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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>April 2012</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RADM Kevin Johnson, Editor</p>

**From the Starbase Commander**

Hello again! Here's the second issue of our Starbase newsletter. Our top story is the re-launch of the USS Churchill from drydock. I've also thrown down a Charity Walk Challenge with details in an article listed below. I want to see which ship can be the best. Some of my personal cash is on the line!

I am still looking for a Starbase First Officer. This person should have had several years experience in SFC. They would not have to give up their local ship position.

The next newsletter should go out in July sometime. I'd love to have articles from you as well to include!

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),

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**Welcome back, USS Churchill!**

The USS *Churchill* has been brought out of drydock and re-commissioned. She is based in Atlanta, Georgia, and is commanded by Commodore Joseph Campbell. I hear the *Churchill* is staying busy recruiting new members!

## Charity Walk Challenge!

To encourage charity involvement and physical exercise, I am challenging each ship to participate in one or more charity walks this season. A charity walk is usually a 3-5 mile or kilometer walk used to raise money for a particular 501(c)3 charity. Each participant usually has to pay an entry fee or raise pledges for that charity.

So here are the details of the Charity Walk Challenge!

- The ship shall participate (as a ship) in as many charity walks between 4/1/12 and 10/31/12 as they wish. For each walk, they must list the name of the walk, who walked, how far the walk was, and how much money was raised/donated. This information must go on the SPAR Is to count. Honor system applies.
- For each walk, take your total amount earned, multiply it by the # of members who participated, and multiply that by the length of the walk in miles. 1 kilometer shall equal 0.67 miles, and 1 mile shall equal 1.67 kilometers. (If your ship had 3 people participate in a 5-mile walk and earned a total of \$100, their score would be  $3*5*100$  or 1500 points.)
- Members who have to end a walk early due to injury or fatigue still get full credit (you tried!). If you raised money but didn't walk, your ship still gets the credit if at least one member did the actual walking.
- Walks must be fund-raisers for a 501(c)3 charity. Marathons aren't charity fund-raisers. Charity fun runs can count though.
- Friends and family of members may partially count as long as a member is also participating in the same walk. The sum of money donated/raised by friends and family counts at full value, but non-members only get  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit towards the # of people who walked. (If the ship above also had 2 non-members walking with them and those non-members brought in an additional \$50, the new formula would be  $(\$100+\$50)*5 \text{ miles}*(3 \text{ members} + (2*1/2) \text{ non-members})$  or  $150*5*4$  or 3000 points.
- Ship members must be on a "ship team", officially or unofficially. (i.e. You cannot be walking for your employer.) Ships may have different members participating in different walks. Wearing unit or SFC shirts is encouraged, but not required. While encouraged, team members do not need to walk at the same pace.
- If allowed by a particular walk, you can have walkers who did not donate.
- I will personally donate \$20 to the winning ship's favorite charity.
- Ships do not have to participate in this challenge. But there is one catch! If your ship is participating, then it must earn a higher score than what my family personally earns. Otherwise that ship owes my favorite charity \$20! I will still donate \$20 to the winning ship's favorite charity, no matter what my score is. (Each ship better be able to beat my family's score! We're not that active a family!)

Questions or comments?

## Duty Order Delays

Member Services is currently swamped with requests for promotions, assignment changes, unit transfer requests, and general SFC membership database cleanup. It may take CMS up to 3-4 weeks to process your request. Please cc: me on any rank/position changes. One, it keeps me in the loop. Two, I can get you temporary duty orders before you receive the official copies from CMS. Three, I can recognize those people in this newsletter.

## Ships of Starbase 04

### Active Ships

#### **USS Churchill**

Atlanta, GA  
Commodore Joseph Campbell, Commanding

#### **USS Starburst**

Florence, AL  
Marine Captain Paul Rikard, Commanding  
[paulrikard@comcast.net](mailto:paulrikard@comcast.net)  
Runabout

#### **USS Starfire**

The Philippines  
Captain Kip Krueger, Commanding  
[shadowbirder@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Montgomery Scott**

Florida?

#### **USS Eclipse**

Gainesville, FL

#### **USS Tranquility**

NC or FL?

### Ships preparing for Commissioning

#### **USS Exciter**

San Antonio, TX  
Lt. Commander Richard Wegner, Commanding  
[Doctor\\_vell@yahoo.com](mailto:Doctor_vell@yahoo.com)