

# THE RUDDER

*The Newsletter of the USS Continuum*

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## From the Editor

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Command Staff and crew of the *USS Continuum*!

## December meetings

Because of the Holiday season, the *Continuum* will **NOT** be having its monthly Command Staff or Ship meetings in the month of December.

## Anniversary Dinner

The *Continuum's* Anniversary Dinner is on Saturday, December 1, at The Locklin Building, located in the back of the Santa Rosa Medical Center, 6002 Berryhill Road in Milton. Set-up begins at 5:30 p.m., with the ceremony starting at 6:30.

The cost of this event is free, but we do ask you to bring two things:

- 1) a covered dish. At the last couple of meetings, we have been making a list of what people are planning to bring. So far we have listed

Baked beans (DJ Allen)  
Meat (Bruce & Sandy Dolan)  
Chips & diet drinks (Jay Gallops)  
Pasta (Aaron Hammonds)  
Potato Salad (Nancy Keith)  
Vegetables (Peggy Moshell)

We still need someone to bring, regular drinks and deserts.

- 2) a gift. It can be serious or not, but spend no more than \$15 and wrap it. Do not put a label on it.

During the ceremony, we will go around the table. Each person has the option of unwrapping a gift or "stealing" someone else's gift that has already been unwrapped. (A gift, however, can only be stolen up to three times). We go, throughout the night, until everybody has something.

After the dinner, we will have our annual awards to honor the crew for its efforts during 2007, followed by our (in)famous gag awards just for fun.

### **Continuum Election Results**

Congratulations to the winners of this year's elections. The officers for 2008-2009 will be

**Bruce Dolan - Commanding Officer**

**Jay Gallops - Executive Officer, Chief of Operations**

**Peggy Moshell - Second Officer**

**Cindy Bilsback - Chief Financial Officer**

**Chris Hammonds - Counselor, Chief of Medical**

**Nancy Keith - Chief of Sciences**

**George Keith - Chief of Security**

**DJ Allen - Marine OIC**

Terms begin January 1, 2008, and end December 31, 2009.

The position of Chief of Engineering still remains vacant. Interested applicants should contact the Senior Command Staff.

### **STARFLEET Election Results**

In the recent STARFLEET election, Sal Lizard won the majority vote for Commander, STARFLEET. He and his team will take office on January 1 and serve a three-year term.

Furthermore, each of the proposed amendments was ratified and went into effect as of Tuesday, November 20.

### **Flea Market Sale**

We are hoping to take advantage of the Christmas season by, once again, selling items at the T&W Flea Market. At 7:30 a.m. on December 8, we will be at Table #118. (Unfortunately, this will not be the most ideal location, and if there is another table not claimed by 7:30 a.m. at a better spot, we will move to that one).

Again, if you have any additional things for us to sell, please contact the *Continuum*. This will be the last time we have our "yard sale items", as anything we do not sell at this time will be donated to charity.

### **January Command Staff Meeting**

Our next Command Staff meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 4. Please bring your ideas for events you would like to see us do for 2008 as we put together a tentative calendar for the next year.

### **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 Dec 31* \$15

*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

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](mailto: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/>.

### Launch trip

We are hoping to have an estimated price for the Launch trip by January. We and the Amateur Astronomers are intending to reserve two large houses (10-12 people each) located close to each other and a number vans/SUVs/minivans for the trip.

### Chapter Dues

The *Continuum* is considering reinstating chapter dues to help it cover some of its expenses.

To cover the costs of printing the *Rudder* and the promotion/award certificates for a year, it is estimated to cost \$10 per member annually. An extra dollar per member of the same household will need to be added to cover the additional certificates (i.e., \$11 for 2; \$12 for 3), but the household will only receive one copy of the newsletter.

We will have an official vote on this matter by the January ship meeting.

### Continuum T-shirts

Club T-shirts will be available thanks to Big Rhino for \$10.80 per shirt. They will include the new *Continuum* logo in the upper right hand corner on the front and the STARFLEET logo, the *Continuum* webaddress and the SF webaddress across the back on a white T-shirt.

We have two options as far as selling the shirts is concerned:

- 1) sell the shirts for \$10.80 (exactly what the ship will pay for them).
- 2) sell the shirts for \$15, allowing the club to use the additional \$4.20 as a fundraiser.

We hope to have additional items (hats, jackets, etc.) available in the future.

## Positions Available

Besides the aforementioned Chief of Engineering position, the *Continuum* is looking to fill a number of key roles. While the Senior Command Staff has traditionally performed each of these duties, we want to encourage the involvement of the general membership. **We can accomplish more when we work together.** Because the Senior Command has handled these assignments, it has prevented them from working on other projects. Therefore, our growth can be somewhat limited.

What we are asking in each of these positions for no more than, on average, one hour per week of your own time outside of the meetings and other events. Some jobs will require more work than others. If you can donate more time, great! But we are only asking for one hour.

Furthermore, you do not have to be an expert in a given field. There are plenty of websites and other resources we can point you that will show you how to do the job. Also, you have our own expertise. Do not feel you will be "thrown out to fend for yourself." We are merely asking for someone just to take the time effort.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Phoning crewmembers and prospects about upcoming ship projects. Although we have the *Rudder*, the listserv, and our website, we still need to maintain personal contact with all of our members. They need to stay connected with us, and us to them.

### **HISTORIAN**

Keeping the ship history books. Finding pictures, etc., of past events and keeping a scrapbook of them in future editions.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

Sending press releases to news agencies. We have a press release for our ship meetings already written and regularly send it to the Pensacola News Journal; this person would need to change the dates on the releases and then send them out. Our PR Officer will also look for other media outlets to send notices to.

### **QUARTERMASTER**

Keeping track of the ship's inventory: where its items are located, what condition they are in, etc. -- especially the items we sell.

### **RECRUITING OFFICER**

Creating and/or printing ship flyers. Helping to prepare ship any ship advertisements.

### **WEBMASTER**

Maintaining the *Continuum's* website, updating it 2-3 times a month. This includes changing the Calendar link on the main page on the 1st of every month and changing the main page, calendars, and subsequent pages with updated information. The Webmaster will also look for new ways to keep our site on the cutting edge. There are numerous of websites available that teach html as well as offering free downloads.