

Phoenix Rising



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70978	05/10/2017	LT	Rianna Melton
71621	03/03/2017	LT	Jeremy Schroeder
73140	01/26/2018	LCDR	John Bevan
73223	02/22/2017	CRMN	David Morton
73240	02/27/2017	LTJG	Carolyn Kaberline
73257	03/04/2017	CRMN	Ruth Lichtwardt
73697	09/26/2017	ENSjg	Jean Martin
73886	08/02/2017	LT	KLar Batt
73954	08/20/2017	LT	Brent Barbee Mr
74062	09/19/2017	ENS	Josh Levering
74085	09/27/2017	LT	Rezty Felty
74086	09/27/2017	LT	Laura Felty
74087	09/27/2017	CDT	Tesla Felty
74088	09/27/2017	CDT	Sagan Felty
74089	09/27/2017	CDT2C	Dyson Felty
74487	08/02/2017	CDT	Hannah Batt
74503	02/03/2017	ENS	Reuben Juarez
74504	02/03/2017	ENS	Selena Juarez
74509	02/05/2017	CRMN	Carol Jean Walker
74601	02/23/2017	ENS	Fahad Far
74613	03/01/2017	CRMN	Brian Cervantez
74659	03/12/2017	LTJG	Martin Peterson
74775	04/18/2017	CRMN	Lisa Brown
74796	04/24/2017	CRMN	Tim Burns
74802	04/29/2017	ENS	Sara Fisher
74803	04/29/2017	CRMN	William Fisher
74804	04/29/2017	ENS	Troy Fisher
74805	04/29/2017	CDT	Lacy Fisher
74821	01/26/2018	CRMN	Natasha Maklakova
74822	01/26/2018	CRMN	Charles Hays
74823	01/26/2018	CRMN	Judith Bevan
74824	01/26/2018	CRMN	JoAnn Hays
74825	01/26/2018	CRMN	E Dean Bevan
74856	05/13/2017	CRMN	Robert R Planthold
74869	05/13/2017	CRMN	David Planthold
74870	05/13/2017	CRMN	Josie Thompson
74871	05/13/2017	CDT	Kira Thompson
74872	05/13/2017	CDT	Lea Thompson
74873	05/13/2017	CDT	Corbin Thompson
74874	05/13/2017	CDT	Flynn Planthold

74910	05/21/2017	CRMN	Shelby Peek
74918	05/21/2017	CRMN	Alton Ben Girdner III
74919	05/21/2017	CRMN	Melissa McCandless-Girdner
75110	06/22/2017	CRMN	Krystin Tally
75212	07/20/2017	CRMN	John Antons
75656	09/26/2017	ENS	Tracy Mengel
75789	10/23/2017	CRMN	John Eppich
75790	10/23/2017	CRMN	Connie Arensman
75972	12/21/2017	ENS	Mark Sarver
76016	12/29/2017	CRMN	Brenda Smith

ACADEMY :

Sunnie Planthold	
IOST - College of Chemistry	
CC 101 Periodic Table Part 1	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016
CC 102 Periodic Table Part 2	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016

John Bevan	
IOFHS - College of Superheroes	
IMN 101 - Iron Man (2008)	
DISTINCTION	12/06/2016
IMN 102 - Iron Man 2 (2010)	
DISTINCTION	12/06/2016
IMN 103 - Iron Man 3	
DISTINCTION	12/06/2016
IOFHS - College of the Fantasy Realm	
OW 103 - Dark Angel	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016
IOFHS - College of the Macabre	
DM 109.1 - Ghostbusters	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016
DM 109.2 - Ghostbusters 2	
HONORS	12/01/2016
IOFHS - College of Vampires and Werewolves	
CVW 107.1 - Underworld	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016
CVW 107.2 - Underworld: Evolution	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016

Rezty Felty	
IOAS - School of XenoAnthropology (IOAS:COXA)	
AQ 101 - Alpha Quadrant Overview	
DISTINCTION	12/29/2016
AQ 103 - Betazoid	
DISTINCTION	12/29/2016
AQ 105 - Q Continuum	
HONORS	12/29/2016
AQ 106 - Talarian	
DISTINCTION	12/30/2016
AQ 107 - Trill	
DISTINCTION	12/30/2016
IOST - College of Engineering	
SoEH 101 - Early Principles and Terms	
DISTINCTION	12/18/2016
SoEH 102 - Pre-19th Century Pioneers	
DISTINCTION	12/18/2016
SoEH 105 - Starfleet Engineers	
DISTINCTION	12/18/2016
SoEH 201 - Early Principles and Terms, Part 2	
DISTINCTION	12/28/2016
IOSTS - College of Starship Operations (IOMS:COSO)	
CSO-104 - Guidance and Navigation Operations	

Tracy Mengel	
IOFHS - College of Superheroes	
IMN 101 - Iron Man (2008)	
HONORS	12/06/2016
IMN 102 - Iron Man 2 (2010)	
DISTINCTION	12/06/2016
IMN 103 - Iron Man 3	
DISTINCTION	12/06/2016
IOFHS - College of the Macabre	
DM 109.1 - Ghostbusters	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016
DM 109.2 - Ghostbusters 2	
HONORS	12/01/2016
IOFHS - College of Vampires and Werewolves	
CVW 107.1 - Underworld	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016
CVW 107.2 - Underworld: Evolution	
DISTINCTION	12/01/2016

Mark Sarver	
IOLS - Officer's Training School (IOLS:OTS)	
OTS	
PASS	12/27/2016
IOMS - College of Security (IOMS:COS)	
IOMS:COS-102 Basic Security Officers Course	
DISTINCTION	12/27/2016
IOMS:COS-101 TOS Rank Recognition	
HONORS	12/27/2016

OTHER INFO

MEETING DATE : 12/17/2016

PROMOTIONS :

SCC:	NAME	NEW RANK	EFFECT DT
75972	Mark Sarver	CRMN	12/21/2016
75972	Mark Sarver	ENS	12/27/2016
76016	Brenda Smith	CRMN	12/29/2016

ACTIVITIES :

12/03	ENS Mengel met SO at his home to pursue Academy courses and did so over dinner.
12/04	Command Staff and ENS Mengel met at SO's home for dinner. During that meal, a discussion of possible Senior Staff positions for the Ensign took place.
12/05	SO and ENS Mengel met at her place for dinner and to complete Academy courses she requested.
12/06	SO and ENS Mengel met at SO's home for dinner and completion of tests required for Bridge Officer certification.
12/07	SO and ENS Mengel met at SO's home for dinner and completion of Academy courses.
12/09	SO canceled Game Night for this evening due to no RSVPs. The next Game Night event is scheduled for January 6th.

12/10 CO, XO/OIC 269 MSG, LT Schroeder attended ISS Katana Anniversary celebration, hosted by CS-Elect Admiral Robert Westfall.



The USS Valiant/Dark Phoenix table, (plus COMM Chris Tolbert, R12 RC).



LT Schroeder; CO.



COL Mike Calhoun, USS Valiant CO, flashing everyone the bat signal (and NOTHING else).



The USS Horizon table.



The USS Jeannette Maddox table.



The RCs' and spouses' table (plus

BGN Justin Donovan, USS Discovery CO; and RADM Denine Sanders, incoming SFI Chief of Communications).



ADM Dave Kloempken, R6 RC; COMM Chris Tolbert, R12 RC; VADM Eddie Allen, USS Horizon CO.



Pinning the new brass on the cuffs.



L-R: RADM Michelle Westfall, ISS Katana XO; ADM Robert Westfall, FADM-elect & ISS Katana CO; ADM Linda Kloempken, SFI Promotions Director; COMM Chris Tolbert R12 RC & USS Aux Arc CO.



Close-up of the promotion certificate, effective 01-01-2017.



The ISS Katana cake (before cutting).



FADM-elect Robert Westfall after cutting the cake with the ceremonial katana sword.



Santa Claus, surrounded by the reds...



the whites...



and the blues/greens.

12/10 SO and ENS Mengel met at SO's home for dinner and completion of Academy courses.

12/12 SO and ENS Mengel met at SO's home for dinner and completion of Academy courses.

12/14 SO and ENS Mengel met at ENS Mengel's home for completion of Academy courses.

12/16 Command Staff, ENS Mengel, and guest Sheila Meggison attended the premiere of *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*; most met at IHOP afterward.



L-R: ENS Mengel; SO; CO; XO/OIC 269th MSG

12/17 Command Staff, ENS Mengel, and guest Mary Everly braved the cold and snow to ring bells (2 hrs) for the Salvation Army.



L-R: CO; SO.

Not pictured: ENS Mengel; Mary Everly.

Behind the camera: XO/OIC 269th MSG.

12/17 Ship meeting was held at Perkins Restaurant.



L-R: CDT2C D. Felty; CDT S. Felty. T, Felty; LT R. Felty; guest Mary Everly; ENS Mengel; SO; CO.

Behind the camera: XO/OIC 269th MSG.

12/18 Command Staff and ENS Mengel met for dinner at SO's home.

12/24 Command Staff and ENS Mengel met for Christmas dinner at Applebee's.

12/25 CO, XO/MSG 269 OIC were out of town visiting family. SO had the conn.

12/25 ENS Mengel accompanied SO to his family Christmas gathering.

12/26 Command Staff and ENS Mengel met for dinner at Cici's Pizza.

12/28 Command Staff and ENS Mengel met for lunch at Conroy's Pub.

12/29 SO and former Chief of Security LTJg Buttimer met at SO's home during his Christmas visit to get caught up on the life of his Dark Phoenix family. He passes along Christmas wishes from himself, his wife Shelby, and their young son Miles (no relation to Miles Edward O'Brien).

12/31 SO and ENS Mengel laid to rest the beloved Petfleet member and member of our four-legged crew, Willow, after a

valiant battle with hyperthyroidism. The burial took place at sunset at the close of the year, just as the joy that she brought to us all had met its final dusk. The Command Staff has posthumously granted her an honorary commission to the rank of Ensign and a gold pip was pinned to her burial shroud.

12/31 SO and ENS Mengel rang in the New Year at SO's home with movies and synthe-champagne (read: sparkling grape juice). SO, on behalf of the Command Staff, sent a Happy New Year message to all our crew and friends.

FUTURE PLANS

01/06 SO will host Game Night at his home.

01/16 CO, XO/MSG 269 OIC will be out of town visiting family. SO has the conn.

01/20 SO will host Game Night at his home.

01/28 **Monthly chapter meeting at McAlister's Deli in Lawrence.**

02/25 Monthly chapter meeting at Talette's Cafe in Tonganoxie.

COMMENTS :

- The following crewmembers are reminded that their memberships are now APPROACHING expiration date, and that they should renew NOW:

SCC	RANK	NAME	EXPIRE DT
74503	ENS	Reuben Juarez	02/03/2017
74504	ENS	Selena Juarez	02/03/2017
74509	CRMN	Carol Walker	02/05/2017
73223	CRMN	David Morton	02/22/2017
73240	LTJG	Carolyn Kaberline	02/27/2017

- The following crewmembers are reminded that their memberships have EXCEEDED expiration date, and that they should renew NOW to retain their positions on the ship, in the region, and at the Fleet level:

SCC	RANK	NAME	EXPIRE DT
73875	PO2	Travis Jackson	08/02/2016
73876	CRMN	Jamie Jackson	08/02/2016
73877	CDT	Gabriel Jackson	08/02/2016
73878	CDT	Larissa Jackson	08/02/2016
73879	CRMN	Venita Jackson	08/02/2016
70180	ENS	Karessa Kow	09/19/2016
74246	CRMN	Nicole Blackburn	11/13/2016
74365	CRMN	Jim Robinson	12/23/2016
74366	CRMN	Mary Robinson	12/23/2016

Second Officer's
Report
By Lieutenant
Commander John
"Sparky" Bevan



(Music plays, words sung by Ol' Man Winter) Every scrape you take, every ball you make, every slip you take, every swear you make, I'll be freezing you!

Greetings everyone! I now brrrrrr-ing you the latest updates for this first month for the year. There is quite a bit, so get comfy and proceed to learn all about our new crewmembers, upcoming opportunities for camaraderie, and much more.

Sad News

To start, I am sorry to say that we lost a wonderful member of our Petfleet crewmembers. Willow, the loving furry feline who graced Colonel Pat Malone with her companionship until he reassigned her to my quarters this past summer, has passed. She was the inspiration for Lieutenant Rianna Melton's article in the July 2016 issue regarding hyperthyroidism in cats. Willow was discovered to suffer from that condition and I put her on medication right away. For about six months, the medication seemed to be helping her and she was putting on appropriate weight. However, about a month before her passing, she started losing weight and began experiencing undesirable side effects of the medicine, so the medication was

stopped so as to improve the quality of her life. Finally, on December 28th, she succumbed to her condition. She was laid to rest on December 31st in a grave in my back yard as the sun set for the day, month, and year. The Command Staff posthumously awarded her an honorary commission to the rank of Ensign and a gold pip denoting her rank was affixed to her burial shroud as she was committed to her final mission of exploring the next plane of existence.

Crew Changes

Over the past month, we have had a couple of new members find their ways onto our ship. Unfortunately, both sneaked on board while I was otherwise detained and I was unable to welcome them as they beamed in. Crewmen Mark Sarver and Brenda Smith, welcome aboard!

Next, I am happy to report that both of our new crewmen have completed Officer Training School and are therefore both promoted to the rank of Ensign. Congratulations, Ensigns Sarver and Smith!

I also wish to comment that Ensign Smith achieved the mark of Distinction (perfect score) on OTS, which is a first in the history of the Dark Phoenix while patrolling Region 12. (For those who may not be aware, the Dark Phoenix was first commissioned in Region 2 and it was during that tour of duty that she first had an

officer earn a score of Distinction on OTS.) Ensign Smith, you have joined a very elite group with your score. The Command Staff will have to keep an eye on you...just to make sure you don't try to take over the ship. ☺

Our Acting Chief Engineer, Lieutenant Rezty Felty, is no longer acting. He now really is our Chief Engineer! He earned his Bridge Officer certification this month. Well done, Lieutenant Felty! He has informed me that he has the desire to earn all other Bridge Officer certifications as well and already has a very good start on that. In fact, by the time of the monthly ship meeting on January 28th, he may well be receiving at least a couple more certifications. I look forward to his progress.

One of our newer members, Ensign Tracy Mengel, has accepted the post of Acting Chief of Communications and therefore becomes the newest member of our Senior Staff. She is currently in progress of earning her Bridge Officer certification as Chief Communications Officer and may have done so by the time of the monthly meeting.

Ensign Brenda Smith has accepted the billet of Senior Counselor. This puts her in line for the position of Acting Ship's Counselor and therefore a member of the Senior Staff if she wishes to do so once she is settled into her quarters aboard the ship. Whether she accepts the Senior Staff post

or not, she now joins Crewman Ruth Lichtwardt in the Psychological Services Department and is now the effective head of that department until such time that she or someone else wishes to assume the aforementioned Senior Staff position.

Professional Development

As one might have figured out from the above announcements, the Command Staff encourages all members of the Senior Staff to earn at least the Bridge Officer certifications appropriate to their positions. (In time, we will make it a requirement that all Senior Staff members hold Bridge Officer certifications in their appropriate roles.) We also encourage all our officers to participate in the Bridge Officer Certification Program as it helps one to become familiar with the inner workings of Starfleet International, how to request and complete courses from the Academy (one of the best and **free** benefits of membership), and sets oneself up for more pleasure from interacting with others through deeper roleplay and/or more participation in activities aboard the ship. This is open only to officers due to the basic requirements of all the BOCP certifications being successful completion of both Officer Training School (OTS) and Officer Command College (OCC).

Looking through Section 3.6 of the Dark Phoenix Crew

Handbook (which can be downloaded from <http://www.bdcusa.com/downloads/dphandbook.pdf>), one can see that we have defined real-world responsibilities for each department. Officers and crewmen who serve in those departments can help insure that those responsibilities are met as needed but the amount of participation depends on the level of roleplay and responsibility one wishes to assume. The exception is that to be a member of the Senior Staff, we expect that the officer will accept the sincerity of the position and help the ship by meeting the responsibilities for his chosen department.

For those who are interested in pursuing the Bridge Officer Certification Program, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Academy Night

Since we are already discussing the Academy and its Bridge Officer Certification Program, I wish to remind everyone that our next Academy Night is coming up in March. Specifically it will be March 11th from 12 noon to 12 midnight. Anyone who wishes to participate, please be sure to get your course requests to me no later than February 25th so that I can be sure to have them by the time you arrive for the event. To remind everyone, we suggest at least five courses on the request list submitted in case there are those

in the Academy college administration who elect not to participate in Academy Night events. Send your course requests to sosparky@bdcusa.com

As always, you may come and go any time and as often as your schedule requires during the event with the exception being that no further entries will be allowed after midnight. All those who are here at the stroke of midnight may continue to work on their courses for as long as they wish but once the person leaves, that will be the end of the involvement for the day. Any courses that are not completed at the time of Academy Night may be completed at a later time by appointment. Contact me and we can work out a time to continue the coursework.

Bridge Officer Certification courses are valid for this event, so if one wishes to pursue those in a proctored environment to make completion of the courses easier, this would be the perfect time to do so.

Further, anyone who has not already completed Officer Command College (OCC), at least starting the course at (or before) this event will entitle one for eligibility for immediate promotion upon successful completion of the course. Those who start OCC after Academy Night, even if it was requested as a course for Academy Night, will not be eligible for promotion until the next Academy Night this

autumn. (Therefore I suggest that those who want to move up the ranks faster answer at least one question at the event before moving on to other courses.)

Region 12 Summit

Thanks to the great efforts of Eddie Allen, skipper of the USS Horizon in Columbia (MO), we have the 2017 Region 12 Summit on the horizon, er I mean, coming up soon. ☺ It will run from April 28th through 30th in Fulton (MO). The registration fee is \$30.

This will be unlike other Summits that have been offered previously. There will be a CO/XO meeting for all the ships' Command Staffs to get the chance to talk with one another and with the RC and VRC regarding ship and region issues and there will be a Marine Muster for those who are members of the Starfleet Marine Corps. However, there will be no discussion panels or other such events. Instead, most of the offered entertainment will be off-site. For example, attendees are invited to a tour at the Auto World Museum, another at the Winston Churchill National Museum, and to participate in Glow Bowling later Saturday evening. This is going to be a more loose and informal Summit, allowing for a very different feel and maybe even allow for a greater chance to build camaraderie with those from other ships. I look forward to seeing how successful this format is. Eddie may have hit on an

interesting new format for future Summits.

Also, unlike most summits, we are not tied to any particular hotel, so feel free to choose one that meets your needs and desires. Suggested hotels are listed on the Summit's informative website.

To learn more about this Summit and to register, please go to <http://r12summit2017.org/index.html>.

Events

On December 10th, the CO and XO and Lieutenant Jeremy Schroeder attended the ISS Katana's anniversary celebration hosted by the elected Commander, STARFLEET, Admiral Robert Westfall.

On December 17th, the Command Staff and crew of the Dark Phoenix rang bells for the Salvation Army outside of the HyVee located at Clinton Parkway and Kasold Drive. Those who braved the cold were the Command Staff, Ensign Tracy Mengel, and guest Mary Everly.

Also, on December 17th, we had our monthly ship meeting. It was a week earlier than usual because of the annual conflict with Christmas festivities. The meeting was held in the private dining room at Perkins. Those who attended were the Command Staff; Lieutenant Rezty Felty; Ensign Tracy Mengel; Cadet Lieutenant

Dyson Felty; Cadets Sagan Felty and Tesla Felty; and guest Mary Everly.

December 29th held a great surprise and reunion. Lieutenant (Junior Grade) John Buttimer, our former Chief of Security, returned to town to visit family and I got the chance to meet up with him and get caught up for a while. He misses everyone and passes along his Christmas wishes to all the Dark Phoenix family.

On January 6th, I hosted the first Game Night in a while due to the holidays. We had the Command Staff, Ensign Tracy Mengel, and guest Mary Everly in attendance. The game of choice this evening was Star Trek Uno with most rounds being played with the enhanced "Klingon rules."

January 20th will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by January 19th so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

January 23rd: SHHH! Don't tell anyone but our skipper, Rear Admiral Ralph Planthold, has his birthday today. Let's see what we can do to make it memorable for him. ☺

January 28th will be the date of our next ship meeting. It will be held at McAlister's Deli located at 2108 West 27th Street (the northwest corner of 27th and

Iowa). The meeting will be at the usual time of 6pm. Please RSVP by noon on the day of the meeting so that we know how many to tell the restaurant to be prepared to serve as part of our group. Send RSVPs to dpcommand@bdcusa.com.

February 3rd will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by February 2nd so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

February 17th will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by February 16th so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

February 25th will be the date of our next ship meeting. Be aware that the venue for the meeting has changed! This meeting will be at Talette's Café located at 416 East 4th Street in Tonganoxie. The meeting will be at the usual time of 6pm. Please RSVP by noon on the day of the meeting so that we know how many to tell the restaurant to be prepared to serve as part of our group. Please send RSVPs to dpcommand@bdcusa.com

The aforementioned ship meeting is the first of a modified schedule of meeting locations. Most months will still have the

meetings in Lawrence but once every few months, we will meet in another city so as to try to get more exposure to other potential members. If you have suggestions of places where we could meet, please send an email to dpcommand@bdcusa.com with your ideas.

March 3rd will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by March 2nd so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

March 11th will be the 2nd Annual Spring Academy Night. Please see the section above titled Academy Night for more details about this event. All course requests for this event are due by February 25th so as to insure that the materials arrive in time for the event. Please send your course requests to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, will be the next Game Night. Given the holiday, be sure to wear something green when you attend! ☺ As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by March 16th so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

March 25th will be the date of our next ship meeting. It will be held at Conroy's Pub located at 3115 West 6th Street. The meeting will be at the usual time of 6pm.

Please RSVP by noon on the day of the meeting so that we know how many to tell the restaurant to be prepared to serve as part of our group. Please send RSVPs to dpcommand@bdcusa.com.

March 31st will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by March 30th so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

April 14th will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by April 13th so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

April 22nd will be the date of our next ship meeting. It will be held at Perkins located at 1711 West 23rd Street (southeast corner of 23rd and Ousdahl). The meeting will be at the usual time of 6pm. Please RSVP by noon on the day of the meeting so that we know how many to tell the restaurant to be prepared to serve as part of our group. Please send RSVPs to dpcommand@bdcusa.com.

April 28th will be the next Game Night. As always, it will be at 7pm in my home. Please RSVP by April 27th so that I can have plenty of light snacks and other supplies on hand. Send RSVPs to sosparky@bdcusa.com.

April 28th through 30th will be the Region 12 Summit held in Fulton, Missouri. For details, please see the section above titled Region 12 Summit.

As always, if anyone has any questions about the contents of this article, suggestions for future events, or wishes 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 the Team Leader of the Special Operations Unit 666--The Dark Devils--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."

Marine Unit Report
By Admiral Sunnie
Planthold



For the past several months, I have been writing pieces detailing the history of the Starfleet Marine Corps. This month, in that same vein, I submit an overview of the history of Starfleet itself.

However, before I get to that, I wish to convey a special heartfelt request on behalf of the Lawrence Humane Society.

As many of our crew know, MSG 269 has adopted the Lawrence Humane Society as its project again this year. Donations are needed constantly. Recently, requests have been made for empty toilet paper rolls and empty paper towel rolls as they can be made into toys for the animals housed by the Society. So start collecting from your neighbors, friends, and family. Bring your collections to our monthly meetings. I, as MSG 269 OIC, will deliver all your donations to the Humane Society.

Our kitty and doggy guests at the Humane Society love to play, so here's a list of their playtime needs:

- Cat Toys
- Dog Toys
- Cat/Dog Nail Clippers
- Wand Toys

- Dog Treats
- Cat Treats
- Catnip
- Paper Bags
- Kongs (all sizes)
- Peanut Butter
- Tennis Balls

Our ship's members of PetFleet, our "CaPets," are proud of the way we work together in keeping their friends comfy! Thank you in advance for your donations of supplies and support.

A History of Starfleet
21st through 23rd Centuries

2063 After the end of World War III on Earth, scientist Zefram Cochrane builds Earth's first warp-capable vessel, the Phoenix. He launches it on April 5. The warp-testing of this vessel garners the attention of a Vulcan science ship operating just outside the Solar System. Vulcans have not considered the Solar System of Earth, or Earth itself, worthy of their attention before this time. However, the science ship lands on Earth, and makes first contact with Zefram Cochrane and the inhabitants of Bozeman, Montana. This contact marks Earth's joining the interstellar community and beginning the road toward the foundation of the United Federation of Planets.¹

2135 United Earth Starfleet is founded as the primary space

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Federation_of_Planets

exploration organization of United Earth to "...seek out new life and new civilizations" and "... boldly go where no man has gone before."²

2158 Romulan Wars begin between Earth forces and the Romulan Star Empire. The war is fought with primitive atomic weapons and the Romulan fleet is not even equipped with warp drive.³

2160 Romulan Wars end with the Battle of Cheron. The Romulans suffer a humiliating military defeat at the hands of Earth forces.

Treaty of Algeron is signed, establishing the Romulan Neutral Zone as a buffer between the planets of Romulus and Remus and the rest of the galaxy, violation of which is considered to be an act of war. All negotiations are conducted via subspace radio, without face-to-face contact between the parties.⁴

2161 United Federation of Planets forges a formal alliance between United Earth and the formerly belligerent Vulcan, Andorian, and Tellarite states and fosters a spirit of unity and cooperation in the Alpha

² <http://memory-alpha.wikia.com/wiki/Starfleet>

³ *STAR TREK CHRONOLOGY: The History of the Future* (Okuda, 1993) p. 23.

⁴ *Ibid.*

Quadrant.⁵ The Federation is governed by a Council, located in the city of San Francisco on Earth. The Federation Council President's office is located in the city of Paris.⁶

2161 United Earth Starfleet, MACO, and the deep space and defensive services of the other member worlds are folded into the authority of the Federation.⁷

The new Federation Starfleet, also known simply as Starfleet, is the exploratory and defensive force of the United Federation of Planets. Starfleet's function is to explore unknown territory on behalf of the Federation government, to defend the Federation and its allies from threats, to further Federation policies and interests throughout interstellar space, and, when applicable, to initiate first contact with newly-discovered worlds and engage in diplomatic negotiations on behalf of the Federation.⁸

2218 First contact with the Klingon Empire. As a result of this initial disastrous contact with the Klingons, Starfleet thereafter adopts a policy of covert surveillance of newly discovered civilizations before first contact is attempted.⁹

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⁶ *Op. cit.* (Okuda, 1993) pp. 23-24.

⁷ <http://memory-alpha.wikia.com/wiki/Starfleet>

⁸ http://memory-beta.wikia.com/wiki/Federation_Starfleet

⁹ *Op. cit.* (Okuda, 1993) p. 27.

2223 Tensions thicken between the UFP and the Klingon Empire.¹⁰

2267 The Organian Peace Treaty is signed ending major engagements but the two interstellar powers remain in a state of cold war with occasional skirmishes over the next couple of decades.¹¹

2293 The Klingons sue for peace after the destruction of the Klingon moon Praxis, leading eventually to the signing of the Khitomer Accords. This effectively ends the war and ushers in seven decades of relative peace.¹²

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Chief Engineer's
Report
By Lieutenant
Rezty Felty

All About
Replicators



We all enjoy the endless variety of delicious foodstuffs and drinks provided by our shipboard replicators but how many of you have ever given any thought to the 'magic' that goes on behind the scenes when you request, "Tea, Earl Grey, hot?"

The replicator is an example of nanotechnology known as a Universal Assembler, a device first speculated upon way back in the 20th century by Eric Drexler, an early nanotechnology pioneer. Although not the first use of nanotech to see common widespread use (that would be the impact sensors in old 20th Century automobiles), I would put forward my opinion that it was the first widespread use of nanotech to radically change the life of the average human, as it led to most of humanity no longer having to worry about having enough to eat or spending their lives in pursuit of resources, directly leading to our 24th century civilization when, as Captain Jean-Luc Picard so eloquently put it, "The acquisition of wealth is no longer the driving force of our lives. We work to better ourselves and the rest of humanity."



Early forms of the replicator used molecular assembly, where you had to have proper amounts of certain molecules to assemble whatever food or drink you desired. These early models, called Protein Resequencers due to use of biological mechanisms for molecular assembly, were quite useful in our early interstellar endeavors, allowing Starships to go long distances without re-supply. Remember, a starship is basically a closed system. Certainly, they resupply at planets or starbases, taking on new feedstocks and weaponry, but for long periods of time between stops a ship must be self-sustaining, capable of recycling its waste products into new items to sustain life, and without this type of technology, exploration would be very hard indeed!



The next evolution of these devices was the Food Synthesizer. These devices incorporated a mix

of molecular assembly, atomic assembly, and transporter technology and were a significant improvement over the earlier Protein Resequencers. Although these devices still required feedstocks due to the atomic assembly technologies incorporated, they could often use a much wider variety of feedstocks than the earlier protein synthesizers. The use of transporter technology also allowed them to no longer be dependent of feedstocks being physically present at the Food Synthesizers location, and many vessels used large store areas for feedstocks with the synthesizers beaming in supplies as necessary.

It is important to note two things at this juncture. First, the transporter technology used in these devices is a much less computationally intensive form of transporter technology, with a lower resolution, than the type we are all familiar with that beams us to and from planets. Because of this, Food Synthesizers and Replicators are not capable of instantiating living tissue. This may explain the persistent characteristic of some crewmembers claiming to be able to taste the difference between replicated food and food procured via more old-fashioned methods. Secondly, both Protein Resequencers and Food Synthesizers required specific programs for every item they created, entered programmatically. Our modern replicators accept voice input and, though they have

a very wide range of preprogrammed delights available, are able to use our significantly advanced computer systems' weak AI and fuzzy logic to create new or modified dishes. For example, if you order chicken soup but then taste it and tell the replicator, "No, my Mom's had more salt to it, and was less greasy," the Replicator will attempt to create a new dish for you based on its existing chicken soup program but modified to taste. Modern replicators have been used to create alien dishes for our shipboard guests from scratch using only voice input as a guide!

Speaking of modern Replicators, what makes them better than the old Food Synthesizers? Well, modern replicators use a combination of sub-atomic particle assembly and transporter technology to assemble almost anything from almost anything else: true transmutation! That means that aside from a very few items that either require living cells or have a non-fixed structure that is impossible to duplicate due to quantum indeterminacy (such as dilithium), your state of the art replicator can make anything! Biological waste can become steak; recycled uniforms can become synthale; our useless cast-offs can become that which we need most.



So, if a modern replicator can do subatomic assembly, why does it need transporter technology? Well, there are several reasons: moving finished goods to replicator receiver bays, precise placement of those same sub-atomic particles and the atoms formed by them into molecules themselves, and the most important use of the transporter is at the heart of the replicator: matter-energy conversion. Think about it, every time we transport, the matter in our bodies is converted into energy, streamed at the speed of light to our destination, and then converted back to matter at the receiving end. The replicator does the same thing, as waste is converted to energy, then that energy is converted back to matter in the particles, atoms, and molecules it uses to manufacture our needs.

Now, we all know the replicator provides our food and water, but did you know that it provides the air you breathe too? Throughout most Federation ships are small replicators, constantly trapping and disassembling CO₂ molecules, releasing the O₂ and converting the carbon to energy! The replicators also see much use in Engineering, as we use them to fabricate replacement parts to keep

the ship going, which is how we are able to accomplish most repairs even in deep space without having to resort to going to a starbase for repair.

Pssst, can you keep a secret? I'm almost sure I'm not supposed to tell you this, but . . . did you know that replicators can make weapons too? It's true! In fact, the only reason ours don't is that Starfleet puts safeguards and lockouts on them to prevent them from being used for that purpose. But you didn't hear it from me, OK?

In conclusion, next time you ask your replicator for a nice cup of tea, raktajino, or plomeek soup, take a moment to consider just how vital and useful these devices are to all of us. The Replicator: Far, far more than the 24th century version of the microwave. In many ways, an absolutely irreplaceable device for interstellar travel.

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Chief Communications Officer's Report

By Ensign Tracy Mengel

Welcome to the New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Last month I told you about Amateur Radios and I said this month I would let you know where you could find out about testing. One of the most commonly resources used for finding tests in your area is the Amateur Radio Relay League, specifically their page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training>

Once you go to this site, on the left side of the page there are links for finding test sites. In the northeast Kansas area, there are frequently tests in Topeka, Carbondale, Leavenworth, and other parts of the KC metropolitan area.

Attendance of a test session costs up to \$15 (some are free while others charge up to the maximum allowed of \$15) and one may keep testing through the three levels of amateur radio licensing until a test is not passed. In other words, if you register for the Technician and pass it, you can continue with taking the General license test for no additional fee. Further, if you pass it, then you can continue and take the Amateur Extra test for no additional fee as well.

The tests are all multiple choice and fairly short. Both the Technician and General tests are only 35 questions in length while the Amateur Extra is 50 questions in length. There are many study guides available on the Internet and the ARRL publishes their own as well. The better guides (such as those published by the ARRL) have the entire test bank for the appropriate test in the back so that you can study the tests that will compose each test and test your knowledge before going to sit for the test.

The test banks are much larger than the tests, of course. For example, the Technician test has 35 randomly-selected questions from a test bank of over 400 questions. So, don't think that just studying the questions will let you pass the test. Learn the information.

Our Second Officer, Lieutenant Commander John Bevan, has already earned his Technician license and is studying for his General. If anyone wishes to pursue amateur radio licensure, please feel free to contact him at sosparky@bdcusa.com. He will be glad to help you however he can.

This month, I would like to switch gears a bit. Last month, I discussed amateur radio and that got me to thinking about how we communicate beyond the use of words. So, this month, I am going to explore that aspect of communications.

To start, we all know about verbal communications, of course, as they are used on the radio, television, by telephone, and (heaven forbid) in face-to-face conversations. (What? People actually talk with each other nowadays?) So, what I would like to do is offer the following article I found recently regarding non-verbal methods of communication. Please find the original article at:

<http://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-non-verbal-communication.html>

Examples of Non-Verbal Communications

Examples of non-verbal communication include be a smile, wink, or wave. All of these communicate something without the use of oral or written language. Even if you do not say a word, your silence can communicate in a non-verbal way.

Categories of Non Verbal Communication

Communication is transferring information between one person and another. Non-verbal communication can be divided into four categories: aesthetic, physical, signs, and symbols. Following is an explanation and examples of non-verbal communication.

- Aesthetic communication occurs through creative expression. This would include all the arts: music, dance, theatre, crafts, art, painting, and sculpture. Ballet is a great example of this, as there is dance and music, but no spoken or sung words. Even in an opera, where there are words, there are still facial expressions, costumes, posture, and gestures.
- Physical communication covers the personal kind of communication, and includes a smile or frown, wink, touch, smell, salute, gesture, and other bodily movements. Social conversation uses a lot of these physical signals along with the spoken words.
- Signs are a more mechanical kind of non-verbal communication, which includes signal flags or lights, a 21 gun salute, a display of airplanes in formation, horns, and sirens.
- Symbols of communication are used for religious or personal status reasons, as well as to build self-esteem. This includes jewelry, cars, clothing, and other things to communicate social

status, financial means, influence, or religion.

Physical Communication

Physical communication is the most used form of non-verbal communication. A person that is aware of another's non-verbal cues will understand that person better. Even the way you are standing and your position in a group of people can communicate.

The amount of distance between you and another person will be interpreted a certain way, and the meaning will change according to the culture. It can mean either an attraction, or can signal intensity. Standing side-to-side can show cooperation, where a face-to-face posture may show competition. Your posture can communicate in a non-verbal way, whether you are folding your arms, slouching, crossing your legs, or standing and sitting erect. Finally, any actual touching can convey attraction or a level of intimacy. Examples of non-verbal communication of this type include shaking hands, patting the back, hugging, pushing, or other kinds of touch.

Other forms of non-verbal communication are facial expressions, gestures, and eye contact. When someone is talking, they notice changes in facial expressions and respond accordingly. These include raising your eyebrows, yawning, sneering, rolling your eyes,

gaping, and nodding. The meaning of these movements is pretty much the same in all cultures. Gestures, however, are many times an individual's way of communicating as most people gesture when talking. Eye contact is very important in communicating nonverbally. You can read a person's emotion through their eyes, and many times is not the same emotion as their words are saying.

Effects of Non-Verbal Communication

Non-verbal communication, especially body language, can send a strong message, in spite of what your words say. Even the tone of your voice, its pitch, volume, quality, and speed effects what you say. Your body language can:

- Repeat the message your words are saying
- Contradict what your words are saying
- Be a substitution for your verbal message
- Add to the meaning of your message
- Accent or make the message stronger, like pounding your fist on a table

Relationships depend on non-verbal communication if they are to be strong and lasting. The

quality of your relationships can be improved if you can skillfully read people, and understand the emotions behind their words. When one party receives mixed signals, trust can leave the relationship and it will be damaged. Trust can be created in a relationship by sending non-verbal clues that match your words. The way you respond to someone nonverbally can show that you understand and care about them and the relationship will grow and be fulfilling to both.

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Chief Medical
Officer's Report
By Lieutenant
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Hello everyone! Welcome to the new year! Now that all the holidays are over, the most important day coming up is Blue Monday. Blue Monday was coined back in the early 2000s. It is believed to be the most depressing day of the year. Generally it is the 3rd Monday in the month of January. It is also a song, but in this case I am speaking of the actual day.

So to give you a little background as to why I am using this as my article information this month, let me share a bit about my holidays.

As everyone knows, as a nurse I got minimal time off work. This time was first spent at my brother's home with his family, our parents, his in-laws, and my crew. My brother, his wife, and his in-laws are as far one direction of the political spectrum as my family is as far the other direction. My parents have recently sold their home with a spring time closing date, so we are in the process of finding them a place closer to the KC area. My brother gives lots of commentary about where they should be and what should be done but expects everyone else to do the leg work. So that was quite a bit of the conversation. Then over the dinner, poor Rezty, who is not one of many words, was quizzed by all

of the adults about computers, OSes, malware protection, and the like. Then the holidays with his parents, which was one of the more difficult with them, as we watch his father losing his 30-plus year battle with Multiple Sclerosis. He was able to get in a few remarks as he does under his breath which, if you are not listening for them, you miss. I admire him and his drive not to give up. As I track my family here and there and everywhere else, I realize that spending time with our families is for us, but we are so stressed. We worry about our parents treating our spouse with proper respect and about the children behaving and not being a pain or ungrateful. With all this worrying we don't take time for ourselves. I have not talked with Rezty about this but I am sure that he is as drained as I am after these trips through two states for both sides of the family. I need to make sure that he and I find some time for ourselves. Oftentimes, after the holidays and the rush and hustle that goes along with them, your body winds down. It is very important to take time for yourself during this time to combat this depression. You can do many things such as surround yourself with your friends: meet friends for coffee, lunch, or dinner dates.

I like to treat myself to a nice manicure and pedicure. They are quite relaxing and enjoyable. The spa that my family patronizes actually uses scented sea salt and lotions to help you have that relaxed feeling. I prefer the

lavender. The scent of lavender in aromatherapy is one of the oldest scents used. Its scent is found very relaxing to most people. Lilac is another relaxing scent used. Lilac however is very difficult to contain in a bottle, which is why it doesn't smell as good as the actual fresh lilac. Manicures and pedicures are great ways to treat yourself and help get through Blue Monday.

Getting a spa treatment for yourself, though it is expensive, is a great way to decrease your stress. Spa treatments can include anything from hair and make-up to a full body massage. Again the spas often use aromatherapy during these sessions.

Some people find taking time for their particular craft very beneficial to beating stress and having some "me time." By participating in his favorite craft, the participant has satisfaction of participation as well as completing a task.

If you are interested in more information on "Blue Monday," please visit:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Monday_\(date\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Monday_(date)).

If you are interested in more ways to decrease depression, please visit this site:

<http://www.webmd.com/depression/features/natural-treatments#1>

Whether you believe in Blue Monday or not, please take care of yourselves and each other.

Who could stay angry or depressed when the person in front of them at McDonald's pays for his food? It is hard to stay depressed after having a great day of exercise or after a delicious home-baked meal she just made for herself.

At our home, it is an "everyone is happy" day when they are playing video games together. Whether they are developing a foreign creature or developing a new civilization, everyone is working together and enjoying themselves.

And just in case you are not able to cope and considering self-harm, please use this number:

Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255

There is an option for the deaf and hard of hearing. That number is:

800-799-4889

For those who are Veterans who would like to text the number is:

838255

For all people there is also a live chat online.

So please do not feel that you are alone. There are people out there who do genuinely care about you. If you are unable to pull yourself out of the Blue Monday depression no matter

what day it is, call and talk to someone. There are people who would miss you.

For those who may be interested in more info on aromatherapy please visit:

<http://www.aromatherapy.com/>

As always if you have an idea that you would like me to pursue or get more information on or an article idea, please feel free to email me.

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Astronomer's
Report
By Lieutenant
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Before getting to astronomical events for the coming month, let's take a look at some of the highlights from space in 2016 as listed on the My Broadband website.

One of the biggest pieces of news from last year concerns the discovery of gravitational waves. This discovery was the end of a long quest to prove that Einstein's prediction of their existence was indeed real. The waves were the product of two black holes colliding more than a billion years ago.

Space X was also in the news last year beginning with sending a satellite into orbit and ending with the explosion of a Falcon 9 rocket on the Launchpad. The company hopes to resume launches early this year.

Proxima Centauri, Earth's nearest neighbor, also made the news last year. A little over four light years from Earth, Proxima Centauri has been found to have a planet, referred to as *Proxima b*, orbiting it. Even better, this planet lies just inside the habitable range. More exploration with the Hubble telescope or the soon-to-be-launched James Webb space telescope should reveal whether it is well-suited for life as Earth is.

Now that a possibly habitable planet has been discovered, scientists are trying to figure out how to reach it in a human lifespan. New methods of space travel including the "starshot," which can travel millions of kilometers an hour, would allow man to reach *Proxima b* in about 20 years. The big drawback is the fact this technology is just in the design phase and may or may not prove practical.

When the Philae lander crashed on a comet in 2014, it was believed that its useful life for transmitting data was at an end. However, its discovery by Rosetta has changed that. New information from the lander has allowed scientists to determine the comet's composition from spectrographic analysis. One ingredient it contains is the amino acid glycine, which is one of the fundamental building blocks of life. This discovery adds weight to the theory that comets may have been responsible for providing this crucial ingredient to our microbial ancestors.

And of course let's not forget the three supermoons of last year. Hopefully you saw at least one of these since the next one won't appear until 2034.

While there are no real major astronomical events in this first month of the new year, Mercury and Venus should be easy to view since January 19th and January 12th respectively will

be their greatest elongations from the sun. On January 12th, Venus will be at its greatest eastern elongation making it easy to see just after sunset when it reaches its highest point above the horizon; Mercury will reach its greatest western elongation on January 19th. Look for this planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

The full moon this month will be visible on January 12th. Known as the Full Wolf Moon by many early Native American tribes since this is when hungry wolf packs were known to howl outside their camps. Some tribes also referred to it as the Old Moon or the Moon after Yule.

If you have a telescope and like to view some of the fainter objects in the night sky, January 28th should prove your best time to do so since this will be the night of the new moon. The moon will not be visible at all in the night sky at this time, allowing distant galaxies and star clusters to be seen.

The only meteor shower during January and February will be over by the time you read this. Hopefully some of you were able to view the Quadrantids, which occurs between January 1st and 5th each year.

For those of you already tired of winter, March 20th will be here in a few weeks. That's the day of the vernal equinox when the sun shines directly on the equator and marks the beginning of spring. (The Sky website)

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Fun and Frivolity

Trek Trivia

TOS: In "The City on the Edge of Forever," a famous novelist recommends three words, even over "I love you." What are they?

TNG: In "Birthright," Worf falls in love with a woman who is half-Klingon. What is the other half of her heritage?

DS9: On what starship did Ben and Jennifer Sisko serve together?

VOY: What three people were brought aboard Voyager by Q to help prove his case against Q2 in "Death Wish?"

Logic

1. Forward, I'm heavy. Backward, I'm not. What am I?

2. Picture three boxes containing fruit. The first box is labelled bananas. The second is labelled bananas and cherries. The third is labelled cherries. Each of the boxes is labelled incorrectly. How could you label each box correctly by taking only one piece of fruit from only one of the boxes?

3. A child is born in Boston, Massachusetts, to parents who were also born in Boston, Massachusetts. This child is not an American citizen. How could this be possible?

Logic Puzzle

Renowned Shakespeare scholar Mac B. Ethman has just unearthed evidence that the final version of Hamlet is significantly different from the Bard's earlier drafts. Each early version features a different main character who is the prince of a different country (one is Bohemia). In each case, the melancholy prince is visited by the ghost of a different relative (including a grandmother) who encourages him to take action. Furthermore, the famous soliloquy spoken by Hamlet has a different first line in each early draft. Fortunately for theater-goers everywhere, those earlier drafts were ultimately not to be. From the information provided, determine the country from which the prince visited by each ghost hails as well as the first line (one is "To dance, or not to dance") of each prince's soliloquy.

Given #1: Mathias wasn't visited by his brother's ghost. Neither Mathias (whose line was not "To flee, or not to flee") nor Humphrey is either the prince from England or the prince from Hungary.

Given #2: The prince from Poland is neither the one who spoke the line "To flee, or not to flee" nor the one who stated "To yawn, or not to yawn." Tobias isn't the prince from Hungary.

Given #3: Neither Tobias (who isn't the prince who was visited by the ghost of his aunt) nor Humphrey (who was visited by

neither an aunt nor a brother) said either "To flee, or not to flee" or "To mope, or not to mope."

Given #4: "To yawn, or not to yawn" was spoken by neither the character visited by the ghost of his stepfather (who isn't the French prince) nor the one who saw his brother's ghost. The one who said "To mope, or not to mope" didn't see his aunt's ghost.

Given #5: Rowland was visited by his departed cousin. Fulke (who is the prince from Poland) is neither the one who said "To clap, or not to clap" nor the one who stated "To mope, or not to mope."

[Logic Puzzle Source: PennyPress Original Logic Problems.
<http://www.pennydellpuzzles.com/>

As always, the answers for the puzzles may be found at:
<http://www.bdcusa.com/downloads/answers2017-01.pdf>. For previous month's answers, change the URL to the appropriate month such as <http://www.bdcusa.com/downloads/answers2016-12.pdf>.

