, let me start off by saying thank you to everyone who worked hard on their Academy pursuits to get us the credits we needed to be fully certified in the Vessel Readiness Certification Program! I know I talked about it last month but it is such an elite honor to earn that I wish to say thank you once again.

Announcements



Lieutenant (junior grade) K Lar Batt has informed us that he has a new addition to his extended family. His brother and sister-in-law--Ed and Ashley Bauer, respectively--gave birth to a happy, healthy baby girl on

Thursday, January 28th, at 9:50pm. Sophia Ann Marie Bauer was born at the hospital in Atlantic, Iowa, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Congratulations to Ed and Ashley for the arrival of their new bundle of joy and to Lieutenant Batt for becoming an uncle!

While we are welcoming new souls, let us welcome a new soul to the crew of the USS Dark Phoenix. Hannah Bauer, daughter of Lieutenant Batt, has joined our crew. She has wished to join us since she attended the Halloween potluck dinner and costume party but there was a problem with the paperwork at

the Fleet end of things. At long last, with the assistance of our Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Admiral Wayne Killough and our Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET, Admiral Laura Victor, the Command Staff was able to get her added. So, without further ado, welcome aboard, Cadet Hannah Bauer!

Also, our crew has expanded with some additional crewmen between the time I started writing this article and now, so let me introduce those folks to you. First, we have the father and daughter duo of Reuben and Selena Juarez. For those of us who worked at TopCon this past September, Reuben was one of the wonderful people with whom we were proud to serve. His daughter, Selena, is a friend of our Crewman Nikki Blackburn (who also was met at and came to us by way of TopCon) and the Command Staff met Selena for the first time when we met with Ensign Josh Levering and Crewman Blackburn in Topeka to discuss the formation of the Topeka chapter, the USS Arion. It is with Crewman Blackburn's encouragement, I am sure, that both have joined our crew. Welcome aboard, Crewmen Juarez, and thank you, Crewman Blackburn, for guiding them to us.

Next, we have another new soul in our midst: Carol Walker. She is a colleague of our CO and XO in LegalShield and has joined up with us thanks to the encouragement of both of our aforementioned officers. I look forward to meeting her and learning more about her than just what she does in the real world. ☺ Welcome aboard, Crewman Walker, and thank you Admirals Planthold for catching her in our tractor beam.

Awards and Promotions

As promised, we named our annual award recipients for the year at the January meeting held at McAlister's Deli. Cadet Sagan Felty earned the award of Junior Cadet of the Year, Cadet Tesla Felty earned Senior Cadet of the Year, and Lieutenant John Bevan earned Officer of the Year. There was no nomination for Enlisted Crewman of the Year. Congratulations to all and thank you from the Command Staff for your enthusiasm and devotion to the Dark Phoenix!

Further, Ensign Carolyn Kaberline received her promotion to Lieutenant (junior grade) due to her completion of Officer Command College, which she started at the September Academy Night. Also, since she has completed both Officer Training School and Officer Command College, she received the Willard Decker Award. Congratulations, Lieutenant Kaberline!

Additionally, though Lieutenant (junior grade) K Lar Batt was not present, he has been awarded the Bright Star Award for his representation of the Dark Phoenix at the Star Wars promotion at the Hollywood 14 Movie Theater in Topeka in December. He was on site all three days and was the only Dark Phoenix member to be there. Because of his devotion to the ship and making us shine brightly in the public eye, we are pleased to provide him his second Bright Star Award for 2015. Congratulations and thank you, Lieutenant Batt!

We also get to recognize a couple of our newest Crewmen for promotions already. Both Crewmen Reuben Juarez and Selena Juarez have successfully completed Officer Training School and so both have earned their commissions as Ensigns. Congratulations, Ensigns Juarez!

Ship Billets

At the conclusion of the January ship meeting, Lieutenant (junior grade) John Buttimer resigned his position as Chief of Security. He still remains a member of our ship and is still a member of our Security team but his real-world responsibilities precluded his ability to remain in that position. As Ensign Rezy Felty was sitting nearby when this resignation was tendered, he stepped up to the plate and expressed his interest. After a momentary discussion amongst the Command Staff, we accepted his verbal application and appointed him as the new Chief of Security. As such, he will soon be turning in his Sciences blue uniform for Security gold. Thank you, Ensign Felty, for assuming this role for the ship. Lieutenant Buttimer, we look forward to your continued service on the ship and wish you well in your new position within the US Army.

The Chief of Communications position remains open and available, so if anyone wishes to be considered for that senior officer position, please get in touch with me by email, telephone, or other means. I am sorry to say, however, that my telepathic abilities have waned recently, so you will need to communicate through some written or electronic form for the time being.

Another development has arisen within our ranks. Our Ensign Laura Felty, Acting Chief Medical Officer, has completed the requirements within the Bridge Officer Training Program to receive her certification as Chief Medical Officer. As such, her title officially loses the "Acting" qualifier. She is now our bona fide CMO! Congratulations, Ensign Felty!

Following suit with his wife, Ensign Rezy Felty has also earned the right to lose the "Acting" qualifier on his title. He has only just recently accepted the position of Acting Chief of Security and even before I can announce his acceptance of the position, he has completed the requirements in the Bridge Officer Certification Program to be officially titled as Chief Security Officer, so he is officially our Chief of Security. Congratulations, Ensign Felty, and splendid job for the quick work you made of earning that certification!

We encourage all our Senior Staff to pursue their respective requirements within the Bridge Officer Certification Program so they also can have their titles be unmodified by "Acting." All it takes is a few classes, depending on which certificate you need. If you wish to pursue this, feel free to contact me and I will help you find the right courses. These might even be the ones that you wish to pursue for Academy Night. ☺

Starfleet Special Operations

Due to interest expressed by various crewmembers, the Dark Phoenix has founded a Starfleet Special Operations (SFSO) unit. We

are SOU-666, The Dark Devils, an Intelligence unit and I am the Team Leader. What this means for our crew is that anyone who is interested in being a member should get in touch with me. There are various courses within Starfleet Academy that are required to move up from one Grade to another within SFSO, so if you want to be more than just a name on paper, then get in touch with me and I will gladly help guide you.

One other thing I should touch on is that while we are an Intelligence unit, it does not mean that we are forbidden from cross-training in other areas of Special Operations. Therefore, if you want to pursue grades in Support, Tactical, or other branches, you may do so. All that is required is a different series of courses from the Academy.

Inaugural Friday Game Night

We had a good number of players for our first Friday Game Night event. We had a total of six newcomers: Ensigns Laura Felty and Rezy Felty; Ensign (junior grade) Jean Martin; Cadet Ensign Dyson Felty; and Cadets Sagan Felty and Tesla Felty. We played several rounds of the card game Fluxx and everyone got to see just how funny and ridiculous it can become with a large number of players. The event wrapped up about midnight, after everyone enjoyed themselves for several hours. We hope that more will attend in the future. Our next Game Nights will be on Friday, February 19th, and Tuesday, March 1st. They always start at 7pm, so come out and join in the fun!

January Meeting

We had a very good turnout for the January meeting. Ship members who attended included the Command Staff; Lieutenants (junior grade) John Buttimer, Carolyn Kaberline, and Rianna Melton; Ensigns Laura Felty and Rezty Felty; Ensign (junior grade) Jean Martin; Crewman Ruth Lichtwardt; Cadet Ensign Dyson Felty; and Cadets Sagan Felty and Tesla Felty. We were also joined by former Dark Phoenix Ensign (junior grade) Tim Thornton and were glad to see him once again. Additionally we were visited by dignitaries from other ships in the Twelfth Fleet: Admiral James Herring from the USS Missouri as well as Captain Mike Calhoun and Marine Captain Beth Calhoun, both from the USS Valiant. Of course, anyplace where the heart of the USS Valiant is represented, our recently-transcended friend Captain Dennis Bain is also there, so he was with us at our meeting as well.

As announced at this meeting, we stressed once again that we need to receive lists of five (or more) courses that you wish to take from the Academy if you are going to participate in Academy Night, scheduled for March 12th. For those who wish to earn Bridge Officer certifications, be sure to look at the details found at <http://acad.sfi.org/courses/iols/bocp.php> for details regarding the requirements for each position. You still have time to select your courses but make sure to have the lists to me no later than the February ship meeting so that we have time to receive the paperwork and get it prepared for you. You may email your list to me if that is more convenient for you. If you have any questions about the Bridge Officer

Certification Program (BOCP), Academy rules and policies, or need help finding courses that may interest you, please drop me a line.

During the meeting, Lieutenant Kaberline took pictures of all those who attended the meeting. Those pictures were for two purposes: the ID cards that we are going to have printed soon and the stock photos to put into the newsletter. For those who have not had their pictures taken, please make sure to come to the next ship meeting so that we can correct that oversight.

Also, during the open floor of the meeting, Lieutenant Kaberline spoke about the email she sent to our entire crew recently. She has been assigned the task writing an article for the local Lawrence magazine regarding our ship and sent an email with various questions that she wishes everyone to answer. Those who sent in their answers have been included in her article, which is to be published later this year.

As mentioned at the January meeting, we are getting ready to place another order for polo shirts, so if anyone is interested in making a purchase, please contact Rear Admiral Ralph Planthold at admiralr@bdcusa.com.

After the meeting, Ensign Thornton and I spoke at length regarding the Civil Air Patrol (his real-world occupation) and what the Dark Phoenix and CAP might be able to pursue together. One idea that we are developing, which is something that Admiral Sunnie Planthold and I have been kicking around for about a year, is training in CPR and/or First Aid. We do not yet have the details

worked out but we are considering holding training sometime in March or April. We will keep you posted with further developments.

Future Events

At this time of the year, social events are a bit slow, so we seek suggestions for what people may wish to have us do as a group.

One idea that has been mentioned is a night during which we gather to play Artemis, the spaceship bridge simulator. We do not yet have a bridge license for the game but if there are enough who are interested, we can easily procure one. Who would like to give this a whirl? Drop me a line and let's get this on the calendar. For details about the game, please go to <http://artemis.eochu.com/>.

The day before our ship meeting, February 26th, our friends at TopCon are having an event at "The Break Room (a metro eatery)" to which all are invited. It is an event to support future TopCon events. Activities planned for the event are cosplay, games on various console, and a game tournament of Super Smash Bros. which will be played on the Wii U. Per the rules, yes, one may bring his own controller and 2DS and 3DS may also be used. (I am sure gamers understand these details. Having not used a gaming console since the Atari 2600 back in the early 1980s, I am just a wee bit outside of that world at this point.) The event is from 6 to midnight and the entry fee for the event is \$5 at the door. There is no additional entry fee for competing in the tournament. You can learn more about this event

at <https://www.facebook.com/events/894015690720089/>.

Next month, the City of Lawrence is having their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade travelling down Massachusetts Street from 11th Street to the north, crossing into North Lawrence at the bridge by City Hall. The parade starts at 1pm but check-in starts at 9am. Ralph and I were in the parade last year as drivers of the car and we were waving out the window as we rolled along. However, this year, while we are both interested and willing to enter the parade once again, we would like for there to be others there with us as well to walk alongside the vehicle so as to hand out cards and make us more visible. Therefore, if this is something you are interested in doing, please get in touch with Ralph or me at your earliest convenience.

Our next firmly planned event is the next ship meeting on Saturday, February 27th. The meeting will be held at Jin Shan Chinese Buffet in the strip mall located at the corner of 23rd and Harper at the regular time of 6pm. However, starting at 5pm, we will be discussing the formation of the Topeka shuttle USS Arion and encourage those who are interested either in supporting her as members of her mothership or potentially transferring to her upon her launch to join us for that discussion. Also, during the ship meeting, we will be taking pictures for the photo ID cards once again. There are some (such as me) who were not quite happy with the way the pictures turned out and wish to try again. There shall also be others who have not yet had their pictures taken, so we will accomplish these goals

once again with the help of our Lieutenant Kaberline.

On March 12th, we have our second Academy Night scheduled to run from noon to midnight. Remember that you do not need to arrive at noon or stay until midnight. You may come and go during that timeframe as is convenient for you. Further, the time of midnight is only the last time at which the doors will be open. Anyone already here may stay until they either finish their tests or are compelled to leave due to exhaustion.

Late-Breaking News

Just as this edition was about to be distributed, Admiral Robert Westfall announced the date and time for the Region 12 Kansas Sector picnic. This year, it will be on Saturday June 25th from 10am to 9pm at Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter #8. The street address of the park is 7900 Renner Road, Lenexa, Kansas 66219. A map of the park is available at <http://www.bdcusa.com/downloads/smp-map.pdf> Shelter #8 is at the southwest corner of the lake near the no-leash dog park.

This year, there is a slight cost to attendance: \$10. This is to cover the cost of the chicken and steaks (he has indicated that they will most likely be KC Strips) that will be cooked on site by our Master Chef and host, the Admiral himself. Also, a potato dish will be served. He has stated that any side dishes and/or desserts that others may wish to bring will be welcome.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to isskatana77003@gmail.com no later than June 23rd.

This event also coincides with our June ship meeting, so the Command Staff will discuss whether we will move the meeting a week early or have a meeting there at the picnic and will announce the decision in next month's newsletter.

As always, if anyone has any questions about the contents of this article, suggestions for future events, or wish to submit articles or announcements for publication, please feel free to contact me by email at sosparky@bdcusa.com or give me a call at (785) 727-1355. Be aware this is a regular phone, so don't try to send it text messages. ;-)

John Bevan is the Second Officer of the USS Dark Phoenix and has been a member of Starfleet International since January 2015. When not honoring our ship with his dedication, he owns and operates a computer sales and service firm he founded back in June 1989. The motto by which he lives is "Nothing changes until something changes."

STARFLEET Marine Corps
Unit Report Form v3

Date and time Mon Feb 1 13:45:33
Submitted: PST 2016

Unit: MSG
269
Battalion: 3
Brigade: 12
Reporting month: February

****REPORTING OFFICER****

Reporting ADM Sunnie J
officer: Planthold
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****BASIC UNIT INFORMATION****

Type: MSG
Branch: Special Ops
Nickname: The Black Bettys
Motto:

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****CHAPTER DATA****

NCC 74920
Number:

Name: USS Dark Phoenix
CO: RADM Ralph F
Planthold

****UNIT PERSONNEL DATA****

Unit strength: Active/Reserve: 1/2

Unit roster:

Name: Sunnie J
Planthold
Rank: ADM
SCC Number: 44342
Active/Reserve: Reserve
Expiration Date:04/13/2016

Name: Patrick
Malone
Rank: COL
SCC Number: 46072
Active/Reserve: Active
Expiration Date:06/22/2016

Name: Morgan
Hahn
Rank: CAPT
SCC Number: 32367
Active/Reserve: Reserve
Expiration Date:03/15/2016

Changes to roster:
Recruits/Discharges: 0/0

Changes in leadership:
Type the changes to Strike
Group/Battalion leadership here.
N/A

Awards issued:
Type award name and recipient.

Awards requested:
Type award and nominee.

****UNIT MISSION DATA****

Unit activities:
SUMMARIZE BDE, BN, and unit
activities for the past 60 days.

Volunteered hair care for clients at

local Hospice.
Donated 50 pounds of dog food to
Lawrence Humane Society.
Donated items of clothing to the
Willow Domestic Violence
Center.
Contributing monthly article to
chapter newsletter.

SFMC Challenge Data:
Please place any data regarding
SFMC challenges here. Please list
BDE, BN, and unit.

****COMMENTS/PROBLEMS/SUGG
ESTIONS****

Comments/Problems/Suggestions:
N/A

Actions taken to rectify: N/A

From the Kitchen of the Admiral

**No-Bake Chocolate, Oatmeal,
Peanut Butter Cookies**
(aka Turd Drop Delights)

2 C. sugar
½ C. milk
1 stick butter
3 tbs. cocoa
1 tsp. salt
3 C. oatmeal
1 tsp. vanilla
(optional)
½ C. walnuts
1 C. coconut
1 C. peanut butter

In saucepan, combine sugar, milk, butter, cocoa, and salt. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in everything else. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper. Cool.

Sunnie Planthold has been a member of Starfleet International since February 1995. She holds the billets of Executive Officer and as the Officer in Charge of the 269th Marine Strike Group--The Black Bettys. When pursuing civilian life, she is an independent sales consultant for LegalShield (alongside her husband Ralph), performs community service for the Lawrence Humane Society and the Willow Domestic Violence Center, and interprets church services into American Sign Language each Sunday. The quickest way to befriend her is to offer her a bite of chocolate.

Security

By Ensign Rezty Felty

Position in transition, so no article this month. Ensign Felty's first submission will be in the March edition of the Phoenix Rising.

Rezty Felty engages in Warp Core research on and insures the security of the USS Dark Phoenix, has been a Trek fan since the '60s, and has been a member of Starfleet since September 2015. In real life, he is owned by the CMO of the USS Dark Phoenix, 5 kids, and a variety of dogs, cats, and rats when not performing Linux Engineering.

Trend Micro flaw could have allowed attack to steal all your passwords
By Jeremy Kirk, IDG News Service

[Editor's Note: I found this article in a list of updated discussions from LinkedIn and wished to make it known to everyone. Though not all antivirus softwares are mentioned, make sure you keep yours up to date with all available definition updates, application patches, and more recent versions to help protect yourself against such vulnerabilities.]

A discovery by a well-known Google security researcher provides further proof how antivirus programs designed to shield computers from attacks can sometimes provide a doorway for hackers.

Tavis Ormandy, an information security engineer with Google, wrote he found bugs in Trend Micro's antivirus product that could allow remote code execution by any website and steal all of a user's passwords.

The security firm has confirmed it has released an automatic update that fixes the problems.

"As part of our standard vulnerability response process we worked with him to identify and address the vulnerability," wrote Christopher Budd, global threat communications manager at Trend Micro, in an email on Monday. "Customers are now getting protections through automatic updates."

Ormandy posted emails he exchanged with Trend officials,

occasionally expressing his frustration that the company wasn't moving fast enough.

"So this means anyone on the internet can steal all of your passwords completely silently, as well as execute arbitrary code with zero user interaction," Ormandy wrote. "I really hope the gravity of this is clear to you because I'm astonished about this."

Trend's antivirus product has a password manager, and users can elect to export their passwords to it. The password manager is written in JavaScript and opens up multiple HTTP remote procedure call ports to handle API requests, Ormandy wrote.

In 30 seconds, Ormandy wrote he found one that would accept remote code. He also found an API that allowed him to access passwords stored in the manager.

Overall, Ormandy wrote that he found over 70 APIs exposed to the Internet, not all of which he had investigated for security issues. He suggested Trend should hire an external consultancy to audit the code.

Antivirus applications run with high-level privileges on operating systems, which means that exploiting a vulnerability can give an attacker deep access to a computer.

Dozens of serious vulnerabilities have been found in the last seven months in antivirus products from vendors including Kaspersky Lab, ESET, Avast, AVG Technologies, Intel

Security (formerly McAfee) and Malwarebytes.

Source:

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/3021320/security/trend-micro-flaw-could-have-allowed-attacker-to-steal-all-passwords.html>

[Editor's Note: If you use some method to store your numerous passwords, I strongly suggest that you use something less easily accessed than a password manager program. For example, a handwritten record that you keep filed away out of the view of prying eyes or, if you wish to use something more digital, a spreadsheet/database either in a less commonly-used program or with a name that is something completely unrelated such as "Aunt Adele's Home Remedies" if you use a Word document or "Button Collection" for a spreadsheet or database as files with these names would most likely be of little interest to a hacker. The idea is to provide less obvious flags to those who might wish to steal your credentials.]

Acting Chief Engineer's Report
By Cadet Ensign Dyson Felty

Holograms

Star Trek has futuristic holographic environments and artificial beings. We currently don't have this technology, but quickly we are developing it. Nearly a year ago in Japan, we developed moving 3-D holograms you can feel. Although these holograms are simple and extremely unpleasant to listen to, if we keep working like this we will soon see this science fiction trope become a modern day wonder.

Both the holograms in Star Trek and the real device in Japan need something to project them, and both of them can be felt. The holograms in Star Trek use force fields to simulate another surface however and the ones in Japan use femtosecond lasers. Now, normally high power lasers would burn or hurt you but femtosecond lasers move so quickly that it is safe for us to touch.

Another difference between the holographic beings in Star Trek and in the Japanese device is that right now the machine can only project simple 3-D objects measuring a centimeter or less.

The small hologram does respond to stimuli though; If you touch a cube it may change into a sphere. The holograms in Star Trek respond to more than touch, accepting voice commands. Currently our phones have voice command, soon we could combine these technologies with the correct know-how.

Another possibility of holograms, like the ones we see in Star Trek, is

this: Imagine combining this technology, 3-D Projectors, with the force field technology we talked about months ago. It is entirely possible that holograms exactly like the ones we see in Star Trek will be here in a couple of years.

Dyson Felty is the Acting Chief Engineer of the Dark Phoenix and is an exception to the rule of only Officers being in such responsible positions. He is a high school sophomore but has shown the same enthusiasm and dedication of any of the Officers, so his desire to serve has been approved by the Command Staff. Joining the crew only a few months ago, he has proven himself worthy of his title. As he challenges the same Officer training tests as his adult colleagues, he has been granted the rank of Cadet Ensign (abbreviated as CDT4) and will receive a commission to the rank of Ensign upon his 18th birthday.

Propulsion News By Ensign Rezty Felty

This month NASA awarded a contract to Sierra Nevada to ferry cargo to the ISS. The contract is for \$14 billion for 6 flights over 18 months. I think I need to get into the rocketry business. Sierra Nevada is the only one of the three companies receiving contracts to ferry cargo to the ISS using a winged design, seen below.



SpaceX had a setback when one of their Falcon rockets crashed on powered landing January 18th. They just 'perfected' this technology last month, so it looks like there are still some bugs to iron out. They say that this incident was caused by a stuck pin in one of the landing legs.



Aerospace engineer John Brossard and his team at BSRD LLC have built a working prototype of a new type of engine called an RTR Turborocket, an engine that can function as a turbojet in atmosphere at speeds both sub and supersonic, and then converts to a rocket engine and keeps performing in space. According to Brossard, an airliner equipped with

these could fly right into orbit! The company claims that these engines have the best thrust-to-weight ratio of any engines constructed so far.



Until next month, keep those thrusters firing, and your nose pointed at the stars!

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Chief Medical Officer's Report
By Ensign Laura Felty

Public bathrooms are petri dishes for germs. Believe it or not, the toilet is not the biggest culprit. There have been many studies evaluating public bathrooms. Most of the findings would cause a person never to want to use a public bathroom again. But for most of us, it is unavoidable. I will be sharing some tips with you today to help decrease your exposure to the bacteria and microbes found in the dreaded public bathroom.

Studies have shown that most people who use public restroom stalls want privacy, so they tend to gravitate to the end stall. The front stalls seem to have the least usage. Try to remember, though, you don't pass these germs via your backside: it is from your hands. You do everything with your hands, including using them to open that disgusting door. So when you are done using that first stall, use your foot to flush if they do not have the motion sensor that automatically flushes.

When it is time to move on to the sink, try these tips. Always wash your hands with soap and water. Remember though you just washed your hands and they are clean, so are you really going to use that clean hand to shut off the water that you yourself just turned on after using the toilet? NO! Dry your hands first with a paper towel. And then with the paper towel you just used to dry your hands, reach over and turn the water off. That way you are not getting your hands dirty again. But wait! Don't throw that paper towel away yet. Have you seen how many people will use the commode and

then just up and leave the bathroom without washing their hands? Do you really want to touch that door handle? Of course not. Use that same paper towel that you just used to turn off the faucet and grab the door handle. Once you pull the door open, you can use your foot, to prop the door open, and give the paper towel a toss into the trash can. These are ways that you can protect yourself from being exposed to more germs.

Remember the blower in the bathroom? Those can do more harm than good. They just blow up all the disgusting germs that are multiplying on the floor. I have not seen any data as of yet, regarding the new Dyson brand hand driers. They do seem to be more effective and more directed. These are all hints that my children have been taught since they were very young, and most my mother taught me. I recently found out that these are not things that everyone does. So to those who have never tried these tips, give them a try. They are not difficult to follow and they will decrease your exposure to other people's messes.

Stay healthy and stay safe.
As always, if anyone has anything they would like me to research or do an article on, please let me know.
You can always contact me at lfelty@kc-felty.net

Laura Felty doesn't just play in the medical field in SFI: she has been employed in the nursing field for over 30 years and works as a Registered Nurse. She and her husband Rezty have five children and three grandchildren.

Veterinary Specialist Report
By Lieutenant (junior grade) Rianna
Melton

The Catnip Craziest!

If you don't talk to your cat about catnip, who will?

What is it about that plant that causes them to lose their minds? Or, why don't some cats care at all? Catnip is one of the 250 members of the mint family. The primary essential oil in catnip that is so fascinating to felines is nepetalactone. No one knows exactly why it is hyper-stimulating to cats, but the result sure is fun to watch, isn't it?

The primary effectiveness occurs on an olfactory level. Cats that inhale the scent can respond very quickly and for a varying amount of time--usually only five to ten minutes--but it can take up to two hours to "reset" and become susceptible to it again. Subsequently, cats that eat the catnip can become very mellow and wander off to take another nap. On an interesting note, any response to catnip is an inherited gene and only about 50% of cats are affected by it. However, the responsiveness can take awhile to manifest: young kittens up until about 6 months of age and older cats are much less interested than their adult counterparts.

I've been asked a lot if catnip is harmful to cats. Many think that catnip is similar to a "drug high" and that it is bad for them. While there is no explanation as to why catnip affects some cats so strongly, there is no research to suggest that it is harmful either. There are a few felines that may have very aggressive

reactions during which they become hyper-stimulated and run around like their tails are on fire or growl or attack if someone comes too close to them or their "prey." I would recommend caution in giving these cats any 'nip, especially if there are young children or other pets in the house that may get injured inadvertently.

However, the majority of cats do not display such aggressive behavior and seem to enjoy a fun release every now and then. Fresh catnip is always the most potent and a catnip toy will quickly lose its appeal. If purchased in a large quantity or harvested from the garden, you can freeze the remainder for preservation and thaw it for playtime later!

And another question I get a lot is, "are big cats (such as tigers and leopards) affected by catnip?" I'll let you watch and decide for yourself!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tklx3j7kgJY>

Rianna Melton is a member of SFI since June 2013 and is a former veterinary assistant who now works in the capacity of installation and maintenance field technician of veterinary diagnostic equipment. In her free time, she is mother to two dogs and two cats. One word of warning: under the human skin beats the heart of a proud Klingon warrior!

Stellar Cartographer's Report
By Lieutenant (junior grade) Carolyn
Kaberline

Hopefully some of you managed to catch the lineup of five planets---Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn-- in the predawn sky this past month. Add a waning moon, and it was quite a sight indeed. There is nothing quite so spectacular this coming month, but there are a few things in the sky to watch for.

The full moon which occurs on February 22 will be one of these events. The early Native Americans referred to this full moon as the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows of the winter often occurred at this time of the year. Some tribes also referred to it as the Full Hunger moon because the harsh weather often found at this time of year made hunting difficult if not impossible. (The Sky)

Jupiter will be at its closest approach to Earth on March 8, making it easy to see with the naked eye. Since its face will be totally illuminated by the Sun, it will be brighter than at any other time of the year. Better yet it will be visible all night long, making this the perfect time to view and/or photograph this planet and its moons. A good pair of binoculars should make it easy for you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, which will appear as bright dots on either side of the planet. If you happen to have access to a medium-sized telescope, you should be able to see some of the details of Jupiter's cloud bands. (The Sky) In addition, Jupiter's moon Ganymede will leave a shadow in the middle of Jupiter's face on February 16 at about 11:30 p.m. (NEKAAL)

Although fading rapidly, Comet Catalina C/2013 US10 will still be visible with binoculars relatively high in the sky all this month in the early evening sky; look for it in the constellation Camelopardalis. Some other constellations that you might also want to look for include Perseus, the King of Mycenae and slayer of monsters; Auriga, the Charioteer; Taurus, the Bull; Orion, the Hunter; and Lepus, the Rabbit. These will appear as listed from North to South between 7 and 9 p.m. during the month of February (NEKAAL).

Should you happen to be traveling to central Indonesia or the Pacific Ocean near that island country on March 8, you will be able to see a total solar eclipse, weather permitting. A partial eclipse will be visible in most parts of northern Australia and Southeast Asia at that time as well. While this eclipse will not be visible at all from North America, you might want to start preparing for the total solar eclipse which will be visible through most of the central United States on August 21 of next year. (The Sky) If you've never been to an observatory, then you might want to visit Farpoint (Yes, it's named after the place where the first episode of *The Next Generation* takes place—no creature at this one though). It's first public open house of 2016 takes place on March 5 starting at 7:30 p.m.

More information on observatory open houses and general meetings of NEKAAL (Northeast Kansas Amateur Astronomers' League) can be found on the group's webpage at <http://www.nekaal.org>.

Carolyn Kaberline is a semi-retired public school teacher, having retired from one school district after teaching high school English for 45 years and now is a substitute teacher in another school district. Additionally, she is a script consultant for Project: Potemkin, a fan-created Star Trek-themed web series. In her spare time, she is an amateur astronomer and member of the Northeast Kansas Amateur Astronomers' League (NEKAAL) as well as a freelance journalist.

