

Gastonia Christmas Parade

Decem ber 7 -- Gastonia, NC

IKV Blood Moon

The Klingon Warriors converged on the Headquarters of the *IKV Blood Moon* to plan strategies. The Christmas parade was imminent and it was imperative that all Warriors be arrayed in their finest battle armor. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric and Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric of the *IKV Raging Wolf* flew by Klingon Cargo Shuttle to assist the *Blood Moon* in achieving victory. They carried with them the holiday battle decorations for the shuttle, as well as Ka'Rowe's KAG banner and all extra armor and accessories. The crew of the *IKV Blood Moon*, Lt. Gorrath tai, Lt. T'Mar tai, Cadet Lt. Valkyrie tai, Cadet L. Lt. T'Bal, and Cadet L. Lt. Gornie, along with new Warriors going under the earth names Laura and Josh Simmons (mates) armored themselves.

Because it was December 7th (anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and because of the Indian/Klingon affiliation of the *IKV Raging Wolf*), it was decided to carry two American flags with Native American / Amerind imagery on them. One sported a tiny gold American eagle on it and the other sported a tiny green Klingon Bird of Prey. The flag bearing Klingons also wore native artifacts and tribal decorations.

All Klingons were ready for battle and assumed their positions very early, as eager Klingons are wont to do. There were no latrine facilities and it was not good, especially for Laura who was expecting. But relief was finally discovered in the form of portal potties. When the parade finally started, it was a great relief to all, even to those who didn't get to go to the portal . . .

The KAG representatives lined up as follows: little Gornie in the lead (until she pooped out), then the banner bearers, Valkyrie and Laura. They were followed by Gorrath and Ka'Rowe who carried the flags. After them, the well-decorated Klingon cargo shuttle flew on low impulse power, piloted by Keela. Passengers aboard the vessels were Lt. T'Mar and JosH. (Before the parade was over, Valkyrie and Gornie had joined them.)

The parade route was fairly straight though slight inclines and dips broke the continuity. The route was almost 2 miles. Near the end, Valkyrie (she suffers from asthma), gave the banner over to mother-to-be Laura, and jumped in the shuttle. Praise to Laura, Warrior that she is, she bore the burden alone to the end. It was very impressive!

During the route a lot of good comments and yells of approval of the Star Trek portion were heard. It was glorious!

At the end, ALL the Klingons boarded the shuttle. It was at maximum capacity -- Keela, Gornie and T'Mar in the front, Laura and Valkyrie in the back and Ka'Rowe, JosH and Gorrath on the tailgate. The shuttle flew slowly and carefully back to Laura and JosH's personal shuttle. From there, she and her mate returned to HQ to remove their armor. The decorations were removed and packed up. Meanwhile, Keela and Ka'Rowe flew to T'Mar's home coordinates to remove armor and prepare to return to their home area of space.

The battle was glorious, but apparently no human camera crews were there to archive it. The only picture in the paper about the parade featured the float immediately BEHIND the Klingons! <grrrrr> Humans!

Next year it is hoped that a float holding all the Klingons will be used. The parade lasted an hour. All participants received a well-earned battlenotch.



Above, back row: Cmdr. Keela, Lt. Gorrath, Cadet L. Lt. Gornie, Lt. Ka'Rowe, Lance Corporal JosH. Front row: Lance Corporal Laura, Cadet Lt. Valkyrie, Lt. T'Mar.

At left the front of the Klingon cargo vessel.

At right Cadet L. Lt. Gornie is pleased the parade was successful.





Left column, top to bottom, the Klingon contingent: KAG banner, flag bearers, Gornie, and the Klingon cargo shuttle.

Above right: Lt. Gorrath tai, CO of the IKV Blood Moon

Below right: Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric



Radiothon For Childrens' Hospital

Decem ber 11 -- Charlotte, NC

IKV Blood Moon

Prior to embarking on the arduous journey to the H'Ikory system for the Christmas Parade there, two members from the *IKV Blood Moon* (Lt. Gorrath tai, CO, and Cadet Lt. T'Bal tai), along with two members of the *IKV Raging Wolf* (Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric), took a side journey to the Char'lotte Nebulae to deliver latinum raised at Media Play in Gastonia, NC for the Children's Hospital of the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

There was a radiothon to raise money for the same going on that day. The Klingons planned to be there to present the money while this was going on. It would end at 11:00 a.m. Running just a little late, the shuttle still arrived at 10:50 a.m. and all passengers, except for the pilot, disembarked and headed for the 7th floor at top speed.

The two Klingons and one Vulcan went up the turbolift and exited into a corridor. Following it they came upon a gathering of hu-Mans who were obviously helping with the Radiothon. Gorrath spoke to them and explained who they were and why they were there.

The radio announcers were sitting in one of the corners of the room behind a makeshift kind of desk with microphones on it. They had just signed off (regrettably) when the Klingons arrived, however, someone had already mentioned that aliens were in the building and on the way up, so this probably went out over the airwaves.

The announcers got up and came over to meet the Klingons. It was explained that these were crew and friends from the *IKV Blood Moon* who had done a fund-raiser for the Children's Hospital at a Media Play recently. The money (\$25) was presented in a envelope to the Children's Hospital representatives. The radio announcers promised they would mention the Klingons' act of charity the next day.

Just then Keela arrived from parking the shuttle. Gorrath told the Children's Hospital personnel that he would give them a call to work out further fund-raiser particulars. Paperwork must be filled out for future activities.

The Klingons exited the building and flew towards the home coordinates of the *Blood Moon* where they stopped and rested for a couple hours before continuing on to battle in the Hickory Christmas Parade.

Qapla'!

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



Above from left to right: Cmdr. Keela, Lt. Ka'Rowe, Cadet Lt. T'Bal and Lt. Gorrath.

Hickory Christmas Parade

Decem ber 11 -- Hickory, NC

IKV Executioner

The Klingons landed the cargo shuttle and looked around. They were early again, but in the right space according to instructions. Now all they had to do was wait for the maroon bird of prey owned by Lt. Katkith vestai to arrive. It was to be the vehicle of choice in the parade this time because it had automatic impulse propulsion. At the Gastonia parade, the cargo vessel used was a straight impulse and offered a lot of trouble to the pilot to keep a slow steady even speed.

Katkith arrived and the vessel was appropriately decorated. As the sun of the earth set, temperatures became very, very cold. The warriors were alternately sitting on or warming their hands on the hood of the maroon Bird of Prey and the cadets (Cadet L. Lt. Gornie, Cadet Lt. K'Tara, and Cadet L. Lt. T'Bal) were all nestled inside, snug as a Aldebaran fleabug in tribble fur. They were caretaken and entertained by Katkith while the older warriors froze their butts off, er . . . I mean . . . waited for the parade to begin.

The KAG contingent lineup was as follows: Lt. Gorrath tai, CO of the *IKV Blood Moon* led the way (his mate, Lt. T'Mar, couldn't make it because Cadet Lt. Valkyrie was sick and needed tending). He carried a custom made phaser rifle owned by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric. Following him was Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric and Keela of the *IKV Raging Wolf* carrying the KAG banner. Following them was L. Lt. Seven of Nine of the *IKV Executioner*. After her the Bird of Prey motored slowly on half impulse.

The Klingons were very well received. There were many yells of "Star Trek!" and "Klingons!" from the highly astute parade attendees. The Klingons were even filmed by the CO of Starfleet's *USS North Carolina*, Captain Jonathan Wilson. We look forward to getting this video evidence of our victory.

The parade route was not long, but it was at night and the temperatures were bitter. It was also surprisingly up and down. But all survived and at the end, everyone piled into the Bird of Prey. Katkith popped the trunk on Keela's command and she and Ka'Rowe sat in it and were transported thusly back to the faithful cargo shuttle.

Afterwards a feast was held at the local McDonalds' asteroid. Following this delicious victory banquet, the various ship representatives split up and returned to their home coordinates. It was glorious. *Qapla'!* to all the Warriors who participated.

P.S. Later it was heard that Gorrath received a very high compliment from a co-worker of the CO of the *Executioner*, Lt. Karrtush Degar (who was unable to attend the parade). His friend said all the Klingons looked good, but that first guy looked awesome! *Qapla'!*

Upper middle left column, Gorrath, Keela, Ka'Rowe, T'Bal and Gornie.

Lower middle left, Ka'Rowe, T'Bal and Gorrath stand ready.

Below right, Seven of Nine is flanked by Gorrath, Keela and Ka'Rowe.



At left, Gornie, T'Bal and K'Tara smile for the holo-imager.

Gornie poses beside the KAG personal shuttle.



Lenoir Christmas Parade

Decem ber 13 -- Lenoir, NC

IKV Raging Wolf

After much confusion, due to subspace interference, the STIFs and the KAGsters finally assembled at one location, Cmdr. Keela's home coordinates. Participating crew from the *IKV Raging Wolf* were Keela and Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric. Participants from the STIFs were Admiral Billy Ray Carswell, Commodore Eddie Williams, Captain Robert Bailey and Ensign Ryan Carswell. The Admiral drove a huge Maroon truck with 2 silver smokestacks behind the cab. He pulled a long trailer loaded with hay bales. Everyone boarded and flew to the parade start coordinates.

Though the Hickory parade was cold, it was absolutely NO comparison to the frigid air endured -- just barely -- by those riding in the back of the truck. All suffered mightily, even the well clad Klingons. Most everyone thawed out after arriving. The float was made ready. The bales of hay were arranged in the center and an astro-turf rug was thrown over them. Christmas decorations covered the truck and the float. Both STIF and KAG banners were flown on the front of the trailer.

Keela and Ka'Rowe sat on the back on either side of the float. Keela held her phaser rifle and Ka'Rowe held her bat'leth of Kahless. In the front of them sat Williams and Bailey (he sported a Santa hat). Bailey battled well by waving to the crowd throughout the parade. Keela and Ka'Rowe also waved and shouted, "MajQa Kris'mas" to all the humans. It was very well received and a lot of friends for the Klingon Empire were made that day.

Riding on the float was the best part of the parade and will definitely be a consideration in next year's parades! *Qapla'* to all who participated!

Below left: the STIF shuttle.

Below right, from left to right: Lt. Ka'Rowe, Cmdr. Keela, Eddie Williams, Robert Bailey, Ryan Carswell, and Admiral Billy Ray Carswell



Below: Eddie Williams, Billy Ray Carswell, Robert Bailey and Ka'Rowe beside the float.



PREPARATION FOR BATTLE!!!

Dark Star Quadrant Ship Meetings & Contact Information

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(Charlotte, NC)

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IKV Eclipse (Navy)

(Harrisonburg, VA)

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ONE FINAL REFLECTION!!!!

From the Editor

Nuq'neh, Warriors of the Dark Star Quadrant!

Ship COs are encouraged to share DARK MATTERS, the Dark Star Quadrant newsletter, with their crews. Pass along the address, so that they too may read and share in the information. In turn, Ship COs and ALL Warriors are encouraged to share their news with the Quadrant! I would like to receive articles and photographs on anything related to Klingons. Don't forget we Klingons are interested in the scientific advances of this planet in addition to articles on your glorious deeds in service to the Empire.

The deadline for the next issue of DARK MATTERS is March 30th, 2004. Submissions for the December issue may be sent to: *keelavestai@yahoo.com* or they may be snail mailed to:

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The Last Bite

The desert provided at the end of Feast proved a challenge for Keela at Planet Hollywood.



After stabbing it with her knife, Keela bares her fangs to eat the frozen concoction called "ice cream." She finds it . . . delicious.

QAPLÁ!