

Inside The Rock

Ark Angel Station Newsletter

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What happened at Summit?

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What happened while not at Summit?

Find out inside this month's edition!

From the CO's Desk,

I was at the R2/R3 summit and let me tell you it was a busy time.

The opening ceremonies where looking to be the same ol' same; when three ladies from the USS Harry Mudd burst into the room, all three wearing multi-color silken blue dresses, white feather boas, and a necklace with a familiar looking white pendant showing a number on it! Each in turn as they entered shouting into the room as they came, "Dave Blaser you no good..." Well you get the picture. I had to blink twice because I had never seen "Mudd's Wives" before in real life, and these ladies were hustling through the room making a beeline for the Commander Starfleet! Finger's wagging in accusation, and disapproving faces all around... the surprise was only for

a second then everyone started laughing and clapping at the display.



There were all sorts of activities going on at the hotel. I couldn't even keep up with it all...

In the afternoon I gave a panel on how to create alien foods titled "The Universe of Food". To be honest I didn't think anyone would be going to it with all the events that were happening. I thought I

would get off easy, but NO, I walked into a panel room with only a few empty seats! I looked at that room and started to worry all those folks were going to think they had wasted their time coming. Could I fill an entire hour with entertaining insights into how to prepare and layout a feast of exotic dishes? But, in true Ark Angel fashion, I did a quick Pickard maneuver of my shirt and took out the meager example supplies and did my best to teach all I knew about the subject. In the end I was still talking when someone popped into the room to say the

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CO Ark Angel Station
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next panel needed the room! I couldn't believe an hour had passed by so quickly and remarks of the folks leaving lead me to believe everyone enjoyed it and learned a few tricks to boot.

After Summit we went on a little side trip to New Orleans. We met Bran Stimpson and his lovely companion Christina Sievers and for two days we walked all over the French Quarter, ate some excellent Seafood (I got to indulge my crawfish addiction) and generally had a great time to include a night on Bourbon Street.

Operational Thoughts

I HATE Summit!!!!

Meeting new people, traveling to exotic places, and having loads and loads of fun is just not my cup of tea.

April fool's!!!

I love Summit. I haven't missed one since I became a STARFLEET member. (Although I sort of have to go these days, since I'm the RC.)

This year's was a bit different in that it was a Joint Summit with Region 2 (the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and the Caribbean Countries of Cuba and Puerto Rico), and was held in Region 3, in Hammond, Louisiana,

March 16-18, 2012. Although there were a few things different, for the most part, they do Summits very similar to ours. We're working on a Summit Wrap-Up



page, so I won't bore you too much with what went on, but I will give you some highlights of the Ark Angel Station member's perspective:

Thursday, March 15: 3 of the Crew members rode in Region 3 One and met up in Conroe, Texas with the USS Firebird Members. We had a lovely BBQ

meal, then almost met our doom in Lake Charles, LA when the interstate traffic came to a complete stop.

Friday, March 16: the 4th Ark Angel Station members went to a delicious fried seafood meal at Middendorf's restaurant in Akers, LA. They had other items that were not fried, so I chose to have blue crabs. Very interesting to try to eat, but were very good.

Saturday, March 17: Opening Ceremonies were very busy for the Ark Angel Members, as Aaron Murphy was promoted to General (aka Basic), Lloyd Bates was promoted to Fleet Captain (aka Flaptain), and I was promoted to



Commodore (aka Commode-Door). There were several awards presented as well to the Bressie family, the Murphy clan, and several others. I was also pied for the first. Three of us, me, Jack (Region 2's RC), and the Commander STARFLEET Dave Blaser agreed to have someone smash a pie (whipped cream in a pie tin) into our faces. However, there was a surprise as the new launched

chapter the USS Harry Mudd from R2 had other plans. They showed up with specially made mud pies (aka chocolate pudding) and the whipped cream was applied to the top of them. For all 3 members, we brought in donations of \$1,200. The XO of the USS Corsair was the highest bidder on me, so he had the honors of smashing the pie in my face. It wasn't too bad and tasty too. Later in the evening and into the wee hours, we had a lesson in arriving during a conversation mid-stream and being shocked by what was said and learned what Gummies are all about. We want more!

Sunday, March 18: We had closing ceremonies where a check for \$3,300.00 was presented to the Summit Charity, Our Daily Bread, a food bank in Hammond. The head of the organization, Myrna was overjoyed with how much was presented. She said she thought it was

going to be around \$500, so when we said \$3,300, she was ecstatic. About a dozen of us were left in the afternoon and went to "Louie and the Redheaded Lady" restaurant, where we met Louie himself.

Monday, March 19: We packed our bags and said goodbye, while the 4 in my vehicle headed to NOLA, that's New

Orleans, Louisiana to you non-Cajuns. We joined up with 3 others, in the Vice Commander Starfleet Bran Simpson and Christina Sievers were there for two nights as well, and John "Kiwi" Kane was there for the one night. We had some great food! We saw some great sights! We had a great time! That's about all I can say, as what happens in New

Orleans stays in New Orleans, but of course, unless you post it on Facebook, which I did, some of it anyway.

There's just so much that goes on at a Summit, I probably couldn't do it justice even by writing 10 pages. If you have never gone to a Summit, you should, just once.

FCAPT Reed Bates
Operations Officer

Cadet Services Report

Ark Angel Cadet Corps' First Special Ops Mission-SUCCESS!

This Spring Break marked the first annual Spring Special Ops Mission for the Ark Angel Cadet Corps. Our current cadets-Cadet 2nd Class Claire Bressie and Cadet 4th Class Aiden Bressie-raised funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and participated in Math-A-Thon events appropriate for their grade level.

The cadets started their fundraising mid-February. They sent out emails, collecting donations from their family, friends, and teachers. They also posted notices on the Ark Angel Station and Region 3 Facebook pages and Yahoo! groups, as well as to the STARFLEET Academy Yahoo! group. Each cadet was given a fundraising

goal of \$100 by March 17. Both cadets surpassed their goals by raising \$125 each. In total, the Ark Angel Cadet Corps raised \$250 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital!

Cadet Claire completed 20 pages of math problems at the fourth-grade level, including single through triple-digit multiplication, fractions, word and story problems, and tessellations. Cadet Aiden completed 20 pages of math problems at the first-grade level, including addition, subtraction, comparisons, and number lines. Both cadets worked really hard on their math funbooks, and completed two copies-one for St. Jude's and one to turn in to their teachers at school for extra credit.

Our cadets would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of the donors who sponsored them:

- Annie Wheeler, Director, Cadet College of Spooky Friends
- Capt. Lloyd Bates, Ark Angel Station CO
- Laura Champion/Lt. T'Lara, USS Bexar

- Adriana Munoz, Claire's Teacher
- Mark Cheak, Perry, GA
- David Messer, Waco, TX
- Lt JG Deanna Bressie, Claire & Aiden's Mom & CO of the Ark Angel Cadet Corps
- Jason Bressie, Claire & Aiden's Dad

Our Cadet Corps may be small right now, but we are doing big things! Our next Special Ops Mission will be Extra-Life.org in October-24-hours of video games to support Children's Miracle Network. Stayed tuned for the further adventures of the Ark Angel Cadet Corps...

**Ark Angel Cadet Corps
March 2012 Report**

Cadets

68510 Cadet 2nd Class Claire Marie Bressie

3/14/2012	CCOS 111 - Basic Security ages 6 - 12	Distinction
3/18/2012	CCOS 112 - Security Level II ages 6 - 12	Distinction
3/17/2012	CCOS 113 - Security Trivia I ages 6-12	Distinction
3/17/2012	CCOS 114 - Security Trivia II ages 6-12	Distinction
	Star Award-Cadet College of Law	
	Star Award-Cadet College of Security	
Special Ops	Raised \$125 for St. Jude's	

68511 Cadet 4th Class Aiden Scott Bressie

2/19/2012	FSS 102 - 1701 Schematics	Distinction
3/20/2012	FSS 103 - 1701-A-Schematics	Distinction
3/18/2012	SFMC Cadet Academy-AE-6	Honors
Special Ops	Raised \$125 for St. Jude's	

March Events

3/17/2012 Cadet Special Ops Party/Cadet Aiden's Birthday Party
Cadets raised \$250 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital!

LTJG Deanna Bressie
Cadet Services Officer

CO's Note: I want to applaud the efforts of the Cadet Corp for their work in raising money for a worthy charity \$250 is nothing to sneeze at for children of their ages... Well Done Cadets!

work hard.
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have fun.
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make a difference.

Ark Angel Station's Schedule of Events

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

- April 21, 2012-- Crew Camping Trip, Location [Colorado Bend State Park](#)
 - For more info check: your crew emails, the [Calendar Event](#), the [Facebook event](#), or, contact [co @ arkangelstation.com](mailto:co@arkangelstation.com).
- May 6, 2012-- Proposed Crew Meeting – Sunday, Noon till ??
- May 26th 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 for details
- August 17-18 2012– [GeekFest](#), Location [Mayborn Planetarium & Space Theater](#) on the campus of Central Texas College in Killeen.
- 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 for details.

Hope to see you all at one of these events!