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RED ALERT: WALK-ON ROLE OFFERED

A contest is now going on for a lucky fan to win a walk-on role on the new *Enterprise* show. Loews Cineplex Entertainment and Paramount Pictures have teamed up to offer moviegoers a chance to win a grand prize trip for two to Hollywood and a walk on role on an upcoming episode of UPN's series *Enterprise*. **You can only enter once.** Entry forms are available at more than 100 Loews Cinemas nationwide, or you can go to the website and enter online at www.enjoytheshow.com/startrek/ Contest ends at midnight on January 6th. *Qapla'!*

NUQNEH!!!!

From the Dark Moon Fleet Commander

Greetings to all Warriors in the Dark Star Quadrant!

I encourage all to not only continue the work / fun / play that you all have been doing in KAG, but to also sing the songs of victory and defiance in the face of overwhelming odds in winning your battles, because only in this way can we of the Chain of Command know of your Glory!

By hearing of the Glory and Honor that has been done in the name of your ship, can we of the COC reward by way of bestowing the title of "Quadrant Ship of HONOR" and "Fleet Ship of HONOR" which is traditionally done at DragonCon. And by your attendance and participation at DragonCon, we can also confer upon a ship the honor of carrying the banner of "Convention Ship of Honor" through the duration of the year until the next DragonCon! You all do many great things and should be acknowledged as such!

bath jaH Hovmey Sut'be bIng
Captain Kolex sutai-QIH'qem
Commander, Dark Moon Fleet



From the Dark Moon Fleet Field Marshall

Greetings from your DMF Field Marshall!

I trust all you warriors took full advantage of the Terran holidays. Just a note to all CO's, Navy or Marine. If you take advantage of the Dark Moon Fleet website listed below, you will find that I have made it simple for all CO's to issue Awards for deserving Warriors. I have also provided a page for each ship I know of in the Dark Moon Fleet to post ship information on. All you have to do is send me the information. Don't hesitate to let me know if there are errors on this site. This is the official Dark Moon Fleet Website. It contains the most up to date information on the Fleet and KAG. There is a lot of information you can use at this site, so make use of it.

I would like to commend Keela of the fine job she is doing as your QC. Remember, if no one knows what you are doing, you can't be recognized for your accomplishments. It is your duty to keep her informed.

To all MARINES in the Dark Star Quadrant, your Fencer is engaged in a covert assignment at the present time and may not be available. If you have any questions or problems, direct them to me at the email listed below. I would like to hear from all of you.

Col. Kasak sutai-Septaric
Field Marshall, Dark Moon Fleet

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From the Dark Star Quadrant Commander

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant!

MAHLESS FIRE SQUADRON FORMED!

Dark Star Quadrant has its first official 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 **Mahless Fire Squadron**, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-dok'Mar has been formed in eastern North Carolina! The vessels comprising this three-ship fighting machine are: the *IKV Mahless Star*, the *IKV Mahless Heart* and the *IKV Mahless Storm*. What a great tribute for the late Buddy DeWitt, aka Mahless, former CO of the *IKV Firestorm*, renamed *IKV Mahless Star*. For more information on the new Squadron, see the report elsewhere in this newsletter! *Qapla'!!*

Plans for the **Death Touch Squadron** in the western part of North Carolina are temporarily on hold pending unforeseen circumstances, but hopefully all will be resolved within the next several months! *Qapla'!*

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!!!! *Qapla'!!!* Keep up the good work, I look forward to hearing from all of you! Also, let me know if I can help you in any way! 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!**

STAR TREK: NEMESIS

I hope that all of you were able to do something in conjunction with the recent opening of the tenth *Star Trek* movie, *Star Trek: Nemesis*. Some of the reports are found in this issue, but I will be more than happy to include reports and holo-images for as long as you send them to me!!! This has been a shot in the arm, I think, overall for the *Trek* phenomenon. *Star Trek* FOREVER!!!! And according to one of our ship CO's who has a contact at Paramount, this is NOT the final movie! There will (hopefully) be a *Next Gen/Voyager* crossover and two *Voyager* movies in the future! *Qapla'!!!!*

2003 REVISED SHIP ROSTER

Please send me any corrections to the ship roster in terms of addresses, emails, phone numbers, etc. Please make sure I have your phone number even if it is not given to the rest of the Quadrant because it's important that I be able to get in touch with each of you, just in case!!!

IKV DEMONLANCE EARNS THANKS OF DARK STAR QUADRANT

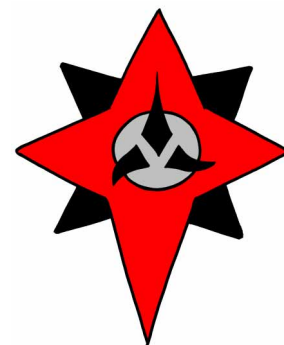
Members of the *IKV Demonlance*, as well as the CO of the *IKV Rogue Phoenix*, traveled all the way up from Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA, respectively to attend the Slanted Fedora Convention in Durham, NC during October 2002. They took the hu-Man room that the KAG Chocolate Party was booked for and transformed into it into Kronos!!!

We had flaming caldrons, draped walls, banners, strobe lights, and chocolate, chocolate, chocolate! They also brought a glorious cake bearing the likenesses of our two attending Chancellors, Gowron and Martok. Their exemplary endeavor earned many compliments from both Klingons and humans a like. I commend and thank them heartily for their Service to the Empire.

Because of their hard work, I confer upon those Warriors of the *IKV Demonlance* and *IKV Rogue Phoenix*, who participated in this battle, the very first **Dark Star Quadrant Glorious Victory Award**, as seen at right, for service in year 2002.

Those members of the two respective ships can create and wear this insignia as either a patch or pin (wooden or metal). Eventually, I hope to have these made up to hand out later in the year, but until then the option of creating one's own in the interim is open.

Congratulations and *Qapla'!!!!*



IKV ECLIPSE EARNS COMMENDATION FROM DARK STAR QUADRANT COMMANDER

The *IKV Eclipse* out of Harrisonburg, VA has always been a service-oriented ship, as their latest report in this issue of DARK MATTERS testifies, as well as earlier reports throughout the time they have been a ship in KAG. I feel that they have been a shining example of what Klingons can do in the local community, and so as a result, I confer upon each member of the *IKV Eclipse* who participated in this year's "Toys To Share From People Who Care" project the **Dark Star Quadrant Glorious Victory Award**. They have the right to also wear this insignia as either a patch or pin so that all who see this can know that they have earned the highest award possible in Dark Star Quadrant for year 2002.

BATTLENOTCHES

There has been very little interest in purchasing the battlenotches. So, I have decided to refund the money for those who have done so already and make all Dark Star Quadrant ship CO's an offer: If you are interested in receiving battlenotches free of charge, please contact me. I will send you 10 to 12 of each of the five colors. But you must contact me first. And when they're gone, they're gone. I won't be able to afford to buy more.

ON BEING KLINGON IN THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

Warriors, I know it's hard doing what you love to do (mayhem and madness followed by much bloodwine consumption). I commend you all for hanging in there like true Warriors. This time of economic hardship is bound to pass and hopefully 2003 will bring financial stability and even prosperity to us. At least that's my hope and prayer. Do what you can when you can. Remember real life comes first (for those of you who have lives, present company excepted). If I can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to hail! I appreciate all of you!

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!

In case you don't know me, I am Marine Lt. MemtoK' tai-DevnoH', Commander for Force Recon within the Quadrant. What is Force Recon? We are the first division a prospective member has dealings with. Force Recon has been charged with recruiting, orientating, and retaining our new members of KAG. Sound simple? Not so, and not for the faint of heart...

Recruiting for KAG, as for any organization, is time consuming but when one person decides to join, it makes it all worth the effort. Orienting the new member is where the fun comes into play. Here, Force Recon gets to teach the new Klingon about our culture, language, technology, and about the different divisions KAG has to offer. Navy, Marines, Imperial-Xeno Legion, Engineering, Demon Fleet ... all of this falls upon the shoulders of those involved in Force Recon.

Retaining our new Klingon, and the ones that have been around awhile, is not easy either. Force Recon has to know what the membership wants, what they expect, and what the hierarchy can do for them to make their stay in KAG more enjoyable. Fielding questions about why the organization does this or that is also another aspect of Force Recon.

As Commander of Force Recon for this quadrant, I am constantly spending my time researching and reading the databases and manuals so that I can be ready to answer questions about rank, technology, ship class, how to start a vessel, and any other question a new Klingon may ask. I take my job of being the "First Contact" with a prospective member EXTREMELY seriously.

As a Division, Force Recon prepares recruiting manuals, flyers, and all other sorts of recruiting paraphernalia for use by the general membership. As I said earlier, recruiting is not all we do, so we are also prepared for other scenarios as they come upon us.

If you have any questions whatsoever, 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



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

From the Dark Star Quadrant Marine Fencer

On behalf of Lt. Col. K'Tor sutai-Do'Urden, Dark Star Marine Quadrant Fencer, I electronically pen this update:

K'Tor has been enrolled in police training and has been very busy as of late. He does answer email although he must go to a local library to do so and his time is limited. His email is still ktourdourden@yahoo.com

You can reach him by snailmail at: Eddie Bagwell
P.O. Box 695
Biscoe, NC 27209

If you have an emergency and need to contact him, please call or email me and I will contact him. I have been appointed a moderator of the DSQ Marine list serve for the time being.

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric keelavestai@yahoo.com
for

Lt. Col. K'Tor sutai-Do'Urden
CO, KPV *Krimson Fury*
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Marines
Dark Moon Fleet, KAG
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From the Dark Star Quadrant Quartermaster

On behalf of our Quartermaster, I electronically pen this information.

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties was recently hospitalized for a heart catheterization and during the procedure suffered a heart attack. She is recovering, but is limited to her activities. She recently joined the *IKV Executioner* crew for a few hours at the Marquee Cinemas in Morganton, NC to promote *Star Trek: Nemesis*.

Her plans for a Boone ship, the *IKV Raging Wolf*, are temporarily put on hold.

If you would like to send her get well cards, her address is:

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

If you have any Quartermaster questions, please refer them to me and if I cannot answer them, I will consult her or the KAG Quartermaster. Thank you!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric,
CO, Dark Star Quadrant
CO, *IKV Executioner*

Get Well, Kehlyr!!! We miss you!!!



From the Laboratories of Xenoarchaeological Sciences

Quick update to reflect that the latest version of the Xenoarchaeological Database has been loaded to the Internet. The database features information on classifying alien species, a complete listing of alien species from the *Star Trek* Television series, movies, a number of books, as well as fan-driven fiction, and a complete appendix featuring all the articles put out previously by *The Xenoarchaeologist*.

The data base can be viewed online at: <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/xenoarchaeology.rtf>

L. Captain Mirodon Ris vestai, semi-retired, jaguar-ops@carolina.rr.com





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

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, Dark Star Quadrant

Dark Star Quadrant Recent Promotions:

IKV Executioner

August 1, 2002

Sergeant Dredwar Drakus to Lt. Dredwar Drakus tai, retroactive

Slanted Fedora -- October 12, 2002

Lance Corporal S'kuLi to Lt. Ka'S'kuLi ta (name change given by Chancellor Martok and promotion given by Spirit of Chancellor Gowron and Chancellor Martok)

Shore Leave To A Primitive Planet -- October 19, 2002

Lance Corporal Martho'Rya to Lt. Martho'Rya tai

Spartacon -- November 9, 2002

L. Lt. Dracos to L. Captain Dracos

Lt. Karrtush Degar tai to Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai

November 26, 2002

L.Lt. Kaltia Knight to L. Captain Kaltia Knight

IKV Glory Hunter

Trinoc-Con -- October 5, 2002

Lance Corporal K'Iva to Lt. K'Iva tai

Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot vestai-Septaric to Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric

IKV Shadowrider

Spartacon -- November 9, 2002

Lt. Gortok vestai-DevnoH to Lt. Cmdr. Gortok vestai-DevnoH

Awards Received by Members of Dark Star Quadrant:

IKV Demonlance

For Assisting the DMF Field Marshal and the IKAV Rogue Phoenix in Year 2002

<encrypted> Terran name, Samantha Robinson
Cadet Lt. Krek T L'bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok
Cadet Lt. Mica'la Laclair L'bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok
Lt. K'Dessa tai-L'Bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok
Lt. Mikal tai-L'Bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok
Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok
Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok

1 battlenotch
1 battlenotch
1 battlenotch
2 battlenotches
2 battlenotches
7 battlenotches
2 battlenotches

For Exemplary Service re: The Chocolate Party at Slanted Fedora in October 11-13

Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok
Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok

Glorious Victory Award
Glorious Victory Award

For Winning Costume Competition

Lt. K'Dessa tai-L'Bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok

1 kill stripe

IKV Eclipse

For their "Toys To Share From People Who Care" Campaign

Ensign K'Rush D'Stroy
<encrypted> Terran name, Jeannie Waltman
<encrypted> Terran name, Jason Waltman

Glorious Victory Award
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PADDED BAT'LETH TOURNAMENT

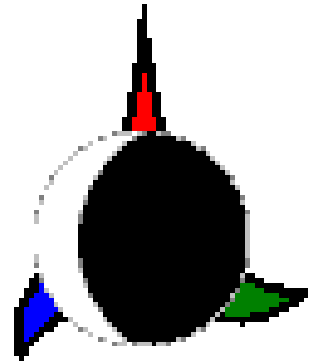
Salek of the *IKV Melota* provided a CD and a pattern (which all CO's should have gotten a copy of) for our projected Bat'Leth Tournament at ConCarolinas this summer. Please build all bat'leths to specs as this creates an equal playing field. All CO's should submit suggestions to Cmdr. Keela as to how this Tournament should be realized.

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>



KAG NEWS

Seasons Greetings From The Thought Admiral

The presents lay in tangled masses of shredded wrapping paper on the floor. A Christmas cup of coffee sits, growing ever colder, as it's ignored in favor of the shiny new toys all around. The kids are awash in a chocolate and present induced euphoria. Outside wisps of snow drift down on this barely white Christmas. But you know what? All's right with my world!

And, I hope, with yours.

May you all have a Happy Christmas, or have had a Happy Chanukah or Solstice or Kwanzaa or Tet or whatever happiness you can find.

KuurIIs, K'Jett, and our Evil Larvae



Marine Kommandant Has New Email Address

Just to let everyone know I now have a new email addy thanks to my old ISP *directvinternet*, shutting its DSL service down. I can be reached at devnoh@nashville.net or devnoh@butler.net

Merry belated Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

Qor'toq zantai-DevnoH

New Sundragon Fleet Commander

The Sundragon Fleet in Australia has a new commander. He is Marine Captain Kut'luch sutai-Gentok (Kelvin Knights0

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Website: www.starbasemccoy.com

GENERAL NEWS



NEMESIS NEWS

Though a big success with the fans, *Star Trek: Nemesis* has dropped out of the top ten for the weekend of December 27-29th. The movie has brought in \$33,846,500 since its premiere, but had to go up against "Lord of the Rings" and others. Though this is disappointing news, keep telling all your friends and family to go see the movie! It's great!!! And hopefully, the director's edition will have all of Worf's best lines that were cut from the finished product . . . maybe that's part of why it's slowing down at the box office!!!

INTERACTIVE TREK EXHIBIT PREMIERED IN LONDON

On December 18, 2002, London's Hyde Park was the site of the premiere of what has been called one of the biggest interactive events on earth and one of the biggest Star Trek exhibitions ever staged. Features include posing for a photo with Captain Kirk, battling the Borg, and having yourself superimposed on a souvenir video clip. The exhibition is expected to go on five years, perhaps 10. It cost about \$47 million to build and produce. Here's hoping it comes to the United States!!!!

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PURE KLINGON

Written by Frank Bures

Photo by Abby Dansiger

Or, What to Do When You're an Interstellar Villain Trapped in a Puny Human's Body

Qaolin strides across the dance floor and tears the microphone from Commander Bodacious' hand.

In his long black hair, flowing robes and elaborate uniform he is, beyond all doubt, the commanding presence in the basement of Bodacious Classics. He's more commanding, even, than Commander Bodacious, who owns the bar and spins the records.

Microphone in hand, Qaolin strides back to the dance floor. In the background, Commander Bodacious punches a button. Huge, muscular guitar riffs rip through the room. There's no mistaking the tune. It's all tattooed bikers, broken pool cues and flying beer bottles.

It's the anthem of ass kicking.

It's "Bad to the Bone."

On cue, Qaolin wails:

"On the day I was born the nurses all gathered 'round!"

In Klingon:

"jIbogh'ta'DI' Hoch ajmaHpu ma'Dech!"

He powers through the song like he just blew through swinging doors. The room goes quiet. Qaolin wields this strange, guttural language like a club, and his voice is the force behind the blow. It fills every corner of the bar with rage and fear.

If only he knew Klingon, George Thorogood would know true badness.

"B-B-B-Bad!"

"q-q-q-qab!"



As he sings, Qaolin becomes absorbed, swathed in badness, and the song envelops him, envelops the room. Drinks are set down. Conversations halt. Everyone's eyes are on Qaolin. There's no way around it.

Qaolin is pure Klingon rock star.

When the song finishes, the singing warrior bellies up to the bar. Behind him, Commander Bodacious puts on a new CD.

"Arrhhggg!" Qaolin cries, "The only force in the universe that can bring me to my knees: ABBA!" He turns to chat with a Storm Trooper on the stool next to him.

It is, of course, a strange road that leads one to this place, to a point in life where you apply makeup and a fake forehead, speak a fake language, go by a fake name, and practice twirling a fake sword so you can go to the bars.

Yes, it is a strange road indeed, and it begins in Iowa.

At least that's where it began for Qaolin, who back then was known only as Jim Covill, a struggling Art Education student who dressed less extravagantly, spoke only earthly tongues, and only sang karaoke occasionally in English (and by his own account, he sucked).

But it was back then in Iowa (the future birthplace of James T. Kirk) that Qaolin began his long birthing, and Jim Covill began his long, downhill slide into sci-fi geekdom. Once there, Covill joined his first "ship," "Starbase 11," and ever since has been pulled inexorably into the vortex of *Star Trek*.

For a while, though, Jim Covill was just a casual Trekkie. He and his wife would get together with other couples and watch some episodes of *The Next Generation*, then come back to earth. But a few years later, after he moved back to Portland, after his wife left him, after he started a shitty catering job, things started to get serious. Covill began to realize he didn't want to just hang out with toy-collecting, family values Trekkies any more.

Jim Covill wanted something more.

Around Stardate 1995, he found what he was looking for. While attending a *Star Trek* Convention in town, he met his first Klingons in full regalia. They were big. They were massive. They oozed belligerence. They seethed with virility. They were gorgeous, and Jim Covill fell in love like he'd been hit with a *bat'leth* between the eyes.

"Klingons," Covill says, "do everything to excess. They fight to excess, laugh to excess, love to excess, eat to excess." Klingons, in other words, are *uber*-males. Klingons are heroes. Klingons are like gods.

So instead of joining the men's movement, Jim Covill became a Klingon. Looking back on that fateful "con," however, Covill admits there were other forces at work too. "The captain of the ship," he says, "was a walking recruiting poster: full Klingon gear, tons of Klingon cleavage, and an attitude to match."

Before long, Covill became Qaolin. He founded the "House of Kiln" and began studying the language of his adopted race. He bought all the Klingon books and tapes. He memorized proverbs like "*yIvoq, ach lojmItmey yISam*." ("Trust, but locate the exits.") Soon he had Klingon mastered and began translating songs like, "My Way," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Born to be Wild," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and others.

Then he started to sing.

Many of the details of his journey are lost in a haze of smoky, beer-filled Science Fiction Nights. What is important is that it ended here, at Bodacious Classics, where he and others like him now congregate to watch movies like *Army of Darkness* and *Starship Troopers* before opening up the mike.

Bodacious Classics might not be *Q'onoS*, the Klingon Home World, but at least here Qaolin is surrounded by his kindred -- like *Quabor*, who builds doors in his time off from Starfleet, as well as *Bob'a'Q* and *Zlk Koloth* who both collect disability and are members of the Qaolin's House of Kiln.

Also ever-present is Commander Bodacious, or Ralph McKee, who cain smokes in his Starfleet uniform. McKee is a recent and die-hard convert to this blend of science and fiction, and has owned the bar for five years. Bodacious Classics took a 50% hit in business when the Ross Island bridge closed and, in a move of desperation, he decked out the place in spaceships and aliens and *Star Trek* collectibles.

A few other wingnuts drift in and out of Science Fiction Night, too, like the Storm Troopers at the bar, one of whom sings "Rebel Yell," every Thursday. Sometimes Boba Fett stops in for a drink, and once in a while they'll get a guest singer, like the woman from Minnesota who sang a ditty she wrote called "Give Me A Klingon Male," an ode to the magnetism of Qaolin and his lot.

"Now, Captain Kirk was a man without *fail*," she crooned, "but give me a Klingon *Male*!"

Klingon groupies. Who knew it would come to this? Surely not Marc Okrand, the linguist hired to come up with a language for the 1984 film *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*. How could he have known what life his creation would take on -- a language of 2000 words with no native land, no native speakers, no etymological roots? How could he know what Klingon would become?

Klingon is now said to be the fastest growing language on the planet and is spoken from Brazil to New Zealand to Uzbekistan. You can read *Hamlet*, and *Gilgamesh*, and other classics in Klingon. The Klingon Bible Project is currently translating the good book from the original Greek, Hebrew and Amharic [Aramaic] into Klingon. There is a Klingon Elvis ('K'Elvis'). There is a Scottish group called Clan MacKlingon. There is a gay Klingon group called the "Pink Empire." There are, aside from the normal *Star Trek* porn (*The Next Penetration*), fully nude Klingon photos on the internet by *Doqtaj*, who happens to be a member of Qaolin's House. There's a Portland band, Stovokor, that sings half English, half Klingon. There is a *Klingon Book of Condolences* for September 11. Comments posted include: 'I disdain dishonorable acts like that of the Sept. 11 attacks. If possible, I will lead a squad of Klingon warriors into battle to destroy this perpetrator,' and, "If only we could retaliate the Klingon way! *Q'apla*!"

You can even search Google in Klingon.

The flourishing of Klingon is hard to account for. Other artificially constructed languages, like Esperanto, have flopped miserably. Yet this one, created for pure entertainment, lives and grows. Why?

Behind it all is something more: The Klingon ethos. In our culture, there is a hole that the Klingon fills: We have no warriors.

These days, every man with enough self-awareness to tie his shoes knows he should be able to express his feelings. He should try to validate those around him. He should be in touch with himself, and not have it result in an erection. And he should remember that it's all right to cry.

But heroes don't cry. The gods validate no mortal. And the only feeling the warrior is in touch with is that of his enemy's skull being crushed. The Klingon guise provides an outlet for these residual, primal urges: Aggression, strength and courage, tempered by a sense of honor. Klingons are just beer-guzzling, football playing Neanderthals. They aren't half-witted, steroid-swollen professional wrestlers. They aren't pimple-faced army recruits who play war on a computer. Klingons are something bigger.

Klingons are the stuff of legend.

It's an immensely attractive role, as Qaolin knows from experience. He knows the joy of raw aggression; the satisfaction of unabashed arrogance; the sheen of honor he feels as he dons his latex forehead.

Not only that, but Qaolin gets hit on by human women far more as a Klingon than he does as Jim Covill.

But Qaolin also knows that sooner or later, he must take off his cape, pocket his aggression, go back to work, and become a polite, post-90's man again. Because as nutty as he might seem, he does manage to keep things in a sort of perspective. Even though he stood in garb at the end of the Hawthorne bridge after he got fired, with a sign that said, "*Will Work for Gaggh*," and even though he once joined a troop of 20 Klingons chasing a man dressed like a giant squirrel around at *Norwescon*, and even though he occasionally fondles his specially crafted Klingon disruptor rifle, Jim Covill isn't one of these guys who just dressed up like human on weekdays.

No, Jim Covill is head of the House of Kiln -- "Jesters to the Empire" -- and he knows his place in the universe. Because even as he thumbs through his dog-eared copy of the *Klingon Dictionary*, or admires his signed photo of Worf, or practices his *bat'leth* twirling routine, or ponders building a house like a Klingon war ship, he realizes that it's all a big game.

"I'm a geek," Covill admits. "I'm 46 years old and I still like to play dress up and pretend. That's basically what it boils down to."

Jim Covill has embraced his geekness.

"The way I look at it," he says, "it's my duty to make everybody's day a little more surreal. You've got to be able to risk being laughed at, and not really give a shit."

And that he does.

At Bodacious Classics, Qaolin takes the microphone once more. Behind him, the Commander pushes another button and violins play while birds twitter. Overhead, a disco ball spins and the Head of the House of Kiln eases into a slow, velvety tune that everyone knows.

"*bIQ'otlh wov DungDaq vegh 'oH DaqDaq jen!*"

"Somewhere over the rainbow way up high!"

Qaolin rocks back and forth, lost in the song, his long hair swaying. The room goes quiet, rapt, and it is clear that he is a brave man indeed. Somehow, he has conquered all fear of what society says he should do, what he should be, and has found a courage to equal any Klingon in the Empire: The courage to love something totally, no matter what anyone thinks.

"*bIQ'otlh wov 'em Daq lupuvchugh cha'parmey mach QaQchay?*"

"If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow why oh why can't I?"

Science Fiction Night: Thursdays, 7:00 pm.
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House Ki'RK Report

OCTOBER

Hailing Dark Star Quadrant!

Greetings from the House Ki'RK to our fellow warriors. I direct your attention to our newly updated website, <http://housekirk.virtualave.net> where you can find our new newsletter complete with the latest updates on news and events from the Cha'ouw Empire, plus plenty of entertainment!!

This month the House Ki'RK is volunteering in the "Walk for Animals" by The Grand Strand Humane Society on October 26, 2002 at Broadway at the Beach in Myrtle Beach, SC. More information can be found in the newsletter. We have also recently begun working with the American Council for the Blind.

Captain Jorf, of the *ICV Dragon's Blood*, has attended and participated in the Trek For Food, and the Schiele Museum Invasion with other Dark Star Quadrant members.

We are preparing for Beach Bash 2002, and invite you all to come and join us!! For more information, check out <http://beachbash.virtualave.net>

Also, join us at our email lists http://groups.yahoo.com/group/house_kirk and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beachbash2>

STRENGTH AND HONOR
Commander Scarlett
Chief Communications Officer
House Ki'RK ~ Cha'ouw Empire

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Cha'ouw Empire and House Ki'RK, though an independent entity, has some ties to Demonfleet of KAG. Also Captain Jorf, a prominent House Ki'RK member, has also recently joined KAG and serves in an ambassadorial capacity to KAG from House Ki'RK and the Cha'ouw Empire.

Since they are an "outside" group, I have taken the liberty of including their house logo as a courtesy wherever their articles are included in KAG's Dark Star Quadrant newsletter, DARK MATTERS.

Their reports are much appreciated! It is glorious that we are able to play together as we Serve the Empire. *Qapla'!*

KAHLESS RULES!

(sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

by Lt. Ka'Leth tai-Septaric of Cold Terror Fleet

Warping through deep space,	Battle songs we sing,	CHORUS:	OH . . . Kahless Rules, Kahless Rules	Kahless Rules, Kahless Rules
In a Klingon bird of prey,	Glory is so right,		Klingon all the way!	Klingon all the way!
Through bloodwine we go,	What it fun it is to laugh and sing		Feddie Captain lost his will	Feddie Captain lost his will
Drinking all the way,	A Klingon song tonight!		When he saw a Bird of Prey!	When he saw a Bird of Prey!



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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>

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For more information, email Ka'Leth at:

2owls@bellsouth.net



SHIP REPORTS

NAVY



IKV Blood Claw

NOVEMBER REPORT

Hail to all in the Dark Star Quadrant!

We just wanted to inform you that all is slowly starting to improve on this ship known as the *IKV Blood Claw*. Many ideas are still being worked on now, some better than others. I must say that the Slanted Fedora this last October was a fairly nice con, but some things no doubt are not like they used to be (so I was told). I, however, did not mind it much at all, and believe that a certain party by KLINGONS definitely made it a con to remember (a few I know have said this more than once also)!

Seeing some that I had not seen in many years, and meeting a few I have never known (especially the Commander of this Dark Star Quadrant) was nice as well. I did notice a few of the HU-man breed being not so happy to see the Klingons at times and to this I will always say: a being who wants to be negative can always go elsewhere.

Qapla' to you all!
Lt. Rlikay vestai-Septaric
Commanding Officer
IKV Blood Claw

DECEMBER REPORT

Hail to all Klingons!

On December 14th, a local chapter of York, SC, the *IKV Blood Claw*, will be participating in a Trek day at the Manchester Cinema in Rock Hill, SC. It will be a one day event that will allow all to show their fine colors and let others know of our existence. In other words, a day to sit back and have a little fun letting the HU-mans know you exist! If anyone or any ship is interested in participating, please let me or Maj'va'kut', my female pesterer, know soon. No time has been set when this event will begin, but we will send this info to you soon if you are interested. Hope we see you there!

Qapla'!
Lt. Rlikay vestai-Septaric
Commanding Officer
IKV Blood Claw

P.S. All other races (including Romulans) are welcome by the Cinema also.

IKV Blood Moon

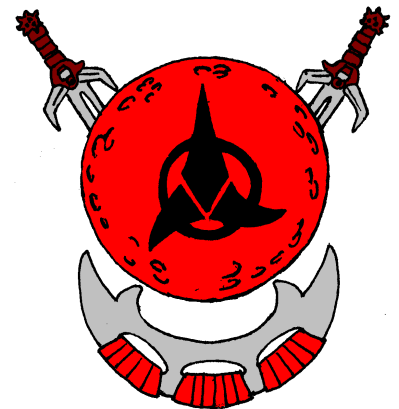
Greetings and success to the Dark Star Quadrant!

I hope that we have a successful year this year and eat a lot of good food, drink a lot of good bloodwine a fight many battles with much victory!

I heard on the radio something that touched my heart. A lot of money was raised recently to benefit sick children through the annual fundraiser held by radio station WLYT, 102.9, for Carolina's Medical Center Children's Hospital. I called the radio station to inquire about the possibility of fully armored Klingons assisting with this worthy project. The radio station was very positive with our potential helping out, and I look forward to brainstorming with the Quadrant on the possibility of engaging in this battle.

If you need to contact me, contact the Quadrant Commander, as I am temporarily off line, but hope to be back on soon.

Qapla'!
Ensign Gorrath
Commanding Officer
IKV Blood Moon



IKV Bringer of Justice

The transmission was misrouted due to Federation incursions and should have been in the last issue. @#\$\$ Feddies!

Hail!

Greetings and apologies! I am very sorry that I have not been keeping in touch. We have just recently gotten off of mandatory 12 HR days, 5-6 days a week. It kind of saps your strength. Things are still plodding along. I am currently without any shipmates, the two that I recruited were transferred to New York and New Jersey. Bummer. I haven't had a lot of free time to make any new connections, but our hours are supposed to go down by the end of the summer I hope! Please keep me in mind when you can. Thanks for your support!

Qapla'
Ensign Klendric
Commanding Officer

IKV Demonlance

On behalf of Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok, CO of the *IKV Demonlance*, and Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok, XO of the *IKV Demonlance*, I enclose portions of a recent correspondence from Ka'Sandra:

"Cecil and I still go to sci-fi conventions. At the convention in North Carolina [Slanted Fedora], both Robert O'Reilly (Gowron) and J. G. Hertzler (Martok), Klingon Chancellors were there. They are very good friends of Cecil. We were both made members of their respective households, so we are now a TRI-house: Mack-Merril-Martok. [Merril is Gowron's Household name]. That was a Proud and Great moment for us.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Qapla'
Skal and Ka'Sandra Mack-Merril-Martok"

I spoke on the phone with Skal and Ka'Sandra on December 30th and they report that all is well, but they have been very busy. Ka'Sandra has been working 7 days a week and going to classes. She says members of the *IKV Demonlance* joined the *IKV Rogue Phoenix* in Savannah, GA for a Christmas Parade that they participated with in full Klingon armor (see holo-images elsewhere). Members of the ship who went were: Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack, Lt. K'Dessa L'Bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok, and Lt. Mikal L'Bardi tai-Mack-Merril-Martok (they were also made members of Gowron's and Martok's household).

Warriors from the *IKV Demonlance*, Cmdr. Skal, Lt. Ka'Sandra tai-Mack-Merril-Martok, Lt. K'Dessa L'Bardi and Lt. Mikal L'Bardil, also went to the *Star Trek: Nemesis* premiere in full Klingon armor. Afterwards, they went to Hooters and got their picture taken with the Hooter girls. They plan to attend Shore Leave in Maryland this year (they have heard a rumor that Gowron MIGHT be at Shore Leave). They also are planning on going to Galacticon in March and DragonCon in August.

Also, of note: Lt. K'Dessa won the grand prize in the Halloween costume contest at her place of employment, a Home Depot, when she appeared in her Klingon form. She receives a killstripe as a result of this victory! Qapla'!!!!

IKV Eclipse

Qapla!

We've been =very= busy with our biggest project of every year, the "Toys to Share From People Who Care" madness, but here goes...

The *IKV Eclipse* has just completed their big project of this and every year, our annual "Toys To Share From People Who Care" toy donation and giveaway drive. As usual, we requested people bring us used toys in good condition, and we would clean up those that needed a little "spit and polish" and sometimes "take two to make one". (Remainders to County Landfill... :-)

We've been involved with this project for about 15 years (starting way before we even knew there were Klingons... :-)) I started this project while part of the Harrisonburg Jaycees, continued it while part of Starfleet, still continued it while part of the IFT, and now we're Klingons and =still= doing it :-)) Quite some time ago Rockingham County graciously donated a small building for collection of toys, and a well known drop off point. Advertised on TV and in newspapers thru Public Service Announcements.

Altogether, we probably donated (or re-donated? :-)) over 2,500 (yes, twenty five hundred - that is not an exaggeration - if anything it may be an =under=estimate :-)) this year back to the Harrisonburg / Rockingham County community. Along with the over 700 reconditioned stuffed animals donated to the Harrisonburg Elks lodge for inclusion in their Christmas baskets, we gave bagloads of toys to low-income day care centers, soup kitchens, and the local homeless shelter, among others.

An example - our last week...

Sun Dec 22, 2002 - Drop off bags of toys (mostly stuffed animals) to local low-income housing project manager at Xmas party. (gave away 1 stuffed animal per child and some other toys)

Mon Dec 23 2002 - Drop off several bags of toys to Harrisonburg Community Mennonite Church. (used for their "Patchwork Pantry" giveaways to low income residents)

Tues Dec 24, 2002 - Pick up huge batch of toys prepared by local Girl Scout Troop. (they wrapped new toys as good as any 5-8 year old could wrap - not very pretty, but with plenty of enthusiasm :-))

Wed Dec 25, 2002 - 12 noon - Deliver toys to "Our Community Place" Soup Kitchen. (Yes, Christmas Day!) (received wonderful turkey luncheon in exchange - yum!)

Wed Dec 25 2002 - 6 pm - Deliver remaining toys and stuffies to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church soup kitchen. (received marvelous ham dinner in return - more yum!)

Thurs Dec 26, 2002 - Clean up building for next year's donations.

Qapla'!
Ensign K'Rush D'Stroy
Commanding Officer *IKV Eclipse*
gurpsgm@vaix.net

IKV Executioner

Hail Warriors!

We have been very busy this past quarter, especially in October! It seemed like there was something going on every single weekend of that month!

Trek For Food ended on a mixed note of success. We were able to raise funds to purchase 2,518 approximate pounds of food which we divided among our four receiving charities. The problem was that Trek For Food representatives didn't follow through with expectations, mis-spent some of our hard-earned funds and actually ended up keeping about \$15 of our money. We will not deal with that organization again if we do another food drive. But despite these negatives, we were very proud of our achievement and stand ready to serve the community when we can!

Shore Leave at the Carolina Renaissance Festival was a glorious affair as usual. There were more ship members from the *IKV Executioner* than any other ship! *Qapla'!* Lance Corporal Martho'Rya was promoted to Lt. tai at that event. *Qapla'!*

The premiere of *Star Trek: Nemesis* was a big event for us that lasted all weekend long in the Hickory System (with another battle being fought in Morganton, NC) and then one day the next weekend at the other theater location in Morganton, NC (thanks to Lt. Kalib tai and Lt. Ka'Shara tai for leading that battle). We were very well received for the most part in both locations! However, it was immensely satisfying at the Marquee in Morganton to harrass, er . . . entertain the audience before the show. *Qapla'* to Kalib and Ka'Shara for initiating the fight!

These and some of our other victories are found elsewhere in this newsletter, so I won't bore you with the details here. Suffice to say year 2003 is upon us and we are already looking at battles for us to embark upon. The first one is that I have declared the month of January as Cats' Cradle month for our ship. We will be collecting funds/food/litter/cat care products/coupons, etc. for Cats' Cradle, a local cat sanctuary in western North Carolina. Right now they have about 250 cats in their care and foster care. If you would like to find out more about this worthy organization, please go to: www.thecatcradle.org or email catcradle@i-love-cats.com All donations are tax deductible. This will be a joint activity with the local Feddies.

Also we are looking at another joint venture with regard to the Days of Honor in March. But I would like to go to Galacticon, so I am unsure I will be there to participate. However, by that time the *Executioner* should have a new CO, as I am stepping down to devote more time to the Quadrant. My successor is Lt. Karrtush Degar tai, a worthy Warrior! Plans are, in fact, to divide the *Executioner* up into three sections, to add personnel to the Gastonia ship and create a new ship in the Boone area. But because of Kehlyr's illness, the Boone ship, the *IKV Raging Wolf*, plans are on hold for now. Please keep her in mind; she was able to make the one-day *Nemesis* premiere on December 21st and it was so good to see her!

I hope that all ships had a great time with *Nemesis* and were able to recruit new members and get some public awareness for themselves! Until next time, may all your battles be victorious!!!

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, *IKV Executioner*



IKV Glory Hunter

No report received for this quarter.

IKV Gre'thor

No report received for this quarter.

KPV Krimson Fury

No report received for this quarter.

MAHLESS FIRE SQUADRON

IKV Mahless Star

Greetings!

The *Imperial Klingon Vessel Mahless Star* has split up into three ships and we have formed a Squadron known as the **MAHLESS FIRE SQUADRON!** The other ships are known as new vessel *IKV Mahless Storm* and the *IKV Mahless Heart*, with the *IKV Mahless Star* being the flag ship of the Squadron.

Feddies and all enemies of the Empire, beware of the **Mahless Fire Squadron!**

The *Mahless Star* and the **Mahless Fire Squadron** will be commanded by me, Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Mar. My area starts at the Morehead flea mall moving east into Carteret County.

The *Mahless Heart* will be commanded by Lt. Ma'Ahlai tai-DevnoH. Ma'Ahlai's area starts at the Morehead flea mall east through Havelock, moving east to a little community named Riverdale.

The *Mahless Storm* will be commanded by Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Mar. His area starts at Riverdale moving east into Craven County.

The command structure for the **Mahless Fire Squadron** will be as follows:

Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Mar -- Commander

Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Mar -- Executive Officer

Lt. Ma'Ahlai tai-DevnoH -- Second Officer

Qapla' to the **Mahless Fire Squadron!!**

Lt. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Mar

CO, *IKV Mahless Star*

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**. Though we are a newly commissioned vessel, we have several members already and I am in the process of assigning offices to these personnel. I am also requiring each crew person to learn a word or of two of Klingon each week so we can actually role play. It's a lot of fun to go to conventions together as a ship and I look forward to many such battles in the future.

In my human guise, I have been a Trekkie since Captain Kirk's time. I was always very intrested in Klingons! I liked their strong characterizations and honor. I own every *Star Trek* episode ever made and hope to aquire Season 7 of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* on DVD very soon (I already own the other six). With the vast storehouse of knowlege these archives offer, I have obtained great knowledge to be able to formulate great battles. I have also studied relations between the different species, also to incorporate into role playing.

I think this kind of activity helps keeps kids off the street. I am involved in my community in many aspects of charity and working with your people. I definitely believe in having a hands on, get involved attitude.

Glory to the **Mahless Fire Squadron** and all of the fine vessels that comprise her!

Qapla'!

Lt. K'Muhl vestai-Dok'Mar

CO, *IKV Mahless Storm*

IKV Mahless Heart

Hail Warriors,

I am Lt. Ma'Ahlai tai-DevnoH, commander of the *IKV Mahless Heart*. My area of space has been transmitted above. I have two new members and I am hoping to get some things done in 2003. I have transmitted my coordinates to the Quadrant Commander for the upcoming revision of the Ship Roster. If you are in the area that my ship patrols and wish to join us for honor and glory, contact me at loveonthebeach2000@yahoo.com

Qapla'!!

Lt. Ma'Ahlai tai Devnok

IKV Shadow Dragon

Hail!

It's Ren season again. I'm down at the Carolina Renaissance Faire and start having the oddest conversation with one of my Merc/Rogues. I find out he is originally from Florida and was in a Klingon group down there. He says he's looked, but hasn't found anything near him. What do we have to suit the man in the area he lives in? Okay, so I don't have enough time and can't find my own recruits, but I can find 'em for other ships at least!

As for my supposed crew members <grumbles>, none of them appear to have the time or desire to devote to it, which is contrary to what they had originally indicated to me. So I'm back to square one.

Qapla'!

Ensign K'Drac, CO

IKV Shadowrider

Hail Warriors and Hu-mons,

My crew and I would like to wish everyone an Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year was fun and with your help, we would like to make next year even better. Please send me any information on events that you may know about and if we can attend or help, we would be glad to. We thank you for your support and wish you a safe and Happy Holiday!!!

Seasons Greetings from the
IKV Shadowrider!!!!

Qapla'!!!

Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-DevnoH
and crew



IKV Stonedagger

Opening hailing frequencies,

The crew of the *IKV Stonedagger* have been busy this year and have plans for more battles in the future. We were involve in a second commercial on our local UPN channel.

We will be planning a campout in May or June with the local Starfleet chapter *USS Carolina*. There will be a bat'leth tourney and tug-o-war and may other activities.

We will also be involved in a local sci-fi con on March 1, 2003.

We hope to see you all there.

May honor guide you and your sword to the heart of your enemy.

With honor,

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

IKV Stormbringer

Report:

The Crew of the *IKV Stormbringer* is taking it easy during the busy holiday season and relaxing on shore leave to their respective families.

Qapla'!

Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava sutai-Septaric
CO of the *IKV Stormbringer*





IKV Stormwalker

Hail Commander Keela,

I've been meaning to update you for so very long, but the battle has been long and difficult. My XO is well and has her email back, but her mate has put her in a difficult place for a warrior. They hope to proclaim their bonding soon, but at present she is out of commission. My security officer has.. fallen on the wrong side of terran authorities. He has voluntarily withdrawn his commission. Four of my five possible crew have declined the honor of serving in the fleet. The fifth is still unavailable to reply.

I personally have been busy with the training of terran youths in the warrior ways (Boy Scout Leader), as well as changing the flag under which I battle in ritual sport (Im playing for a new team in hockey). My new battleflag has a Klingon looking warrior on the shield, and I will forward a copy when I can (Im playing for the "Barbarians" and my new logo has a Klingon looking guy; Ill try to get you a copy soon).

I promise an update by the 30th, possibly mentioning my XO, and I look forward to seeing the transmittion. At this point I am considering merging with the Grethor, if simply to ease your paperwork. Then again I have had a might much bloodwine and may change my mind come daybreak.

May you never fall in battle, and may the solar winds be at your back,

Ensign Krimhurg
CO, *IKV Stormwalker*

SHIP REPORTS **MARINE**



IKAV Sto-Vo-Kor's Reward

No report received for this quarter.

IKAV Khitomer's Vengeance

No report received for this quarter.



"KLINGON" in Dictionary!

William Shatner was recently on the *Montel Williams Show*. Of special interest to Klingons everywhere, they talked about how the word "Klingon" is in the dictionary! Thanks to "Captain Janeway," Laura Zehr of Fayetteville, NC for this heads up!!!

BATTLES TO COME!!!!

DARK STAR QUADRANT CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

About Star Trek Fans (Convention Listing) with Julia Houston <http://Startrek.miningco.com/tvradio/startrek/cs/conventions/index.htm>
(look under the box on the left that says ESSENTIALS and click on Convention Information)

Slanted Fedora website www.sfedora.com/

January 24-26	MarsCon	-- Williamsburg, VA	info@marscon.net
February 14-16	FarPoint	-- Baltimore, MD	trekcontact@comcast.net
February 14-16	Katsucon	-- Arlington, VA	katsucon@katsucon.com
February 21-23	PrezCon 10	-- Charlottesville, VA	
February 21-23	SheVaCon 11	-- Roanoke, VA	shevacon@msn.com
February 28-March 3	Johncon	-- Baltimore, MD	
March 1	SpartaCon III	-- Spartanburg, SC	b29349@yahoo.com
March 7-9	GalaxyCon	-- Baltimore, MD	staff@galaxycon.com
March 7-9	Son of Fanex	-- Timonium, MD	mmarquee@aol.com
March 14-16	Stellarcon 27	-- High Point, NC	info@stellarcon.org
March 14-16	Technicon 20	-- Blacksburg, VA	staff@technicon.org
March 14-16	Enlightenment 6	-- Hunt Valley, MD	
March 28-30	Madicon 12	-- Harrisonburg, VA	conchair@madicon.org
April 11-13	RoundCon	-- Columbia, SC	
April 11-13	Son of Fanex	-- Timonium, MD	



GALACTICON

KAG Spring Break or Galacticon is March 21-23, 2003 in Chattanooga, TN.
For more information, go to www.thewebfool.com/galacticon/

GLORIOUS BATTLE AND RECENT VICTORIES!!!!

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Enterprise PSA

October 5, 2002 -- Asheville, NC

IKV Stonedagger and *USS Alaric*



On Friday, October 5, the crews of the *USS Alaric* out of Asheville, NC, the *USS Carolina* out of Greenville, SC (Feddies in uniform) and Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-DevnoH, CO of the *IKV Stonedagger*, filmed the Alaricon PSA for WASV.

Richard Heim, CO of the *USS Alaric*, a Starfleet chapter that has been in existence for over 20 years in the Asheville, NC area, wrote: "[we] had a great crew, including one Klingon." Alaricon, scheduled for October 26th, was the first convention that the ship has held. In a related article elsewhere, Klingons also showed up there.

The filming of the Alaricon PSA apparently included several scenes in and around the library where the *USS Alaric* meets. The scenes on this page include above left, many of the participants. Above right is "beam in" and "beam out." The scenes on the following page include a scenario involving a table in the library and below that a scenario involving a staircase.

Qapla' to Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ and the crews of the *Alaric* and the *Carolina* for their efforts!



Above left, Lt. Cmdr. K'targ sutai-Devnoh with the crews of the *Alaric* and the *Carolina*

Above right, Patrick Power, Fleet Captain Deborah Butcher, and Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ

At left, the camera person directs the players for the Alaricon PSA while crew look on



Above left, Lt. Cmdr. K'targ sutai-Devnoh and Alaric/Carolina personnel are set up for a scene near a table.



Above right, Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ ready for action

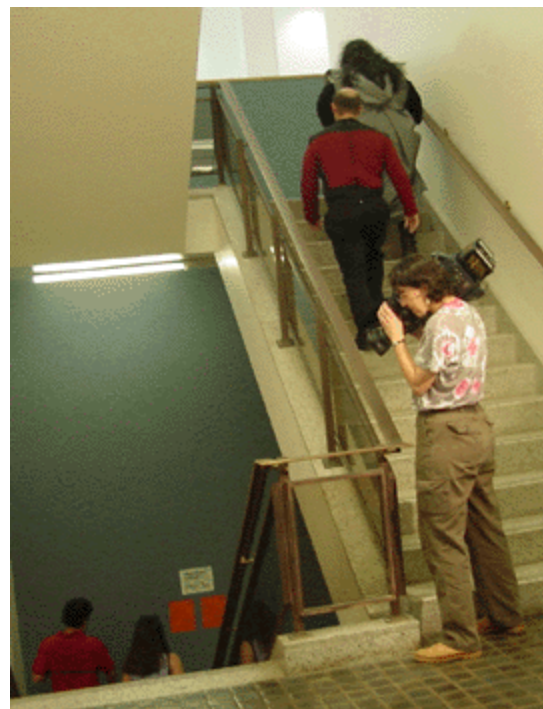


At left: Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ (aka Matt Power) and a Captain Picard look-a-like, James Power(Matt's brother), ascend the steps while two hu-Mans descend.



At right the camera catches the meeting between the intergalactic visitors and the hu-Mans

Bottom left: Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ moves to intercept the hu-Mans



Bottom right: Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ and "Picard" ascend the steps while the bewildered hu-Mans exit.

Trinoc-Con

October 4-6, 2002 -- Durham, NC

Dark Star Quadrant

Quadrant Commander's Personal Log:

Moving silently at warp 7.0, I approached my destination: the Durham system. After covert transmission to the CO of the *IKV Glory Hunter*, I narrowed my approach pattern and soon entered the ship's shuttle bay. I was welcomed aboard by Lt. Cmdr. Ko'mot vestai-Septaric, Lt. K'Isk vestai-Septaric, and Cadet Sergeant K'Ray. After stowing personal gear, the CO and I engaged the *IKV Executioner's* cargo shuttle once again and quickly flew to the battle coordinates to make ready as much as possible. We beamed down to the Marriott Asteroid and secured our diplomatic area. Afterwards, we prepped the KAG table, but did not power it up. Assured that all would be well, we returned to the *Glory Hunter* to eat, rest and prepare for battle the next day.

After armoring up, Ko'Mot and I flew quickly to the battle location. (Unfortunately, due to a heavy schedule of Cadet Monitoring, K'Isk was unable to attend with us for the duration of that battle.) I had to put on a few more pieces of armor after arriving, but for the most part we both arrived fully geared. We powered up the KAG table, made a few last minute adjustments to facilitate the recruitment for the *IKV Glory Hunter*, and then did some recognizance to familiarize ourself with the terrain. We had heard rumors that a Stormtrooper invasion from another universe was imminent, but we saw no prey for us. The hu'Mans milled around aimlessly, waiting for something called a "Dealer" room to open up. We were much stared at, but we are used to hu'Mans gazing at us in fear.

I was greatly pleased to see two of our Klingon countrymen, albeit cloaked, approach the KAG table. Semi-retired Captain Kolvar sutai-Septaric, former Quadrant Commander, and Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava sutai-Septaric, CO of the *IKV Stormbringer*, conversed with us on the battle plans of the day and various Klingon small talk. K'Trava had brought some action figures and they were put to good use. Now, don't get the idea Klingons like to play with dolls, but posing the Worf figure beating the Clone Stormtrooper figure into the dust was just too delicious to pass up. Besides, one has to think on the level of show-and-tell sometimes to get the point across to the Stormtroopers, especially those early models.

Ko'Mot had brought one of his big guns, so that the Stormtroopers would know that we were armed to the teeth and not to start something that we would have to finish. By now, the Stormtroopers had begun to arrive at their battle coordinates and power up their own station which was far less glorious than ours. However, they did "outnumber" us, so we kept our boasting to a minimum to avoid confrontation and having to wipe them out.

We traveled by foot to a nearby eating establishment and actually saw some of our fellow Klingons there. Not being filled up by the light hu'Man food, Ko'Mot singed the hair off a tribble that I had brought for a snack. The aroma of burnt tribble hair was very appetizing, but I saw several hu'Mans gagging as they passed. They had no idea what they were missing. That tribble filled the hollow spot left by the hu'Man food.

That day, several potential recruits took paperwork with them; but one, K'iva, did not. She showed her Warrior's Heart in other ways, however, by obtaining a blue phallic candy on a stick for the Quadrant Commander. It was delicious, though broken at the top. That did not matter to me, since I am more a Jewish Klingon than not. Lance Corporal K'iva was determined to appear the next day in Klingon armor and get a promotion. It was glorious to see such drive in a new recruit.

After the battle and the powering down of the KAG table, we returned to the *IKV Glory Hunter* and taking K'Isk and K'Ray, we traveled to a nearby cultural asteroid to eat. The food was called "Mexican" and it was delicious, even to Klingon taste buds. We secured some more bloodwine for the battle the next day, then returned to the ship.

Rising fairly early the next morning, we armored up and shuttled once again to the Marriott Asteroid. I was scheduled to do a joint briefing with a Stormtrooper of reknown, the galaxy-famous TB976 (aka Cheralyn Lambeth) 1100 hours EEST (Eastern Earth Standard Time). However, prior to that it was necessary to do a promotion ceremony, for not only did K'iva keep her word and appear in armor, but it had come to my attention that the CO of the *IKV Glory Hunter* had been waiting many years for a promotion. That could be rectified by the senior officer at the battle, Captain Kolvar. Now the matter of convincing him to drop his cloak and appear as a Klingon. My disrupter came in very handy for that skirmish.

Captain Kolvar, of course, was amused by the whole episode and quickly fell into the spirit of the occasion. I am pleased to announce that Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot vestai-Septaric was elevated to the rank of sutai! *Qapla'!!!!* Then Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric promoted his newest Lance Corporal to commissioned officer status. *Qapla'*, Lt. K'iva tai!!!



Following the briefing, we powered down the KAG table because I had a long flight home. After packing up everything, Lt. Cmdr. Ko'mot left a very telling note for all to read: "The Klingons have left the building (in one piece)." I finished off a meal of Mexican leftovers, cloaked myself for travel and embarked on the return journey home.

A photograph of a table covered with a red and black cloth, displaying various items including a 'SMITH' sign, a green bottle, a green bag, and several small figurines. The table is set against a plain wall.



Above right: Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric, CO of the IKV Glory Hunter, and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, CO of Dark Star Quadrant

Middle right: Not satisfied, Worf doll beats Clone Trooper doll into the tablecloth



Above left: Captain Kolvar administers the ritual head butt upon promoting Lt. Cmdr. Ko'mot to sutai level. It was glorious to see Captain Kolvar don Klingon armor once again and hope that it felt so much like home, we see him in other battles arrayed similarly!

Above right: Lance Corporal K'iva awaiting transformation into Lt. K'iva tai! Her Warrior's Heart was such that she was promoted to Lt. tai just 24 hours after making contact with the Klingons! Qapla'!!!

Below left: Klingons at Trinoc-Con include Lt. K'iva tai, Captain Kolvar sutai-Septaric, a cloaked Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava sutai-Septaric, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, and Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric. The Klingons were well received by the Trinoc-Con staff and invited back next year to battle once again! Qapla'!!!

Below right: Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot, CO of the IKV Glory Hunter, leaves a sign for all the remaining humans that reads: "The Klingons have left the building . . . in one piece."



Slanted Fedora

October 11-13, 2002 -- Durham, NC

House K'iRK

SURVEILLANCE REPORT

To: Admiral Kijo
House Ki'RK
Cha'ouwian Empire

From: Vlad Drakul

At right,
Denise Crosby, Documentary Host
and Captain Jorf, ICV Dragon's Blood

Below, Carswell pins STIF Lifetime
Achievement Award on Jorf

Admiral, I am pleased to report that Captains Jorf's mission to Sector 001 was very successful. The *Dragons' Blood* made the trip from his base of operations in Fayetteville to Durham, NC in a little over an hour at Warp 6.5 on October 11, 2002. He beamed into the Marriott Convention Center just prior to 1500 hours local time and entered the Slanted Fedora Convention incognito. He quickly made contact with Commander Keela from the Dark Moon Fleet and a number of other officers in order to review the itinerary for the combat training that would occur.

There were a few vendors there who were more than pleased to see the attendees and separate them from their Latinum. While the true warriors were able to sort out the quality armament and other goods, the local HuMans tended to buy any little trinket thrust in front of them.

An earther named Denise Crosby who has done an extensive study and documentary, presented the first class on a cultural group called "Trekkies." It is reported she once worked undercover as a Star Fleet officer named Natasha Yar and commanded the security section on the *Enterprise* to gather her 'Data.'

The next major class was at 1800 hours and was presented by a group of instructors called "The Ferengi Family Hour." They demonstrated a number of combat techniques that included singing, dancing and telling jokes. They also gave details of a recent battle to gain favor from the "Grand Nagus of OZ." It involved following a yellow Latinum road and carrying a bucket with a pet dog named Odo in it. The panel included the Grand Nagus Rom (Max Grodenchik) and his son Nog (Aron Eisenberg) who is on leave from Starfleet. Their mother "Moogie" (Lolita Fatjo) who is the real financial wizard of Ferenginar according to certain intelligence reports accompanied them. Also present was the Grand Nagus's wife, Leeta (Chase Masterson.) She is a former 'Dabo' girl who worked for Quark on DS9 in his bar. It is said she is somewhat of a rebel rouser.

The following day classes began at 1000 hours and crews from several ships in full armor made their presence known. Fortunately most of the non-Klingons present have dealt with us before and it was unnecessary to kill any, although there were one or two minor injuries. The instructors from the night before continued to instruct giving both group and individual classes throughout the day.

Several additional individual instructors joined them. The first was Captain Korris (Vaughn Armstrong) a renowned Klingon chameleon (character actor) who has used his skills to be Cardassians, a Vidiian and even a Borg. It was Captain Korris who taught Worf the Klingon death roar. He is on leave from his present away mission to the past to study one Captain Jonathan Archer and the *USS Enterprise*. He has infiltrated Starfleet as its head Admiral, Forrest.

Additionally, there was a Romulan Sub-Commander, of some renown, named Tauris (Carolyn Seymour) who has previously attempted to play Klingons against HuMans.

Then there was the infamous Doctor Chaotica (Martin Rayner) who once trapped Arachnia aka Captain Janeway in an alternate Universe. Unfortunately she was later rescued by members of her crew from *Voyager*.

At 1800 hours the captains and commanders of the *IKV Executioner*, the *IKV Demonlance* and the *IKV Rogue Phoenix* had a special meeting for the assembled Klingon warriors called a 'Chocolate Party' which was held in a secret location. This meeting was especially important as Chancellor Martok (J.G. Hertzler) attended and Chancellor Gowron's spirit (Robert O'Reilly) came down from Sto-Vo-Kor to favor the group. Commander Keela had allowed one human to attend, an Admiral Billy Ray Carswell of the Star Trek Independent Fleet. It is my honour to report the Admiral presented Captain Jorf with a medal for Lifetime Achievement for his work with Charities and Klingdom, STIF's highest honor to a non-member. The Captain was quick to share the honour with House Ki'RK which drew high praise from the Chancellors and the assembled group.

At 1900 hours the Klingons rejoined the other members of the conventioners for a dinner provided by the HuMans. I am sure they tried their best, but well it

