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From the Starbase Commander

Hello all! I'm going to try something new: a Starbase newsletter! It's tentatively called "The Fantastic Four", referencing both our Starbase # and the Marvel comic. I'll be happy to take recommendations for a new name. Most news will come from your SPARs and newsletters. There will also be a section on Fleet news. I'll also take articles from you the readers as well. (Your local newsletter takes precedence over the Starbase newsletter.) Captains, I'll need your help to make sure your crew gets a copy. My goal is to send out a newsletter quarterly. I'd love some assistance putting it all together. If you know anyone who could help with editorial duties, I'd appreciate it.

Don't forget there is a Starbase04 YahooGroup. All Captains and First Officers should be on it. The rest of SB04 is encouraged to be on it.

Your faithful Starbase Commander (and newsletter editor),

Rear Admiral Kevin Johnson

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Starbase 04 member clean-up!

I have emailed or postal mailed all members of Starbase 04 to make sure Fleet has your correct street address, email address, ship assignment, and ship position. In the process we've found that some ships have been decommissioned. Other ships that were lost are found again! People we don't hear back from may be marked as Missing In Action (MIA). This could include our Lifetime members! Anyone who is MIA might not be counted when Fleet is looking at crew sizes. Please help us in contacting all members of SFC in your area, regardless of what ship they are on.

Size matters

I'm talking about crew roster size! While SFC will allow ships to have as few as 1-2 members (for now at least), no ship may earn a Fleet award until it has at least 5 members. All members, regardless of ship, may still compete for individual awards. Ships with less than 5 members are considered a Runabout. Ships with 5-14 members are considered Small and may be any "small ship" class. Ships with 15-29 members are considered Medium and may be any "medium ship" class. Ships with 30+ members are Large ships. I believe Midshipmen (children under 10) do count towards crew totals. Ships can be any reasonable ship class for their size, just use common sense. A ship of 6 can't be a *Galaxy* class heavy cruiser!

Who's the New Guy?

I am Rear Admiral Kevin Johnson, your Acting Starbase Commander. My primary job is to get Starbase 04 members and ships organized and motivated so they can grow and be successful (and can take home Fleet awards). I am currently looking for a Starbase First Officer to assist me. This person needs to have several years experience in SFC and be a real motivator (cheer-leader). You would still keep your local ship position!

I currently live in Ohio (Starbase 05 region), but I have a number of family ties to Starbase 04. I was born in South Carolina. My parents are from Tennessee and currently live in Texas. I have relatives scattered all of SB04. And my family's favorite place to vacation is Florida (both Ft Myers and Orlando).

I joined SFC and the USS Bismarck in 1999. I've served as Operations Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Ship's Counselor, and Starship Captain. I'm the current Starbase Commander of SB05, so I'm well-motivated to train up a Starbase First Officer. For any ships who are interested, I do have a plethora of materials for COs wanting to grow and organize their starship.

Fleet news

It's renewal time already! Fleet dues need to be received ASAP. If don't renew, you will not be able to receive Fleet awards or receive promotions. You may also lose your ship position. You can send a check made out to "Starfleet Command" to PO Box..... or use PayPal and send money to cfm@starfleet-command.com. Dues are \$12 for individuals, \$20 for couples, and \$24 for families at the same address. (Note that PayPal will charge you a minimal service fee of no more than \$0.72 for a family renewal.)

SFC has expanded its rank system! There are now enlisted ranks as well as Marine ranks. All members 10 years old and up can have an enlisted rank. Those who are at least 16 years old may take the Academy exams to receive an officer's commission. Marine ranks are the same as Navy ranks, just with a different label. There is still a minimum of 6 months time in grade requirement.

Upcoming events for Starbase 04:

- Creation will be hosting a convention in Nashville, TN, on June 8-9 to celebrate 25 years of The Next Generation. Special guests include Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, LaVar Burton, and George Takei. Our Fleet Commander and Deputy Fleet Commander will be attending and hosting a SFC table. For more info, see www.creationent.com

Ships of Starbase 04

Active Ships

USS Starburst

Florence, AL

Marine Captain Paul Rikard, Commanding

paulrikard@comcast.net

Runabout

USS Starfury

The Philippines

Captain Kip Krueger, Commanding

shadowbirder@yahoo.com

Runabout

Lost or Decommissioned Ships

(If you know anyone who is, or was, on these ships, please have them contact the SBCO!)

USS Babylon

Kissimmee, FL?

USS Tranquility

NC or FL?

USS Montgomery Scott

Florida?

Ships preparing for Commissioning

USS Churchill

Florida

Commodore Joe Campbell, Commanding

Uss_churchill@earthlink.net

USS Exciter

San Antonio, TX

Lt. Commander Richard Wegner, Commanding

Doctor_vell@yahoo.com