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CAPTAIN'S BLOG

Greetings from the Bridge of the USS Matrix!

This is our first issue of the new and improved Newsletter, brought to you through the hard working folks in our Communications Division. Thanks to Luke Davis, Ros Haywood, Ed Meiman, and all who contributed. You've said that you wanted something a bit more interesting, so we are giving this a try! We're planning to put this out every other month, to keep it fresh and to allow folks to write longer articles.

So, What's Happening?

Well, the Ships Operations Manual Review Committee continues its work on looking at how we are organized, and working to update things, revise procedures, and clarify wording. (Wow, what Bureaucratic words! :-) We hope to have a new manual ready by this summer to present to the crew, and get feedback and approval.

A new Role Playing Game is starting soon! The USS Matrix has been tasked to investigate and pursue Orion Pirates operating in Federation Space. Things have gotten rough since the end of the Dominion War, and the Orion Syndicate is taking advantage of Starfleet's reduced strength to plunder shipping and outposts. Of course, the USS Matrix and the Seventh Fleet can't allow this to go on, so we are going to do something about it...

The game itself has five parts; an intro, where the full scenario is explained and assignments made, and four action sequences. The last one will be the Grand Finale, and wrap up this particular story line. Folks can post actions and background from their perspective as members of the crew. If you want to team with others, that's great! Just be sure to coordinate if you use other crew members in your writeups. More details will be posted to the list prior to the start of the game.

FCAPT Matt Haley is working on reviving our Internet Starfleet Academy. This Academy was started as a resource for our non-SFI members. SFI has an extensive Academy (shameless plug to join SFI), but we thought having our own Academy to supplement the SFI one, would be nice. Matt is asking all Directors of Colleges to please send him course descriptions, tests, and test keys so he can keep them in a central location. I'd also ask that if any crew member has old copies of tests from the ISFA, that you email Matt and tell him what you have. A number of Colleges have gone missing due to crew members leaving the ship (notably Operations and Science courses), so if you have an old test, Matt wants to hear from you!

This will also help out folks in getting promoted!

Till Next Time!

CO Joe

DID YOU KNOW?

The USS Matrix was commissioned first on November 18th, 1994, as an Archangel Class shuttlecarrier. It was recommissioned as a Gabriel Class Shuttlecarrier three years later, on November 18th, 1997.

We've been part of the Twelfth Fleet, the Fourth Fleet, and, since 1998, the Seventh Fleet. (That's SFI Regions 12, 4, and 7).

REPORTING SCHEDULE

Division	Day of Month
Command	7th
Science & Medical	14th
Operations & Communications	21st
Engineering & Security	28th

MEET THE EDITORS

The Intercom will be published six times a year (excluding any special editions we decide are warranted and have time enough to actually put together). The News section of our website will be updated on a monthly basis with items that just can't wait until the next newsletter, and of course the CO will continue to keep you up-to-date on any really important stuff (e.g., what the targs ate this week and why the golf course on the hull is not going to get artificial turf).

Ros and Ed both work in the Communications Division. We love using graphics and colour, and so the opportunity to become editors of the USS Matrix Newsletter was too good to miss! Ed's still finding his way around the ship, so the newsletter seemed a good way to get him "Matricized." Ros' years of experience should help him immeasurably.

CREW REPORT

STATUS

New Members

No new members this month.

Crew Strength:

SFI	22
SFI Affiliate	9
Non-SFI	20
Total Members:	51

Promotions, Assignments, Transfers:

LT Commander Ros Haywood has been assigned as a Emergency Medical Team Reserve on USS Matrix. She remains a member of the Communications Division.

SENIOR STAFF:

Commanding Officer

VADM Joseph P Hoolihan

Executive Officer

CDR David Jamison

Second Officer/Training Officer

FCAPT Matt Haley

Chief Communications Officer

CWO Luke Davis

Chief Operations Officer

LT CDR John Wagner

Chief Engineer

LT CDR Tomas Kocvara

Chief of Security

CDR Ryan Smith

787th OIC

CAPT Shaun Kenyon

Chief Science Officer

CDR John Hancock

Chief Medical Officer

CDR Minka Leeser

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Internet Starfleet Academy Courses (ISFA)

Completed:

None

SFI Starfleet Academy Courses

Completed:

Sean Meyer

IOMS - College of Strategy and Tactics (IOMS:COST)

You're The Admiral

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Ros Haywood

IOMS - College of Starship Operations (IOMS:COSO)

CSO-105 - Communications Operations

01/15/2007 HONORS

IOST - College of Medicine (IOST:SACOM)

Alternative Medicine Research

01/20/2007 DISTINCTION

Hey, folks. We have the easiest promotion criteria of any chapter in Starfleet: complete a degree from either SFI's Starfleet Academy, or from our own Internet Starfleet Academy, have the appropriate time in grade, and, bingo, you get promoted!! This is all part of the fun, part of being a "Starfleet Vessel". Check it out! Our Second Officer, FCAPT Matt Haley, runs the Matrix Command Academy, which gives out the three Matrix specific courses,

- ❖ Non-Commissioned Officers School,
- ❖ Officer Basic Training, and
- ❖ Command Qualification Course.

Finish all three, have the appropriate time in grade, and you will wind up as a Lieutenant, Junior Grade.

For those of you not SFI members, I strongly encourage you to go to www.sfi.org and join Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.! It's only \$15 per year, and you become members of the largest Trek Fan Club on the planet.

You also get a bi-monthly newsletter, access to Starfleet Academy, and become part of a great bunch of folks. [Email](#) CO Joe, Dave Jamison, or Matt Haley if you have any questions.

SHIP'S LOG

SHIP REFITTING

A number of things are going on behind the scenes, and I want to let the crew know about them:

- ❖ We've established a committee to update our Ship's Operations Manual. The committee is looking at not only what the manual currently says, in order to correct inaccuracies or clear up unclear wording, but they are also looking at making changes to how we do business on the Matrix. Our plan is to have a new version ready to present to the crew by early summer, and to have everyone look at it, comment on it, and approve it. XO [CDR Dave Jamison](#) is chairing this committee.
- ❖ The Communications Division has developed a more interesting pdf/html based newsletter. They hope to have different kinds of articles, stories, pictures, and items of broader interest to the crew. Folks with ideas or with thoughts on content can email [Ros Haywood](#) or [Ed Meiman](#).
- ❖ The Communications Division is also working hard to make our website even more full of fun and fascinating facts.

All Divisions are directed to work with [CWO4 Luke Davis](#) to ensure your Divisional Entries are accurate and properly linked into the grand scheme of things.
- ❖ SO FCAPT Matt Haley continues his work on revitalizing the Internet Starfleet Academy, our own version of the Academy specifically for our non-sfi members.

Matt will be posting more info on this in the near future. I know that Ops has courses, Medical has courses, Engineering has courses, and I believe that Security and Communications have courses as well!

Would the Division Chiefs please get in touch with [Matt](#), so we can continue to put this together? Also, if any crew member has taken any ISFA course, contact Matt to tell him about it, so we can verify our records.

Note to our newer members: EVERYONE needs to take Non-Commissioned Officers Course, or NCOS, as a minimum to start up the promotion ladder! Matt Haley has this course, and it is EASY to do!

We have a number of SFI folks that have taken loads of courses and could be getting promoted if they would just take NCOS as well.

Contact Matt if you have questions...

Window Decals and Bumper Stickers:

If you want one, send [CO Joe Hoolihan](#) your name and address and I'll send them out. They say "USS MATRIX NCC-72296" in the Starfleet Bold Font used on Starship hull numbers!

MAWSON NEWS

Our sponsored chapter, the [USS Mawson](#), out of Adelaide, Australia, is getting close to commissioning!

This is exciting, since SFI lost the one chapter "down Unda" a while back, so starting a new chapter there is big news, and, of course, the Matrix is helping out.

For those not familiar with the program, it's basically a chapter in training program, where the USS Matrix acts as guide, mentor, and supervisor for the newly formed group, and helps them get organized so they can become a fully chartered chapter of SFI.

Bud Cullum is our Shuttle Operations Liaison Officer, and will be working with the CO of the Mawson as things develop.

CO Joe will keep you posted on progress!

CLASSIC FICTION

Stories!

Several folks have expressed a desire to do more Collaborative Fiction. All it takes is one person with an idea, and we can get this ball rolling!

Ideas in search of help:

The Next Final Frontier: On the 20,000th anniversary of the commissioning of the original Enterprise, the Continuum Ship Enterprise makes its maiden voyage into the Continuum (i.e. outside of space and time). What lies outside? More importantly, how do you describe something that happens all at once and has no mass? Contact [Ed Meiman](#)

LATEST SFI NEWS

[Chapter Status Updates](#)

I am very pleased to report that as of 19 FEB 2007 the following chapters have been returned to DEPLOYED status...

[Scheduled Database Downtime](#)

The STARFLEET member database will be undergoing maintenance and migration to a new server. During this time, the database will not be available...

[Commissioning of USS Britannic](#)

To VADM Joe Hoolihan, Seventh Fleet: You are hereby directed and required to deliver USS Britannic...

CONVENTION NEWS

Trek Conventions are happening around the country and the world. If you have one in your area, or you are planning to travel to one, send a message to the list, and lead an away Team!



Have an activity you'd like to see happen? Let a Senior Staff member know, and we'll see what we can do! Remember the Prime Directive:

HAVE FUN!

Editorial Guidelines

Got something to say that you want to appear in this newsletter? Make it fun, and interesting, and informative, and keep the humor family-friendly, and send it in to the Intercom Editorial Board ([Ed Meiman](#) and [Ros Haywood](#)), and send it by April 15, 2007 for the May Newsletter.

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