

THE RUDDER

The Newsletter of the USS Continuum

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Command Staff meeting location

The Command Staff meeting has moved to the Village Inn at Cordova Mall (5170 N 9th Ave). When you arrive, tell the host or hostess you are here for the *Continuum* meeting.

Dues

Dues have been reinstated at \$10 annually for individual membership, plus \$1 for each additional member of the same household (\$11 for 2, \$12 for 3, etc.). Paid membership in the *Continuum* will include one copy of the *Rudder*, as well as any promotion and award certificates given throughout the year for each member.

Membership dues must be in by the February 15th ship meeting to avoid any interruptions with the *Rudder*. For those of you who have already renewed, your membership will last until February 2009.

You can renew by sending a check or money order to the *Continuum* to the return address listed on the *Rudder*. You can also pay by check, money order, or cash at any of our events. In the future, we hope to have a paypal account at our website to accept memberships as well as other transactions.

Launch trip

The *Continuum* and the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association are busy preparing for the Launch trip (see the attached form). If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact Jay Gallops at 293-8237 or blsisko@yahoo.com by February 1. The price of the trip depends on how many people sign up, and the organizers are looking to finalize the price by mid-February.

Lock-in

The next lock-in is scheduled for 7 pm, Friday, February 8 at the PJC Space & Science Theatre. As we've had in the past, we will have food, games, and DVDs.

Ronald McDonald House Clean-up Project & Aluminum Can Tab Donation

On Saturday, February 16, we will be doing a clean-up project for the Ronald McDonald House. We need volunteers! We will also be donating our collection of aluminum can tabs at the event.

The time of this event will be discussed at the Command Staff meeting. RMH's office hours for Saturdays are from 9am to 6pm.

Region 2 Summit

Registration for the Region 2 Summit in Montgomery, AL, on March 7-9, is now open. Prices are as follows:

ADULT REGISTRATION

Prior to Feb 15 \$20
Through the end of the Summit \$25

CHILD REGISTRATION (Ages 7-12)

Through the end of the Summit \$15

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Adult \$25
Child (10 & under) \$12.50
(Must be made prior to Feb 15)

SUMMIT T-SHIRT

S, M, L, XL \$15
2XL, 3XL, 4XL \$17
(Availability of shirts can only be guaranteed if paid for by Feb 15).

Hotel rates for the Lexington Hotel Montgomery are \$73 + tax per

night. Reservations can be made by dialing 1-334-272-0370 or by emailing the Director of Sales, Mary Anne Teeter, at dos.lexmontgomery@fhmchotels.com. Please mention the "STARFLEET Summit" for the special price. When emailing, include the type of room, number of guests, number of nights and the registration code (STARFLEET Summit). Also, include your phone number if you would like to receive a confirmation call.

For more information, check out the Summit website at <http://treknoid.com/summit2008/>.

For those interested in carpooling for the weekend or carpooling just to attend the Saturday events, we will be working out any details at the Command Staff meeting.

March Command Staff meeting

With the Region 2 Summit taking place on the first Friday in March, we will be having the Command Staff meeting in Montgomery.

USS Corsair commissioning

The *USS Corsair* in Baton Rouge, LA, will be having their commissioning ceremony on Saturday, April 19. According to their flyer:

The festivities start at 11 AM, with an authentic Louisiana bayou bash at the First Mate's

House in Livingston, then continues at 6 PM aboard the USS KIDD, the only destroyer in the world restored back to her World War II configuration.

Cost is \$25 per person. For more information, visit <http://www.BRStarTrek.com> or email pirate.trisha@gmail.com.

We will be collecting a list of names and working out carpool arrangements within the next couple of months.

Open positions

- 1) **Chief Engineer.** Responsibilities include leading the engineering department in the construction of displays for ship use. Applicants should be a member of STARFLEET, at least 18 years of age, and a member of the *Continuum* for at least one year.
- 2) **Communications Officer(s).** Responsibilities including contacting each of our members and each prospect by phone about *Continuum* happenings.
- 3) **Historian.** Responsibilities include asking the crew for photos, flyers, letters, newsletters, etc., about things the *Continuum* has done in the past. They then take this material to a workshop where we, as a group, sort this into a large binder by year. We do have some volumes (up until 1999) that the Historian can look at get some ideas.

4) **Public Relations Officer.** Responsibilities include sending out our press releases to the *Pensacola News Journal* every month and/or finding other media outlets for our meetings to be publicized in. That would include finding the websites of local newspapers, TV, and radio stations and either sending the press release to them or filling out a form at their website.

5) **Quartermaster.** Responsibilities include keeping track of the *Continuum* items and to help us with our fundraising efforts. The Quartermaster doesn't necessarily have to be the one who stores every item, but he or she needs to know where it is, what condition it's in, how many we have (in some cases), and if we need to replace anything.

6) **Recruiting Officer.** Responsibilities including helping with our recruiting efforts, which would include the printing and distribution of our flyers.

7) **Webmaster.** Responsibilities include helping with the updating and/or expanding of the website.

If you have any questions or are interested in any of these positions, please contact Jay Gallops at 293-8237 or blsisko@yahoo.com.