



Dark Star Quadrant's DARK MATTERS

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NUQNEH!!!!

From the Dark Star Quadrant Commander

Greetings to all the brave Warriors in the Dark Star Quadrant!

HONORS? TIME TO SELECT QUAD SHIP!!!

Has your ship fought bravely and achieved many victories this past year????

If so, you must let me know! Because come DragonCon, I will recommend to Dark Moon Fleet Commander, Captain Kalex sutai-QIHqem, which ship from Dark Star Quadrant should receive the title of QUADRANT SHIP OF HONOR!

He will then choose Dark Moon FLEET SHIP OF HONOR!

And he will also select the BEST SHIP AT DRAGON CON for the ship that brings the most crew and shows the most SPIRIT!!! Attend DragonCon and make your presence known!

Are you prepared to fight for these glories??? **Then send me a subspace communication immediately and let me know why I should choose your ship and crew to honor!**

Qapla' and may the best ship WIN!!



COMMUNICATION SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE ENHANCED!!!

All of the ship Commanding Officers have received the latest Dark Star Quadrant Ship Roster. Some of the ships on the list are very non-communicative. Some are having a hard time in this economically stressed section of the Galaxy. Some cannot find new recruits to fill much needed positions.

I am asking that all of the COs send a general hail to EVERY OTHER SHIP BESIDES THEMSELVES. Get to know your fellow Warriors. We must communicate to be strong and to fight off all enemy encursions into Klingon Space. We must communicate to afford as many Warriors the opportunity to earn battlenotches and kill stripes as possible. We must communicate in order to assemble together at Feasts and other recreational activities. We must communicate to be Strong!

If there is a theme to this issue, it will be COMMUNICATION! A very good article is submitted this issue by Marine Captain MemtoK! Read and heed!! The KAG Code of Conduct which emphasizes communication is elsewhere. Take it to your Warrior Heart!

If you need help, ask!!! I believe in the Klingon saying, he who governs best, governs least! You have my trust, but if you need my help, you MUST LET ME KNOW!!! **Communication!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

From the Dark Star Quadrant Force Recon Commander

Hail Warriors of the Quadrant and beyond!

I am back again for this issue of DARK MATTERS.

First a report on the efforts of Force Recon here in the DSQ. Do you know what Force Recon is charged with? Recruiting and Retention of new members. At the offices of Force Recon, Keela and I contact new and curious members, try to see what interests they have, what vessel they are near, and getting that new member involved with the prospective ship. Sound simple? Not really.

Keela and I have to maintain very good communication with the new members. Sometimes, either one of us, me, Keela, or the new member, can get so bogged down we forget to talk to one another. This brings me to the heart of this article this time . . . **Communication**.

Communicating is vital to the success of any organization at any point in the chain of command. Talking to your subordinates and to your superiors is a must if you wish both parties to stay informed. You wouldn't launch a planet invasion without consulting Qo'n'os and getting either more ships and men or possibly permission, now would you? I didn't think so.

So maybe you aren't planning a planet wide invasion, possibly just an invasion on the local Pizza Hut. Still, in this situation, and unless you are telepathic, without written or verbal or both communications, the rest of your vessel would not know about it and the invasion would fail . . . unless you can eat twelve large pizzas by yourself.

Another example. You are a newly minted Second Lieutenant, and you wish to start a Division within KAG, and for all intents and purposes of this article, let's call it the Lollipop Division. Now, you do not tell your Department Head, your Executive Officer, nor your Commanding Officer. Instead, you go directly to your Quadrant CO, who proceeds up the Chain of Command. About a week later, your CO receives an email stating that Second Lieutenant So and So is allowed to start the new division. Your ship CO is annoyed that you did not inform him/her, and embarrassed that s/he does not know what his superior officer is talking about.

Does this sound familiar?

Proper communication etiquette called for you to inform your Department Head, who informs the Executive Officer, who informs the Commanding Officer, and so on and so forth. It may sound a little time consuming and silly, but everyone stays in the loop of communication. Why is this important? So everyone knows what is going on, your CO can respond to the Quad CO appropriately, and you may even get special recognition for forming the Lollipop Division.

The gist of all this? Keep talking, writing, and listening. This is all **communication**.

Qapla'!

Lieutenant MemtoK' S'VorhA tai-DevnoH'
Commander, Force, Recon, Dark Star Quadrant
International Liaison for Force Recon



From the Dark Star Quadrant Quartermaster

Hail From Kehlyr,

As you all know, Heroes Con was on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of June. I went to Keela's home on the 12th to be able to get up and go down to Heroes the next day.

We left early Friday morning, got to Charlotte OK, went in, found our tables, and set up. Keela went to give blood or plasma, don't know which one, but I assure you it was pure Klingon. The day went well and so did the next day. I didn't get to go down Sunday.

I had a great time both days. When the con was over our KLINGON britches were dragging out our KLINGON tracks out. I told Keela I was gonna have to pin the seat of my pants to the nap of my neck to hold them up, otherwise I would trip over them.

From the message I got Monday, I found out how much we raised. It was fantastic; all together we raised \$500.00 for Hospice of Catawba Valley!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (WOW)

Keela and Katkith took the checks over to them Monday. They were shocked speechless and so were we.

As Quadrant Quartermaster there's not much news, except I'm back on line now (kehlyr@bellsouth.net and also kehlyr2001@yahoo.com).

If you need help or information you can contact me at either, but please put KAG in subject or otherwise I'll delete it. Thanks everyone for your prayers.

With Honor,
Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties
Dark Star Quadrant Quartermaster



Dark Star Quadrant Welcomes Guest Columnist:

Dien Ki Dow To Share Culinary Expertise

Greetings and Salutations,

My name is Dien Ki Dow, but you may call me Dien and I'm the chief cook aboard the Imperial Klingon Vessel Baltay[from a parallel dimension]. Named after Dr. Charles Baltay, a physicist from the planet Earth, our crew of many species is attempting to solve the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy.

Being the cook for so many different species is an adventure in itself. Some beings like one type of cuisine that others may not like. My job is to find something that everyone will enjoy.

I intend to share some of my recipes with you, along with substitutions that should hold something for everyone. I'm currently working on a new recipe for housefly pancakes with tkrak syrup. If everyone survives breakfast, I will share it with you.

Dien
Chief Cook, Death From Within ;-)

LATER

Ah, no fatalities! As they say, any meal that you can walk away from is a success. I was about to share my housefly pancake recipe with everyone when Commander Keela asked me to write a column for her newsletter. I think that my first submission should be a Klingon/Human recipe of mine called Pasta with Gagh Sauce. I think that you all will enjoy it, my crew certainly does:

PASTA WITH GAGH SAUCE

CAUTION: Different species may actually be allergic to some of these ingredients. If you're allergic, please substitute compounds from your native planet. Also, all insects used in this recipe were ranch raised and cleaned to remove any residual contaminants. Please don't use "free range" insects!

Ingredients:

1 pound Gagh or Terran Earthworms
1/4 cup Melat Sauce
1 tablespoon cooking oil
3 Checato Pods (any colour) cut into strips
1 cup water
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Cooked Pasta or Rice

Substitute:

1/4" Round Steak cut into strips
Soy Sauce
3 Bell Peppers cut into strips

Place Earthworms in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes to humanely kill them. Wash them and toss with Melat Sauce. Brown in oil. Add Checato Pods and cook until tender. Combine water and cornstarch, add to meat and stir over medium heat until sauce is thickened. Serve over pasta or rice. Serves four.

COMMUNICATION IS OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM!!!!

**CO's: Get your crew members to 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





Dark Star Quadrant Recent Promotions:

IKV Blood Claw

ConCarolinas -- May 31, 2003

Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay vestai-Septaric to Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai-Septaric
Lt. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric to Lt. Cmdr. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric

IKV Blood Moon

ConCarolinas -- May 31, 2003

Cadet Lance Corporal T'Ball to Cadet Legionnaire Lt. T'Ball
Ensign Gorrath to Lt. Gorrath tai

IKV Eclipse

Shore Leave -- July 12, 2003, retroactive

Ensign K'Rush to Lt. K'Rush tai

IKV Shadow Dragon

ConCarolinas -- May 31, 2003

Sergeant qo'Dun to Master Sergeant qo'Dun

IKV Shadowrider

ConCarolinas -- May 31, 2003

Recruit John Tyndall III to Lance Corporal <encrypted>

Ship COs,
Please inform me
of any and all awards
and promotions on
board your ships!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

Honors and Awards Received by Members of Dark Star Quadrant:

IKV Executioner

ConCarolinas

Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai received the original battlecloak built by the *IKV Executioner's* first CO, Lt. Cmdr. Korda vestai-Lorensith, founder of House Lorensith. The cloak has been passed down to each subsequent CO since *Executioner's* beginning. Qapla'!

K'LASSIFIED ADS!



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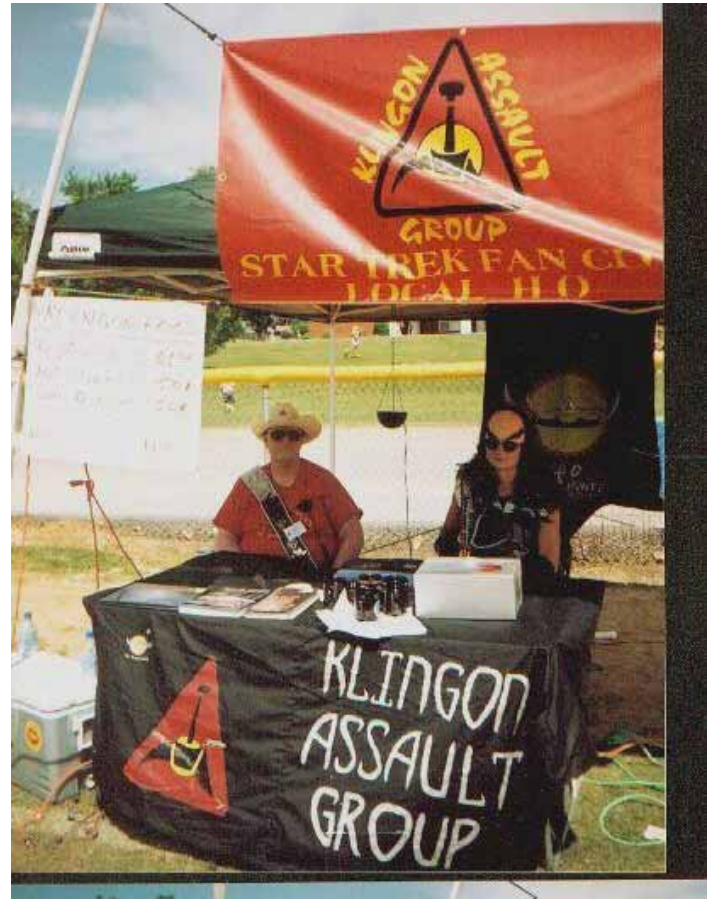
Greetings to Dark Star Quadrant from *IKV Krazy Knife* of the Cold Revenge Quadrant, Cold Terror Fleet



You have been caught...Being a life-saver
Thank You for your participation in the American Heart Association's
CardiacArrest Fundraiser

Date was May 22, 2003
Location was Tippah County Courthouse in Ripley MI

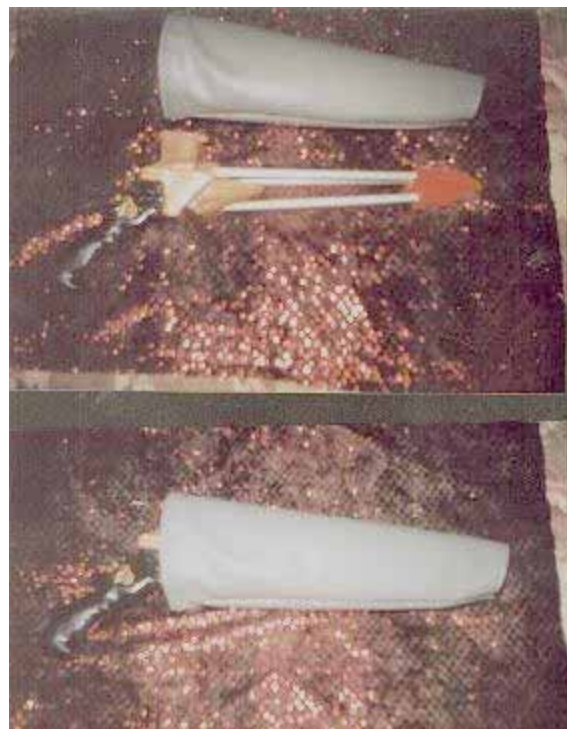
Pictured above are Lt. Ka'Leth tai-Septaric, XO, and Lt. Ka'Rowe tai-Septaric, CO of the IKV KrazyKnife out of Falkner, MS. They participated in the Cardiac Arrest Fundraiser for the American Heart Association! Qapla'!!!



Pictured above are CO, Lt. Ka'Rowe tai-Septaric, CO and Lt. Ka'Leth tai-Septaric, XO of the IKV KrazyKnife. They are shown at their booth to raise awareness for KAG at the Tippa County Freedom Festival in Ripley, MI on May 31, 2003! Qapla'!!!

K'LASSIFIED ADS!

*Pictured below and at right are the latest wares offered by Ka'Leth. She and Ka'Rowe will be at Dragon*Con 2003, so order NOW for delivery there!!! See following page for more info.*



K'LASSIFIED ADS!



**Something of Value To Klingons
To Sell?
Advertise Here FREE!**

Warrior Ware

Previous page:

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This page:

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Non-Metal Spine Protector -- \$30 + \$10 S&H

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Long Sleeved KAG Shirts (not pictured) -- \$25 + S&H

Alien Short Sword (2 styles) -- \$20 + S&H

Non-Metal Rank Insignia (red is Marine) --
\$2.50 each + S&H

Other items available, please inquire.

For more information, email Ka'Leth at:

2owls@bellsouth.net

or visit her new website at:

www.geocities.com/klingons4sale/index.html

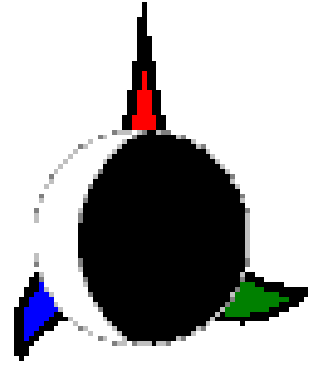


DARK MOON FLEET NEWS

DARK MOON FLEET WEBSITE

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

KAG Database: <http://www.roguephoenix.org/KAG/database.htm>



Dragon*Con's Klingon Hamlet Cancelled

To All Concerned:

TrekTrak and the Georgia Shakespeare Festival have mutually agreed to cancel "KLINGON HAMLET" for this year's Dragon*Con.

Dragon*Con folks:

TREK 015 is currently scheduled for Sat 8/30/03 @ 17:30 in Centennial I. This cancellation frees up the ballroom for another event which may need it.

All others:

Thanks for your help in recruiting for or expressing interest in this event. GSF and TrekTrak will team up again next year and see if we can pull this off for 2004.

Thanks,

—eric!

Eric L. Watts
Dragon*Con Director of Star Trek Programming
www.dragoncon.net/dc/trektrak

Dragon*Con's Miss Klingon Beauty Pageant Seeks Entrants

The fifth annual Miss Klingon Empire Beauty Pageant will be a MUST-SEE event for all Klingons at Dragon*Con. The Houses of all those who are selected to participate will be recognized with Honor in the presence of all fellow Klin. I look forward to hearing from all those who rise to meet this challenge!

Qa'pla!

—eric!

Eric L. Watts
Dragon*Con Director of Star Trek Programming
TrekTrak@aol.com
www.dragoncon.net/dc/trektrak

P.S. If your ship is interested in hosting a table at this year's Happy Hour at Ten Forward event, please contact me as soon as possible.

2nd Annual Dragon*Con Parade To Take Place

After a very successful 2002 Dragon*Con Parade, plans are to once again take over the streets of downtown Atlanta for the second annual Dragon*Con Parade. The parade route will wind through the streets from Centennial Olympic Park back over to the convention site. Bring your banners! Wear your best armor! We Klingons of Dark Star Quadrant will participate with the KAG contingent!

The Parade will take place Saturday morning and has a limited number of participants. The 2003 theme, "Come As You Aren't," is to indicate that people will come in their best fantasy roles or garb. We'll have units from the Society for Creative Anachronism, Klingons (KAG and others.), Buffy-ites, Star Wars, X-Files, military color guards and more!

There are still some slots still left for participating groups, so if your group is interested, please email Parade Director Marilyn Teague at mwteague@usa.net



KAG NEWS

KuurIIs Hails Warriors Instructions for Constructing Weapons for Klingon Year Games

Hi, everybody....

You might've noticed my massive silence of late—summer's not good for my computer, and getting things ready for the Games just made it worse. Thanks to everyone who suggested how I could get around the massive heat problem that renders my computer a pokey—seldom working thing at best and a large paper-weight at worst. I've got it working now (I hope).

Anyway, I just wanted to say I hope everyone who's coming has a good time, and want to put out my (late) instruction bit on putting together weapons for the Grand Melee. I want to be sure that (a) we have enough and (b) that you're comfortable with your weapon.

You need: 1/2 inch sch 40 600PSI PVC pipe (a 10 foot length costs about \$2 and gets you two 3 foot swords and one 4 foot greatsword)
Fun Noodle—those foam pool tubes, two go for about \$5 (one or two depending on how many weapons you want to make)
Pipe insulation that fits your PVC pipe (about \$1.50)
Duct Tape

I was specific about the type of pipe because many hardware stores put a weaker (315PSI) thin-walled pipe in with the good type, the thin stuff breaks easily.

Cut your pipe to the desired length (3-4 foot is best) and figure out how much of a handle you want (two-handed, about 8-10 inches is good) add an inch and a half to that measurement to make a pommel. Mark it on your pipe.

Now, measure the remainder of the pipe (the long end), add 1 and 1/2 -2 inches to that and cut your Fun Noodle to that length.

Slip the pipe into the hole in the Fun Noodle and slide it up to the marking you made for your handle.

You should now have an uncovered Fun Noodle boffer sword with a 9 1/2-11 and 1/2 inch handle. Cut a piece of pipe insulation to cover the handle that is 1 inch LONGER than the handle.

Slip it onto the pipe. Note—glue on the pipe will hold the handle better. Liquid Nails, Rubber Cement or Spray Foam Adhesive (NOT Spray Foam) work well, though the Spray is very expensive. Rubber contact cement is probably the best cheap alternate. You don't exactly NEED this, but it is a big advantage.

Once you've got the handle on take the excess on the end and cut a second slit, opposite the one that the pipe insulation comes with down to the pipe inside the handle. Fold the pieces over the end of the pipe and tape down firmly.

Now, turn the sword over, at the top you'll see a small hole. Cut some Fun Noodle or pipe insulation and fill that hole tightly. Tape firmly over it.

Now, wrap your sword and handle in Duct tape, making sure to cover the whole thing as smoothly as possible. Don't wind too tight or your sword won't last—and it might be too hard.

Once you've got the sword wrapped and the point covered turn the sword over again so the handle is up. Cut two 1 and 1/2 inch pieces of pipe insulation. Open them by pulling a bit so they look like 'C's. Put on over the end of the handle so the end is inside the 'C'. Put the second over that in an 'X'. Tape the whole thing down to the end of the handle. Wrap it tightly

Your sword is done. Decorate it as you see fit. If you'd like more instruction, with pictures to help, go to www.amtgard.com. There are several sets of instructions for all kinds of boffer weapons.

look forward to seeing you all at the Year Games. For more info go to www.yeargames.com

KuurIIs
In Service to KAG



GENERAL NEWS

MATT JEFFRIES PASSES AWAY

Matt Jefferies, the original designer of the *USS Enterprise* in the 1960's passed away July 21, 2003. It appears the cause was cancer. He was 82 years old and is survived by his wife, Mary Ann. Our condolences to the Family. We of the extended *Star Trek* Family grieve with you

UPDATES FROM QAOLIN!!!

Transmissions in May:

Hail Keela!

Those who know me are well aware of the schtick I do at a Portland bar every Thursday night. Well...It just got stranger.

After returning from the Norwescon Squirrel Hunt I was contacted by a producer in LaLaLand informing me I am being considered for a part in a reality series being pitched. Now I am scraping together videotape of me to send down there by the end of the week. If all goes well I'll be spending 3-4 weeks in Klingon gear and being put up in a mansion to pass judgment on an assortment of geeks, nerds and fangoobers. Should this come to pass, filming would be in September and post-production should be done just in time for fall sweeps in November.

I hate reality shows as a general rule, and I'm sure this won't change my mind on the subject. But who would you rather see each week: Me or Monica Lewinsky?

I'll be the national face for Klindom....Dead Gods of Q'onoS help us all!

Qavan Keela!!! Thanks for the plug to the *Trekkies 2* people!!! One day I may even make it out east to cause havoc out in your neck of the woods. BWAHAHAHA!!!!

I just talked with Ward Young, from the band STOVOKOR, this morning. It looks like I will be making the trip with them to Sacramento in July to play on a *Star Trek* Band bill on the 25th and 26th of that month. This thing is going Warp 10!!!!

Keep up the good work in the Dark Star Quad!

Kai Klingon!

Qaolin,
D'Harr Master of Klingon Karaoke

July Transmission

Yo, Keela!!!

I've been doing pretty much the same as I always have. Still trying to take Portland, one drinker at a time. The last few outings at BC's have been packed and now I have competition . . . or at least another brother in craziness.

Eric, who goes by the name M'kach, was a semi-regular and it seems I have spurred him to imitate me. He does damn good as well . . . ever heard "Just a Gigalo" in Klingon?

Anyway this week I am gearing up to head down to Sacramento to fill a bill with the bands **No Kill I** and **Stovokor**. This is going to be filmed for *Trekkies 2*, so I should have some good stories when I get back Sunday. Included in this transmission are a couple of recent holo-images.

Stay well, my Lady. Off to conquer new worlds!

Qaolin, epetai tuq Kiln
Stormrider Fleet / DMF / KAG
D'Har Master of Klingon Karaoke
ChonBey Lackey 3.147
reH SaghHa "egh yItlhap

<http://members.tripod.com/qaolin>



*At right, M'kah with his parmaqay.
Ya just gotta love those Klingon women.<eg>*

*Below from left to right: M'kach, Qaolin (myself)
and K'bor shouting at the Fek'lhr.*



Anniversary of Apollo 11 -- First Manned Mission To The Moon

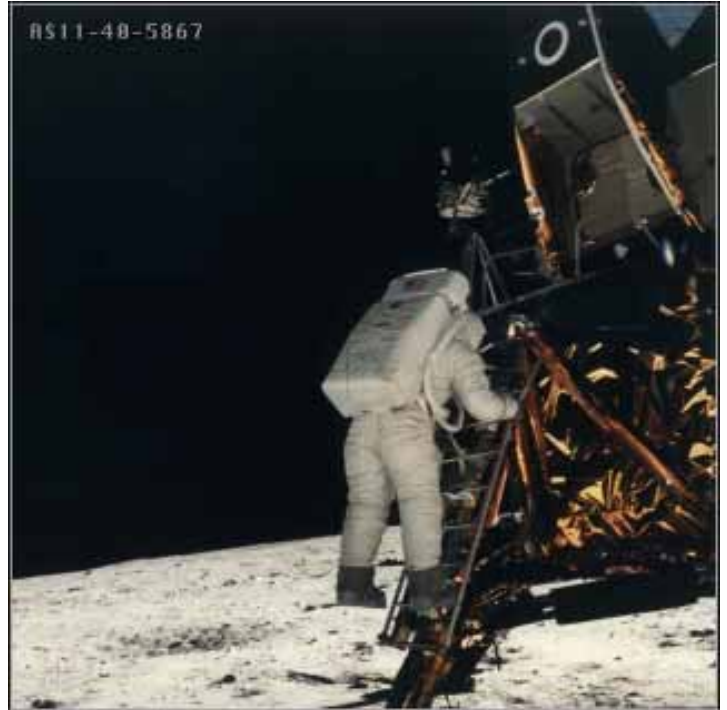
On July 20, 1969 -- 34 years ago -- the Apollo 11 Lunar Module *Eagle* touched down on the surface of the moon in the Sea of Tranquility. Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon. Michael Collins remained in orbit over the moon during this historic walkabout. For those of us who are old enough to remember it . . . we'll never forget it!!! Thanks so much to David Klingman for this heads up on a truly historic event in human space travel.

Photos courtesy Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/apollo/AS11/a11.htm>

Below left, an astronaut's footprint on lunar surface

At right Buzz Aldrin descending ladder of Apollo 11 lunar module, *Eagle*



At left, unknown astronaut with American flag

Below Buzz Aldrin stands on the surface of the moon



A SITE WITH BITE!!

Thanks to Dien Ki Dow for the heads up on this great website!!!!

"I just fitted myself for my fangs by Dental Distortions and they are FANTASTIC! They use the same methods that were used for the prosthetics in the different *Trek* series and movies. I've used Billy Bob teeth and these are nothing like them! If you want to really get into character, I would recommend getting a pair of their teeth. Check them out at www.dentaldistortions.com and if you don't see what you're looking for, they will customize something for you. They are much more expensive than Billy Bob, but they're worth it!" -- Dien

K'LASSIFIED ADS!

Klingon Pocket Watch

Excellent condition. \$35.00 (originally cost \$45.00 mint) Has chain and leather case.
If interested, contact Jack Townsend at townsendenterprizes@hotmail.com to arrange purchase and shipping.



Something of Value To Klingons To Sell? Advertise Here FREE!

Thanks to Cmdr. K'Blade sutai-Hov bo'Degh, CO of the IKV Eagle's Talon for this important information:

Greetings,

As of now, SciFiTraders is moving from MSN to Yahoo!!!! The site will be open and free to all to use to advertise for or look for hard to find costume items or other Sci-Fi Products. If you are a product maker or costume designer, SciFiTraders will be the perfect venue to advertise your craft.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SciFiTraders>

Moderator
SciFiTraders

SHIP REPORTS NAVY

IKV Blood Claw

JULY REPORT

Well we are still working on getting a few of our members to return to the meetings. But at this point turn out is still fair. We Klingons were invited to a certain picnic last month by the Starfleet ships the *USS Hornet* & the *USS Yorktown* and had a very nice time. There were no sudden drawings of the Disruptors or Phasers and all talk was in a peaceful way. The *Yorktown* still says they would like to face a challenge again some day, so we will eventually have to oblige this request.

The warriors who attended the event included: myself, newly promoted Lt. Cmdr. Evolcot vestai-Septaric, Lt. MajuKut vestai Septaric, and a soon to be member of KAG. We were sad that the others could not make the event, but our resident Borg, Hugh, had said other plans that had to take place first. Hah'de bah'vaj usually can not make it to many any more, and lastly Duvachorg can only come when the time is right. But who knows? Maybe next time.

Qapla'!

Lt. Commander Rlikay Sutai-Septaric
Commanding Officer
IKV Blood Claw



Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to Rlikay who was promoted to sutai level at this past ConCarolinas by Captain Kolvar sutai-Septaric through a proxy, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to Evolcots who was promoted to Lt. Cmdr. vestai at ConCarolinas by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

IKAS Bringer of Justice

There has been no word from Ensign K'lendric who is serving on Irakkis. Continue to keep him in your thoughts.

IKV Demonlance

On behalf of the CO of the IKV Demonlance, Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok, I electronically pen this report after speaking with him at length on the phone. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

Hail Warriors,

Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok attended Shore Leave this past July 11-13. He reports that it was a nightmarish event for him. Many things that were supposed to happen with regard to Klingon plans did not, including the promotion of and award presentation (Keela's fault for not getting the awards constructed in time to mail) to two representatives from the *IKV Eclipse* who were there. Skal expresses his regrets over that and hopes the warriors will be able to make it to DragonCon to be promoted there.



Klingon stars attending included Robert O'Reilly and J. G. Hertzler, Chancellors Gowron and Martok, respectively, as well as Vaughn Armstrong who played *Star Trek: The Next Generation's* Captain Korris in "Heart of Glory" -- the originator of the Klingon Death Cry -- and Korath in the final episode of *Star Trek: Voyager*. The new House banners for Chancellors Martok and Gowron were presented. They made such an impression on Mr. Armstrong that Skal has been asked to design HIS House banner!! *Qapla'!*

Because of the outstanding job that Skal and his group did on the Chocolate Party at the Slanted Fedora in October 2002 (for which they earned the Dark Star Quadrant Glorious Victory award, as did members of the *IKV Eclipse* for a separate venture), Chancellor Martok asked him to design and decorate his and Gowron's table at Shore Leave. I understand it was glorious!

Also cakes were brought honoring the three Klingon guests and a great quantity of chocolate was supplied by Skal who journeyed to Hershey, PA to secure 5-pound blocks of the Klingon aphrodesiac!

The House banner(s) of the attending Chancellor(s) will also be displayed at DragonCon. Martok will be attending, but there's no word yet on Gowron.

On behalf of Chancellor Martok, Skal traveled to Savannah to present to Cmdr. K'Bone (aka Don Myers), of the IKAV Rogue Phoenix out of Savannah, GA (who had been hospitalized with a surgical wound that wasn't healing properly due to his diabetes) with the first CHANCELLOR'S ORDER OF THE BAT'LETH for outstanding Warriors. Skal designed the award and Martok approved it.

Skal is looking forward to DragonCon and hopes to see all of us there! *Qapla'!!!!*

IKV Eclipse

Geetings Keela,

We're busy planning our joint trip to Shore Leave even as I write. Gleda (the unofficial XO of this ship) and I usually always go up, although the con is getting a bit pricey nowadays. She and I will be the only ones from my ship that can go, and that assumes =I= can get there.

I had a medical "incident" on Thurs July 3, and am being tested for heart problems. The Doctor will not "release" me until the stress test. Pray that it occurs in time for him to get the results and give me final clearance to go away.

We're into advance planning for 2003's "Toys to Share From People Who Care" project, and will be cleaning up the building and getting ready just as soon as we get a warm day when I am off work. Pray that no rain comes that day!

Lt. K'Rush D'Stroy tai
CO, *IKV Eclipse*

I understand that Ensign K'Rush D'stroy did make Shore Leave along with his crewperson. And he was seen in Classic uniform, thereby earning the first commissioned officer rank available in KAG's Navy of Lt. tai. Qapla'!!! Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to K'Rush who was promoted to Lt. tai retroactive to Shore Leave by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

IKV Glory Hunter

No report received for this quarter, however, I understand that the CO, Lt. Cmdr. Ko'mot sutai-Septaric has joined Demon Fleet and now holds a dual membership with that and the Imperial Navy.

IKV Gre'thor

No report received for this quarter.

KPV Krimson Fury

No report received for this quarter, however, the XO, Q'Lorta has been very busy lately. Unfortunately membership has dwindled and she wants to do a membership drive. Hopefully, the ships in Charlotte will have a joint activity soon. Qapla' to her and her valiant crew. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

IKV Shadow Dragon

No report received for this quarter, however, Sergeant qo'Dun was promoted to Master Sergeant qo'Dun at ConCarolinas on May 31, 2003.

Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to qo'Dun who was promoted to Master Sergeant at ConCarolinas by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

IKV Shadowrider

Keela,

Due to most of my crew not showing up for meetings , we will no longer be having the meetings at the Open Book in Greenville. They will instead be held at my house. All of my crew knows where I live so there shouldn't be a problem with them finding it. Also , the biggest reason that it was moved to the Open Book was for my convenience. I was already in the area from the night before due to Rocky Horror. This has clearly hindered most of my crew from attending. I feel the it is in the best interest to my ship to move it back to my house.

John is still working on some thing small in a charity that we may be able to squeeze in before Dragon. He insists that he won't be able to make it to Dragon*Con but I'm going to do everything in my power to get him there. It's an experience that I feel he needs. Also, it might get him fired up to get his uniform done.

John and I are working on a new head piece for me and starting one for him. If we can get the head pieces done and arrange a way for him to go then he can throw a good enough costume together.

I don't know if Brad (my twin brother) has e-mailed you or not but he has started his own line. His line name is Klag (Lt. Cmdr. BortaH vestai-Klag). As it stands at this moment , Dragon*Con is the only thing on the board right now. Wish that there was more to report, but I believe that is it.

I'm possibly in the process of creating a new website for the ship. I will be bringing it up at the next meeting on the 9th of Aug. at 6 pm. I want to get feed back from the crew before I give out potential useless information because the website is going to cost the ship money.

That's all that I have for now. See you at Dragon*Con.

By the way, I don't know if you Know my XO's info. Her terran name is: Ronni Barnhart. Her Klingon name is: Cmdr.K'Rahja sutai-T'aw (formerly DevnoH).

Till we communicate again .

Qapla' ,

Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-QIHqem

It was good to see Lt. Cmdr. GortoK at ConCarolinas, as well as meet his new crewperson who also played "Frank-N-Furter" in the F5 production of the Rocky Horror Picture Show (excellent) and they will be back next year!!! <encrypted> who goes by the earth name John Tydall III was made a Lance Corporal. *Qapla'!*

Welcome back to Cmdr. K'Rahja sutai-T'aw!!!! *Qapla'!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

IKV Stonedagger

No report received this quarter.

On behalf of Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ, I want to encourage everyone to attend the CAROLINA'S CHALLENGE!
See page 20!!!!



IKV Stormbringer

No report received
this quarter.



IKV Stormwalker

No report received
this quarter



SHIP REPORTS

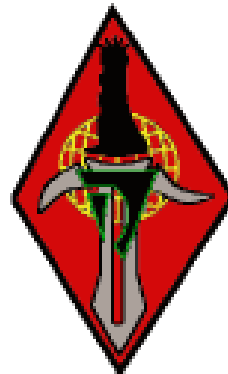
MARINE

IKAV Black Talon

Status Report June 12, 2003

Word of My evil Plot to Rule the Galaxy is spreading. It is my hope to get new people. So far, I have a Crew of three. More as News develops.

Marine Major Achbar vestai-Kurkura
CO, *IKAV Black Talon*



Status Report July 13, 2003

Greetings Fleet. We are new. Getting people together for a planning session is difficult due to work schedules. Eventually, we will get it all together and have some fun! Yes! It is a slow going process, but we will work things out. Crew is up to FIVE!

Marine Major Achbar vestai-Kurkura
CO, *IKAV Black Talon*

IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance

Hail Honored Commander,

My apologies for a lack of contact. The ship continues though my civilian life intrudes far too often. We did manage to make RoundCon this year and set up a table. Pictures have not yet been developed and they will be sent to you as soon as they are. I regret that I was unable to attend ConCarolina due to other concerns. I am still planning to attend the Carolina Challenge in Spartanburg and I appreciate that you have not given up on me. We will be getting more activity in the near future (I hope). Financial constraints keep me from attending DragonCon (again; maybe some day).

We are still attempting to recruit new members, but there is little support in this area. I saw that you received an e-mail from a potential member in Columbia and gave him my address, but I have received no messages from him. I will attempt to contact him.

Again, I apologize for the lack of communication. I will endeavor to be more participative in the future.

Marine Lt. K'Tarr tai
CO, *IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance*



House Ki'RK Report

Hailing frequencies open ...

Well it won't be long until the House Ki'RK, Royal House of the Cha'ouw Empire, the Clan of Llah and the Jub Brothers will be having their Annual Beach Bash at Myrtle Beach, S.C. on November 7 - 9, 2003. We get folks from all up and down the eastern seaboard, as far West as Utah and even other countries and we have an absolute blast. This is a family oriented activity as well. We would love to have you to come on down and **parrrrtyyyyyy** with us.



You can check it out on line at <http://beachbash.virtualave.net>. You're also welcome to past this on to anyone in Klingdom or any other Star Trek genre you know who might like to come out and play. You can also contact me directly at AGothicKlingon@aol.com

By the way, let me extend a special invitation to the folks down in KAG Atlanta. Your very own Matal will be defending the Beach Bash Warriors Belt she won last year and I have it on good authority a certain "Cat" has his sights fixed firmly on her, but I can assure you he will not be the only Warrior out to beat her, so come on down or up as the case may be.

Qa'pla all,
Captain Jorf
ICV Dragons' Blood
Honour and Glory to House Ki'Rk and the Cha'ouw Empire

I would like to encourage ALL of the Klingons of Dark Star Quadrant to support this event! Katkith and I will be attending this year and Klingon Karaoke is planned for this event! *Qapla'!!!* Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

SQUADRON REPORTS

NAVY

DEATH TOUCH SQUADRON

FIRST TRANSMISSION

Hail Warriors of Death Touch Squadron!

This is the fourth edition of the *Grim Reaper*, the Death Touch Squadron newsletter, featuring news and announcements from and for the *IKV Executioner* out of Hickory, NC, commanded by Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai; *IKV Blood Moon* out of Gastonia, NC, commanded by Ensign Gorrath; and *IKV Raging Wolf* out of Boone, NC, temporarily commanded by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric. We are individually strong, but as a group we are invincible. *Qapla'!!!*

SHORT ISSUE THIS TIME

I regret to inform you that due to circumstances beyond everyone's control, this will be a short newsletter. And it will not have all the information or ship reports you may require to do battle in the future, for which I apologize, but as soon as my spies report in on the missing data, I will inform the fleet! Also, I will not be going to the Starfleet International Meeting in Greensboro, NC at the end of this month, nor will I be able to make Trinoc-Con in Durham, NC. Finances have to be conserved for DragonCon.

KARRTUSH DEGAR HAS WIRE REMOVED

I am pleased to announce that Karrtush Degar had wires successfully removed from his knee. He is out of work once again, but the prognosis is very good. Keep on getting better Karrtush!

MEETING

There will be a Death Touch Squadron / *IKV Executioner* meeting at the home coordinates for Karrtush and Dracos on July 19th at 3:00 p.m. It will be a SUPPER POTLUCK, so please attend with food and drink offerings. That is an order!!! Much needs to be discussed!

KEHLYR BACK ON LINE

Kehlyr and Dredwar have moved to their new home coordinates in the lush mountains above Boone, NC. She has been doing much better healthwise since moving. She is back online and wants the members of Death Touch Squadron to know her hailing frequencies. Bear in mind you must put KAG in the subject line, if she doesn't recognize your addy, or she will delete it. Her email is: kehlyr@bellsouth.net

At this point in time, we are talking about having an *IKV Raging Wolf* meeting up in Boone in August and will keep you posted as to when and where. It will probably be at a local Chinese restaurant. We will discuss the meeting at the upcoming Squadron / *IKV Executioner* meeting on July 19th.

FEDDIES RE-SCHEDULE FUND-RAISER

As of this writing, the fund-raiser for Hospice of Burke County has been moved to the Waldensian Festival. It was a good suggestion. Unfortunately, the Hospice already has a booth there. I am awaiting word from Admiral Carswell as to what his group is planning. They may have to go back to square one and have it at Enon Baptist Church as originally planned.

Another wrinkle is that Cats' Cradle folk has now asked me to help with their booth (which they don't yet have). I have informed them that I was approached first by the Feddies and must wait for their plans to become finalized before I can offer help (if any) to man their booth. I will let you know as soon as I am informed by the STIFs as to what is going on.

SLANTED FEDORA IS ON THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22-24th!

Thanks to Seven of Nine for pointing out my mistake on the timing of this series of conventions (and or Dave Scott, convention organizer, changed it). On Friday, August 22nd, Slanted Fedora will be in Greenville, SC in the evening only (!). On Saturday, August 23rd, Slanted Fedora will be in Winston-Salem, NC for most of the day (but they don't have a site yet!!). And on Sunday, August 24th, Slanted Fedora will be in Raleigh, NC for most of the day (but they don't have a site there either!!!).

I thought I might go to the Saturday convention, then changed my mind to the Friday convention, now I've changed it back to Saturday. Of course, all of our attendance is based on whether Dave Scott can get a site in Winston-Salem or not. I will have to keep you posted. Or you too can monitor the Slanted Fedora website at www.sfedora.com and let me know if and when the change comes. As of now, I am still tentatively riding up with Admiral Carswell to the Winston-Salem Slanted Fedora on August 22nd. The price is \$15 per person. There will not be a KAG table. The Doctor and Neelix will be in attendance, as well as Chewbacca and a human astronaut. Should be a fun day.

If by chance finances prohibit attendance, I will let everyone know in advance. That's always a possibility these days.

TILLMAN DEDICATIONS PLANNED

The STIFs have formed a third ship, the *USS Tillman*. They plan to dedicate it later and want the Klingons to attend in uniform. There is also the dedication by Catawba Valley Astronomy Club of a Dobsonian telescope in memory of Jimmy Tillman and they would like the Klingons and Federation to attend that as well. I will keep you posted.

HEROES CON NETS \$500 FOR HOSPICE

The battle at Heroes Con went very well and we raised \$500 for Hospice of Catawba Valley. The Klingons battled hard and were completely victorious. The STIFs joined us on Saturday for a few hours. A couple of occasions, the STIF's watched the KAG table while we had to step away momentarily. Thanks to them for that. Qapla' and thanks to Katkith, Kehlyr, Kaltia and Keela for their efforts!

DARK STAR QUADRANT NEWSLETTER

I am working on the Dark Star Quadrant newsletter, but it is slow going. I will let you know when it is posted.

DARK STAR QUADRANT RECRUITMENT VIDEO

I am working on the Dark Star Quadrant recruitment video, but am having a problem because my computer memory is so small. I had hoped to enter it in the DragonCon short film contest, but I doubt if I will make it. Katkith is still working on his entry.

That is all for now!
Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Death Touch Squadron

SECOND TRANSMISSION

Hail members and friends of Death Touch Squadron!!

On Thursday July 10th at 7:35 a.m., Liam Jacob Jones, joined parents DJ and Sid (aka Andrew Carras, our Mirror Universe Klingon) nine days earlier than due!!!! Surprise and *Qapla'!!!!*

Liam was 7 lb. 12.8 oz. and 21 inches long at birth. Baby, mom and dad are doing fine!! They have been kicking back and settling in, but Sid had to return to work yesterday. According to Chamorro custom (DJ's culture), a newborn shouldn't be taken out of the house for at least two weeks after the birth, so we'll have to wait until then to even think about meeting him! Congratulations!!!!!! You can send e-cards to: andrewcarras@aol.com and snail mail cards to:

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jones
1860 Weston Drive
Vale, NC 28168

Also July 14th marked the 1st anniversary of the birth of the firstborn son of our beloved Trill/Klingon, Mirodon. Collin Klingman and parents (Captain and Mrs. David Klingman) are doing fine and living in Georgia now. To send e-cards and snail-mail cards:

David E. Klingman
222 Knights Bridge
Warner Robins GA 31093 (478) 747-5464 d.klingman@cox.net

Katkith and I are hoping to hook up with David at Dragon*Con! He lives about an hour away, so we will see! BTW Kaltia Knight and Kehlyr Muad'dib will be going to Dragon*Con this year! *Qapla'!*

If you want to get a bat'leth like mine and Kehlyr's it will cost \$20. If you let me know ASAP, I can order and pick up at DragonCon, thus avoiding shipping. Check out the other wares available on the Dark Star Quadrant newsletter which hopefully will be ready by the end of the week and let me know on the 19th!!!

Karrtush Degar is getting the staples taken out of his knee, almost as I am writing here. Please keep him in mind as this has been quite a trial for him and his wife! *Qapla!* Karrtush and Good Healing!!!!!! Get well cards can be sent to badasskl Klingon@yahoo.com or brought to the meeting! If you need the snail mail address, email me!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE JULY 19TH DT SQUAD / EXECUTIONER MEETING!!!!

The meeting time has been changed!!!! We will gather at Dave and Lori's trailer (Tarak Nor) at 1:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. to accommodate Lt. Gorrath and his family who are traveling northward to be with us, but must continue on for evening plans. We will still eat a supper potluck, so bring munchies/drinks/food, whatever. Also, the world premiere of the first Dark Star Quadrant recruitment transmission (video) will take place at the meeting, so be sure and attend because some of you are IN IT!!!!

BTW, the new crew of the *USS North Carolina* (SFI) somehow found out that we intercepted a transmission of theirs.

One of our outposts intercepted a Klingon transmission, apparently they know we are taking command of the North Carolina. But they do not know how special a ship she really is. Perhaps we can engage one of the local Klingon Patrol ships in mock combat after our initial shakedown is completed.

I would say we have been issued a challenge!!!! We'll answer it! *Qapla'!* and see you at the meeting!!!!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Death Touch Squadron



At left, Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai and Lt. Captain Dracos in their cloaked forms as Dave and Lori Jenson on an intelligence gathering mission at a recent meeting of the future USS North Carolina (SFI). At right the CO, Captain Jonathan Wilson, reveals strategic battle information unaware the Klingons are monitoring him closely.



IKV Blood Moon

Hail Warriors!

I and my Vulcan daughter T'Ball attended ConCarolinas. I promoted her to Cadet L. Lt. T'Ball there. *Qapla'!* While we were there, we got to participate in the making of the Dark Star Quadrant recruitment video. Unfortunately, we could not stay for Klingon Karaoke or Rocky Horror Picture Show, but heard it was glorious. I am still trying to set up an acceptable time for my crew to have their first official meeting. I have attended several Death Touch Squadron meetings, including the one on July 19th (my wife and children attended as well). I am looking into the possibility of a charity to work with. Cmdr. Keela is going to send me a list of charities one of the former Charlotte ships worked with as a starting point. I am pleased to be in Service to the Empire! *Qapla'!!!*

Lt. Gorrath tai
CO, *IKV Blood Moon*



Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to Gorrath who was promoted to Lt. tai at ConCarolinas by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS also to the Vulcan child T'Ball who was promoted to Cadet Legionnaire Lt. by her father Lt. Gorrath tai.

IKV Executioner

Hail Warriors!

The meeting commenced about 1400 hours and was held at Tarak Nor (my home coordinates). In attendance were the following:

From the Star Trek Independent Fleet, Captain Robet Bailey, of the *USS North Carolina* (STIF)

From the *IKV Executioner*, Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, CO; L. Captain Dracos; L. Captain Kaltia Knight; Lt. K'Lara tai, XO, and her two sons.

From the *IKV Blood Moon*, Lt. Gorrath tai, CO; and his wife Ann and three daughters (one of which is a Klingon and the other a Vulcan)

From the *IKV Raging Wolf*, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Acting CO; Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric, Acting XO of the *IKV Raging Wolf*, and finally Lt. Katkith vestai.

The meeting went well. We discussed upcoming events that we might be interested in attending, including the August 1st dedication of the Dobsonian telescope in the name of fallen Star Trek Independent Fleet Warrior Jimmy Tillman, and the conventions of Slanted Fedora, Dragon*Con, and Beach Bash. Keela and Kehlyr announced they were not going to Slanted Fedora in August in order to save money for Dragon*Con. Finances seem to be the main restriction on playing Klingon for the rest of the foreseeable future!

The two highlights of the meeting were watching the Dark Star Quadrant Recruitment video and presentation of an award. The best part of the meeting was when I got to present an Certificate of Appreciation to Kehlyr for all of her hard work on the *IKV Executioner*. Various human food was served on the menu along with bloodwine of cola nute and raktajino to drink. After the meeting, we hand folded and labeled the 350 newsletters for Cats' Cradle. Qapla'! All in all the meeting went very well.

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



IKV Raging Wolf

Greetings Warriors!

The biggest enemy that the Klingons face today is this *petaQ* human economy!!! This planet's economic situation is a MESS! Latinum is harder and harder to come by and for those of who have lost our human employ (Katkith and myself), it's very difficult. We have slowed down tremendously in our activities.

I will, however, try to give you an accounting of my ship's past activities (in conjunction with our sister ships of the Death Touch Squadron).

April 19th -- Death Touch Squadron meeting at Tarak Nor
May 3rd -- *IKV Raging Wolf* has yard sale for Cats' Cradle; members of *IKV Executioner* assist; raise \$100
May 3rd -- *IKV Raging Wolf* meeting at Keela's home coordinates
May 17 -- Lutheran Home Battle spearheaded by *IKV Executioner*, with sister ships *IKV Blood Moon* and *IKV Raging Wolf* participating
May 30-June 1 -- ConCarolinas in Charlotte, NC -- Dark Star Quadrant hosts KAG table and Klingon Karaoke; raises \$10 for Hospice
June 13-15 -- Heroes Con in Charlotte, NC -- Dark Star Quadrant hosts KAG table and raises \$500 for Hospice
June 21 -- Cmdr. Keela participates in full armor at Celebrity Bowl Painting in Morganton, NC
June 21 -- *IKV Raging Wolf* meeting at Golden Corral; only person attending other than Keela was Lt. Kronin MelbaH -- very disappointing
July 19 -- Death Touch Squadron meeting at Tarak Nor -- very successful

Plans for the future include:

July 26 -- STIF meeting (possible attendance)
August 1 -- Dedication of Dobsonian Telescope in Memory of Jimmy Tillman at 7:00 p.m. in full battle armor
August 2 -- *IKV Raging Wolf* meeting in Boone, NC
August 28-September 1 -- Dragon*Con in Atlanta, GA (Kehlyr, Katkith and I are all going!)
September 1 -- Deadline for Trekkies II fan filming
September 20 -- Carolina Challenge at Paris Mtn. State Park in SC
October 18 or 25 -- 4th Annual Shore Leave To A Primitive Planet at Carolina Renaissance Festival
November 7-9 -- Beach Bash in Myrtle Beach, SC

My Acting XO, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric, and I are hoping to blanket the Boone and Blowing Rock area with posters about the ship. We need local interest to get it going like it should be. May Kahless guide us in this endeavor.

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

MAHLESS FIRE SQUADRON

IKV Mahless Star

No report received for this quarter.

IKV Mahless Storm

No report received for this quarter.

IKV Mahless Heart

No report received for this quarter.

BATTLES TO COME!!!! DARK STAR QUADRANT CALENDAR

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

SF Lovers Global Listing <http://www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons2.html>

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

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)

Slanted Fedora website www.sfedora.com/

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



July 31 - August 3	Starfleet International Conference	-- Greensboro, NC	www.ic2003.sfi.org
August 1-3	FanEx	-- Timonium, MD	www.midmar.com/filmfest.html
August 1-3	TrinocCon 4	-- Durham, NC	www.trinoc-con.org
August 8-10	Otakon	-- Baltimore, MD	www.otakon.com
August 9-10	Imperial Quartermaster	-- Raleigh, NC	www.imperialquartermaster.com/
August 15-16	TMode	-- Dulles, VA	www.endgametournaments.com/
August 15-17	Horrorfind Weekend	-- Hunt Valley, MD	www.horrorfindweekend.com/
August 22	Slanted Fedora	-- Greenville, SC	www.sfedora.com
August 23	Slanted Fedora	-- Winston-Salem, NC	www.sfedora.com
August 24	Slanted Fedora	-- Raleigh, NC	www.sfedora.com
August 28-September 1	Dragon*Con	-- Atlanta, GA	www.dragoncon.org
September 5-7	SPX	-- Bethesda, MD	www.spxpo.com/
September 17-20	Fall For The Book	-- Fairfax, VA	www.fallforthebook.org/
September 19-21	Gamefest Patriot Games	-- Richmond, VA	www.advantageconvention.com/gamefest_richmond.htm
September 19-21	Baltimore Comic-Con 3	-- Baltimore, MD	www.comicon.com/baltimore/

September 20-21	Carolinas Challenge	-- Paris Mt. St Park, SC	ktarg@hotmail.com
October 4-5	Point North	-- Salem, VA	www.point-north.com/
October 4-5	Galaxy Con 2	-- Baltimore, MD	www.galaxycon.com/
October 10-12	FantiCon	-- Wilmington, NC	www.fanticon.org/
October 17-19	SCWW Writer's Conference	-- Myrtle Beach, SC	www.scwriters.com/2003conf.htm
October 18	Possible Away Mission To A Primitive Planet	-- Concord, NC	keelavestai@yahoo.com
October 24-26	CarnageBy The Lake 6	-- Fairlee, VA	www.carnagecon.com/
October 25	Possible Away Mission To A Primitive Planet	-- Concord, NC	keelavestai@yahoo.com
October 31-November 2	World Fantqsy Con 29	-- Washington, DC	www.worldfantasy.org/
November 7-9	Beach Bash	-- Myrtle Beach, SC	http://beachbash.virtualave.net
November 7-9	Rising Star 12	-- Salem, VA	www.rising-star.org/
November 14-16	Fall-In '03	-- Timonium, MD	www.fall-in.org
November 21-23	Anime USA	-- Tyson's Corner, VA	www.animeusa.org
November 21-23	Capclave	-- Silver Spring, MD	www.wsta.org/capco3/

KAG CODE OF CONDUCT

Communicate- Talk or write to your fellow members. Guide new members along as you once may have been guided yourself by others in the club. The glory of activities takes on new life when recounted to others.

Participate- You are encouraged to take an active role in club activities whenever possible. Conventions, charity events, parties, etc. are all great ways to have fun and gain recognition within KAG.

Use Common Sense- People who are not in fandom often don't understand the ways in which we carry on in our pursuit of fun. Don't assault, insult, or point weapons (even toy ones) at them. Don't expect them to be knowledgeable participants in the game.

Practice Tolerance- In fandom you will meet a great variety of personality types. Try to extend the tolerance you would wish extended to yourself. It's not expected that you will get along perfectly with every person you meet.

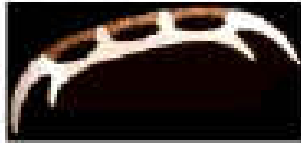
Live Honorably- The dictionary defines honor as "honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions". Accept personal responsibility for your actions. Be bound by your word.

Embrace Duty- The glory of KAG is members working together towards common goals and sharing the tasks necessary to achieve them. When you accept a task, see it through. If you can't for any reason, let the appropriate people know in plenty of time so that arrangements can be made for someone else to complete it. Be someone your crewmates can depend on.

Seek Glory- The dictionary defines glory as "high public esteem". Honor, service and communication are the best keys to achieving the greatest glory in KAG.



The Carolina Challenge



September 20th and 21st



We cordially challenge you and your crews to join the USS Carolina and the Stonedagger for a weekend of rustic camping and challenging games of skill, strength and strategy. Hot dogs and hamburger supper will be provided on Saturday evening. Camping fees for the weekend will be provided by the USS Carolina and Stonedagger. Please bring your camping gear and join in on the FUN at the beautiful State Park of Paris Mountain you can visit their website at discoversouthcarolina.com for directions and Park activities.



Check out Web Site USSCarolinaHailingFrequenciesOpen@groups.msn.com for directions and lists of activities that will be provided. Please RSVP by 9/5/03 on the web site or by writing FC Debbie Butcher @ 40 B Pinacraft Drive Taylors SC 29687 or Commander Matt Power @ 847 Coldbrook Drive Greer SC 29651.

Games:

Bar'el'h Tournament, Tug of War
Chess and various board and card
games and more!!



GLORIOUS BATTLE AND RECENT VICTORIES!!!!

THIS SECTION IS FOR **ALL** SHIPS!

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Cats Cradle Yard Sale

May 17-18, 2003 -- Hickory, NC

IKV Raging Wolf

On May 17th and 18th, the *IKV Raging Wolf* held a yard sale fundraiser for **Cats' Cradle**. **Cats' Cradle** is a non-profit cat shelter in western North Carolina. Members of the *IKV Executioner* also came up and assisted in this worthy event. Thanks especially go to Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric and Lt. Dredwar Drakus for bring so much STUFF for the sale!!! \$100 was raised for this worthy group.

If you are a cat-lover and would like to donate to **Cats' Cradle** (tax deductible) make your checks out to Cats' Cradle and mail to 112 Clark Street, Morganton, NC 28655 or go to the website and click to donate. You can also check out the latest newsletter which Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric always typesets each quarter as part of her volunteer work for Cats' Cradle.

The website is www.thecatcradle.org

Reprinted at right is an article of particular interest to anyone wanting to raise funds painlessly for most charities, including Cats' Cradle.

Food Lion Donates \$\$\$ To Cats' Cradle

Cats' Cradle is now eligible to receive fund-raising money from Food Lion. Supporters of **Cats' Cradle** can register their MVP card so that each time the card is used, that amount is credited to **Cats' Cradle**. Each quarter, money is awarded to **Cats' Cradle** based on the amount spent at Food Lion by the registered MVP cards. For every \$10,000 spent, **Cats' Cradle** will receive \$50!

Anyone can help!!! Ask friends and family for their support!! To register your MVP card, call 704-633-8250, ext. 3810, or go to www.foodlion.com, click on fundraising, then click on register MVP card. Make SURE you register your card for **Cats' Cradle** in Morganton, N.C. There is more than one **Cats' Cradle** registered with Food Lion.

Thanks to Food Lion for providing this valuable service!

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Lutheran Home Battle

May 17, 2003 -- Hickory, NC

IKV Executioner

The Warriors of Death Touch Squadron received the call to battle from the *IKV Executioner*. Our services were once again desired for the Spring Carnival at the Lutheran Home in Hickory, NC. Coordinated by L. Captain Dracos, who is employed there, various Klingons assumed battle formations at Tarak Nor and then warped over. This year all we had to do was greet the folks as they came to the show. Some Klingons even got up and danced along with the music. It was an honor to be there.

Of sad note, this was one of the final battles that we had the company of Cmdr. Jimmy Tillman, Fleet Chaplain, of the *USS North Carolina* (STIF). He was found dead of undetermined causes on June 4th at home. He died on his birthday. He was only 56. He was a friend to the Klingons and we will miss him. There are two memorial activities planned for the future. The first is on August 1st in Maiden, NC for a dedication of a Dobsonian Telescope as the Jimmy Tillman Memorial Telescope, the first telescope actually owned by the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club. The Klingons have been asked to attend in battle armor and as many of us who can will. *Qapla'!!*

From left to right Captain Robert Bailey, Cmdr. Sovok, and the late Cmdr. Jimmy Tillman at the Lutheran Home Battle.





Back Row, from left to right are Cadet Lt. <encrypted> of the IKV Blood Moon; Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Acting CO of the IKV Raging Wolf; Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, CO of the IKV Executioner; Cadet Lance Corporal <encrypted> of the IKV Executioner; and Lt. Gorrath tai, CO of the IKV Blood Moon.

Front Row, from left to right are Cadet L. Lt. T'Ball of the IKV Blood Moon; L. Captain Dracos of the IKV Executioner; Lt. K'Lara tai, XO of the IKV Executioner; and L. Captain Kaltia Knight, Security Dept. Head of the IKV Executioner

At left, the COs of Death Touch Squadron: Karrtush of Executioner, Gorrath of Blood Moon and Keela of Raging Wolf

Below Klingons discuss battle plans at the Lutheran Home

Below left: Sisters in service to the Empire!!!!



From left to right are Klingons Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, Lt. K'Lara tai, Lt. Gorrath tai, Cadet Lt. <encrypted> and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric. From left to right in front are Vulcans Cadet L. Lt. T'Ball and L. Captain Dracos



Invasion of STIF Picnic

May 17, 2003 -- Valdese, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

After the Lutheran Home Battle, the Klingons converged on the coordinates of the STIF Picnic. There they ate and drank and picked on the Feddies. A good time was had by all.



L. Captain Kaltia Knight, Shapeshifter, dons the appearance of a local specimen of flora



Above from left to right, Feddies of the Star Trek Independent Fleet, Jeff Duckworth, Jon Skidmore, Billy Ray Carswell (aka K'Logg), Angela Acocella (aka K'Lara) and L. Captain Kaltia Knight.



Lt. Gorrath tai and Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric follow Cmdr. Sovok to the Feast!

ConCarolinas

May 30 - June 1, 2003 -- Charlotte, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

Con Carolinas was a worthy battle for the Klingons. The first invasion party, consisting of Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric and Lt. Katkith vestai arrived on Friday. The KAG table was soon installed and powered up. It featured a fund-raiser for Hospice of Catawba Valley which netted \$10 by the end of the con. Not bad for a table that had to be mostly auto-piloted!

The following day the Klingon contingent was supplemented by Warriors from the *IKV Blood Claw*, *IKV Blood Moon*, *IKV Executioner*, *IKV Shadow Dragon* and *IKV Shadowrider*. The CO of the *IKAV Black Talon* was there but was cloaked as a time-traveler. A former CO of the *IKV Stormbringer* was there, but was cloaked as a convention staff member.

The Klingons participated in several activities including a game of word association. Lt. Kartush Degar vestai-Septaric was the Klingon aid to Cindy Tallman who moderated the activity for the convention. There was no "clear" winner and everyone present decided it would be best to follow the Klingons' advice and donate the prize to the upcoming charity auction later that evening.

Filming was done by Lt. Katkith vestai throughout the day for the first Dark Star Quadrant recruitment video AND for fan interviews for *Trekkies 2! Qapla'!!!*

During the early evening a large KAG meeting was held. Updated Quadrant Ship Rosters and battle notches were handed out to all Ship Commanders. Promotions and awards were made including:

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Certificate of appreciation presented to Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric by Lt. Kartush Degar vestai-Septaric for help with the *IKV Executioner*

IKV Blood Claw

CO Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay vestai-Septaric to Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai-Septaric
XO Lt. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric to Lt. Cmdr. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric

IKV Blood Moon

CO Ensign Gorrath to Lt. Gorrath tai
Cadet Legionnaire Lance Corporal T'Ball to Cadet Legionnaire Lt. T'Ball

IKV Executioner

CO Lt. Kartush Degar vestai-Septaric was presented the traditional battlecloak of the *IKV Executioner* by Cmdr. Keela L. Captain Dracos received a Rainbow of battlenotches

IKV Shadow Dragon

Sergeant qo'Dun to Master Sergeant qo'Dun

IKV Shadowrider

Recruit John Tyndall III to Lance Corporal <encrypted>



Fully functional KAG table on auto pilot

Later that evening Klingon Karaoke was held. It was a big success and we were asked back for the next convention! *Qapla'!!!*

Afterwards a *Rocky Horror Picture Show* presentation was done. It was excellent and featured a new Klingon recruit in the leading role of Dr. Frank-N-Furter! Another Klingon assisted with the production. It too will be reappearing for ConCarolinas 2004! *Let's do the time warp again!!!*

Many thanks to noted author, **Stephen Cobb**, and his sister **Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory**, photographer, who I proclaim both of them to be Friends to Klingons, for their support and the many photos they allowed us to use in this issue! *Qapla'!!!*

All in all, it was a very successful battle. Thanks to the ConCarolinas staff for making it so! Of special note, the con was during Keela's and Katkith's 6th wedding anniversary. They got to dance during a very special song presentation by Cindy Tallman. Thanks and *Qapla'!*



Lt. Cmdr. R'likay sutai-Septaric, CO of the IKV Blood Claw, with Commodore Mary Kane, Chief of Communications, USS Hornet; and Lt. Cmdr. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric, XO of the IKV Blood Claw. Photo courtesy Ron McClung



*Lt. Gorrath tai, CO of the IKV Blood Moon
Photo courtesy of Peggy-Sue Cobb-Gregory*



Lt. Cmdr. Evolcotts and Lt. Cmdr. R'likay sutai-Septaric, XO and CO respectively, of the IKV Blood Claw after a visit to the Dealer's Room. Nice toys, boys!!!!!! Photo courtesy of Joe Swope



*Above right, Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-QIHqem, CO of the IKV Shadowrider with Stephen E. Cobb, author of Plague at Redhook (ISBN: 0967034612) www.stevencobb.com
Photo courtesy of Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory*



*At left, Lt. Katkith vestai (cloaked) adjusts the camera used to record many of the Klingon activities at ConCarolinas. Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, wearing the battlecloak he has just been presented, listens intently for news of battle past and future.
Photo courtesy of Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory*



At left, Keela looks to her right during the meeting while Klingons observe the proceedings. A Vulcan in touch with her feelings, L. Captain Dracos smiles at the human photographer, Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory.



FIRST DARK STAR QUADRANT RECRUITMENT VIDEO IS READY!!!

SEND BLANK TAPE WITH RETURN POSTAGE TO KEELA:

**Leila McMichael
312 Summit Place
Lenoir, NC 28645**

KLINGON KARAOKE!!!!



*Keela tests while Katith sound checks.
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory*



*Katith and Keela prepare to warble.
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory*



*Kolvar joins Keela in synchronized arm swinging. Achbar studies song list.
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory*



*Kolvar, Keela and Achbar are poetry in motion.
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory*

Heroes Con

June 13-15, 2003 -- Charlotte, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

On June 13th, members of the *IKV Executioner* and the *IKV Raging Wolf* shuttled down to the Charlotte Convention Center for their fourth battle at Heroes Con! The battle was to last 3 days.

This year the charity was Hospice of Catawba Valley. After assembling and powering up the KAG table, the Klingons went to work. And they stayed on duty for three days, taking shifts and returning home at night to rest and recuperate.

Their efforts were rewarded. They were able to raise \$500 for Hospice that weekend. Hospice was shocked. So were the Klingons. It is hoped that next year, even more will be raised, but that will be based on many factors, not the least of which is the general economy.

Thanks to L. Captain Kaltia Knight, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric, Lt. Katkith vestai and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric for their work on Friday.

Thanks to L. Captain Kaltia Knight, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric for their work on Saturday.

And thanks to L. Captain Kaltia Knight and Cmdr. Keela for their work on Sunday.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Drum and Heroes Con for this opportunity.

Hospice is truly a worthy charity to do battle for! *Qapla'!!!!*



Keela sings while Cindy and Rachel do backup vocals
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory



Achbar and Rachel rock! Keela checks list for suitable song.
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory



Anniversary dance with song from Cindy Tallman
Photo courtesy Peggy Sue Cobb-Gregory



FIRST DAY OF BATTLE



Above left, L. Captain Kaltia Knight, Lt. Katkith vestai, and Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric man the KAG table.

Above right, Kaltia dons Wolverine jacket and steel claws and strikes a pose



At left, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric in Classic mode, Kehlyr, nd Kaltia flank young fan of the convention, Parker Marlane McGuire, beautiful daughter of Michael and Jennifer McGuire.

Below left is the talented Nick Wolfe, face and body artist, demonstrating his incredible ability on the attendees of Heroes Con. His work was very popular! His half-face is the Hulk, his young charge is Spiderman, and a full-faced Hulk youngster stands looking on.



Below right, Katkith examines the painting supplies that Nick is using to create his beautiful work.





At left, Keela and mate, Katkith. This is Keela's first time test-driving the Classic Klingon look, but Katkith is an experienced Classic Klingon.

At right, Kehlyr, attracted to sharp shiny objects like any healthy Klingon Warrior, has to try the Wolverine claws on for size as well!

SECOND DAY OF BATTLE



At left, Commodor Eddie Williams, Crewperson Ken Riddick, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric (once again in Imperial ridges), the lovely and talented TB976 in her cloaked human form as Cheralyn Lambeth, and Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric

Below left, Keela, Admiral Billy Ray Carswell, Cmdr. Sovok, Kehlyr, Commodore Williams, Ken Riddick and Captain Robert Bailey. All Feddies are from the Star Trek Independent Fleet based in Hickory, NC.

Below right, Nick Wolfe with Kaltia Knight, our resident Shape-shifter. Note the beautiful face painting he has done for Kaltia. (Thanks for your generosity, Nick!) Nick's half-face is Darth Mall. At his website www.nickwolfe.org are many examples of his and twin brother, Brian's, work. Qapla'!



THIRD DAY OF BATTLE



Wearying of the battle, but never giving up, Kaltia and Keela made their way back to the Heroes Convention on the third and final day. It was glorious! When the dust had settled, \$500 had been collected for Hospice of Catawba Valley! *Qapla'!!!!*

At right, Steve, a dealer from New Jersey, with Keela. He kept throwing things in the donation bowl, sometimes it was even money! Seriously, he was very generous and we thank him profusely!

Below left is Kaltia, in plant form; Danny Donovan, young talented comic book writer; and Keela. It was glorious to have met him.

Below right, a sultry Kaltia in front of the KAG memorabilia display. (A couple folks wanted to buy what we brought!!! NOT!)



Presentation of Monies To Hospice of Catawba Valley

June 16, 2003 -- Hickory, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

Immediately after counting the donations, Keela and Katkith headed to the bank to secure a check. The presentation was made that very day. Hospice was in shock, but no more than the Klingons, most of whom received the good news via email on Monday!

How can we top this? We don't know, but we will certainly give it a try!

Hospice in any area is a wonderful charity to battle for! Thanks to Mr. David B. Clarke, Executive Director, and Ms. Jane Bumgarner, Community Coordinator, for all their help . . . and faith in us!

Leila McMichael presents monies to Mr. Clarke while Jane Bumgarner looks on. Photo by Andy Fairbanks.



Cats' Cradle Celebrity Bowl Painting Fund Raiser

June 28, 2003 -- Morganton, NC
Dark Star Quadrant



Above, Keela applies a basecoat to her bowl. She painted a Siamese cat wrapped around the bowl, seen in the final version at right. The bowl will be fired and glazed, then offered for sale to raise funds for Cats' Cradle! Qapla'!

Thanks For Some Out-Of-This-World Help!

Thanks to the *Star Trek* fans from the Klingon Assault Group for their support of Cats' Cradle. They had a yard sale and raised \$100 for the cats! Qapla'!

Below Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric (aka Leila McMichael), CO of Dark Star Quadrant, beamed down to help with the Celebrity Bowl Painting. Leila, who does our newsletter, is a regional officer for the KAG organization, which works with a lot of charities.

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Below, Keela shows off her bowl. Along with Keela several local county commissioners, school Board members and veterinarians also donated their time and artistic skills to paint a bowl for Cats' Cradle. Qapla'!



USS Yorktown and USS Hornet Picnic

June 21, 2003 -- Kings Mountain State Park, SC
IKV Blood Claw

A subspace communication went out inviting Starfleet and the Klingon Empire to attend a Feast in honor of the *USS Yorktown* and *USS Hornet*. Attending Klingons and Aliens from KAG who were cloaked were:

Lt. Maj'va'kut vestai-Septaric of the *IKV Blood Claw* (aka Captain Vicky Adkins, *USS Yorktown*); Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai-Septaric, CO of the *IKV Blood Claw* (aka Captain Joe Swope, *USS Yorktown*); Lt. Cmdr. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric XO of the *IKV Blood Claw* (aka Commander Scott Love, *USS Yorktown*), Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-DevnoH, CO of the *IKV Stonedagger* (aka Commander Matt Power, XO of the *USS Carolina*); Legionnaire Lt. Seven of Nine of the *IKV Executioner* (aka Anne Wilkie); Cadet Lt. K'Terror of the *IKV Executioner*; and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Acting CO of *IKV Raging Wolf* and CO of the Dark Star Quadrant.

Starfleet's Region One Klingon Ambassador Kang Suta! K'athvaj (aka Brigadier John "Kiwi" Kane of the *USS Reprisal*) was also in attendance. Qapla'!

A good time was had by all and the only complaint offered by Keela was there wasn't enough jumbo gagh on a standard Federation-issue bun!!!! The fried flattened tribbles were fine, but those blackened jumbo gagh . . . mmmmmmm!!! Other than than record losses of picnic food, there were no casualties!



At right, Captain Tom Hucks, CO of the *USS Hornet*, and Sherry Stewart-Hinson from the *USS Arc Royal* in Region 17, discuss Starfleet issues. Her youngest, at her feet, offers additional commentary. Her husband, Joe, is now serving in Irakkis. Keep him and his family in your prayers!



At left, from left to right, cloaked Klingons are: Ambassador K'athvaj of Starfleet, Maj'va'kut of the IKV Blood Claw, Keela of Dark Star Quadrant, K'Targ of IKV Stonedagger. The rest of the happy picnickers are humans in Starfleet.

Below left, K'Terror (in striped top) plays peacefully with human children. You can see that the area of the picnic was indeed beautiful.

Below right, Maj'va'kut gets seconds while Feddies look on. Approximately 25 attendees all had a great time with food and fellowship. Qapla'!

Thanks to Commodor Carl Lewis and Commodore Mary Kane for help with the Federation names and ranks!!!!



Happy Fourth of July

July 4, 2003 -- Lenoir, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

From Dark Star Quadrant, we hope that everyone's Fourth of July was happy. Thanks to all the veterans who have made this country a safe place to live!

The gentleman at left is my father, Pelham Jackson "Jack" McMichael. He was 79 years young this past May 1st. He is a proud American.

He was born in a tent outside of Montgomery, Alabama. He was 17 years old when Pearl Harbor was attacked and had to have his mother sign for him to join the US Navy on July 9th, 1941.

He spent 20 years total in active service (retiring in March 1963), 10 years in the Reserves, and was Caldwell County's Veteran's Service Officer for 10 years. He is a veteran of three wars: WWII, Korean and Vietnam.

He married my mother, the late Annie Lavelle Estes, on August 4, 1950 and they had me in 1953. I am the eldest of four, including sisters, Rebecca and Margaret, and brother Philip.

He is currently married to the former Billie Sue Barlow. Daddy and Billie Sue had their 16th wedding anniversary on the 28th of February, 2003. *Qapla'* and all my love to both of them!

Keela

Shore Leave

July 11-13, 2003 -- Baltimore, MD

IKV Eclipse

Hail Keela!

Despite rumors that Shore Leave was a madhouse, in my opinion it was MUCH more organized than last year, except for the Klingon Feast.

They didn't even -take- the ticket I paid Skal for. That got me a little peeved, although I know the money went to a fellow fan in need. Had fun, but thought my money was basically wasted, as I could have walked right in, sat down and ate at Feast without anyone knowing whether I had a ticket or not. However, the entertainment went a long way towards making this up to me.

As regards the confusion over the Chancellors Martok and Gowron not getting to promote me . . . Not your fault. Not Skal's fault. Just simply too much to do in the short time allowed. No problem.

As regards your communication, "You were, however, seen in costume. Let me take this opportunity to say you are promoted to officer level, retroactive to the con, to the first commissioned rank in KAG, 2nd Lt. You are henceforth to be known as Lt. K'Rush tai. If your crew person came in costume as well, you may promote this person to the same level." -- I say *Qapla!* Now that is good news. Promotion also handed to Gleda Wilfong. Wish Jason and Jean could have gone, too.

As for my take on the con, in short -- I enjoyed myself -- probably more than I have in recent memory. All of the stars seemed very fan friendly. Even gave personalized autographs when the programming said that they probably would not have time. Actually got to speak to J. G. Hertzler and Robert O'Reilly once (at different times).

Also got to thank Andrea Thompson for her portrayal of the changed person in the "Shattered Dreams" episode of Babylon Five. She responded: "I always wanted to be a villainess". :-) Judson Scott had a goatee that made him look like a blond Klingon. Got to meet many other stars such as Mark Singer and others. Got to go to many panels and talks for a change. JG autographed his two books for me for free. Many of the stars found out what I had done earlier (more about that later) and made it a point to -give- me pictures and personalized autographs on Sunday.

Marina Sirtis and Christopher Judge were hilarious. I almost busted a gut laughing. I enjoyed JG and Robert on stage, as they played off of each other wonderfully. Mark Singer and Andrea Thompson were not as funny, but just as interesting. Both the writers panel (mostly "how to write stories that sell" type info) and the artists panel (quite a bit of info on computer art) were good. Did not get to either the Writer's Workshop or the Artist's Workshop for the first time in many moons.

I thought the whole con had a toned down atmosphere from last year. Only 35 contestants in the costume call as opposed to 45 last year. Many panel rooms went empty during times I thought a panel about something could have been run. There were other examples of this more relaxed content, including the rather unusual doubled up autograph line. One line with three or so big stars in the AM and another with the remaining stars in the PM. Went a =lot= smoother, although with my recent hospital stays, I wasn't happy standing in line twice in one day.

Gleda took lots of pictures - mostly of the stars and activities at the con. I'll try to get copies of those to scan and post.

However, I have not had time to tell you the good part . . .

I happened to be walking past a table with lots of fan related activities, including Unicorn Press, the Gene Roddenberry Memorial Society, and others. A man rushed up to the table and told them that someone whose name I did not catch was not coming. The person behind the table said: "Oh No! That means our auctioneer isn't coming!"

I immediately told her: "I've done that before." not knowing what I was letting myself in for. :-) I ended up being the "Emergency Holographic Auctioneer Program" for the (ready for this mouthful? :-) "Bill and Teresa Campbell's Fantasticon Auction for the Motion Picture and Television Hospital".

To make a long story short, I helped raise \$1600.00 for the hospital. Later, I was told by one of the other members of the group that this was the most that they had ever raised at one con.

They presented me with an honorary lifetime membership and invited me to their next con, which, unfortunately, was in Florida. I told them I'd be glad to do future auctions at Shore Leave and/or Farpoint, and if they were ever anywhere in the Virginia area to let me know.

I've done auctions at gaming cons, but this was my first Trek con auction. Had about 30 people bidding, most of whom knew what they wanted. Nothing I wanted to bid on, which was a good thing. I had a blast!

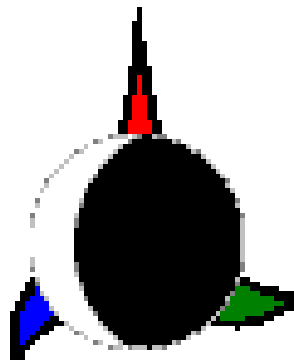
How about that for strange?

Lt. K'Rush tai
IKV Eclipse

Bruce Gray
gurpsgm@vaix.net

Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to K'Rush who was promoted to Lt. tai retroactive to Shore Leave by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.

Qapla' and CONGRATULATIONS to the Warrior who goes by the Terran name Gleda who was promoted to Lt. tai retroactive to Shore Leave by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric.



PREPARATION FOR BATTLE!!!

Dark Star Quadrant Ship Meetings & Contact Information

IKAV Black Talon (Marine)

(Charlotte, NC)

For meeting information, contact Marine Major Achbar vestai-Kurkura, Acting CO, at achbar@bellsouth.net

IKV Blood Claw (Navy)

(York, SC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. R'likay sutai-Septaric, CO, at captrlikie@msn.com

IKV Blood Moon (Navy) (Member of Death Touch Squadron)

(Gastonia, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Gorrath tai, CO, at gorrth35@aol.com

IKNAS Bringer of Justice (Navy) -- Single-Man Shuttle (Naval Attack version)

(Washington, DC – Virginia side)

Ensign Klen'dric of House Tuc'Mar serves this planet as a Washington, DC policeman and has been called to fight for freedom on Irakkis. He has been assigned a single-man Naval Attack Shuttle, *IKNAS Bringer of Justice*, to transport him. QAPLA'!

For more information, contact Ensign Klen'dric at poombahh@aol.com

IKV Dark Krystal (Navy)

(Lynchburg, VA)

For meeting information, contact Ensign Gangus, CO, at SELENT22@hotmail.com

IKV Demonlance (Navy)

(Charleston, SC)

For meeting information, contact Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack, CO, c/o Cecil Mack, 3125 Terry Drive, Charleston, SC 29405

ICV Dragon's Blood (Cha'ouw Empire / Demon Fleet)

(Fayetteville, NC)

For meeting information, contact Captain Jorf, CO, at agothicklingon@aol.com

IKV Eclipse (Navy)

(Harrisonburg, VA)

For meeting information, contact Lt. K'Rush tai-Marrill, CO, at gurpsgm@vaix.net

IKV Executioner (Navy) (Member of Death Touch Squadron)

(Hickory, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, CO, at badassklington@yahoo.com

Website: www.geocities.com/katkith/ikvexecutioner

IKV Glory Hunter (Navy / Demon Fleet)

(Durham, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Komat vestai-Septaric, CO, at septaric_1@yahoo.com

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/septaric/glory.htm>

IKV Gre'thor (Navy)

(Bowie, MD)

For meeting information, contact Ensign Jor'gha HaQ of House bortaS, CO, at

jorghahaq@comcast.net or ikvgrethor@comcast.net or UBAH@comcast.net

Website: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/IKVGrethor/IKVGrethor.htm>

IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance (Marine)

(Columbia, SC)

For meeting information, contact Marine Lt. K'Tarr tai, CO, at ktarr@phulesgold.com

KPV Krimson Fury (Demon Fleet)

(Pineville, NC)

Second Saturday of the month. For more information contact: Lt. Q'lorta vestai-Do'Urden, XO, at

lcaudill@carolina.rr.com House Website: www.angelfire.com/sc/HouseDoUrden/

IKV Mah'less Heart (Navy) (Member of Mahless Fire Squadron)

(Newport, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. loD' Batlh tai, XO, at sytok@pamlico.net

IKV MhaLeS's Star (formerly *IKV Firestorm*, Navy) (Member of Mahless Fire Squadron)

(Havelock, NC)

1st Sunday of every month, 2:00 P.M., location TBA

For more information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Marr, CO, at mahless_star@yahoo.com

IKV Mahless Storm (Navy) (Member of Mahless Fire Squadron)

(Havelock, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Marr, CO, at mahless_star@yahoo.com

IKV Raging Wolf (Navy)

(Boone, NC)

For meeting information, contact Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Acting CO, at keelavestai@yahoo.com

IKV Shadow Dragon (Navy)

(Danville, VA)

For meeting information, contact Ensign K'Drac, CO, at kevingarrison@adelphia.net

IKV Shadowrider (Navy)

(Spartanburg, SC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Gortok vestai-DevnoH, CO, at gortok_@hotmail.com

IKV Stonedagger (Navy)

(Greer, SC)

Every first Sunday of the month at 15000 (3 P.M.. Earth time) at “The Open Book” barring events, cons, etc. (Meeting in conjunction with the *USS Carolina*)

For further information, contact Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-DevnoH, CO, at ktarg@hotmail.com

IKV Stormbringer (Navy)

(Greensboro, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava sutai-Septaric, CO, at klngonkty@aol.com

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/2774/>

IKV Stormwalker (Navy / Demon Fleet)

(Germantown, MD)

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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.

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The Last Word

Why use one weapon when you can use TWO???



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