



Mississippi Current

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Captain's Log

LT.JG. Rose Compton

This was a busy month for the ship, as we prepare for the upcoming summer events. It seems like there is so much to do and so little time to do it. There are many upcoming events and since we cannot be a part of them all, we have to pick and choose carefully.

Our April ship/command meeting consisted of bringing our newest member, Les Pullman, up to date on current projects and upcoming events. His input and opinions were valuable in making several choices we will be facing in the near future. Les is going to be a valuable asset to the group and as Captain; I feel privileged to have him on-board. We were also honored to have SB03 Ft.Cpt. James Olson sit in on the meeting. He joined us in the form of a guest and as our superior, for starbase 03. His suggestions and comments always have merit and keep us thinking outside the box. Different viewpoints and perspectives can raise issues and thoughts not yet broached.

The first quarter of the year went well for the ship, with all our goals and objectives achieved. We look forward to the second quarter with enthusiasm and anticipate a busy three months. We will continue to collect and donate within the community, share time and events with local SFC members and have a lot of fun as we sail along.

As a group, we continue to Learn about some of the innovations of our era, Explore the area in which we live, Assist organizations in our community where we can; and hopefully along the way; we will Discover a little about ourselves, our pasts and our possible futures.

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Words of Wisdom

Worf

"I am a graduate of Starfleet Academy; I know many things."
(DS9- The Darkness and the Light)



Introductions

Les Pullman III



I am Les Pullman and as of March 19, 2012, I am officially, a science cadet at Starfleet Academy. Upon graduation, I'll be joining the USS Mighty Mississippi NCC 201151 in the Science department.

I'm from Wilton, Iowa, but have lived in Davenport since 1983. I have worked for Nestle Purina since April of 2006. Previously, I was employed with Wonder Bread, Oscar Meyer and IBP.

In my spare time, I enjoy a variety of activities. I like to read and appreciate many different genres, including sci-fi, horror, mystery, as well as many types of fiction. I also enjoy reading biographies and auto-biographies. Some of my favorite authors are Stephen King, Clive Cussler, Piers Anthony and Harry Turtledove. Turtledove writes a series of alternate history books.

I am an avid video game player. I'll play just about anything but my favorites are fantasy and horror based. My favorites at this point, are Final Fantasy and Silent Hill series. I also enjoy several types of music, but I am a die-hard Kiss fan. I've seen them live six times and hope to see them on their current tour. My favorite member is Gene Simmons, AKA The Demon. My favorite songs include "Calling Dr. Love", "Shout It Out Loud" and "God Gave Rock & Roll to You".

I am a season subscriber to 'Broadway at the Adler'. The Adler Theatre, a local landmark, hosts touring Broadway shows and small venue concerts, comedy acts and local events. Some of my favorite shows have included 'Young Frankenstein', 'Avenue Q' and 'The Producers'. I also like watching football and have been a Green Bay Packer fan all my life. One of my most prized possessions is an autographed picture of Bart Starr. In 1972, a nine-year-old boy got a reply to a fan letter from his football idol. Over the years, the picture has been creased, torn and taped back together. It is now worthless; to anyone but me, who looks at it and remembers the happiness of receiving it. I will always consider it priceless.



Exploring the Past

This month, members of the USS Mighty Mississippi, USS Lobo and SB 03, banded together for an afternoon at the Putnam Museum. *'Dinosaurs UnEarthed'* and *'Flying Monsters 3D'* were our main objective. This exhibit is designed to be both educational and entertaining for audiences.

'Dinosaurs Unearthed' is a traveling exhibition of animatronics models and features 14 life-size dinosaurs, including 2 feathered dinosaurs, 22 fossil replicas and 2 complete life-size articulated skeletons. The dinosaurs highlight the new discoveries that paleontology has brought to light in recent years. It was created in close collaboration with paleontologists, paleo-artists, designers and builders. This

team of science and design experts has ensured an exhibit that is visually impressive and authentic to what we know about dinosaurs today.

'Flying Monsters 3D' is National Geographic's look at pterosaurs, a class of prehistoric airborne reptiles. The movie was written and narrated by British naturalist, Sir David Attenborough. He worked with scientists and engineers to put before us an incredible story of evolution. The movie uses stunning environments including 'Big Bend National Park', in Texas, 'Lyme Regis', in the United Kingdom and China's 'Liaoning Province'.

Along with the Dinosaur's, other highlights included the 'Anne Frank' exhibit, the Egyptian Mummies, and the Samurai exhibit. From exploring the museum and what it had to offer, the camaraderie and laughing at the antics of the group, I consider the afternoon outing a great success. I think we all enjoyed ourselves as well as learned a little something along the way.

Les Pullman, Ed Ciccarone and Rose Compton
USS Mighty Mississippi NCC 201151



With the Museum sitting on a bluff, overlooking the Mississippi River, it stands to reason that the history of riverboats and life on the river would have a display of it's own.



Pictures from the outing.

(L-R) SB03 Ft. Cpt. James Olson, USS Lobo Cpt. William Van Brunt, USS Mighty Mississippi FO Ed Ciccarone, USS Lobo Ambassador Liz Robinson, USS Lobo Senior Officer Mike House, and USS Mighty Mississippi cadet Les Pullman. and some of the great exhibits. (Cpt Rose Compton was behind the camera for most pictures)



Ed Ciccarone, William Van Brunt & Les Pullman



There were so many great pictures it was difficult to choose just a few, but I managed to keep it to just these. The entire album can be found on Facebook at USS Mighty Mississippi. (people page)