



# Bismarck's Remarks

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES:

**APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAY. OUR MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL WILL BE ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2011. WE WILL MEET AT OUR NORMAL TIME AND PLACE.**

**SENIOR STAFF MEETING - 4 PM APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.**

## LOUISVILLE STAR TREK EXHIBIT AWAY MISSION

It was announced at our March general meeting that on April 9, the ship will be meeting up with two other ships in the fleet for an away mission to the Star Trek Exhibit in Louisville.

Taking lead for arranging this away mission is Rick Pinsky. Please contact Rick if you are interested in going, and for further details on this away mission.

## DAYTON DRAGONS - FUNDRAISING

It is not too late to sign up for training to work at the Dayton Dragons Games. Please contact Rick Pinsky for a list of available dates and times for training.

Our first game of the season is April 7, 2011. This is a Thursday night, and we need 6 (preferably more) individuals to work the game. Our next game is April 26, 2011, Tuesday night. We need 4 (preferably 5) to work this game. Please contact Rick Pinsky, Melissa Schindler, Mike Payne or Thomas Efker to sign up to work either or both of these dates.

## AND THE WINNER IS (ARE) ----

**Captain - Thomas Efker  
First Officer - Mike Payne**

Congratulations to Thomas Efker who was elected as our new Commanding Officer. The new CO took over command at our Anniversary Party/Change of Command Ceremony on March 12, 2011.

It took two general meetings to finally elect a Captain, but we did it. It must have been the repeated threats made by those ole Captain Emeritus to come and take back over that got us all back on track.

As the CO elect, Captain Efker wasted no time in making his nominations for First Officer. His nominations consisted of Mr. Mike Payne, who accepted; Mr. Richard Hatfield, who declined; and Mr. Jim Poltrone, who accepted.

Elections for First Officer were held at our March general meeting. Also, at that general meeting Captain Efker announced some of his new Command Staff.

Last item for elections, that was tabled till our April general meeting is that of Ship's Counselor. If interested, please contact the Captain. Please see later posting for description of job duty.

## PROMOTIONS

Mike Payne - Lieutenant Commander

Melissa Schindler - Lieutenant, Junior Grade

## CREW BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL

John Elsbernd - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Nathaniel - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jennifer Fish - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Eric Dearth - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Timothy - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Payne - April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Rose Van Cleve - 26<sup>th</sup>

## COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, we have two excellent opportunities to help out organizations in our community. The first the USS Bismarck has been involved in for many years. The second one is new this year, and has the unfortunate advantage of falling on the same day and time as the first. So, it looks like April 30<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day.

**March of Dimes - March for Babies.** This is a 3 mile walk starting at 9 am, with registration beginning at 8 am. The walk starts at Carillon Park. Jennifer Fish normally sends out a reminder and tries to organize us together for this event. The website, for sign up and information is <http://www.marchforbabies.org>.

**Walk for Autism.** This is a 5K Walk/Run that starts at 9 am and is at the Payne Recreation Center. Please contact Marie Tuttle for additional information, or about making donations.

## CAPTAIN'S LOG:

Hello everyone, this is your Captain speaking. First off, I would like to thank the Anniversary Committee for planning this years event. It seemed to go off pretty well and everyone had fun. Also, I would like to congratulate Michael Payne for being elected to the position of First Officer. The two of us will work hard on continuing the standard of excellence that has been set in the past.

Starting in April is our fundraiser. We're working the Dayton Dragon's games again this year. Many of you have already been through the training, and if you can work any of the games, just contact Mel, Rick, or Mike to put you on the schedule.

## NEWS OF OUR MIDSHIPMAN

**Danielle** - Honor Roll at school this past quarter (and all year). Due to her continued standing at school, she will be allowed early testing at Star Fleet Academy.

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## Anniversary Party and Scavenger Hunt

Was held on March 12, 2011. There was a Scavenger Hunt that took participants through Middletown and Northern Cincinnati. Winners were Fish/Poltrone and Johnson cars who tied despite a tie breaker.

Dinner and Change of Command was at the Chinese Buffet in Middletown, where everyone had their fill of food and cake.

## SHIP'S COUNSELOR

With the change of Command, also comes the time to determine if the Ship wishes to have a Ship's Counselor, and if so, to elect one. Our outgoing Ship's Counselor gave the following as a description of the position at our March general meeting:

The Ship's Counselor is someone who acts as a buffer between the crew and the Captain and/or Command Staff. Further, the Ship's Counselor is there when a member is having a difficult time as a sounding board (but not as professional help), and may also be able to point someone in the right direction for the help they may need and resources within the community.

## 2011 COMMITTEES

Summer Picnic - Mike Payne Lead  
Halloween Party - Rick Pinsky Lead  
Holiday Party - Tabled to April 2011 Meeting  
Anniversary Party - Kevin and Lisa Johnson and Anthony Day - Leads  
If interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Lead.

### Some things that will happen at April's meeting:

**May's General Meeting** - a discussion/vote will happen due to the meeting falling over Memorial Day Weekend. Additionally, the week before, our normal meeting place is booked for another function. We will decide at April's general meeting the date, time and place for May's meeting.

**Ship's Counselor** - Discussion, voting and possible nominations and election.

**Dayton Dragons** - recruit crew members who are trained to work at our scheduled games for May and possibly June.

**Daniel** - Earned his Tiger Badge in Cub Scouts in March 2011 along with 3 elective beads. He will begin Wolf program in May.