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Message from the CO - FLEET CAPTAIN JOHN YELVERTON



When I was six years old, I used to love watching "Lost in Space." Though even at six, I noticed that their weapons NEVER worked. One day, I came in late from playing outside, and when I ran to the TV to watch "Lost in Space", it wasn't on. Instead, there was this man in a yellow shirt fighting a giant lizard. My mom told me it was "Star Trek", and that the channel wasn't going to show "Lost in Space" anymore. That was my first exposure to "Star Trek", and needless to say, it didn't go over very well.

Ten years later, I was sixteen years old at a Bible Conference in Newport News, Virginia. We were set up in the dormitories at the college where the conference was held at, but there was only one TV in the whole building. Every night at 9:00 for an entire week, the only option you had was watching "Star Trek" or nothing. The very first episode that I saw, was "Obsession".

When we were driving back home, the driver of the church van fell asleep at the wheel. The van drove up a hill outside of Birmingham and flipped end over end back down the hill. I was taken to UAB, and there it was discovered that I had broken my neck. They performed emergency surgery by taking bone out of my hip and splicing it to my neck column to keep me from paralyzing myself.



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Message from Chief of Communications - Lt. Commander Barbara Allen

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Special "Thank You" to XO Ryan Case for his awesome help with the newsletter.



The crew members of the USS Haise have been very busy these past 3 months with chapter activities and personal lives.

I have spent some time in sick bay myself. On April 10 I had surgery to remove a skin cancer (basal cell carcinoma) from my nose and then again on July 10 on a place just the other side of the other location. I am glad to say the doctor says he has gotten all of the cancer now. This is way too much surgery for me! So happy to be recovering and healing! Remember to use a lot of sun screen on your face, wear a hat, wear long sleeves and long pants when out in the sun for long periods of time. Reapply often when swimming. Put sunscreen on your children too!

It was so great going to the home of Ryan and Ann Case in April. My husband and I finally have someone we can relate to – another collector of collectibles (Star Trek and other things). Their house is awesome and filled with beautiful collectibles.

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I missed the May 10 Sci-Fi Night at the Mississippi Braves. My husband and I traveled to Oxford, Mississippi to see our daughter's boyfriend, James Church, graduate from Ole Miss in The Grove. He got his PhD in Computer Science. That was my first time to see an Ole Miss graduation at The Grove. It was a great experience and it was a beautiful day. We got to meet his parents and several other family members.

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At our May meeting we said goodbye to a great friend, Lucy Ferron Franck, who is moving to a new Galaxy far, far, away to be with her new husband. We welcomed new CO John Yelverton to lead our ship in this Galaxy. We all look forward to serving you well Captain.

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Message from the CO - FLEET CAPTAIN JOHN YELVERTON



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I was forced to lay on my back in a hospital room for a week, and spent more months after that recuperating. I was given a "wake up call" at the tender age of sixteen. I was forced to think very hard about where I was going and what I was going to do. As I stared up at the ceiling, two things kept playing over and over again in my mind: My relationship with God, and the "Star Trek" episode "Obsession".

It would have been very easy for me to become depressed. Worse yet, to become obsessive and try and reassert control over something that I had absolutely no control of in the least. My belief in the sovereignty of God and that "Star Trek" episode helped me to get past that, and I've been dedicated to God and a "Star Trek" fan ever since.

All the subsequent experiences in my life, from serving in the Air Force ROTC, to chapter president of MSU's Silver Wings, to Law School, to Seminary, and even to owning my own business has been shaped by my experience at sixteen.

I have the privilege of walking in the footsteps of two very incredible ladies, Bethany Theilman and Lucy Franck. I am now the Captain of a ship named in honor of a real American hero, Fred Haise. I hope to take my experiences and my love of "Star Trek" to build onto the foundations and legacy left by these people. I hope that we have a lot of fun this year, and that we do a lot of good.

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Live Long and Prosper

Mariana, Clark, & John



Picture from Region 2 Summit— 2009
ALL THE SHIP'S CAPTAINS & FRED Haise

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Saturday, April 19, 2014 - First Contact Day Celebration/Meeting/Fireworks - Home of Ryan & Ann Case

20 crew members and one guest (Mariana's mother) were present. CO, RADM Lucy Ferron Franck discussed finances, Region 2 Summit T-shirt orders, April 24 Shatner's World showing at Tinseltown Cinema in Pearl, May 3 MS Walk, & Sci-Fi Night at the Braves Game May 10. Because Lucy is moving to Houston, TX in June, we had an election of new officers. After nominations and voting, John Yelverton was elected to serve as the next CO of the Haise. Ryan Case was elected to serve as XO. The Change of Command Ceremony will take place on May 17. John passed along a thank you card the chapter received from Karole Selmon who was at Region 2 Summit. Lucy announced the upcoming graduation ceremonies for Evan Theilman from high school (May 15) and Ricardo Lemus from UMC Dental School (May 23). We were all invited to attend. Since SOPUCON is scheduled for June 21, John recommended that we move the date of our June meeting/pool party/cookout to June 28. I must also add that their home is filled with so many beautiful collectibles including a lot of Star Trek items. Thanks for sharing your home with us.



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Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 6:30 pm - Change of Command Ceremony at Georgia Blue in Madison, MS

Call to Order and Welcome was conducted by CO Lucy Ferron Franck. 21 crewmen and four guest were present. Congratulations to our Graduates: Evan Theilman - Northwest Rankin High School and Ricardo Lemus - University of Mississippi Medical School of Dentistry. Both were presented Star Trek books signed by their crewmates as a remembrance of their accomplishments. The Financial Report, Walk for MS, Sci Fi Night at the MS Braves Game, & SOPOCU Con were discussed. Several people expressed interest in attending the movie "X-Men Day of Future Past" during opening weekend. The "crew movie date" would be Saturday, May 24th at 5:35 pm at Tinseltown Cinema in Pearl.

Clay reminded the crew that our next charitable work will be collecting food and other needed items for Community Animal Rescue & Adoption (CARA) at the June meeting. A list of needed items were provided.

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Outgoing CO, Lucy Ferron Franck, shared her final thoughts to the crew. She thanked everyone for their support and friendship over the nearly 10 years she has been CO of the USS Haise. Stepping down is not the hardest part. It is leaving best friends behind as she moves to Texas. (Attached will be farewell remarks from Lucy to the crew)

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Change of Command Ceremony was next. The ceremony was led by Vice Admiral Bethany Theilman, Senior Officer of the USS Haise. Change orders were read and positions were officially passed from one to the other. Fleet Captain John Yelverton was relieved by Lt. Ryan Case, the new XO. Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck was relieved by Fleet Captain John Yelverton, the new CO. Lucy presented John with the bottle of champagne from the 10 year anniversary celebration, as well as the ship's bell.

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The new CO John Yelverton presented Lucy with a plaque on behalf of the chapter, thanking her for the nearly 10 years of service to the chapter. John promoted new XO Ryan Case to the rank of Commander. John stated that he would like to have the chapter watch more Star Trek episodes at our meetings. He will be working with Scott to set a date for an Executive Committee meeting to be held at Scott's home. He and Lucy will meet soon for database changes and passing along other chapter materials. He will also learn how to do the Monthly Status Reports to STARFLEET.

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Lucy had pictures taken with each of us to take home with her to Texas. We all hugged her goodbye and wished her well.

We love ya Lucy and we will miss you. Hope you will come to visit us sometimes. We wish you all the best!



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Message from the Beta Quadrant - Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck



"These are the voyages..." It has been bittersweet to leave my home star base and journey beyond the galaxy known to me. But a new husband and new life in what we will call the Beta Quadrant (Texas) awaits me and there is natural excitement in going to new places.

"It's ongoing mission..." As I meet new friends through the STARFLEET chapters in Region 3, I will continue the mission of serving STARFLEET and upholding the ideals of Gene Roddenberry.

"To seek out new life and new civilizations..." I've never spent much time west of the Mississippi so I feel like I am traveling to a distant galaxy and will be introduced to new life (and life forms) and civilizations I've not encountered before.



"To boldly go..." This is my personal theme now as I leave the familiar and venture into unknown territory. I must boldly embrace change and go forward. I believe you expect this of me and I don't want to disappoint. I hope from time to time you will let me share some of my new adventures.

We will have a guest room set up soon so start planning your trip to Johnson Space Center and I want to be there with you to explore it!

You will always be welcome and you better not come near this quadrant without calling on me! I'll send the Borg after you if you do.

Live long and prosper!

Your former CO and forever friend,
Lucy



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Saturday, June 28, 2014 - Pool Party/Meeting - McNeill's Home

Thanks so much to Jim and Judy McNeill (Scott and Rene's parents) for allowing us to have our meeting/pool party/cookout at their home. We love you all. And the rain did hold off! As always, we had so much delicious food.



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CO John Yelverton called the meeting to order and had roll call. 20 crew members and 2 guests were present. Ship's finances, dues, and changes in the Executive Committee (the position of Ship's Counselor will no longer be an EC position and will now be placed under Chief of Medical) were discussed. Promotions were announced: Carl Curtis to Ensign, Dustin White to Ensign, and Ann Case to Lieutenant Junior Grade. John announced the following position changes: that Lt. Commander Mariana Yelverton resigned as Chief of Medical and is named Yeoman under Ops; Lt. Emily Graves is named Chief of Medical; Lt. JG Ann Case is named Ship's Counselor; Ensign Carl Curtis is placed under Ops; Ensign Dustin White is placed under Security; and Kirk Lomax is placed under Engineering. John also stated that due to the fact an election was already held for Commanding Officer in an even number year, there will not be a VOC in November.

Various Chapter Amendments changes were discussed and voted on.

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John stated that we will no longer hold the Bajoran Gratitude Festival in November, and instead will be reinstating the Anti-Turkey Pizza Party which is scheduled to be held at the Allen's home. A new meeting location for the September meeting was open for suggestions due to Western Sizzlin' having closed. John asked that when the chapter meets at a member's home, a department head or a member of their department will submit a short panel or activity for the enjoyment of the ship in anticipation of a future Region 2 Summit. It was proposed & discussed that when the ship meets at restaurants, we wear uniforms for recruiting and dress casually at member's homes.

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Upcoming events mentioned: Book club monthly meetings. MS Braves Baseball Game outing on Saturday, July 12 at 6 pm. \$2 from every ticket will go toward ALS research. Ryan Klesko, Marquis Grissom, and Leo Mazzone will be available for autographs. The first 1,500 fans get a free Evan Gattis bobblehead doll. Movie night to see Zoe Saldan's new movie "Guardians of the Galaxy" on Tuesday, Aug. 5 on discount ticket night (time: TBA). Plans and ideas for the ship's 20th Anniversary in April 2015 were discussed. John stated he would like this banquet to be a new Haise tradition.

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Other odds and ends business: Proposed that the ship institute a Uniform Award. Details were given for that. A discussion was held about the official uniform of the USS Haise since it is now the DS9/Voyager uniform and if we wish to keep it the same or remove this official statement. John proposed that the ship institute Commendations to award members who perform above and beyond the call of duty for the ship and its goals.



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Bethany brought a carved Watermelon Fruit Basket.

After the meeting & after the fruit was all gone, she decided to test it to see if it would be ship worthy in the pool. And sure enough, it passed the test and floated!



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Thursday, April 24

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The USS Haise crew members attended the showing of Shatner's World on Thursday night, April 24 at Tinseltown in Pearl. We received permission from Tinseltown to set up a recruiting table that night for one hour before the 7:30 pm showing. William Shatner, of course, was so great at telling all his wonderful, funny stories. It was not only about Star Trek, but about his whole life story. We all had a great time!




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May 3—Winners Park Circle, Flowood, MS Members of the USS Haise participated in the Walk for MS. Team Haise raised over \$2000! The USS HAISE would like to thank ALL the members of REGION 2 that contributed to the MS SOCIETY this spring! Thank you!



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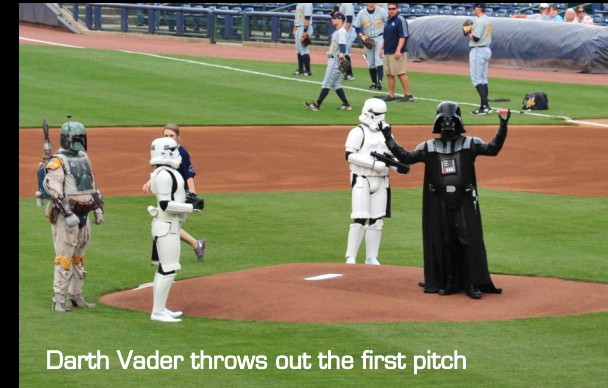
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Sat., May 10, 2014 - Total Sci-Fi Night at the MISSISSIPPI Braves Baseball Game: It was a great time to come out and see your favorite villains and heroes from your favorite sci-fi movies. Local groups The Mississippi Mandalorians, The Rancor Raiders Garrison of the 501st, The Dagobah Base of the Rebel Legion, The Veshok Clan of the Mandalorian Mercs Costuming Group, Ghostbusters Group, and the **USS Haise Star Trek Group** were in attendance.



Scott got a picture of a beautiful rainbow after a rain shower at the game.



Darth Vader throws out the first pitch

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Thursday, May 15, 2014 - Congratulations USS Haise Graduate - Evan Theilman - Class of 2014 - Northwest Rankin High School, Flowood, Mississippi at the Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson, MS. Evan is the son of Haise members, Gary & Bethany Theilman. He will be attending Ole Miss this fall! We love ya & are so proud of you!



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Friday, May 23, 2014

Congratulations to another crew member of the USS Haise Graduate - Ricardo Lemus

Picture to the right:
Congratulations Dr. Lemus!

Graduate Ricardo Lemus of Flowood is hooded by Wilhelmina O'Reilly, a professor in the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, during commencement exercises May 23 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. A record 846 students earned degrees in the health professions.

We will miss you! Best Wishes & Good Luck to you on your new job in Joplin, Missouri!



John Yelverton, Ryan Case, Ricardo, Lucy Ferron Franck, Barbara Allen. Also attending but not pictured were: Scott Crawford, Bethany Theilman and her Dad, and Evan Theilman. Ricardo, with his family and friends, invited us to join them for BBQ at the Pig and Pint, 3139 North State Street Jackson, MS (in the Fondern area). Thanks so much Ricardo. It was delicious! We love ya Doc!



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Saturday, June 21, 2014 - SOPOCU Con - Southern Pop Culture Convention - Mississippi Trade Mart, Jackson, Mississippi. SOPOCU Con is a celebration of popular culture in the South. Their goal is for all their guests, vendors, and artists to have ties to the South in some way. They will come from the fandoms of sci-fi, horror, anime, gaming, super heroes, fantasy, and much more. In essence, SOPOCU Con is a celebration of us and the many fandoms that we all love. This was it's first year and from what I hear, it will not be the last. They will be back again next year bigger and better.

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The USS Haise had a fan table on hand right next to the 501st Legion Rancor Raiders Star Wars Group. We got so much attention that we had five pages of email addresses of interested Star Trek fans! We are very excited about this and want to assimilate you! Various crew members worked varied shifts to staff the fan table for the Haise. Those of us who attended had a great time. So much fun seeing the kids and their faces light up when they see their favorite super heroes running around. Everyone was taking pictures of us and everyone else. It is a family oriented event and the kids loved it. I think it will be great to have this as a yearly event - like a small comic con. Jackson needs this and people want to see it locally and not have to travel out of state for a Comic Con.

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Of course, the Haise needs more workers for next time! Crew member Kirby Lindsey, who has been in sick bay, surprised us with a

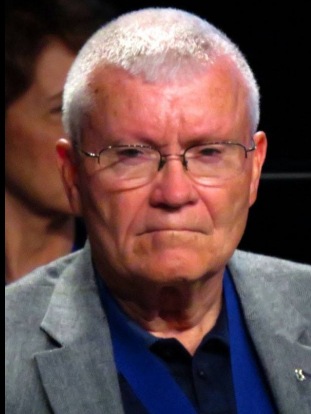
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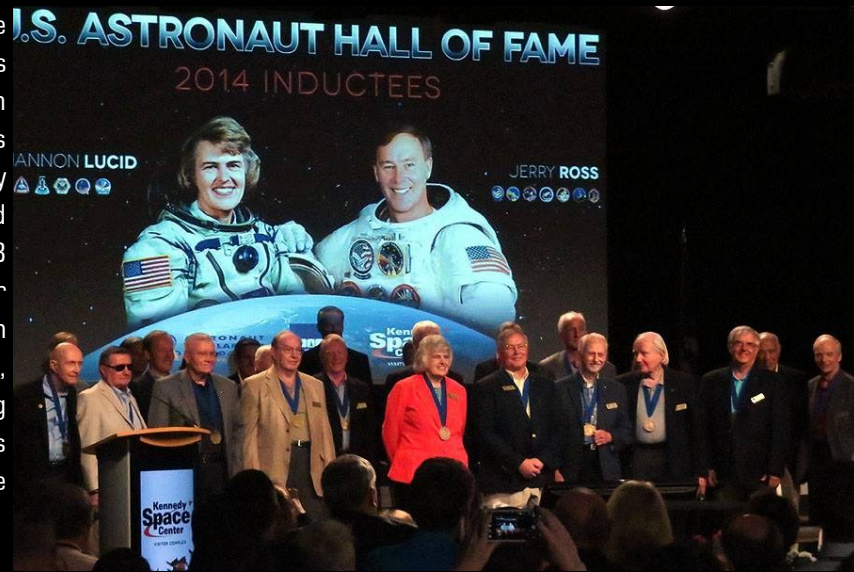
visit that day! (see lower left corner for picture) Thanks to Mark Nichols who brought the Delta Shield down. It was a big picture photo op all day! You can see a lot more pictures on the USS Haise Facebook page!



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May 3, 2014 at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex - Fred Haise was at the Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Hall of Fame Induction 2014. Inductees were astronauts Shannon Lucid and Jerry Ross. Lucid and Ross are being inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame May 3, 3 pm during a ceremony at the Visitor Complex, joining the ranks of well-known space explorers such as Alan Shepard, John Glenn, John Young, Neil Armstrong Fred Haise, and Sally Ride. Fred was among 20+ astronauts on hand for the ceremony.



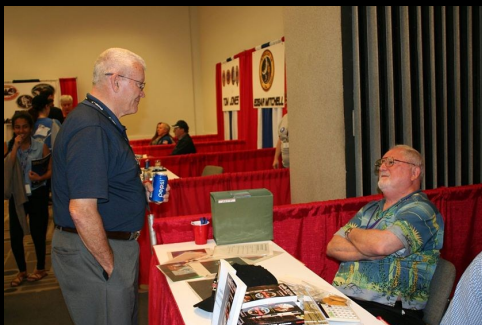
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Spacefest VI was held in Pasadena, California, **May 8 - 11, 2014**, at the scenic Pasadena Convention Center. Spacefest is THE event for the space enthusiast of any stripe-Pure astronomy; manned exploration; robotic exploration; commercial space, space history. Professional or amateur. Fred Haise was there and signing autographs.

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Above: Apollo 13 veterans Fred Haise and Sy Liebergot catch up at SpaceFest 6 in Pasadena on May 9



Above: The Brit Army at SpaceFest VI poses for a picture with astronauts Jerry Ross, Fred Haise, and birthday boy Vance Brand

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Message from XO - Commander Ryan Case



My, how far we've come in just 9 short months. I can't accurately convey to you all my utter shock, surprise, and humility for having been elected as your Executive Officer (XO). It's a great honor for someone who wasn't expecting to hold any sort of EC position within the first few years of joining. I honestly hope I can make you all proud of me as I step into our new CO's old role. I'll miss the heck out of Lucy but I think that her work and positive attitude have worn into the fabric of the ship and will never be forgotten.

Ann and I SINCERELY enjoyed hosting the First Contact Day celebration at our homes and we look forward to hosting another meeting next year.



Since the last issue of The Commlink, Ann and I have added one more Star Trek autograph and 18 other celebrity autographs to our collection. We had the opportunity to meet Whoopi Goldberg in Philadelphia at Wizard World - she was well worth the wait. She is humorous, polite, and good-natured. Also at Wizard World Philadelphia we got to meet Sean Astin, Ralph Macchio, Dave Batista, Christopher Lloyd, Nathan Fillion, Sebastian Stan, and Alan Tudyk. At Comicpalooza in Houston, TX we got to meet several actors from Marvel's Agents of SHIELD (Clark Gregg, Elizabeth Henstridge, Ming-Na Wen, Brett Dalton, and J. August Richards) as well as WWE Diva Lita, Billy Dee Williams (Lando!), Cary Elwes, and three former Power Rangers (Austin St. John, Johnny Yong Bosch, and Walter Jones). It's been really exciting getting



to meet these celebrities (for far cheaper than you would imagine). From this point we still require Patrick Stewart (who is supposed to be appearing at Dragon*Con), the remainder of the cast of Firefly, and the few remaining Power Rangers that we don't have - it's been a heck of a run.



Ann and I plan on attending Dragon*Con in August, Wizard World New Orleans in January, and Pensacon in March. Through those Conventions we could be "done" and just start enjoying going to events rather than running around like crazy people getting autographs.



Message from Chief of Operations - Lt. Commander Clay Bartunek

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"Thanks" to Ann & Ryan for opening up their home and hosting our April meeting. What a lovely home! I could hardly take it all in. We all had such a great time . . . can't wait to visit again . . . definitely worth the drive. And if you missed our Tinseltown outing on April 24th for "Shatner Live", you need to find a copy of it. I wasn't expecting much and got more. I loved his humor, history and insight. Again, definitely worth the time.

"Thanks" to you all for your concern when the April 28th tornado hit the Caroline community. We were huddled in the pantry with the dogs and big pillows over our heads. Luckily, we were spared, but 94 homes here did receive damage . . . so I guess we still have a place to hold our December meeting . . . for now.

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"Thanks" to all who donated and participated in our philanthropy project Walk MS on May 3rd. I believe the final total was \$2,525.00! We came together, celebrated the progress made and showed the power of connecting as we helped people living with MS and those who care about them.

"Thanks" to Lucy for her almost 10 years of service to the USS Haise as our Commanding Officer and to John for taking on the challenge as our new Commanding Officer. For me our Change of Command ceremony at *Georgia Blue* on May 17th was both nostalgic and inspiring. We had some great memories and I look forward to making more.

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"Thanks" to the McNeill's for hosting our Pool Party on June 28th. Great food, comradely, and watching an episode from the original series, "The Man Trap". As one who used to be addicted to salt, I could relate. Scary, right?

And finally, "Thanks" to all who donated to our 2nd philanthropy project this year, C.A.R.A. (Community Animal Rescue & Adoption). They were so appreciative of our donations of dog food and supplies. They said, "this is what keeps us going." They are a 'true no-kill shelter' with over 300 dogs & 120 cats and are looking for volunteers if you are interested.

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Remember our other projects for the year we selected are: donating to the Miss. Food Network in September and donating to Toys for Tots in November for Christmas.



Message from Chief of Engineering - VADM Bethany Theilman

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Engineering Report: Putting on our Vulcan Hats: Part I:

During the last couple months we have had some fun and some changes, and one historic vote in the US House of Representatives. The night at the ball park was fun, if damp. Engineering has not built anything in Jackson lately, but the Greenville division is busy cranking out hulls. We are obviously the training ship for fleet as we have lost Lucy and Chuck to Region 3 and Dr. Ricardo Lemus to Region 12. Evan is a high school graduate and will be attending the Engineering Academy at Dr. McCoy's alma mater, the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Now, on to some troubling news....

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Think of climate as a deck of cards with each degree of temperature rise adding an ace. Over time, the probability of the daily weather hands being stronger increases. – paraphrasing a quote by RADM David Titley, USN, Retired.

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March 2014 Pentagon report found that climate change impacts are "threat multipliers," and that the rapid rise of global temperatures and associated extreme weather events could exacerbate issues like "poverty, environmental degradation, political instability and social tensions – conditions that can enable terrorist activity and other forms of violence."

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However, just before Memorial Day weekend, the US House of Representatives slipped an amendment onto the Defense Authorization Act forbidding the US Military to even THINK about preparing for the effects of global warming. The vote was almost completely along party lines. In other words, the Navy cannot plan to raise its docking facilities and bases, prepare for operations in an increasingly ice-free Arctic, or collect or analyze data and create plans for various global threat scenarios caused by droughts or flooding.



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In the next decade, Bangladesh's farmland will be half as productive due to flooding - with stronger typhoons feeding its 57 rivers - and rising seas that are already contaminating rice fields with saltwater. That will starve or displace 80 MILLION people who live on an average \$1.25 a day. They will have to migrate or die. Where will they go? Desperate people do desperate things like strap bombs to themselves - hence the military's concern.

Many US coastal cities are also within a couple meters of sea level, New Orleans is BELOW sea level, and Miami and Norfolk Virginia's many shipyards and military bases are AT sea level right now. We have already had a taste of multiple feet of extra water from Katrina on our own Mississippi coast, and even though it went away this time, that didn't work out so well.



Message from Chief of Engineering - VADM Bethany Theilman — Continued

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How can over half the House of Representatives think that preparing for the future is a bad thing?

We will give them the benefit of a doubt and hope that schools and colleges are failing to teach people to recognize logical fallacies rather than think that they were politically motivated. Unlike the founding fathers who were Renaissance men with a healthy dose of skepticism, today's politicians and voters are not trained to rationally weigh evidence and there are people happy to take advantage of that for their own purposes. Rigorous logic must be applied to claims made by anyone: advertisers, media, scientists, politicians, or religious leaders, so I will spend the next few reports going over common logical fallacies to better arm the crew against them. Applying logic to interpreting the observed world in the Middle Ages led to the Renaissance and MIGHT save our asses now.

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- Claims made by anyone must be first weighed logically for bias by asking: "Who sez?" "What are their credentials?" "Who stands to profit by the claim made?" (In short: Follow the money.)
- Any claim to "Truth" or "Fact" must begin with the mountain of evidence which has withstood the test of being picked over by many other scientists hostile to the idea. Like the hard evidence from many sources that proves a mostly spherical earth goes around the center of the mass between the earth and sun. We have data: – measurements, shadows on the moon, photos from space, and analogous systems within and even outside our solar system. In short, we are 99.99999% sure of the mathematical and scientific concepts behind the claim which is why it is considered fact and should be taught in public school.

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Anecdotal "Evidence"- the fallacy of using a personal experience or an isolated example instead of a sound argument or compelling evidence. Quantitative scientific measures are more accurate overall than personal perceptions and experiences, but our inclination is to believe that which is tangible to us, and/or the word of someone we trust over the more 'abstract' statistical reality. Anecdotal evidence is not, thus, based on clear, definitive fact, and as such, it is not generally considered useful or admissible in court.

Example: George said his grandfather smoked two packs a day and lived until 97 - so don't believe everything you read about meta-analyses of methodologically sound studies showing proven causal relationships.

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The media is terribly guilty of this. They seem compelled to "give equal time" to things that aren't equal. Such as giving an individual talking about the unusually cold weather at their house equal air time with a climate scientist talking about global warming or gushing about the guy who ate snarfberries every day for a month and whose cancer went into remission and giving little or no time to the many studies showing snarfberries have no effect on cancer in double-blinded trials. (Of course the makers of snarfberries buy commercials....) This tendency has the unfortunate side effect of equating the validity of the points. Most viewers don't distinguish an anecdotal point data source from a massive data set.

Message from Chief of Engineering - VADM Bethany Theilman — Continued

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Bandwagon Fallacy - The popularity of an idea has absolutely no bearing on its validity. Period. e.g.. The Earth was never flat in spite of the belief of the vast majority in the past. The supernatural exists! Or not. Sharks are dangerous!! Not as dangerous as driving to the beach is. Etc.

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Burden of Proof is on the person making extraordinary claims, NOT those challenging them especially if the claim requires something supernatural or currently unverifiable. i.e.. When plate tectonics was proposed, the burden of proof was on those presenting the theory. It is now accepted as fact. Now that 97% of scientists agree that we are putting too much CO2 and methane into our atmosphere and that the ocean will rise because of it, it is those who do NOT believe that mankind is responsible and must stop the effects that must prove their point or at least get out of the way of solving the problem and keeping the worst effects from kicking in.

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Circular reasoning (also called Begging the Question)—An argument which often arises when people have an assumption that is very ingrained, and therefore taken in their minds as a given. Circular arguments simply restate the premise rather than proving it -assuming that everyone agrees the premise is true. The classic example is: The Word of God is flawless and perfect. We know this because it says so in the Bible, Koran, etc. More subtly: President Reagan was a great communicator because he had the knack of talking effectively to the people. This statement, while true, uses definition of premise as proof of premise. - redundant and not a proof.

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Composition/Division - A fallacy which assumes that what's true about one part of something has to be applied to all, or other, parts of it. For example, a treatise says the sky is blue and unicorns are real. Proving the sky is blue DOES NOT prove unicorns are real. Each claim made must be independently verified by an outside source that is itself scientifically sound.

Straw man - Misrepresenting someone's argument to make it easier to attack.

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By exaggerating, misrepresenting, or just completely fabricating someone's argument, it's much easier to present your own position as being reasonable, but this kind of dishonesty serves to undermine honest rational debate. (Hear that Congress?)

Example: After Will said that we should put more money into health and education, Warren responded by saying that he was surprised that Will hates our country so much that he wants to leave it defenseless by cutting military spending.

Remember! Science is a work in progress! As each new data point is discovered and tested, scientists better understand the universe, its history and laws.



Next time: slippery slope, special pleading, gambler's fallacy, black or white, appeal to authority, and more!

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Message from Chief Science Officer - Captain Scott M. Crawford



EX-DERMINATE! (MAGNOLIA ROLLER VIXENS):

April 5th, the Magnolia Roller Vixens had a home bout with a *Doctor Who* theme against the Tragic City Rollers. One of the highlights was the raffling of a replica of the TARDIS. Sadly, we lost the bout, but no matter. Everyone had a great time!

"AWAY MISSION" TO MS RESARCH SYMPOSIUM IN BIRMINGHAM:

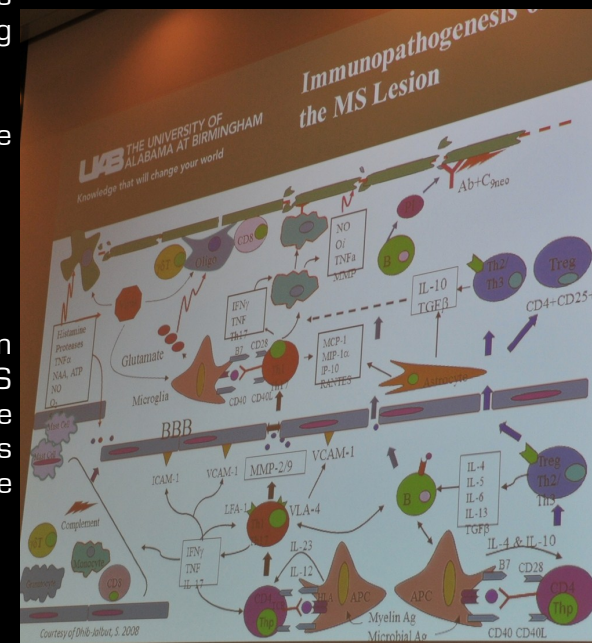
Last Fall, I was elected to the Alabama-Mississippi Chapter of the MS Society's Board of Directors. The National MS Society held a research symposium at the University of Alabama Birmingham June 19th. I got there by Greyhound Bus, which is something not-so-routine for a person using a wheelchair. With some glitches, I managed to get there and back so Greyhound got high marks.

While there, I went to a reception unveiling a unique sculpture called "Sentient Matrix" by Sara Garden Armstrong, depicting axonal pathways in the brain and spinal cord damaged in multiple sclerosis. The "sausage link" shaped structures are the myelin, or insulation around the axons (fibers) that enable much faster nerve conduction. When that myelin is damaged, as in multiple sclerosis, signals slow from 250 mph to 10mph, and for many with progressive forms of the disease (like myself), the axon and nerve cells die, resulting in worsening disability.

To understand just how complex multiple sclerosis is, look at this slide (right) from the conference, entitled, "Immunopathogenesis of the MS Lesion".



As a bonus, I got to meet with Mark Adam and Brenda Miller of the USS HAEPHESTUS over waffles (Yum!). We talked about such weighty topics as Disney World, Looney Tunes, and the upcoming STAR TREK movie.



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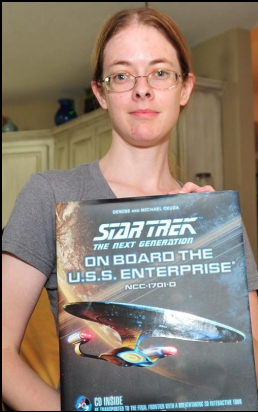
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Message from Chief Medical Officer - Lt. Emily Graves



Passion – I think what I want to write about this newsletter is passion.

It seems an odd topic, I would imagine, but I was trying to think of what I could write that would be related to something medical. And then I thought, well – what leads people into it?

It's something more commonly associated with pastimes and hobbies, these days – a passion for sports, or a passion for cars, or – as we might be aware – a passion for a particular television show. But now, in the past, and probably in the future, there are those who forge careers around passion. That seems really cool to me.

I am currently working in a position that was originally the product of what I thought was a passion. But I have discovered, time and again, that passion cannot be created, even from an interest – it seems to be something inbound, intrinsically part of someone. Some people may never find theirs. Some people are lucky enough to develop it very early – those might be the ones we call savants, or gifted. Who knows? Talent is as hard to define as intelligence or drive. In large part, it *is* those things.

I work with people who spend time with those who are under their care through no fault of their own, through a bad throw of the genetic lottery – and some of them will not survive. What kind of passion does it take to not only go into the field of medicine (or any field that requires postgraduate training of ten or more years), but to go into an area where many of your patients will die, and there is little you can do about it? I suppose, then, the passion is to help see that ended – survival rates up. And in the last 30 years, survival rates for many things have absolutely skyrocketed. I have always been a person who has been passionate about things – but it tends to be fleeting. So maybe my passion is actually the idea of passion – obsession, dedication, a willingness to lose sleep over something you love too much to give up for a moment. I'm not sure what good that will ever do. But I find it interesting to consider. And by next year, who knows – maybe I'll have finally stumbled across that one thing that will lead me in the direction I'd like to go.

Until then, I will watch in awe the others who have let passion drive them to change the world.



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Message from Ship's Counselor - Lt. JG Ann Case



Greetings! The topic today can be a little squeamish for some people, so if talking about blood bothers you, please skip past this article.

Why Donate Blood?

Blood donations are very important for everyone. No one knows if they will ever need one or if someone they love will need one. Now some of you may say "why should we donate regularly or why can't we just donate when someone we love needs it?" Donating when someone you love needs it is fine, but remember to donate you must meet several minimums: weight and height, blood pressure and iron levels. At the time you need to donate blood, it may not be possible for you to do so. Donating early can guarantee that there is not a low blood supply when you need it. Donating regularly can keep supplies up and most places allow you to put it towards your blood bank. Which means that if ever you or a loved one needs blood in the hospital they will show that you donated several times and you will either not have to pay for the blood or it will be cheaper. Also for good causes or friends, you can choose to donate your blood to a friend or relative that needs blood transfusions.



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TYPE	YOU CAN GIVE BLOOD TO	YOU CAN RECEIVE BLOOD FROM
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O+	O+ , A+ , B+ , AB+	O+ , O-
B+	B+ , AB+	B+ , B- , O+ , O-
AB+	AB+	Everyone
A-	A+ , A- , AB+ , AB-	A- , O-
O-	Everyone	O-
B-	B+ , B- , AB+ , AB-	B- , O-
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Recently I had a friend who had a premature child that needed several blood transfusions and they set it up so that we could go and donate in her name and she could receive our help. If you're unsure if you are a good donor here is a picture of the blood types that are good for donation and receiving. I am O- and so everyone can receive my blood, but I can only receive from other O- people. That limits me if there is a shortage of blood and so I know that I need to donate so that if a situation occurs and I need blood there will be some for me.



If you have more questions or want to know where you can donate check out this website: <http://www.msblood.com/default.asp>.

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Message from Chief of Security - Commander Mark A. Young, Sr.



Hailing frequencies open! This month has been hectic! Traveling to Indiana, Chicago, and St. Louis this week for a family reunion! Been looking up some security courses for the department to take so they can get familiarized with security techniques and procedures! I also ordered the U.S.S. Excelsior light up model! Very cool replica of the ship! Well, that all for now! Hailing frequencies closed!



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Mark at the MS Walk on May 3 walking with his other group from Tougaloo College.



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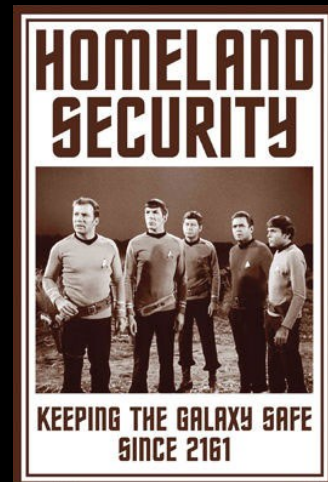
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 12— 6 pm - MS Braves Game—Fun Baseball Game Night

July 19— 6:30 pm - Meeting at Jo's Diner, 241 Ridge Way, Flowood, MS (Behind El Sombrero & next to Georgia Blue - Lakeland Commons Shopping Center)

August 5— Movie Night—Parkway Theater, Flowood, MS—"Guardians of the Galaxy", time TBA

August 8-10 - STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (IC), Rockford, IL

August 16— 6:30 pm - Meeting at Rene' Crawford's Home, Jackson, MS, Taco Night

September 20— 6:30 pm Berry's Seafood Restaurant, US HWY 49 South, Florence, MS



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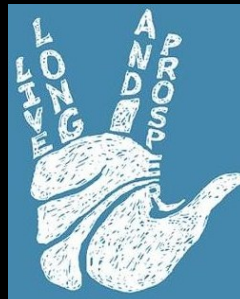
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