

USS Nelson NCC-74804

IKV Astris

Spring 2009



Captain's Log

Greetings Crew,

Well the summer is here, by the calendar, all we need now is a bit of the weather we usually expect with summer. Lots to share with you in this edition (ok...what's so new about that?)

First, a hearty welcome to our newest crewmember from the UK **Christopher Mort!**

What a great time it is for all us TREK fans, a new movie is out that is getting outstanding reviews world wide. As a direct result of the movie's popularity, STARFLEET membership has grown 10% since the movie's premiere on May 8.

Region 15 has also experienced a boost in

membership. To date the new Star Trek movie has taken in over 246 million dollars.

The theme for this year's Summit was Star Trek's Mirror Universe, and many of the members attending got right in the spirit of the theme, with many Klingon-like scowls to go around. The banquet hall was adorned with mirror universe themed decorations including altered logo's for the entire 15th fleet. I want to extend a personal thank you to Ken Purdie and Ann Mayo for all the behind the scenes things you did to make the Summit that much more enjoyable!

At this year's Region 15 Summit in May, the Nelson along with a fair number of her crew took

home a lengthy list of awards which include:

Chapter of the Year-U.S.S. Nelson

Member of the Year-Ken Purdie

Student of the Year-Douglas Mayo

Award of Excellence-Ann Mayo

Distinguished Service Awards to:

Ann Mayo
Kathy Mullins
Ken Purdie

REGIONAL
Coordinator's Certificate of Appreciation:

U.S.S. Nelson-for surpassing million dollar mark for OCP

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And from the STARFLEET Marines Awards:

Leadership Commendations to:

Doug Mayo
Kathy Mullins

Shield of Valor-Kathy Mullins
Sword of Valor-Kathy Mullins

Congratulations to all the award winners, you do the U.S.S. Nelson proud!

Your CO,

Doug



OGP REPORT:

Thus far the crew of the Nelson have collected, cut, sorted, counted and sent **\$172,354.40** to the Navy/Marine base in Rota Spain , great job everyone!



MARINES CORNER BY LTC KATHY MULLINS

Kathy continues to donate magazines to the VA Hospital library, now on a weekly basis since she's already there every day!

Kathy also donated blood at an onsite blood drive at the VA Hospital in May. Also in May Kathy and Doug both attended the Summit, at which Kathy received several Marine awards. Kathy also went to Columbus, Ohio, to Marcon, and met the Klingon Assault Group's Marine Commandant, Qor'toq zantai-DevnoH. Kathy went there to celebrate the 20th anniversary of KAG's founding and helped out with party set up.

Both months, we kept up with the clipping of coupons. Kathy has been able to get some of her coworkers to give her coupon books, so the coupon clipping will continue bigger and better than ever! Her coworkers continue to donate many coupons so the coupon pile keeps on growing.

The Meaning Behind "Semper Fidelis"

Have you ever wondered what "Semper Fidelis", the Marines' slogan, means? I went to the Marines website (www.marines.com) and found this:

"More than a motto, a way of life Semper Fidelis distinguishes the Marine Corps bond from any other. It goes beyond teamwork – it is a brotherhood and lasts for life.

Latin for "always faithful," Semper Fidelis became the Marine Corps motto in 1883. It guides Marines to remain faithful to the mission at hand, to each other, to the Corps and to country, no matter what.

Becoming a Marine is a transformation that cannot be undone, and Semper Fi reminds us of that. Once made, a Marine will forever live by the ethics and values of the Corps.

There is no such thing as an ex-Marine.

From www.marines.com



FROM THE XO SEAT BY QAT'LY



Above: The Great Hall, Qo'noS

It has been a very memorable spring for the crews of the USS Nelson and the IKV Astris. We were well represented at the Summit, and I had the good fortune of being able to attend the KAG Attacks! 20th anniversary celebration in Columbus, Ohio.

With a great new movie out, I am very optimistic about the future of the Star Trek franchise. Even people who aren't avid Trek fans have commented on how much

they enjoyed the movie. It was fun to go to the movie in costume, first with the crew of the USS Nelson in Greenfield, MA and again in Columbus, Ohio with my fellow KAG warriors.

The Summit was tremendous fun--the Mirror Universe theme was great, and creativity was all around--from the decor to the costumes people wore.

After all, having fun is the whole point of being involved

in Trek fandom. KAG and STARFLEET have both added much fun to my life, especially during the last couple of years, which were very difficult for me. I appreciate everyone's support and friendship! To all of you aboard the USS Nelson and IKV Astris:

QAPLA'!!!!

KATHY, XO, USS NELSON
QAT'LY, CO, IKV ASTRIS

MIRROR UNIVERSE WIBBOB PUNEK2E

THE USS NELSON ATTENDS THE 2009 R-15 SUMMIT!
MAY 1-3, 2009



CONGRATULATIONS, KEN!!

HE RECEIVED THE REGION MEMBER OF THE
YEAR AWARD



DOUG MAYO'S MIRROR VERSION!

Everyone will do their duty, or die!



The Region 15 Bridgeset,
which always adds a festive
touch to the Summit



MIRROR UNIVERSE WIBBOB UNINEBZE



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CREW OF THE USS NELSON
FOR REGION 15 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!!!**



**RC AWARD FOR THE CREW OF THE USS NELSONS OCP WORK
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

MIRROR UNIVERSE WIBBOB UNINEB2E

HERE'S A GREAT PIC OF
JEROME GETTING TAKEN OUT
BY MIRROR UNIVERSE PAUL
AND DOUG!



MIRROR DOUG AND PAUL ARE READY FOR BATTLE!



GS-STARFLEET, SAL LIZARD



KAG Celebrates 20th Anniversary in Columbus, Ohio! by Lt. Cmdr Qat'ly vestai-K'olSoh'hn Kurkura

KAG Celebrates 20th Anniversary with
KAG Attacks! Gathering in Columbus!

Lt. Cmdr. Qat'ly vestai-K'olSoh'hn-
Kurkura reporting

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009. I drove to Bradley Field in Hartford Connecticut in eager anticipation of the trip to Columbus. Since I hate commuter airline flights I was thrilled to get travel arrangements on Southwest Airlines from Hartford to Columbus with a stopover in Baltimore. Parked next to my flight was a Southwest 737 painted in the Shamu theme from Sea World! Of course I snapped a picture of that cool looking jet plane. In Baltimore I treated myself to lunch at the Chili's before boarding the plane to Columbus. The crew from BWI to Columbus was really cool—when the pilots landed the plane at Columbus, the flight attendant called out, “Whoa, Nelly, whoaaaaaa!!!!” as the pilots applied the thrust reversers. What fun!!

When I arrived in Columbus,

Christine Schultz from Germany met up with me. We made plans to room together to share the cost of the hotel room prior to attending Marcon, and she proved to be a great roommate. We shared a cab to the hotel, and settled in. The front desk confirmed my delivery of MOXIE, which will be consumed at the KAG party on Saturday night.

We soon joined Kerla and Twisty for dinner at a nearby pub, along with Lady Koloth and her mate, Amar, Sqotty, and Qaolin. After dinner, Kerla, Twisty, Qaolin and several other Klingons gathered upstairs for more conversation.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009:

Christine and I enjoyed a complimentary breakfast that was delicious. We enjoyed having omelettes made to order. Of course I asked for plenty of scallions, tomatoes, and BACOOOOOONNNN!

The day was spent among fellow

Klingons, and we had the chance to meet one another. We made plans to attend the Star Trek movie at a local theatre, all in costume! I thrilled at seeing the movie again—it is a great movie. After the movie, we “invaded” a local Mongolian restaurant. The cooks used long swords to cook the food—very Klingon indeed! We chose various meats, seasonings, toppings and flavors for our meals, which we were able to watch being cooked before we ate! I enjoyed my dish which included seafood, eggs, fresh cilantro, a spicy seasoning and scallions. YUM!

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009:

At 11:30 AM we attended the KAG General Assembly, at which I met Keela (from North Carolina) in person for the first time, much to my delight. She had on a beautiful outfit. Her mate Katkith was there, as well, in his Classic outfit. I also had the pleasure of finally meeting Kren, with whom I corresponded when he was deployed overseas. He received a nice award for his service to our country. Amar was awarded the “Klingon Bastard” prize, much to our delight. A TV crew filmed the gathering.

At 2pm we reconvened at the hotel's grand staircase for a special event—Thought Admiral Kerla stepped down as KAG's leader, and Admiral Krikor of Canada took the reigns of leadership.



KAG Attacks, Continued



KAG at the Grand Staircase! Qat'ly is the blonde in the Classic outfit. Right of Qat'ly is KAG's new Thought Admiral, Krikor.

Krikor received a fine bat'leth as a gift from Marine Major Grelbr. TV crews also filmed this glorious event, interviewing several of KAG's admirals.

Shortly thereafter, Qob! was arrested and put in "jail" for a charity jail and bail event. He made silly faces and sang off key while in "jail".

I also attended a Klingon workshop called "Surviving the Klingon Homeworld", put on by Qe'pa and Qob! after he was released from "jail".

After the workshop, Twisty, Kerla, Neelix and I had very important

business to attend to: shopping for supplies, beverages and snacks for the KAG Party that evening. I won some money on a scratch card, and used it to donate some Sam Adams to the party, which I'd previously offered to do. I also bought clam chowdah and seasonings to bring more New England flavah to the party. Morvina from Kansas brought the all important crockpot to make having the chowdah possible (thank you!!).

The party was a lot of fun! Klingons are reknowned for their love of chocolate, so we had a celebratory chocolate ceremony in which I



KAG Attacks, Continued

participated along with several other warriors. Qe'pa led the ceremony after which we smashed the chocolate bar into several pieces. I also had the distinct pleasure of getting to know Lady Komonda of Minnesota, with whom I enjoyed a great conversation. She invited me to join the House of Kurkura. We also had a prize raffle, and I won a couple of prizes. Best was when I selected the model of the Enterprise and yelled out, "I have captured the Enterpriiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiisssssssse!" in a loud Klingon voice.

Tired but very happy that evening, I enjoyed a sound slumber after a glorious day of celebration.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009:

That morning, we attended a panel at which we discussed Star Trek: Next Generation. K'oron provided the Klingon perspective. Keela and Katkith joined Christine and me.

Christine and I decided to check out Germantown, a German section of Columbus, for a late lunch. Sadly, we were quite disappointed. I know I was since I really wanted to have a schnitzel and a Spaten. The restaurant looked German on the outside but they did not serve German food.

Later that evening, many of us gathered again for Mongolian food. YUM!!! We then continued our conversations in the convention suite. Christine and I had the distinct pleasure of spending time with KRIS, KAG's founder.

I must apologize here if I failed to mention any warriors I'd met and enjoyed conversations with during my stay in Ohio.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009:

Christine and I both headed to the airport, and I flew home on Southwest, with a pleasant stopover



K'oron. International Force Recon Officer. What an amazing uniform--fit for a noble KAG warrior!



in Baltimore. True to the Baltimore spirit, I enjoyed a lunch of mini-crab cakes that were delicious.

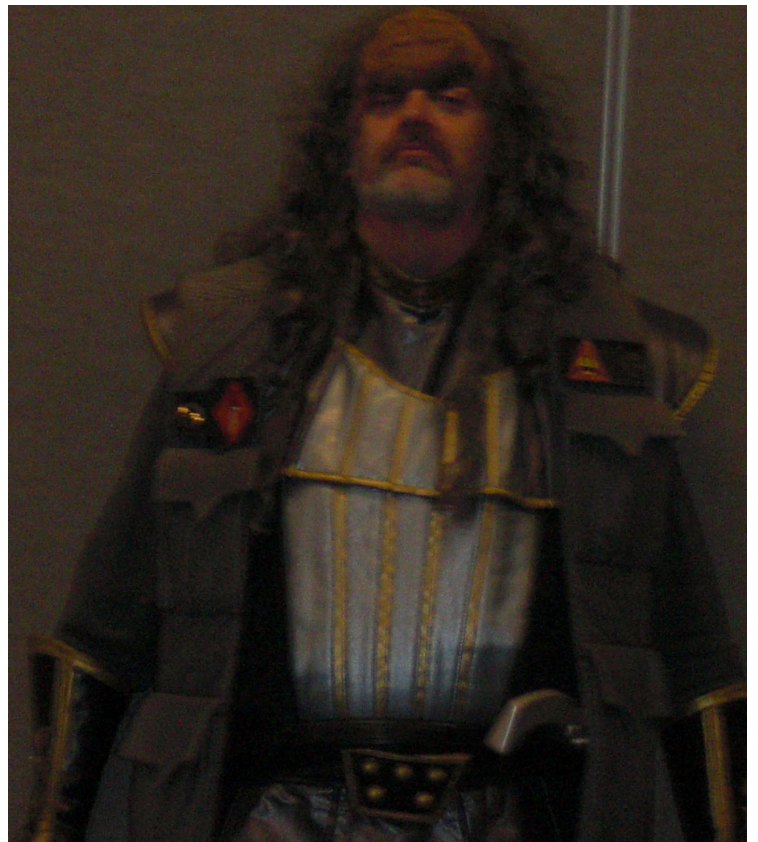
What a wonderful way to celebrate KAG's 20th Anniversary!! QAPLA'!!!!

Above: Christine, aka Athena, came all the way from Germany and was a great roommate!

KAG Attacks, Continued



Keela, from North Carolina



KRIS, KAG's Founder



Above: Kalex, the Dark Moon Fleet Cmdr.

Left: A strange life form we encountered on our trip to Ohio: a 'Dalek'



Star Trek Movie Review

by Doug Mayo

SPOILER ALERT... Please do not read any further if you have not yet seen the new Star Trek movie.

Speaking from a long time fan perspective, I have to say in all honesty, that I think the new Trek was just what the STAR TREK franchise needed. It needed a reboot, something that was able to bring in new fans but please the die-hards too. J.J. Abrams did exactly that, casting all new fresh faces to play our old favorites. My personal favorite is the casting choice of Karl Urban as Dr. McCoy; he was spot on vintage McCoy, from the southern drawl to the humanitarian we all learned from.

Prior to the film's release there

was a lot of clamor that Abram's was not paying Star Trek its due homage, I'd say exactly the opposite. There were a number of examples where Abrams paid tribute to TREK canon or history. My favorite example is the inclusion of Captain Christopher Pike.

Another wonderful piece I loved was the underlying message that STAR TREK was always famous for was the message of duty honor and sacrifice for a noble cause is worth dying for, and we see that message clearly conveyed before we even see the introductory credits roll out with George Kirk's decision to stay on the ship to cover the escape of the fleeing shuttles.

While seeing the movie many times I keep saying to myself 'I can see Jim Kirk' doing in his younger days', especially the bar scene and his retaking of the Kobayashi Maru Starfleet Academy test. Leonard Nimoy reprising his role as the 'older' Spock was just icing on the cake.

In my opinion, J.J. Abrams has given new life to the STAR TREK franchise, and I believe the new movie is a must see for any true TREK fan!

Editor's Note: I concur--the movie was fabulous in so many ways. I liked everything about it.--Kathy

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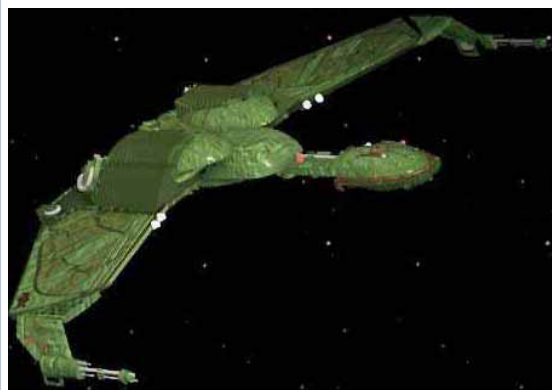
Also incompatible with mines, "abandoned" buildings, ventilation ducts, basically anything the Captain points at.



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Special Thanks to Jerry Silber for sending us this set of care instructions for a Red Shirt.

