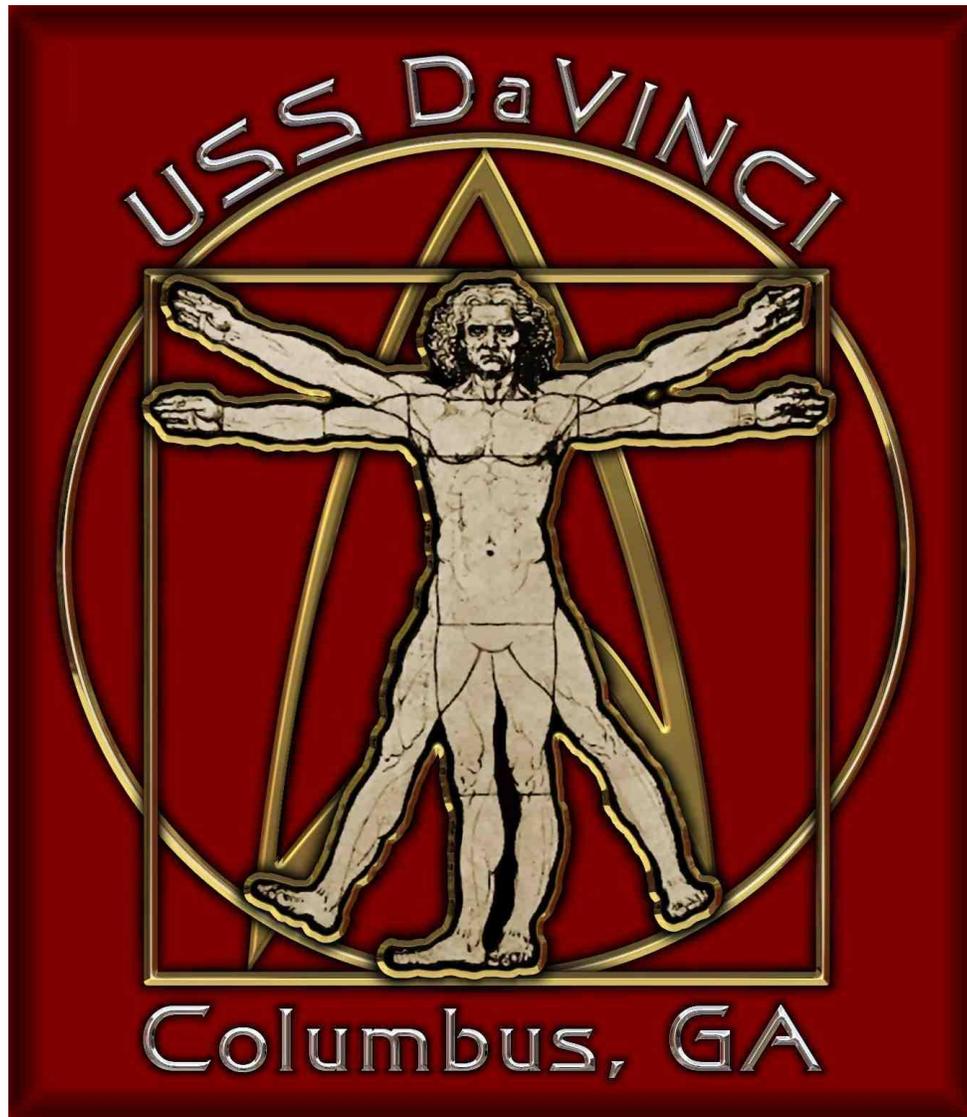


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UPCOMING DAVINCI EVENTS

****13 January, Tab Turn-In (9:30 AM) and Breakfast at Golden Corral (8:30 AM)**

****15 January, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Peluso's, 7:00 PM**

****20 January, Away Mission the Aviation Museum, Warner Robins, 7:30 AM at Freddy and Connie's for Car Pooling.**



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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

This is one of the saddest Pilot articles I have had to write in quite a while. One of our own, Chris Johnson passed away in his sleep on 01 December due to an arterial blockage. He was 35. Chris, along with Lisa and Adam joined the DaVinci in 2015 after Connie and I went to their garage sale. I believe I was wearing a sci-fi type t-shirt and, of course, one thing lead to another and soon they were not only DaVinci members but members of Starfleet as well. Their first appearance at a DaVinci event was the June Night Out/Membership meeting at Stevi B's. They sat at a separate table only speaking amongst themselves as if to check out the rest of the crew to make sure they had made the right decision. From then on, you could barely keep them away!

I suppose the first thing you noticed about Chris was his bandana which he seemed to wear at every occasion. It was not just one color either. In fact, of the 50+ pictures I took of Chris only in one he was not wearing something on his head. I am not quite sure how many he had but he seemed to wear a different color or style at every event. It suited him and I may not have recognized him without it. The second thing you would notice about Chris is that he seemed to know a little bit (maybe even a lot) about nearly everything. He could talk history, art, politics, biology, astronomy, and of course science fiction and fantasy. And, do not let him begin talking about gaming! He could go on for hours (and sometimes did). Another thing you noticed about Chris is how much he loved Lisa, his companion, lover, and best friend for the past 9 years. I cannot think of a time when only one of them came to a DaVinci event. You could tell by just watching them how much they cared for each other. It was unmistakable. They were a couple and had it not been for Chris' early passing they would have been a couple for years to come.

I will miss Chris. The DaVinci has lost a gentleman and a friend.

I hereby command the running lights of the USS DaVinci to be dimmed until further notice.

Rest in peace my friend.

Here are some photos of Chris from 2015-2017. Enjoy!



Chris with Adam and Lisa at Stevi B's (Jun 2015) and at the Hibachi Buffet (Jul 2015)



Chris without his trademark bandana at El Vaquero (Aug 2017) and at New China (Sep 2017).



At our Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall Cookout (Sep 2015) and the Thanksgiving Dinner (Nov 2017).



Chris with Lisa and his blue friend at the 2015 Christmas party.



With Lisa at our Anniversary Party (Mar 2016) and with David at the Columbus Library Fan Fest (May 2016)



At the ABCDE (May 2016) and with Joe and Lisa at our 4th of July cookout (Jul 2016).



A winner at the Speakeasy Pub (Aug 2016) and with Gregory at Connie and Russell's retirement dinner at the Olive Garden (Aug 2016)



With Lisa at the Hibachi Buffet (Oct 2016) and at Peluso's (Nov 2016)



A winner at our Christmas Party (Dec 2016) and (with Hal & Michael) at McAlister's (Dec 2016)



Chris and Lisa at our Pie Marty (Mar 2017) and at O'Charley's (Apr 2017)



Freddy presents Chris with the Order of Darmok and Jalad at our 4th of July party (Jul 2017) and With Lisa at Wild Wings Café (Jul 2017).



Scooping Ice cream (with Sandra and Michael) at our Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall party (Sep 2017) and winning again at Cheddar's (Sep 2017).

On 09 December, we held a memorial service at my house. Although I was hoping for a bigger turn-out, we had a gathering of about 15 folks who came to celebrate the life of Chris Johnson. Russell was gracious enough to lead a memorial service and following that, several folks spoke fondly of Chris. I would like to thank all who attended, Russell for his memorial to Chris, and my biggest thanks to Connie who volunteered our house, prepared all the food, and put together a wonderful video tribute to Chris.

Russell planned a surprise gathering of DaVinci crew members on 25 November to celebrate Diane's birthday. We met at Red Robin. Nine crew members were waiting for Diane and when she arrived and saw the crowd she was visibly moved. She had no idea we were coming! The food was great and the Guinness even better! Once everyone had just about finished their meals, Diane opened her presents and the Red Robin staff sang their own version of "Happy Birthday". Our server, Mary, did a great job keeping the 11 of us quite content. Check out the photo from the fun!



Check out the menu are Connie and Diane and Joe and Gregory.



Posing for a photo are Russell and Freddy and Jeff and Martha.



Also posing are Joe and Gregory and Sandra and Todd.



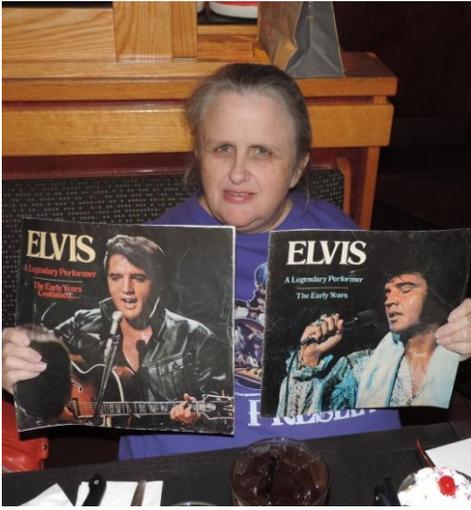
Freddy toasts his missing Guinness brother (Lech) while Joe ignore the whole thing and our server, Mary, gives a “thumbs up” for the birthday girl Diane!



Todd shows his celery covered spinach dip while Wilbert and Sandra enjoy their meals.



Connie and Diane, aka the “Gossip Girls” pose for a photo before doing what they do best!



Look what I received: Elvis booklets, and Elvis cup, Minnie Mouse ears, and a \$100 bill!!



The DaVinci crew inside and outside Red Robin at Diane's birthday celebration!

Since no one volunteered to host our annual Christmas party, we held the celebration at Golden Corral. Eleven DaVinci personnel attended and dined on a variety of good food from made-while-you-wait omelets to freshly prepared steak and nearly everything in between. Included in our motley crew was Maria Morgan who we have not seen at a DaVinci function in quite some time! It was great to see her again.

Once every one had just about finished their trios to the buffet, it was time for the fun to begin. First off was a couple of door prize drawing – autographs from my personal stash. I brought two unmarked envelopes containing the autographs. The first name drawn had their choice and that lucky person was Maria and she scored an autographed photo of Gwynyth Walsh who played B'Etor on the “Next Generation” and the same role in “Generations”. The next name drawn was Diane's and she won an autographed photo of Sam Witwer who is best known as Aidan Waite on “Being Human” and is currently starring as Mr. Hyde on “Once Upon a Time”. Following the door prize drawing all the tickets from the year were brought out and one name was drawn for the grand door prize of the year. Gregory was the lucky winner and received a set of four mugs each etched with one of the four insignia's from the Original Series: Operations, Science, Engineering,

and Medical. These mugs were graciously donated by Josh who won them during the charity auction at the Region 2 Summit in Columbus back in March.

After the obligatory photos were taken, it was time for everyone's favorite gag gift exchange. Not everyone participated but those who did managed to score some pretty gut hitting (ouch) gifts as well as some nice ones too. Seven folks participated with two extra gifts being brought. Maria brought one of the extra gifts but no one claimed the responsibility for the second. Numbers from 1-7 were placed in a container and was passed around for participating folks to draw a number. First up was – ah – me! Being first is always fun because you feel like a child in a candy store – so many choices! Anyway, I picked out my package - a bag containing four wrapped presents. Oh joy! The first one was a couple of DVDs, “Assault on Precinct 13” (a really good movie) and ARGGGG!, “Santa Clause Conquers the Martians” (a really bad movie which I know for a fact I gave away last Christmas!). Also in the bag was the first season of the “Osbournes”, a manga book, Limit, and Crest of the Stars: Princess of the Empire, a sci-fi fantasy book by Hiroyuki Morioka.

Next up was Gregory who had the misfortune of picking the gift with the kissing cows (complements of Connie and I) and who immediately decided that it would make the perfect gag gift for a party he was attending that evening. Unfortunately I did not have my camera ready in time because the look on his face after seeing the kissing cows was priceless!

The third drawer was Lisa M. who opened her choice to reveal the Amanda Family Kitchen Cuisine Play Set. Diane was number four and she received two 300 piece jigsaw puzzles. The fifth drawer, Maria, snagged a USS DaVinci cup. Number six, Sandra, opened hers to reveal a set of nice dish towels. Russell, the final selectee could have been in a bind had it not been for the extra two gifts because the only other one left was one that he and Diane had brought! Lucky for him he chose wisely and was quite happy when he received two hardback Star Trek novels, by William Shatner, Ashes of Eden and Spectre.

The final presentation of the day was a 2018 calendar of Chris pictures given to Lisa M. so that each month she could remember Chris and their time together. The calendar was created by Connie and by the look on Lisa's face it was very much appreciated.

Shortly after this, folks started to gather their belonging and gifts and began heading out the door. Cfcheck out the photos below for all the fun!



Lisa and Maria pose for a photo and Todd helps Diane by carrying her tray back to the table.



Russell and Diane enjoying their food and Todd and Sandra pose for a photo.



Also posing for a photo are Connie and Freddy and Jeanne and Josh.



Look what we won: Diane (autographed photo of Sam Wiwer); Maria (autographed photo of Gwyneth Walsh); and Gregory (etched Original Series glasses)



Gag gift “winners”: Freddy (DVDs & book); Gregory (kissing cows); and Lisa (kitchen play set).



More winners include: Diane (jigsaw puzzles); Maria (DaVinci mug), and Sandra (kitchen towels).



Final “winners” were Russell (Star Trek books); Diane (TNG DVD) and Todd (tool box toy belt)



Lisa poses with her Chris calendar and the DaVinci crew at our 21st Christmas party!

A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended our 21st Christmas party. Wish more folks would have attended and perhaps there would have been more had there been a volunteer to host it. Then we would have had turkey and dressing with all the delicious side dishes to go with it.

The next item on the December agenda was our monthly Night Out/Membership meeting which was held at the Panera Bread Company. This was a special event for Russell and Diane because it is here back in August of 2006 that Russell popped the question to Diane and since he did not have the ring yet he used – of all things – an onion “ring”. Here are the photos to prove it!



Russell get on his knees to propose and after she says “yes”, he slips the “ring” on her finger!

Unfortunately Russell and Diane were not there. We had a pretty good turn-out as 14 DaVinci personnel feasted on bread bowl soups, regular soups, sandwiches, and salads. The Marines had their monthly meeting and I could have sworn that I heard the word “mutiny” spoken once or twice during their conversation. It does not surprise me given their commander is a Klingon! Once everyone had just about wrapped up eating it was time for the Captain’s Perks and free meal drawings. During the Christmas get together at Golden Corral, Maria gave me a box full of different sci-fi/fantasy magazines (mostly Trek) to do with them what I wished. I was going to

donate them to Moogie's Store and Auction Emporium during the Region Two Summit but I decided to start giving them away as door prizes during DaVinci events. The first give-away was a set of three Star Trek the Official Fan Club's monthly publication the Communicators. Joe was the big winner. Following this, a name was drawn for the free meal and the lucky winner was Jeanne! Most everyone stayed around for a little while longer chatting amongst themselves. I gave few last minutes announcements and things began breaking up. There were lots of hugs all around, folks wishing each other the best for the holiday season.



Randy and Todd place their orders while Josh and his mom Jeanne decide what to order.



Joe, Jeanne, and Josh order their meals while Scott looks at the menu and Connie, Lisa, and Sandye hold tables in case more DaVinci folks arrive.

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The Marines have their meeting while my “spy” takes mental notes and Josh with his food.



Randy and Sandye enjoy their food and so too does Lisa and Joe (all the while talking about changes to World of Warcraft).



Freddy and Connie enjoy their meal and Joe (Communicator magazines) and Jeanne (free meal), the winners of the Night Out drawings.



Arriving a bit late (but we loved that they came) were Jeff and Martha and Sandra and Wilbert.



Wilbert and Sandra place their order and the DaVinci crew at Panera Bread Company during the December Night Out!

The next Night Out/Membership meeting will be held on 15 January at Peluso's beginning at 7:00 PM. Try to make this one as Monday's are all-you-can-eat pasta night! I hope to see you there!

The final get together for 2017 was our 6th annual traditional Christmas Eve dinner at Carrabba's. This year's attendance shattered the record as 17 DaVinci personnel and one guest dined on a variety of wonderful Italian fare. There was a bit of confusion as the tables I was told we were to be seated at were given away and so we had to wait a little longer before we were seated. By 7:20 PM everyone was in their seats and deciding what to order. Connie and I attend Carrabba's wine dinner each month and our server at that event is super so when I made our call ahead seating request I specifically requested Kenneth to be our server. I was not sure how he would handle 18 folks by himself but he did not disappoint. He kept the drinks coming, the dirty dishes removed, did not mess up on an order, and handled the billing flawlessly. I wish to thank Bill and Barbara, who drove from Warner Robins, and Karl and Carole, who drove from Warm Springs, to attend our annual event. Check out the photos from all the joyous good time!



Waiting to be seated are Diane, Russell, Scott, and Bill and Diane, Sandye, and Randy.



Also waiting are Karl and Lech and Starfleet Marines Josh, Scott, and Barbara.



The crowd gets restless: Joe, Karl, Josh, Barbara, Scott, and Bill and Steve Sandye, Randy Diane, Lisa, Todd, and Lech.



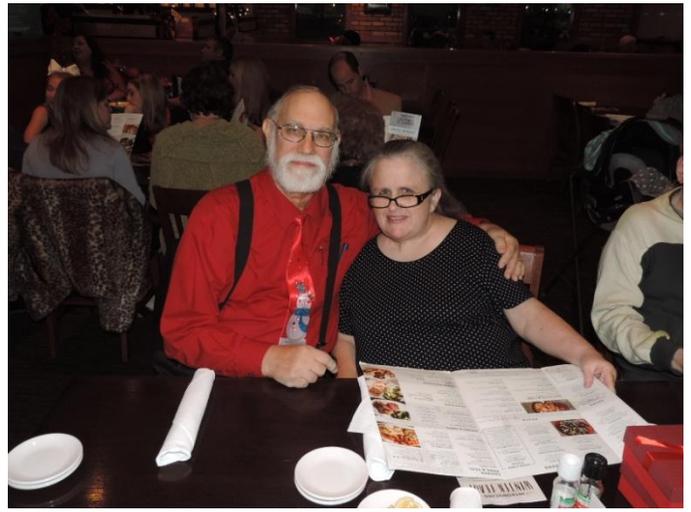
Finally seated and checking out the menu are Carole and Steve and Margaret and Lech.



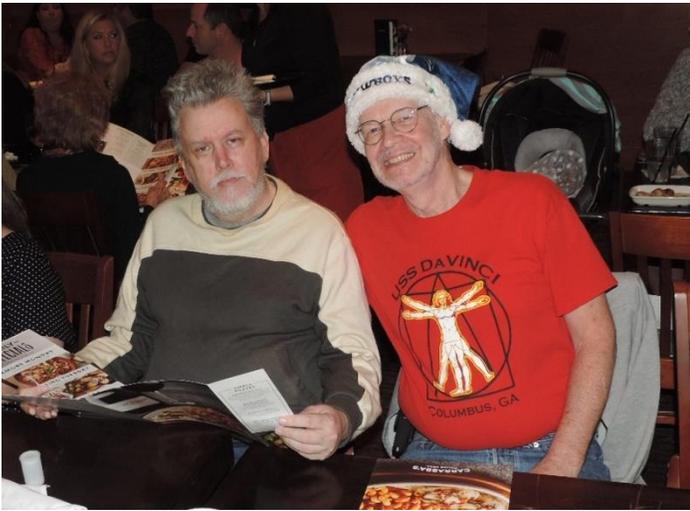
And Sandye and Randy and Bill and Barbara also check out the menu.



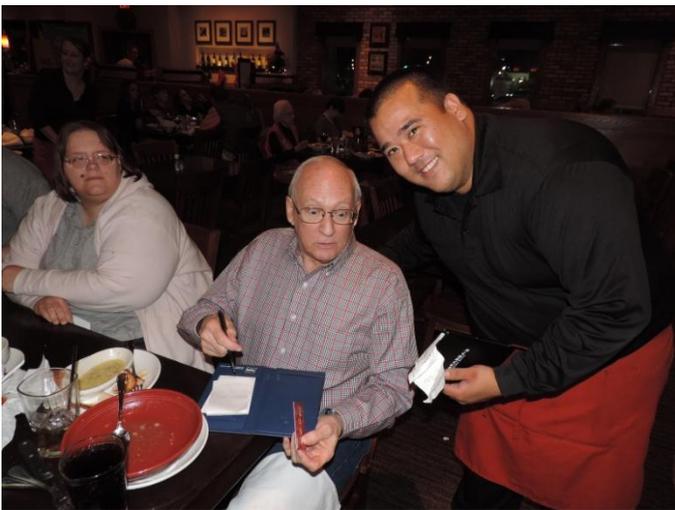
Also deciding what to order are Lisa and Karl and Freddy and Todd.



Jeanne and Josh seem overjoyed and Russell and Diane pose for an intimate photo.



Long time friends and breakfast buddies Joe and Freddy pose together and Barbara and Scott sit at the Marine contingent table.



Kenneth takes Karl's order while Lisa looks on and Kenneth adding cheese to Jeanne's order while Josh looks on in amazement!



Freddy show his calamari and the DaVinci crew inside...



And outside Carrabba's during our traditional Christmas Eve dinner.

A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended this wonderful celebration of the holiday spirit. As an extra thanks to all the attendees, I gave everyone an extra ticket. Thanks again.

On Christmas day, folks from the DaVinci volunteered their time to help feed the less fortunate at the Valley Rescue Mission. Todd and I joined about 25 other volunteers to do a variety of tasks including decorating the tables, serving the food to the needy, refilling their beverage glasses if needed, cleaning up, and emptying the ever filling trash cans. Other volunteers prepared the "plates" of food. Each one contained turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll, and butter. Plus there were a variety of desserts from pies to donuts to muffins to slices of cake. Quite a feast for some of the folks. We arrived a bit early due to some misinformation given to Todd

but still managed to lend a hand. At around 11:00 AM the volunteers gathered and listened to the Valley Rescue Mission personnel let us know what was happening and what was needed. Then it was time to prepare the dining area for the influx of folks beginning at noon. The room filled up quickly and everything went quite smoothly as folks came and went. By 1:00 PM it was all but over with the exception of one or two late comers. After everything was cleaned up we were allowed to eat any leftovers (and there was plenty). It was and is a wonderful experience and I hope to make this a yearly event. Yes it is on Christmas day but think of all the things you have been blessed with that the people that Valley Rescue Mission feeds that do not have. They also feed the needy at Thanksgiving. Please make some time to lend a hand.



Todd and Freddy wait for the rest of the volunteers to arrive.



Todd and another volunteer, Ellie, help place plastic covers on the tables and Todd at the beverage station

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Todd and volunteers finish decorating the tables and a group of volunteers prepare the dessert.



Freddy and Todd, the “Trash Gatherers,” and volunteers in the kitchen preparing the plates of food



Todd preparing the salt and pepper shakers and the plates of food stack up ready to be passed out.



Ellie refills a gentleman's tea and Freddy poses with Judith, another "Trash Gatherer."



Judith and Todd, the trash man" pose for a photo and some of the feasting volunteers!

A BIG Bajorn thanks goes out to Todd who contacted me about this volunteer work. The DaVinci has volunteered before (2012) but it has been too long since we last helped out. Once more, please give some thought about helping out next year. It only will take a few hours of your time but will mean so much to the folks at Valley Rescue Mission and the folks that they feed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Well, there was one more event - honestly the last one. The day after Christmas 7 DaVinci folks met at my house for Pizza and a Movie night. Todd had a buy one, get one coupon from Papa John's and brought two everything pizzas one with mushrooms and olives and one without the afore mentioned but with tomatoes. I had a coupon for a free pizza from Stevie B's and brought home one with extra cheese, ham, and green peppers. Plus I bought an apple dessert pizza. Once everyone had settled down and helped themselves to their first serving of pizza I started the movie. We watched Dunkirk a terrific movie about the evacuation of British and French soldiers from the beaches of Dunkirk in France during World War II. I was not alone in my opinion. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the film. I hope to make this a monthly or bimonthly event so keep an eye on your in-boxes. Oh, I also convinced Lisa's housemate to join the DaVinci and Fleet!



Todd arrives with two “everything on it” pizzas and the pizzas in the TV room for handy serving.



Lisa waits for Steve while Gregory samples an ingredient to make sure it is not the dreaded any color bell pepper and finding that it is indeed bell peppers, slow picks them out of the pizza!



The beginning of the movie and the DaVinci crew at the 1st Pizza and a Movie Night!

Okay folks, I have scheduled the tab turn-in to the Ronald McDonald House for 13 January. We will meet at Golden Corral for breakfast at 8:30 AM followed by the turn-in at or about 9:30 AM. No need to wear a uniform this year (unless you wish to) but do wear your DaVinci or Star Trek t-shirt. If the weather is nice, the pie party may be at 1:00 PM the same afternoon as the tab turn-in. If not, the pie party will take place at our anniversary party in March. The official list of those eligible to toss a pie (5,000 tabs) and those they get to pie are as follows: Jeff (16,000 tabs) gets to pie Freddy and Joe; Connie (8,294 tabs) gets to pie –sigh- Freddy; and Russell (5,000 tabs) gets to pie Joe. The pie party is always a lot of fun, so please clear your calendar for this event. Pizza will be served but you must bring your own beverage of choice. I will keep y'all posted so watch your in-boxes for all the up-to-date information.

Next, the rescheduled away mission to the Aviation Museum will be on 20 January. For car pooling be at my house at 7:30 AM. Depending on how many come, we will either eat at Bill and Barbara house feasting on hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings or at a restaurant back in Columbus later that afternoon. Watch your email for more information on both of these events.

Happy New Year!

Until the next time - engage!

ADM Freddy Heller



PASSAGES

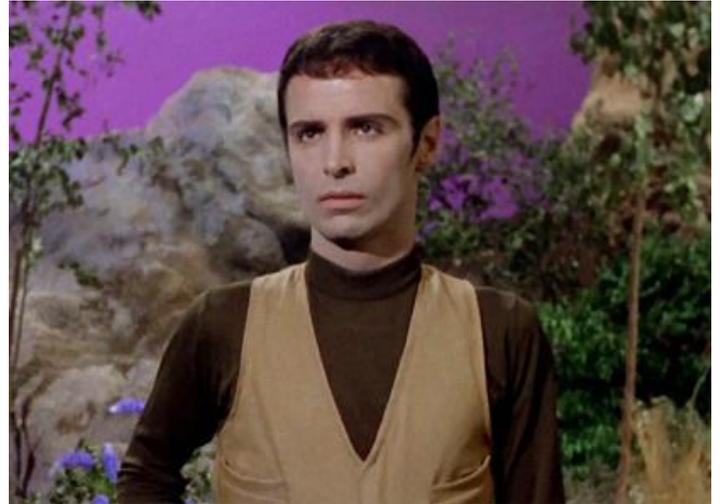
StarTrek.com is saddened to report the passing of Stewart Moss, a veteran actor, writer and director who twice guest starred on Star Trek: The Original Series. Moss, who played Joe Tormolen in “The Naked Time” and Hanar in “By Any Other Name,” died of a heart attack in September, though word of his death has just now been made public. He was 79 and would have turned 80 on 27 November.

Moss's life and career intersected with everyone from Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Alfred Hitchcock and Frank Sinatra to Rock Hudson, Robin Williams, Hugh Hefner and more than a few Playboy Playmates, that last fact courtesy of his directing shows for the then-fledgling Playboy Channel, as well as Marianne McAndrew, his wife of 50 years.

As an actor, Moss counted among his film and TV credits Raise the Titanic, Topaz, In Harm's Way, The Bat People (with his wife), The Missiles of October, Hogan's Heroes, Bonanza: The Return, Mannix, Quincy, Ironside, Cagney and Lacey, Rockford Files, T.J. Hooker, The Six Million Dollar Man, Perry Mason, Punky Brewster and The Fall Guy. He also acted in a total of 64 stage productions on Broadway, off-Broadway, regionally and in dinner theater.

On Star Trek, Moss portrayed two very different characters. As Tormolen in "The Naked Time," he was the Starfleet officer who pulled a knife -- a butter knife -- on Sulu and Riley, and died after falling on it.

Later, in "By Any Other Name," his character Hanar was part of an alien species, the Kelvan that assumed human form to commandeer the Enterprise. StarTrek.com spoke to Moss in 2015, when he released his autobiography, My Trek. He clearly preferred the second of his two Trek experiences.



Moss as Joe Tormolen in the "Naked Time" and as Hanar in "By Any Other Name"

"We started out as very pale, almost whitish in complexion and stiff, somewhat robotic," Moss recalled of the Kelvan in our interview. "As the story went on, we became more human-looking and behaving, which eventually did us in. As an actor, the progression in playing Hanar was interesting to deal with. As I remember it, I worked through the entire shooting of "By Any Other Name" and only three days on "The Naked Time," but the latter was my best experience. It was a juicier part. I had scenes with Bill, Leonard and DeForest Kelley, who was my favorite Star Trek cast member."

As that 2015 interview concluded, Moss marveled at the fact that Star Trek remained a part of his life nearly 50 years on. "The whole Star Trek phenomenon is mind-blowing," he said. "Who would've think that almost 50 years later it's still going strong? I haven't done any conventions in six years, but I get a request now and then in the mail from fans from all over the world asking for an autograph, to which I happily comply. All in all, being a part of the Star Trek world is something of which many actor friends of mine, who have more impressive resumes, are envious."

Thanks to Startrek.com for the information.

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678th STARFLEET MARINES

Greetings Marines!

As we start a new year, I am looking forward to growing the unit, planning some away missions, and having some recruiting drives. As you know, we will be doing our first recruiting drive as a unit with the USS DaVinci during the Columbus comic book show at the Coca Cola Space Science Center on 25 February.

With that said, our DOIC, MCPT Scott Roop and I, have acquired our Monster Blacks and will be in uniform for this event. For those of you that will be able to attend, don't worry about coming in uniform if you don't have one, just come! Make sure to wear a DaVinci t-shirt or other Starfleet uniform. We want our presence to be seen.

In the way of uniforms, Scott and I both ordered our uniforms from the same supplier on eBay and had them custom made. I was worried about the quality and how they would fit, but we were both surprised. They fit us very well and are made of good quality materials. Also, they come with the pants with the blood red stripes on the side also suitable for wearing with your Salt and Peppers. The supplier is in China, but fear not! They were very quick with making them, sending them out and communicating with the questions I had. I got mine nine days after I placed my order and they were well worth the money spent and if any of you decide on buying one, contact me and I will send you a link to the supplier on eBay.

Scott and I also discussed acquiring our insignias and rank pins and I am trying to get a hold of our quartermaster on this. I brought our unit patches, courtesy of our Battalion OIC, GEN Barbara Paul, and passed them out. If you weren't able to make the meeting and would like your patches feel free to contact me and I can arrange to get them to you.

As mentioned earlier, I also briefly discussed with Scott, about having some away missions in the New Year. One idea I had was to visit GEN Barbara Paul and see the museum in Warner Robins. I also thought maybe we could also visit our own Infantry Museum on Fort Benning and possibly invite some other units to join us. Also I would possibly like to have some events sponsored by our unit and have our fellow DaVinci personnel attend.

If any of you have any ideas or things you would like to see or do, feel free to let me know and we can see if we can make it happen. The possibilities are endless!

Until next time, Ooh Rah!

Brigadier Joshua Ainsworth



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

The new rates for membership in Starfleet are in place and are a pretty good deal. NOTE: There are no more paper memberships available. All memberships are electronic (via email). If you are thinking of joining Fleet but the expense was too high now you can get your membership for much less money. Not only will you save money there, but your membership in the DaVinci is half off as well (up to a \$7.50 savings!) and you are automatically promoted to Acting Ensign! The new Starfleet membership rates are: Individual - \$5; Family of 2 - \$9; Family of 3 - \$12; Family of 4 - \$14; Family of 5 - \$16; and Family of 6 - \$17. Paper membership certificates are no longer available – all memberships are now completely digital. However, if you wish a paper certificate it will cost you \$3.00 for each one plus shipping. If you want a printed copy of the Starfleet handbook it will cost you \$8.00 plus shipping. If you are not in Starfleet, please give some thought about joining this great organization!



TABULATIONS

The final tally is in and we managed to collect the largest number of tabs in 6 years! Jeff wins this year (I eliminated myself from the competition due to great source for tabs) followed by Connie, and Russell who just made the minimum amount (5,000 tabs) to be qualified to toss a pie. At the Pie Party Jeff gets to pie both Freddy and Joe while Connie gets to smack her loving spouse (me), and Russell gets to pie Joe. The tab collection for 2018 begins now. Start saving those tabs! As always, the tabs can come off any type can from pop to cat food to dog food to soup! Ask your neighbors to save tabs for you; ask your church or other social group to save tabs. You will be surprised as to how many tabs you can collect that way.

Here are the final 2017 totals as of press time:

Starting Balance	237
Freddy Heller	90000
Jeff Kirkland	16000
Connie Heller	8288
Russell Ruhland	5000
Todd Kes	3233

Mackey Carter	1906
Randy Dunn	911
Lech Mazur	608
Hal Stewart	401
Scott Roop	292
Gregory Newer	33
Sandra Adams	33
Wilbert Adams	33
Joe Perry	20
Karl Henry	3
Ariana Heller	2
Total	127000



DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The Night Out/Membership Meeting locations for 2018 were selected at our Thanksgiving get together at Golden Corral. We also chose to alternate locations in case the original location falls through. There are some great restaurants in store with a couple new locations and several we had not been to in quite a while. I hope you will mark your calendars. Here are the 2018 locations:

January	Peluso's
February	New China
March	Cracker Barrel (It Has Been a While!)
April	Texas Roadhouse
May	Olive Garden **UNIFORM NIGHT**
June	Red Lobster (13 th Street)
July	Ruby Tuesday
August	Wild Wings Cafe
September	Zombie Pig BBQ **NEW**
October	Hooter's (It Has Been a While!)
November	Zaxby's (PC) **NEW**
December	Houlihan's (Downtown)
Alternate #1	Pho Viet
Alternate #2	CiCi's (Macon Road)

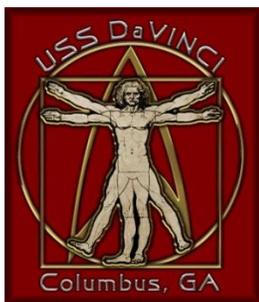


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Here are just a few of the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in January.

First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1969)	1 st
First Coast to Coast Broadcast of Color TV Program (NBC 1954)	1 st
ENS Andrew Edwards	2 nd
First Rocket Fired Past Moon (Russia 1959)	2 nd
Deep Space Nine Premier (1992)	2 nd
Mars Probe Spirit Lands on Mars (2004)	3 rd
Aron Eisenberg (Nog on DS9)	6 th
ENS Natalei Zappala	6 th
First Around-the-World Trip by Commercial Airplane (Pacific Clipper 1942)	6 th
Mark Allen Shepard (Morn on DS9)	7 th
Four of Jupiter's Moons Discovered (Galileo 1610)	7 th
Early Motion Picture Experiment Took Place (Thomas Edison 1894)	7 th
Michelle Forbes (Ro Laren on TNG)	8 th
Last Unmanned Probe Lands on Moon (Surveyor VII 1968)	9 th
First Hispanic in Space (Franklin Chang-Diaz 1986)	12 th
Kirstie Alley (LT Saavik from Wrath of Khan)	12 th
CRMN Harold Stewart	13 th
Cassini Probe Lands on Titan (2005)	14 th
China Lands First Rover, Yutu, on Surface of Moon (2014)	14 th
Shuttle Columbia Blasts off with Israel's (Ilan Ramon) First Astronaut (2003)	16 th
Voyager Premier (1995)	16 th
First Non-Stop Round-the-World Flight by Jet Planes (3 B52's 1957)	16 th
First Landing of Aircraft On a Ship (Eugene Ely on USS Pennsylvania 1911)	18 th
Coast to Coast Air Record Set (Howard Hughes 1937)	19 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard McCoy on TOS)	20 th
First Atomic Submarine, USS Nautilus, is Launched (1954)	21 st
David Gerrold (Author & Script Writer)	21 st
ENS Julie Thane	22 nd
Reporter Nellie Bly Completed a Round-the-World Trek in 72 days (1890)	23 rd
Alexander Graham Bell Began Transcontinental Telephone Service (1915)	23 rd
JFK Held the First Live Radio and TV News Conference (1961)	23 rd
President Reagan Directs NASA to Build An International Space Station (1984)	25 th
Mars Probe Opportunity Lands on Mars (2004)	25 th

LT Mike Walker	25 th
CRMN Yonah Linsey	26 th
Thomas Edison Received a Patent for an Electric Incandescent Lamp (1880)	27 th
Atomic Testing Began in the Nevada Desert (1951)	27 th
James Cromwell (Zephram Cochrane from First Contact)	27 th
Apollo I is Lost [White, Chaffee, & Grissom Die] (1967)	27 th
Shuttle Challenger is Lost (1986)	28 th
CRMN Karl Henry	29 th
Moon Probe Ranger VI is Launched (1964)	30 th
US Launches First Satellite (Explorer I 1958)	31 st
Ham the Chimp is Launched into Space for 16-1/2 Minute Flight (1961)	31 st
Apollo XIV is Launched (1971)	31 st



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 highlighted in **BOLD** your membership has expired or nearing its expiration so please renew soon. Thanks!

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Jul 18		Everett Leonard	Dec 18	
Josh Ainsworth	Aug 18	Aug 18	Jake Lowe	Jul 18	Jul 19
Michael Allen	Jul-18	Jul 18	Lech Mazur	Jul 18	Dec 18
Steve Brown	Dec 17		Lisa Monhead	Jul 18	Jul 18
James Carey	Sep 18	Sep 18	Maria Morgan	May 22	
Mackey Carter	Jan 21	Jan 18	Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 18	Sep 19
David Craft	Jul 18		Gregory Newer	Nov 18	Dec 18
Dutch Cummings	Jul 18	Jul 18	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
Steve Cushing	Dec 18	Dec 18	Kevin Parker	Feb 18	
Vee Floyd	Jul 18	Jul 18	Barbara Paul	Jul 18	Mar 20
Paul DeHart	Jul-18	Jan-18	Joe Perry	Jul 18	Nov 18
Kim Diggs	Dec-17		Paige Reagan	Aug 18	Nov-19
Randy Dunn	Jul 18	Jul 20	Jessie Reddy	Sep 18	Sep 18

Whitney Gaines	Aug 18	Mar-18	Scott Roop	Jul 18	May 18
Laura Gordy	Aug 18	Oct 18	Russell Ruhland	Aug 18	Feb 20
Freddy Heller	Jul 18	Mar 19	Dennis Shaw	Jul 18	Jul 18
Karl Henry	Mar 18		Thelma Shumpert	Dec 18	Nov 18
Todd Kes	Oct 19	Nov 18	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Dec 18
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 17	Aug 18	Harold Stewart	Feb 18	May 18
Leiko Koone	Dec 17	Feb 18	Chris Turkovitz	Aug 18	
James Kuzak	Feb 18		Mike Walker	Jul 18	Jul 19
David Lindsey	Mar 19	Mar 19	Natalei Zappala	Jul 18	Sep 18



AHOY! WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Gregory Newer (D) (S)	Latisha Brown (D) (S)	Everett Leonard (D)
Maria Morgan (D)	Lech Mazur (S)	Gisela Stephens (S)
Steve Cushing (D*) (S*)		



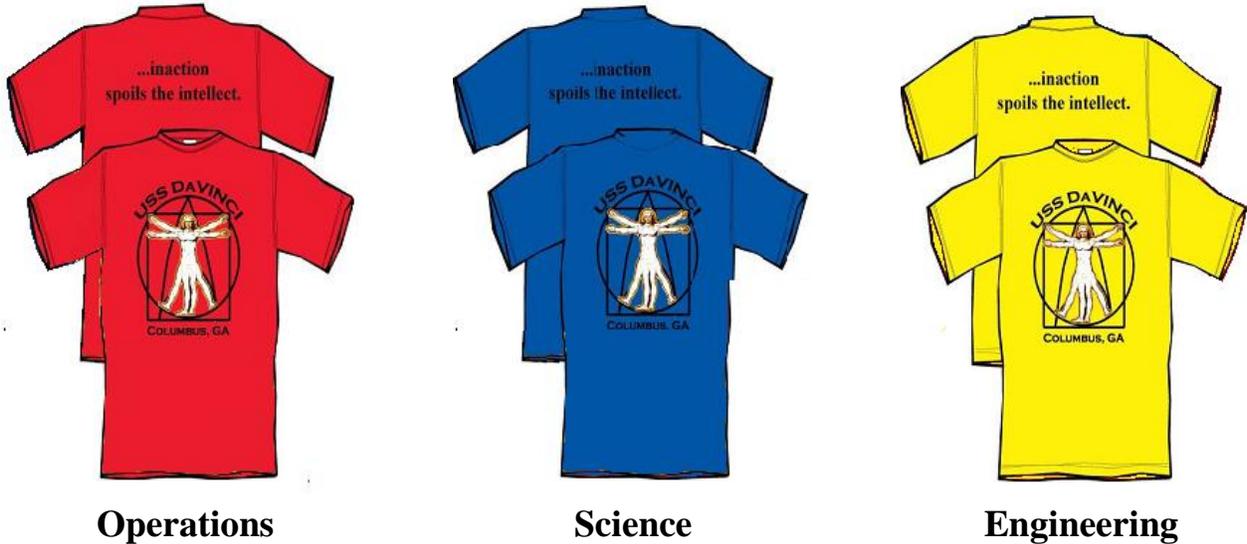
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Closing Balance	\$126.64

VADM Connie Heller

DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

The new DaVinci t-shirts are in!! They are quite nice and I am sure they will go fast so make sure you reserve yours today. The cost is very reasonable: YM to L (\$11); XL (\$12), 2X (\$13), 3X (\$14), and 4X (\$15). I did order (I hope) enough of each size and this time around some youth medium in each color. Oh, we still have a few of the older ones left and they can be purchased at a slight discount. Here is what the new ones look like:



Here is what we currently have in stock:

<u>Operations (Red)</u>		<u>Science (Blue)</u>		<u>Engineering (Yellow)</u>	
Medium	2	Youth Medium	1	Youth Medium	1
Large	1	Small	1	Small	1
XL	4	Medium	2	Medium	5
2X	3	Large	3	Large	3
4X	1	2X	3	XL	1
		4X	1	2X	2
				4X	1

We also have several of the older versions DaVinci shirts available for a discount – your choice \$7.00 each. Here is what we have: Operations (1 - medium); Science (1 - medium); Engineering (1 - medium); Generic Gray (1 - medium and 2 – XL); and believe it or not we still have two previously worn of our first gray t-shirts (medium) in stock for \$3.00 each. If you want any of the above t-shirts feel free to email or call me to reserve your size. I cannot hold it forever so if you reserve a shirt, please pay as soon as possible. Thanks.



ACCOLADES

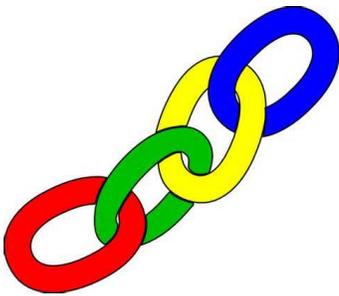
A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
Hal Stewart for his weekly donation of cans; and,
Jeff for his donation of coupons.



TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some DVD releases scheduled for January that might interest you:

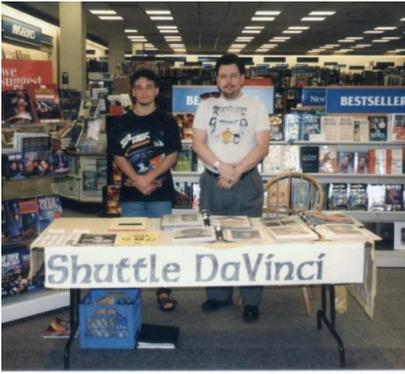
"Girlfriends, Complete Series" (9 th)	"Paper Chase, Season 4" (23 rd)
"SWAT, Complete Series: (16 th)	"Ray Donovan, Season 5" (30 th)



LINKS

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

Craig's List:	http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp
Starfleet Database	https://db.sfi.org
Starfleet Home Page:	http://www.sfi.org/
Starfleet Region 2 Home Page:	http://region2.org/
USS DaVinci Home Page	http://www.usdavinci.org/



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. 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! Okay, here is Part V of our 9th annual 2007 4th of July cookout.



Freddy and Russell present Certificate of Appreciation to Randy and Lech.



Freddy and Russell present certificates to Todd (Enlisted Member of the Year) and to Margaret (Officer of the Year).



Freddy and Russell present Randy with his Officer's Training School (OTS) certificate and then Freddy promotes Randy to LTJG!



Freddy and Russell pose with the newest LTJG on the DaVinci and Freddy presents Russell with the USS DaVinci Legion of Merit certificate – the highest DaVinci honor.

Next month, Part V of our 9th annual 2007 4th of July cookout!

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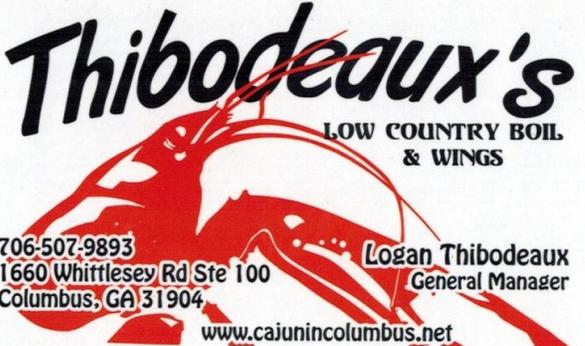
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