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NUQNEH!!!!

Good News, Bad News . . .

Greetings to all the brave Warriors in the Dark Star Quadrant, especially to her honorable Ship CO's!

I hope all your battles have been victorious and that glory is heaped to your names and your Houses as you serve the Klingon Empire through the Klingon Assault Group.

The economy has struck a mighty blow to all of us in fandom. It weakens our ability to attend sci-fi and fantasy conventions as we would like. I hope and pray that this will soon change for all of us. The Vulcan salutation / farewell of "Live Long And Prosper" be applied to you all.

The advent of *Trekkies II* should help put *Star Trek* back in the minds of fans, so take advantage of this!

RECRUITMENT should be on everyone's agenda! We need fresh blood to remind us of the joy we have had and must preserve in the service to the Empire as Klingon Warriors. We must never forget the Klingon love of duty, challenge and the pursuit of honor . . . all while having FUN, of course.

I have some good news and some bad news this issue.

DRYDOCK OF SOME SHIPS

If you are not already aware, let me be the first to let you know that the worthy ship, *IKV Stonedagger* out of Greer, SC has been drydocked at the request of the CO, Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-B'ry, because of lack of participation of crew. Please keep this group of Klingons in mind, Warriors, and hope that they will return to active duty once the ship has been refitted and repaired as necessary to allow her return to service.

Also the *IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance* out of Columbia, SC is being drydocked at the request of the CO, Marine Captain K'Tarr vestai, because he is being transferred to Germany for an unspecified period of time. It is hoped that he and his family will return safely and be able to power up their vessel once again. Otherwise, they may ship it to Germany and use it there! *Qapla'!*

The *IKV Demonlance* has an issue with KAG and may not be with us very long. It is hoped that they find what they are looking for and have success in their endeavors. Two other ships, the *IKV Dark Krystal* and the *IKV Stormwalker*, have been notified by snail mail that their status is in jeopardy, due to lack of response. Hopefully, this will change, but as of this writing it has not.

NEW MARINE SHIP FORMING

The good news is that Marine Lt. Das-pu tai-Heartless, formerly of the noble *IKV Honor's Blade* from the Quicksand Sector, has transferred to Dark Star Quadrant and is interested in forming a KAG vessel. She joined KAG at the recent Heroes Convention on June 11-13 (see related article for more information) and has already picked out a name for her ship, the *IKAV Sword of Pain! Qapla'!!!*



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MATT WEBB, FRIEND TO KLINGONS

A most worthy hu-Man, Graphic Novel Digital Colorist Matt Webb, who helped with Trek For Food several years ago by donating Star Trek graphic novel pages that he had worked on for auction, purchased AND donated \$40 of brand new Star Trek novels and paperbacks to be sold to benefit this worthy charity. I pronounce this hu-Man, Friend To Klingons. Treat him with the HONOR he richly deserves!

THANKS from Dark Star Quadrant and KAG to Matt for all of his support of the Klingons! (See related article for more information) *Qapla'!!!!*

KILL STRIP CHALLENGE FAILING? SEND MONEY INSTEAD!

REMEMBER the Dark Star Quadrant **CHALLENGE** to help feed the hungry at the Southwest Missouri Indian Center. See the story on page 4.

To date, I have received NO word that ANY Dark Star Quadrant Klingon ship other than those in Death Touch Squadron are participating in this very worthy food drive and kill stripe challenge. And apparently the recipients of our generosity cannot let me know if your ship has donated. They have not responded to two requests for information.

If no one else is attempting to help, that is very sad. That means no other ships will even get a battle notch, much less a chance at winning the Kill Stripe. It's not too late to turn this around. I know it's expensive to send food to these folks, but it is for a very worthy cause.

I will therefore, expand this program to monetary donations. If you wish to send a check or money order in your ship's name, that will count as well. Just let me know what you send and when and include your estimate of how many pounds of food that will buy.

The Kill Stripe Challenge will end December 31, 2004.

TAKING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I wish to inform you that I will be taking a leave of absence from my duties as Quadrant Commander. Not only do I have issues in my personal life that demand my attention, I have recently been diagnosed with moderately severe sleep apnea. I have selected Lt. Cmdr. R'likay sutai-Septaric, my House Brother (at right), as Acting Quadrant Commander while I am gone.

His electronic contact information is captrlikie@msn.com

Or you may send snail mail to:
Joseph Swope
1959 McConnells Hwy. West
McConnells, SC 29726

He has been briefed on the status of the Quadrant. I hope that you will support him as he endeavors to lead us all to Glory and Honor in Service to the Klingon Empire. *Qapla'!!!!!!*

Having said that, the status of continuing DARK MATTERS is unresolved. The format may change or it may not. Lt.Cmdr. R'likay will keep you posted.

May Honor guide your words and deeds! May Glory follow close behind! *Qapla'!!!!!!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric



Klingon Prayer Group Formed

Though the Klingon race historically "killed" their gods, it is still recognized that there are instances when appeal to a higher power on behalf of an individual or group is the honorable thing to do. This list is for the posting of requests for prayer for fellow Klingons, as well as Feddies and Aliens, and their friends and families. It is also for the posting of Howls for the deceased. Compartment on this list shall be with great honor and sensitivity.

To subscribe, send an email to klingonprayer-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Thanks to Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot vestai-Septaric for the graphic



From the Dark Star Quadrant Quartermistress

Hail Warriors!

It's the time of year to try to get some outfits made. Yardsales abound and the deals are really great. You can find something to make an outstanding garment or accessory out of it.

Recently, I branched away from the traditional Klingon attire, by going partly assimilated to ConCarolinas on Saturday, June 5th. What looks I got!!! I'm not sure if the attendees understood what I was doing; it was an interesting experience.

As you know one of the more public images for the Borg Assimilator roller coaster ride is a Klingon Borg drone. I had been assimilated partly and was in recovery. But not all the implants had been removed. I had tubing in my wig with one tube leading to my right cheek (attached there). I had an eyepiece over my glasses which was made out of a pair of clip-on sunglass frames and leather strap from a pocketbook I painted silver. I had tubing running around my left arm and leg and disappearing into my gauntlet and boot.

I look forward to seeing some really great costuming -- out of nothing -- in the next year or so! Let your imagination run wild. If nothing else, send me a picture!!!

Judy Hasty
P.O. Box 3184
Boone, NC 28607

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties-Septaric
Quartermistress, Dark Star Quadrant



**CO's, inform me when you
promote your crew!!!**

Dark Star Quadrant Recent Honors:

Death Touch Squadron

June 5, 2004 -- ConCarolinas

Lt. Kartush Degar vestai-Septaric, CO of the *IKV Executioner*, received the Death Touch Squadron's Griming Skull Award (given for his deviousness in planning surprise parties called "Gotcha's!")

Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric, crew person of the *IKV Raging Wolf*, received the Death Touch Squadron's Open Hand Award (given for her generosity in providing KAG t-shirts to Death Touch Squadron)

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Septaric, Dark Star Quadrant Quartermistress and Acting XO for the *IKV Raging Wolf*, received the Death Touch Squadron's Open Hand Award for her generosity in giving and loaning costuming and the Death Touch Squadron's Burning Heart Award for always putting the good of the Squadron first and for her love of the Klingon Way.

Dark Star Quadrant

June 5, 2004 -- ConCarolinas

Marine Lt. K'Tarr tai, CO of the now-drydocked *IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance*, was promoted to Marine Captain K'Tarr tai. *Qapla'!!!*

IKAV Sword of Pain

June 28, 2004 -- New Recruit

Welcome to Lt. Das'Pu tai Heartless (Vienna Piazzi), new recruit from the *IKV Honor's Blade* and new CO. May your battles be glorious in service to the Klingon Empire! *Qapla'!!!*

IKV Executioner

June 28, 2004 -- New Recruit and New Appointment

Welcome to Lance Corporal <encrypted> (Susan Hartley), new recruit. May your battles be glorious in service to the Klingon Empire! *Qapla'!!!*

Congratulations to Lt. T'Mar tai for being appointed XO of the *IKV Blood Moon*! *Qapla'!!!*

IKV Blood Claw

August 3, 2004 -- New Recruit

Welcome to Lance Corporal Athra (Martha Ross), new recruit. May your battles be glorious in service to the Empire! *Qapla'!!!*

DSQ KILL STRIPE CHALLENGE

Hail Warriors,

The *IKV Executioner* and the *IKV Raging Wolf* are participating in this Food Drive! So far the *Raging Wolf* is in the lead! For the months of July and August, ?? pounds of food and toiletries was sent! How does your HONOR rate? Send your food / supplies today and let me know of your good deed!

Too expensive to send food??? **Then send cold hard latinum!!** Just notify me when you sent and how much the check (personal checks are OK) or money order is for and include YOUR estimate of how many pounds of food that money will buy! The mailing address is below. *Qapla'!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

Hail Honorable CO's of Dark Star Quadrant,

Starting in MARCH and going to the end of the year, I, your Commander, challenge the honorable Ships of Dark Star Quadrant to participate in a Kill Stripe Challenge.

It is designed to support the Southwest Missouri Indian Center. These folks have little or no federal help for the local tribes and since times are hard, children are going hungry and toyleless. There is a need for food products of all kinds, as well as health care products, toys, blankets, clothes, etc. Food is paramount, however.

All participating members of participating ships will receive a battlenotch at the end of the year, awarded by your CO. Whichever ship mails the most assistance to the Southwest Missouri Indian Center will get a nice prize as well as each participating member being honored with a KILL STRIPE specifically designed for this Challenge.

Just email me and let me know how many pounds and items (both are taken into consideration) you have mailed / UPS'd / Fed Exed or whatever. I will keep track and announce the winner in January 2005!

GOOD HUNTING!!!!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

**MAIL ALL ASSISTANCE TO:
Merry and Jody Sampson
Southwest Missouri Indian Center
543 South Scenic Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802**

DARK MOON FLEET NEWS

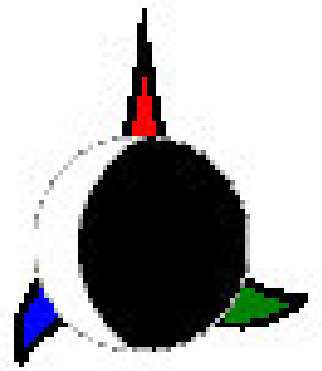
CHECK OUT DARK MOON FLEET YAHOOGROUP!

Ship Commanders of Dark Star Quadrant!

If you have not uploaded your holo-image to the Dark Moon Fleet Yahoogroup's photo gallery, then you need to join the Dark Moon Fleet Yahoogroup and do so!!

Send an email to darkmoonfleet-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant
Dark Moon Fleet
Imperial Navy
KAG



IKV ASTRIS SENDS REPORT

By Lt. Qat'Iy vestai-K'olSoh'hn, Willd Frontier Quadrant Commander



New Commanding Officer Appointed and Promoted

Earlier this spring, the Fleet Commander for the Dark Moon Fleet, appointed me as the interim Wild Frontier Quadrant Commander. On May 31, Thought Admiral Kris asked me to delete the “jg”, effectively promoting me to Lieutenant. It is a pleasure to serve under their command.

I have taken several steps to bring the Wild Frontier Quadrant back to life after it quieted down before the *IKV Astris* and I arrived on the scene.

The *IKV Astris* had our first meeting in March of this year, and we already have several active members involved in a variety of social activities. A website describing our activities has been created with the assistance of Lt. Koris vestai-Duras, a web genius! You can find our website at www.geocities.com/ikvastrisusa .

An XO has also been appointed for the *IKV Astris*, none but the one and only DIronwI'! (Bagpiper) As an enlisted Marine he will bring glory and honor to the *IKV Astris*!

On (date), I met the crew of the *IKV Shadow's Edge*, ably commanded by IXL officer Dave Chin (Daimon Lokai) with assistance from his fine XO, Phyllis Fest. I attended their meeting over at Castle Island on a gorgeous day. We enjoyed meeting each other and am delighted to announce their presence in the Wild Frontier Quadrant. I learned about a proud tradition—Moxie has been the official soft drink of the Wild Frontier Quadrant. Not wanting to change a proud tradition, I kept that designation intact. To add a little fun, I declared that Sam Adams would be the official beer of the Wild Frontier Quadrant. Because that beer is brewed in Boston, everyone delighted in that decision. I am looking forward to many joint missions with the *IKV Shadow's Edge*, and another fine ship in Maine that is being resurrected as we speak.

Mark Libby (HoD Kamar) is the CO of the *IKV Shadow Dancer* of Bangor Maine. I had the honor of meeting some of the crew when I was at the Starfleet Region 15 Summit in Seabrook, NH. Everyone from the *IKV Shadow Dancer* impressed me with their friendliness and enthusiasm. I am looking forward to hearing of the latest developments up in Maine.

In other Maine news, I am honored to announce the establishment of Camp Khitomer. Ken Northrop (K'nOr, the epetai of the House of K'olSoh'hn) is the fantastic CO of Camp Khitomer. He has already created a fine Web presence. Information on both Camp Khitomer and the House of K'olSoh'hn can be found at www.khitomer.us.

New Website and Yahoo! newsgroup for the Wild Frontier Quadrant

The Wild Frontier Quadrant also has a new Website and Yahoo! newsgroup. The website can be found at www.geocities.com/wildfrontierquadrant and for the Yahoo group the address is <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/wfq-kag> .

Anyone in New England who is reading this but is not yet affiliated with a ship, please contact me at majqa1966@yahoo.com . I can help you find a ship in your area or I can help you get one started!!

DARK MOON FLEET WEBSITE

Dark Moon Fleet Website: <http://www.darkmoonfleet.org>

All ship CO's should check to make sure their contact information is correct. If not please email Cmdr. Keela ASAP at keela_septaric@bellsouth.net

KAG NEWS

KAG WEBSITES

KAG Main Website: www.kag.org

KAG Database: www.roguephoenix.org/KAG/database.htm

KAG E-Corps Website: <http://ecorps.kag.org>

KAG Elint Website: <http://elint.kag.org>

KAG Force Recon Website: <http://fr.kag.org>

KAG Marine Website: <http://kagmarines.org>

KAG Quartermaster Website: <http://qm.kag.org/>

KAG Xeno Legion Website: www.kag.org/ixl/



GENERAL NEWS



DEATH HOWL FOR JERRY GOLDSMITH

Of note, talented composer Jerry Goldsmith died recently after a long bout with cancer. He was 75.

He is the composer who did the music for *Star Trek the Motion Picture*, including the famous KLINGON battle scene music that has become so associated with Klingon fans everywhere.

Among his other *Star Trek* credits are (by extension of the *ST:TMP*) the theme music for *ST: Next Gen*, and several other *Star Trek* movies including *ST: First Contact*.

He also wrote music for *Star Trek: The Experience* in Las Vegas, Nevada. The composition was for "Borg Invasion 4D." He scored *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*, *Star Trek: Insurrection* and lastly, *Star Trek: Nemesis*.

HOWL for him Warriors!! He will be sorely missed. But the songs and music in Sto-Vo-Kor will be enriched by his presence. *Qapla'!!!*

(Thanks to [startrek.com](http://www.startrek.com) for this holo-image. For more information go to <http://www.startrek.com/startrek/view/news/article/6199.html>)

J. G. HERTZLER TO PLAY YET ANOTHER KLINGON!

J. G. Hertzler, best known to *Star Trek* fans as Chancellor Martok from *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* shot an episode of *Star Trek: Enterprise* last week in which he will play a Klingon captain.

"Gisele LaRoche from the **DS9 Make A Movie Campaign** (see related article on page 7) announced at theTrekBBS message board that Hertzler is indeed slated to appear in an episode of *Enterprise*, likely early in the show's fourth season. "I wrote to Mr. Hertzler a few days ago to update him on the DS9 movie campaign," she wrote. "He told me he would be a Klingon captain in an upcoming ep of ENT. He said they would be filming it this week (week of August 8th)." www.trektoday.com

Speculation is that Hertzler will appear in "Borderland" which went into production last week and apparently includes a Klingon plot element. It's unsure if Hertzler will play an ancestor of Martok or not. It's the first of three episodes that Brint Spiner will also appear in playing Dr. Arik Soong (an ancestor of Nooniyen, creator of Data). The story arc deals with Soong's attempt to track down twenty genetically-engineered soldiers (like Khan and company) from the Eugenics Wars.

This will be Hertzler's second appearance in *Enterprise* series. His first was in "Judgement" in which (in contrast to the militaristic roles we normally see Klingons portrayed in) he played a Klingon lawyer, Kolos, assigned to defend Captain Archer after he was captured by the Klingons and charged with acts of aggression against them.

(Thanks to www.trektoday.com and TrekBBS for this information!)

TREKKIES II DVD RELEASE AUGUST 31st!!!

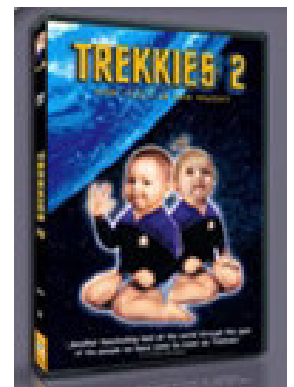
Online Entry Form to Win Free Trip To Europe's Largest Con!

We are just days away from the release of *Trekkies II*, a compilation of fan footage and interviews from *Trek Stars* (who knows? you might recognize a fellow fan!) about the continuing phenomenon of *Star Trek*. Though the emphasis appears to be on European fans, I feel sure it will be a wonderful piece of work and enable us to laugh at ourselves, as well as be proud of ourselves.

There will be at least one Klingon Assault Group activity in our local area to help promote the release of the DVD (the video form is slated to come out within six months). We will gather at the Hickory, NC Media Play to promote this DVD and will be there all day!

To enter the contest to win a free convention trip to Europe and to obtain the latest information on *Trekkies II*, go to www.trekkies2.com/ Personally . . . I'm ready for *Trekkies III*!!!!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric



PETITION FOR DS9 MOVIE

There is an online petition website at <http://www.ds9movie.trekster.us/> that will enable all *Star Trek: Deep Space 9* fans (or any *Star Trek* fans for that matter) to try to encourage the powers that be to make a movie based on the hit *Star Trek* series. Just go to the above address and follow the commands to enter your information. You will be sent an email confirming that you have done this.

Deep Space Nine was my favorite of all the *Star Trek* series, with *Next Generation* coming in second, followed by *Voyager*. I even like *Enterprise*. In this age of *Star Wars*, *Stargates* and *Farscapes*, it behooves all *Trek* fans to continue to support all *Trek*-related projects. (This includes purchasing *Trekkies II* so that we can encourage the producers and distributors to look at making a *Trekkies III*.) But right now, be sure to go online and make your voice heard at www.ds9movie.trekster.us/ so that we can have at least the possibility of a *Star Trek* hit movie -- not that I haven't loved them all, but DS9 was compelling and interesting and, most importantly, has left a lot of plot twists unresolved! All right, all right . . . I have a crush on Benjamin Sisko! Who doesn't???

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

CLASSIC UNIFORMS UP CLOSE!

Thanks to Joseph Kerezman, a member of the Klingon Costumes list serve for sharing these two holo-images that he took at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum's *Star Trek* exhibit in 1991. To view an even more detailed image go to the following links:

Male and Female Costume: www.costumecostumecostume.com/Male&Female.jpg

Female Costume only: www.costumecostumecostume.com/FemaleLarge.jpg

To join the KlingonCostumes group send an email to KlingonCostumes-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



Klingons of Dark Star Quadrant: Subscribe to Dark Star Quadrant's Yahoo Groups!!!!

To subscribe to the Dark Star Quadrant General YahooGroup, send an email to:
DarkStarQuadrant-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To subscribe to the Dark Star Quadrant Marine YahooGroup, send an email to:
DarkStarQuadrantMarines-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

SHIP REPORTS

NAVY



IKV Blood Klaw

Report from the IKV Blood Klaw 8/3/2004

Well we have been a little busy for the past couple of months doing various things. We assisted with security matters at this last Con of the Carolinas along with a few other ships (thanks again for accepting us Commandant) and enjoyed our time there very much. (even if Evolcott has a funny way of showing it on occasions) Competing with a few of the HUMans there was also entertaining, and as always hostages had to be taken.

We also are still planning another event some time soon but still are not sure of any positive date for it. Lastly the Commander had some sudden changes of planes himself when he got the 'Bat'leth' wound from the alien entity and had to have it treated. It has left a definite mark that he will remember for some time. But what is done is done.

New Change and addition

A new member to the ship has recently arrived, we welcome her and hope she will serve well:

Athra (Martha Ross) July 2004

Qapla'!
Rlikay Sutai Septaric
CO, *IKV Blood Klaw*

IKV Blood Moon of the Death Touch Squadron

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant,

Once again the past few months have been kind of slow, but we are hosting a fairly large meeting in Gastonia on 12 noon and continuing until. If you will be in the Gastonia, NC area that day, email Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

The bad news is I lost my job, but the good news is that I may have another one already lined up. I would appreciate your thoughts on that matter. As some of you know, my wife's niece, along with three other people, was murdered last year. The mother and father will decide on the severity of the penalty on September 9th. I would appreciate your thoughts on that matter.

My wife's sister has liver cancer and has been given less than a year. Also her two daughters have found out they have cervical cancer. My daughter has had intestinal problems; my stepdaughter just sprained her ankle and tore ligaments. It's just been the year from Gre'thor for us. But we are Klingons and we will survive.

Our 2nd Anniversary of being a ship in KAG was September 7th! *Qapla'!*

Lt. Gorrath vestai
CO, *IKV Blood Moon*



**Warriors, Well Seasoned or Raw Recruits:
Be sure to check out the Force Recon Website!**

<http://fr.kag.org>

It will educate and inspire YOU!!!!!!

IKV Eclipse

Keela...

I'm =not= going to say "I told you so..." :-)

[Editor's note: By way of explanation, earlier this year I had discussed my tiredness and constant waking up during the night with Krush. He quickly urged me to get tested, saying that it sounded like I had sleep apnea. And as soon as I got health insurance, I told my doctor I needed a sleep study. The results were that I have moderately severe sleep apnea and even stop breathing for as long as a minute. I want to thank Krush for encouraging me to get tested. I owe him a lot for that. Keela]

You =will= be in my prayers. It took me about a week to get over the feeling that I was smothering with the mask on. A well fitted mask will do wonders for comfort. But be prepared - a CPAP machine costs about \$1000.00 and a Bi-PAP machine (for severe sleep apnea patients) costs about \$2500.00. Yes, some places will let you "rent to own" ... :-)

BTW, my job recently decided that I could do the "Costumes for a Cure" event again this year. I hope to have a rudimentary Klingon costume ready for at least one day of that event (the week that ends with Halloween on Sunday). I raised over \$200.00 single handedly last year and will hope to better that this year.

And, of course, we're doing the "Toys to Share" project again.

Then winter convention season.

Lt Krush D'stro
CO, *IKV Eclipse*

IKV Executioner of the Death Touch Squadron

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant,

The Executioner has two activities lined up in the immediate future: Invasion of Media Play to promote *Trekies II* and invasion of the Hickory Crawdads baseball game to promote . . . US! We will battle with our sister ship the *IKV Raging Wolf* and the Star Trek Independent Fleet.

On a personal note, some of the crew have been suffering from colds and bronchitis (yours truly included). Also, I would like to tell you that my wife's nephew, Tommy (who suffers from cancer that started in his kidneys and now has gone to his brain) is not doing very well. All they can do now is make him comfortable. He has lost a lot of weight and only plays just a little. He's nine years old. Please keep him in mind.

We plan to be at the September 18th meeting in Gastonia, NC. If there is a Quadrant activity at the Carolina Renaissance Festival, we may participate. Our 13th anniversary of being founded is on November 9th! We also may be planning a Halloween activity in support of the Lutheran Home in Hickory, NC.

Qapla'!
Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric
CO, *IKV Executioner*



IKV Glory Hunter

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant,

This past year has been pretty uneventful. I and my crew would have made Trinoc-Con, but plans to attend fell through, so we were unable.

I did, however, inform the Quadrant CO about the Spike TV *Star Trek* fan website, and she notified the Quadrant. Though several fellow Klingons, including her, were able to get their holo-images on this website, it is ironic that mine (thus far) has not shown up. Hu-mans!

I have upgraded my website. Feel free to check it out at: www.IKVGloryHunter.com

Glory to the Empire!
Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric
CO, *IKV Glory Hunter*



IKV Gre'thor

Hail Dark Star Quadrant Warriors,

My life is wild as usual, what with basically running a cadet ship (or running after cadets on the ship) and the Quadrant zoo. We've had some issues with a couple of our children's health and are looking for qualified healthcare specialists. Also recently the computer (again) has given me problems when I tried to install SIMS (long story short). I am still selling quality children's books, so if you are interested in Usborne Books, please contact me. I have a new email address. It is jorghahaq@verizon.net

Qapla'!
Lt. Jor'gha HaQ tai-BortaS
CO, *IKV Gre'thor*

KPV Krimson Fury

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant,

Because we are connected with Demon Fleet, we have escaped the recent culling of inactive Naval ships that Keela was forced to do. It is not that we don't want to be active or don't enjoy serving the Klingon Empire and love being Klingon, it's that real life has been getting in the way. Those of us who currently serve on the Krimson Fury would have liked to have done the Borg Assimilator day with the rest of the Quadrant, but the impact of both our daily lives was just too great.

One of the remaining members of the crew, Blink the Borg (Brian Spruill), now has a new baby son, so he doesn't have time for the ship. Now I too have become the foster mother of a 14-year-old autistic son. It is very rewarding as well as challenging at times, but worth it.

Brian and I will continue to be as active as we can be, we didn't mean to drop out or become inactive, it just snuck up on us! He and I are it for the ship in this area, as far as I know. Of course my son, Aaron, also likes *Star Trek*, so I guess he can be considered a cadet for now. I would love to play with a local ship! Keep me posted and put me on the Death Touch Squadron list!!! Thanks again for keeping me in the loop and letting me in on the happenings!

Lt. Q'Lorta Taw
XO, *KPV Krimson Fury*

IKV Mahless Heart of the Mahless Fire Squadron

Hail Warriors,

For Lt. loD' bath tai, CO of the *IKV Mahless Heart* out of Havelock, NC, I make this report. loD has been helping me out at my sign shop. He reports that his ship will have a new member soon. *Qapla'!*

Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok-Marr'
CO, Mahless Fire Squadron

IKV Mahless Star of the Mahless Fire Squadron

Hail Warriors,

I am the CO of the *IKV Mahless Heart*, out of Newport NC, flagship of the Mahless Fire Squadron. Our ship is hanging in there. On earth my business, Dave's Signs and Graphics, now has a vinyl cutter. I have already cut out some Star Trek stuff. I have nothing else to report at this time.

Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok-Marr'
CO, *IKV Mahless Star*
CO, Mahless Fire Squadron

IKV Mahless Storm of the Mahless Fire Squadron

Hail Warriors,

For Lt. Cmdr. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr, CO of the *IKV Mahless Storm* out of New Bern, NC, I make this report. I ask that you keep K'Muhl (Darren Tallman) in your prayers. He had surgery for cancer of the brain and spinal cord last year. The scar tissue is giving him problems. He was slated to go up to Maryland where they performed the original surgery to have this new problem taken care of, but plans have changed. He will be going to Duke University

instead, but as of this writing, I don't know when. I will keep you posted.

In other news he says he has gotten a bunch of new members, but the paperwork for them has not crossed my desk yet.

Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok-Marr'
CO, Mahless Fire Squadron

IKV Raging Wolf of the Death Touch Squadron

Greetings Warriors!

The *Raging Wolf* has been pretty active. We have collected some more foodstuffs for the Missouri Indian Center, but due to financial constraints have been unable to ship it off. Hopefully that will change soon. Our 2nd anniversary is October 26th. We will have been a ship in KAG for 2 years! *Qapla'!*

CONCAROLINAS – June 6-8

Ron McClung had many praises for the Klingons for their fine security work at ConCarolinas. *Qapla'!* They would like to have us back next year! They had asked me to serve as Volunteer Coordinator and Security Coordinator, but I am afraid with all that I have going on, I would be unable to do this. I had my hands full with our own group! Most members of the crew would like to serve as Security again.

Klingon Karaoke was mildly successful, because of competition from the Rocky Horror Picture Show (as to be expected) and small room. Next year, we will be on Friday night. I hope all of you can make it and bring your finest Klingon singing voices to the challenge!

HEROES CON – June 11-13

Lt. Ka'Rowe and I battled bravely for Hospice raising over \$800 dollars. We were able to take out expenses, since both of us are financially strapped, and ended up with a donation of exactly \$700. BTW, we saw Jane and Lauren down there and they helped us out some!

It was a glorious battle and the highlight of it was the meeting of Lt. Das'Pu tai-Heartless, formerly of the *IKV Honor's Blade* in Florida. She has agreed to be the CO of the NEW Marine ship in Charlotte, NC, the *IKAV Sword of Pain*. I wish her much success!

She has already contacted Cheralyn Lambeth and they are meeting soon to discuss battle plans. She has also made contact with Make-A-Wish for us and obtained the contract papers. She has also discussed a possible Blood Drive which we will probably need to help her with, so stay tuned.

I am pleased that a new ship is taking shape in Gastonia. As soon as I get her email contact information, I will send it to all Commanders, including Death Touch Squadron, especially Gorrath.

OTHER NEWS

On July we had a picnic meeting in Morganton, NC. See the story with holo-images on page ___ for more information! We said goodbye to Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric at the end of August who left for home (Mississippi) at the beginning of September. She plans to eventually end up in Las Vegas, Nevada. Good journey. We also had a great meeting in Boone at Kehlyr's home coordinates. See the story on page ___ for more information!

UPCOMING SQUADRON MEETING -- September 18th

The next Squadron meeting will be at Lt. T'Mar tai's on Saturday, September 18th at noon. It is hoped that area Klingons will be able to make this event. For directions, email T'Mar at anniebannie@aol.com. Please bring a snack item and a 2-liter drink.

TREKKIES II PROMOTION -- August 31st

I wrote to Jen, one of the crew on Trekkies II who facilitated our finding out about fan filming for this movie, and guess who wrote me back! The DIRECTOR, Roger Nygard. I told him that we would try our best to promote this video. He was pleasantly surprised and wished us good luck.

Thanks to Trey the manager for allowing us to come in. Of the seven available DVD's in the store, four were sold while we were there. We had a very good time and received a lot of smiles and comments. Holo-images and a full report will be in the next DARK MATTERS.

CRAWDADS INVASION -- August 31st

After the Media Play battle, we went to the Crawdads game where we lined up and greeted all humans entering the premises from about 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We got a lot of smiles (some hu-mans were too snooty to acknowledge our presence) for the most part. Holo-images and a full report will be in the next DARK MATTERS.

Upcoming plans include a possible invasion of the Carolina Renaissance Festival, Lions Club Carnival, Halloween activity and Beach Bash (see story on page ___ for more information).

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
Acting CO, *IKV Raging Wolf*

IKV Shadow Dragon

Hail Keela,

Excuse my tardiness, I have not been online much of late. First let me report that I may have caused a slight tear in my left knee, thus I have not been sleeping well, nor do I move over well right now. I'm still working the job at the chemical plant, though I at least have one possible opportunity elsewhere. Other than trying to keep my finances straight with my wife's fluctuating income from insurance sales, that is about the extent of my report at this time. Hopefully I will be able to do more soon as far as my ship goes.

Sincerely,
K'Drac
CO, *IKV Shadow Dragon*

IKV Shadowrider

Hail Keela,

I have not had access to the Internet for some time now as you may have noticed. I apologize for any inconvenience. My ship is a wreck right now but I hope to have everything going by DragonCon. I've lost some people, but I may have some coming in. Wish I had more to give you, but that's about it. Sorry it's so short. I'll send more as I receive it. Till then.

Qapla',
Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-QIHqem
CO, *IKV Shadowrider*



IKV Stormbringer

Hail Keela,

So far, haven't gotten back with the crew of the *USS Bonaventure* as they had their meeting right when my computer went wonky and I couldn't double check to confirm where their meeting was to be. So, I'm hoping, if I see a few of them at DragonCon, I may ask them (if I don't forget!) if they're still interested in "merging" for lack of better term with the *Stormbringer*



Yes, I'll be going to Dragoncon. I'll be arriving there on the 25th with Captain Kolvar.

Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava vestai-Septaric
CO, *IKV Stormbringer*

IKV Valkyries' Talon

Hail Keela,

I am saddened to hear that the *IKV Demonlance* has had problems with KAG. Perhaps time will heal all wounds. I appreciate you letting me know that we are now the official KAG representatives in the Charleston area.

This is a true honor, Keela, and means all of us will have to make sure we are on our best behavior to honor KAG and the Empire—all members of my ship will be instructed as such, and in public during any event—parade, convention, gathering—everyone will be there to properly represent KAG, to serve as needed, to offer assistance to help fellow KAG members, and to make sure we make our proper contributions to honor KAG wherever we go.

I appreciate the thanks for sending you the taped footage of the Borg Assimilator Media Day that was aired locally here. I am sorry the tape was not as long as it should have been—you guys earned more air time than they gave you, but I feel you can pull images off this for DARK MATTERS.

It was my pleasure to do this for you and also in doing this for you, it brings honor to KAG, and shows we will not go unnoticed. Perhaps this is a statement a bit aggressive, but we are Klingons and as long as we show up at these events it focuses on Klingons—a hu-man showing up in a STARFLEET uniform will get some notice, but the Klingons always are noticed because of the power of their presence.

Another thing that moved my heart, is these past three years I have been ill. I won't bore you with details and some days I cannot leave my house—it's been frustrating, upsetting, and sometimes my doctors don't know what to do for me. Nope, don't feel sorry for myself, because I started doing this, and maybe it sounds crazy . . . but I started saying to myself—I am a Klingon—a Klingon would fight this—I mean really fight this and fight it until they could go out of the house every day, and even if it started with one thing, it would be one thing, and then maybe something else.

Well, I was doing pretty good until about 9 weeks ago, when my back was injected with a plant substance (Prolo-therapy) and it flattened me completely. I was given 8 treatments by this doctor, and found out from my other doctor that most people get two treatments, and if it doesn't get the back out of pain, they don't put the patient through it—it's too painful and too much.

Before my last two treatments, I was actually making it to exercise class, yes it hurt, it was real painful, but I said, even back then—I'm a Klingon I will make it. So I don't feel sorry for myself, but I wish I had talked to this other doctor before letting this doctor hit me with these prolotherapy treatments so many times. Well, my back is not my only problem and as I said, I'm not going into that—but the reason I mentioned this prolotherapy to you—is it is becoming the "thing to do" for folks with back problems, but I got a second opinion, and more than two treatments shouldn't be done. So if you know anyone going for these, Keela, please ask them to check with at least another doctor if the doctor they go to wants to give them more than two treatments.

Something horrible has happened to one of my crew members. Her name is Maude, and she was way up in age and very poor, but a true Klingon to the end. She called herself "Commander" Malqua—she could have been treated for cancer, but they put her in a nursing home, and she fought and lived six months longer with no treatment—now that is a Klingon. I only wish that you would announce the death of this elderly Klingon Woman, for she endured pain—the cancer literally ate her alive. Her younger brother said that Medicare was just too slow to get her treatment—she died just a couple of days ago, and I have been ill, and then the death of this woman so dedicated to being a Klingon, I know that is what kept her alive. If you would send out a death howl for her—I would appreciate it for a true warrior is coming to Stor-Ko-Vor—her brother even said with as much pain as she was in when she was in the nursing home that she walked daily, until she became too thin and weak to be moved from her bed.

I would appreciate it, and apologize to you for you having to do this for me—this woman Commander Malqua makes me feel unworthy of being a Klingon, and I could not help her. Right now I don't have her last name, but she only told us to call her Maude and she would always say, "I am Commander Malqua." —so due to the fact that she was in her late 70s I just didn't push it. If you cannot send up a howl for this elderly warrior for lack of complete information, I understand, but then again, she only had that one brother in Florida and she had to move to Florida—so I cannot get anything out of him—she even had a hamster named Tribble—he died too.

I sent cards from the ship—we did everything we could—we could not help financially, but I wrote Medicare—to no avail. Useless, I feel useless. I can only howl in silence, and I am having my XO look for my print out list for her full name, though she just wanted to be called Commander Malqua.

I didn't even care about the Hurricane Charley that came here and went.

Thank you, for I was wanting to honor Commander Malqua and then I received your e-mail—I know you will do what you can.

Qapla'
Lt. Zahr Drahk vestai-Martok
CO, *IKV Valkyries' Talon*



Imperial Cha'aowian Vessel Dragons' Blood

Hail Warriors of the Dark Star Quadrant,

I have been under the weather somewhat with an intestinal blockage, but am much better now. I, my mate, and my children will be attending DragonCon in Atlanta, GA this year. Khon Kijo and the Epetai Qoj jev will be joining us as we temporarily transfer the Admiralty Flag to the *Dragons' Blood* for this Away Mission. This is my and K'neha's first DragonCon and we are looking forward to it. We will file a complete report ASAP.


In other news it is almost time for Beach Bash 2004 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We are celebrating our 10 year anniversary and big plans are in place to have a ton of FUN and Paaaarrrrrry Hearty. For the latest info check out <http://beachbash.chaouwempire.org/>.

Finally, the Cha'ouw Empire has a new Web Page Portal which we invite you to check out at <http://www.chaouwempire.org/>.

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of visiting you sector of the Universe and look forward to coming there sometime in the near future so that I can introduce my New Parmaquay K'neha.

Captain Jorf (Joseph)
ICV Dragons' Blood
Ambassador
House Ki'RK

SHIP REPORTS MARINE



IKAV Sword of Pain

Greetings Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant,

I am Das'Pu, CO of the *IKAV Sword of Pain* out of Charlotte, NC. I am from Florida and served on the *IKV Honor's Blade*, an independent Klingon organization. I am looking forward to recruiting new members and setting up activities. I plan to be at the September 18th Death Touch Squadron meeting in Gastonia, NC, so that I can get to know more Warriors of KAG.

Qapla!
Lt. Das'Pu tai-Heartless
CO, *IKAV Sword of Pain*

Thanks to the KAG website
for the Marine Graphic!

BATTLES TO COME!!!!

DARK STAR QUADRANT CALENDAR

God protect us all as we congregate to celebrate *Star Trek* and other science fiction / fantasy / horror hobbies.

Please refer to the following to get the latest on convention information.

SF Lovers Global Listing www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons2.html

Southern Fandom Resource Guide <http://scenic-city.com/sfgr/>

The Starfleet Conventions Page www.sfi.org/html/cons.html

About Star Trek Fans (Convention Listing) with Julia Houston

<http://Startrek.miningco.com/tvradio/startrek/cs/conventions/index.htm>

(look under the box on the left that says ESSENTIALS and click on Convention Information)



SEPTEMBER

September 3-5	Columbia Games East	-- Charlottesville, VA	www.prezcon.com/columbia/index.com
September 3-6	TCEP 11	-- Herndon, VA	http://barkingmad.org/
September 11-12	Baltimore Comic-Con 3	-- Baltimore, MD	www.comicon.com/baltimore/
September 17-19	Gamefest	-- Richmond, VA	www.gamefestseries.com/
September 18-23	Fall For The Book	-- Fairfax, VA	www.fallforthebook.org/
September 25	Game Day V	-- Raleigh, NC	http://ncgameday.dhorizon.org/

OCTOBER

October 1-3	MagFest	-- Williamsburg, VA	www.magfest.org/
October 1-3	SPX Expo	-- Bethesda, MD	www.spxpo.org/
October 1-3	Southern Front	-- Raleigh, NC	www.trianglesimsociety.org/sf2003.html
October 1-3	Virginia Beach Film Fest	-- Virginia Beach, VA	www.virginiabeachfilmfest.com/
October 2-3	DC Bardfest	-- Alexandria, VA	www.dcbardfest.com/index.htm
October 9	Possible Away Mission To A Primitive Planet	-- Concord, NC	keelavestai@yahoo.com
October 8-10	Intercon Mid-Atlantic	-- Baltimore, MD	www.larpweb.org/intercon/midatlantic2004/
October 9	Gamecon 20	-- Lanham, MD	www.norag.org/
October 9-10	Revoluticon	-- Asheville, NC	http://takeoff.to/revolution
October 10	Capital Associates	-- McLean, VA	www.capicons.com/
October 15-17	Capclave 4	-- Vienna, VA	www.wsfa.org/capc04/
October 15-17	Harvest Faire	-- Newport News, VA	www.paganet.org/harvest_faire/default.html
October 23	Possible Away Mission To A Primitive Planet	-- Concord, NC	keelavestai@yahoo.com

October 22-24	Rising Star 13	-- Salem, VA	www.rising-star.org/
October 22-24	TideCon	-- Williamsburg, VA	www.warhorn.net/tidecon/
October 22-24	Waterloo	-- Hunt Valley, MD	www.boardgames.org/specific/waterloo.htm
October 29-31	Anime USA 6	-- Vienna, VA	www.animeusa.org/

NOVEMBER

November 5-7	NekoCon	-- Chesapeake, VA	www.nekocon.org/
November 7	Capital Associates	-- McLean, VA	www.capicons.com/
November 12-14	Beach Bash	-- Myrtle Beach, SC	http://beachbash.virtualave.net
November 12-14	Euro Quest	-- Timonium, MD	http://euroquest.gamesclubofmd.org/
November 12-14	MACE	-- High Point, NC	www.justusproductions.com
November 12-14	Galaxy Con 2	-- Beltsville, MD	www.galaxycon.com/
November 28-30	Darkover 27	-- Timonium, MD	www.darkovercon.com

DECEMBER

December 3-5	SMOFcon22	-- Washington, DC	www.seahunt.org/smofcon22/
December 30-January 2	Capital Associates	-- McLean, VA	www.capicons.com/

Beach Bash

November 12-14 -- Myrtle Beach, SC
Cha'ouw Empire and House K'iRK



Qapla' Warriors of the Universe

This message is being giving the widest possible dissemination, so you may receive it on more than one frequency and we apologize for this in advance.

It is once again time for one of the best parties for Klingons on the East Coast and Beach Bash will be celebrating its 10th anniversary at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The party begins officially on November 12 and goes to the 14th, although some hearty party goers have plans for coming on the 11th of November for a special party at Mellons Sports Bar and Grill.

The members of the Cha'ouw Empire would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the FUN this year. Limited Truces are in effect so other Species can come and learn how to have FUN and Paarrrrty. For more info we invite you to go to <http://beachbash.chaowempire.org/> for the full low down.

We would also like to invite you to check out the new Cha'ouwian Empire Portal at <http://www.chaowempire.org/> for the latest on what is happening in the Empire.

If you have any question do not hesitate to contact me at AGothicKlingon@aol.com .

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