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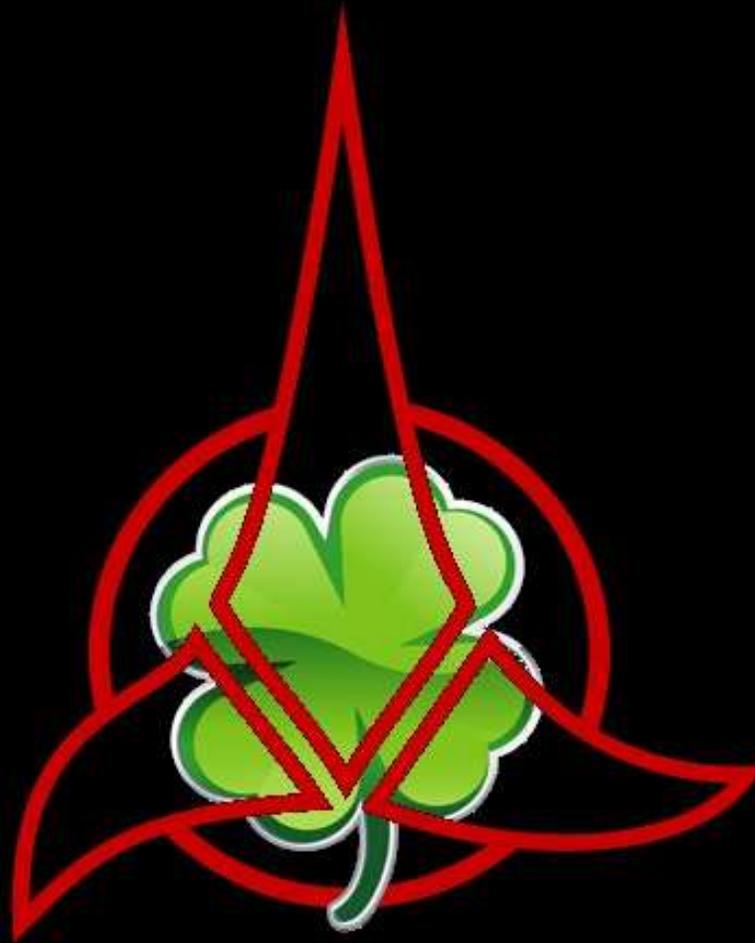


What is your Favorite nonhuman species?

Happy St Patrick's Day Ark Angel!

**National Irish American Heritage Month-
designated by Congress in 1995**

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/march.htm>



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From the CO's Desk,

Well it comes that time when I am in need of telling you all what I have been up to as your CO. I am happy to report I haven't done anything that will make us look bad. But really, I have been busy with RL stuff and haven't done a whole lot. Short of running the meeting, trying to keep all the rest of the staff going, and launching the USS Texas shakedown counts, Oh and working on the IC2013 committee as we are the ship that's in charge of the Game room during IC too, and then there's the Star Trek vs. Star Wars debate I attended, I'm sure others will speak about that so I'll leave it to them... Oh again! I have ordered a bowling shirt to show everyone what I think we should all try to get. I guess in retrospect I have been kind off busy as your CO.

So as the guy in the big chair, I reckon I'll take some time to speak about what I see we have been lacking as a chapter in STARFLEET. The station hasn't done as much community activities as I would have liked us to be engaged in; further, we are not involved in any charity works locally, and this is something I would like all of you to consider in the coming weeks before the next meeting. "What can we do for our community and others that need help around us?" This will be a topic on the agenda for our next meeting. So take some time to look around as see what is going on around you and notice if there are ways for us a chapter to plug into it and help. By help I mean physically add value to their organization by volunteering time, working to help with their activities, be it a walk or run for funds or awareness raising, doing chores that help them out things like that. So let's be on the lookout for ways to help enrich the lives around us, it's the Trek universe way after all... =)

Commanding Officer Ark Angel Station,

FCAPT Lloyd Bates

[Ark Angel Web](#)

From the Comm Station,

Greetings and Salutations,

Theme for next month's newsletter is "what is your favorite character from the Star Trek Universe and why".

I would also like to mention that the Texas Lottery is launching a new Star Trek scratch-off ticket in March. This is important because they are sponsoring an event in Dallas to try to break the Guinness Book of World Records for "the most people in Star Trek costumes at one event." William Shatner will be there to scratch off the first ticket and sign autographs for 5 vip winners. Prizes can be won, check out Texas Lottery Facebook page and these links. [Star Trek Lottery Event](#) , [Texas-Lottery-Wants-to-Set-Start-Trek-Costume-Record](#)

Communication Officer Ark Angel Station,

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Operational Thoughts,

Don't forget to check the new Ops Web Portal:

Just because I asked, our CO Lloyd Bates has made me a little play area on the station. It's actually a WordPress site separate from the main webpage. I'll have a list of events there and may have other things pop up from time to time that are operational in nature. <http://ops.arkangelstation.com/>

February Ark Angel Station Day—Meeting:

The Ark Angel Station Members met on Saturday, February 23 at noon at John Halliday's new house. The location is spacious and John was a great host, providing some goodies for the masses that the kids loved, too.

Results of the Debate: Star Trek versus Star Wars on Live TV:

The Ark Angel Station kicked butt! Many who have watched it have said that we looked good and even “professional” or at least not like chumps. We prepared in advance somewhat—we were given the questions in advance. Thank you to Jeff Webb of the USS Texas and Lloyd Bates, John Halliday, Matt Hill, Mike Brown, and Mary Webb for writing up some theories and meeting at Mary's place for a brief study session. If you haven't watched the [Video](#), you should.

Trip to Sherwood Forest Faire:

The XO Matt Hill decided to take the entire weekend off for Ark Angle Station Day and so invited us to go to Sherwood Forest Faire on Sunday, February 24. We had a great time. We didn't plan to spend the whole day there, but we did anyway. Station Members: Mary Webb, Zane Webb, Kaylee Webb, Matt Hill, Mike Brown, Reed Bates, and Lloyd Bates were all in attendance. Joining us were former members of the Station and USS Texas members, as well as meeting the many USS Battle Born members who camp there. It was a great place for people watching, food, and entertainment.



Register for STARFLEET's International Conference 2013:

Don't forget to sign up for IC 2013 and make your hotel reservations, and you now have the opportunity to pre-order IC 2013 Challenge Coins for only \$10. The Conference will be in Dallas, Texas, at the MCM Eleganté Hotel off of Northwest Highway and I-35. You might know the hotel as the 2007 Region 3 Summit Hotel, but it has changed owners a couple times since then. There will be a Marine Mess served buffet style Friday night with all the usual pomp and circumstance and all are invited, not just the Marines. Saturday night is a formal Admiral's Banquet, plated dinner with meal selection, followed by charity auction, dance with a DJ and laser light show. There will be a cadet track brought to us by our own Kris Murphy. More details can be found on the website at: www.ic2013.com.

All Ark Angel Station Days—Meeting:

The Ark Angel Station Members will meet most every 4th Saturday of the Month. Don't forget to check your email for details (because that's more private) and check the many calendars we have:

[Station Calendar](#)

[Operations Portal—Upcoming Events](#)

[Facebook Events](#)

[Yahoo Group Calendar](#)

As well as a listing in our monthly newsletter, [Inside the Rock](#), which you are reading right now.

Chief of Operations Ark Angel Station,

Commodore Reed Bates

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Cadet Services Report,

2012 was a great year for the Cadet Corps-we had two Special Ops missions, an Away Mission to Innerspace Cavern, our own Cadet Claire made Blue Squad Leader for STARFLEET Academy, and we met a lot of neat people at Dallas Comic Con and Austin Comic Con. Now that we have our first year and the holidays under our belts, it's time to get back down to business-the business of having fun!

2013 is bringing a few changes to the Cadet Corps. We're eliminating the Spring Special Ops Mission (Math-A-Thon) from our schedule so that we're only doing one fundraiser a year. This doesn't mean less fun-we'll be adding more Training Missions (watching movies, taking STARFLEET Academy exams together) and hopefully more Away Missions.

This year we're planning our first Away Mission to the Austin Children's Museum, as well as a couple trips to go see the Round Rock Express play at Dell Diamond. The Cadet Corps is torn between attending IC2013 in Dallas and attending Space City Con in Houston this summer, since they're both the same weekend. We'll be discussing this at our next training mission.

Here's a quick rundown of what the Cadet Corp has planned for the year so far:

March 16-Away Mission-Austin Children's Museum April 20-Training Mission-Underdog May 5-Away Mission-Round Rock Express/Dell Diamond June 8-Training Mission-The Adams Family July 5-Away Mission-Round Rock Express/Dell Diamond November 2-3-Special Ops Mission-Extra Life

You can get more information on the Ark Angel Cadet Corps at our website

(<http://arkangelcadetcorps.com>), on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arkangelcadetcorps>), or by emailing Cadet Services Officer.

Cadet Services Officer Ark Angel Station,

LTJG Deanna

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Science Corner,

Technology Changes with Time

When I was growing up in the early 70's a couple of new technologies became available. At the time, to the people of that time, these were amazing inventions that would completely change the way that we view films, TV and listened to music - they were the Video Cassette Recorder and Compact Disc.

The first one allowed us to 'tape' our favorite TV shows and play them back whenever we wanted to; we could even record a show when we were not at home and then watch that show later - AFTER we got home; how AMAZING! Gone were the days when we would have to miss our favorite show because 'something came up and we couldn't stay to watch'.

The second took our vinyl records and bulky record players and packed those 15 or 16 songs onto a plastic and silver disc that we could play in a machine that was smaller than our new VCR. Even more amazingly, later, a small device you could carry around with you powered with only four or six AA batteries would play those songs wherever we were (providing we didn't bump the device).

There were those, of the older generation, that saw these things with the same sense of wonder that we younger people did. But it was the younger folks that embraced these things and considered them a part of 'their generation'. The world of tape to tape reels and vinyl records soon passed and only extraordinary visionaries could see beyond these two and other similar miracles of the technology of those times.

But they did see ahead. Those that were fortunate enough became a part of a massive empire devoted to promoting *smaller, faster, more!* During the last part of the 1970's (Apple, Commodore, IBM) and through the 80's we saw the fruition of digital computer research that began in the 1940's and earlier. We now owned our own computers (the personal computer revolution).

Today things have changed while at the same time stayed the same. We still see the introduction of new inventions (iPhone, Kindle, USB travel drives) and we see our lives become more connected (Internet, Facebook, e-mail, Skype).

Current research points to more incredible inventions that YOU will be privileged to see as they are brought out of the laboratory and onto the market. A narrative guide might use a technological weather vane to usher in each new bit of magic by pointing the way we just came. What new and amazing creations await us over the next couple of decades?

Right now you are in the 'here and now' but the next future is just around the corner.

Science Officer Ark Angel Station,

Commander Sorak

Q Conundrum

Oh, what are you gonna do?



PLUNGE me to death?

RULES:

- 1) This is a fun trivia game on all things Star Trek so have fun or Worf will have a talk with you.
- 2) Use of the internet, printed material, or any references to find the answer is not allowed! In other words either you know it or you don't **No cheating.** We're on the Honor System.
- 3) One point for each question answered correctly.
- 4) No points lost or gained for incorrectly answered questions (rule change retroactive to Feb quiz).
- 5) Questions can be answered anytime throughout the current quiz year but only one answer per person per question during the quiz year (please label which month the questions are from).
- 6) One point awarded each month for an article turned in on that month's newsletter theme.
- 7) Ten to twenty questions each month for twelve months.
- 8) Judge's decisions are final (Com officer is the judge)!
- 9) Send your answers to Comm Officer. commo@arkangelstation.com
- 10) Open to all Ark Angel Station Crew and Staff.
- 11) Prize is bragging rights for the next year.
- 12) Failure to follow these rules will result in Assimilation.

Questions:

- 1) What color is an Andorian?
 - a) Pink
 - b) Red
 - c) Yellow
 - d) Blue

- 2) What species has pointed ears and made first contact with Humans on Earth?
 - a) Romulans
 - b) Trill
 - c) Klingons
 - d) Vulcans

- 3) What was the date of first contact between Humans and Vulcans?
 - a) 5th April 2063
 - b) 6th April 2063
 - c) 4th April 2063
 - d) 7th April 2063

- 4) What was the Xindi home world called?
 - a) Xindus
 - b) Xinformas
 - c) Xindicus
 - d) Xindia

- 5) In "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine", what is the name of the warrior species from the Gamma quadrant that go to war with the Federation?
 - a) Klingons
 - b) Jem'Hadar
 - c) Romulans
 - d) Dosi

- 6) Which two species are BOTH from the Delta quadrant?
 - a) Krenim and Risian
 - b) Dosi and Romulans
 - c) Zahl and Borg
 - d) Vori and Founders

- 7) What is the main Alpha quadrant pleasure planet called?
 - a) Risa
 - b) Orion
 - c) Earth
 - d) Gorn

- 8) What quadrant is Romulus in?
 - a) Delta
 - b) Alpha
 - c) Beta
 - d) Gamma

- 9) What is the home world of the Klingons called?
 - a) Qo'noS
 - b) Tinos
 - c) Klingon
 - d) Planet 3255

- 10) What species is from Ledos?
 - a) Ledoes
 - b) Leoranitar
 - c) Lecartari
 - d) Ledosians

Quiz Leader Board

Kathy Hiten Hench 1

Lloyd Bates 1

Matthew Hill 1

Current points possible 11

And the Favorites are:



Kathy Hiten Hench,

My favorite is elves. In most fantasy games/stories they are very close to human looking, which makes them easier for me to relate too. They are often very beautiful, regal or exotic looking. They often have better dexterity and or magical abilities that we humans lack. So whenever I get to choose a race in most games I choose an elf or half elf character.

Mike Brown,

My favorite nonhuman species from Star Trek is the Horta. The first silicon-based lifeform found by the Federation. They live for 50,000 years and can live in oxygen (for a limited time without an environment suit) and non-oxygen environments. They are a peaceful race but willing and able to defend themselves. The Horta eat and build at the same time how cool is that. I wish Star Trek would show non-humanoid crew members on Federation starships in a show or movie.



Ark Angel Station's Schedule of Events:

We're working on some bowling nights, especially a game against the Dr. Who Group, and also a spring camping trip, probably close in town, like Georgetown, for ease of budgets and travel time. Have suggestions for events, let us know.

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

- March 16 @ 1:00 p.m. **Away Mission-Austin Children's Museum.** Meet at the Museum for some awesome fun for kids and adults. Email the Cadet Services for info: cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com
- March 23, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day:** In 2013, will try to meet consistently on the 4th Saturday of the month. Sound good to you? If you have suggestions on where to meet and how to have fun before, during, or after the meeting, please email to the Operations Officer Ops@arkangelstation.com.
- Weekend of April 13-14, 2013 – **5th Anniversary of the USS Corsair.** The members of the Ark Angel Station will travel to Baton Rouge to support our favorite scourge of the Fleet. Those Pirates know how to put on a party. Info and costs: <http://www.brstartrek.com/usscorsair/2013-dress-mes/>
- April 20 @ 3:00 p.m. **Cadet Training Mission.** Cadets will be watching Underdog, so be sure to request the exam from STARFLEET Academy! Email the Cadet Services for info: cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com
- April 25, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. at local theater. **Star Trek NextGen: Best of Both Worlds.** For the first time ever, The Best of Both Worlds will be shown bigger and better as a full-length presentation. See the Ops Officer ops@arkangelstation.com for more info.
- April 26, 2013 -- **USS Battle Born/301st MSG's 2nd Anniversary Celebration.** USS Battle Born/301st MSG will host the Friday night social/meet and greet at the same hotel as muster (Sleep Inn and Suites). This probably will start some time after the dinner hours.
- April 27, 2013 – **Third Brigade Muster in Austin & Ark Angel Station Day:** We are combining the two events into one. Location: Sleep Inn and Suites at 14004 Owen-Tech Blvd. off I-35 south of Wells Branch Parkway. The Ark Angel's and 323rd MSG's meeting will be at 1500 (3:00 p.m.) in

the main meeting room, but the Muster lasts all day, but doesn't end until last marine standing. Dinner will be at Opal Divine's Marina off Parmer and Mo-Pac. If you wish to attend the entire event, it is \$10.00 at the door. Check the Brigade List and [Facebook Event](#) for more info.

- May 4, 2013 – **The Color Run 5K**. The [Color Run™](#) event is a unique experience focused less on speed and more on crazy color fun with friends and family. Color runners come from all different ages, shapes, sizes, and speeds; but everyone toeing the start line has a blast. Whether you are a casual morning mall walker or an Olympic athlete, the 3 miles of The Color Run™ course will be the most memorable and colorful run of your life! Sign up for the Team named: "Not Just Red Shirts" and join us.
- May 5 @ 1:05 p.m. **Cadet Away Mission-Round Rock Express**. The Express will be playing the Nashville Sounds. Game starts at 1:05 p.m., but we will be meeting in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to tailgate! Email the Cadet Services for info: cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com
- May 17, 2013 -- **MOVIE: Star Trek: Into Darkness Premier**. The second of the Reboot movies will premier that evening. We probably will work with the Alamo Draft House or other Theater to work with lines and see the movie as a group like we did in 2009.
- May 24-26, 2013 – **Galacticon III at Comicpalooza 2013**. A convention inside a convention in Houston, Texas. The members of Battlestar Galactica are getting together to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the original show and the 10th Anniversary of the new one. more info: <http://www.galacticon3.com>
- May 25, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day**: In 2013, will try to meet consistently on the 4th Saturday of the month. Sound good to you? If you have suggestions on where to meet and how to have fun before, during, or after the meeting, please email to the Operations Officer Ops@arkangelstation.com.
- June 8 @ 3:00 p.m. **Cadet Training Mission**. Cadets will be watching The Addams Family, so be sure to request the exam from STARFLEET Academy! Email the Cadet Services for info: cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com
- June 22, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day**: In 2013, will try to meet consistently on the 4th Saturday of the month. Sound good to you? If you have suggestions on where to meet and how to have fun before, during, or after the meeting, please email to the Operations Officer Ops@arkangelstation.com.
- July 5 @ 7:05 p.m. **Cadet Away Mission-Round Rock Express**. The Express will be playing the Omaha Storm Chasers. Game starts at 7:05 p.m., but we will be meeting in the parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to tailgate! Email the Cadet Services for info: cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com
- July 27, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day**: At this meeting the Ark Angel Station crew will be gearing up and making last minute preparations for the International

Conference, where we are hosting the Game Room and many many other activities. Please email to the Operations Officer Ops@arkangelstation.com.

- August 1-4, 2013 – Starfleet International's 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. See your CO if you wish to assist with the Game Room, Kathy Hensch if you wish to donate or help with the Auction for charity, and Operations Reed Bates for anything else, as she is the Chief of Staff of the IC 2013 Committee.

Hope to see you all at one of these events!

REMINDERS:

Inside the Rock Deadlines: All members of the Ark Angel should and the AA Staff must turn in articles by the 21st each month. There is a suggested topic; however, you don't have to submit it just for that. Send your articles, photos, poems, stories, etc. to commo@arkangelstation.com.