

# THE COMMLINK

The Newsletter of the U.S.S. HAISE, NCC-74664 - Commissioned April 1996



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Instruments register only those things they're designed to register. Space still contains infinite unknowns – Spock – “The Naked Time”

## Calendar 2014

### Meetings Stardate:

Sat. Jan 18 - 6:30 p.m.  
FEDERATION DAY  
CELEBRATION/  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Pig Skin BBQ  
500 HWY 51 #J  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
(601) 988-1100

Sat. Feb. 15 - 6:30 p.m.  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Waffles Night  
Theilman's Home  
Brandon, MS

Friday-Sunday,  
March 7-9  
Region 2 SUMMIT  
Battlefield Inn Vicksburg  
4137 I-20 Frontage Road  
Vicksburg, MS 39183  
Phone: 601-638-5811  
**ALL HANDS ON DECK**

Sat. Mar. 22 - 4 p.m.  
ADMIRAL'S  
CHALLENGE & MINI-  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Mac and Bones  
Pearl, MS 39208  
(601) 932-4653  
Followed by  
DINNER & BUSINESS  
MEETING  
Los Parrileros  
200 Riverwind Drive  
Pearl, MS 39208  
(601) 397-6185

## Captain's Log

*BY: Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer*

Goodbye 2013 and hello to 2014! Some great costumes were seen at our Masquerade Party for Halloween and the Bajoran Gratitude Feast in November was fun and well attended. We finished another good year together at the Christmas party hosted by Clay Bartunek. Clay had delivered the Toys for Tots donations we gathered in November as our final charitable work of 2013. He is surveying members to determine what charitable or volunteer projects we will undertake in 2014. Community service has always been an important part of the continuing mission of the USS Haise. Please get your suggestions to Clay as quickly as possible.

We welcomed some new members in 2013 and are excited to add Ann Case, Ryan Case, Chuck Franck, Ricardo Lemus and Kirk Lomax to the crew. Assimilation may be futile, but it sure is rewarding.

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Saturday, October 19, 2013 - USS Haise crew members had some fun on the bowling holodeck.

# HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

## EDITOR'S HAIL



**Editor: Barbara Allen**  
**Lieutenant Commander**  
**Chief of Communications**

This issue contains photos and reports submitted from department heads & others. View more pictures on USS Haise Facebook & Website.

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### THE COMMLINK-U.S.S. HAISE

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**Above Left:** Picture of me in my Halloween shirt.  
**Above Right:** Glenn & me at the Haise Christmas Party

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014** to your and yours. I looked kinda scary/funny at our Masquerade Party. We missed the November meeting since we were on vacation at Walt Disneyworld. We love to travel there during the holidays and see all their Christmas lights and ride the rollercoasters! We enjoyed Thanksgiving so much with our daughter, Michelle, and her boyfriend, James. After a few days, then they were off to his parent's house for a Thanksgiving visit with family/friends. The Haise Christmas party was so much fun with "Dirty Santa" and oh so much food as always. This was the first Christmas at our house that our daughter was not at home on Christmas day. We have such a small family as it is. I must say that it did take some getting used to, but I knew she was having a great time at James' parent's home in Tennessee. They did arrive later in the week and we had our Christmas on that Saturday with Pawpaw (Glenn's dad) from the VA home. Pawpaw loved every bit of his time with us. He is 90! We had a wonderful time together. Michelle, James, & I went to see the movie, "Saving Mr. Banks". We loved it. I am now getting used the "rotation" of holidays between families.

**LEFT:** James & Michelle standing next to our Star Trek/Star Wars Hallmark Ornament Christmas Tree and lots of presents under the tree!



**FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR**  
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**REAR ADMIRAL LUCY FERRON**



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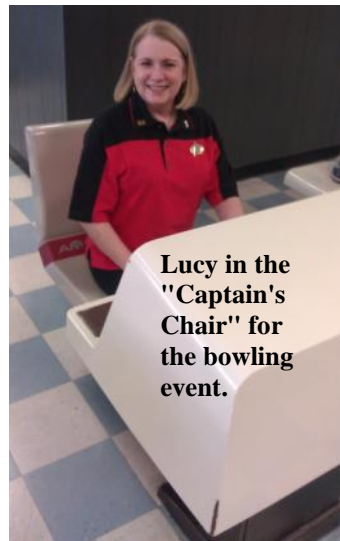
Preparation for the R2 Summit 2014 in Vicksburg is in full swing. The new Commander of STAR-FLEET, Fleet Admiral Wayne Killough, is confirmed to attend. We look forward to showcasing Mississippi hospitality to the new CS. Please be sure to take care of your registration and room reservation as soon as you can. We need everyone's help and attendance to make this Summit the best ever.

May 2014 be prosperous for you all!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT PROMOTIONS:**

John Yelverton - Fleet Captain & Region 2 Zone 4 Coordinator  
Ryan Case - Ensign  
Ann Case - Ensign  
Ricardo Lemus - Ensign  
Barbara Allen - Lt. Commander  
Glenn Allen - Lt. Commander  
Tim Stubbs - Lt. Commander  
Mariana Yelverton - Lt. Commander  
Emily Graves - Lt.  
Philip Graves - Lt. JG  
Kirby Lindsey - Lt. JG



Lucy in the "Captain's Chair" for the bowling event.



# OCTOBER MEETING PICTURES

## Saturday, October 26, 2013 - MASQUERADE PARTY/BUSINESS MEETING

We had 19 crew members in attendance and two guests. We had a great party with cute decorations, lots of food, and plenty of fun for all! Congratulations to Charlotte Graves (aka Robin) for winning the costume contest! We welcomed new members Ryan and Ann Case. Lucy gave the financial report. She announced that per Standing Orders that the election for XO will take place in November. If there is more than one candidate, voting will take place in December. The crew was asked to think ahead in filling the CO & XO positions after Lucy departs in June 2014 since she is getting married and moving to Houston, Texas. Clay reported on Charitable Giving. A Region 2 Summit update was given. Location of the November Bajoran Gratitude Feast/meeting was discussed. John announced the crew members eligible for promotions and they will be officially “pipped” at the November meeting. We also watched a great old classic Halloween movie.



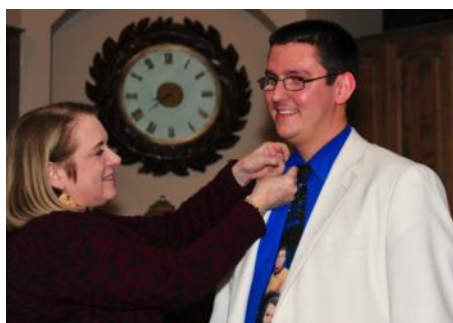
## NOVEMBER MEETING PICTURES

Saturday, November 16, 2013 - Bajoran Gratitude Feast was observed. 19 Crew Members attended. We also has one visitor. We ate at Rooster's Restaurant in the Fondern area of Jackson, MS. Then we proceeded to Scott's house where the appropriate words were spoken, burned the scrolls, and therefore turned all our troubles to ashes. Thanks to Clay for providing the brassiere!! It was a lovely ceremony on Scott's patio. Afterward we enjoyed brownie ice cream sundaes while conducting our business meeting. We welcomed our newest SFI member, Kirk Lomax. A cute collection of toys were collected for our Toys for Tots campaign. Clay will deliver toys to the proper place. Nominations for Executive Officer were announced. John Yelverton & Mark Young were nominated. It is noted that since we did not do this quite right according to Standing Orders, we will need to re-do the process at our December meeting. Lucy reminded everyone that she will be leaving in a few months so that could affect both the CO & XO positions. More information was discussed about upcoming Region 2 Summit. Lucy reminded the crew to get their own registration and reservations taken care of before the end of the year. Ryan and Ann Case were pipped as Ensigns! Other promotions will be pipped in December. Crew member Kirby Lindsey has been in sick bay. We all signed a card for him and sent it along with a new Star Trek paperback. Next meeting is our Christmas party. Thanks to Ryan Case volunteering to update the Haise website.



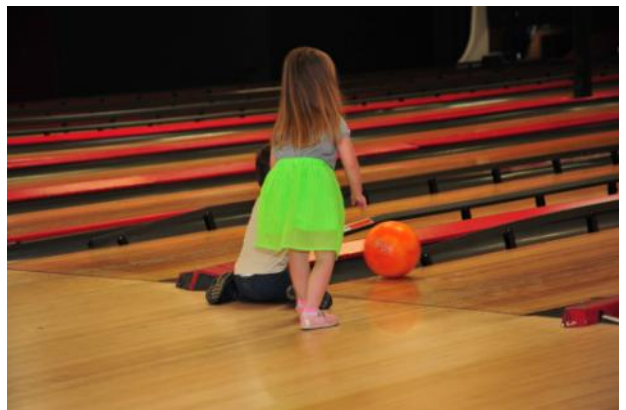
## DECEMBER MEETING PICTURES

Saturday, December 14, 2013 - Christmas Party/Business Meeting at the home of Clay Bartunek. We had 14 crew members and one guest in attendance. We had a lot of yummy food, fun, and fellowship. Promotions were announced and those present were officially pipped by Lucy. In a surprise announcement, John Yelverton was promoted to Fleet Captain! Our 2014 Meeting Schedule was discussed and approved. Ryan Case gave an update on the Haise website! It all looks more Trek-like and is well organized. He is still working out some of the bugs involved with using Internet Explorer. He requested a book club schedule to be added to the site. Thanks Ryan for doing such an awesome job! Region 2 Summit update was given. Clay gave out ballot forms for voting on potential charitable/volunteer work for 2014. He will announce the results at the January meeting. A Vote of Confidence was held for the XO position. John Yelverton received the full confidence of the crew and will continue to serve as XO. Ryan Case volunteered to coordinate food for future meetings. At last crew members enjoyed the Dirty Santa gift exchange.



# EVENT PICTURES

**Sat., Oct. 19 - 4 p.m.**  
**BOWLING CHALLENGE**  
**INDIAN LANES**  
**BOWLING CENTER & ARCADE**  
**815 EAST NORTHSIDE DRIVE**  
**CLINTON, MS**



**INFINITY SCIENCE CENTER  
AT NASA STENNIS SPACE CENTER &/OR FRED HAISE NEWS**



10/23/2013 - INFINITY Science Center was delighted to host the most awesome group of writers attending the Society of American Travel Writer's convention here on the Gulf Coast. Fred Haise served as their "tour guide" today and it was just a lot of fun! It was great to have you guys at INFINTY and I hope you enjoy the rest of your stay here.

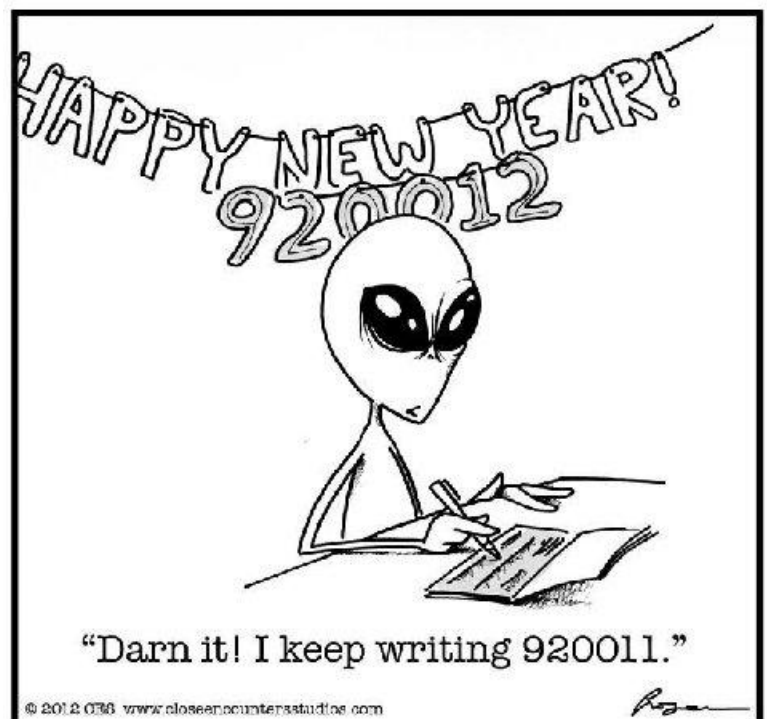


Fred and Patt enjoying the Saint's 4 point lead over the Cowboys! Let's keep it up Saints! Fred Haise was at the November 10, 2013 Saints/Cowboys game in the Superdome after receiving the Peoples Health Choice award! Go Fred--Go Saints! Congratulations Fred!

Cartoon sent from Fred



Above: Note/Picture from Fred - Our pets are really having a rough time dealing with all this cold weather in Houston





## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### FIRST OFFICER



Fleet Captain John Yelverton  
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I wanted to thank everyone for their kind words of condolences following the death of our child this past November. It was and is very hard, but God continues to bless us and comfort us. With that in mind, I thought this would be a good article, "Where Do Babies Go When They Die?" I've tried to be universally Christian in my articles, but this is an issue of which there is no universality. You must fall in one of three camps: All of them go to Heaven, None of them go to Heaven, or Some of them go to Heaven.

There are many groups who believe that a profession of faith or a knowledge and understanding of Christ's work on the cross must be attained before salvation can work. But as a baby, let alone an unborn baby, cannot make this informed decision, it causes uncomfortable questions.

Some people stick to their guns and glumly tell parents that as much as it grieves them, they're sorry but their child has no salvation. The Catholic Church tries to lessen the blow and tells parents that their child is in Limbo. This nether region between Heaven and Hell where they must remain because they were not baptized. Well, I'll only say that you will not find the word "limbo" in the Bible. As for ALL babies going to Hell, I cringe at the concept of it. I understand the argument, but I cannot rationally believe that a God who sent His own Son to be a ransom for many, would automatically sentence my child to the flames of Hell because they were never born or never came to knowledge of Christ.

That argument then launches into the group that believes that all babies go to Heaven. They rationalize this with an "age of accountability" argument. They believe that unless the child is old enough to accept or reject Christ's salvation, they cannot be held accountable. Some even go so far as to proclaim universal salvation for all, adults and children. Sadly, this is bad theology as Jesus, Himself, said that there is a Hell and people will go there in Matthew 5:22. Furthermore, you will not find the term "age of accountability" anywhere in the Bible, either. Finally, the argument falls apart when you realize that if there truly were an "age of accountability", then it would be more merciful for me to strangle my son, Clark, in his bed and therefore guarantee that he will dwell eternally in Heaven, rather than let him grow up and run the risk he might go to Hell.

The only argument that makes sense and is consistent in Scripture is the position that some babies go to Heaven. Sometimes referred to as limited atonement or election or predestination. In other words, it is Romans 8:29-30, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."

If God predestined certain adults to be the recipients of Christ's ransom, then it stands to reason that the same is true for babies, born or unborn, as well as those who are mentally handicapped and otherwise unable to understand the message of salvation. The Bible tells us that Christ is the shepherd who has come in search for us in Luke 15:3-7. I John 4:19 tells that we love Christ because He first loved us. It is therefore not about what we do, but about what Christ has done for us.

This is the only teaching that is consistent. Rather than make up places and doctrines, or leave grieving parents in anguish, it simply sticks to the word of God and pronounces it for both adults and babies. And as Christ's adopted brother, I believe that my Brother has prepared a place for my child in Heaven where I will dwell with my child and the Lord forever.



## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### OPERATIONS



Clay Bartunek  
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You will be glad to know that, as your doctor, Harry Fingerman, everyone passed their proctology exam at our Masquerade Party in October! Also, all the toys we collected for needy children in our community for the Marine's "Toys for Tots" campaign for Christmas were delivered to a local Walgreen's, one of the official drop off sites. They were very appreciative of our donations.



As for our philanthropy for 2014 that we voted on at our Christmas party, here is what we selected. We were asked to select 4 activities or charities to contribute to during this year. Overwhelmingly, we selected: 1. Toys for Tots, 2. CARA (Community Animal Rescue & Adoption), 3. National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Mississippi / Alabama chapter), and 4. is still up in the air. We had 6 selections that ranked here, so we'll have to select our 4<sup>th</sup> one at our next meeting. See ya then.



### ENGINEERING



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This month, Engineering was busy with the ancient art of blacksmithing.

Evan has achieved a forge weld (actually melting two pieces of metal into one) in the small portable forge we built.

This required real hardwood chunk charcoal, not the briquettes which only got our metal up to red and can contain

- Wood charcoal
- Mineral char (Lignite/brown coal)
- Mineral carbon (coal)
- Limestone (ash colorant)
- Starch (binder)
- Borax (release agent)
- Sodium nitrate (accelerant)
- Sawdust
- Wax (some brands: binder, accelerant, ignition facilitator).
- Chaff (Rice chaff and peanut chaff)

To get hardwood charcoal, you can buy it at Lowes or get a big tin can and some sticks..

A lot of sticks. Those big cookie tins or popcorn tins will work.

Poke a hole or two in the bottom or low on the sides with a nail and then fill with chunks of sticks 1.5-2 inches in diameter.

Packing tight is fine as long as the lid goes back on airtight.

Build a small fire with some of the rest of the yard trash, pine cones, pine, smaller or larger oak sticks from your yard, and place the box on top. Continue feeding the fire under and around the box and after an hour or so, the wood will essentially distill -producing gases which will burn - jetting out the holes or from around the lid depending on how tight it fits.

After the gas fire stops, you can let the outside fire go down and take the tin off.

When cool, check your charcoal, it should look pretty much the same only lighter, smaller and black.

If you just have ashes, too much air got in.

if you break a chunk and it has wood inside, pop the lid back on, feed your fire and cook it a while longer.

With this, you can get up to the light yellow to white heat sufficient for forget welding.

And it also isn't bad on the grill.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### SCIENCES



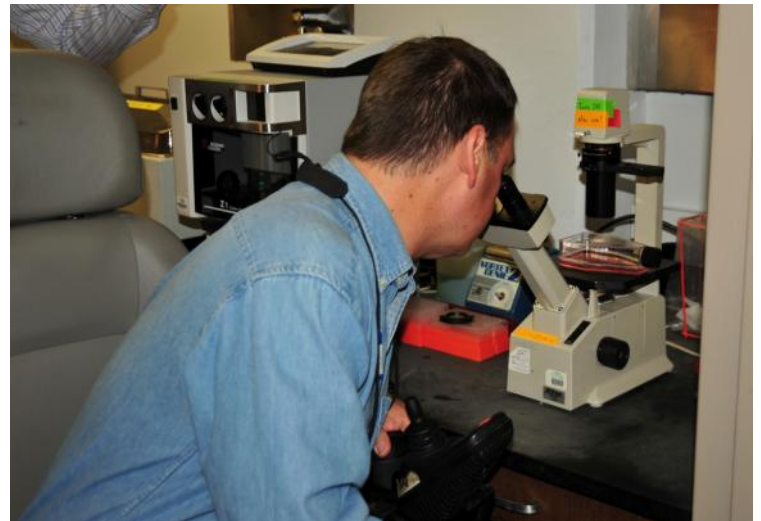
**Commander  
Scott M. Crawford  
Chief Science Officer**

**TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:** I was asked to be the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting of the AL/MS Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This “away mission” was piloted by my sister, Rene’, but we were also accompanied by our mother, Judy. The event was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and I gave a talk on “Lessons Learned from a Life with Multiple Sclerosis.” “Building with LEGO is a little like dealing with MS in that you’re tasked with creating something meaningful with a whole lot fewer ‘pieces’ than you would like.” I brought along a number of LEGO creations, which of course included the USS ENTERPRISE! Besides meeting new friends, it was also great to tour the MS Research Lab at the University of Alabama Birmingham.



**LEFT:** Judy McNeil (Rene’ and Scott’s mom) receives an award for raising \$7,000 for the AL/MS Chapter of the MS Society. Congratulations Mom!!!

**RIGHT :** Scott “analyzes” living brain cells (astrocytes and microglia) during a tour of UAB’s MS Research Lab, partially funded by donations to the National MS Society.



Later, I met with Daniel Kessler, Director of Disability Rights and Resources of Birmingham, then toured the Civil Rights Museum and visited Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, site of a racially motivated terrorist bombing fifty years ago that killed four girls. The incident is best known as the “turning point” of the Civil Rights Movement, inspiring reforms that led to a more inclusive society.

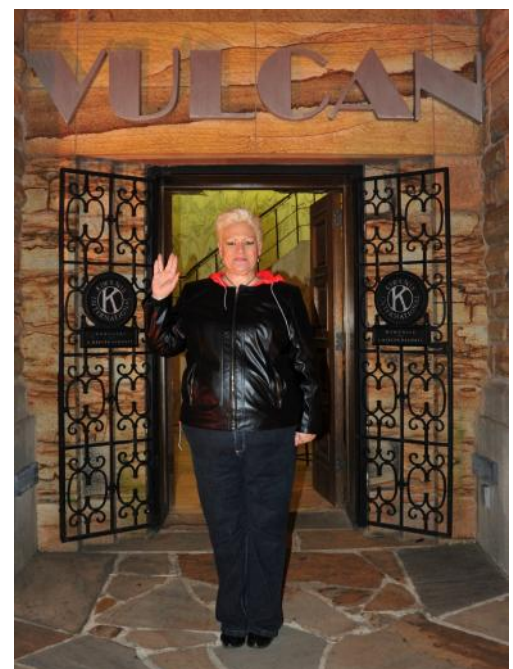


The following days, Rene’, Judy and I took in the beautiful sights of Birmingham, including a breathtakingly beautiful visit to Vulcan Park. The statue of Vulcan, Roman God of metalwork, fire, and the forge, was built for the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair, but was such a hit that it was brought back and eventually mounted on a tower overlooking the city in the late 1930’s. There is an elevator leading to a see-through walkway. Judy braved the heights and we all took pictures on the tower.

**LEFT:**  
View of Vulcan  
Statue just after dark



**RIGHT:**  
Rene’ gives the appropriate “salute” in honor of all Vulcans everywhere!



## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### SCIENCES - cont'd



Commander  
Scott M. Crawford  
Chief Science Officer

**LEGO JACKSON 2013:** With the help of Boy Scout Troop 99 and other friends, LEGO JACKSON was set up and on display from December 7<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was up this year, largely due to word-of-mouth. The Standard Life Building was the new centerpiece, having about 30,000 bricks ALONE. Other additions included a high-speed-rail, several “Funky Fondren Houses”, a downtown theater (from a kit), and an ice cream truck.



ABOVE: Some of the guests look at a selection of Scott's LEGO creations, including the USS ENTERPRISE.

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## MEDICAL



**Lt. Commander Mariana Yelverton**  
Chief of Medical

*Please state the nature of the medical emergency.*



The Super Bowl is coming and many people don't eat very good. Here are three things you can eat and be more healthy.

Buy a pizza from Papa John, Domino or Pizza Hut. They all make a pizza with only 250 calories a slice.

Make brownies with apple sauce instead of oil. Only 100 calories.

Last, if you want beer, drink Budweiser Select 55 or Miller 64, both are under 70 calories. That is less than one can of Coca-Cola!

## SECURITY



**Lt. Cmdr. Mark A. Young Sr.**  
Chief of Security

**NO REPORT**



## COUNSELOR



**Lieutenant Emily Graves**  
Ship's Counselor

**NO REPORT**



**S**anta takes a wrong turn and ends up in the middle of a Star Trek episode. Unfortunately, he's wearing a red uniform.



*USS Haise has a Facebook Page. Please friend us and send the link to all your friends! AND USE THE PAGE. The more exciting it is, the more people will see it. SHARE!*

**MORE NEWS - UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS**



- 2014  
**JANUARY** - none
- FEBURARY** -  
 12 - Rene Crawford  
 19 - Mike Knezevich  
 26 - Cadet Charlotte Graves
- MARCH** -  
 3 - Ann Case  
 4 - Ricardo Lemus  
 15 - Clay Bartunek  
 29 - Mariana Yelverton



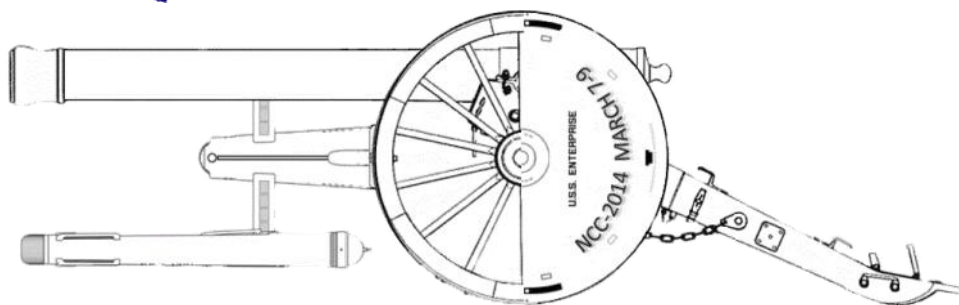
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**REGION 2 SUMMIT 2014  
 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI  
 MARCH 7-9 2014**

<http://secondfleet.org/Summit2014/Default.html>

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**New Orleans Comic  
 Con 2014**  
Feb 7-8-9, 2014  
Fri-Sat-Sun



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
 COMMANDING OFFICER &  
 HER FIANCE, CHUCK FRANCK,  
 ON THEIR UPCOMING  
 WEDDING**


*East Central Community College and the  
 East Central Community College Foundation  
 Cordially Invite You to Attend*

**An Evening with  
 Astronaut Fred Haise**

Astronaut Fred Haise served as the lunar module pilot during the ill-fated Apollo 13 space mission in 1970 and is portrayed by actor Bill Paxton in the blockbuster film *Apollo 13*. This event presents the opportunity to hear from a man who went to outer space and just missed landing on the moon.

**Tuesday  
 February 25, 2014  
 6:00 p.m.**

**Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium  
 \*Free Admission**



\*Please Note: All events are free of charge and open to the public, but due to limited space in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium, seating at the event will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

In his presentation titled *Failure is Not an Option*, Mr. Haise will focus on the importance of education, training, innovation, leadership, teamwork, communication, and individual responsibility as keys to success in any endeavor.

His speeches will address three major events in his life: Apollo 13, a near-fatal plane crash in 1973, and his participation in the development of the Space Shuttle that included commanding five test flights of the Space Shuttle Enterprise during the 1977 Approach and Landing Tests.

Following his presentation, Mr. Haise will engage in a Q&A session in the auditorium.

Mr. Haise's address and Q&A session will be followed by a reception in Mabry Cafeteria where attendees will have an opportunity to meet and speak to the celebrated astronaut.

This free event is made possible through the financial support of the East Central Community College Foundation and the Oliphant-Martin Faculty Excellence Endowment.


East Central Community College gratefully acknowledges the Infinity Science Center for their assistance in securing Mr. Fred Haise for this special event. For more information on the Infinity Science Center, please visit <http://www.visitinfinity.com/>.

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**SAVE the DATE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

**LUCY FERRON  
 &  
 CHUCK FRANCK**



**MARRIAGE, THE FINAL FRONTIER**

**Ceremony will be held  
 in the Cayman Islands**