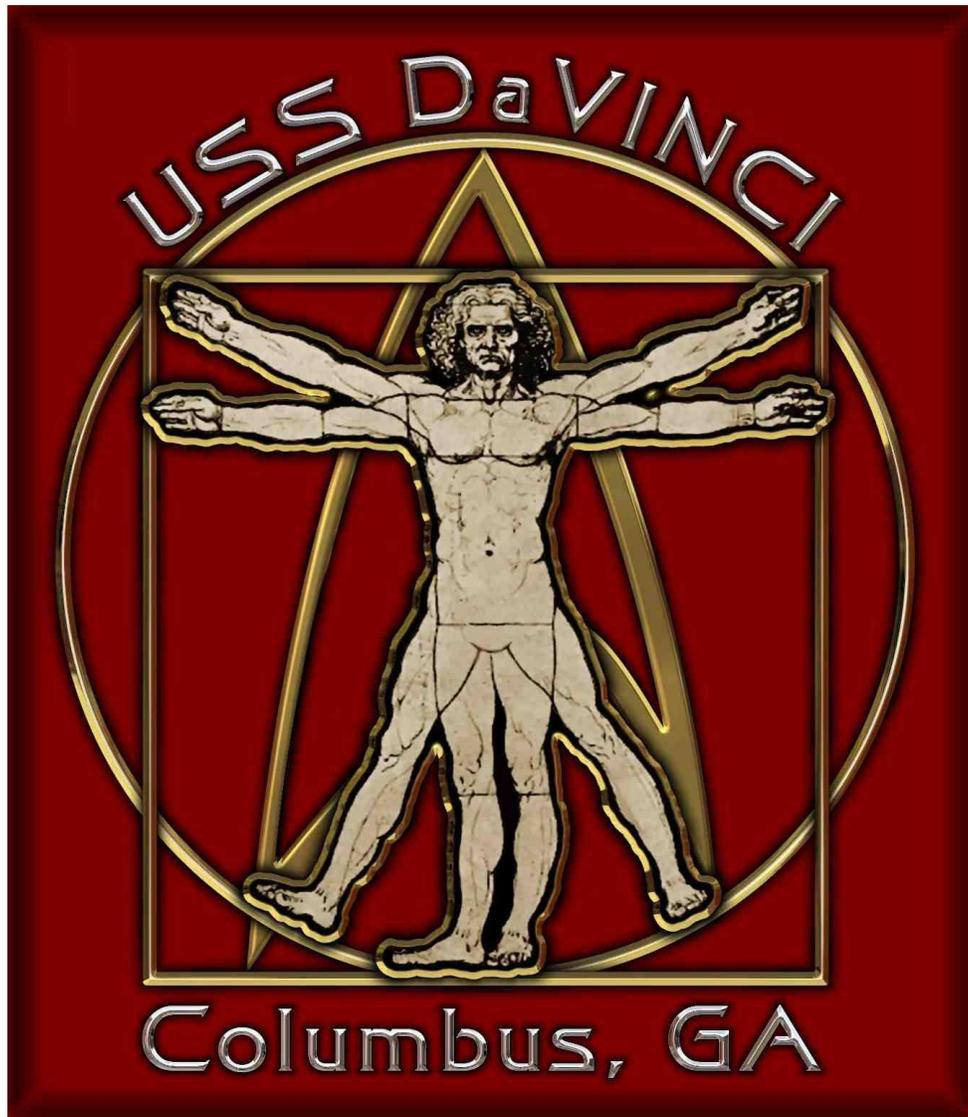


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UPCOMING EVENTS

****17 June, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Panera Bread (Macon Road), 6:30 pm**

****Nothing else in on the schedule but, you never know what I might come up with so keep an eye on your email inbox!**



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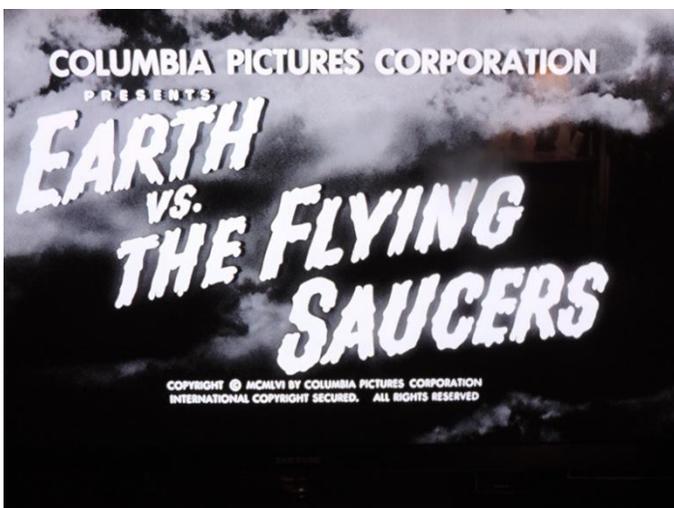


FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Please check your membership expiration dates below because a whole bunch of memberships in both the DaVinci and Starfleet are due in July. Please try to renew early and not let your membership lapse. Thanks.

May was quite a busy month for our motley crew. The excitement began early with an away-mission to see “True Grit” – John Wayne’s only Oscar® win – at the AMC 13 Theater. A few die-hard “Duke” fans – including myself – showed up for the 40th anniversary of the film. We made the usual trek to Wendy’s for a late night dinner following the film. Unfortunately it was so crowded that we decided it was best to take our business over to McDonald’s. Most of the conversation concerned the Avengers mini figures that McDonald’s puts in their Happy Meals. Dutch, Wilbert, and Sandra chatted about which figures they needed to complete their collection while Joe and I just listened in amazement. Dutch and Wilbert bought several of the figures.

Next in a busy May was our bi-monthly “Pizza and a Movie Night” at my house. The classic 1956 “Earth versus the Flying Saucers” – special effects by Ray Harryhausen – was shown and pizza from Little Caesar’s was consumed. A couple of folks backed out at the last minute (I had already ordered and bought the pizza) so there was plenty of pizza to go around. Naturally, the mushroom pizza was the first to go with Joe getting up and taking the last two slices almost the same second as I mentioned that there were still 2 slices left! Although there were 8 DaVinci members present, only 6 watched the movie. Connie and Lisa M. decided to watch the newest installment of “Fruits Basket” in our bedroom. It was a pretty short movie and so we watched one of the “extras” about Ray Harryhausen. Because of that it was decided that the next Pizza and a Movie Night in July would show the 1963 Ray Harryhausen classic “Jason and the Argonauts”! Hope you can make it.



The title of the film on the screen and the pizza ready to be consumed!



Filling their plates are Josh and Joe and Lisa!



Let us not forget Steve who helps himself to some of the mushroom pizza and the DaVinci crew at our 9th Pizza and a Movie Night!

The next May event was the showing of the Deep Space Nine documentary, “What We Left Behind”. The DaVinci crew came out in droves as 9 members watched the documentary in Columbus (thanks Joe, Lisa N., Steve B., Sandra, Wilbert, Gregory, Todd, Joe, and Rod) while Connie and I watched it in Orlando! Personally I thought it was terrific (especially when I saw “Freddy and Connie Heller” in the credits)! I should be getting a copy of the documentary in Blu-ray in the near future as part of my donation to the Indiegogo campaign. When it does arrive I may have a special showing at my house for those folks wishing to see it again and for those folks who have not seen it. Wilbert commented: “It was amazing. I loved how the writers came together and created the first episode of the would-be next season. Also they went over what made Deep Space 9 different and innovative vs. the rest of Star Trek.”

Next on the very busy May schedule was the Night Out/Membership meeting at Olive Garden. This Night Out is special because it is “uniform night” – a time to show off who we are to the public and to have some fun with the staff and guests. We had a great turn-out as 14 DaVinci crew personnel (9 of whom were in uniform) showed up to dine on great food and talk Trek!

Our server, Tyler, did a fine job keep the 14 of us happy by keeping the drink glasses full and the dirty dishes off the table. She even brought dessert to the 5 folks who had or are going to have birthdays in May!

Once everyone had pretty much finished dinner it was time for the “free” meal drawing. Since the DaVinci latinum reserves are good, Connie allowed an increase to \$15.00 for the free meal amount. I drew the name since I had won last month and the lucky winner was Steve! Placing his name back into the hat, I drew a second name for the Captain’s Perk drawing – a certificate for a free pizza at Old Chicago. Before I drew the name I told the crowd that on one or two other occasions the person who won the free meal also one the Captain’s Perk drawing and dang if I did not draw Steve’s name again just a few seconds later (much to the jeering of those in attendance). Steve was very gracious and told me to draw another name. This time I drew Todd’s name!

There was one more surprise yet to come. After everyone had gotten their free birthday dessert four servers sang a rendition of “Happy Birthday” to the five of us (Sandra, Gregory, Russell, Jeff, and me). Naturally, half the restaurant joined in on the singing.

Once the commotion died down folks slowly made their way out the door – or so we thought! So many folks wanted our photo it took an additional 10 minutes before everyone had left!



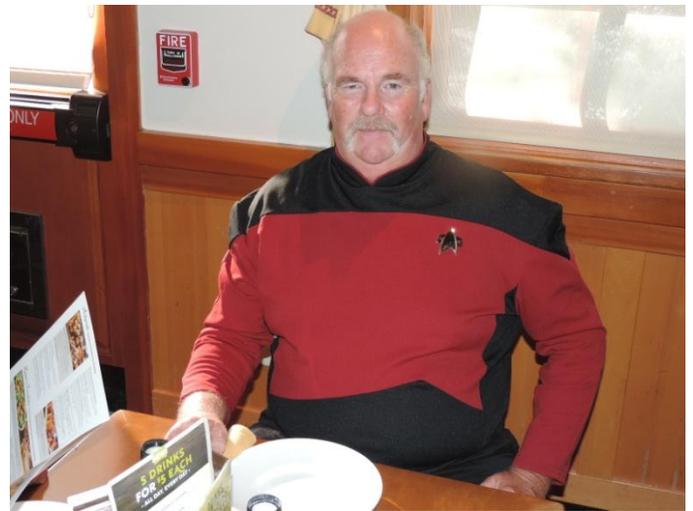
Waiting to order are Scott (looking sharp in his Marine uniform), Randy and Russell and Diane.



Sandra and Porthos pose for a photo while Martha and Jeff decide what to order.



Joe and Gregory wait to order while Michael and Freddy pose for a photo.



Todd and Scott decide what to order and Randy poses for a photo.



Our server, Tyler, takes food orders from Gregory and Sandra (while Porthos barks over the lack any doggie items) and Randy, Russell and Diane.



Joe enjoys his stuffed mushrooms while Steve (free meal) and Todd (pizza coupon) proclaim, "Look what we won!"



The servers singing "Happy Birthday".



Looking sharp in their uniforms are Porthos, Martha (first row), Sandra, Jeff (second row), and Scott, Randy, Russell, Joe, and Freddy. Okay, so Porthos is not really in a uniform but dang he is so cute!



The DaVinci crew at the Olive Garden during the May Night Out/Membership Meeting!

The next Night Out/Membership Meeting will be held on 17 June at 6:30 pm at the Panera Bread Company on Macon Road. I hope you can make it so mark your calendars and try to attend.

The very busy May ended a few short days later when we met at Red Robin for our annual “ABCDE” (Admirals Birthday Celebration Dinner Extravaganza)! The get together was attended by 13 DaVinci members and was an evening of good food and celebration to honor our three Starfleet Admirals – Jeff (66 on the 15th), Russell (65 on the 25th), and Freddy (70 – oh horror of horrors – on the 26th). Sandra was there and we celebrated her birthday (57 on the 11th) as well. There were lots of free burgers and ice cream sundaes that evening. Even though I requested no cards or presents, Jeff gave Russell and me both birthday cards. Thanks Jeff. The food was good and our server Chad did an exceptional job considering he had several other tables to wait on. There were not drawings for freebies but, there was supposed to be - I left a Spirit Card at home so that will have to be given away at another get together. Check out all the photos from the fun and a BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended this fun-filled event.



Jeff and Connie (cute photo) and Todd and Martha pose for a photo.



So too do Dutch and Steve and Lisa and Freddy.



And Sandra and Diane and Russell and Joe stop looking at the menu for a photo.



Finally, Gregory poses for a solo photo while our server, Chad, takes food orders from Jeff and Martha.



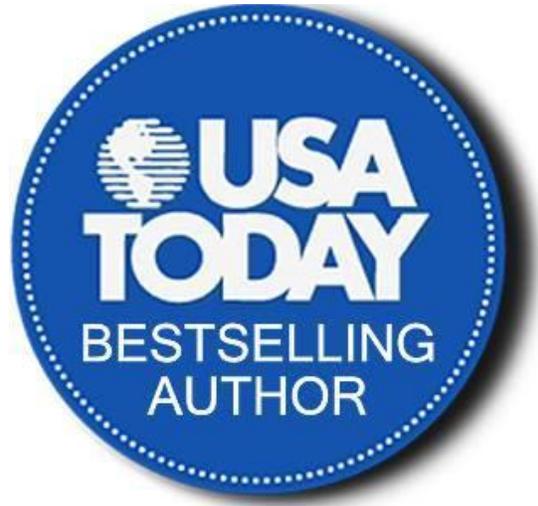
“Alright everyone, sing it out!” Red Robin servers singing their version of “Happy Birthday” to the birthday folks!



The crew of the DaVinci enjoying food, fun, and fellowship at Red Robin for the “ABCDE”

Now the only activity scheduled is the June Night Out/Membership meeting at the Panera Bread Company on Macon Road on 17 June. Connie is leaving for Texas on 13 June and will not be back until 28 June so I may plan a few things while she is gone. Perhaps an extra “Pizza and a Movie Night”, or a night out with good friend for dinner, or an away mission to see a movie, or something else – who knows? I will figure it out and let y’all know. So keep watching your email because it just might be something sudden!

Oh, I almost forgot. There is one very special accolade I must pass on. As y’all know one of our members, Michael Allen, is an accomplished author and has written many sci-fi novels (look him up!). Well during the Night Out at the Olive Garden he proudly announced that he made the “USA Today” bestselling authors list coming in at 127 out of 150 authors! Congratulations Michael – a very proud moment indeed!



Until the next time - engage!

ADM Freddy Heller
Commanding Officer



678th STARFLEET MARINES

Greetings Marines! No article this month as my computer died and I cannot get it going. My DVD drive went out and I cannot load MS Office until I get another one. I am sorry because I know y'all really look forward to my thoughts.

Until next time Qapla' suvwl'pu' (Success warriors!) and Ooh rah!

BG Joshua Ainsworth
678th MSG OIC
2nd Brigade, 3rd Battalion

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND
MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT
PANERA BREAD CO.
ON MONDAY 17 JUNE AT 6:30 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD & FRIENDSHIP!!**



PASSAGES



Jessie Lawrence Ferguson, who appeared as Lutan in the Star Trek: The Next Generation episode "Code of Honor", has died. Ferguson has done TV and film work in a career that stretches from the late '70s to the early '90s. Among his roles are guest appearances on the popular television shows The A-Team and Hill Street Blues. He also appeared in the movies Boyz N the Hood and The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension. Ferguson passed away on 27 April of apparent natural causes at the age of 77. Ferguson is survived by his son, Jace.

Thanks to Memory Alpha for the information.



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 is the time. If you do join Fleet 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

Okay, so the year is going at a snail's pace! Freddy still is holding on to his spot as the top "tabber" as Connie fell to second even though she brought some back from her trip to Texas. I am sure that number will not hold up. Wilbert jumped into the fray and is currently in third place.

Start saving tabs. We need to collect at least 45,600 tabs to hit 1.5 million total tabs collected! 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 totals as of press time:

Starting Balance	300
Freddy Heller	1852
Connie Heller	986
Wilbert Adams	360
Scott Roop	158
Hal Stewart	37
Total	3693

WE NEED TABS!



DAVINCI NIGHT OUT

The Night Out/Membership Meeting locations for 2019 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 Night Out/Membership meeting locations:

January	Country Road Buffet **NEW**
February	IHOP (Airport Thruway) **NEW**
March	Shrimp Basket **NEW**
April	O'Charley's
May	Olive Garden **UNIFORM NIGHT**

June	Panera Bread Company (Macon Road)
July	Shane's Rib Shack
August	Buffalo Wild Wings
September	Denny's **NEW**
October	Cheddar's
November	Blue Iguana
December	Texas Roadhouse
Alternate #1	Bojangles (Airport Thruway) **NEW**
Alternate #2	Tavern on Main **NEW**

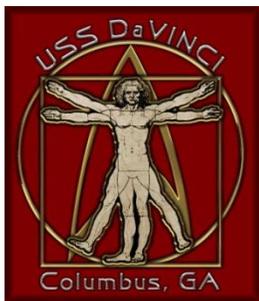


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Here are just a few of the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in June. There are a couple of special birthdays in June! David Madrigal turns legal by reaching 18 on the 13th and Margaret turn 60 on the 24th! One other thing, I really messed up by leaving out a couple of birthday's way back in the April Pilot. So to make amends, I will mention them now: Barbara Paul (10th) and Bill Paul (1st). Happy birthday good friends and happy birthday to all!

Star Trek III Premiers (1984)	1 st
Rene Auberjonois (Odo on DS9)	1 st
Zachary Quinto (Spock in Star Trek)	2 nd
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather on ENT)	2 nd
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner on TOS)	2 nd
Surveyor I Lands on the Moon (1966)	2 nd
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr on TNG)	3 rd
First American to Walk in Space (Ed White 1965)	3 rd
First Hot-Air Balloon Flight (Montgolfier Brothers 1783)	4 th
Star Trek II Premiers (1982)	4 th
CRMN Rodney Barham	5 th
Jason Isaaca (CPT Gabriel Lorca on DIS)	6 th
Deep Space Nine Ends (1999)	6 th
Karl Urban (Dr. Leonard McCoy in Star Trek)	7 th
James Darren (Vic Fontaine on DS9)	8 th
Star Trek V Premiers (1989)	9 th
ENS Thelma Shumpert	10 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr McCoy) Dies (1999)	11 th
CRMN David Madrigal	13 th
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Soran from Generations)	13 th
Probe Pioneer 10 Leaves the Solar System (1983)	13 th

Deke Slayton (Mercury 7 Astronaut) Dies (1993)	13 th
CRMN Kirk Holcombe	14 th
Mariner 5 Launched to Venus (1967)	14 th
Robin Curtis (Saavik from Search for Spock)	15 th
John Cho (Sulu in Star Trek)	16 th
First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1963)	16 th
First US Woman in Space (Sally Ride 1983)	18 th
First Woman to Fly Across Atlantic (Amelia Earhart 1928)	18 th
Zoe Saldana (Uhura in Star Trek)	19 th
V-2 Missile Becomes the First Man-Made Object to Reach Space Boundary (1944)	20 th
Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth from TOS)	21 st
First Privately Funded Space Flight (SpaceShipOne 2004)	21 st
Tim Russ (LT Tuvok from VOY)	22 nd
ENS Dutch Cummings	23 rd
CRMN Carole Barham	24 th
ENS Margaret McGillicuddy	24 th
ENS Shelby Ruhland	26 th
First Shuttle-Mir Docking	27 th
Alice Krige (Borg Queen from First Contact)	28 th
Jeri Taylor (Executive Producer)	30 th
Three Soyuz Eleven Cosmonauts Die Upon Reentry (1971)	30 th



MEMBERSHIPS



Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci and/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 your membership has expired and you need to renew as soon as possible to make sure you keep getting the Pilot every month. If highlighted in **BOLD** your membership is nearing its expiration so please renew soon. Thanks!

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Jul 19	Jul 19	Lech Mazur	Jul 19	Dec 19
Josh Ainsworth	Aug 19	Oct 19	Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 19	Sep 19
Michael Allen	Jul-19	Jul 19	Jeremiah Meadows	Jul 19	Jul 19
Rodney Barham	Feb 20		Lisa Monhead	Jul 19	Jul 19
Steve Brown	Dec 19		Maria Morgan	May 22	

Mackey Carter	Jan 21	Expired	Gregory Newer	Nov 19	Jan 20
Corin Conner	Feb 20		Scott Norman	Jul 19	
David Craft	Jul 19	Jul 19	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 19	Jul 19	Randy Ortiz	Aug 19	
Steve Cushing	Dec 19	Dec 19	Barbara Paul	Jul 21	Mar 20
Paul DeHart	Jul-22	Jan 20	Bill Paul	Jul 21	Jan 20
Randy Dunn	Jul 19	Jul 20	Joe Perry	Jul 19	Nov 19
Whitney Gaines	Aug 19	Mar 20	Scott Roop	Jul 20	May 20
Freddy Heller	Jul 20	Mar 20	Russell Ruhland	Aug 19	Feb 20
Karl Henry	Mar 20		Dennis Shaw	Jul 19	Jan 20
Kirk Holcombe	Feb 20	Mar 20	Thelma Shumpert	Dec 19	Feb 20
Todd Kes	Oct 19	Nov 19	Jonathan Simmons	Feb 20	
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 19	Aug 19	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Jan 20
Leiko Koone	Feb 20	Feb 20	Harold Stewart	Feb 20	May 20
Everett Leonard	Feb 20	Feb 20	Mike Walker	Jul 19	Jul 20
			Natalei Zappala	Oct 19	



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).

Freddy Heller (D)	Connie Heller (D)	Travis Heller (D)
Ariana Heller (D)	Hal Stewart (S)	Scott Roop (D)
Gail Roop (D)		



LATINUM VAULT

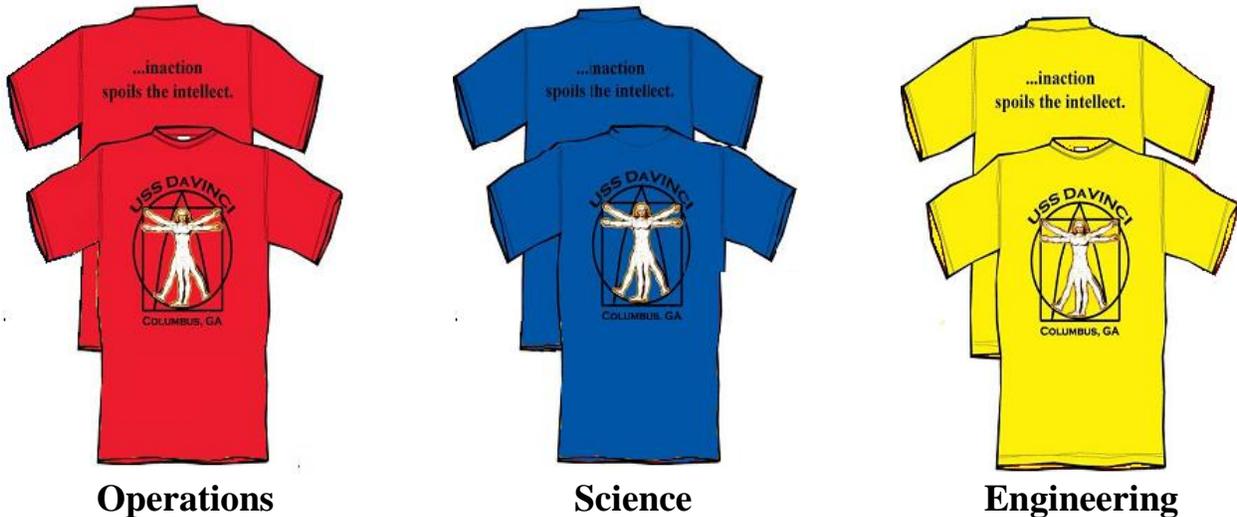
Opening Balance	\$358.45
April and May Night Out	\$25.00
Postage	\$6.50
Dues	\$27.00
Sales	\$13.00

Closing Balance \$366.95

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	3	Medium	2	Medium	5
2X	3	Large	3	Large	3
4X	1	2X	2	XL/2X	1/1

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 1 – 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.



Do not forget that Jeff knows a woman who goes to his church that will embroider a DaVinci logo on any t-shirt or polo for only a \$10.00 fee. This is what it will look like. You have to supply the item in any color you wish. Bring me the item and the \$10.00 and I will send them to Jeff who will then pass on the items to the embroiderer.



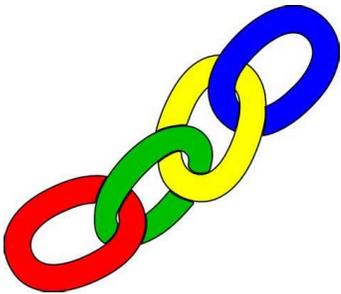
ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Steve Cushing for his donation of coupons;

Barbara Paul, Russell Ruhland, Paul DeHart for taking more Starfleet Academy courses, and,

Michael Allen for making USA Today's "Best Selling Authors" list!!! Way to go Michael!



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:

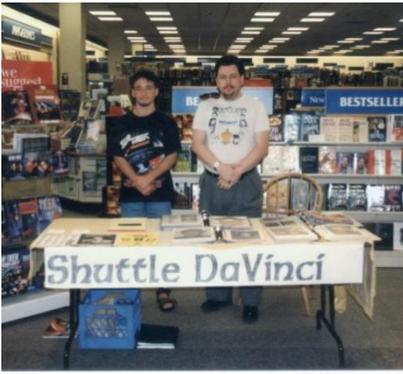
<http://www.sfi.org/>

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 II of our December 2007 Christmas Party!



Connie and Todd chat while Russell laughs at something and Diane plays with Alexander while dad, Roger looks on.



Lisa, Patty, & Steve chat in the dining room while Sandye, Joe, Randy, & Ariana chat in the kitchen.



Our long lost brother Roger Wright plays with his son Alexander.

Next month: Part III of our December 2007 Christmas Party!



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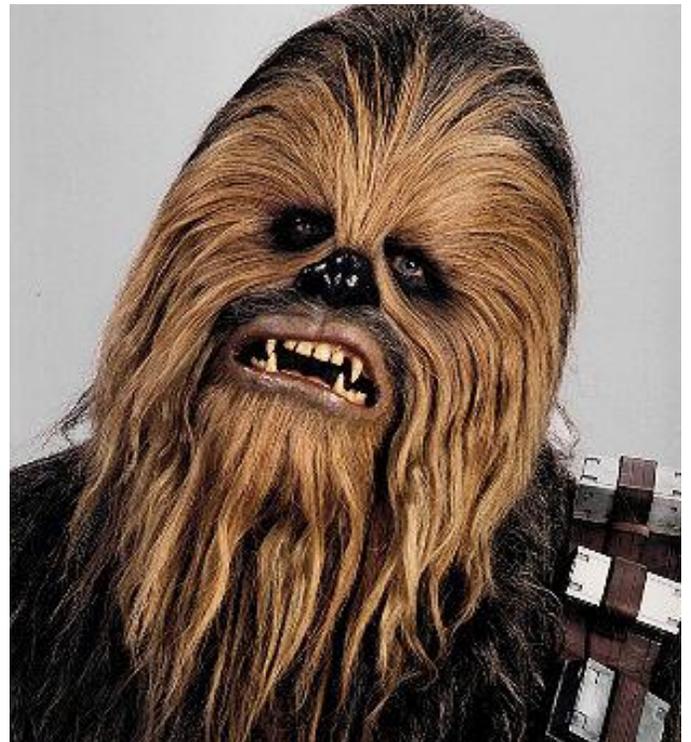


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Peter Mayhew

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