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NUQNEH!!!!

From the Dark Star Quadrant Commander

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant!

FAREWELL COLUMBIA

This issue of DARK MATTERS is dedicated to the brave men and women of the Shuttle Columbia who gave their lives February 1, 2003 upon re-entry into earth's atmosphere. They lived and died doing what they loved best: furthering man's outreach into space and bettering our lives here on earth.

Their names are Cmdr. Rick D. Husband; pilot William C. McCool; payload commander Michael P. Anderson; Mission specialists David M. Brown, Kalpana Chawla and Laurel Clark; and Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. We howl for them. They will never be forgotten.

NEW DARK STAR QUADRANT WEBPAGE

The new webpage for Dark Star Quadrant is ready:

www.geocities.com/darkstarquadrant/

There is also a new quadrant email address: darkstarquadrant@yahoo.com

2003 REVISED SHIP ROSTER

Ship Commanders of Dark Star Quadrant, you should receive the latest version of the January 2003 Ship Roster shortly! Until then, use the updated contact information provided at the end of this newsletter.

GALACTICON

Galacticon was a great event! I encourage everyone who can make the KAG Spring Break to do so. Having won the Slave Auction "acting contest" (I didn't even know there was one; I was just being a Klingon), I received free admission for next year's Galacticon as a prize! *Qapla'!!!!*

DEATH TOUCH SQUADRON FORMED!

Dark Star Quadrant has its second SQUADRON! A squadron is a group of three or more ships that band together to form an even greater fighting force than the vessels acting independently.

The **Death Touch Squadron** in Western North Carolina, commanded by Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, joins the Mahless Fire Squadron in Eastern North Carolina, commanded Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-dok'Mar!

The vessels comprising this latest three-ship fighting machine are: the *IKV Blood Claw* out of Gastonia, NC; the *IKV Executioner* out of Hickory, NC; and the *IKV Raging Wolf* out of Boone, NC.

If you are interested in forming a Squadron, let me know!

REPORTING IN

Thanks to all for sharing your many battles and victories with the rest of the Quadrant for this issue!!!! *Qapla'!!!!* Keep up the good work, I look forward to hearing from all of you ANYTIME! Also, let me know if I can help you in any way! Glory and Victory to you all!!!



SHIP LOGOS

If you have a ship's logo, I would like to have a copy of it to put with your section in *DARK MATTERS*! Either send it to me via email or send it snail mail. If you need help designing one, please contact me. **However you come by it, please make getting a ship logo a priority!**

BATTLENOTCHES

Ship Commanders in Dark Star Quadrant who haven't received battlenotches: If you contact me and let me know you want them, I will send you 10 to 12 of each of the five colors FREE of charge. But you must contact me first. And when they're gone, they're gone. I won't be able to afford to buy more. Ships that now HAVE battlenotches are: *IKV Blood Claw*, *IKV Blood Moon*, *IKV Demonlance*, *ICV Dragon's Heart*, *IKV Executioner*, *IKV Glory Hunter*, *IKV Mahless Star*, *IKV Raging Wolf*, *IKV Shadowrider*, *IKV Stonedagger* and *IKV Stormbringer*.

KLINGONS IN IRAQI FREEDOM

Warriors, despite how you feel about the current conflict, there are Klingons over there now or on their way to IRAKIS to serve among the American forces, laying their lives on the line and doing their best for this country. We need to support the coalition forces in every way. Please do so!

Ensign Klen'dric serves this planet as a Washington, DC policeman and has been called to fight for freedom on Iraklis. He has been assigned a single-man Naval Attack Shuttle, *IKNAS Bringer of Justice* (appropriate), to transport him. He will be out of communication range on this deep space mission. May he return to us safely. *QAPLA'*!

May HONOR guide your words and deeds! May GLORY follow close behind! *QAPLA'!!!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
Commander, Dark Star Quadrant

From the Dark Star Quadrant Force Recon Commander

Hail Warriors of the Dark Star Quadrant!

What is Force Recon? Force Recon is responsible for assisting the fleets of KAG in growth. We establish first contact with new potential members, we assist members who are too far away from an existing ship. We strive to assist new ship commanders with recruitment ideas. This is the main thrust of Force Recon. The Quadrant Commander and I are involved in talks hammering out what I can do for Dark Star Quadrant in terms of duties and responsibilities.

However, if you have any questions whatsoever regarding Force Recon, please contact me. My email is CrazyColonel_5thBN@msn.com and my home phone is (864) 962-0829. Please know that I am here to help you gain knowledge about the Empire you serve!

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



From the Dark Star Quadrant IXL Liaison

**General
ALL CALL
Imperial Xeno Legion
(Any Non-Klingon in Service to the Empire)**

PLEASE CONTACT ME!
babygaea@angryforlife.com

I need your real name, Alien name, species, name of your ship, how long you have been in KAG, and current rank.



If you are currently Klingon and would be interested in playing another species, please contact me. KAG does not allow hu-Mans, Betazoids, Qs or any other humanoids of like appearance to serve the Klingon Empire.

Also if you are interested in being a non-Star Trek alien, please contact me.

Legionnaire Captain Kaltia Knight

From the Dark Star Quadrant Quartermaster

Hail Dark Star Quadrant Warriors!

I am back!!! My health is pretty good right now and though I'm taking it easy, I can actually say . . . I'M BACK!
Warriors, I want to urge you to "Stay off the Paper Klingon Trail!!" Get your uniforms together and wear them into battle! Make this year as successful a year as we can. I know it's going to be hard because of finances and the war, but do your best!

I am trying to help Keela with the *IKV Raging Wolf* out of Boone, so I have agreed to serve as Acting XO until a replacement can be found! The plan is to contact local bookstores and college students (even though we realize that permanent residents of Boone/Blowing Rock/Jefferson/West Jefferson, etc. are the main thrust). We figure that college students who join and participate (as best as they can) will go out into the world and become members of KAG wherever they settle! *Qapla'!*

If I can help you in any way, my address is:

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

You can send email to me to Keela at keelavestai@yahoo.com and she will alert me!

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties
Quartermaster, Dark Star Quadrant
Acting XO, *IKV Raging Wolf*



Dark Star Quadrant Recent Promotions:

IKV Mahless Fire

April 2003

Lt. K'Muhl tai-Dok'Mar to
Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Mar

IKV Blood Moon

April 2003

Ensign Gorrath to Lt. Gorrath tai

Awards Received by Members of Dark Star Quadrant:

IKV Executioner and IKV Raging Wolf
Runnerup in Ovoid Sphere

Competition -- Galacticon 2003

IKV Blood Claw

December 2002 Challenge with USS Yorktown

Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai-Septaric
Lt. Maj'va'kut vestai-Septaric
Lt. Evolcotts vestai-Septaric
L. Lt. Hugh

SNEAK PREVIEW

GALACTICON 2003 CHATTANOOGA, TN

At right: Khon Kijo, Leader of the Cha'ouw Empire, a part of Demon Fleet, and Marine Captain toS vestai-DevnoH of KAG look like they're having a good time! That's Marine Captain Q'sin vestai-DevnoH in the background with Galacticon program in her hand. Articles begin on page 18.

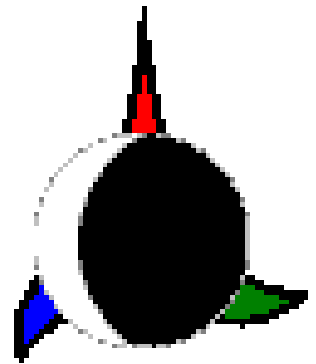


DARK MOON FLEET NEWS

DARK MOON FLEET WEBSITE

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

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



Marine Field Marshal Has New Email Address

Col. Kasak sutai-Septaric can be reached at kasak@comcast.net

KAG NEWS

Mindscanner To Go To Web-Only Format!

Adm./M.Gen. Kerla zantai-MaHcha', Editor of the *Mindscanner*, official publication of KAG, announced recently that the *Mindscanner* will no longer be printed in hard-copy format, but will go to web-only format and be accessible by **everyone** in KAG at www.kag.org starting with this quarterly issue which should be on-line by the beginning of May. Refunds for paper copies are in progress. *Qapla'!*



Promotions

On this date, 0210.18, by the authority of the KAG Admiralty, I hereby promote **mIghQel sutai-Atratties** to **Commander sutai** for the excellent work he has demonstrated this past year as Quadrant Commander of the Cold Blood Quadrant. Under his direction, KAG now has seven new ships with at least 50+ new KAG members, with other ships under construction where we have never had a presence before.
majQa' Commander mIghQel sutai-Atratties!

Khatal,
for the Cold Terror Fleet

Our illustrious **Qa'lyn of House HemlaQ'**, XO of *KPV Arrow QeyHa'*, was promoted this past weekend (March 22, 2003) to the rank of **Lt. Commander** in recognition of her superior services to the Empire. Her glorious deeds that earned her promotion are in part as follows: Bat'leth Drill Team Training and Performance, Atlanta Summer Yupma facilitator, Stone Mountain Campout organizer, Galacticon assistant director of Klingon Programming. To that end we congratulate her on a job well done!

Qapla' jupwI'
Lt. Com. ma'tal vestai-HemlaQ'
CO, *KPV Arrow QeyHa'*
Demon Fleet

April 14, 2003

Be it hereby known that **MarQIS of House qul** (Marvin Dotson) is promoted to the rank of **Commander/M.Lt.Colonel**, in recognition of his continuing service to KAG at the Fleet level. *Qapla'*, MarQIS! Keep up the good work!

Adm./M.Gen. Kerla zantai-MaHcha'
Klingon Assault Group

Question?????

A flock of birds . . .

A gaggle of geese . . .

A herd of cattle . . .

A pack of wolves . . .

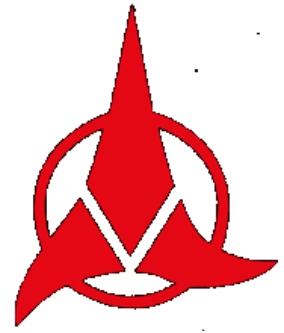
What do you call a group of
Klingons???

Answer from Karrtush:

A TROUBLE of Klingons!!!

What do YOU think????

GENERAL NEWS



TV GUIDE'S "FIX TREK" POLL

With regard to a recent feature article garnering suggestions on how to "Fix Trek," *TV Guide* says they were INNUNDATED with responses! QAPLA'!!!!

To read some of their favorite responses, go to: www.tvguide.com/features/startrek/submissions.asp

COMPUTERS AID BLIND TO SEE!!!

There's a new device being tested outside of the United States that allows the blind to see. It involves a computer driven, hard-wired hookup implanted into the brain which receives information from special eyewear and permits a blind person to see a black and white, negative version, slightly blurry dotmatrix image of what he/she is looking at. Another *Star Trek* fiction being made fact!

Klingon Quote

[After a prominent Klingon list serve got spammed with a porn message]

Curious. Humans seem to be preoccupied with sex, but we Klingons prefer various kinds of mahem. Well, breeding will tell.

kra'tnor

BLAST FROM THE PAST

GALACTICON 2002 CHATTANOOGA, TN

Klingon and Kop: Marine Major j'rel vestai-Kor, CO of the IKAV Instigator from Dark Phoenix Quadrant, with a member of Chattanooga's civil militia!



SHIP REPORTS

NAVY



IKV Blood Claw

Hail Keela!

Sorry that it has been a while since I contacted you but the system has been having some problems and I have had to change service and change address since then also. My new contact address is captrlikie@msn.com

Thank you for the battle notches that you sent through the mail, I will make sure that all on this ship earn them well.

Qapla'!

Rlikay

MARCH 6, 2003 REPORT

I have to say at this time that things have and went well these last few months, though some personal problems by many on the crew have shown some difficulty in meeting at times. But this is to be expected in this end and is not surprising me much. The first challenge of the *IKV Blood Claw* by the Feddy ship *Yorktown* at the end of last year came out to be a draw unfortunately, but was enjoyable all the same.

The Feds were very persistent in their ways of communicating with the aliens this is true, but these aliens definitely enjoyed communication with us much more. We of course could not pass up aggravating and terrorizing the *Yorktown* Feddies just a little before our departure so needless to say they will want to challenge us again. Hopefully it will be as even next time. Three decorations were awarded to all that participated on the ship (including myself) and they were given to the following:

Lt. Evolcot vestai-Septaric

Lt. Maj'va'kut vestai-Septaric

L. Lt. Hugh

Well again that about sums up what has been happening these past many months, we are always working on improvements in activities and group meetings every chance we get. Though many things need to still improve, we will always be happy to be part of the Klingon way once again.

Qapla' to all ships in the Dark Moon Fleet

Lt. Cmdr. Rlikay sutai Septaric

CO, *IKV Blood Claw*

IKV Bringer of Justice

REPORT APRIL 9, 2003

Hail!

Apologies to all those in the fleet for my absence. With the current hostilities still on going, I have been called away to battle. I am being shipped out to relieve my fellow brothers in arms. I do not know when I'll be back, but I may be transferred upon my return to Atlanta. God Speed and *QAPLA!!!!*

Ensign Klen'dric
Commanding Officer

Greetings again Ensign Klen'dric!

I hope you get this prior to your departure! Since you have had difficulty building a crew because of your job, I am changing your ship status to a single man shuttle, Naval attack version. Your ship will henceforth be known as the *IKNAS Bringer of Justice*. You may use this shuttle to assist you in your war efforts. In otherwords . . . you are on a deep space mission. When you come home safely (that's an order!) and transfer to the Dark Phoenix Quadrant (Atlantia), let me know and I will hook you up with KAG in that area!

Kahless give you wisdom and strength (and God bless and protect you!)

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

IKV Demonlance

Though I do not have a report to share from Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok, CO of the *IKV Demonlance*, I did recently room with him and his mate, Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok, XO at Galacticon. Things are going pretty well with them and the ship, however, they do not have Internet access at this point, so do NOT use the addy demonlance1@juno.com to try to contact them as it simply won't happen. I am told there is no

alternate email address. Use the snail mail contact listed near the back of this newsletter.

Though Skal still has not found human employment, and Ka'Sandra works and goes to school, their plans are to attend DragonCon this year! *Qapla'!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

IKV Eclipse

No report received this quarter



IKV Glory Hunter

Hail Warriors!

Activity for the *IKV Glory Hunter* has been low recently. Membership remains at four. On another note, I saw *Enterprise's* "Judgment" episode recently. It would appear that the Duras dishonor goes way back to the first *USS Enterprise*. Did anyone notice that Paramount kept the Duras' ridges? It was a copy of the "Undiscovered Country" as I thought it would be, but I really enjoyed it. J. G. Hertzler did an excellent job, as usual! *Qapla'!*

Lt. Cmdr. Ko'mot sutai-Septaric
CO, *IKV Glory Hunter*

IKV Gre'thor

Hail Warriors!

The *IKV Gre'thor* is still in existance undergoing a refitting. Besides housing a Cadet Warrior Academy, the Gre'thor is the home of the unofficial Dark Star Quadrant Zoo! Current complement of animal life: 12 cats (we just had 4 kittens), 1 puppy, 1 iguana, 1 ferret, 8 gerbils, 9 guinea pigs and 2 turtles (I think that qualifies as a zoo)!

Ensign Jor'gha HaQ of House BortaS
CO, *IKV Gre'thor*

KPV Krimson Fury

Hail Keela,

Apologies for being out of communications range. Things kind of fell apart after my Mother's illness and subsequent death. I haven't heard from Col. K'Tor sutai-Do'Urden in about six months. I and two other crew are holding down the fort. We haven't discussed battle plans for Heroes Con as yet. I have been so out of communications range, that I haven't even heard of the ConCarolinas battle. Please send me a website or link to find out more. I will query my crew to see if they are going to Heroes Con or not. I would like to go if my teaching mission is over by then. We are in the process of moving to a new space acadamy and I would like to join the battle if my services are no longer required for the duration of the season. The students are released from their course of studies around June 10th. Send me all pertinent data and I will lete you know if I and/or my crew can join the battle.

Qapla'!
Lt. Q'LorTa vestai-Do'Urden
XO, *KPV Krimson Fury*

IKV Shadow Dragon

Hail Commander Keela,

Little to report at this time, as previously reported, the terran who had been my superior did indeed ruin his bond with his mate. The pathetic excuse for a lifeform continues to plague the owner of the establishment I work for. It seems every time she has a perfectly good plot hatched to send him back to the land he hails from, he seems to foil it. Now he is evidently dating another terran who came into a large sum of money through something called a settlement. It appears my previous superior likes to prey on women, take them for what he can and then find a new target. He has also managed to somehow procure a permanent Green card, this somehow allows the terran to remain on this part of the planet without actually being a member of the nation. There are works in process to get that revoked, though they are not Klingon, I have friends in this area who like myself disapprove of his behavior and his treatment of his mates.

Though I have managed to get my actual working hours reduced, as of yet I have been unable to convince the owner it would be in her best interest to

reduce the store hours. I have been watching the boards and do hope to make one of the paintball tournaments. I have not played in years, but it is a fond memory.

For now, that is all I can report. Safe hunting to you commander!

Qapla!
Ensign K'Drac
CO, IKV Shadow Dragon

IKV Shadowrider

Keela,

The *Shadowrider* will be attending DragonCon and we have set a date for our meetings. They will be held at 3:00 pm every 2nd Saturday at The Open Book, which by the way is the same place that the *Stonedagger* meets.

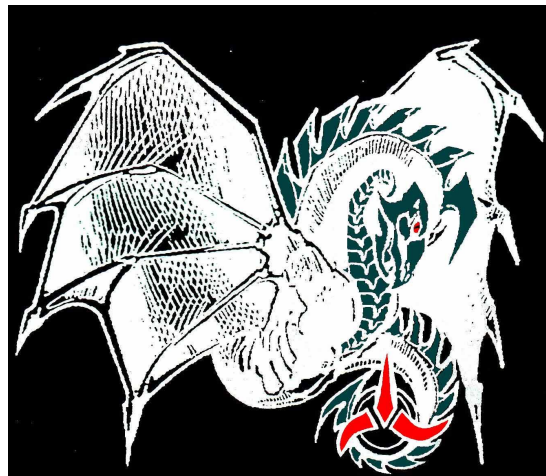
New head pieces and gear are in the works for a couple of crew members. Other than that we haven't heard back from any charities that we've contacted. I will let you know if I hear from any charities any time soon.

Oh, by the way, we are in the process of updating the web site.

I also want to remind everyone about the camp out and challenge event between the *USS Carolina* and the *IKV Stonedagger* at Paris Mountain State Park in Greenville, SC on September 9-20-03.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: gortok_@hotmail.com

Qapla'!!!
Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-DevnoH
CO, IKV Shadowrider



IKV Stonedagger

THE CAROLINA CHALLENGE

Hail Warriors!

We cordially challenge you and your crews to join the *USS CAROLINA* and the *IKV STONEDAGGER* for a weekend of rustic camping and challenging games of skills, strength and strategy on 09/20/03. A hot dog and hamburger supper will be provided on Saturday evening. [Bring your own food the rest of the time.] Camping fees for the weekend will be provided by the *Carolina* and *Stonedagger*. Please bring your camping gear and join in the fun at the beautiful Paris Mountain State Park here in

Greenville SC. You can visit their website at <http://www.discoversouthcarolina.com> for directions and park activities.

Check out our website at <http://groups.msn.com/USSCarolinaHailingFrequenciesOpen> for directions and a list of activities that will be provided. You can RSVP us at the site and or email ktarg@hotmail.com. You may also send your RSVP at Matthew Power, 847 Coldbrook Dr, Greer SC 29651.

A list of events include board games, tug o' war and the main event a bat'leth tournament. There are also hiking and biking paths available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lt. Cmdr. K'targ vestai-DevnoH
CO, IKV Stonedagger

IKV Stormbringer

No report received this quarter.



IKV Stormwalker

No report received this quarter.



Klingon Quote

tera'ngan qej Qagh, thlngan qej Qapla'
To err is Human, to succeed is Klingon!

Cmdr. QatanI' sutai-DevnoH
XO, IKV Fek'Ihr's Fury
Dark Phoenix Quadrant

SHIP REPORTS

MARINE



IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance

Hail Warriors!

Round Con went well. We had a table set up right in front of the registration table. As it was a gaming convention, I got little response, but we are now known to be in the area. I will step up recruiting in this area. We are planning to attend ConCarolina again this year. A full quarterly report will be coming soon.

Also, I am pleased to announce the completion of the uniform of the Jaffa, Tali'Nar. As such, she was promoted to Lt. effective 12 APR.

More to follow.
M Lt. K'Tarr tai
CO, *IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance*



**NOTE: THE *IKAV STO-VO-KOR-S* REWARD HAS BEEN DRYDOCKED
BY THE DARK STAR QUADRANT COMMANDER.**

**THERE MAY SOON BE A NEW MARINE SHIP IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA, THE *IKAV BLACK TALON*!
Right now it's just in the "talking up" stage.**

QAPLA!!!!

Dark Star Quadrant Yahoo Groups

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

To subscribe to the Dark Star Quadrant YahooGroup Marine List, send an email to:

DarkStarQuadrantMarines-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

SQUADRON REPORTS

NAVY

DEATH TOUCH SQUADRON

Hail Warriors of Death Touch Squadron!

You have recently received a new publication, **The Grim Reaper**, the Death Touch Squadron newsletter designed to pass along information to all ships in the squadron, namely the *IKV Executioner* out of Hickory, NC, commanded by Lt. Karttush 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. This newsletter will provide information pertinent to each ship and the Death Touch Squadron as a whole. As Squadron CO, I wish for this joint venture much glory and honor! We are individually strong, but as a group we are invincible. *Qapla'!!!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Death Touch Squadron

DEATH TOUCH SQUADRON UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a SQUADRON MEETING after the *IKV Executioner* meeting at Tarak Nor in Hickory, NC on April 19th. All three Squadron Commanders will be there and we encourage all of our crew that can to please come! For directions call (828) 256-1840. Please bring a snack or 2-liter drink and folding chair.

As a joint operation between the *IKV Executioner* and *IKV Raging Wolf*, we came in second in the Ovoid competition at Galacticon. We had a total of 396 eggs stuffed with candy that was taken to a local Hickory Christian charity, by L. Captain Dracos. More on this battle in DARK MATTERS.

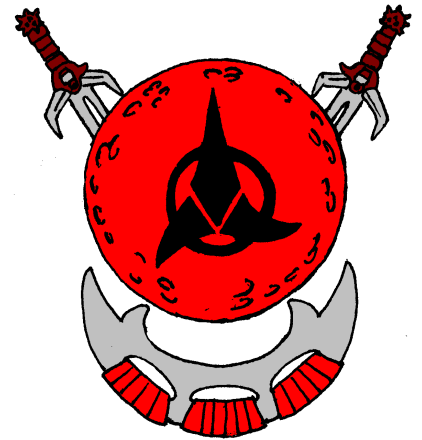
Other than that upcoming events in the general area is as follows:

- 1) Regarding the **Traveling Exhibit: NASA Benefits of Space Mobile Exhibit** which will be at the Catawba Science Center in Hickory, NC on Thursday through Saturday, April 10th through the 13th. we Klingons will NOT be attending as a “group” because they do not wish us to come dressed as Klingons. This is highly disappointing, but cannot be changed. If you attend this free interactive exhibit, you might want to go on Friday. Typically, the Science Center has “free” Fridays and on Thursday and Friday the hours are until 8:00 p.m. I have provided flyers for the Catawba Science Center to put out (that was promised during Mars Quest, but has never been tested).
- 2) **Round Con** in Columbia, SC is the weekend of April 11-13th. Search “roundcon” on the web for more information. Though I wanted to attend, finances regrettably prohibit me from doing so.
- 3) The next monthly free public sky observing at the **Lucile B. Miller Observatory** in Maiden, NC will be Friday, May 2nd starting at 8:00 p.m. For more information and directions, go to www.catawbasky.org
- 4) **Astronomy Day** with the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club will be Saturday, May 10th at Barnes and Nobles in Hickory, NC from noon until closing. I have not found out if we can attend this in armor or not. Stay tuned.
- 5) **ConCarolinas** is the weekend of Friday-Sunday, May 30th through June 1st in Charlotte, NC. Dark Star Quadrant has a KAG table at this event. I will be attending. Because this weekend is Katkith's and my 6th wedding anniversary, chances are good that we will stay at the Marriott that weekend. All Klingons attending this convention from Death Touch Squadron are invited to feel free to use the room during the day to store personal items and to armor up and down. Regrettably, that means I will not be able to assist with carpooling, and as regards “rooming” with us overnight . . . well . . . NO, for obvious reasons. <grin> If anyone else is staying down there and wishes to offer crash space, feel free to email me and I will pass it on. Monetary details, if any, are to be worked out between yourselves. More information to be forthcoming in the May issue of The Grim Reaper.
- 6) **Heroes Con** is Father's Day weekend in Charlotte, NC. Dark Star Quadrant has a KAG table down there. As usual, we will be allowed access as a Dealer, but I need to know how many Klingons can help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday so that we can get special passes made for you in advance. Stay tuned for further information.
- 7) **Starfleet's International Conference** is in Greensboro on July 31 to August 3rd. Let me know if you would like to invade and I'll see about getting us a diplomatic zone (KAG table).

IKV Blood Moon

After several failed attempts to contact him, I have no news to report from Ensign Gorrath except that am aware that he and his daughter, Margaret, attended the March meeting of the *IKV Executioner* in Hickory, NC and will attend the April 19th meeting of the *IKV Executioner*. Also, I understand that he plans to attend ConCarolinas in May and Heroes Con in June, both in Charlotte, NC. I believe he also has acquired armor and a headpiece and I am looking forward to promoting him. Both these cons will be good times to recruit for his ship. *Qapla'!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant



IKV Executioner

Hail Warriors!

Let me introduce myself: I am Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai, new CO of the *IKV Executioner*, senior ship of Dark Star Quadrant. I have been a member of KAG since stardate 200107.21, as has my Vulcan mate, Dracos. I have served faithfully on the *Executioner* until I was appointed her upcoming commander back in December 2002. It is an honor serving on and now commanding the oldest ship in the Quadrant and perhaps even Dark Moon Fleet. *Qapla'!*

The monthly meeting of the *IKV Executioner* was held at Tarak Nor (my home coordinates) on stardate 200303.22. Those in attendance were as follows: Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai (Dave Jenson), L. Captain Dracos (Lori Jenson); L. Captain Kaltia Knight (Erica Pope); Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties (Judy Hasty) and Ensign Gorrath (Darren Willis), CO of the *IKV Blood Moon*.

A number of subjects were covered including, but not limited to recognition of birthdays for the month at the beginning of the meeting, paper (Happy Birthday to Kehlyr and K'Lara; both were born in the month of March), Klingons (those who have joined, but do not participate), my taking command of the *IKV Executioner* (beginning 200303.01) and that the official change of command would be at ConCarolina. Dates for upcoming meetings was lightly touched on, but due to other obligations, no certain dates were set.

The date was set for the next meeting. It will be 19 April 2003 (200304.19) at Tarak Nor. Hopefully the meeting will be on the Space Dock (providing it is finished by then and weather permitting).

Andy and all information contained herein can and may be used in the Quadrant Newsletter. L. Captain Dracos (Communication Officer) will also put out the info on the next meeting of the *IKV Executioner*.

I will not be able to attend Round Con because I can't afford it due to not being back at work yet because of my knee. Better luck next time, I guess. I could have gone back to work within the next couple of days but, the doc said NO WAY! He will not allow me pushing furniture. So I have to wait about two more weeks. The leg brace is off, thankfully! Will let you know more later.

Also I wanted to ask that you keep Lance Corporal K'Lara and her family in your prayers. She lost her mother-in-law this past week. Our thoughts are with you!

And, unfortunately, there was another passing related to the *IKV Executioner* recently. During the *Nemesis* premiere at the Crown Cinema in Hickory, one of the ticket takers was Robert Walker; he was very friendly to a number of us and known by L. Captain Kaltia Knight. He was found dead of undetermined causes two weeks ago in the theater parking lot. Our thoughts are with his friends and family as well.

Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai
CO, *IKV Executioner*



IKV Raging Wolf

Greetings Warriors!

It is a time of growing enthusiasm in the Klingon world, with the advent of spring and summer. It seems like a lot of Klingons went into hyper sleep over the winter. I bring you greetings from 250 of your fellow Warriors who attended Galacticon. On a personal note, it was a wonderful weekend with me getting to see Septaric Family!!! Counting myself, there were five Septarics in attendance: Modaw, Kasak, Ka'Leth, Ka'Rowe and Keela!!! (Galacticon reports begin on page 18) *Qapla'*

I was auctioned off at the slave auction for \$35 to one of my brothers (thanks, Modaw!). There was also a charity auction. On behalf of Dark Star Quadrant, I donated a signed copy of one of Keith R.A. DeCandido's books, *The Brave and the Bold* (thanks to him for generously autographing it free of charge). On behalf of the *IKV Executioner* and L. Captain Kaltia Knight, I donated one of the *Crow The Movie* cards which was signed by creator, J. O'Barr. And on behalf of the *USS Alaric*, senior Starfleet vessel in the region (out of Asheville), I presented an *Enterprise* poster. All proceeds went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Hearty thanks to all who contributed to make the Cats Cradle Project so successful. A very special thanks to Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties who brought an additional 45 pounds of food to the *Executioner's* March meeting, making our total food donation 90 pounds!!!! *Qapla'!!!!* You can also support Cats Cradle every time you use your Food Lion MVP Card. I quote from the upcoming Cats' Cradle newsletter:

"You can help provide an EASY donation to Cats' Cradle every time you use your Food Lion MVP Card! Simply log onto the Food Lion website at www.foodlion.com

"Select Fundraising on the menu at left and then "Link MVP Card to Not-For-Profit Organization." Then click "Register MVP Card" and fill out the registration form. Cats' Cradle is one of the not-for-profit organizations listed and you can select it by entering the state, the city, then organization and it is automatically inserted in the registration form. Once your card has been registered, from then on a certain percentage of your total food purchase will be donated by Food Lion to that organization every time you use your MVP card when buying groceries! Remember to re-link and re-register every fall for each new year! Won't you take the time today to register to support Cats' Cradle and help us continue to care for the cats that so desperately need help?

Thank you for your support!!!!"

There will be a **YARD SALE** at my home coordinates on **May 3**, weather permitting, to raise funds to buy food and litter for Cats' Cradle. (If you can help, please contact me so I know who to call in case we have to cancel.) Once again, Kehlyr has been hard at work preparing for this with a camper full of yard sale items. If you wish to help, feel free to come . . . and bring yard-sale items with you! It's human spring-cleaning time!!!! All items not sold that day will be taken to Country Girl's Flea Market on Hwy. 321 the following Sunday and offered as a lump sum purchase to one of the vendors there.

Another project that we may want to consider for the later summer / early fall is helping the Lenoir Soup Kitchen. Meanwhile, items they always need year round are: money, sugar, canned kraut, liquid handsoap, canned greens, canned carrots, fresh fruits and vegetables, canned yams and fruit, cloth aprons, dishtowels, Dawn dish detergent, paper towels, canned tomatoes, cold cups, hot cups, tea, coffee, Kool-Aid. Please NO home-canned foods.

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr has agreed to be the Acting XO for this ship. Her health is the main constraint upon her time. Thanks for what you can do, Kehlyr! We had our first meeting on April 5th at my home coordinates. We ate gagh and snacks and drank lots of bloodwine. The conversation was good and we managed to get a meeting in there as well. Attending were: L. Lt. T'Kel of Vulcan, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties, Lt. Dredwar Drakus tai, L. Captain Dracos, and Cmdr. Keela. After the meeting we did a little synchronized bat'leth swinging. It was a lot of fun!

That is all for now!

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

P.S. The good Lord was looking after Kehlyr and Dredwar; a nationally wanted criminal was holed up in the apartment building they live in and no one knew until the police closed in; but he had just left minutes before. He took his ride hostage and there was a resulting standoff that ended in his being shot and killed by police in Boone, NC just a few days ago. And yesterday, Bank of Granite in Lenoir, NC (about a mile from our house) was robbed by a young female who simply walked out and vanished with the money. Wow! What times we live in!

BLAST FROM THE PAST GALACTICON 2002 CHATTANOOGA, TN

Ming the Merciless joined the Klingons at Galacticon 2002. He was a fitting Slave Auctioneer and sold many into slavery for charity! Qapla'!!!!



MAHLESS FIRE SQUADRON

IKV Mahless Star

I have not received a written report from Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Mar (apologies, you were accidentally demoted in last issue), but I have spoken with him by phone and have this to report on his behalf.

Kidfest is being held this year, but he found out about it so late, none of the Klingons will be able to participate this year. Perhaps next year. They had wanted to come to StellarCon, but circumstances prevented it.

He has been communicating with his ship and Squadron on a regular basis. He is in the process of re-building armor. In his human life, he has started a second business, building customized computers. He plans to make the Carolina Challenge campout in September if at all possible.

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quarant

IKV Mahless Storm

Hail Warriors,

I am Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Mar , commander of the *IKV Mahless Storm*, part of the **Mahless Fire Squadron**, which I am XO of. My ship is over half a dozen strong and we stand ready to serve the Klingon Empire!

We have a meeting scheduled for April 13th with the rest of the squadron at Charlies' Pizza in New Bern, NC to plot strategy and battle technique.

Our ship is on fire for the Klingon Empire! My personal motto is JUICE -- Join Us In Creating Enthusiasm! As part of that legacy, I plan to build a scaled-down model of an actual Bird of Prey to use at conventions and parades. It will easily hold four Warriros. As a contractor on this planet of hu-Mans, this will be a task more easily accomplished by me than most, although I do plan on sharing the blueprints with anyone wishing to do the same.

I challenge every ship commander to do as I have done and get your crew juiced for battle, bringing honor and glory on themselves and KAG!

Qapla'!
Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Mar
CO, *IKV Mahless Storm*

IKV Mahless Heart

I have not heard directly from Lt. Ma'Ahlai tai-DevnoH, commander of the *IKV Mahless Heart*, but I have heard from Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Mar, her Squadron CO, and Lt. loD' batlh tai-Dok'Mar, her XO. Qamtin reports that he has spoken with her personally and she, despite a recent period of non-communication and though extremely busy with her job, still wishes to command the ship. The best way to contact her or the ship is to email her XO, Lt. loD' batlh tai, XO of the *IKV Mahless Heart* at sytok@pamlico.net

He has been kind enough to send you a hail which is below this transmission.

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

Hail all Klingon Warriors!

This is Lieutenant loD' batlh tai, XO of the *IKV Mahless Heart*. I wish all of you good hunting and safe travels to far away star systems. We are currently getting the ship into fighting trim and will be out in the system soon. If there is anything that we can do to help KAG, then let us know. I am currently the contact for the ship and can be reached at sytok@pamlico.net . Our website is not yet ready for public browsing, but I will remedy that soon. I will keep you informed as soon as it is ready.

Qapla' and good hunting
Lt. loD' batlh tai

BATTLES TO COME!!!!

DARK STAR QUADRANT CALENDAR

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

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/

About Star Trek Fans (Convention Listing) with Julia Houston <http://Startrek.miningco.com>

Slanted Fedora website www.sfedora.com/

Creation Entertainment www.creationent.com

April 19-20	Imperial Quartermaster Toy Show	-- Greensboro, NC	www.imperialquartermaster.com
May 2-4	Malice Domestic 15	-- Arlington, VA	http://users.erols.com/malice
May 23-25	Balticon 37	-- Baltimore, MD	www.balticon.org/
May 23-25	Animazement 6	-- Durham, NC	www.animazement.com
May 30-June 1	ConCarolinas	-- Charlotte, NC	www.secfi.org/concarolinas
June 6-8	Conjuration	-- Columbia, MD	register@tranquility.net
June 13-15	Anime Mid-Atlantic	-- Richmond, VA	animemidatlantic@hotmail.com
June 13-15	Heroes Convention	-- Charlotte, NC	www.heroesonline.com/index2.htm
June 19-22	Courts of Chaos (final)	-- Raleigh, NC	www.karakash.com/ccf/
July 4-6	CastleCon	-- Reston, VA	www.fantek.org/
July 11-13	Shore Leave 25	-- Hunt Valley, MD	www.shore-leave.com/
July 31-August 3	Starfleet International Conference	-- Greensboro, NC	www.ic2003.iwarp.com/
August 1-3	FanEx	-- Timonium, MD	www.midmar.com/filmfest.html
August 1-3	Trinoc-Con 4	-- Durham, NC	www.trinoc-con.org/
August 8-10	Otakon	-- Baltimore, MD	www.otakon.com/
August 15-17	Horrorfind Weekend	-- Hunt Valley, MD	www.horrorfindweekend.com/
August 15 (Fri.)	Slanted Fedora	-- Greenville, SC	www.sfedora.com/conventionschedule.htm

August 16 (Sat.)	Slanted Fedora	-- Winston-Salem, NC	www.sfedora.com/conventionschedule.htm
August 17 (Sun.)	Slanted Fedora	-- Raleigh, NC	www.sfedora.com/conventionschedule.htm
August 29-September 1	DragonCon	-- Atlanta, GA	www.dragoncon.org/
September 19-21	Capclave	-- Washington, DC	www.sfa.org/capc03
September 19-21	Gamefest -- Richmond	-- Richmond, VA	www.patriotgames.org
September 20-21	"The Carolina Challenge" local Klingon / Freddie Campout	-- Paris Mtn. St. Park, SC	USSCarolinaHailingFrequenciesOpen@groups.msn.com
September 26-28	Starfleet Region 1 Conference	-- Charleston, SC	CO@USSDominator.org

ConCarolinas

May 30 - June 1 -- Charlotte, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

There will be a KAG recruitment table at ConCarolinas and possibly other KAG activities. Warriors can still buy weekend tickets for \$25, but the cut-off date is coming fast. Check the website. After that ticket prices for the weekend go up to \$35 per person. There are prices for day trippers as well. All Warriors in the area, please try to make this event to discuss battle plans and ship building for the Charlotte sector.

Heroes Con

June 13 - 15 -- Charlotte, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

There will be a KAG recruitment table at Heroes Con and possibly other KAG activities. Check the website for ticket prices. We will be raising money for Hospice at this event. All Warriors in the area, please try to make this event to discuss battle plans and ship building for the Charlotte sector.

Shore Leave

July 11-13 -- Baltimore, MD

IKV Demonlance

Warriors from the *IKV Demonlance*, led by Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack, CO, will be attending this convention. They will be bearing the House banners they made to be presented to Chancellor Gowron (House of Merrill) and Chancellor Martok (House of Martok). All Klingons from KAG in attendance are invited to join them for this presentation. *Qapla'!*



Starfleet International Conference

July 31-August 3 -- Greensboro, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

Warriors from Dark Star Quadrant may attend this convention. Stay tuned for more information as we are awaiting a hail regarding having a diplomatic zone in which Klingons can relax and interact with the Fedsies.

DragonCon

August 29 - September 1 -- Atlanta, GA

KAG

Warriors from all over the known Universe will be converging upon this location for fun and mayhem! The KAG Table will be the point of contact for all Klingons. Don't forget that the Ship of the Convention, Ship of the Quadrant and Ship of the Fleet will be chosen then, so be sure and keep your activity level and reports thereof HIGH! Also, remember, there will probably be another parade this year, so get your BANNERS ready to march!

The following is an important announcement from the **Dark Moon Fleet Marine Field Marshal, Col. Kasak sutai-Septaric**:

I have been contacted by the leaders of the 501st about the annual "Ewoc Attack" at DragonCon. They wish this activity to stop. It would be in the best interest to all parties for us to honor this request. We in KAG have a satisfactory working relationship with the 501st (especially in the Atlanta Area) and we should not jeopardize the all the good that can be accomplished by not honoring this request. I would ask that all ship COs assist in this matter. I suggest that you contact the 501st representative in your area to come up with a joint activity for the next DragonCon.

The following is an important announcement from the **DragonCon Trek Trak Director, Eric Watts**:

Calling All Klingons:

Please forward this announcement to your ships' online email groups and/or announce at your ships' next meeting.

The Georgia Shakespeare Festival, in conjunction with TrekTrak, plans to present a one-hour abridged version of KLINGON HAMLET at this year's Dragon*Con, featuring local talent. Accordingly, I need seven volunteers who meet the following criteria:

- * has full, top-level Klingon costume & gear
- * able to read and speak the Klingon language
- * has some degree of acting experience in a theatrical environment
- * able to memorize lines of dialog
- * able and willing to attend frequent rehearsals during July and August

If you meet all of these criteria, please send me your mundane contact information and Klingon bio as soon as possible, but no later than April 30. All qualified candidates will be contacted by the Georgia Shakespeare Festival to set up an audition. Participation is not compensated.

In addition to the fifth annual Miss Klingon Empire Beauty Pageant, this production 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.

The Carolinas Challenge

September 20-21 -- Paris Mtn. St. Park, SC

IKV Stonedagger

Hail Warriors of the Dark Star Quadrant and Beyond!

I am a member of the *IKV Stonedagger*, and as a member of such, I have privy access to all of the plans we have for the BIG CAMP OUT planned for later this year. Let me tell you, brothers and sisters, it will be a glorious event with games of skill, strategy, and of course, STRENGTH all there to test your mettle.

Since some of you reading this may be human or some other species . . . the beauty of the land has also went into our deciding the locale. We have chosen somewhere aesthetically pleasing as well as a formidable opponent to your hunting skills.

I am demanding ALL Klin within the sectors of North Carolina and South Carolina make your faces known at this event (Virginia and Maryland are welcome as well!!!! It will be one that songs will be sung of, heroes will be made, and the victor will take the spoils of battle!

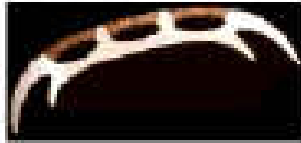
Do you have the honor to show yourself?!! I am talking to you! You doubting *p'tagh*! ANSWER ME!!! Will you be there and bring glory to your house and your ship? Or will you stand by the waysides . . . acting puny and unfortunate?

Klingons! SHOW YOURSELVES!!

There will be more information to follow shortly, and as I am also the Signal Corps Officer for the South Carolina Sector, I will make sure my brethren know!

In Service,
Lt. MemtoK' tai-DevnoH'
Commander, Force Recon, Dark Star Quadrant
Signal Corps Officer, South Carolina
International Contact for Force Recon, 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 Pinecroft 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!!

