

# Inside The Rock

Ark Angel Station Newsletter

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**2012 is in Full Swing!**

**Have the Mayans predicted it will end?**

**Do you have any plans this year if they're right?**

**The Ark Angel Station has a few plans for 2012.**

**Read on and see what we're talking about!**

## **From the CO's Desk,**

The New Year starts and we now need to look forward to the next year's plans. I hope to get more involvement from crew and staff this year so I would like to start discussion of what you as crew think we should plan for 2012?

We have some things already on the docket like Summit and IC; we will be having crew meetings in person and electronically each month as well. But beyond that, what do you as a crew want to get out of your Ark Angel experience? What do we want to get involved in this year as a team? Do you favor getting us together at folk's houses for socializing, like movie nights with the crew and friends, working with local charities, community cleanups, or do you just want to be left alone? Do we want to find statewide

charities that we can compete north vs. south crew? As a crewmember, think about these issues here in the first part of the year, consider what you want, and let's discuss it at the next meeting.

Remember, this station's staff is available to you. Let us know what will make your crew experience and STARFLEET membership more fun. We will be having a meeting on February 18. Bring your ideas, concerns, issues, and any other thoughts to the meeting. Let's plan around what you want to do in this our year of 2012.

That's it for now,

CAPT Lloyd Bates  
CO Ark Angel Station  
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## Operational Thoughts

What do I want to accomplish this year? That's a big question! Isn't it similar to a New Year's Resolution, but only several hundred of them put together? I'm very goal oriented anyway, so I think I'm going to have to narrow it down a bit.

FOR MYSELF, personally, I want this to be the year that I get back in shape and healthy. We've already started it the first day of January. I'm not calling it a "diet," but a *lifestyle* change. The CO and I are on a 30-Day Jump Start from the Biggest Loser. There's a meal plan with a set number of calories for 30-days, and there's also an exercise program that starts you off slow and builds you up by the end.

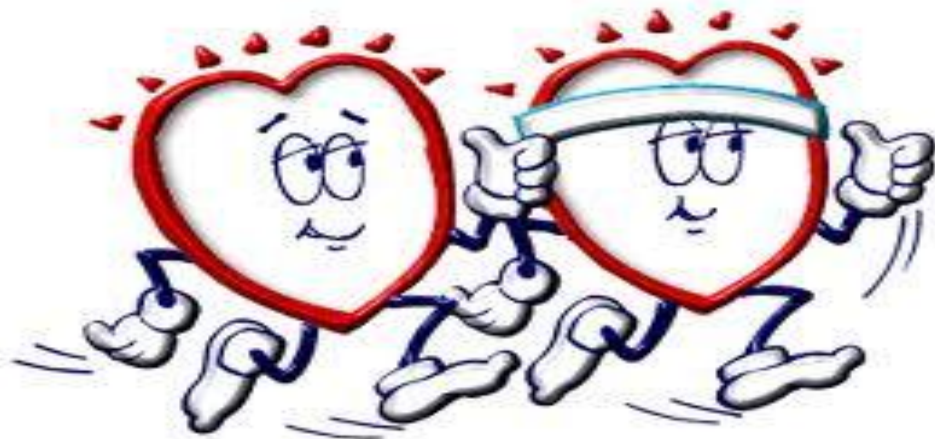
FOR MYSELF, for Starfleet, I want to take more Academy classes, both in the regular Academy and the SFMC. I'm going to set a goal of one per month to start. I would love to try to do as many classes as some I've seen, but I just can't see doing 20 in a day. In a way, I think that doing this will help me enjoy the club more and also keep my brain active, plus allowing it to be some topics that I don't get to "study" at work.

FOR MY COMMUNITY, I would love to get back to volunteering in my community. Since we moved to Round Rock, we haven't done much, I will have to admit. I would love to support the parks and recreation department, because with all the development, some of our park lands are going away. I also care about the quality of our water system and the animals that live in it. On the Ark Angel, I'll try to figure out how to integrate this goal with the rest of the crew.

FOR MY FRIENDS, I wish that my friends get along better and are more truthful about their feelings with one another. It's okay to disagree, but in the end, we should all still be friends. I would love to forge better friendships and be there for them all.

These really are only few of the things I wish to accomplish this year. There are so many more things we could do, together. I hope you accomplish your goals, too, and will be glad to help if I can.

Reed Bates  
Operations Officer



## Cadet Services Report

The Cadet Corps will be having a Recruitment party-Saturday, February 18, 2pm-5pm or Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> same time, depending on Host schedule. Feel free to contact me if you want to come!

We also have some other events planned for this year to include

Special Ops Mission 1-

[St. Jude's Math-a-thon](#)

Start collecting pledges beginning of March

Math Party on Saturday, March 17, noon-5pm

Collect donations by end of March

Away Mission 1-

[Inner Space Caverns](#)

Saturday, May 26, TBD

Deanna Rose Bressie  
Cadet Services Officer



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## 323rd Logistical Studies Group Report

Greetings,

Welcome to the Unit. Here in the Cave, this is the nerve center of all our operations. As our motto says, we respond to **"Anything, Anywhere, Anytime"**.

With 2012 upon us, I would like to start with goals for our MSG. Last year, we started strong with the Air Show at JRB Fort Worth. After that, we kind of coasted the rest of the year. I accept responsibility for that fact. A unit is only as good and as active as its leadership. With that being said, I would like to set the achievable goal of having one event each quarter.

For the first quarter, we have Summit coming up. Later in the year, the Brigade staff is planning a Wilderness Challenge. The Region is talking about maybe doing [Texas Renaissance Festival](#) in the fall. All of these are potential

options for us to show up in-force and participate in. During the Christmas Holiday, the Corps encourages support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys-For-Tots program, authorizing the issuance of the [Commandant's Campaign Award](#). If any of you have anything that you'd like to see us do, my door (and inbox) is always open.

I know we have some members, both adults and cadets, who have been taking STARFLEET Academy courses. I am not sure if you know it, but the SFMC also has academy courses and award system. For course information and to request courses, you can look at [STARFLEET Marine Corp Academy](#). I would recommend Professional Development, Infantry (because all Marines are Riflemen first), Support, and Special Operations courses. If you have interest in Leadership positions, there is a Leadership tract. Depending

on if you intend to be a career NCO or get promoted to an Officer, there are coursework for both promotion paths.

Once every two months, I have to file a report with the Brigade staff. Some of the items required in the report are things that I have easy access to (like unit information and the roster). Other items in the reports I could use input from you. With our unit as scattered as we are, it's difficult to keep track of everything that our personnel are doing. As you do things noteworthy, feel free to drop me a note and let me know. This can include charitable activities,

chapter/unit projects, or academy courses. In addition to giving me content for our reports, it also gives me information to use for the award nominations. If you do something worthy of being submitted for an award and I don't know about it, I can't submit you for it.

For more information on the Awards available to Marines in the Corps, go look at [SFMC Awards](#).

In Service to the Corps,  
Aaron Murphy  
Lieutenant General, SFMC  
Officer-In-Charge 323rd Logistical Studies Group



## Ark Angel Station's Schedule of Events

The Schedule is always a changing...but here's a glimpse into the future:

February 18, 2012– The crew will meet and celebrate the Valentine's Day. This will be on a Saturday.

February 19, 2012—Cadet Corps Recruiting party 2:00 to 5:00 pm

March 16-18, 2012– Joint Region 2 & Region 3 Summit, Hammond, Louisiana. For details on how to reserve a room, visit the website. There is also a Region 3 Event on the Facebook page. <http://region3.org/summit/>

March 17, 2012-- Cadet Corps Math Party noon-5pm  
For those that will not be in summit go and Support your Cadets!

April 21, 2012-- Proposed Crew Camping Trip, location TBD  
(Submit your thoughts for location to [ops@arkangelstation.com](mailto:ops@arkangelstation.com) )

May 6, 2012-- Proposed Crew Meeting – Sunday, Noon till ??

May 26<sup>th</sup> Cadet Corps Trip to [Inner Space Caverns](#)

Let's see how many of us crew we can pile into those caves shall we?

August 3-5, 2012– Starfleet's International Conference, near Memphis, TN. [www.ic2012.com](http://www.ic2012.com) for details

August 1-4, 2013 – Starfleet's International Conference, Dallas, Texas, brought to you by Region 3. **Members of the Ark Angel Station are on the committee to help with game room, website, planning, and other items.** Go to [www.ic2013.com](http://www.ic2013.com) for details.

Hope to see you all at one of these events!

