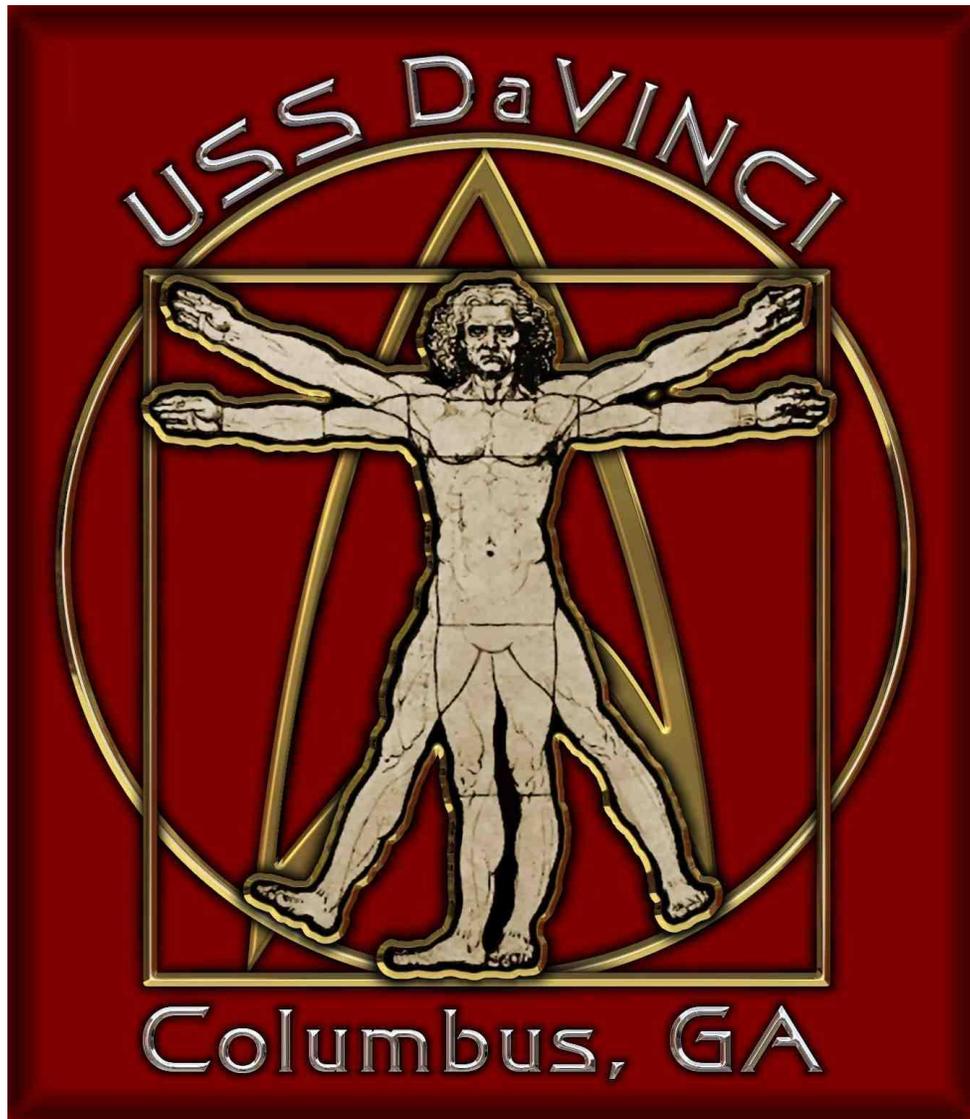


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UPCOMING EVENTS

****02 February, the Evans Family Farewell Luncheon, Golden Corral, 1:00 PM**

****18 February, Night Out at Jason's Deli, 7:00 PM**

****23 February, Belated New Years Eve Indiana Jones Movie Marathon, Freddy and Connie's House, 11:00 AM**

****24 February, Columbus Comic Book Show, Space Science Center, 11:00 AM**



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IT'S THE CAPTAIN CALLING

Our annual Christmas Eve dinner at Carrabba's was a success with 12 DaVinci participants. Unfortunately Diane and I could not make it this year due to conflicting obligations but check out some of Freddy's (who else?) pictures below.



Jonathan and Lech orders their meals and Melanie, mom Mary, and Dutch look at the menu.



Our server takes Margaret's order and Lech and Todd pose for the camera.

Well now, there were certainly quite a few crewmembers that showed up to get their “piece of the pie” at our annual Pie Party event, which was held at Freddy's home on the 12th of January. However; before all the fun began a good crowd met at Golden Corral for breakfast. The food was plentiful as was the comradeship and the conversations around the table ranged from tax changes to – what else – Star Trek! Everyone got their fill and then it was time to proceed to the Ronald McDonald House where the DaVinci donated the 100,000 tabs collected last year. Although we did not attain the overall total of 1,000,000 we had hoped for, we did come close enough that we should easily make it this year.

Freddy has decided to keep the donation level a secret because the crewmember that donates the final tab that brings the total to the 1,000,000-tab mark will receive a very special prize. Only time will tell so get those tabs collected now!



Joe and Russell and Lech and Todd enjoying their breakfast.



Connie, Martha, Jeff and Hal and Todd and the rest of the crew at breakfast!



Not a bad donation and the crew at the Ronald McDonald House tab turn-in (Hal, Connie, Maria, Joe, Russell, Lech, Martha, Freddy, and Jeff)

OK, the best part of the day came when some 22 or so DaVinci members gathered at Freddy and Connie's house at around 2:00 PM that same afternoon for a pizza luncheon and the ever so popular Pie Party. There was pizza enough for all and after everyone had had their full (of course I had my usual generous helping of mushroom pizza), everyone moved to the patio for the "fun" – the pie toss!

I was first up and took my place in the arena of "cool whippedness" and as the top donor for 2012, Jeff Kirkland, was in attendance to present yours truly with the first pie. I must say Jeff was extremely generous in his toss as I was covered with the creamy cool whip goo without hesitation.

Since Jessie was not in attendance (out of sorts with a bad reaction to a flu shot), Cami graciously (or should I say involuntarily) took the second pie for the XO, which was also tossed by Jeff. Needless to say, Cami's girls got their opportunity afterward for their fun and Cami took their tossing actions only as a good mom can do. Since Jessie was not there, her pie toss was auctioned off and Freddy was the high bidder. He smacked Joe, our Operations Officer, in the face with all the skill he could. Freddy was also the third highest "tabber" and Lech, our Science Officer, was his victim. Finally, with one pie left and since we do not have an Engineering Officer and no one from Engineering volunteer to take a pie, Freddy graciously stepped forward to allow me to toss the final pie into his smiling face. I certainly got my revenge for all those previous pies Freddy tossed at me in past years. Check out the photos from all the fun!

**NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP
MEETING WILL BE AT**

JASON'S DELI

**ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!!**



Robby and Cami and their daughters, Patty and her sons, and Russell, Hal, and Maria dig in!



Randy, Diane, and Jeff grab pizza while Anthony, Anya, Jadzia, Timmy, and Inara watch TV.



Hal and Randy enjoy the outside weather while Diane and Lisa prefer the warmer inside.



Jeff, the top tabber, smacks Russell, the CO, with a pie and Russell in the aftermath!



Jeff smacks Cami, the XO, with his second pie and the aftermath of that one!



Mom lets her three girls have their fun and Jadzia and Inara take advantage!



And so does Anya and Freddy gets his way with breakfast buddy Joe!



No Lech, you did not escape Freddy's wrath this year did you?



As the Klingons say Freddy, "Revenge is a dish best served cold!"



“Do I have to go through this again next year?”

After settling down from all the laughter and excitement, we sat around in an hour or so of general conversation and called it a day. Connie surprised us with some wonderful baked goodies both before and after the pie event! Overall, this was another very successful event for the USS DaVinci. Many thanks to Freddy and Connie for hosting this fun-filled activity and kudos to everyone who attended.

The January night out led us to the new Hibachi Buffet in Columbus on the 21st of January. During our conversation at the Pie Party we found out that Pho Vy II was closed on Mondays so it was decided to change to this new location. Eleven of the gallant DaVinci crew challenged the buffet tables to all they could eat and I must say that this restaurant was very good. They had a fine variety of both Chinese and American dishes along with the usual types of salad, fruit and ice cream. Joe and I almost had to pull out our Phasers to see who would get the most mushrooms and I made short work of 3 different types of shrimp. We chose for the free meal and lo and behold, our new XO, Jessie, won and Joe received the monthly Captain's perk prize of an Enterprise bridge set from the 2009 movie. Additionally, Jessie was promoted to Lieutenant as part of her rank progression in the XO's slot and Diane was promoted to Lieutenant for completing OCC. All in all, it was a wonderful time of food and fellowship.



Jessie and Maria pose for the camera while Diane and Russell enjoy the buffet.



Mackey and Lech enjoying the food as do Connie and Ariana.



Jessie, Joe, and Todd at the Night Out and Russell going back for seconds or is it thirds?



Russell pinning the LT pips on Jessie and Diane! Congratulations!



Congratulations to our January Night Out winners: Jessie (free meal) and Joe (bridge set)

One of our wonderful families is preparing to leave us! Jonathan Evans and his family are being transferred from Fort Benning to Fort Carson, CO. We will be holding a farewell luncheon for the family on Saturday, 2 February, 1:00 PM at Golden Corral. Please make your plans to attend this event to show Jon our appreciation for his dedicated service to our chapter.

Dutch has another Comic Book show scheduled for the Coca Cola Space Science Center on Sunday, February 24th from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. He could use some volunteers and can be contacted at: dutch@ccssc.org. We will also be handling our membership drive table and if you can assist with that project please contact me. Remember, USS DaVinci crewmembers get an admission discount so show your support for this activity.

Freddy has notified me that he has rescheduled the New Year's Eve Indiana Jones movie marathon. The new date will be 23 February beginning at 11:00 AM. Snacks will be provided and breaks will be taken for meals but you must bring your own drinks.

Well, that's all for now. Frequencies closed and warp speed ahead in 2013.

RADM Russell Ruhland

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Greetings Officers and Crewmates!

On Christmas Day, four members of the DaVinci joined in with dozens of other volunteers to assist with the Valley Rescue Mission's annual feeding of the homeless and needy. Freddy, Joe, Todd, and myself spent from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM setting up and dismantling tables and chairs, seating the individuals, refilling tea glasses, serving food, cleaning tables, emptying trash, and what ever the organizers needed for us to do! It was quite an experience and I am hoping to help out again both on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days! Check out some of the pictures below.



The organizers briefing the volunteers and Joe and Todd helping set up the tables.



Jessie helping seat the participants and Freddy clearing trash off the tables.



Jessie serves up some of the delicious food while Joe and Todd stack chairs.

Coming soon will be a comprehensive list and description of all the community service activities the DaVinci is involved in. I am hoping that 2013 will be another great year for the community service effort. Thanks for everything y'all did in 2012!

LT Jessie Sutton

REGION 2 SUMMIT

The 2013 Region 2 Summit in Muscle Shoals, AL is right around the corner! It is scheduled for the weekend of 08-10 March. So far, Freddy, Joe, Diane, and myself will be attending and the USS DaVinci has been nominated for several Regional awards again this year.

There will be activities for the entire family including panels, the Region 2 pie toss, Moogie's Store and Auction Emporium (Freddy is the proprietor), the Fleet Admiral's dinner, the awards banquet and awards presentation, games, and so much more. This is not so much a Regional Summit as it is a family reunion! I really encourage everyone to be a part of this wonderful annual event and it is never too late to register and reserve your room. Check out the Summit website at: www.secondfleet.org/Summit2013 and sign up today!

Joe and Freddy will be leaving on Thursday, 07 March so if you wish to go a day early you are welcome to ride with them!

Hope to see you at the Summit!

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TABULATIONS

The tabs are slowly coming in but we are still a long way from that one millionth tab! Freddy is in the lead but Tony and Jessie are right on his heels! Remember, the totals have been masked because the amount is to remain a mystery and the first person to donate the one-millionth tab will win a super prize. We need to reach at least 55,000 tabs to hit one million total tabs donated! So keep saving those tabs and you could be the big winner! The list of those who have donated in 2013 is below.

Starting Balance	*****
Freddy Heller	*****
Tony Fleming	*****
Jessie Sutton	*****
Lech Mazur	*****
Dutch Cummings	*****
Hal Stewart	*****
Maria Morgan	*****
Connie Heller	*****
Total	*****



DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The restaurants for the 2013 Night Out locations were selected at our Post Thanksgiving dinner get together at the Golden Corral. What a great list indeed! We made sure that restaurants we seem to hit every year were not chosen. The selected sites contain 7 restaurants we have never been to and 4 we have been to only once. Then there is the annual Captain's Choice pilgrimage to the Olive Garden in May! Check out the list below:

January	Pho Vy II [Vietnamese]
February	Jason's Deli
March	Subway
April	Thebodeaux's Low Country [Cajun]
May	Olive Garden
June	Parnello's
July	Stevi B's

August	Café Le Rue
September	Cannon Brew Pub
October	Lucky Dragon
November	Moe's
December	PhillyOsophy [Cheesesteaks]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Shuttle Columbia is Lost (2003)	1 st
Brent Spiner (Data on TNG)	2 nd
First Soft Landing on Moon of Manmade Object (Luna 9 1959)	3 rd
First Female Pilot of Shuttle (LTC Eileen Collins 1995)	3 rd
First Russian Aboard US Spacecraft (Sergei Krikalev 1994)	3 rd
First Untethered Space Walk (McCandless & Stewart 1986)	7 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix on VOY)	8 th
Jerry Goldsmith (Composer)	10 th
Philip Anglim (Vedek Beareil)	11 th
Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (Test Pilot)	13 th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak on DS9)	14 th
Simon Pegg (Montgomery Scott in Star Trek)	14 th
COMM Connie Heller	14 th
LeVar Burton (LTCMDR Geordi LaForge on TNG)	16 th
Maiden Flight of the Shuttle "Enterprise" (1977)	18 th
Pluto is Discovered (1930)	18 th
First American to Orbit the Earth (John Glenn 1962)	20 th
Ranger 8 Crashes on Moon (1965)	20 th
Shuttle Columbia Test Fires Its 3 Main Engines (1981)	20 th
Gary Lockwood (LT Gary Mitchell on TOS)	21 st
Martha Hackett (Seska on VOY)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine on VOY)	22 nd
Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Lwaxana Troi on TNG)	23 rd
Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo Girl on DS9)	27 th
Barbara Babcock (Voice of Loskene, Trelane's Mother, Beta 5 Computer Mea 3, and Philana on TOS)	27 th

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 family expiration dates. Please note that if your name is highlighted in **RED** in the DaVinci column this will be your last newsletter. If in **BLUE** your membership is expired or nearing its expiration so please renew as soon as possible. Thanks!

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Gage Brazie	Jul 13	
Steve Brown	Dec 13	
Mandel Cabrera	Jul 13	
James Carey	Jul 13	Sep 13
Mackey Carter	Jul 14	Jun 13
Don Cotton	Jan 13	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 13	
Randy Dunn	May 13	Jun 13
Jonathan Evans	Dec 12	Jan 14
Tony Fleming	Jul 13	Aug 13
Bart Glabman	Jul 13	
Ray Hannagan	Jan 13	Jan 13
Freddy Heller	Jul 13	Sep 13
John Hood	Mar 13	May 13
Cleveland Hooper	Aug 13	
Cami Houser	Jan 13	Jan 13
Richard Howe	Jun 13	
Benlee Huguley	Feb 13	
Todd Kes	Oct 13	Oct 13
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 13	Aug 13
Leiko Koone	Nov 13	Nov 13
Lech Mazur	Jul 13	Nov 13
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 13	Nov 13
Jonathan Morgan	Sep 13	Sep 13
Maria Morgan	May 13	May 13
Lisa Neal	Jul 13	
Kay Nepote	Jul 13	Jul 13
Andrea O'Connor	Jul 14	Mar 13
Joe Perry	Jul 13	Nov 13
James Prince	Feb 13	
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 13	Jun 13
Russell Ruhland	Aug 13	Aug 13
Park Scully	Mar 13	
Dennis Shaw	Jul 13	Jul 13
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 13
Harold Stewart	Feb 13	Apr 13

Jessie Sutton
Darel Troby
Corey Webb
Justin Whitaker
Janet Winkles

Nov 13
Jul 13
May 13
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Jul 13



WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined (*) or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S).

Steve Brown (D) Jonathan Evans (S) Patty Evans (S) Timothy Saucedo (S)
Anthony Evans (S) Elliott Evans (S)

DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

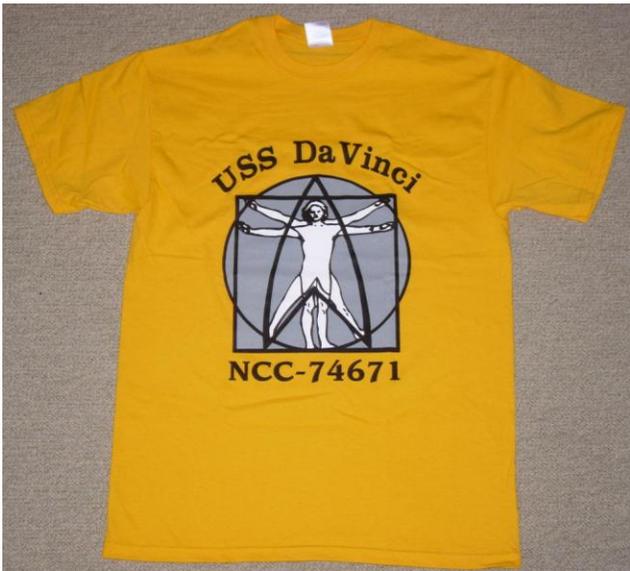
There are plenty in stock in varied sizes and are available for immediate sale. Prices are very reasonable (S-XL - \$10.00; 2X - \$12.00; 3X - \$14.00; 4X - \$15.00) and the shirts are now in color according to Star Trek departments, those of course being red for Operations, yellow for Engineering, and blue for Science. We do also have some shirts in the non-traditional ash gray if you desire. Please contact Freddy for size availability. Take advantage of this unique offer now if possible as the cost of the shirts may be going up by \$2 or \$3 due to economy changes. Check out the photos BELOW:



Operations



Science



Engineering



Generic Gray



ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
 Hal for his weekly donation of cans and stamps;
 Maria for her donation of cans, stamps, coupons, and Boxtops/Labels for Education;
 Dennis for his first place trophy in basketball skills.



FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	\$135.33
Cans	\$25.00
Pie party income	\$20.00
Renewal	\$10.00
Pie party expenses	\$63.44
Postage	\$4.55
Closing Balance	\$122.34

COMM Connie Heller

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for February that may interest you:

“Battlestar Galactica: Blood and Chrome” (19th)

“Game of Thrones, Season 2” (19th)

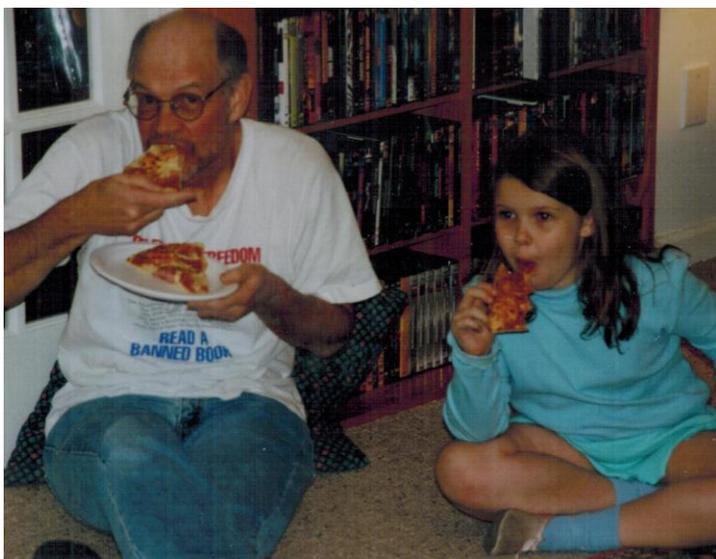
“Six Million Dollar Man, Season 3” (19th)



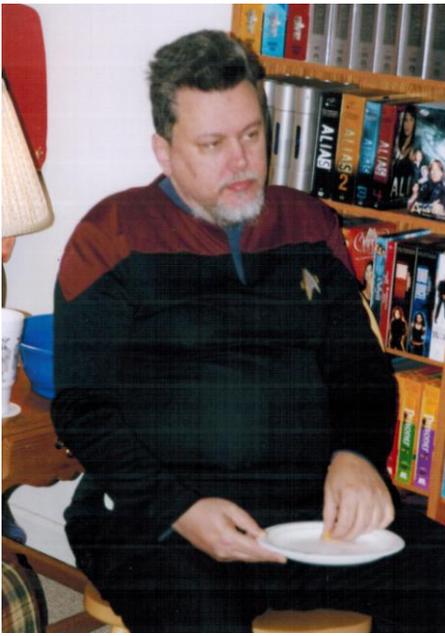
USS DAVINCI IN PICTURES

The following is a trip down the USS DaVinci 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 the USS DaVinci what it 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. If I get a name wrong, please let me know!

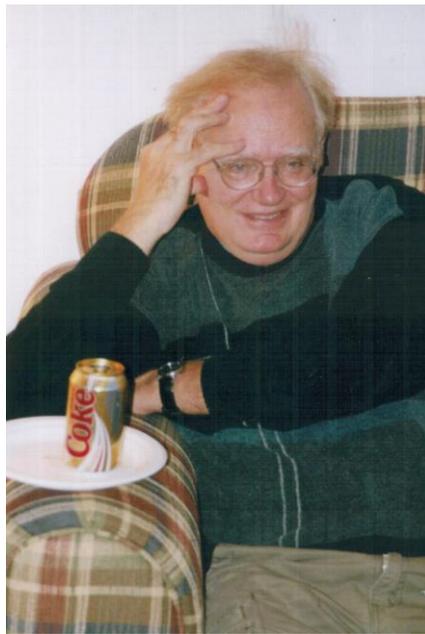
And now here are some pictures from our 06 January 2006 Sci-Fi premier night!



Freddy and Ariana enjoying some pizza while a tired Ariana falls asleep on the floor.



Joe, Russell, and Lisa enjoying the sci-fi television programming.



And so do Margaret, Lech, and Randy!



And here is the whole crew!

LINKS

Here are a few important web sites relevant to the DaVinci:

Starfleet Home Page: www.sfi.org
Starfleet Region 2 Home Page: www.region2.org
USS DaVinci Home Page: www.usdavinci.org
Craig's List: <http://columbusga.craigslislist.org/grp>



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