



A Starfleet Command chapter in Davenport, Iowa



 **Starfleet Command** 

USS Mighty Mississippi
NCC 201151
Runabout-Class Vessel
Built at Utopia Planitia Fleet Yards on Star Date 1107.16

"While Earth may have many rivers, the Mississippi is the mightiest."

Commissioning Officer: CAPT James Olson, Commanding Starbase 03.
Shakedown Cruise Commanding Officer: LTJg Rose Compton.
Shakedown Crew: ENS Ed Ciccarone.
Admiralty: FADM James R. Jackson, ADM Mark Williams, ADM Vincent Williams,
ADM Anthony Scott, ADM Timothy Schell, ADM Gary Barclay, and ADM Rick Pinsky.

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VINCENT D. WILLIAMS, Admiral, SFC
Chief of Membership Services



Mississippi Current

January 2012



Captain's Log

Lt.jg. Rose Compton

We survived 2011 and celebrated the beginning of the new year in front of the TV with a bottle of bubbly waiting for the proper moment. I must give kudos to my First Officer, Ed Ciccarone, for keeping his Captain safe. If he had not jerked me back as that cork went unexpectedly flying thru the room, the year may have begun on a very different note. Fortunately, it missed me and the light fixture and cabinet survived with no damage. I was surprised to find just how much force a cork has behind it. Did you know a cork can fly up to 50 miles per hour as it leaves the bottle? I do NOT make New Year's resolution, but you can be sure that next year, the bottle will be opened differently!

As we look back, for the ship, we see a few things we want to improve, in 2012. We're going to make a few minor changes to the group and the way we do things. One of those changes will be concerning our monthly meeting. Our first meeting of the year will be January 28th and we will be joining with Starbase 03 and the USS Lobo in a **joint venture**. We will hold our meetings at the same time, in the same place and as one group. It should prove to be interesting as we all have different styles and will be covering different topics.

We have some challenging but interesting and fun projects lined up for 2012 and will be adding more as the year progresses. We're looking forward to a exciting year with Starfleet Command and with the ships locally.

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Words of Wisdom

"Everybody remember where we parked."

-James Kirk, *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, after landing the cloaked Klingon bird of prey in Golden Gate park





Rec-Dec

The month of January is being used as a time to recoup from the holidays, to reenergize and to reorganize. We've made no group plans nor been involved with any community event at this point. We have used the time to discuss where we want to go, what we want to do and how we plan to do it.

One such new plan is a *“scrap book”*. As we have just gotten the ship up and running in the last 6 months, we plan to use it as a chronicle of where we have been and what we did. We also plan to use it in the future as a recruiting tool. We've put two weeks into laying out pages, adding photos and decorating the book. We hope to have it ready for its debut at our first joint meeting later in the month.

One of our first outings of the year will be February 11th, as we attempt to stave off 'Cabin Fever'. All of the local SB 03 ships and members, as well as guests, are invited to join us for a bowling outing. At this time, we have 10 confirmed and 1 maybe. We still await responses from 10 others. It's a great opportunity to get out of the house, have some fun for an hour or two and to meet other SFC members.



Today's Technology

Microsoft Working On A Holodeck

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Apparently Geordi's been hired by Microsoft. Just don't blame him if Windows 8 ends up sucking.

Prepare your shocked faces everyone — Microsoft is currently working on something really legitimately cool. Well, cool in a nerdy sort of way, but hey, “nerdy cool” is still a step up for the company. Currently Microsoft couldn't be any less cool if they exclusively sold graphing calculators and corrective insoles. They aspire to be nerdy cool.

Anywho, enough typing about how Microsoft is uncool on my Windows 7 laptop, let's get to the meat of this story — Microsoft is trying to build a holodeck.

More specifically they're working a wall-sized 3D screen. The 3D won't require any sort of glasses or goggles; instead the 3D effect will be created by beaming two images directly into your eyes. The technology will also be able to track your eyes, and adjust the image accordingly, so unlike the glasses-free technology you see in something like the 3DS or smartphones, you won't have to stay in one place for the 3D effect to work. You can move around and your view of the 3D images on the screen and it will adjust as if they were real.





A New Book

Recently, USS Mighty Mississippi was contacted on Facebook with an offer we'd like to share with you.

Jim Duriga, author of "Traveling At Warp Seven: In Search Of Star Trek" (1979) and "Trekkie, Trekkers and Red Shirts" (?2005?) is putting together another book. "Talking Trek" is the working title and will consist of interviews from fans, dealers, those behind the scenes and the Stars.

* The interviews will be conducted via email and consist of 20 questions and a bio. The deadline for submission is mid-May/early June.

* He is not a 'subsidy' publisher and those participating will not be charged to do so.

* Each person who completes an acceptable interview will receive a copy of the book. He asks that you keep it clean. He will not accept profanity!

* The proceeds from the book (after cost) goes to charity. If you are interested in participating, you can contact Jim and request an interview packet.

JDuriga@seneca-secor.com (and ask for an interview packet)

Other news:

The new Star Trek movie began filming 01.11.12, with J.J.Abrams at the helm. He expects the filming to last 4 months with a release date of 05.13.13. The cast includes Benedict Cumberbatch, Nazneen Contractor, Noel Clarke, Alive Eve and Peter Weller.

William Shatner is scheduled to attend the New Orleans Comic Con January 28-29, 2012. From there he will travel to New York, where he will star on Broadway, in his one-man show, "Shatner's World: We Just Live In It." The showing is set for 02.14.12 through 03.04.12 at the Music Box Theatre.

LeVar Burton will be voicing one of the characters in the new Hasbro cartoon, "Transformers: Rescue Bots". The show premieres on HUB channel 02.18.12 at 12:00.

George Takei will be appearing on "Celebrity Apprentice". The celebrities will play to raise money and awareness for the charity of their choice. The premier will be 02.12.12 on NBC.



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