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## USS DAVINCI ELECTION

At the May Night Out/Meeting we will be taking nominations for the position of Captain of the USS DaVinci. Yes, believe it or not, it has been 2 years and it is time to see who will be at the helm for the next 2 years. Okay, as a reminder, there are a few qualifications that must be met in order for you to be Captain of any Starfleet chapter. First, you must be a member of Starfleet in good standing; that is, your membership must be up to date. Second, you must have taken both Officer's Training School (OTS) and Officer's Command College (OCC). Finally, you must have been a member of the DaVinci for at least the last 6 months. The only requirement for voting in the election is that you must have been a member of the DaVinci for at least 3 months prior to the election. For your benefit, those DaVinci crew personnel who qualify for the positions are:

VADM Freddy Heller

COMM Joe Perry

COMM Jeff Kirkland

COMM Russell Ruhland

COMM Connie Heller

LTCMDR Tony Fleming

LTJG Karen Pynenburg

The list is impressive and each individual would make a fine Captain; however, it is up to each of them if they wish to have their name place in nomination. While Jeff would love to be Captain of the DaVinci, he lives Moreland and it may be impractical for him to head the DaVinci. In addition, Connie has already made it plain that she will not accept her name being placed into nomination. The election process will run like this: Once the nomination process has been completed,

ballots will be mailed to each qualified primary member (that member whose name comes first on the membership application is the primary member) of the DaVinci no later than one week following the meeting. Why only the primary member? It is meant to prevent folks with large families from “stuffing” the ballot box so to speak. The ballots will have a self-addressed stamped envelope addressed to Lech Mazur, the DaVinci’s Science Officer. The ballots must be mailed to Lech no later than the Friday prior to the June Night Out/Meeting (12 June). The ballots will be tabulated and the results announced during the June Night Out/Meeting and published in the July newsletter. If you do not receive a ballot, it is your responsibility to notify Lech or myself so that we can mail you a duplicate ballot. I cannot stress enough how important the process of election is to you. Remember, the DaVinci is YOUR ship and you are the ones who have a say in who sits in the “Center Seat” for the next 2 years.

The process of the election begins with the nominations and if you only attend one Night Out/Meeting this year, this is the one to attend! Fortunately, the Night Out will be at the Olive Garden, a fairly well attended site. We do not need a quorum, however, we do need a good showing, and so please do your best to attend.

VADM Freddy Heller

## **FROM THE CENTER SEAT**

Last month was pretty slow but May will be an unforgettable month! So much is happening that I can hardly contain my emotions. First and foremost is the premiere of the new Star Trek movie on 8 May. I spoke to Micah Hendrick, the manager of the Carmike 15 at Columbus Park Crossing, and he will let us have a membership drive table on Friday and Saturday and if we wish at the midnight showing on Thursday! I plan on having a table at all three. As of press time I am not sure of the times but will get back with you as soon as I find out. I need volunteers to help man the table. I would prefer folks with uniforms but if you do not have one then your DaVinci club shirt will do just fine. For now, figure on manning the table from 6:00 PM -12:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. So if you can lend a hand, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks.

What is even more exciting is the new movie will also be showing at the IMAX Theater at the new Infantry Museum sometime in June. We have been invited to set up a table there as well. This is really great because I have always wanted to get a Military presence on the DaVinci and this is a great opportunity to do so. More on this as I find out the exact dates.

Next up on the agenda is our annual Sweet Tooth Party scheduled for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM! Yes folks, here is your opportunity to shatter every health and diet rule known to man! No lousy hamburgers, hotdogs, cole slaw, potato salad, or macaroni and cheese at this event. Nothing but cake, pies, ice cream, cookies, and any other decadent thing you can think of. Last year’s event was a blast, so plan on making it this year as well. Please let me know if you can come and what you plan on bringing.

Finally, the month will come to a close with our annual CO/XO birthday dinner. This year’s event will be at Red Robin on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Come help Russell (25<sup>th</sup>) and Freddy (26<sup>th</sup>) celebrate their birthdays.

As most of you already know, the USS DaVinci and the USS Atlanta will be co-hosts of the 2010 Region Two Summit which will be held at the Holiday Inn North right here in Columbus! Although the Summit will not be until next March there is still a lot of work to do to prepare for the arrival of nearly 100 folks from around and outside the region. What this means is that I will need volunteers to help plan, organize, and run the Summit. In that vein, I am planning the first of several meetings of the Summit staff for 10:00 AM, Saturday, 16 May. If you wish to be part of the Summit staff, please try to make this very important first meeting.

VADM Freddy Heller

## **SCIENCE STATION**

The schedules for the March astronomy night are as follows.

16 May, Providence Canyon, 9:00 PM

If you are interested in attending any of these nights, please give me a call and perhaps we can schedule an away mission.

ENS Lech Mazur

# MSG THUNDERWOLVES

Greetings fellow Marines! The 645th MSG will be transferring to the USS DaVinci soon with permission of her Captain. The Unit is an Aerospace group and we're looking for a few more good Marines to help me build up our ranks and earn us some awards.



I have access to a uniform maker in Warner Robins that can get us our shirts so we can go to those Summits and proudly represent who we are. I'm also big into training as you can tell by my Gold Boothby Award, which I received at the Region 2 Summit this March. I'm looking forward to the transfer and to working with the Marines aboard the DaVinci. Together we can create something to be envied.

GEN Barbara Paul

## NEW MOVIE GOODIES

Speaking of the new movie, if you did not know already, there are many products on the shelf with Star Trek related merchandise. Here is a partial list of the items and where they can be found:

### 3-D Warp Speed Plate

- Kellogg's Eggo Blueberry Pancakes: 12 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Buttermilk Pancakes: 12 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Mini Pancakes: 40 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Blueberry Waffles: 10, 16, 24 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Buttermilk Waffles: 10, 16, 24 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Chocolate Chip Waffles: 10, 16, 24 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Cinnamon Toast Waffles: 10, 16, 24 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo French Toast waffles: 8 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo French Toaster Sticks Cinnamon: 32 ct

- Kellogg's Eggo French Toaster Sticks Original: 32 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Homestyle waffles: 10, 16, 24 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Minis Buttery Maple Syrup Waffles: 10 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Minis Homestyle waffles: 10, 16 ct
- Kellogg's Eggo Stuffed French Toaster Sticks Maple Syrup: 6 ct

### Beam-Up Badges

- Kellogg's Frosted Mini-Wheats: 24 oz
- Kellogg's Frosted Flakes: 23 oz
- Kellogg's Apple Jacks: 17 oz
- Kellogg's Corn Pops: 17.2 oz
- Kellogg's Froot Loops: 17 oz
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies: 18 oz

### Flash Drive Wrist Band

- Keebler Fudge Shoppe Fudge Sticks

### Free Movie Pass

- Kellogg's® Pop-Tarts Toaster Pastries: 8, 12, 16 ct.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in May!

Leonardo DaVinci Dies (1519)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Astronaut Scott Carpenter	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Marc Alaimo (Dukat on DS9)	5 <sup>th</sup>
First American in Space (Alan B. Shepard, Jr. 1961)	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ENS Matthew Dunn</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Telstar 2 Communications Satellite Launched (1963)	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>PO2 Lisa Neal</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Skylab is Launched (1973)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Last Mercury Flight (Gordon L. Cooper 1963)	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LT Gisela Stephens</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>COMM Jeff Kirkland</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Vincenzo Fleming</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman to Break Sound Barrier (Jacqueline Cochran 1953)	18 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 10 Lifts Off (Cernan, Stafford, Young 1969)	18 <sup>th</sup>
John Billingsly (Dr. Phlox on ENT)	20 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 10 Flies Within 9 Miles of Moon's Surface (1969)	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Joan Collins (Edith Keeler on TOS)	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Second American in Space (Scott Carpenter 1962)	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>COMM Russell Ruhland</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>VADM Freddy Heller</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Harlan Ellison (Scrip Writer)	27 <sup>th</sup>
Lee Meriwether (Lorisa on TOS)	27 <sup>th</sup>
Mariner Nine Blasts Off to Mars (1971)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Discovery Docks at International Space Station (1999)	29 <sup>th</sup>

Michael J. Pollard (Jahn on TOS)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien on DS9)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Piller (Executive Producer)	30 <sup>th</sup>

## TABULATIONS

The tabs are beginning to flow in at a record pace! Here we are in the fifth month of the year and already we have nearly 30,000 tabs! At this pace we should easily reach our goal so keep those tabs coming. Remember, our goal for 2009 is to reach 110,000 tabs! If this amount is reached, the top "tabber" gets to pie both the Captain and First Officer! Yes, you get to pie both of us! Anyone else who reaches 10,000 tab donations gets his or her choice as to which one of us gets pied. What could be better than that? So start saving those tabs today. Here are the tab counts as of press time.

<b>Starting Balance</b>	Zero
Connie Heller	14813
Russell Ruhland	4135
Jeff Kirkland	3689
Freddy Heller	3149
Tony Fleming	2730
Roger Wright	800
Shane Russell	101
Joe Perry	30
<b>Total</b>	29447

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	64.20
Night Out	8.00
Closing Balance	56.20

COMM Connie Heller

## TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for May:  
 "Earth: Final Conflict, Season One" (5<sup>th</sup>)  
 "Star Trek, The Best of" (12<sup>th</sup>)  
 "Star Trek: The Next Generation, The Best Of" (12<sup>th</sup>)  
 "True Blood, Season One" (19<sup>th</sup>)  
 "Land of the Lost, Complete Series (26<sup>th</sup>)

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## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Attention! The Night Out locations for 2009 were selected at the Christmas party. The list is below. There are some new places this year. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list!

June	New China
July	Buffalo Wild Wings
August	Chili's
September	Ruby Tuesday (Veteran's)
October	Ryan's
November	Texas Roadhouse
December	Hong Kong Buffet

Congratulations to Randy Dunn, the winner of the free dinner at CiCi's Pizza during the April Night Out.

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

ENS Dutch Cummings for passing SIM-120, Stalag 17, from the School of IOIE - Intel in Movies and his promotion to full Ensign

CRMN Harold Stewart for his weekly donation of cans

LT Roger Wright for his donation of coupons

## MEMBERSHIPS

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your (or your family's) membership.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Steve Brown	Dec 09	
Hollie Bundy	Sep 09	
James Carey	Nov 09	<b>Jan 09</b>
Adam Chryst	Jul 09	<b>May 09</b>
Dutch Cummings	Jul 10	Feb 10
Randy Dunn	Feb 10	<b>Jun 09</b>
Tony Fleming	Jul 09	<b>Jun 09</b>
Freddy Heller	Jul 09	Sep 09
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 09
Benlee Huguley	Feb 10	
Todd Kes	Oct 09	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 10	Jul 09
Leiko Koone	Nov 09	Nov 09
Lech Mazur	Jul 09	<b>Jan 09</b>

Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 09	Oct 09
Joshua Nazario	Jan 10	
Lisa Neal	Jul 09	
Joe Perry	Jul 09	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 09	<b>May 09</b>
Russell Ruhland	Aug 09	Aug 09
Shane Russell	Mar 10	
Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 08
Harold Stewart	Feb 10	
Patty Williams	<b>Apr 09</b>	
Roger Wright	Jul 09	Feb 10

## MEMORY ALPHA

The 2007-2008 version of the DaVinci slideshow is now available! The cost is \$5.00 and is available on DVD. Please contact Connie to place your order.

## RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

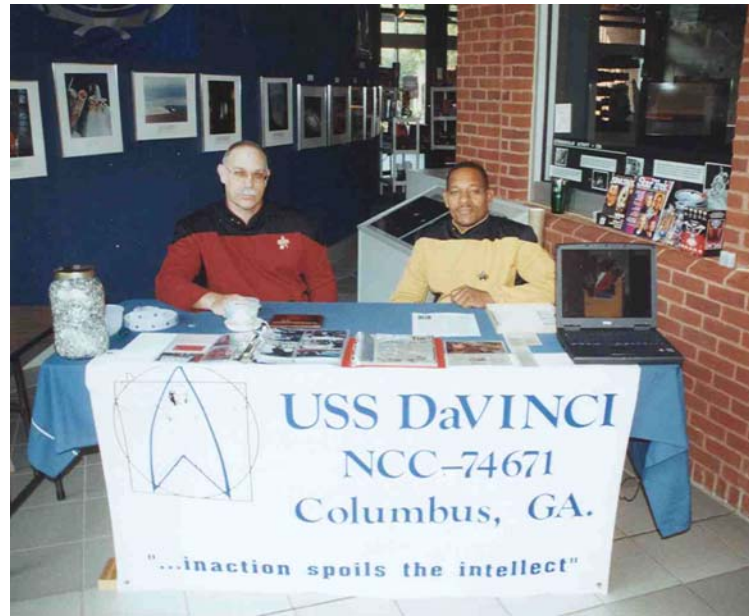
Even though we will no longer be meeting at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need for a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item, bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say "thank-you" for letting The DaVinci use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

## USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

I thought everyone would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminisce.

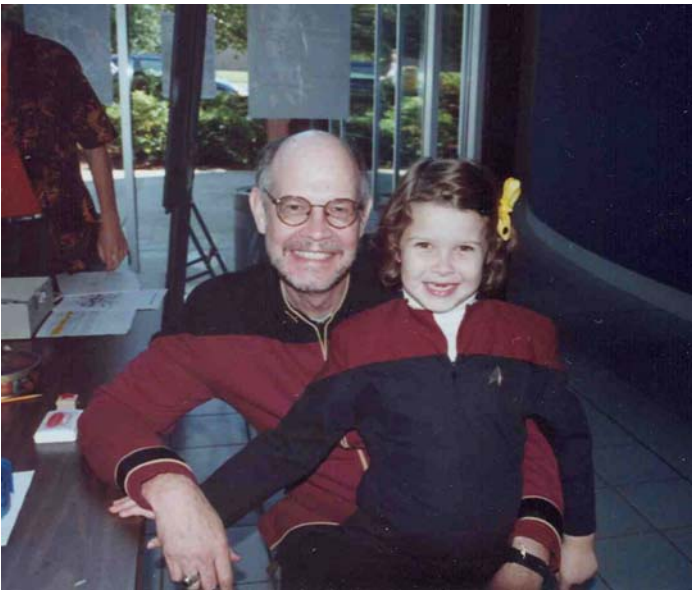
If you have any photographs that you would like to see published in the Pilot, feel free to send them to me with a brief explanation as to who is in the photo and when and where it was taken.



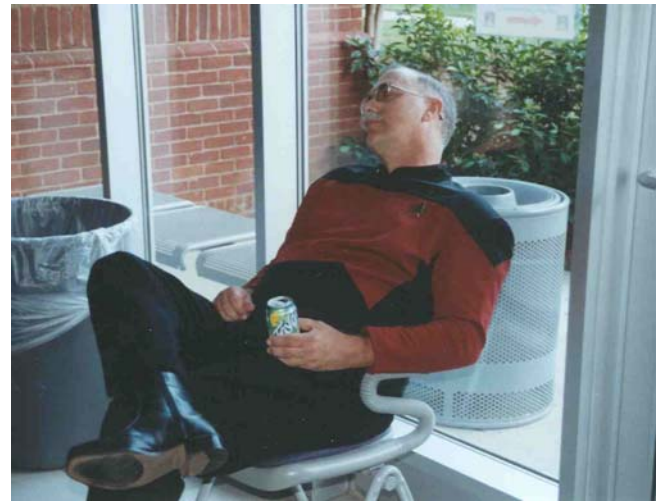
Russell and Roger manning the DaVinci table at the Space Science Center during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Columbus Game & Hobby Expo (25-26 Sep 2004)



Ariana stamping the wrist of an Expo attendee



Freddy and Ariana working the ticket table



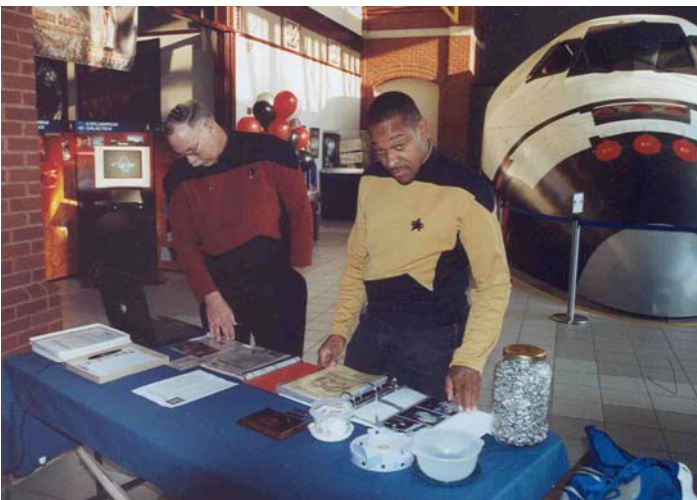
The ever-alert Russell standing watch over the rear entrance



Ariana and Connie at the Expo



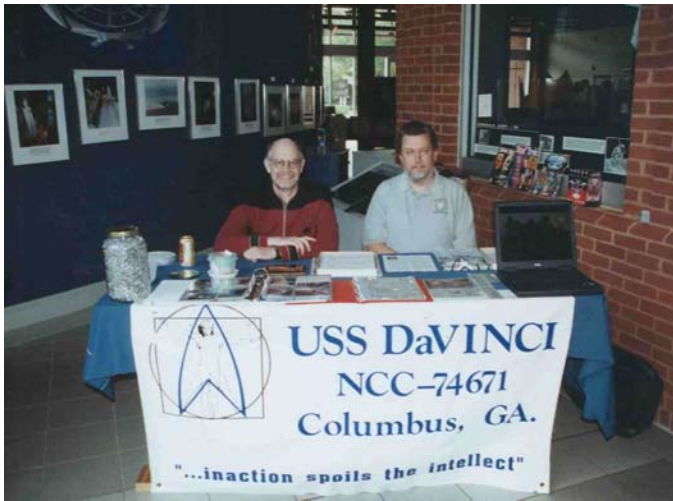
The Saturday DaVinci crew (From the left in the rear: Frazier and Russell; next row: Roger, Joe, Stacy, and Freddy; Stephanie is in the front)



Russell and Roger looking over the items on the DaVinci table



Future DaVinci member, Dutch Cummings, making an announcement to the attendees



Freddy and Joe manning the table on Sunday

## FINALLY!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter. Thanks!

## CARGO BAY

**For Sale:** Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

**For Sale:** Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

**For Sale:** If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

**Autographs:** Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

**Plates:** I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

**DaVinci Slideshow:** The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. See or call Connie for more info!



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