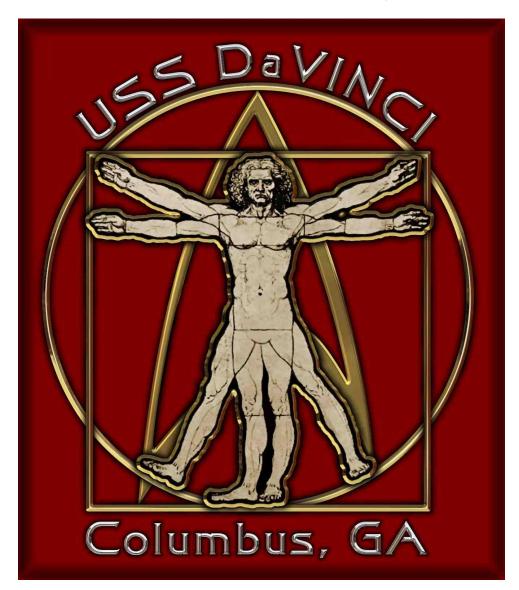
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \*\*02 July, "Whispers of the Heart", AMC 13, 6:30 pm
- \*\*06 July, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party, Freddy and Connie's, 12:00 pm
- \*\*12 July, Pizza and a Movie Night, Freddy and Connie's, 6:30 pm
- \*\*15 July, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Shane's Rib Shack, 6:30 pm
- \*\*24 July, "Glory", AMC 13, 6:30 PM
- \*\*29 July, "Kiki's Delivery Service", AMC 13, 6:30 pm





#### MY TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

Margaret Veronica McGillicuddy was an 18 year member of the USS DaVinci. As I write these words, she is in the Columbus hospice, while family and friends patiently await her last breath which could come any time. She suffered a heart attack and was never conscious again because. she had severe brain damage. She was found too late after the attack happened.

I met Margaret at a combined singles group luncheon from Holy Family and St. Ann's Catholic Church. We talked and exchanged phone numbers. I thought she was an interesting person. After a few days she called at 11:30 pm and said that there was a mouse in her apartment and could I come over and help her get rid of it. But, I said its 11:30. Nevertheless, I relented and went over. I never found the mouse. We remained good friends for the next 27 years.





Margaret was born July 24, 1959 at Martin army hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia. She was a military brat and lived in several different places. She graduated from Pacelli high school and later earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology at George Mason University in Fairfax. Virginia. She had hoped to earn a PhD in anthropology. The great anthropologist, Margaret Mead, was one of her idols. After her graduation she worked for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). It was then that she sadly had a psychic break and was diagnosed with schizophrenia. She then lived with her aunt in the D.C. area. Later she was encouraged by her family to move back to Columbus to be closer to her family. So she moved and lived in subsidized housing and had disability payments for the rest of her life.

Despite all her trials, tribulations, and pain in her life Margaret did not completely allow herself to succumb to those forces. She couldn't do regular work because of her illness. Anxiety and stress would have sent her into a psychosis. Instead she became a prolific writer. She wrote a journal every day and was capable of writing 500 or more words a day. She became a staff

writer for a national cartoonist magazine called, "Witty World". She would interview newspaper editorial cartoonists from around the country and wrote about their lives. She worked with the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer newspaper as a free lance writer, writing stories about local celebrities and feature articles. She accessed her interviewees by phone or by bus. She was paid by the word and her articles were published by the newspaper. She wrote poetry and short stories and she was working on a crime novel.





Margaret had a passion for crocheting and was a frequent attendant of a local knitting club Monday nights at Panera Bread Company. She made thousands of rosaries for the Catholic Church. Those rosaries are undoubtedly being used around the world.

In 2001 Margaret joined the USS DaVinci and became an active member for the rest of her life. She would always say when we went to a dinner with the club, or had parties and events, "I'm so happy to be with my friends." May I say that with her being a DaVinci member that was a great gift for her. She was loved and accepted by DaVinci members. That was such a wonderful thing for her because she was often alone at home with no car. To the crew members of the DaVinci I deliver my most splendid accolades for how well you treated her. The DaVinci will also miss her vegetable salad that was her contribution to many covered dish gatherings.



Margaret was a very compassionate, kind, loving woman. Whenever she emerged from depression and despair, her life could again blossom with kindness, humor and creativity. I loved her laughter so much and the joy when she had it. From her I truly learned to love unconditionally. I thank her for the joy she brought to my life and to the others that loved her.

I love and will miss you "Mags".

**ENS Lech Mazur** 



#### FROM THE CENTER SEAT

LOTS of memberships expire this month! Please check your expiration date and renew as soon as possible. Thanks.

Whereas June was a pretty slow month for the DaVinci, July will be quite busy with 6 events planned! First up on 02 June is an away-mission to see another fine film from Studio Ghibli, "Whispers of the Heart" at the AMC 13 Theater. We will meet in the lobby at 6:30 pm. Following that on 06 July beginning at 12:00 pm will be our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July party at our house. The DaVinci will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs and the rest of the goodies will come from those in attendance. Next up on 12 July at 6:30 pm will be our bi-monthly Pizza and a Movie Night at my house. This month we will be showing "Jason and the Argonauts". It will begin at 6:30 pm sharp and attendees will be asked to chip in \$3.00 for the pizza and bring their own beverage of choice. Just a couple days later at 6:30 pm on 15 July will be our monthly Night Out/Membership meeting at Jason's Rib Shack on North Veteran's Parkway. Two more away-missions to see movies will fill up July. First is "Glory" at 6:30 pm on 24 July and July will end with a GREAT, GREAT, GREAT Miyazaki film, "Kiki's Delivery Service" at 6:30 pm on 29 July. I suppose you can surmise that this one is my personal favorite Miyazaki film. I hope you can make several if not all of these fun-filled events! Look for more information on all these (and maybe more?) as the dates for each approach.

As I mentioned above, June was a pretty slow month for the DaVinci. Only two events were on the schedule. First up was the Galactic Fan Expo held at the Space Science Center. Dutch was kind enough to allow us a membership drive table and it did pay off as we had one new paid member! Welcome to the USS DaVinci Claudia Stephenson! I knew Claudia was a potential member as she was wearing a Next Generation type uniform! Claudia informed me that she would be unable to make the June Night Out due to a prior commitment but I am sure you will be able to meet her at one of the numerous events scheduled for July.

Due primarily to the Expo being held on Saturday, the attendance was not as busy as those being held on Sunday. Still, the crowd was steady with so many activities for the whole family to enjoy. There were shows (movies and planetarium shows) in the Omnisphere Theater, Jedi training sessions on the lawn, makeup artists, lots of vendors, door prize giveaways, Shuttle Odyssey trips to the International Space Station, food vendors, and on hand for the whole day was author Kevin J. Anderson!

A BIG Bajoran thanks to Steve C. and Sandra who helped me man the table and to Russell who went out of his way to drop off his banner display rack. Our banners look so much better on the rack than at the front of the table. A couple of DaVinci members dropped by to say hello – Todd and Randy. We had a second table full of DVDs, Blu-ray, and books I was hoping to sell so as to thin out my ever-crowded closet in my TV man cave. Alas, I only sold 3 books! I will try again at the next Space Science Cent event – the Comic Book Show on 24 August.





Our table was set up and ready for the crowds and my "vendor" table.





Steve, Sandra, and Freddy at our table and Randy dropped by to chat with Steve and Sandra.





New member Claudia fills out an application with a little help from Steve.





Welcome to the USS DaVinci Claudia! Sandra chats with a potential new member, Lindsey Marshall who also happens to be an expert seamstress! Yes, she can make uniforms!

The final event for June was our monthly Night Out/Membership meeting. June's event was held at the Panara Bread Company on Whitesville Road. It was originally scheduled for the one on Macon Road but several members complained about the unclean conditions, slow service, and limited menu items so I moved it to the older (and certainly better) location.

We had a nice turn-out as 13 DaVinci folks dined on a variety of soups and sandwiches. Personally, I had the broccoli-cheddar soup in a bread bowl which was quite delightful. I actually took the bread bowl home and will probably fill it with some clam chowder soup for lunch soon. We had a couple of members show up who do not come to many Night Outs because their work – especially during tax season – makes it quite difficult. So it was great to see Steve B. and Lisa N. walk through the door.

When things began quieting down I held the drawings for the "free" dinner and for a couple of Captain's Perks donated by Todd and Sandra. Sometime after folks arrived I let those in attendance whose memberships in the DaVinci and/or Starfleet expire in July. Dutch commented just before I drew the winner for the free meal that if he won, I use the \$12.00 to renew his membership in the DaVinci. So it was a complete surprise to everyone (most of all Dutch) when I drew his name! Several months ago Todd donated a Spirit Card for a future door prize and I subsequently misplaced it! I finally found it and it was the prize for the second drawing of the evening. The first name drawn was Steve C. who told me he already had that particular card. So I drew another name and this time it was Todd's who obliviously did not need it as well. So on the third attempt I had more success as I drew Scott R.'s name. The final drawing of the evening was for a buy one-get one coupon to Golden Corral donated by Sandra. The lucky winner was Steve B. Congratulations to all the winners!

Following the door prize drawings I showed everyone the certificates the DaVinci had won at the Region 2 Summit in May. First was a "Perfect Reporting" certificate for us turning in on time all the Region 2 Monthly Status Reports (MSRs). The credit for this award goes to Russell who does the reporting each month. Speaking of Russell, this location of the Panera Bread Company is quite special to him and Diane for it was in this very spot that nearly 13 years ago he proposed to Diane by placing a red onion ring supplied by Connie on Diane's finger!

Next was an award for the highest donation to the Overseas Coupon Program (OCP). The DaVinci wins this every year and our Regional Coordinator, Ryan Case, has suggested it be renamed the "USS DaVinci OCP Award"! We had only lost the award once (2001) since its 1995 inception. The final award was for being named "Chapter of the Year"! I was sure we would have won this last year but it seems our nomination form was lost in the Delta Quadrant. This award goes to all the crew members who volunteered at community service events, donated tabs, donated coupons, donated Box Tops for Education, and a host of other things all which contributed to us winning this prestigious award. A BIG Bajorn thanks to all!





Waiting for more folks to arrive are Todd and Steve B. and Dutch.





Ordering their meal are Scott R. and Wilbert and waiting their turn are Joe, Steve C., Russell (checking the deals on his Panera app) and Diane.

#### **DID YOU KNOW THAT?**

In 1965, a Senate subcommittee predicted that by the year 2000 Americans would only be working 20 hours a week with 7 weeks vacation.

Portland was named by a coin flip. Had the coin landed the other way the city would be Boston, Oregon.





Russell and Diane place their orders while Todd, Lisa, Dutch, and Gregory wait their turn and joining Russell and Diane are Wilbert, Sandra, and Steve C.





Enjoying their meals are Steve and Joe and Diane and Russell.





And so too are Todd and Scott and Dutch and Freddy.





And also enjoying their food are Lisa and Steve and Gregory.







Look what we won – Dutch (Free Meal), Scott (Spirit Card), and Steve (Golden Corral Coupon)!



The DaVinci crew at Panera Bread Company during the June Night Out/Membership meeting! Join us next month at Shane's Rib Shack for great food and loads of prizes and fun!

Well, things began breaking up soon after and folks began heading home. A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended this fun-filled Night Out. I hope to see more folks come to the July Night Out/Membership meeting at Shane's Rib Shack – especially those who have recently joined our illustrious band during the two events at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center. Please come and meet our wonderful crew!

Until the next time - engage!

ADM Freddy Heller Commanding Officer



# 678th STARFLEET MARINES

Greetings Marines! I finally got my computer back online due to my hard drive crashing. One thing about being a computer tech is you can fix your own gear (Gordi LaForge is my hero).

Last month I wanted to talk about the importance of our country's flag and give you some information on it you may not know being that June 14<sup>th</sup> was Flag Day. But since this is July and we are about to celebrate our country's independence from tyranny, I thought it would be a good idea to talk about it all.

First of all, our flag has thirteen stripes which represent the original thirteen colonies and fifty stars on a blue field which represent all fifty states. The colors of the pales (the vertical stripes) are those used in the flag of the United States of America; White signifies purity and innocence, red, hardiness and valor, and blue, the color of the Chief (the broad band above the stripes) signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

There are many rules of etiquette for handling and displaying the flag. When I was a kid in the Boy Scouts, I was taught flag etiquette and was also called upon in school to raise and lower the flag every day which was an honor to me. A lot of people now days have no clue about flag etiquette and our flag is disgracefully trampled on by those who take our first amendment too far.

The flag cannot ever touch the ground or be laid on a shelf or table. If this happens, etiquette says that it is to be gracefully retired in a burning ceremony. These ceremonies are often done by Boy Scout troops and the military. In fact, we have a local Boy Scout troops that holds a retirement ceremony at the Infantry Museum on Fort Benning every so often and invites the public to bring their flags that need to be retired and they will retire them for you. Also, a flag is not to be flown and must be retired when it becomes faded and/or ripped and torn. When flying the flag it must be raised higher than any other flags in its presence, and if flown at night it must be lighted. Sometimes when we have a national tragedy or a dignitary such as the president, a senator, or even a war hero dies the flag is flown at half-mast. In order to properly fly the flag at half-mast it must be raised all the way to full mast and only then lowered to half-mast on the

pole. When the flag has been retired for the day or being retired before bad weather or rain, it must be folded in the proper way in which after it is folded correctly, resembles a triangle with only the blue field and stars showing.

The Fourth of July is one of the most precious holidays of the year for me. The Fourth of July is a day that we, as Americans, should be proud of and remember all those who have fought to gives us our freedoms and to keep them; from the Minute Men of the Revolutionary War to our current service men and women who stand ready to defend our freedom at every minute.

Coming from a military family, I was taught to respect our military, our veterans and especially those who paid the ultimate price to secure this land we call home; the land of the free, because of the brave. I may not always agree with the military, our government and its policies, but one thing is for sure, I wouldn't want to live in any other country but this of ours. If you get a chance this coming Fourth of July, check out the National Infantry Museum on Fort Benning and take a look at the things and the people that have secured our freedom. If you don't live in Columbus, but are near any type of Military Museum or memorial, go there and take a moment to reflect on what we hold so dear to our hearts and remember all the brave men and women who have made that possible. If no museums or memorial are close by, find a vet or service member and thank them for their service. It's ok to have that barbeque and shoot those fireworks, just don't forget to remember why we celebrate this American holiday we call Independence Day.

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

BG Joshua Ainsworth 678<sup>th</sup> MSG OIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion



# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

It has been quite a while since I last gave a detailed description on the organizations, programs, and charities the USS DaVinci supports. Whenever we get a few new members I reprint an explanation of our Community Service efforts. All of these programs are an important way that the DaVinci helps realize Gene Roddenberry's vision of future in which poverty, hunger, and war do not exist. Granted these programs are but a small step in that direction but a step they are.

#### Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for parents whose children are undergoing medical treat at a hospital. This treatment could last several days to several weeks or even months. The Houses are built on the idea that parents should not have to worry about the cost of staying near their children or where their next meal is coming from. The Ronald McDonald House believes that it is important that the hospitalized child have the love and

support of family. Families stay at little or no cost. So how can we help? Our primary aid is through the collection of pop tabs found on a variety of canned products. The tabs collected by the Ronald McDonald House are then sold to a recycle center and the proceeds go to helping pay the operating expenses of the House. In fact, the yearly tab donations are enough for all of the utilities (gas, electric, water) to be paid in full! So when you open that can of pop or soup, or even pet food, save the tab and when you get enough count them and turn them in at the next DaVinci event. Tabs are not the only things you can donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Have you ever tossed out that empty printer cartridge figuring that no one would ever have a use for it? Next time take it to the Ronald McDonald House. They get money for each empty cartridge. Want to help out even more? The Ronald McDonald House always needs donations for the everyday operation of the House. Items such as bathroom tissue, paper towels, coffee, light bulbs, cleaning items, trash bags, snack foods, the list goes on and on. For more information on what is needed go to rmhcwga.org

#### Keep Columbus Beautiful

There are two ways we help this organization. The first is the annual Help-the-Hooch River clean up, which takes place in early to mid October. The DaVinci has been involved with this activity for 17 years. Help-the-Hooch is the largest clean up event in the Southeast. Their mission is to protect the resources of the Chattahoochee River basin by removing all the solid waste dropped by careless individuals. Each year the Help-the-Hooch event draws over 10,000 volunteers and removes over 100,000 pounds of litter from along its banks. We usually have a pretty good crowd of personnel from the DaVinci help out every year. Once the work is finished we all adjourn to Golden Park for the volunteer activity, which includes free food and a Help-the-Hooch t-shirt. In conjunction with the volunteer activities is the Watershed festival with many displays from organizations around the Columbus/Phenix City area.

The second way we help keep Columbus beautiful is our Adopt-a-Highway program. Our section of Columbus' roadways is the entrance and exit ramps off exit 6 of the North Bypass (Schomburg/Blackmon Roads). During the summer months we meet near the east ramp from Blackmon Road around 8:00 AM. Given time we try to go out for breakfast following the clean up. When it gets colder the time is pushed ahead 1 hour to 9:00 AM. We should clean up at least once a month but usually try for once every few months. Quite often another group cleans it before we can schedule a date.

#### **Education Labels**

Something we more recently started was the collection of Box Tops Education, Labels for Education, and Project A+ labels. These items can be found on a variety of products from cereal to soup to butter to biscuits. Look for the following and cut them out:







The labels are then turned over to a local school where they are then exchanged for money. Each Box Top for Education label is worth 10 cents; each Label for Education is worth 1 point, and each Project A+ label is worth 24 cents. Again, this is a simple task and requires only a pair of scissors and a little bit of willingness on your part.

#### Starfleet Stampede

The Starfleet Stampede is a program where cancelled stamps are collected and sent to Starfleet where they are sorted, packaged, and sold to stamp dealers. The money collected is used for the various Fleet level charities as well as college scholarships. Again, this is a simple task that only requires scissors and your time. You can even tear the stamp out if you cannot find a pair of scissors. Which ever way you choose, try not to get to close to the stamp edge.

#### Overseas Coupon Program

Another one of our long running support programs is the Overseas Coupon Program or OCP. OCP was established to help Military families stationed in various parts of the world outside the United States. These families have no other way of obtaining manufacturer's coupons than by family members or programs such as the OCP. Manufacturer's coupons are classified (for OCP purposes) as either food (human not pet) or non-food. Coupons can be found in the Sunday Ledger-Enquirer and the weekly Fort Benning Bayonet. This program will take a little bit of your time for the coupons need to be cut out, sorted between food and non-food, and added up into amounts totaling no more than \$500 in each pile. On several occasions I have received heart-felt thank-you letters from the Army Community Service (ACS) that receives our donation. Last year we sent a total of \$57,500 worth of coupons. With three months still to go in 2017 we are at \$70,929 worth of coupons sent to various organizations overseas! Only one or two crew members besides me participate in this program so please star collecting today. An award is given out each year at the Region 2 Summit and since the inception of the award in 1998, the DaVinci has only lost the title once!

#### Other Programs?

There are many more programs in the Columbus/Phenix City/Fort Benning area that are in need of volunteers. If you can think of some organization that we can help, no matter how large of small, please let me know. One thing we did in 2017 and 2018 was help out at the annual Thanksgiving feeding the needy at the Valley Rescue Mission. It was quite an experience for the folks who were there. I hope we can help out again this year.

ADM Freddy Heller Interim Community Service Officer

THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT SHANE'S RIB SHACK

ON MONDAY 15 JULY AT 6:30 PM COME FOR THE FOOD & FRIENDSHIP!!



#### **PASSAGES**

Stephen D. Mines who played Lieutenant Robert Tomlinson in the original series episode "Balance of Terror" has died. He was 80. Mines filmed his scenes on Monday 25 July 1966 at Desilu Stage 9.

Mines was born in Muskegon, Michigan and was graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central in 1957 and the Pasadena Play house in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army between 1962 and 1964, and moved into acting which he pursued until the early 1970s. He later worked in the furniture business and returned to his birthplace in 2004.



Mines portrayed characters in 1961 episodes of Bronco, Pete and Gladys and 87th Precinct as well as the movie Pirates of Tortuga. He then appeared in the 1962 feature film Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation and a 1964 episode of The Lieutenant, created by Gene Roddenberry and starring Gary Lockwood, with the episode also including Joseph Campanella. In 1965 he was in episodes of Paradise Bay, Mr. Novak and Gidget. In 1966, besides Star Trek, he was in episodes of Days of Our Lives and Big Valley.

Mines was a regular cast member on the daytime soap opera As the World Turns from 1966 through 1968. A brief role on Dan August in 1971 was his last known television appearance.

. He died in Grant, Michigan and is survived by his wife Michele and his son Stephen.

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:

<b>Starting Balance</b>	300
Freddy Heller	1890
Connie Heller	986
Wilbert Adams	795
Lech Mazur	450
Scott Roop	158
Hal Stewart	37
Total	4616

#### 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 July. One special birthday this month! Gloria Gaines turns 70 on 15 July!

Dominic Keating (LT Malcolm Reed)	$1^{st}$
Alan Ruck (CPT Harriman)	$1^{st}$
Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko on DS9)	$2^{\text{nd}}$
First Solo Around the World Balloon Flight (2002)	$2^{nd}$
Amelia Earhart Disappears Over Pacific on Around the World Flight (1937)	$2^{\text{nd}}$
First Balloon to Cross the Atlantic (1987)	$3^{\rm rd}$
Pathfinder Spacecraft Lands on Mars (1997)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Juno Begins Successful Orbit of Jupiter (2016)	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 <sup>th</sup>
William Schallert (Nilz Baris on TOS)	6 <sup>th</sup>
Kim Darby (Miri on TOS)	$7^{\text{th}}$
Final Space Shuttle Mission (Atlantis 2011)	$8^{th}$
Linda Park (ENS Hoshi Sato on ENT)	9 <sup>th</sup>
ENS Grace Walker	9 <sup>th</sup>
Telstar I Communications Satellite Launched (1962)	$10^{th}$
Skylab Burns Up in Atmosphere on Return to Earth (1979)	$11^{th}$
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard on TNG)	$13^{th}$
Robert Justman (Producer)	$13^{th}$
New Horizons Closest Approach to Pluto (2015)	$14^{th}$
ENS Gloria Gaines	15 <sup>th</sup>
First Atomic Bomb Explosion (1945)	16 <sup>th</sup>
Skylab 4 Launched from Cap Canaveral on 84-Day Mission (1973)	$16^{th}$

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Last US Atmospheric Test of a Nuclear Device (1962)	17 <sup>th</sup>
First Link-Up of Apollo-Soyuz (1975)	17 <sup>th</sup>
LTJG Martha Kirkland	$18^{\rm th}$
Viking 1 Lands on Mars (1976)	$20^{th}$
First Men on the Moon (Neil Armstrong & Edwin Aldrin 1969)	$20^{th}$
Gus Grissom's Liberty Bell 7 Mercury Capsule Lifted to Surface (1999)	$20^{th}$
Second American in Space (Gus Grissom 1961)	$21^{st}$
Atlantis, the 135 <sup>th</sup> and last Shuttle flight, lands at Cape Canaveral (2011)	$21^{st}$
Alan Shepard (Mercury 7 Astronaut) Dies (1998)	$21^{st}$
Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn on DS9)	$22^{nd}$
First Solo Flight Around Word (Wiley Post 1933)	$22^{nd}$
Mariner 1 Fails to Launch (1962)	$22^{nd}$
Ronnie Cox (CPT Jellico on TNG)	$23^{\rm rd}$
Sally Ride (First US Woman in Space) Dies (2012)	$23^{\text{rd}}$
First Public TV Transmission Over Telstar I Satellite (1962)	$23^{\text{rd}}$
First Flight Across English Channel (Louis Bleriot 1909)	$25^{th}$
First Test Tube Baby was Born in Oldham, England (Louise Joy Brown 1978)	$25^{th}$
First Woman to Walk in Space (Svetlana Savitskaya 1984)	$25^{th}$
RADM Joe Perry	$25^{th}$
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys on DS9)	$26^{th}$
ENS Gregory Newer	$26^{th}$
Transcontinental Telephone Service Becomes Operational (1914)	$29^{th}$
NASA Created (1958)	$29^{th}$
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on TNG)	$29^{th}$
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon from Undiscovered Country)	$29^{th}$
Carel Struycken (Mr. Homm on TNG)	$30^{th}$
First to use lunar rover Apollo 15 (David Scott & James Irwin 1971)	$31^{st}$



#### **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	Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 19	Sep 19
Josh Ainsworth	Aug 19	Oct 19	Jeremiah Meadows	Jul 19	Jul 19
Michael Allen	Jul-19	Jul 19	Lisa Monhead	Jul 19	Jul 19
Rodney Barham	Feb 20		Maria Morgan	May 22	
Steve Brown	Dec 19		Gregory Newer	Nov 19	Jan 20
Mackey Carter	Jan 21	Expired	Scott Norman	Jul 19	
Corin Conner	Feb 20		Sandra Okamoto	LTM	
David Craft	Jul 19	Jul 19	Randy Ortiz	Aug 19	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 20	Jul 19	Barbara Paul	Jul 21	Mar 20
Steve Cushing	Dec 19	Dec 19	Bill Paul	Jul 21	Jan 20
Paul DeHart	Jul-22	Jan 20	Joe Perry	Jul 20	Nov 19
Randy Dunn	Jul 19	Jul 20	Scott Roop	Jul 20	May 20
Whitney Gaines	Aug 19	Mar 20	Russell Ruhland	Aug 19	Feb 20
Freddy Heller	Jul 20	Mar 20	Dennis Shaw	Jul 19	Jan 20
Karl Henry	Mar 20		Thelma Shumpert	Dec 19	Feb 20
Kirk Holcombe	Feb 20	Mar 20	Jonathan Simmons	Feb 20	
Todd Kes	Oct 19	Nov 19	Gisela Stephens	LTM	Jan 20
Jeff Kirkland	Nov 19	Aug 19	Claudia Stephenson	Jul 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
Lech Mazur	Jul 20	Dec 19	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).

Claudia Stephenson (D*)	Dutch Cummings (D)	Melanie Cummings (D)
Joe Perry (D)	Lech Mazur (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** 

Finance Officer (who is in Texas and will update the finances next month)

#### **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:

Operations (1	Operations (Red)		<u>e)</u>	Engineering (Y	<u>(ellow)</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 - Medium); 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:

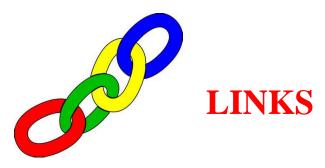
Steve Cushing for his donation of coupons; and,

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

THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT SHANE'S RIB SHACK

ON MONDAY 15 JULY AT 6:30 PM

COME FOR THE FOOD & FRIENDSHIP!!



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

Craig's List: http://columbusga.craigslist.org/grp

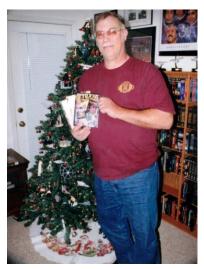
Starfleet Database https://db.sfi.org
Starfleet Home Page: http://www.sfi.org/
Starfleet Region 2 Home Page: http://region2.org/

USS DaVinci Home Page <a href="http://www.ussdavinci.org/">http://www.ussdavinci.org/</a>



### 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 III of our December 2007 Christmas Party!









Russell, Lech, Diane, and Lisa show off their "gag" gifts.









And so too does Randy, Ariana, Margaret, and Sandye.

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



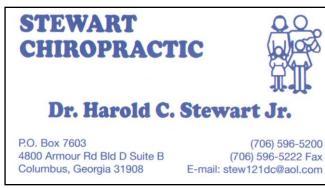
#### **CARGO BAY**







Receive Free Drink with Adult Buffet Purchase!





DaVinci Members Receive a 20 % Discount! DaVinci Members Receive a \$20.00 Discount!

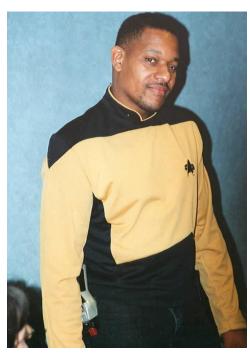
# IN MEMORANDUM OF THOSE WE HAVE LOST



**Rusty Touchton** 



**Frazier Smith** 



**Roger Wright** 



**Chris Johnson** 



**Margaret McGillicuddy** 

You shall ever be in our thoughts.