



# USS ALARIC NCC-503

Crew

Handbook



United Federation of Planets

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## SPACE...THE FINAL FRONTIER STARFLEET U.S.S. ALARIC NCC-503

WELCOME ABOARD!! You have just been officially piped aboard the USS Alaric, NCC-503, the western North Carolina chapter of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association. We hope that your tour of duty with us will be enjoyable, beneficial, and most of all, downright fun! Here are a few notes to tell you about us and help you find your way around the ship.

### “ALARIC”

The name “Alaric” originated with a king of the Visigoths. The Goths were one of the most powerful early Germanic tribes. From about the 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE, they lived along the shore of the Baltic Sea. They began attacking the declining Roman Empire about 214 CE and in 272 CE were given the rich land of Dacia along the Danube River (now Romania) by Emperor Aurelian. During the next century they split into two groups: the Visigoths in Dacia, and the Ostrogoths living north of the Black Sea.

Alaric was born around 370 CE. In 395 he led the Visigoths on a rampage through Greece and Italy. He besieged Rome three times, finally capturing the city in 410, an act which symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire. Though there was considerable plundering, the people were treated humanely and religious temples and Christian churches were spared. A plan to move south, invading and occupying Africa, was halted by Alaric's death the same year.

## REGION ONE

STARFLEET's Region One (the “First Fleet”) consists of eight states: North and South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and Ohio, and contains at present 48 “starship” chapters. We are a diverse and far-flung group; each ship is a little different in interests and focus. For example, the USS Alaric is the science flagship of Region One and of STARFLEET. Some are all in one area; some are spread out. All gather together (in meetings or by correspondence) for the main purpose of Trek fun.

Different chapters in the First Fleet get together when and where they can, too: By correspondence, newsletter exchange, occasional joint meetings, picnics, and best of all, a three-day conference at which the Region One Summit is held. For many years, the annual meeting was co-located with a convention called RoVaCon and was held each October in Roanoke, VA. In recent years the Summit has been held in the spring in Pigeon Forge, TN.



# PROMOTION PROGRAM

The Alaric is a club. As such, it exists for your enjoyment. You can be as involved in club activities as you like, or you can be as uninvolved as you like.

STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL and its chapters, including the Alaric, have a futuristic space-faring aspect similar to the fleet as presented in the STAR TREK TV series and movies. One way to be involved in the club is to hold a fictional rank and position. In order to make sense, these ranks need to have an organized structure. This section of the Handbook describes this structure and the promotion program that has been set up to organize the ways by which a member can move up in rank.

All new crewmembers are assigned the rank of Petty Officer/3<sup>rd</sup> class. Promotions are completely voluntary. If you want to be heavily involved in club activities, but you don't want to have a rank, then that is fine. We're still very glad to have you aboard and don't want anyone to feel that they have to claw their way up to Admiral. STARFLEET and the Alaric exist to have fun! If, however, you want promotions, then you can earn them two different ways. The first is by taking Starfleet Academy correspondence courses, and the second is by earning promotion points by participating in Alaric activities and community services. A Promotion Points Worksheet is enclosed with this orientation package (please photocopy for future use).

## 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION THROUGH STARFLEET ACADEMY

In order to earn a promotion through Starfleet Academy:

- A) The member must be on active-duty status;
- B) Their STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL dues are up to date;
- C) i) A recommendation for promotion can be made by the Academy Director and forwarded to the Alaric's Captain who then grants or denies the promotion, or  
ii) The member presents a copy of the Starfleet Academy course diploma/certificate (as proof they have successfully passed the course), plus a written request for promotion (the Starfleet Academy Promotion Worksheet), to the Alaric's Captain who then grants or denies the promotion.
- D) If a promotion is denied, reasons for the denial will be given in writing to the crewmember who may appeal the decision within 30 earth days. The appeal will be given a full and impartial hearing as soon as possible by the ship's officers.



## 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION THROUGH THE POINT SYSTEM

In order to earn a promotion through the Alaric Point System:

- A) The member must be on active-duty status;
- B) Their STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL dues are up to date;
- C) The Promotion Points Worksheet is complete and both a written request for promotion and the Worksheet are submitted to the Alaric's Captain who then grants or denies the promotion.
- D) Accumulation of 100 points is required for promotion to the next rank.
- E) After a promotion, all old points are removed and the member starts a new Points Worksheet. All previous Worksheets will be kept on file.
- F) If a promotion is denied, the procedure specified in part D under the Starfleet Academy requirements above may be followed.

## 3. SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are two hierarchies of traditional navy-type ranks: One for Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) and the other for Officers. You can move up in rank within either hierarchy. However, the following rules apply:

- A) Whenever a member who holds a rank less than Ensign passes OTS (Officer's Training School), s/he will be promoted straight to the rank of Ensign.
- B) Any member reaching the NCO rank of MCPO will not be promoted any higher until the successful completion of OTS. If a new member wishes to bypass the NCO hierarchy and jump straight into the Officer hierarchy, then the most direct way to do this is to make OTS be the first course taken.
- C) Promotion up to the rank of LT.CMDR. can be done either by taking Starfleet Academy courses or by accumulating promotion points. Promotion from the rank of LT.CMDR. to CMDR. can be done only through the point system, not through Starfleet Academy. Our highest-ranking officers should be active enough in Alaric activities to earn this promotion.
- D) Promotion to the rank of CAPTAIN can be granted only by the Region One Coordinator, and promotions beyond the rank of CAPTAIN can be granted only by the STARFLEET Executive Committee.
- E) Promotions must be at least one month apart.

ALARIC RANK SYSTEM			
	NAVAL RANK	ABBREVIATION	MAY BE ADDRESSED AS
<b>NCO:</b>			
1	Petty Officer 3rd Class	PO/3	Petty Officer
2	Petty Officer 2nd Class	PO/2	Petty Officer
3	Petty Officer 1st Class	PO/1	Petty Officer
4	Chief Petty Officer	CPO	Chief
5	Senior Chief Petty Officer	SCPO	Chief
6	Master Chief Petty Officer	MCPO	Chief
<b>OFFICER:</b>			
7	Ensign	ENS.	Ensign
8	Lieutenant junior grade	LT.jg.	Lieutenant
9	Lieutenant	LT.	Lieutenant
10	Lieutenant Commander	LT.CMDR.	Commander
11	Commander	CMDR.	Commander
12	Captain	CAPT.	Captain



FLAG RANKS	
NAVY	MARINE
Fleet Captain	Brigadier
Commodore	Brigadier General
Rear Admiral	Major General
Vice Admiral	Lieutenant General
Admiral	General

#### 4. PROMOTION THROUGH STARFLEET ACADEMY

Starfleet Academy courses can be used two ways. 1) The first way is to use them to go up in rank directly (to LT.CMDR.). Successfully passing a course will be sufficient to earn promotion up one rank. Taking Officer's Training School (OTS) is required to enter the Commissioned Officer program and be promoted to the rank of Ensign. 2) The second way is to use the course to accumulate promotion points (10 points per course). For example, once you reach the rank of LT.CMDR., you can still use Starfleet Academy courses to head upward (to CMDR.), but they count only as promotion points.

#### 5. PROMOTION THROUGH THE ALARIC POINT SYSTEM

A total of 100 points is required for each rank promotion. At least 50 (and up to 100) points will be Alaric Points. From 0 to 50 (but not more than 50) points can be Community Service Points. Each point must be documented (what was done, where it was done, when it was done), so keep meticulous records.

##### ALARIC POINTS:

##### A) Ship's Operations

- 10 Becoming a Department Head, Shuttle Commander, Shuttle First Officer
- 10 Fiction submissions to the Alaric's fanzine or other printed publications, digital publications, or online fiction (per submission)
- 5 Fiction submissions to non-Alaric fan fiction, such as livejournal.com, dreamwidth.org, or fanfiction.net (per submission)
- 5 Organize and lead a club activity (per activity)
- 2 Submitting a department report to the Captain each month (per report)
- 2 Submitting a separate ship's report to the CC or Captain's Briefing (per report)
- 2 Maintaining the Alaric web site (2 points per month)
- 1 Submitting other reports to CC or Captain's Briefing (per report)
- 1 Participating in assembling Alaric/STARFLEET publications (1 point per issue)
- 1 Editing (being a beta) an Alaric fan fiction story written by others (per story)
- 1 Holding a non-Department Chief position on the roster (1 point per position)
- 1 Submitting a non-Department Chief report to the Captain (per report)
- 1 Contributing articles (curated links) to Alaric web sites, such as the Facebook page (per contribution)
- 1 Contributing items to Alaric charities (1 point per 3 items)

##### B) Attendance Records

- 4 Attending a Star Trek or Science-Fiction convention or STARFLEET IC/regional meeting
- 3 Hosting a gathering in your home (other than a shuttle meeting)

- 3 Manning an Alaric/STARFLEET table during a publicity/membership drive, convention, or gathering
- 1 Attending an Alaric/shuttlecraft meeting
- 1 If distance to any of above meetings is more than 50 miles one way

#### C) Recruiting

- 2 Recruit a new Alaric member (per member – maximum of 12 points)
- 5 If recruit over 6 members, will receive commendation

#### D) Starfleet Academy Points (for courses that do not directly result in rank promotion)

10 points per course

#### E) Uniforms

- 20 Voyager-era costumes
- 15 “Monster Maroon / Bergundy Beast”
- 15 Other Star Trek uniforms or costumes
- 10 Buying or building phasers, communicators, tricorders, or other ST equipment
- 2 Buying an Alaric T-shirt
- 2 Buying a Starfleet T-shirt or jacket

#### F) Commendations

5 to 10 points per commendation

Commendations are for extra effort beyond normal Alaric activities. Send an explanation of the activity to the Captain. He/she will decide a point value and give the commendation, if appropriate.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE POINTS:**

#### A) Donation of Blood (Red Cross)

3 points per donation

#### B) CPR, First Aid, or Life Saving certification/recertification

10 points (NOTE – must be done during time of point accumulation)

#### C) Recurring Public Service Projects (each per month)

1 point per month for each TYPE of service:

- 1) National Guard / Reserves
- 2) Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts / Etc. Scouts
- 3) Youth sports – coaching, organizing, etc.
- 4) Candy Strippers / hospital volunteers / visitations
- 5) Civic or religious groups – Lions, Jaycees, choir, etc. (that does not involve proselytizing)
- 6) Volunteer firefighter / rescue squad / police reserve

(Example: You coach two youth baseball teams and sing in the church choir each week. You get 1 point each month of baseball season and 1 point each month for choir, not a point for each team or each meeting.)

#### D) Participation in Specific Public Service Events

3 points each (Examples: Walk-a-Thon, Bike-a-Thon, answering phones for PBS)



## E) Other Public Service

1 point each

(Examples: retired military, former Peace Corps, etc.)

This program is designed to be as simple as possible and as fair as possible to all members. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Captain.

## POSITION ASSIGNMENTS

Position assignments on the Alaric provide all crewmembers with an official “role” on the ship. With the exception of Captain, First Officer, and department chiefs, every position described in this Handbook is open to all crewmembers without special requirements or regard for rank. Of course, choosing a position is up to you – if you want to look around for a while or stay on the ship without a position, we’re still delighted to have you. Although it is a good idea to consider first the open positions on the Alaric’s Position Assignment Roster (see the Captain for the latest Roster), most positions can be duplicated or new ones created if the crewmember can provide the Captain or Department Chief with some justification for doing so.

If you want to be assigned to a position, write the Captain requesting the position you have chosen. Position choices may reflect the crewmember’s interests, real profession, favorite aspect of Star Trek, or just a desire to be something completely different for a change. If you wish to tie your position to any responsibilities you choose on the ship, you are certainly encouraged to do so. However, any crewmember may assume any non-command position without any responsibilities or obligations; any responsibilities you wish to assume are purely voluntary.

We encourage you to select a position you like from the list, but feel free to suggest alternatives. Of course, you are always free to change position whenever you choose. The position assignments, like everything else on the ship, are here to help YOU have fun!



## GUIDE FOR DEPARTMENT CHIEFS



The Chief of a department aboard the USS Alaric is a working position and is earned, not assigned. If a crewmember wants to work toward becoming the Chief of a department, here are some guidelines:

1. A department Chief should have graduated from or be attending OTS.
2. A Chief must write a policy/procedure outline for his/her department, explaining the function of the department aboard the Alaric, and submit it to the Captain. It doesn’t have to be long or complicated, just something to let us know you’ve thought about it.
3. If there are other members in the department, the Chief should keep in touch with them and determine whether they want to be active members. If they want to be active, the Chief should find ways for them to be involved in their department and Alaric affairs.
4. A written or verbal report should be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to the Captain. Again, it doesn’t have to be long and complicated. If there’s nothing much going on, a short note or postcard or email will do to let the Captain know you didn’t get left behind on the last planet.
5. If there is a vacancy at a Chief’s position, the first crewmember to meet the above requirements and send the Captain a report for two consecutive months will be promoted to that Chief’s position.
6. If there is already someone in a Chief’s position you would like to have, stay active and keep in touch. Maybe you will be first in line if it is vacated.
7. If a current Chief misses more than three consecutive monthly reports, he/she will be returned to the ranks, and another crewmember will be given a chance at that position. A Chief may retire with no loss of rank or seniority.
8. No one HAS to take the position of Chief of a department, but if you accept the position, the responsibilities go with the job.

If you have suggestions or recommendations about the duties and responsibilities of a department Chief, please submit them to the Captain. We are still working on our guidelines and would appreciate any input you might have. The crew of the Alaric is very scattered and we need ideas on ways to keep us in touch with each other.



Previous USS Alaric ship logo



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Alaric crew & Star Wars fans at 2013 Asheville Father's Fest



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Vulcan Science Academy

# WELCOME TO THE U.S.S. ALARIC'S 102ND "GRAY HAWKS" MSG



## WHY A STARFLEET MARINE CORPS?

One of the most overlooked aspects of the Federation's Starfleet is the need for ground forces.

Starships are superb for exploration and space defense, but when it comes to planetary conflicts, you need troops who can be put on the ground, take it, and hold it. And, ultimately, all wars will eventually be fought on at least one planet. An Old Earth author, Robert Heinlein, once predicted this situation with some accuracy long before Earth knew space warfare.



Marines are needed for more than planetary wars as well. Starfleet has a limited capacity to conduct planetary "operations other than war" with strictly orbital forces and landing parties. Granted, the ability to devastate a planetary surface from orbit is a powerful tool, but it is not at all suited to handling threats like civil war, terrorism, and rioting. Using a starship to quell a riot is like burning down a house to eliminate fleas. On the other hand, the Chief of Security is going to get upset (and then get killed) if you beam the entire ship's complement of Security personnel into a city-wide riot and tell them to "control these people."

Realizing this, the Federation council decided to create and maintain a force of essentially 'ground based' troops capable of handling a wide variety of missions. This force would be highly mobile, self-contained wherever possible, and able to operate with little Starfleet support if necessary. We are that force, the Starfleet Marine Corps (SFMC).

## MARINE STRIKE GROUP (MSG)

The basic unit in the SFMC is the Marine Strike Group, or MSG. The size of an MSG varies considerably, depending on the location and membership. An MSG can be anywhere from a single marine (in the case of a new unit, for example) up to two dozen or more. The marine in command of the MSG (or any SFMC unit, generally) is referred to as the OIC (Officer In Charge), their second in command is usually termed the DOIC (Deputy Officer In Charge), and their NCOIC is the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge.





# THE 102ND "GRAY HAWKS": IT'S WHAT WE DO

## Fun and Challenges:

### A. Mental

To keep your mind sharp and well-rounded onboard the U.S.S. Alaric, a Marine must also take on a scientific role. Secondly, the 102nd participates in reading challenges in which we compete against other Marines on the individual, unit and brigade level.

### B. Physical

The 102nd "Gray Hawks" believe in physical fitness so we organize a fitness readiness fun day in which "volunteers" come and show off their fitness in a small contest. The winner will have bragging rights for the day and a certificate proving your individual ability.

## The Uniform of a U.S.S. Alaric Marine:

Star Trek: The Original Series, The Next Generation, Voyager, DS9 and Enterprise. No matter what genre you favor, we have a Marine uniform for you.



## SFMC Rank and Grade Structure:

Note: SFMC promotions follow the same chapter, regional and international guidelines as traditional (naval) STARFLEET members.

Private First Class			Master Gunnery Sgt.		
Lance Corporal			Sergeant Major		
Corporal			Second Lieutenant		
Sergeant			First Lieutenant		
Staff Sergeant			Captain		
Gunnery Sergeant			Major		
Master Sergeant			Lieutenant Colonel		
First Sergeant			Colonel		
			Brigadier		
			Brigadier General		
			Major General		
			Lieutenant General		
			General		

## STARFLEET MARINE CORPS ACADEMY



In the same way STARFLEET runs an Academy for traditional (naval) members, the SFMC manages an Academy for its members. It should be noted that any STARFLEET member can take SFMC Academy courses and vice versa. The SFMC Academy has Marine-themed colleges such as Combat Support College, General Staff College, Marine Development College, Staff College, War College, Xenostudies College and a Cadet Academy for younger members.

It is recommended, but not required, that all new SFMC recruits aboard the U.S.S. Alaric take PD-100 from the SFMC Academy:

**PD-100 Marine Basic Training:** This is step one of the Professional Development Program. Among the topics covered in this course are: Chain of Command, Basic Marine Heraldry, Basic Uniform Regulations, Starting an M.S.G., and more. Prerequisite for this course: Current membership in STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. Please note that this course must be taken and passed by all students in order to be eligible to take any other courses in the SFMCA.

<http://sfmca.sfi-sfmc.org>

In conclusion, if you are the kind of person who enjoys a little more of a military flavor in your STARFLEET experience, then the STARFLEET MARINE CORPS is where you belong. That being said, talk to your ship's SFMC OIC or DOIC today to get signed up.



# GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

## ALARIC PROMETHEUS CLASS MULTI-VECTOR ADVANCED ESCORT

### (2014-)

**VESSEL TYPE: MULTI-VECTOR ADVANCED  
ESCORT**

**CLASS: PROMETHEUS**

**SHIPS COMPLEMENT:**

OFFICERS (NAVAL) .....	50
OFFICERS (MARINES) .....	10
CREW (NAVAL) .....	150
CREW (MARINES) .....	50
CIVILIANS .....	20
TOTAL .....	280
TOTAL EMERGENCY CAPACITY .....	400
LENGTH.....	415M
BEAM.....	163M
DRAFT.....	64M
HULL MASS .....	950,000MT
CARGO CAPACITY .....	1,000MT
NUMBER OF DECKS.....	15

**DURATION**

EXPECTED LIFETIME.....	85 YEARS
RESUPPLY CYCLE.....	10 YEARS
REFIT CYCLE (STANDARD) .....	3 YEARS
REFIT CYCLE (MAJOR) .....	12 YEARS

**PROPULSION - WARP DRIVE (X3)**

WARP REACTOR.....	G3-M CLASS M/ARA
NORMAL CRUISE.....	WARP 9.9
MAXIMUM CRUISE.....	WARP 9.99
EMERGENCY WARP.....	WARP 9.999+
(SUSTAINABLE FOR 48 HOURS)	
FUEL-MRI.....	COLD DEUTERIUM
FUEL - ARI.....	ANTI-HYDROGEN
CONTROLLER .....	ADVANCED DILITHIUM
FUEL REPLENISH.....	BUSSARD RAMSCOOP

**PROPULSION - IMPULSE DRIVE (X4)**

**CLASS 4A AUGMENTED NUCLEAR FUSION  
UNITS**

**PRIMARY COMPUTER SYSTEMS**

M-16 BIO-NEURAL GEL PACK NETWORK
ISOLINEAR III PROCESSOR
CREW INTERFACE SOFTWARE .....
LCARS 3.5
DATA TRANSFER RATE .....
8200 KILOQUADS/SEC
NUMBER OF DEDICATED MODULES ...
250
STORAGE CAPACITY/MODULE .....
70,500 KILOQUADS

**TRANSPORTERS .....** 3

**TACTICAL - OFFENSIVE**

MAIN PHASERS-TYPE XX, MULTI-PHASIC (250K TW).....	20
RAPID FIRE PULSE PHASER (DEFIANT CLASS) .....	10
QUANTUM TORPEDO LAUNCHERS (RAPID BURST-FIRE) .....	10

**TACTICAL - DEFENSIVE**

DEFLECTORS
AUTO-REGENERATIVE, AUTO-MODULATED, HIGH CAPACITY, HEAVY DURANIUM/ TRITANIUM TRIPLE HULL PLUS 20CM ABLATIVE HULL ARMOR
ABLATIVE ARMOR GENERATION MATRIX
MULTI-SPECTRAL SHIELDING
MULTI LAYERED SHIELDING SYSTEM (M.L.S.S.)
HIGH LEVEL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY FIELD
SHIELD CAPACITY .. 11,750,580 TERAJOULES (HIGH CAPACITY REGENERATION SYSTEM)

**TACTICAL - OTHER**

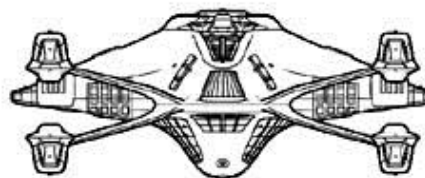
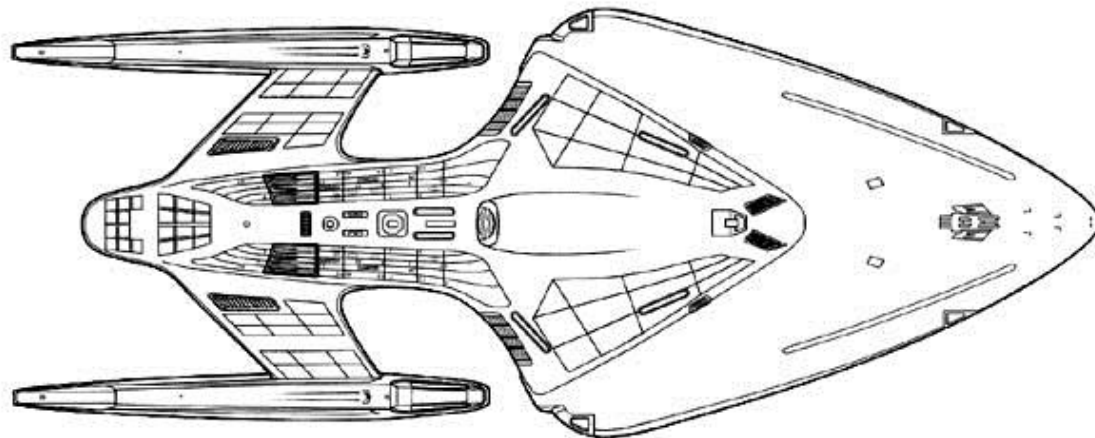
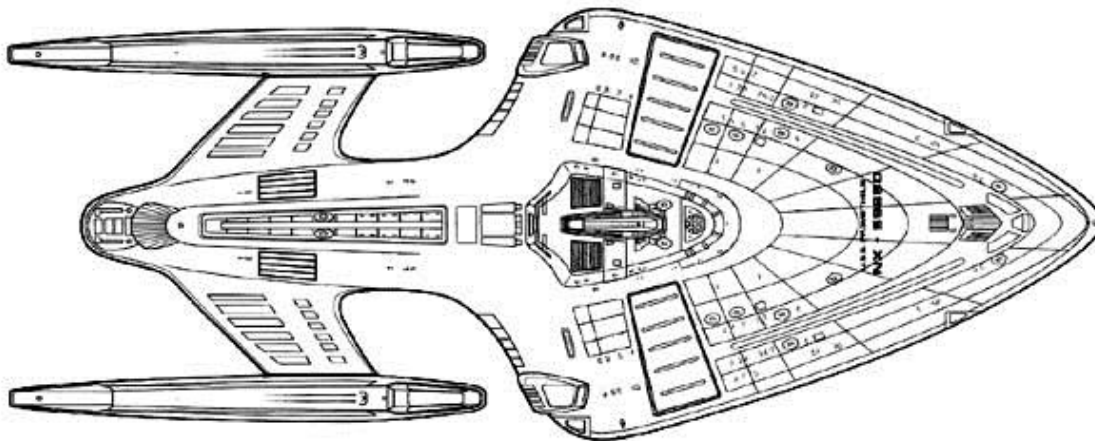
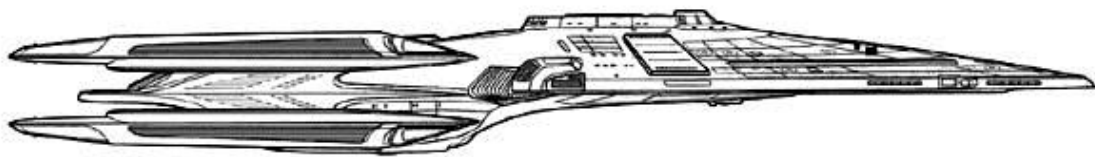
MULTI-VECTOR ASSAULT MODE (M.V.A.M.)
CLOAKING DEVICE
2 BATTLE BRIDGES
PLANETARY LANDING ABILITY (P.L.A.)
TRACTOR & TRANSPORT INHIBITOR TECH.
HOLOGRAPHIC GHOSTSHIP PROJECTION MATRIX

**TACTICAL - AUXILIARY CRAFT**

MAIN SHUTTLE BAY:	
ARGO CLASS RUNABOUT .....	1
DELTA FLYER (TITAN CLASS .....	1
OPHIUCUS CLASS RUNABOUT .....	1
ASSAULT SHUTTLE BAY:	
VALOR CLASS VALKYRIE FIGHTERS .	6
VALKYRIE CLASS FIGHTERS .....	6
WARHAMMER CLASS FIGHTERS ....	3

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

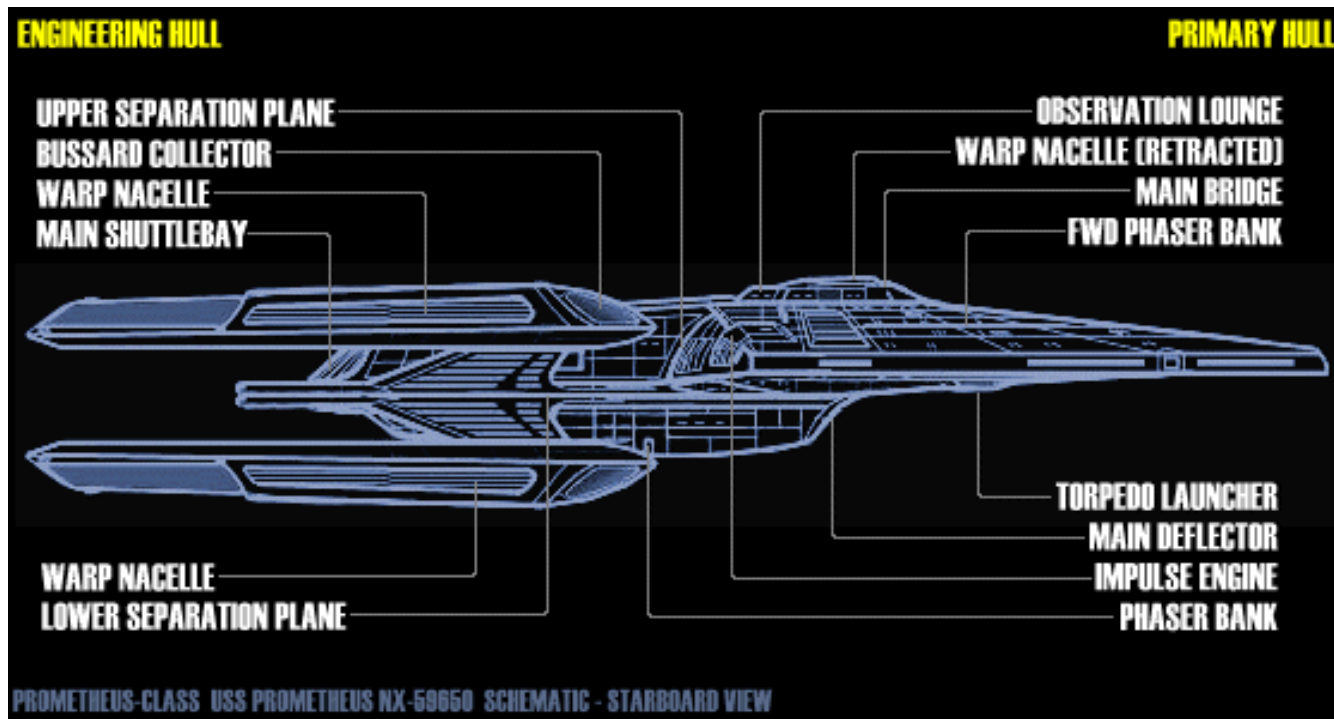
OBSERVATION LOUNGE .....	1
CREW'S (WHITE STAR) LOUNGE .....	1
BOTANICAL/RECREATIONAL BAY .....	1
SHIPWIDE HOLO-EMITTERS	
SUB-SPACE HOLOGRAMATIC LINK-UPS	
HOLOGRAPHIC BRIDGE-CREW GENERATOR	
INTEROCITOR (acquired from aliens on a mission)	



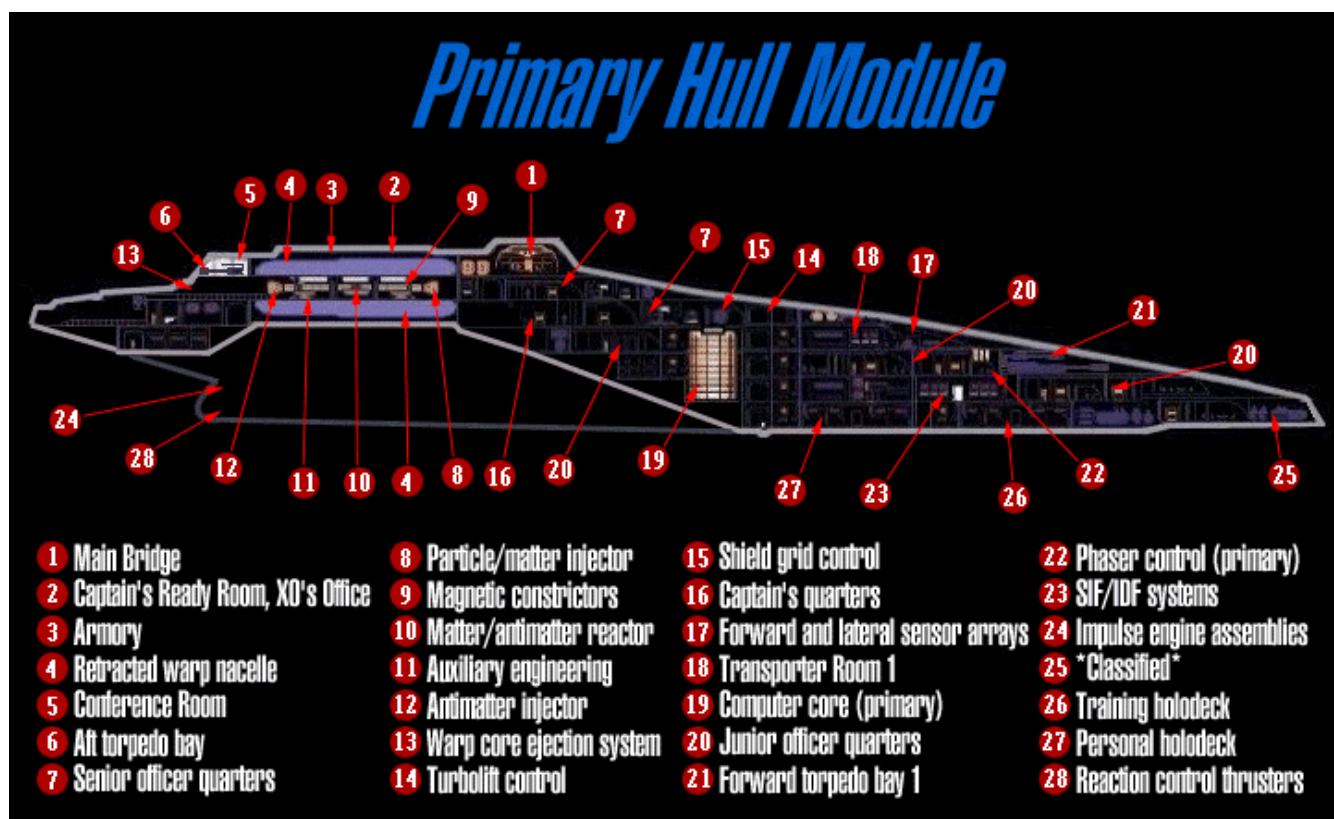
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## TACTICAL MULTI-VECTOR ATTACK SEPARATION





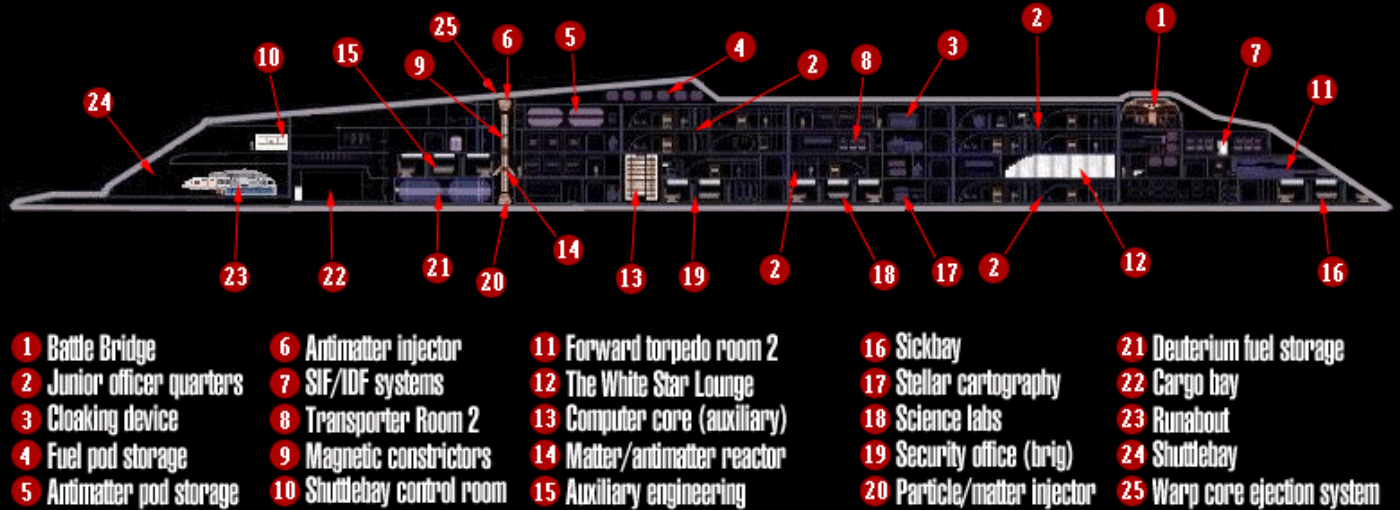
USS Alaric (Prometheus class) fully integrated.



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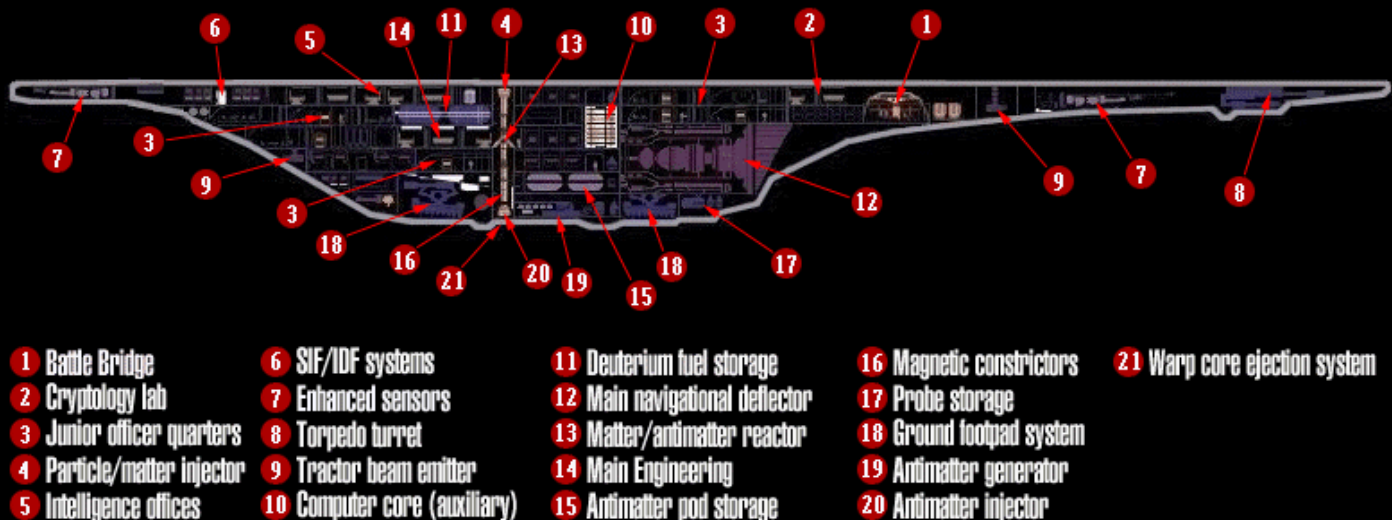


## Secondary Hull Module



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## Tertiary Hull Module



(Not all compartments are indicated on this schematic)

# Science Labs:

## Primary Hull:

Physical Science Labs (covering the branches of Physics & Chemistry and including such fields as mechanics, quantum physics, thermodynamics, relativity, tachyon theory [in Physics] and biochemistry, crystallography, geochemistry, inorganic chemistry, photochemistry, radiochemistry [in Chemistry]).

(Science labs not depicted on schematic.)

## Secondary Hull:

Earth and Space Science Labs (covering the branches of Astronomy & Geoscience and including such fields as astrophysics, cosmology, galactic astronomy, planetary science, stellar astronomy [in Astronomy] and planetary geology, meteorology, aquatics, climatology, ecology, environmental science, geodesy, geomorphology, hydrology, oceanography, paleoclimatology, palynology, physical geography [in Geoscience]). ---- These labs are located in the Secondary Hull as part of the main science labs for proximity to a transporter and shuttlebay (for away missions).

Life Science Labs (covering the branches of Functional Biology & Cellular Biology and including such fields as anatomy, astrobiology, biochemistry, biophysics, botany, cell biology, exo-biology, genetics, immunology, molecular biology, neuroscience, physiology, soil biology, toxicology, xenobiology, zoology). ---- These labs are located in the Secondary Hull as part of the main science labs for proximity to sickbay and their close association with Earth Sciences.

Botanical/Recreational Bay.

(Main hull schematic has the main science labs depicted.)

## Tertiary Hull:

Social Science Labs (covering the branches of Sociology & Psychology and including such fields as anthropology, archaeology, economics, exo-cultures, history, linguistics, psychology, sociology). ---- These labs are located in the Tertiary Hull for proximity to the Intelligence offices & Cryptology lab.

(Science labs not depicted on schematic.)

# Scientific Instruments:

The refitted USS Alaric is equipped with special science replicators that can create any science instrument needed, as the replicators' data base is constantly updated with the specs for the latest scientific instruments and technology.

# Tactical – Offensive:

All 20 main phaser cannons will be multi-phasic in that the frequency will self-modulate in order to penetrate enemy shielding and promote the most damage on different ship hull materials. These will be powered by their own warp reactor, albeit a much smaller one than what provides the propulsion for the ship. In this way there will be no drain upon the main warp reactor normally. Of course, they can tie into the main reactor in case of emergency whether for additional power requirements or phaser drive failure.

Likewise all three torpedo launchers will be directly tied into their own replicator system in order to readily manufacture torpedo weapons of various types and settings. A hold will retain a mandatory amount of torpedoes as stock for both immediate use and insurance against replicator system failure.

# GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS, ALARIC CLASS HEAVY DESTROYER (1993-2013)

VESSEL TYPE: HEAVY DESTROYER

CLASS: ALARIC – NEXT GENERATION

SHIPS COMPLEMENT:

OFFICERS.....	93
CREW.....	287
CIVILIANS.....	126
TOTAL.....	506

TOTAL EMERGENCY CAPACITY.....2000

LENGTH..... 321M

BEAM..... 233M

DRAFT..... 68M

WEIGHT.....199,000MT

CARGO CAPACITY.....10,000MT

NUMBER OF DECKS..... 28

DURATION

EXPECTED LIFETIME..... 60 YEARS

RESUPPLY CYCLE..... 5 YEARS

REFIT CYCLE..... 20 YEARS

PROPULSION

WARP DRIVE (X2)

WARP REACTOR.....M/ARA

NORMAL CRUISE.....WARP 6

MAXIMUM CRUISE.....WARP 9.2

EMERGENCY WARP.....WARP 9.6

FUEL-MRI..... COLD DEUTERIUM

FUEL – ARI..... ANTI-HYDROGEN

M/A REAC. ELEMENT..... DILITHIUM CRYSTALS

FUEL REPLENISH..... BUSSARD RAMSCOOP

IMPULSE DRIVE (X4)

IPS FUEL.....SLUSH DEUTERIUM

IMP. REACTION CHAMBERS..... 3

ACCELERATOR/GENERATOR..... 1

DRIVER COIL ASSY..... 1

VECTORED EXHAUST DIRECTORS..... 1

TRANSPORTERS

PERSONNEL..... 6

EMERGENCY (high-volume scan only)... 6

CARGO-MOLECULAR (non-lifeform)..... 6

TACTICAL

MAIN PHASERS-TYPE 10 (5.1MW)..... 12

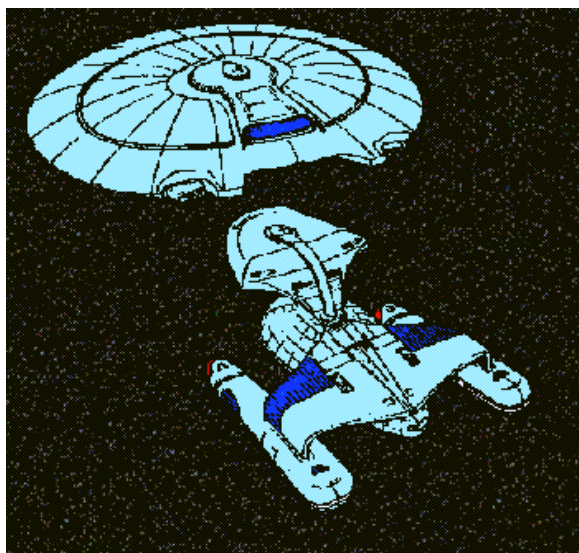
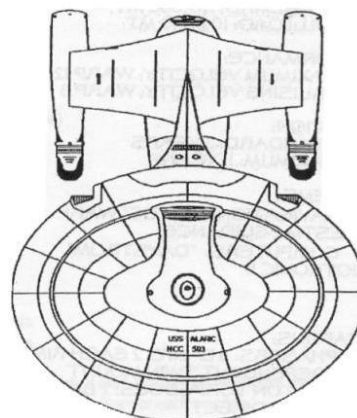
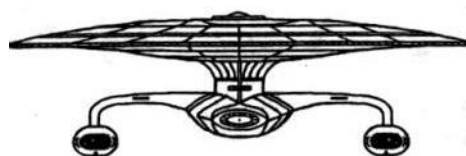
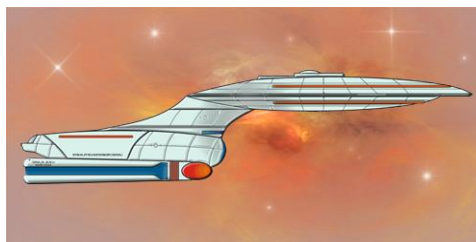
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IMPROVED STASIS FIELD  
COUNTERMEASURE SYSTEM

SPECIAL SERVICES

CREW'S LOUNGE..... 1

HOLODECKS..... 2



The Alaric tests her saucer separation systems after her recent upgrade.

# SPECIFICATIONS FOR SALADIN-CLASS USS ALARIC (1982-1993)

VESSEL TYPE: DESTROYER  
CLASS: SALADIN (UPRATED)  
SHIP'S COMPLEMENT:  
OFFICERS: 33  
CREW: 197

## DIMENSIONS:

OVERALL LENGTH: 261.2 M  
OVERALL BEAM: 141.7 M  
OVERALL DRAFT: 58.7 M

## DISPLACEMENT:

LIGHT: 104,000 MT  
STANDARD: 105,000 MT  
FULL LOAD: 106,000 MT

## PERFORMANCE:

MAXIMUM VELOCITY: WARP 12  
CRUISING VELOCITY: WARP 8

## DURATION:

STANDARD: 3 YEARS  
MAXIMUM: 11 YEARS

## SYSTEMS:

NAVIGATION: "ARTOS" WARP CELESTIAL GUIDANCE  
COMPUTERS: "DAYSTROM" DUOTRONIC

## WEAPONS:

PHASERS: 6 BANKS, 2 EACH RIM 12C INDEPENDENT TWIN MOUNT  
PHOTON TORPEDOES: 2 BANKS MK 6 MOD 2 DIRECT

## DEFENSE:

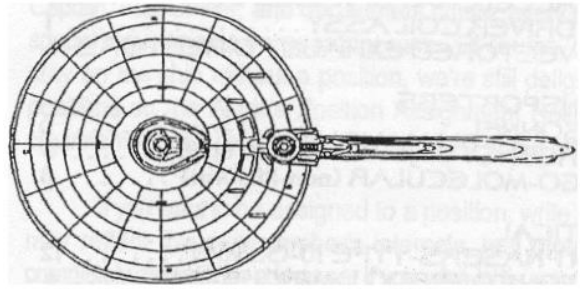
"LANCELOT" PRIMARY FORCE FIELD AND DEFLECTOR CONTROL SYSTEM  
"CONUS II" SENSOR AND FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM  
CGCP/SCDS CLOAKING GENERATION, PENETRATION, AND STASIS COUNTERMEASURE SYSTEM

## PROPULSION:

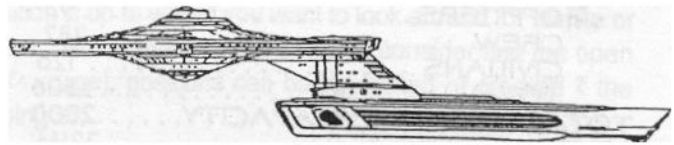
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(2) RSM SUBATOMIC UNIFIED ENERGY IMPULSE UNITS  
QASR PARTICLE BEAM MANEUVERING THRUSTERS  
"TRENTIS" PULSED LASER REACTION CONTROL SYSTEM

## LIFE SUPPORT:

MC-3A ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY GENERATOR  
"RASTIS" RADIATION PROTECTION PACKAGE (MODIFIED)  
"CERIX" WASTE REGENERATION SYSTEMS



Top View of the Saladin Class USS Alaric



Side View of the Saladin Class USS Alaric



# JOIN THE CREW!!!

We're glad you have chosen to join us here on the USS Alaric, one of the finest chapters in STARFLEET. We hope you will enjoy being with us. If you have any questions, comments, problems, ideas, gripes, announcements, or just want to communicate, let us know. The Alaric is here solely for the benefit of its members and we want to be sure they're having fun ... So, keep your hailing frequencies open. Again ...

***WELCOME ABOARD THE USS ALARIC NCC-503!***



*"Exploring and Defending the Frontier of the Federation ...  
We'll get by with a little help from our friends."*



Space Day recruiting table



Triple Falls hiking away mission



Geek Out recruiting table



Movie Night



July 2013 Meeting



2012 Asheville Comic Expo  
recruiting table



# CONSTITUTION FOR THE U.S.S. ALARIC (A STAR TREK FAN CLUB)

(ratified 9706.14)

## ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

### SECTION 1. CLUB NAME

This club shall be known as the U.S.S. Alaric. This club may also be referred to as the "Star Trek Club Alaric" or as the "Alaric".

### SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The Alaric shall serve as an organization through which like-minded people may gather together to share their interest and enthusiasm in STAR TREK and science-fiction and provide charitable and educational service to the community. The club will have a futuristic space-faring aspect similar to Starfleet as presented in STAR TREK, but it will not lean toward the paramilitary.

### SECTION 3. AFFILIATION

The Alaric will be a chapter (starship NCC-503) of STARFLEET, THE INTERNATIONAL STAR TREK FAN ASSOCIATION, INC. (hereafter referred to as STARFLEET).

### SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP

In order to be a member, a person must:

- a) have paid their STARFLEET dues,
- b) be in good standing with STARFLEET and with the Alaric, and
- c) have filled out and turned in to the Alaric the appropriate STARFLEET membership verification paperwork.

The general membership of the Alaric shall constitute the Alaric Council.

### SECTION 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Executive Secretary, and any Department Chiefs. The Executive Committee shall carry out the executive and administrative activities of the club.

The officers shall have the authority to make routine daily business decisions without the specific approval of the Alaric Council, but changes in club policy must be approved by the Council.

Only active members may serve as officers or Department Chiefs. An active member is a member who contributes regularly to the club newsletter or meetings, and who participates in club functions.

### SECTION 6. DUES/FEES

This club may require reasonable fees for publications or membership, subject to majority approval of the Alaric Council.

## **SECTION 7. DEFERRALS**

Any and all matters not addressed in this Constitution are deferred to the Alaric Crew Handbook and the STARFLEET Membership Handbook/Constitution.

# **ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT CHIEFS**

## **SECTION 1. PRESIDENT**

The President may also be referred to as the Chairman or Captain or Commanding Officer (CO).

The President shall:

- a) be the official representative of the club;
- b) be responsible for making members aware of changes in STARFLEET;
- c) be responsible for interactions and relations between the Alaric and other organizations, including handling all necessary STARFLEET paperwork as defined in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, Constitution, and newsletters;
- d) preside over club meetings and events, or appoint other members (preferably other officers or department heads) to preside over club meetings and events;
- e) handle club monies and make monthly treasury reports, or appoint a member to function as finance officer (treasurer) who carries out this responsibility;
- f) manage the membership records of the club;
- g) have responsibility for and final approval of the club newsletter, club fanzine, membership materials, and the official club internet web page;
- h) appoint Department Chiefs according to the procedure outlined in the Alaric Crew Handbook; and
- i) have the authority to remove a Department Chief from their position, subject to majority approval of the Executive Committee.

Routine financial transactions of the club may be conducted by the President as part of his/her responsibilities, provided they do not exceed 10% of the club treasury. Financial transactions exceeding 10% of the club treasury need to be approved beforehand by the Alaric Council.

The President may solicit the aid of other officers, department heads, and other members (staff) to help in carrying out his/her duties.

The President may expel members from the Alaric, subject to approval of the Alaric Council, but he/she may not expel members from STARFLEET. Written justification for expelling members from the Alaric must be submitted to the STARFLEET Executive Committee.

The President can be removed from office by majority vote of the Alaric Council. The Vice-President shall preside over the proceedings governing the removal of the President from office.

## **SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Vice-President may also be referred to as the Vice-Chairman or First Officer or Executive Officer (XO).

The Vice-President assists the President in carrying out his/her duties, including overseeing and coordinating the local activities of the club and the activities of the various departments (exclusive of the duties assigned to other officers). The Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities and authority of the President in the President's absence, and therefore must be qualified, willing, and able to take over the responsibilities of the President.

The Vice-President may solicit the aid of other members (staff) in carrying out his/her duties.

The Vice-President can be removed from office by majority vote of the Alaric Council.

### **SECTION 3. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The Executive Secretary may also be referred to as the Second Officer (SO).

The Executive Secretary assists the President and Vice-President in carrying out their duties, and is responsible for the taking of minutes and coordinating the club's charitable activities. The Executive Secretary shall assume the responsibilities and authority of the Vice-President in the Vice-President's absence, and therefore must be qualified, willing, and able to take over the responsibilities of the Vice-President.

The Executive Secretary may solicit the aid of other members (staff) in carrying out his/her duties.

The Executive Secretary can be removed from office by majority vote of the Alaric Council.

### **SECTION 4. DEPARTMENT CHIEFS**

Members who wish to serve as a Department Chief must be a graduate of OTS and must follow the Department Chief guidelines as stated in the Alaric Crew Handbook.

### **SECTION 5. ORDER OF AUTHORITY**

The order of authority shall be as follows: President, followed by Vice-President, followed by Executive Secretary, followed by the department heads (with the order of the department heads being defined by the President).

### **SECTION 6. VACANCIES**

If the office of President becomes vacant, then the Vice-President will become President. If the office of Vice-President becomes vacant, then the Executive Secretary will become Vice-President. If the office of Executive Secretary becomes vacant, then the President shall appoint a qualified, willing, and able member to that office, subject to the majority vote approval of the Alaric Council. No member may serve as any two or all three of the following officers at the same time: President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary.

### **SECTION 7. BIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

All officers (including the President, Vice-President, and Executive Secretary) will be elected by popular vote of the Alaric Council. The following procedure will be followed during officer elections:

(1) Elections for all officers will be held once every two years.

(2) Officer qualifications:

A) Candidates for all offices must be active Alaric members who have been Alaric members for at least two years;

B) All candidates must be graduates of STARFLEET's Starfleet Academy Officer's Training School (OTS) and Officer's Command College (OCC);

C) Candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Executive Secretary must be at least 18 years old.

(3) A qualified member must be nominated for an office by a member, with the nomination seconded by another member, in order to become a candidate to the office. If, during the nomination process, an office does not have a candidate, then the President may appoint a member to the office, subject to vote of the Alaric Council. Incumbent officers are automatically candidates to their office unless they decide not to run for re-election.

(4) Nominations of candidates must be made at least two months prior to the election, to allow notice of said candidates to be made in the club newsletter.

(5) The elections will take place by written secret ballot at the September business meeting of odd-numbered years. Mail-in balloting (using authorized ballots) will be allowed for members who cannot attend the meeting.

(6) If there is more than one candidate for an office, then the candidate with the majority of votes cast is elected.

(6a) If there is only one candidate for an office, then the vote will be a confidence vote for that candidate (with the voters indicating yes or no) and the candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast (i.e., more yes votes than no votes) to be elected.

(6b) If there are 2 or more candidates for an office and no candidate receives a majority of votes cast, then the outgoing President will select one of the candidates as the provisional winner. This provisional winner will then be subject to a confidence vote as in (6a) above.

(6c) In the event that a candidate subject to a confidence vote is not elected, then the outgoing President will select a qualified member (who is able and willing to serve) as the provisional winner. This provisional winner will then be subject to a confidence vote as in (6a) above.

(6d) If the procedures outlined in (6a)-(6c) do not succeed in filling a position during an election cycle, then the position will be considered vacant and succession will occur per Article II, Section 6.

## **SECTION 8. OFFICER RANK**

There shall be a distinction between officer positions and officer rank. In this club, an officer will be a member who has been elected to an office (President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary) established by this Constitution and its Amendments. New offices must be established by constitutional amendment. Officer rank is a fictional aspect based on the STAR TREK universe and can be acquired through completion of STARFLEET Academy course work or Alaric promotion points or as otherwise established by STARFLEET or the Alaric.

# **ARTICLE III. ALARIC COUNCIL**

## **SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Alaric Council shall be comprised of the general membership and shall be responsible for approving the election and removal of officers, confirming the revocation of Alaric membership, voting on proposed Amendments, and voting on business matters such as the determination of fees.

## **SECTION 2. VOTING PROCEDURES**

### **SUB-SECTION A. VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Each member twelve years of age or older shall have one vote.

Members less than twelve years of age shall not automatically be eligible to vote. Members less than twelve years of age must petition the Alaric's Captain in writing asking to vote in Alaric elections and other voting matters. The petition must be made in the petitioner's own handwriting, done without assistance, and must demonstrate a basic understanding of the Alaric and Starfleet principles and/or current issues.

The Captain will introduce the petition at the next regular meeting and call for discussion, if any. The petitioner has the right to state his/her case in person at the meeting. Members present will vote. A two-thirds majority vote of those present is required to instate the voting rights of the petitioner. The petitioner is not eligible to vote in this petition process.

Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution or its Amendments, all subjects requiring a vote shall pass by simple majority of those members voting at the business meeting at which the voting is conducted. All references to 'approval by the Alaric Council' or 'vote of the Alaric Council' refer to approval by those members casting votes.

## **SUB-SECTION B. QUORUM**

A quorum of members must be present before voting at meetings may take place. A quorum is defined as at least half of the average number of members who have attended the last three regularly-scheduled business meetings, with the following stipulation: at least three members, which includes at least one elected officer, must be present.

## **SUB-SECTION C. SECRET BALLOT**

Votes cast for the election of officers shall be made by written secret ballot. Approval of Constitutional Amendments shall be by written ballot. Voting on all other matters requiring a vote shall be conducted by a show of hands for votes taking place at meetings or in writing for votes being cast through the mail.

## **SUB-SECTION D. VOTING BY CORRESPONDENCE**

In the voting for the election of officers and the approval of Constitutional Amendments, mail-in ballots will be allowed in addition to votes cast at meetings.

# **ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended, altered, repealed, or superseded, either in whole or in part, by two-thirds majority vote of the Alaric Council. Any member may propose an amendment. Proposed amendments must be made by the member in writing and must be printed in the club newsletter before voting takes place. A discussion period of at least two months (approximately 60 days) must follow the proposal before voting takes place.

Amendments shall be worded so that they replace the amended section(s) in their entirety with the new wording of the proposed amendment.



# ***USS Alaric History***

The USS Alaric has a 30+ year history. The Timeline below describes monthly events and begins in March of 1983.

## ***USS Alaric Timeline***

- 8303.00            The Alaric's first newsletter comes out and is called the BRIDGE BULLETIN. It is xeroxed sheets, 8 1/2" by 11".
- 8306.19            On this Sunday, a meeting is held at Godfather's Pizza in Hickory, NC to organize the Alaric members in the western end of the state. This was in the days before the shuttlecraft program had been instituted and at this time the Alaric was divided into Deck 1, the eastern end of the state, and Deck 2, the western end of the state.
- 8307.31            Dr Diane Crane becomes Dr Diane Sharle and moves to Virginia.
- 8312.00            Dr Sharle resigns as CO of the Alaric because of her heavy work schedule and new marriage.
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- 8401.00            Eric Stilwell resigns as President of Starfleet.
- 8401.00            Susan Lee, a nurse who lived in Asheville, NC and was the CO of the Alaric's Deck 2, becomes the Alaric's new Captain.
- 8402.00            Grant Roseback designs the Alaric's distinctive and elegant logo and it is adopted by the crew.
- 8403.00            Fran Booth becomes the new Commander of Starfleet.
- 8405.00            The first edition of the Alaric's new newsletter, the CAROLINA COMMUNICATOR, is printed and mailed.
- 8406.00            The Alaric's first shuttlecraft, the Galileo II NCC-503/1 (formerly Deck 1), is formed in Raleigh, NC and its CO is Arlene Mabry.
- 8406.01            STAR TREK 3: THE SEARCH FOR SPOCK opens in theaters around the country.
- 8409.23            Susan Lee, the Alaric's Captain, and Mark Bolick, another crewmember, are married in Asheville, NC.
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- 8503.00            The Alaric's Wheels for David Fund is created. David Rich is a crewmember with cerebral palsy.
- 8505.00            The Alaric's second shuttle, the Southern Star NCC-503/2, is launched in Charlotte, NC with CMDR Ronnie Byram as its CO.
- 8509.00            T-shirts printed on the front with the Alaric logo are made available for Alaric crewmembers.
- 8510.00            In order to provide a more equitable method of granting rank increases, the first version of the Alaric Points and Promotion System is created and distributed to the crew.
- 8510.00            Captain Susan Bolick is granted a promotion to Commodore by Starfleet HQ because of an outstanding OTS score.
- 8511.00            Commodore Susan Bolick is asked by Starfleet HQ to become Regional Coordinator of Region One. She is

promoted to Rear Admiral and turns the helm of the Alaric over to its First Officer, Jeannette Maddox.

8512.00 CMDR Maddox is promoted to Captain by Starfleet HQ and becomes the CO of the Alaric.

8601.00 Steve Smith becomes President of Starfleet.

8601.28 The NASA space shuttle Challenger tragedy.

8602.08 The shuttle Galileo II puts on a one day con in Raleigh called Genesis Khan and raises \$811 to donate to Duke Children's Hospital.

8603.00 An Alaric crewmember, Steve Allred, creates and becomes the first director of Starfleet Academy's Vulcan Academy of Science.

8607.00 The Alaric's newsletter, CAROLINA COMMUNICATOR, gets a new look and goes to booklet form instead of 8 1/2" by 11" sheets.

8609.06 The crewmembers of the Alaric celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Star Trek at a bash hosted by the shuttle Southern Star.

8610.00 The Alaric's first shuttle, Galileo II NCC-503/1, in Raleigh, NC is reassigned as the Starfleet ship USS Endeavor NCC-1716.

8610.00 The Alaric's fourth shuttle, Aldebaron NCC-503/4, is formed in Taylorsville, NC with LT Sonya Moore as its CO.

8611.11 The Alaric crew attends a lecture given by Leonard Nimoy at University of North Carolina-Charlotte and collects autographs.

8611.25 STAR TREK 4: THE VOYAGE HOME opens in theaters across the country and the Alaric has information tables at theaters in Asheville and Greensboro.

8612.12 The shuttle Southern Star hosts the Alaric Christmas Party.

8702.00 Starfleet HQ announces that the Alaric's newsletter, CAROLINA COMMUNICATOR, has been given Starfleet's award for best bi-monthly newsletter of 1986.

8702.00 Starfleet HQ also announces that the shuttle Southern Star's newsletter wins Starfleet's award for Honorable Mention in the monthly newsletter category for 1986.

8703.14 Alaric members help man the phones for North Carolina's PBS TV station's fund raising drive.

8703.28 The Alaric crew provides all the Star Trek/Starfleet entertainment at StellarCon in Greensboro, NC.

8704.00 Alaric crewmembers in Asheville and Greensboro participate in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon. The Asheville group wins a plaque from the Asheville March of Dimes for "Best New Team" and "Best Walker Average".

8704.00 Starfleet HQ announces that the USS Alaric has won the big one -- Chapter of the Year for 1986.

8706.00 The Alaric adopts its very own mascot, Regulus, a humpback whale, through the Whale Adoption Project in Falmouth, MA.

8706.00 The Alaric shuttlecraft, Southern Star, is reassigned as the Starfleet ship USS Hornet NCC-1714.

8707.31 The Alaric hosts a weekend campout, J.T.Kon, at Etowah, NC.

8709.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION premiers.  
8712.07 The USS Hornet hosts their usual fabulous Christmas Party.

8803.26 Alaric crewmembers man the Star Trek/Starfleet room at StellarCon in Greensboro, NC.  
8804.00 Alaric crewmembers in Asheville and Greensboro participate in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon and raise a total of \$678.50.  
8805.00 The Alaric receives a Distinguished Service Award from the Region One Regional Coordinator, RADM Linda Neighbors, for its outstanding performance in the 1988 March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon.  
8806.00 The Alaric shuttle North Star is reassigned as the Starfleet ship USS Bonaventure NCC-102.  
8806.30 The Alaric hosts Festival!, (formerly J.T.Kon), a week-end campout in Boone, NC. It is attended by over 40 Alaric, Hornet, and Bonaventure crewmembers and family.  
8808.00 The fifth Alaric shuttle, Adventurer NCC-503/5, is launched in Knoxville/Oak Ridge, TN with Joy Gilbert as its CO.  
8808.00 CAPT Maddox becomes Vice Regional Coordinator of Region One and is promoted to Commodore.  
8808.15 The CO of the Alaric, COMM Jeannette Maddox, announces her candidacy for Fleet Admiral (President) of Starfleet.  
8810.00 Alaric crewmembers man a Starfleet/Alaric information table at RoVaCon in Roanoke, VA.  
8811.00 Alaric crewmembers represent Starfleet at SilverCon in Asheville, NC.

8901.00 Alaric decides to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program.  
8901.01 COMM Jeannette Maddox is promoted to Fleet Admiral and assumes office as President of Starfleet. She turns the helm of the Alaric over to its First Officer, CMDR Neta Cox.  
8904.29 Alaric crewmembers participate in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon in Asheville and raise a total of \$291.62.  
8904.08 The Alaric shuttle Adventurer is reassigned as the Starfleet ship USS Adventurer NCC-1600.  
8906.00 CMDR Neta Cox resigns as First Officer and Acting Captain of the Alaric due to an impending move, although she remains an active member of the crew.  
8906.00 RADM Susan Bolick returns to active duty as the Acting Captain of the Alaric.  
8906.09 Alaric crewmembers man a Starfleet/Alaric information table in Asheville during the opening of STAR TREK 5: THE FINAL FRONTIER.  
8907.15 Alaric crewmembers help with the Starfleet information table at Shore Leave, the East Coast Conference in Baltimore, MD.  
8907.28 The Alaric hosts Festival!, the annual Alaric weekend campout in Boone, NC.  
8908.00 Due to the imminent arrival of RADM Bolick's second child, FADM Maddox resumes command of the Alaric.  
8912.00 Alaric crewmembers attend Hornet Christmas party,

proceeds from an auction at which were donated to Hurricane Hugo relief.

- 9002.24 Mark Bolick is asked to take command of Alaric as Acting Captain.  
Recycling of aluminum cans re-emphasized.
- 9005.26 First Annual Alaric ST/SF Video Movie Festival held at crewmember Mike Conley's residence in Marion, NC.
- 9006.00 Crewmembers Brad Harmon and Mike Conley (with Sarah Brafford of the Rebel) man a table at the Boone, NC Waldenbooks and recruit members for the Alaric's new travel pod, the Daniel Boone.
- 9006.23 Alaric Yard Sale at National Guard Armory, Asheville, North Carolina.
- 9007.07 ST Computer Gaming Festival, Richard & Shirley Heim's residence in Asheville, NC.
- 9007.27 The Alaric hosts Festival!, the annual Alaric weekend campout in Boone, NC.
- 9009.00 Alaric begins collecting canned food donations for Manna Food Bank.
- 9010.20 Alaric's Brad Harmon and the Daniel Boone travel pod sponsor another Starfleet display at Waldenbooks in Boone, NC.
- 9011.10 Starfleet/Alaric flyers distributed at one-day ST minicon held in Asheville, NC.
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- 9101.01 Alaric receives Starfleet Unit Distinguished Service Award for charitable activities.
- 9101.19 Travel pod Daniel Boone provides security at Trek-O-Rama one-day ST convention in Charlotte, NC.
- 9102.02 Travel pod Daniel Boone achieves shuttle status (NCC-503/8), name changed to Celestial Dragon.
- 9102.09 Alaric begins donating ST & SF books to Pack Memorial Library in Asheville, NC.
- 9103.09 Richard Heim is asked to take command of Alaric as Acting Captain.
- 9104.20 Day-long Open House meeting, consisting of videos, display room, panel discussion, and trivia contest, held at Pack Library as part of Alaric membership drive.
- 9104.26 Alaric members help with security at Magnum Opus Con 6, Greenville, SC, April 26-28.
- 9105.18 The first 1991 Alaric ST/SF Video Movie Festival held at crewmember Terry Barnes' residence in Asheville, North Carolina.
- 9105.25 The first 1991 ST Computer Gaming Festival, Richard & Shirley Heim's residence, Asheville, NC.
- 9106.00 Pack Library asks Alaric to provide display case materials for Buncombe County Library System summer reading program on outer space.
- 9107.00 Captain Richard Heim presents slide show on astronomy & space exploration at Swannanoa Public Library as part of summer program.
- 9106.22 The second 1991 Alaric ST/SF Video Movie Festival held at crewmember Mike Conley's Marion, NC residence.
- 9107.00 Alaric Handbook and Promotion Points System are revised.

- 9107.20 The Alaric hosts Festival!, the annual Alaric weekend campout in Boone, NC.
- 9107.27 The second 1991 ST Computer Gaming Festival, Richard & Shirley Heim's residence, Asheville, NC.
- 9108.00 A chapter constitution for the Alaric is written and presented to the membership for adoption.
- 9108.17 Fund-raising yard sale at Asheville quarters of Jere Shiver & Mark Gassman.
- 9109.14 Video Movie Festival at Pack Library, open to the public, coinciding with ST's 25th anniversary. Constitution approved by membership, Richard Heim elected as President (Captain) with Janice Self as Vice-President (XO), Charlotte Teague as Editor, and Jim McCormack as Secretary.
- 9109.19 Begin holding a second regular meeting every month as an experiment.
- 9111.16 Alaric has recruiting table and helps with video room, trivia contest, and security, at Asheville Comic Book & ST mini-con.
- 9112.06 Alaric has recruiting table December 6 & 7 at Biltmore Square Mall theater for opening of STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY.
- 9112.08 Alaric receives Starfleet Region One Unit Distinguished Service Award for charitable activities.
- 9201.18 The first 1992 Alaric ST/SF Video Movie Party held at Brad Harmon's Marion residence.
- 9203.00 Alaric offers club iron-on transfers for club t-shirts as fund raiser.
- 9203.26 Alaric helps with convention security, helps man the Starfleet recruiting table, and mans the scholarship raffle table at the Starfleet Region One Conference at Magnum Opus Con 7, March 26-29, in Greenville, SC.
- 9204.11 Brad Harmon reports that he saved the life of a grocery store employee by administering CPR to prevent the man from choking to death.
- 9204.25 The first gaming session (computer, trivia, board games, etc.) of 1992, at the Heim residence, Asheville, serving as the kickoff event of our 10th anniversary celebration.
- 9205.01 Alaric has recruiting table and helps run registration, video room, security, dealers room, and hospitality suite at Ballad Trek, a local ST/SF convention, held May 1-3 at the Great Smokies Hilton.
- 9205.16 Video Festival at Mike Conley's Marion residence.
- 9205.25 Alaric wins Federation-Klingon "Blood Feud" blood drive for Red Cross, May 25-29.
- 9206.20 The second gaming session of 1992, at Heim residence.
- 9207.11 The Alaric's eighth shuttle is reassigned as the starship USS Celestial Dragon, NCC-71810.
- 9207.24 Alaric hosts Festival!, the annual weekend campout in Boone, NC.
- 9208.22 Alaric participates in the McDowell Arts and Crafts Association day-long Science Fair in Marion, NC. Brad Harmon mans recruiting table and participates in ST skit while Richard Heim presents astronomy/space exploration slide show.
- 9208.29 Alaric crew participates in costume contest sponsored by local Hallmark store as promotion for their ST

- products. Member Sheila Thomas wins first prize with her Scottish engineering costume.
- 9209.12 Starfleet members in Greenville, SC petition the Alaric to be their mothership, form shuttle Leif Ericson (NCC-503/9).
- 9209.12 First Amendment to Constitution is passed. Richard Heim re-elected as CO.
- 9209.19 Day-long Open House meeting, held at Pack Library as part of the Alaric's tenth anniversary celebration. Includes display table, videos, trivia contest, computer gaming.
- 9209.20 The Alaric joins the Khitomer Compact, which is a peace and cooperation agreement between the various ST clubs in the Asheville area. The Compact was initiated by Captain Heim with all participating clubs contributing to the final draft.
- 9210.17 Halloween/10th Anniversary Party at Harmon's Marion residence.
- 9211.21 Alaric has recruiting table at ST/Comics mini-convention, Asheville, NC, and helps run trivia contest & video room.
- 9212.12 Alaric begins putting club publications to audio tape for hearing impaired members.
- 9212.12 Second Amendment to Constitution is passed.
- 9301.00 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE premieres.
- 9301.01 Rob Lerman elected President of Starfleet.
- 9301.05 Alaric competes with local Romulan club in another "Blood Feud" blood drive for Red Cross and wins. Local TV station (WLOS-TV) provides news coverage.
- 9301.10 Begin holding two regular meetings per month, with CO Heim presiding over Saturday meetings, XO Self presiding over Sunday meetings.
- 9304.17 Alaric upgrades from Original Series-era Saladin class destroyer to Next Gen-era "Alaric class" heavy destroyer.
- 9305.21 Alaric members help run Ballad Trek II, May 21-23, doing Con Ops, Troubleshooting, video room, filking, Federation Feud, and Rocky Horror Picture Show Live, and helping with security and registration.
- 9306.12 Begin conducting door prize drawings at the monthly meetings.
- 9306.19 Away Team to Carowinds for Paramount's STAR TREK Earth Tour, Charlotte, NC.
- 9306.26 Alaric runs security, helps with registration, and mans recruiting table at Trek-O-Rama mini-convention at UNC-A Lipinsky Hall. Treat guest Mark Lenard to dinner at Steak and Ale restaurant.
- 9307.00 Month-long "Blood Feud" blood drive for local Red Cross, Alaric beats local Romulan club.
- 9307.10 Alaric raffles Hallmark ST Enterprise Starglobe as fund raiser.
- 9307.11 Alaric receives Starfleet Region One Unit Distinguished Service Award for helping at Ballad Trek II and Trek-O-Rama conventions.
- 9307.17 Away Team to Discovery Place in Charlotte, NC.
- 9307.31 Video Festival & PC Gaming Session, Heim residence, Asheville, NC.
- 9308.29 The Alaric's ninth shuttle is reassigned as the starship



USS Leif Ericson, NCC-71818.

9309.04        Begin holding staff meetings the weekend before the regular meeting.

9309.18        Open House held September 18-19, Pack Library, with videos, displays, trivia contest, reading session, door prize drawings.

9309.26        Alaric has recruiting table at Ballad Trek Micro-Con, and runs video room.

9310.09        Richard Heim re-elected as CO. Recreation/Gaming department created.

9311.00        New design for CAROLINA COMMUNICATOR.

9311.20        Away Team to "Space According to Earth" display at Colburn Gem & Mineral Museum in Pack Place, Asheville, NC.

9311.21        Alaric has recruiting table and helps run Comix-Trek mini-convention, Asheville, NC.

9312.12        Alaric Christmas Party.

9401.09        Jigsaw Puzzle Party at the Heim's residence, Asheville.

9401.14        Regular monthly stargazing get-togethers commence, Blue Ridge Parkway between Asheville and Mt. Pisgah. Organized by Astrophysics Dept (Susan Vaughn).

9401.22        ST Role Playing Gaming at Susan Vaughn's residence, Asheville, NC.

9402.00        Alaric wins "Blood Feud" Red Cross blood drive against local Romulan club.

9402.12        Begin scheduling ST Role Play Gaming at Susan Vaughn's residence after the Saturday monthly meetings.

9402.26        Capt. Heim presents slide show on ST conventions & Alaric at local Mensa group meeting. Gaming Dept holds poker gaming session.

9403.19        Backgammon Gaming Session, South Buncombe Branch Library.

9403.26        Galactic Computer Gaming Meeting, Susan Vaughn's residence.

9404.09        Third Amendment to Constitution is passed.

9404.16        Scrabble Gaming Session, Susan Vaughn's residence.

9405.00        STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION series finale.

9405.20        Alaric's first Gaming Festival with Open House, May 20-22, Warren Wilson College gymnasium.

9405.25        Alaric Computer Operations Dept sets up message base & file transfer system on local BBS (Rhapsody).

9406.00        Go back to holding just one regular meeting per month.

9406.11        Fourth Amendment to Constitution is passed.

9406.25        Away Team Hike to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cades Cove, Abrams Falls.

9407.00        Alaric conducts blood drive for local Red Cross. XO Janice Self appointed STARFLEET Region One Chief Quartermaster.

9407.16        Filking Session at Bolick residence, Weaverville.

9407.30        Summer Video Festival, Mike Conley's residence, Marion.

9408.13        Fortean Research Dept. created.

9408.26        Alaric helps run Ballad Trek III, August 26-28, Radisson Hotel, Asheville. The Alaric runs ConOps, TacOps (Troubleshooting), dealers room, video room, filking, registration, and trivia contest. The Starfleet chapter, USS Appalachian, runs security. Alaric raffles

Hallmark ST Enterprise-D Starglobe as fund raiser.

9409.10 Officer elections held, Richard Heim retires from the Captaincy. Janice Self elected Captain, Mark Bolick XO, Richard as Chief Operations Officer (Secretary - Editor). Mark begins working to meet XO qualifications.

9409.17 EGA Trek/Galactic Computer Gaming Session, Susan Vaughn's quarters, Asheville.

9409.24 Alaric helps run Trek for Food charitable ("food-raising") event, Marion, NC.

9410.08 Alaric drops support of Whale Regulus (due to no sightings recently).

9410.15 Backgammon Gaming Session, Susan Vaughn's quarters, Asheville.

9411.00 A Word in Edgewise, the Alaric's Captain's Log Supplement, premieres.

9411.00 Former long-time Alaric member, David Rich, passes away.

9411.19 Board Gaming Session, Tammy Horton's quarters, Bostic, NC.

9412.00 Alaric has recruiting table at Biltmore Square Mall theater for opening of STAR TREK GENERATIONS.

9412.10 Alaric Christmas Party.

9412.15 Alaric receives Starfleet Region One Unit Distinguished Service Award for charitable activities.

9501.00 First appearance of computer graphics (GIF files) in CC. STAR TREK: VOYAGER premieres.

9501.01 Dan McGinnis elected President of STARFLEET.

9501.14 Regulus sighted recently....Alaric re-adopts the whale.

9501.21 First 1995 Computer Gaming Session, Susan Vaughn's quarters, Asheville.

9501.29 Puzzle & Board Gaming Session, Heim quarters, Asheville.

9502.18 Winter Video Festival, Heim quarters.

9503.00 Computer Operations Dept makes available computer software and graphics file library.

9503.11 Science Specs, the Alaric's science newsletter, premieres.

9503.31 Alaric provides gaming support, runs filking, and helps run blood drive at Region One Summit, Gatlinburg, TN, March 31-April 2.

9505.13 Mark Bolick fails to meet qualifications for XO. Under threat of ship decommissioning from STARFLEET, Susan Vaughn becomes XO.

9505.20 Alaric tours Buncombe County Waste Treatment Facility.

9505.27 Second 1995 Computer Gaming Session, Susan Vaughn's quarters, Asheville.

9506.10 Computer Operations Dept sets up Alaric home page on World Wide Web.

9507.00 Cmdr. Susan Vaughn selected as the Region One Chief Science Officer of the Quarter, the Alaric's Science Department selected as the Region One Department of the Quarter.

9507.13 Away Team to NASFIC Convention / STARFLEET International Conference, July 13-16, Atlanta, GA. Alaric's newsletter, Carolina Communicator, wins as Best Informative Newsletter in the Starfleet 1994 Newsletter of the Year Contest.

9507.22 Writer's Workshop, Barry Marshall's quarters.  
 9508.05 Computer Training Session.  
 9508.19 Yard Sale to raise funds for Meals on Wheels charity.  
 9509.01 Away Team to Ballad Trek IV Convention, September  
 1-3, Asheville, NC.  
 9509.09 Annual officer elections held. Janice Self elected CO,  
 Susan Vaughn XO, Richard Heim Chief Operations  
 Officer.  
 9509.16 Alaric tours Asheville-Buncombe Water Plant.  
 9509.30 Alaric helps run Trek for Food charitable event, Marion,  
 NC, Saturday afternoon.  
 Get-together that evening for Let's Get Metaphysical  
 Night.  
 9510.26 Away Team to Knight Star Con 1 / Region One  
 Conference, October 26-29, Charlotte, NC.  
 9511.00 Alaric World Wide Web home page debuts.  
 9511.00 Premiere issue of The Alaric Heim Page, the Alaric's  
 Operations-Planetary-Sciences-Fortean-Research  
 Department monthly newsletter.  
 9511.11 Third 1995 Computer Gaming Session, Susan Vaughn's  
 quarters.  
 9512.02 Second Let's Get Metaphysical Night, Vaughn quarters.  
 9512.09 Alaric conducts four fund-raising raffles: Andorian  
 figurine, Enterprise-D Star Globe, Klingon Bird of Prey  
 Star Globe, 1994 Hallmark Klingon Bird of Prey Xmas  
 ornament. The Alaric also conducts auction as a  
 fund-raiser.  
 9512.09 Alaric Christmas Party at South Buncombe Branch  
 Library.  
 9512.16 Computer Training Seminar (Internet), Vaughn quarters.  
  
 9601.13 Computer Graphics File Exchange at monthly GBM,  
 South Buncombe Branch Library.  
 9601.20 Lazertag expedition to Gatlinburg, TN.  
 9601.27 First 1996 Writer's Workshop with guest Dr. Bill  
 Forstchen, at Susan Vaughn's quarters.  
 9602.17 Winter Video Festival, Heim quarters.  
 9602.24 Puzzle Party, Heim quarters.  
 9603.00 STARFLEET recognizes the Alaric's newsletter, the  
 Carolina Communicator, as the Best Informative  
 Newsletter in the 1994 Newsletter of the Year Contest.  
 9603.08 Away Team to Region One Summit, March 8-10,  
 Gatlinburg, TN.  
 9603.22 Eliada Homes and Services for Children and Families  
 recognizes the Alaric for contributions of Campbells  
 food product labels, which Eliada uses to trade for  
 badly-needed equipment.  
 9603.23 Second 1996 Writer's Workshop held at South  
 Buncombe Branch Library.  
 9603.30 Computer Training Seminar (Internet), Vaughn quarters.  
 9604.06 Let's Get Metaphysical Night, Vaughn quarters.  
 9604.27 Alaric's Spring 1996 Open House, Lord Auditorium,  
 Pack Library, downtown Asheville, NC.  
 9605.00 Premiere issue of Krell's Cache, the Alaric's Computer  
 Operations Department newsletter.  
 9605.11 Away Team to Rock of Ages Convention, May 10-12,  
 Charlotte, NC.  
 9606.15 Shakespeare Video Festival, Vaughn quarters.  
 9606.22 Computer Training Seminar (WordPerfect), Vaughn

quarters.

9608.03 Capt. Janice Self's membership expires and she is unable to renew until after January 1 due to developments in her personal life. XO (second-in-command ) Susan Vaughn moves up to CO position, Chief Operations Officer (third-in-command ) Richard Heim moves up to XO position.

9608.29 Away Team to L.A. Con III, the 54th Annual World Science-Fiction Convention, August 29 to September 2, Los Angeles, CA.

9608.30 Away Team to Starfleet 1996 International Conference, August 30-September 1, Oklahoma City, OK.

9608.30 Away Team to Ballad Trek V Convention, August 30 - September 1, Asheville, NC.

9609.14 Officer elections held, Susan Vaughn elected CO, Richard Heim elected XO.

9609.14 Alaric Medical Department conducts CPR training after GBM, South Buncombe Branch Library, certifies two members!

9610.19 Computer Training Seminar (Windows), Vaughn quarters.

9610.25 Away Team to LaGrangeCon / Region One Conference, October 25-27, Cleveland, OH.

9611.15 Starfleet President Dan McGinnis resigns; since the Vice-Presidency is vacant, next-in-line Chief of Operations Jim Herring assumes command.

9611.22 Alaric has recruiting table Nov 22-23 at Biltmore Square Mall theater for opening of STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT.

9612.14 Annual Alaric Christmas Party.

9701.01 Michael Smith elected President of STARFLEET.

9701.04 Discussed pros and cons of charging local membership dues for Alaric, but changes not implemented.

9701.11 Membership surveyed for ideas for activities and opinions of potential changes.

9701.25 Puzzle Party at Heim quarters.

9702.04 Capt. Richard Heim is appointed to the Region One position, Assistant Regional Division Chief for Sciences.

9702.08 Promotion points workshop held. Alaric web page address changes to:

<http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/ian/alaric.htm>><http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/ian/alaric.htm></a>

9703.14 Capt. Vaughn relocates to new quarters.

9703.22 Away Team to Biltmore Iron & Metal Company (our preferred aluminum recycling facility).

9703.29 Web page design seminar (afternoon). Hale-Bopp comet-gazing party (evening).

9704.11 Away Team to Region One Summit, April 11-13, Gatlinburg, TN.

9704.13 USS Alaric wins two Region One 1996 awards: Ian Johnsson for Region One CompOps Chief of the Year, and Susan Vaughn for Region One Chief Science Officer of the Year.

9704.19 The Toxic Avenger, Mr. Don Yelton, speaks at the April GBM on the county's waste reduction activities.

9705.00 Cmdr. Barry Marshall appointed the NC/SC Assistant Regional Divisional Chief for Communications.

9705.10 Capt. Heim begins series of articles on Science in his monthly newsletter, The Alaric Heim Page.

9706.07 Let's Get Metaphysical Night, Vaughn quarters.

9706.14 Chapter Constitution revised and consolidated with passage of Amendment No. 5: Recodification of the Alaric Constitution and Its Amendments. Elected officers will

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serve for two-year terms, beginning with this September's election. Cmdr. Barry Marshall elected to newly-created office of Second Officer (Executive Secretary).

9707.12 Alaric Council approves free Carolina Communicator subscription to CC editor for duration of his/her editorship.

9708.30 Shakespeare Video Festival, Vaughn quarters.

9709.05 Away Team to Karmacon Convention, September 5-7, Asheville, NC. Alaric runs Gaming Room (computer gaming, puzzles, board games) and conducts Star Trek Trivia Contest, doorprize drawings, and seminar on science-fiction writing.

9709.13 Officer elections held: Susan Vaughn re-elected CO, Richard Heim re-elected XO, Barry Marshall re-elected SO.

9711.08 Star Trek Trivia Contest at November GBM.

9712.13 Annual Alaric Christmas Party.

9801.00 Alaric's 9801 issue of the Carolina Communicator is a special calendar issue available fleetwide.

9801.10 Alaric awarded Region One Distinguished Service Award for 1997. Puzzle party with videos at this month's GBM.

9801.28 Capt. Heim is appointed Chief Science Officer of the Alaric by CO, Capt. Vaughn.

9802.14 Valentine's Party with card games at this month's GBM.

9803.14 Board game party (Solarquest, Scrabble, Boggle) at this month's GBM.

9803.28 Capt. Heim, as R/1 Assistant RDC Sciences, takes over editing of Region One Sciences newsletter.

9804.03 Away team to Lost in Space movie.

9804.04 GBM held at Shoney's Restaurant. Afterwards, away teams to Lazertag and Lost in Space movie.

9804.17 Away Team to Region One Summit in Gatlinburg, TN, April 17-19.

9804.18 Region One Regional Coordinator, Adm. Linda Smith, retires as RC. VRC RAdm. Carolyn Donner appointed (by FAdm. Michael Smith) as Acting RC.

9804.19 Alaric takes home 3 awards at Summit: Capt. Heim chosen as the 1997 Department Chief (Sciences) of the Year, The Alaric Heim Page wins the 1997 Department Newsletter of the Year Award, and Cmdr. Ian Johnsson wins the Summit's Next Gen Alien Costume Award.

9805 Series of Vulcan Academy of Sciences Graduate Profile articles, written by R/1 Sciences ARDC and Alaric XO, Capt. Richard Heim, begin in the Starfleet Communique.

9805.02 Alaric Yard Sale, followed by barbecue.

9805.16 CompOps Dept. holds a graphics program workshop.

9806.06 Cmdr. Johnsson named the Ferengi Ambassador to the Region One Alien Ambassador Corps.

9806.13 Coupon Poker (to raise food coupons for Starfleet's Overseas Coupon Project) special activity after today's GBM.

9807.03 Cmdr. Ian "Krell" Johnsson's web site, Krell's Korner, chosen as the STARFLEET Office of Web Consultation Pick Of The Month.

9807.03 Away team to 1998 STARFLEET International Conference in Lubbock, TX July 3-5.

9807.05 Carolina Communicator receives Honorable Mention in the category of MOST INFORMATIVE newsletter published in 1997 in STARFLEET's 1998 Newsletter Contest.

9807.11 GBM held in library meeting room at Asheville Botanical



Gardens. Alaric Decorations Project approved by Alaric Council.

9808 Away team to Bucconeer, the 56th World Science-Fiction Convention, in Baltimore, MD August 5-9.

9809.26 Fortean Research Dept. sponsors field trip to Judaculla Rock.

9810.10 GBM held on grounds at North Carolina Arboretum.

9811.15 Capt. Susan Vaughn resigns as CO due to developments in her personal life. XO (second-in-command) Richard Heim moves up to CO position, and Second Officer (third-in-command) Barry Marshall moves up to XO position, per Alaric Constitution. Capt. Richard Heim appoints Capt. Janice Self as the new Second Officer and the Alaric Council votes to confirm the appointment.

9811.17 Planetary Sciences Dept. sponsors special stargazing party Tuesday night for Leonids Meteor Storm.

9811.21 Aluminum can crushing party.

9811.28 Region One VRC-RDC Program Coordinator, Comm. Willy Smith, announces that Capt. Richard Heim is appointed the new Region One RDC for Sciences.

9812.05 USS Alaric and USS Hornet go on joint field trip to Discovery Place in Charlotte, NC.

9812.12 After the monthly GBM, Alaric adjourns to local theater for mid-afternoon showing of Star Trek: Insurrection. Alaric does not have display booth, but does distribute extra Starfleet Communique newsletters, at two local theaters showing the new Star Trek movie. Annual Alaric Christmas Party held at Heim quarters after the movie.

9901.01 Michael Smith re-elected President of STARFLEET.

9902.20 Puzzle Party at Heim quarters.

9903.13 Alaric holds first "Starfleet Academy Day" to encourage crew to take Starfleet Academy courses. Barry Marshall resigns as XO due to impending move out of state. Janice Self resigns as Second Officer (SO).

9904.10 Cmdr. Ian "Krell" Johnsson agrees to serve as acting XO, 1LT. Chad Trantham agrees to serve as acting SO. With a growing contingent of Starfleet Marines and with its expanding science activities, the Alaric adopts a new motto: "Exploring and Defending the Frontier of the Federation."

9904.17 Away Team to the Star Trek Federation Science Exhibit at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia, SC.

9904.30 Away Team to Region One Summit, April 30-May 2, Gatlinburg, TN.

9905.00 Science RDC Capt. Richard Heim selects USS Hornet Chief Science Officer, Cmdr. David Klingman, as Assistant RDC.

9905.01 Alaric wins a Region One Silver Medal for MSR reporting consistency. Region One Sciences receives Region One Departmental Achievement Award.

9905.06 Cmdr. Ian "Krell" Johnsson passes Starfleet Academy's College of Trade and Commerce course, receiving the Grand Nagus Award of Excellence (COTAC Honors Society Award).

9905.08 Alaric Council votes to drop support of Stampede and Overseas Coupon projects, continues support of Eliada Children's Home Campbells Label project, decides to conduct auctions over eBay as club fund raiser.

9905.15 Aluminum can crushing party.

9906.00 Alaric command staff rely on email to discuss staff issues instead of holding monthly staff meetings.

9906.12 Upon candidates completing qualifying Starfleet Academy

- coursework, Alaric Council votes to confirm appointments of Ian Johnsson as XO and Chad Trantham as SO.
- 9906.18 Away Team to Star Wars I: The Phantom Menace movie.
- 9907.03 Computer Gaming Party organized by Cmdr. Ian Johnsson.
- 9907.10 Chad Trantham resigns as SO.
- 9908.06 Away Team to 1999 Starfleet International Conference in Charlotte, NC, August 6-8.
- 9908.07 At International Conference: Region One Sciences RDC, Capt. Heim, and ARDC, Capt. Klingman, run Fleet Sciences divisional meeting and conduct R/1 Science Panel presentation on Science in Star Trek and Star Trek's Science-Fiction Becoming Reality. Alaric XO, Cmdr. Ian Johnsson, inducted into 1999 Starfleet Academy Red Squad. Alaric newsletter, Carolina Communicator, recognized with an Honorable Mention for Most Informative Newsletter in the 1999 Starfleet Newsletter Contest. Alaric receives a Distinguished Service Award for our participation in Operation: Eagle, in support of the U.S. Armed Forces during Operation: Allied Force. Sarah Bolick passes the Starfleet Academy Cadet School.
- 9908.08 At International Conference: Alaric approached by group of Star Trek fans in Hickory, NC about serving as their mothership as they work to become a Starfleet shuttle.
- 9909.11 Biennial Alaric officer elections held: Capt. Richard Heim re-elected CO, Cmdr. Ian Johnsson re-elected XO.
- 9911.01 Capt. Richard Heim is promoted to the rank of Fleet Captain by the Starfleet Executive Committee.
- 9911.13 Conducted Star Trek trivia quiz and "Who Would Win?" discussion (1. Organians vs. Talosians, 2. Dominion [shapeshifters] vs. Borg, 3. Apollo vs. the Jedi Knights).
- 9911.20 Joint Away Team with USS Hornet to Leonard Nimoy's "The Search for Life" IMAX movie at Discovery Place in Charlotte, NC.
- 9912.11 Annual Alaric Christmas Party, except this year is a Christmas dinner at Quincy's Steakhouse. The CO's/CSO's newsletter, The Alaric Heim Page, which for the previous 5 years was published on a monthly schedule, goes to an irregular publishing schedule.
- 9912.31 Region One recognizes the USS Alaric with a Certificate of Appreciation for work done in 1999.
- 0001.00 The Alaric's bi-monthly newsletter, Carolina Communicator, is converted to an electronic (web page) format (i.e., web zine) with the <http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/> January 2000 issue
- 0002.12 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek Uno!
- 0002.19 Aluminum can crushing party.
- 0003.00 The Region One Sciences quarterly newsletter is converted to electronic (web page) format (i.e., web zine) with the <http://alaricrh.home.sprynet.com/science/nl/r1sci0003.htm> March 2000 issue
- 0003.11 In lieu of a General Business Meeting, Alaric crew gather for a "cleaning party" to prepare former member Mark Gassman's new apartment.
- 0003.17 Away Team to Fantasm 2K convention, March 17-19, Atlanta, GA.
- 0004.28 Away Team to 2000 Region One Summit in Gatlinburg, TN, April 28-30.
- 0004.29 At R/1 Summit: RDC FCapt. Richard Heim runs Sciences divisional meeting. RDC FCapt. Heim and ARDC Capt. Klingman announcement the winners of the first annual Region One Sciences department awards. USS Alaric awarded Gold Medal

for on-time reporting consistency. Region One selects Science RDC, FCapt. Heim, as Regional Department Chief of the Year (1999) and recognizes the Region One Science newsletter with a 1999 Communications Excellence award.

- 0005.00 The <a href="http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/">0005 issue</a> of the Carolina Communicator contains Part 1 of a Star Trek-James Bond parody, "The Universe Is Not Enough".
- 0005.13 Dale Anderson appointed as SO and confirmed by Alaric Council.
- 0006.29 Away Team to DragonCon, June 29-July 2, Atlanta, GA.
- 0007.00 The <a href="http://www.ussalaric.org/cc/">0007 issue</a> of the Carolina Communicator contains the concluding chapter of a Star Trek-James Bond parody, "The Universe Is Not Enough".
- 0007.08 Away Team to the Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain, NC.
- 0007.27 Capt. David Klingman resigns as R/1 Science ARDC due to Fleet-level politics.
- 0008.09 SO Dale Anderson coordinates Alaric's participation in Starfleet's Vessel Readiness Certification Program.
- 0009.02 The Region One Sciences newsletter wins in the Starfleet Annual Newsletter Contest as the Most Informative Black & White Newsletter.
- 0009.09 Cmdr. Ian "Krell" Johnsson resigns as Alaric XO due to Fleet-level politics. SO Lt. Dale Anderson becomes Alaric's new XO.
- 0009.15 RAdm. Susan Bolick and Cmdr. Mark Bolick are presented with the Good Conduct Award for 15 years of excellent membership involvement and participation in Starfleet Region One. FAdm. (Retired) Jeannette Maddox, RAdm. Susan Bolick, Cmdr. Mark Bolick, and the USS Alaric are presented with the Starfleet Region One Decade Award.
- 0009.16 Away Team to USS Reprisal's End of Summer Bash cookout, Kingsport, TN.
- 0010.00 New tv series, Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda, premieres.
- 0010.14 Special screening of Star Wars I: The Phantom Menace.
- 0010.27 Away Team to MOCToberfest convention, October 27-29, Atlanta, GA.
- 0011.11 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: trading cards.
- 0012.09 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek trivia contest. After short meeting we adjourned to Ryan's Family Steak House for our annual Christmas dinner.
- 0012.15 USS Alaric recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for the ship's exceptional support of Starfleet's Region One, its officers, members, and projects.
- 0101.01 Les Rickard elected President of STARFLEET.
- 0101.13 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek Monopoly game.
- 0102.10 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: special screening of Bicentennial Man.
- 0103.10 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: special screening of 2-hour pilot of new series, Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda.
- 0103.16 Away Team to MOC-16 convention, March 16-18, Atlanta, GA.
- 0103.24 Aluminum can crushing party.
- 0104.21 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek trivia contest and special screening of Trekkies movie.
- 0104.27 Away Team to April 27-29 <a href="http://www.ussalaric.org/regionone/2001summit/">Region One Summit</a>, Greensboro, NC.
- The Alaric is presented with the 2000 Region One Communications Excellence Award for the webzine newsletter, Carolina Communicator. Region One selects Science RDC, FCapt. Heim, as Regional Department

- Chief of the Year (2000). RDC FCapt. Heim runs Sciences divisional meeting at the Summit and announces the winners of the second annual Region One Sciences department awards.
- 0105.12 Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Fizzbin, played by the rules of Rummy.
- 0106.09 The Alaric Council voted to combine the Weapons and Security departments into a new Tactical Department. The special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek Monopoly game.
- 0106.23 Away Team to <http://www.ussalaric.org/regionone/0106iss/> International Space Station Exhibit
- 0107.14 XO Dale Anderson reported that the following Alaric departments have been VRCP-certified (Vessel Readiness Certification Program): Command, Sciences/Medical, Operations. Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek Uno and screened Making of Jurassic Park.
- 0107.21 Away Team to movie, Jurassic Park 3.
- 0108.04 XO Dale Anderson promoted to Lt.Cmdr. Special activity at this month's regular meeting: discussed the new Star Trek series, Enterprise, and played the Star Trek Trivia Game.
- 0109.08 Alaric biennial officer elections: Richard Heim re-elected as Commanding Officer (President), Dale Anderson re-elected as Executive Officer (Vice-President), Sheila Hand elected as Second Officer (Secretary). Special activity at this month's regular meeting: Star Trek: The Next Generation Monopoly game.
- 0110.13 XO Dale Anderson promoted to Cmdr. This month's fun activity: Star Trek Uno.
- 0111.10 Fun activity this month: Star Trek trivia contest.
- 0111.18 Alaric stargazers witness the wonder of the Leonid Meteor Shower.
- 0112.08 This year's Christmas party was held at the CO's home and included a Star Trek survey and games (Star Trek Uno).
- 0112.31 USS Alaric recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for the ship's exceptional support of Starfleet's Region One, its officers, members, and projects.
- 0201.12 Alaric Council discussed the merits of becoming a correspondence chapter (no decision was made regarding this).
- 0202.09 Fun activity this month: watched Enterprise episodes, "The Andorian Incident" and "Cold Front". Sheila Hand resigns as Second Officer due to other commitments.
- 0203.09 Fun activity this month: STNG episode, "Second Chance"
- 0204.13 The Alaric holds its last meeting at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The Asheville-Buncombe library system begins charging \$10/3 hours for use of meeting rooms due to the state/county budget crisis, and the club cannot afford this. Fun activity: STDS9 episode, "Trials & Tribble-ations"
- 0204.26 Away Team to April 26-28 Region One Summit, Pigeon Forge, TN. The Alaric is presented with the 2001 Region One Communications Excellence Award for the webzine newsletter, Carolina Communicator, and a Gold Medal for on-time reporting consistency. Cmdr. Dale Anderson runs the Sciences divisional meeting for RDC FCapt. Heim and announces the winners of the third annual Region One Sciences department awards.
- 0205.11 The Alaric begins holding the regular monthly meetings at members' homes.
- 0206.15 This month's regular monthly meeting begins at the Botanical Gardens of Asheville, with the crew exploring the garden before adjourning to Sasha's home for the regular meeting. The Alaric Council votes to change the Carolina Communicator publication

- schedule from bi-monthly to quarterly.
- 0207.13 Instead of having a regular monthly business meeting this month, the Alaric sends an away team to the "Space Toys" exhibit at the Schiele Museum in Gastonia, NC. In addition to the Space Toys exhibit, the crew enjoys the other museum exhibits which include North American Habitats and Wildlife, North Carolina Hall, Henry Hall of the American Indian, Robinson Hall of Earth & Man, and the Lynn Planetarium.
- 0208.17 The Alaric spends the next couple regular meetings preparing for Alaricon!
- 0209.14 In addition to preparing for Alaricon!, the fun activities this month were: Chess, STTNG episode "Relics".
- 0210.05 WASV Super 62 (the Greenville-Spartanburg UPN affiliate) [filmed a public service announcement](http://www.ussalaric.org/alaricon-filming-psa.html) for Alaricon! at the Asheville-Buncombe Pack Library and airs it several times this month.
- 0210.12 In addition to preparing for Alaricon!, the fun activity this month was playing The Perry Mason Game.
- 0210.26 [Alaricon!](http://www.ussalaric.org/alaricon.html), the Alaric's 20th Anniversary Open House held at Pack Library in downtown Asheville, NC. Activities include: videos, games, puzzles, doorprizes, displays, freebies, and two guest speakers: Brian Holloway (making Star Trek costumes) and Ralph Roberts (writing starship stories).
- 0211.09 Fun activities this month: Star Trek Uno, Stratego, The Perry Mason Game.
- 0212.09 FCapt. Richard Heim is promoted to the rank of Commodore by the Starfleet Executive Committee.
- 0301.01 Mike Mallotte elected President of STARFLEET.
- 0301.11 Fun activities this month: Star Trek Monopoly, away team to Star Trek Nemesis.
- 0302.08 Fun activities this month: Star Wars The Game of Life, Star Wars Stratego.
- 0303.08 Fun activities this month: watched The Outer Limits episode, "Tribunal", played Star Trek Uno and Star Wars Stratego.
- 0304.17 Away Team to Fantasm, April 17-20, Atlanta, GA.
- 0304.25 Away Team to April 25-27 Region One Summit, Pigeon Forge, TN. Alaric runs gaming room at the Summit. The Alaric is awarded a Gold Medal for perfect on-time reporting record. RDC Comm. Heim runs Sciences divisional meeting and announces the winners of the 2002 Region One Sciences department awards.
- 0308.09 Fun activities this month: 4-Player Stratego, Star Wars the Game of Life-A Jedi's Path.
- 0308.23 Alaricon 2003 -- Alaric's 21st Anniversary Open House -- held at the Pack Library Auditorium in downtown Asheville, NC. Games, videos (ST Classic: Squire of Gothos, STDS9: Defiant, ST: First Contact, STTNG: Descent Parts 1 & 2), doorprizes.
- 0309.13 Activities: recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Gaming at monthly meetings. Biennial officer elections were held at the September meeting; CO Richard Heim and XO Dale Anderson were re-elected.
- 0310.11 Fun activities this month: 3-Player & 4-Player Stratego.
- 0311.08 Fun activities this month: Axis and Allies.
- 0312.13 Fun activities this month: Scientists Card Game, Monopoly Card Game, Cogno: The Alien Adventure Game.
- 0401.10 Gaming at monthly meetings. In January we played Star



Wars: The Game of Life and watched the video, Mindmeld: Secrets Behind the Voyage of a Lifetime. Also, recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home.

0402.14 Gaming at monthly meetings. In February we played Axis and Allies. Also, recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home.

0403.13 Gaming at monthly meetings. In March we played Risk 2210 A.D. and 3-Player Stratego, and viewed a fan-video of Dr. Who (Dr. Who: Death Takes a Holiday).

0404.10 Gaming at monthly meetings. In April we played The Star Trek Game (from the 1960s) and Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path. STARFLEET Region One Commendations for Cmdr. Dale Anderson & Ens. Jeff Blackwell.

0404.30 to 0405.02 USS Alaric ran gaming room at Region One Summit in Pigeon Forge, TN. Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC Panel at the Summit in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2003 Region One Sciences department awards.

0405.08 Gaming at monthly meetings. In May we played Axis and Allies.

0406.12 Gaming at monthly meetings. In June we played Solarquest.

0407.10 Gaming at monthly meetings. In July we played Axis and Allies: D-Day and Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Quest. Also, recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home and Manna Food Bank.

0408.14 Gaming at monthly meetings. In August we played Fleets.

0409.11 The September meeting was canceled due to water and power outages in Asheville caused by flooding and wind from the remains of Hurricane Frances.

0410.09 Gaming at monthly meetings. In October we played Solarquest. Received a thank you letter from Manna Food Bank acknowledging Alaric's contribution of 54 pounds of food to help the needy in WNC.

0411.13 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Twilight Imperium).

0412.11 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Twilight Imperium).

0501.08 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played 4-Player Stratego). Alaric receives 2004 R/1 Certificate of Appreciation.

0502.12 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Star Wars The Game of Life-A Jedi's Path, and Star Trek Uno).

0503.12 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played the Star Trek Collectible Card Game and Twilight Imperium).

0504.09 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played the Star Trek Collectible Card Game; STTNG: A Game of Trivia, Exploration, and Discovery; Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path; Star Trek Uno; and 4-Player Stratego). Also, recycling aluminum; supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Sent away team to Colburn Science Museum April 17 to listen to former astronaut Dr. Story Musgrave speak.

0505.13 to 0505.15 Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC Panel at the Summit in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2004 Region One Sciences department awards.

0505.21 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Star Trek Uno and Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path). We also watched the Star Trek Enterprise episode, "In A Mirror, Darkly". In addition, we are recycling aluminum and

supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Sent away team to Spartanburg, SC May 13 to participate in a Star Trek Enterprise finale party sponsored and organized by the local UPN affiliate WASV. Also sent an away team to this year's Region One Summit in Charlotte, NC May 13-15, at which Alaric received a Region One Hailing Frequencies Award with Distinction (for perfect reporting record).

0506.11 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path, and MagBlast).

0507.09 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played Star Trek: The Game). We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home and Manna Food Bank. The Alaric Council voted to make the USS Alaric be a sistership to the USS Europe. The Alaric's new (probationary) Recreation Dept. Chief (Rachael Carlson) is developing ideas for club activities, including an away team trip to Carowinds in Charlotte, NC.

0508.13 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played the STTNG Interactive VCR Board Game: A Klingon Challenge, and Mars 2020). We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Changes in the department chief positions: Richard Heim changed to Planetary Sciences Dept. chief so Dennis Relyea could become Chief Sciences Officer; Lea Drawdy is the new Fortean Research Dept. chief; Nathan Brown is the new Communications Dept. chief (all are on a probationary status). Recreation Dept. chief Rachael Carlson is organizing a ship away team to Carowinds for Sept. 10, as a possible joint away team with crew from USS Hornet.

0509.17 Gaming at monthly meetings (this month we played the Battlestar Galactica board game). We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. The ship sent an away team to Carowinds Sept. 10. Ballots for our biennial officer elections were tallied at the Sept. 17 meeting, with CO Richard Heim and XO Dale Anderson being re-elected. Membership recruiting brochures/flyers being revised. The club also voted to donate \$50 to the American Red Cross for Katrina disaster relief, and voted to direct the CO to send in a nomination for an R/1 RC candidate, which he did. Chief Recreation Officer is exploring plans for a possible ship Christmas get-together.

0510.08 Fun activities this month: Twilight Imperium.

0511.00 Many members have taken Starfleet Academy courses this year and received grades of HONORS and DISTINCTION.

0512.10 Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. Held this year's Christmas Party Dinner at TGIF restaurant after December meeting. Alaric members and others also participated in holiday Game Days (board games and Star Trek The Customizable Card Game), which were held at an Alaric member's house but were not an official club activity. The board games included Twilight Imperium and Risk Star Wars Clone Wars edition. CO Richard Heim promoted to rank of Rear Admiral by STARFLEET Executive Committee.

0601.14 Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. This month's meeting was held at a member's house in conjunction with his family's Game Days (board games and

Star Trek The Customizable Card Game); games that we played included Twilight Imperium, 4-Player Stratego, Star Wars the Game of Life: A Jedi's Path, Settlers of Cataan, and Star Trek The Customizable Card Game. The February meeting will be held at another member's house and will also be an all-day gaming day. Our Recreation Officer, Ens. Rachael Carlson, is organizing a Captain's Day art contest, which will be open to both Alaric members and members of other chapters in 'Fleet.

0602.11 Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. This month's physical meeting was canceled due to a winter storm, but we met online in a chat room and conducted club business instead. Alaric received an R/1 Certificate of Appreciation.

0603.11 Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home. This month we played Twilight Imperium, Star Trek Uno, and Chinese Checkers. The Alaric is also sponsoring a Captain's Day Art Contest, being organized by our Recreation Officer Ens. Rachael Carlson.

0604.00 This month, instead of having a regular monthly meeting, we conducted an away mission to the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at Discovery Place in Charlotte, NC on our regular meeting day.

0605.13 At the May meeting, we played the Star Trek Uno, Battlestar Galactica, and Settlers of Canaan games. The following weekend the Alaric sent an away team to the Region One Summit in Akron, OH, at which the Alaric ran gaming (with Seafarers of Catan being played) and 4 Alaric members received awards: Ensign Rachael Carlson -- Region One Commendation; Lt.jg. Nathan Brown -- Region One Meritorious Service Award; Capt. Dennis Relyea -- Region One Alien Ambassador Corps Commendation; RAdm. Richard Heim -- Region One RDC of Excellence.

0605.19 Region One Summit May 19-21 in Akron, OH. Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC Panel at the Summit in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2005 Region One Sciences department awards. The program consists of 3 awards. During 2005, as RDC Sciences, Richard received Chief Science Officer reports from 8 ships, of which 5 CSOs qualified to receive the Albert Einstein Award for regular submissions (Capt. Dennis Relyea, USS Alaric; Capt. Debbie Airtrip, USS Appomattox; FCapt. Janice Graham, USS Renegade; CPO Karolyn Wojtowicz, USS Tycho; Lt.Cmdr. Cyndi jo Ashby, USS Wasp). The winners of the other two awards are nominated and voted upon by the region's CSOs. The winner of the Steven R. Hawking Award for original submission was Lt.Cmdr. Cyndi jo Ashby, USS Wasp. There were 4 nominees for the Galileo Award for Chief Science Officer of the Year. The winner of this year's Galileo Award was FCapt. Janice Graham, USS Renegade.

0606.10 Gaming at monthly meetings. At the June meeting, we played the Battlestar Galactica game.

0607.08 Gaming at monthly meetings. At the July meeting, we played the Settlers of Catan and Star Fleet Battle Force games. Cmdr. Dale Anderson resigned as the Alaric's XO due to health reasons. Capt. Dennis Relyea became the Alaric's new XO; the Alaric Council voted to confirm Dennis as our new XO. The Alaric is also sponsoring a Captain's Day Art Contest, being organized by our Recreation Officer Ens. Rachael Carlson,

with judging to take place at the August Open House. We also decided to make plans for an Alaric away team to Dragoncon in 2007.

0608.12 Gaming at monthly meetings. At the August 12 meeting, we played Star Fleet Battle Force and rehearsed for our open house, and member Nathan Brown reported on the latest Star Trek XI movie rumors. Dennis Relyea promoted to Fleet Captain by STARFLEET Executive Committee.

0608.26 On August 26 we held our open house, Alaricon! 2006, at the Asheville-Buncombe Public Library in downtown Asheville, NC to celebrate Star Trek's 40th Anniversary. At Alaricon! 2006, we watched Star Trek videos, played games, had doorprize drawings, conducted a ST trivia contest, and judged the entries to the Captain's Day Art Contest and awarded prizes to the 4 contest winners.

0609.09 Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling aluminum and supporting local Eliada Children's Home and Manna Food Bank. The September 9 meeting was a continuation of our Star Trek 40th anniversary celebration, watching ST episodes and playing games. The games included: Star Trek The Customizable Card Game, Star Wars The Customizable Card Game, Star Fleet Battle Force, Settlers of Catan, and 4-Player Stratego, among others. We have implemented a new ship award program (Alaric Crew Member of the Month) and new monthly activity (fun educational report) at our monthly meetings.

0610.14 Gaming at monthly meetings. At the October 14 meeting, we played the Battlestar Galactica board game and had an educational report on global warming.

0611.11 Gaming at monthly meetings: we played three board games (Battlestar Galactica, Settlers of Canaan, and Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path) and had an educational report on the use of antimatter rays in medical treatment.

0612.02 The December 2 meeting was our annual Christmas Party.

0701.13 Our January 13 meeting was held coincident with a Game Day. We played several games, including Star Trek The Customizable Card Game, Twilight Imperium, 4-Player Stratego, and others. We also had an educational report on the history of manned space flight.

0702.10 Our February 10 meeting was held coincident with a Game Day. We played several games, including Star Trek Uno, Twilight Imperium, and others. We also had an educational report on Dark Matter. The USS Alaric is conducting voting to confirm appointment of our new Second Officer (Lynnea Stadelmann). The club is preparing ship patches for use by crewmembers and for sale to other interested parties. As a fundraiser, the Alaric is conducting an auction of Star Trek and science-fiction items. We are also planning a silver anniversary party meeting for this summer, and an away team to DragonCon.

0703.10 At our March 10 meeting we played the game Settlers of Catan and also had a guest speaker, John Irwin, who discussed his career designing rocket engines and his job as Lead Engineer for NASA Space Shuttle engines. The USS Alaric also counted ballots which confirmed the election of Lynnea Stadelmann as our new Second Officer. The club prepared ship patches for use by crewmembers and for sale to other interested parties.

0704.14 At our April 14 meeting, we conducted an away mission to the

Step It Up! global warming rally in downtown Asheville at 1:00-2:00 p.m. then reconvened afterwards at a member's house to complete the meeting, play the game, Star Fleet Battle Force, and watch the original series episode, The Doomsday Machine, with the new remastered special effects. The CO submitted reports on the rally and other ship activities to the Starfleet Communique and Channel 01. The Alaric sent a contingent to Richmond, VA for the 2007 Region One Summit, at which Alaric crew received several awards: Region One Phoenix Award to Dale Anderson, Region One Class of Excellence Commanding Officer of the Year Award to Richard Heim, and Region One RDC of Excellence Award to Richard Heim. Cmdr. Dale Anderson promoted to Captain.

0704.20        Region One Summit April 20-22, 2007, in Richmond, VA. Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC panel in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2006 Region One Sciences department awards. Cmdr. Cindy jo Ashby, CSO of the USS Wasp, was voted winner of the Hawking Award for Original Article, and 5 R/1 CSOs qualified for the Einstein Award (FCapt. Dennis Relyea, USS Alaric; Capt. Debbie Artrip, USS Appomattox; Adm. Willy Smith, USS Heimdal; FCapt. Janice Graham, USS Renegade; and Cmdr. Cyndi jo Ashby, USS Wasp. RAdm. Heim also led a tour of the Science Museum of Virginia Saturday afternoon after the 1-2 pm Sciences RDC panel.

0705.12        At our May 12 meeting, we had status reports on our upcoming activities (conducting an auction of Star Trek and science-fiction items as a fund raiser, planning a silver anniversary party meeting for this summer [August 11], and an away team to DragonCon); had a report on model rocketry as our educational report, and played the games Lord of the Rings Checkers and Tic Tac Toe.

0706.09        At our June 9 meeting, we had status reports on our upcoming activities (conducting an auction of Star Trek and science-fiction items as a fund raiser, planning a silver anniversary party meeting for this summer [August 11], an away team to Columbia, SC to help the USS Ronald E. McNair on the Breakfast With the Aliens at the SC State Museum project, and an away team to DragonCon); had a report on an Acapulco AGU international conference presentation (about a comet impact on North America during the end of the last Ice Age 12 thousand years ago) as our educational report, and played the game Star Trek Uno. The USS Alaric received 2 regional awards: Region One Joint Meritorious Service Award and the Region One Hailing Frequencies Award.

0707.14        At our July 14 meeting, we opened the bids on our fund-raising auction, had status reports on our upcoming activities (planning a silver anniversary party meeting for this summer [August 11], and an away team to DragonCon), had a report on a member away team to MetroCon, had a report on the science of Larry Niven's Ringworld as our educational report, and played the games Star Trek Uno, Battlestar Galactica, and Settlers of Catan. We also determined that we will donate \$25.00 to Manna Food Bank once all auction monies are collected, and we voted to donate \$50.00 to the Region One Space Camp Fund once Region One gets the Space Camp project going. The USS Alaric received 2 awards: Region One Certificate of Appreciation and the USS Ronald E. McNair Certificate of Appreciation.

0708.11        Gaming at monthly meetings. We also are recycling



aluminum and supporting local Manna Food Bank. Our August 11 meeting was our 25th Anniversary (Silver Anniversary) party meeting (Alaricon 2007), held at the Lake Julian Pavilion # 4 in Asheville, NC, 10 am-5 pm. We had 10 members and 18 visitors in attendance, a huge turnout for Asheville! Activities included Star Trek videos, games, food, fellowship, doorprize drawings, and lots of fun! We performed the STTNG parody story, played four games (Anno 1503, 3-Player Stratego, Pirates, Star Trek Uno), went sailing or paddle boating, and gave out Alaric pens and bumper stickers to visitors. Our educational report was by Kevin Creamer on the subject of sailing.

0709.08 At our September 8 meeting, we shared experiences from this year's DragonCon away team, had a report on Star Trek XI ("Star Trek Magazine's article, "Double Spock for Star Trek"), counted the ballots for our biennial Alaric elections, and played the game Star Fleet Battle Force. Seventeen ballots were mailed, and nine were returned with all nine casting votes to re-elect Richard Heim as CO, Dennis Relyea as XO, and Lynnea Stadelmann as SO. We also discussed the possibility of organizing a couple special activities for upcoming meetings and the ST XI premiere.

0710.13 At our October 13 meeting, we shared experiences from a visit to Star Trek The Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton, and played the games Settlers of Catan and Anno 1503. Cmdr. Dale Anderson promoted to Captain.

0711.10 At our November 10 meeting, discussed real science efforts to make Star Trek's vision of warp drive a reality: NASA's Breakthrough Propulsion Physics program resulted in Dr. Alcubueri developing the math and physics equations that would make faster-than-light travel, as envisioned by Gene Roddenberry, possible. We also played two games: 4-Player Stratego and Settlers of Catan.

0712.01 Our December 1 meeting was our annual Christmas party. In addition to abundant goodies to eat, we watched movies (Trekkies, Star Trek 6: The Undiscovered Country, and the remastered Star Trek: The Doomsday Machine) and played games (Apples to Apples).

0801.12 Our January 12 meeting was a Game Day (games played included Blokus, Made for Trade, Settlers of Catan, Anno 1503, and Cities & Knights). For our educational report, we discussed the science behind the universal translator and the Heisenberg Compensator. Submitted an article to the Communique discussing our Silver Anniversary Party ("USS Alaric Celebrates 25 Years").

0802.09 Our February 9 meeting was a Game Day (games played included Blokus, Made for Trade, Star Trek The Customizable Card Game, Heroscape, and Pokemon). For our educational report, we discussed the science behind warp drive and how the theory of Burkhard Heim might lead to FTL travel. The Alaric is planning another online auction fundraiser for this summer. Kevin Creamer and Lynnea Stadelmann were each awarded a Region One DSA (Distinguished Service Award) for service to the Alaric and to Region One.

0803.08 At our March 8 meeting we tried something different: we watched a STTNG episode (Parallels) and discussed the physics and science behind the multiverse for our ST episode/educational discussion. We enjoyed it a lot and also had a wide and long

- discussion about favorite Star Trek series and episodes.
- 0804.12 At our April 12 meeting we watched a ST episode (Devil in the Dark) and discussed why life is mostly based on carbon and the possibility of silicon-based life for our ST episode/educational discussion. We also played the game Carcassonne and worked some on plotting our ST story.
- 0805.02 Region One Summit May 2-4, 2008, in Pigeon Forge, TN. Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC panel in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2007 Region One Sciences Albert Einstein department award. Also, with Ben Redding, Richard represented the Region One Space Camp Scholarship Committee; they announced the winner of this year's scholarship (the USS Alaric's Liana Stadelmann). Through the gracious efforts of Roy Sesler, Region One was also able to send the other 2 candidates (Jace Kincaid, USS Columbus and Jayson Roach, USS Appomattox) to Space Camp!
- 0805.10 At our May 10 meeting we played the game Carcassonne and had a special educational presentation on "Alien Life ... From Dust Particles". The Alaric is starting a Starfleet Marines contingent aboard the ship. The USS Alaric ran gaming at the May 2-4 Region One Summit, and received several awards: Region One "Sol III" Award, Region One Unit Commendation, and R/1 25-Year Mission Award. Also, Richard received an R/1 DSA.
- 0806.14 At our June 14 meeting we played the game Carcassonne and had a special educational presentation on crystal skulls presented by CMDR Lea Relyea (Alaric's Fortean Research Dept. Chief).
- 0807.12 At our July 12 meeting we played Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path and had a special educational science presentation on the latest news of Mars soil analysis from the Phoenix Lander.
- 0808.09 At our August 9 meeting, we played the game Carcassonne and had a special educational science presentation by Liana Stadelmann on her exciting experiences at Space Camp!
- 0809.13 Our September 13 meeting was a Game Day at the Creamers' residence, with Settlers of Catan and Star Trek The Customizable Card Game being popular.
- 0810.11 Our October 11 meeting was a Game Day at the Creamers' residence, with Carcassonne and Star Trek The Customizable Card Game being popular. We also had a Star Trek discussion (1. From each of the five Star Trek series, who is your favorite character, and why? 2. From each of the five Star Trek series, what is your favorite episode, and why?).
- 0811.08 Our November 8 meeting was a Game Day at the Creamers, with Star Trek The Customizable Card Game being popular.
- 0812.13 Our December 13 meeting was our annual Christmas Party.
- 0901.10 At our January 10 meeting, we watched the remastered Star Trek episode, "The Doomsday Machine"; "What About 2012?", a report on the prophetic end of the world in 2012 by our Fortean Research Department Chief, Lea Relyea, was our educational report.
- 0902.14 At our February 14 meeting, we watched the STDS9 episode, "Trials & Tribble-ations", and a summary of a 7-5-08 Science News article on Extrasolar Planets was our educational report.
- 0903.14 The Alaric met March 14.
- 0904.11 The Alaric met April 11.
- 0905.08 The Alaric had a membership recruiting table at local theaters for the new Star Trek movie on opening weekend and the

- following weekend (May 8-9 and 15-16). The Alaric also had four crewmembers in attendance at the Region One Summit in Pigeon Forge, TN on May 15-17 and ran games at the Summit.
- 0905.15 Region One Summit May 2-4, 2008, in Pigeon Forge, TN. Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC panel in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2008 Region One Sciences Albert Einstein department award.
- 0906.13 This meeting was a party meeting (we played Star Trek: The Game) then went out for dinner and saw the Star Trek movie as a group.
- 0907.11 In July we started meeting at Apollo Flame Restaurant, near Biltmore Square Mall, in Asheville, NC. This enables us to advertise our meetings publicly as a draw for new members. Gaming activity: Settlers of Catan.
- 0908.15 Met at Apollo Flame Restaurant. A meetup.com page was set up for the Alaric (<http://www.meetup.com/Star-Trek-Alaric/>) as a draw for new members. Gaming activity: Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path.
- 0909.12 At the Sept. 12 meeting, ballots were tallied for the Alaric's biennial officer elections. Richard Heim was re-elected as CO, Scott Creamer was elected as XO, and Kevin Creamer was elected as Second Officer.
- 0910.17 At the October 17 meeting, we discussed real-life theories about the multiverse, prompted by the STTNG episode, "Parallels". A Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=145871298545>) was set up for the Alaric.
- 0911.14 November 7 was movie night, hosted by an Alaric member at their home, at which the following movies and TV shows were seen: Star Trek: The Deadly Years (remastered special effects), Star Trek Enterprise: In a Mirror Darkly (Parts 1 & 2), and Mysterious Island. November 14 was our regular meeting at Apollo Flame Restaurant, near Biltmore Square Mall.
- 0912.05 December 5 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. The Alaric is conducting a fund-raiser, which consists of auctioning ST & SF collectibles over eBay.
- 1001.09 Gaming at the January 9 meeting, with Alaric members playing Settlers of Catan and Star Trek The Customizable Card Game (we met at a member's home). The science report by Maggie Panther discussed efforts to create the Higgs boson at the Large Hadron Collider and esoteric theories about why it is malfunctioning, including the possibility that the future is exerting its influence on the past (our present) to prevent the LHC from producing a Higgs boson. We decided to continue our support of Manna Food Bank with canned food and to continue our aluminum can fundraiser. We had a report from Kevin on the Alaric's ongoing fund-raiser, which consists of auctioning Star Trek & science-fiction collectibles over eBay. Reports were made on several possible new locations for our monthly meetings, but no decision was made yet.
- 1002.13 Gaming at the February 13 meeting, with Alaric members playing Settlers of Catan. Voted to continue Meetup web page when renewal comes due. Progress being made on revising Alaric web page. Demonstrated club t-shirts and discussed recruiting and activities/away teams, including hiking, museums, PARI, and plans for our 30-year anniversary party in 2012. Submitted R/1 Awards

nominations. Had a movie night February 6 where we watched Star Trek: The Changeling (remastered), Star Trek: Of Gods and Men, and bloopers & deleted scenes from the new Star Trek movie.

- 1003.13 Gaming at the March 13 meeting, with Alaric members playing Settlers of Catan and Star Trek The Customizable Card Game. Science report was on geology with geologic and fossil samples. Discussed possible future away teams to Geology Museum in Hendersonville and Geology Museum at Pack Place in Asheville, and to PARI astronomical installation. Had a movie night March 6 where we watched Star Trek New Voyages: In Harms Way and Serenity.
- 1004.10 Met at Apollo Flame Restaurant for April 10 meeting, thus were able to promote meeting location details on meetup page. Gained two new members. Science report was on the 1976 Viking Mission's search for life on Mars. Had a movie night April 16 where we watched the pilot episode for Firefly. Conducting fund-raising auction on eBay.
- 1004.30 Region One Summit held April 30-May 2, 2010, at Pigeon Forge, TN. USS Alaric received several awards (Legendary Chapter of First Fleet, Hailing Frequencies Award with Distinction, Unit Commendation); Richard Heim won First One's Award and Center Seat Award; First One's Award also presented to Jeannette Maddox and David Moxley; and DSA awarded to Kevin Creamer, Maggie Panther, and Lynnea Stadelmann. Alaric CO, Richard Heim, ran the Sciences RDC panel in his role as Region One Regional Division Chief for Sciences and announced the winners of the 2009 Region One Sciences Albert Einstein department award.
- 1005.08 Met at Apollo Flame Restaurant for May 8 meeting, thus were able to promote meeting location details on meetup page. This month we had a special report on the Region One Summit and the many awards the Alaric and her crew received. The club decided to hold an away mission/membership drive event at Smiley's Flea Market in the future. Had a movie night May 28 where we watched Firefly/The Train Job and Galaxy Quest. Conducting fund-raising auction on eBay. Hiking away mission planned for May 31 was rained out, so we had a cookout and played Twilight Imperium instead.
- 1006.12 Met at Apollo Flame Restaurant for June 12 meeting, thus were able to promote meeting location details on meetup page. We had a series of special meetings from end of May through June: a tennis away mission preceded our June 12 meeting; June 18 was CPR & First Aid training; June 25 was a movie night where we saw Firefly: Bushwhacked, The One, and Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Alaric is conducting a fund-raising auction on eBay.
- 1007.10 Met at Apollo Flame Restaurant for July 10 meeting, thus were able to promote meeting location details on meetup page. After the meeting, we adjourned to a member's house and listened to a former NASA contractor discuss his experiences working on the Apollo Moon program. The night before (July 9), the Alaric had an away mission to PARI (the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute) where we were able to touch Martian and other meteorites.
- 1008.28 Met at Apollo Flame Restaurant for August 28 meeting, thus were able to promote meeting location details on meetup page. After the meeting, we adjourned to a member's house and played the Twilight Imperium space strategy game.

- 1009.11 Met at Creamer residence for September 11 meeting. Special activities at the meeting included archery and playing the game, Cities and Knights of Catan. In the morning, Alaric members conducted a hiking away mission on a local trail. A movie night was held on September 17, at which we viewed Star Trek New Voyages: World Enough and Time, Firefly: Safe, and 2010. On September 25, the Alaric conducted an away mission/membership drive event at Smiley's Flea Market.
- 1010.09 Movie night on Friday night, October 8, at which we viewed Shanghai Noon and Firefly: Jaynestown; hiking away mission on Saturday morning, October 9, on Carl Sandberg House hiking trail; regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon, October 9, at Kelsey's Restaurant in Hendersonville. Special activities at the October 9 meeting included STTNG trivia questions and educational discussion focusing on the Apollo Program's Saturn V rocket.
- 1011.00 CO Richard Heim's club newsletter, "Captain's Briefing", premieres. Alaric Golf Day November 9. Movie night on Friday night, November 19, at which we viewed Firefly: Out of Gas and Earth Final Conflict: Decision. Hendersonville Airport away mission on Saturday morning, November 20, where member Kevin Creamer gave us a tour of single engine planes, including a Cessna 172. Regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon, November 20, at Kelsey's Restaurant in Hendersonville. Special activities at the November 20 afternoon meeting included a discussion of a powerpoint presentation by Brazilian biologist Pabulo Henrique Rampelotto, "The Search for Habitable Worlds in the Solar System", which CO Richard Heim obtained from Dr. Rampelotto while on an August business trip to Brazil (American Geophysical Union conference). The powerpoint was originally presented by Dr. Rampelotto at the 38th COSPAR Scientific Assembly in Bremen, Germany in July 2010, and explores the possibility of life on the planets and moons of the solar system, including life based on elements other than carbon. The presentation prompted a discussion of theological and moral issues associated with space exploration - i.e., when we explore other worlds, we may not even recognize alien life forms and could end up inadvertently destroying millions of alien lives and starting an interplanetary war.
- 1012.00 Movie night December 10, at which we viewed Firefly: Ariel and Bukaroo Banzai. Annual Alaric Holiday (Christmas) party on December 18 at Deni's home. The party was a blast! Great food, great company, great games! We played Star Trek Uno, Blockus, and Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path, and watched remastered Star Trek second season episodes plus Earth: Final Conflict and Firefly episodes. Alaric's fund-raising auction on eBay has resumed.
- 1101.07 Movie night on January 7 (we viewed Firefly: The Message, Earth Final Conflict: Miracle, and Monsters Inc).
- 1101.15 Regular monthly meeting on January 15 was preceded by a morning away mission to the Asheville, NC airport, during which we toured the FAA radar room and tower and were able to learn how the FAA folks do their thing to ensure the safe landing of private and commercial planes. Way cool!
- 1101.15 The educational presentation at our January 15 afternoon meeting was by the Alaric's Science Department and consisted of a presentation of a report by a Brazilian biologist ("The

Chemistry of Life as We Do Not Know It"). Alaric CO and Planetary Sciences Department Chief Richard Heim obtained the presentation from Brazilian biologist Pabulo Henrique Rampelotto while on an August business trip to Brazil (for an American Geophysical Union conference). Life based on chemistry different from Terran biology is something that has been explored in science-fiction and Star Trek episodes ("The Devil in the Dark" and "Home Soil", for example) many times. The presentation referenced real scientific experiments that have been conducted in recent years exploring the possibility of non-terrestrial life processes. Dr. Rampelotto explained that, in order for us to detect life vastly different from what we find on earth, we have to alter our understanding of what life is. This is done by identifying the three basic requirements of life. These are: (1) chemical complexity, (2) solvent, and (3) energy source. He notes that, "(1) one of the fundamental features of life is its chemical complexity, which is based on polymeric molecules joined by covalent bonds. However, our present knowledge of physics and chemistry suggests that an organism could have an entire non-carbon-based metabolism. Silicon is a frequently mentioned option. Environmental conditions may exist for which biochemistry based on silicon compounds might be a realistic possibility. They are: An atmosphere free of oxygen, a non-aqueous solvent like liquid methane or ethane, a limited availability of carbon, and temperatures far below the freezing point of water. Titan and Triton provide the best targets in our solar system for investigating this possibility. (2) For the chemical reactions required to support living processes to occur, a liquid solvent is necessary. Novel studies have demonstrated that a variety of solvents, others than water, may sustain life. Among them, ammonia is the most cited. Studies pointed out ammonia analogues to water and suggested the possibility of building proteins, nucleic acids, and polypeptides within a liquid ammonia solvent. Some authors suggested that 'ammono' analogues of Terran biomolecules in which oxygen atoms are replaced by NH groups might yield an equally viable biochemistry. Evidence has accumulated that liquid water/ammonia may exist within the Galilean moons and it may also be present in Titan. Ammonia is not the only polar solvent that might serve as an alternative to water. Sulfuric acid and formamide are reasonably good solvents that support chemical reactivity. Furthermore, there is no need to focus on polar solvents, like water, when considering possible habitats for life. Non-polar hydrocarbons such as methane and ethane are better than water for managing complex organic chemical reactivity. In fact, many preparative organic reactions are done with these solvents in the laboratory. Since such hydrocarbons are abundant on Titan, it is the best target in our solar system for investigating this possibility. (3) An external energy source is universally accepted as another minimal requirement for life. Light and oxidation of inorganic compounds fuel the biosphere on Earth, so wherever light and a means for sustaining oxidation-reduction cycles can be demonstrated, the possibility for maintaining life is present. However, other forms of energy, from thermal gradients to kinetic motion to magnetic fields, can be found on worlds devoid of both light and oxygen and could serve as energy sources for life." Dr. Rampelotto concluded by noting that, "to search for life on planets other than Earth, we must be prepared to recognize life as we do not know it. We cannot rule out other

planets just because they are not like our world. This study suggests that there may be many environments where the physical and chemical nature of a liquid allows complex, patterned, self-sustaining chemistry, which we would recognize as life, but which is structurally quite different from the CHON life with which we are familiar." Our January 15 afternoon meeting was held at Hillside Games in Asheville, which is a gathering place for gamers of all stripes. After our meeting, we engaged in a game of Settlers of Catan.

1102.12 The USS Alaric held a game day and movie night on February 12. We played "Trade Well and Prosper", which is a modification of Settlers of Catan & Cities and Knights concocted by Second Officer and Recreation/Gaming Department Chief Kevin Creamer. The evening movies shown were Trekkies and Sahara.

1102.19 A special event away mission was held the morning of our February 19 meeting day. It was a hike along the Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery trail. The special educational activity at our February 19 meeting was a report on the latest NASA news, including discussion of the controversial Planet Tyche.

1103.19 The USS Alaric had an away mission to West Hendersonville High School, on the morning of March 19 during which six crew members engaged in games of tennis. Our regular monthly meeting during the afternoon of March 19 was held at Hillside Games, a local gaming store. The special educational activity at our March 19 meeting was a report on the latest NASA news, including discussion of progress of the New Horizon probe, possible seasonality observed on Titan, and the new space shuttle, and a report on a protocol for communicating with aliens (emailed after the meeting). Following the business meeting, the Alaric engaged in games of Carcassonne and Munchkin.

1103.26 On March 26, the Alaric held a movie night. Attendance was the greatest we have had since our August 11, 2007 Silver Anniversary Party, with 20 members and visitors present. "Toy Story 3" and "Tron 2" were the movies watched.

1104.09 The USS Alaric conducted a fund raiser/recruiting away mission at Smiley's Flea Market the morning of April 9, which was followed by our regular monthly meeting in the afternoon at Kelsey's Restaurant in Hendersonville, NC. The meeting included a discussion, clarification, and review of the proposed dues structure, as well as reports from the Weapons, Exobiology, and Computer Ops departments. The educational report was on the possible existence of, and search for, habitable exoplanets. The business meeting was followed by gaming. On April 30, the Alaric held a movie day/night (started at 1:00 in the afternoon and went into the evening) at which we viewed Star Trek: Captain's Log, Starship Farragut: For Want of a Nail, Earth Final conflict: Avatar, and Firefly: Heart of Gold.

1105.00 On May 13-15, five Alaric crew attended the Region One Summit in Pigeon Forge, TN. The Alaric ran games and the CO, Richard Heim, gave a powerpoint presentation on "The Chemistry of Life As We Do Not Know It" in his capacity as Region One Science RDC and also ran the Science RDC panel. For those members who didn't go to the Summit, a movie night was held on May 14 (at which the original Stargate movie and the last Firefly episode were shown). The USS Alaric's regular monthly meeting in May was held at a local comics/science-fiction convention, Fanaticon, on the 21st. The ship had a recruiting table and presented the same powerpoint slide show ("The Chemistry of Life As We Do Not Know It") to a group of 20-30 attendees.

Region One Summit awards were announced at the May 21 meeting, and votes for the proposal to charge local dues were tallied (the proposal passed). CO Richard Heim is promoted to rank of Vice Admiral by the STARFLEET Executive Committee.

1106.00 At the USS Alaric's June 4 movie night, we watched Starship Farragut: A Rock and a Hard Place, Earth Final Conflict: Old Flame, and Robinson Crusoe on Mars. The movie, Robinson Crusoe on Mars, was made in 1964 and was promoted in advertisements as being scientifically accurate, which prompted a discussion (at movie night and at the June 18 regular meeting) of the movie's scientific inaccuracies in light of the data obtained by space probes subsequently sent to the Red Planet. On the morning of June 18, we conducted an away mission to West Hendersonville High School for several rounds of tennis, then met at Hillside Games for our regular afternoon monthly meeting, and adjourned afterward for an evening away mission to see X-Men: First Class in the theater. Science reports at the June 18 meeting included a 6 million year old seaweed fossil, possible forms of vegetation on a planet orbiting a binary star, and Messenger's observations of Mercury. We also discussed plans for our September open house at Lake Julian, October joint away mission with the USS Ronald E McNair to the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC, and November away mission to Highland Games in Hendersonville. Gaming at our meeting consisted of playing Carcassonne.

1107.00 On July 2, Alaric members went to the theater to behold "Green Lantern". At the USS Alaric's July 8 movie night, we watched The Captains of Star Trek, the 2009 Star Trek movie, and Earth Final Conflict: Float Like a Butterfly. Science reports at the July 16 meeting at Binion's Restaurant in Hendersonville included the Dawn probe to asteroid Vesta and dwarf planet Ceres, and the discovery of the oldest and most distant quasar (ULASJ1120+0641) - a superbright galaxy with a supermassive black hole. Gaming at our meeting consisted of playing Star Trek Uno.

1108.27 Alaric members enjoyed the movie, Megamind, at our August 26 movie night. Our regular monthly meeting was held at Hillside Games on August 27 to accommodate member business travel. Science reports at the August 27 meeting included: NASA's GRAIL (Gravity Recovery and Interior Laboratory) mission to map the Moon's gravity; NASA's Juno mission to Jupiter; the upcoming NASA mission to Mars, Mars Science Laboratory, which will land a rover named Curiosity; newly-discovered comet Elenin; the discovery of a planet made mostly of diamond orbiting very close to a neutron star (orbital period about two hours) and having a mass slightly more than Jupiter but 20 times as dense, suggesting the planet must be comprised of crystalline carbon, i.e., diamond; and the discovery, by NASA's Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) spacecraft, of several Y dwarf stars - the coolest of the brown dwarfs - one of which has a surface temperature of about 25°C (77°F), cool enough to walk on. We also discussed plans for our September Open House at Lake Julian, plans for Star Trek fiction based upon the starship USS Alaric, and news of a possible new Star Trek TV series.

1109.17 The USS Alaric celebrated her 29th anniversary at a September 17 Open House at Lake Julian in Asheville, NC. There were about 29 of us who enjoyed great food, great music (Star Trek and X-Men CD's playing in the background), fun games, and great fellowship! We had sailing, horseshoes, Star Trek Uno, a Star Trek Trivia Contest run by Kevin, and Richard premiered a Star



Trek The Next Generation Science Trivia Quiz (First Edition). There were lively discussions about NASA and science news, a possible new Star Trek TV series, and Fortean Research Department topics (mainly UFOs). We also counted ballots in our biennial officer elections. Richard Heim was re-elected as CO, Kevin Creamer was elected as the new XO, and Ken Wheeler was elected as the new SO (Second Officer).

1110.00 On October 8, the Alaric crew conducted an away mission (hiking along a trail at the Blue Ridge Parkway Folk Art Center in Asheville) in the morning, then met in the afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library for the regular monthly meeting. The educational report consisted of a discussion of 4 gas giant exoplanets discovered orbiting HR8799 which were imaged by the Hubble Space Telescope, and a discussion in the Captain's Briefing newsletter of the possible detection by CERN scientists of neutrinos moving faster than the speed of light. The Alaric participated in an October 15 joint away mission with the USS Ronald E. McNair and USS Star League to Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC. The combined contingent of nine 'Fleet members explored the various exhibits, with VAdm. Heim demonstrating considerable physical prowess by climbing "The Wall". At an October 21 movie night, Alaric members enjoyed the remastered Star Trek episode, Where No Man Has Gone Before, as well as X-Men First Class.

1111.00 The Alaric held a movie night on November 18 at the newly-renovated Stadelman movie room, where we were treated to a delicious pot luck meal, and surround-sound big-screen presentations of the remastered ST: Man Trap, as well as Star Trek: First Contact and The Outer Limits: The Architects of Fear. The Alaric's November 19 regular monthly meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library, where we discussed the restructuring of the Communications and Computer Operations departments. After the meeting, the Recreation/Sports department organized a tennis away mission.

1112.00 The Alaric held a movie night on December 2 at the Creamer residence, where we were treated to a "Star Trek Farragut" episode and the pilot episode of "Caprica". The Alaric's December 17 regular monthly meeting was our annual Christmas party held at Deni's residence. After a delicious holiday meal and great fellowship, we watched the movie "Elf" and engaged in a six-player game of Star Wars The Game of Life: A Jedi's Path, where the game ended in a duel between the strongest Jedi Knight and the strongest Sith Lord (the Jedi won).

1201.00 The USS Alaric held two movie nights in January. The first was on January 6 and included the movie, "Limitless", and episode 1 ("33") from season 1 of the new Battlestar Galactica series. The second movie night on January 27 had a 1950s theme; we watched the movies, "The Forbidden Planet" and "This Island Earth", and an episode ("All the Time in the World") of the Tales of Tomorrow TV series written by Arthur C. Clarke. The USS Alaric's regular monthly meeting was held on January 21. After regular officer reports were made, we counted ballots for Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 6 ("Full Membership and Associate Membership") with the vote being 15 to 1 against (includes votes collected outside the meeting). We watched online videos of the Mars probe Curiosity launch and mission, premiered the new Alaric web page, and discussed several topics, including setting up a recruiting table at the February showings

of "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace - 3D" and a joint recruiting effort with the USS Ronald E. McNair at that movie in Columbia and Asheville, scheduling a possible meeting for CPR training, possible new charities to support, having a guest book for guests to sign at meetings, and a joint project between the Alaric and the local model rocket club building and launching a model rocket of the USS Alaric. Science reports at the meeting included a progress report on the Curiosity Mars probe, the largest galaxy cluster (El Gordo) ever discovered, and Kepler telescope discovery of binary suns with planets. After the meeting, we adjourned to a member's house to listen to guest speaker Jay Irwin, an engineer who worked on NASA's Space Shuttle program (he was the RSME - Rockwell Shuttle Main Engineer).

1202.00

The USS Alaric a movie night on February 17, during which we watched the Star Trek episode, "Charlie X", with remastered special effects, and the movie, "Captain America". On February 25 we had our first official Alaric Game Day, which ran all afternoon. After a pot-luck lunch, we played two games: "Settlers of the Stone Age" and "Train Dominoes". This Settlers is like the original "Settlers of Catan", except it has a few changes for the historical context, and it was very fun - we want to play it again! The Alaric had a recruiting table at Regal Theaters for "The Phantom Menace - 3D" on four evenings in February. The USS Alaric's regular monthly meeting was held on the usual third Saturday of the month at the South Buncombe Branch Library. After regular officer reports were made, we discussed upcoming meetings, club business, movie remakes being planned (including J. Michael Straczynski's proposed trilogy remake of "The Forbidden Planet"), and the Alaric's ship design. The USS Alaric was originally an Original Series-era Saladin Class destroyer. In the 1990s, our chief engineer upgraded the ship to a Next Generation-era Alaric Class heavy destroyer. Eric, our current chief engineer, plans on finding a new ship design, one which better reflects our strong science mission. Requirements include: latest science instrumentation (both real science instrumentation, as well as fictional Star Trek science instrumentation) and latest offensive and defensive capabilities, as this exploration vessel will be going beyond the frontier of the Federation and will need to be able to defend against any hostile aliens we may encounter (we'll be carrying a contingent of Marines). The science education reports included a summary by Ken of the Juno probe to Jupiter and a discussion by Ken and Richard comparing and contrasting the landing techniques of four Mars landers (the two Viking landers, Spirit, Opportunity, and Curiosity).

1203.00

The USS Alaric manned a recruiting table at the March 9 showing of "John Carter of Mars" at the local (Asheville, NC) Regal Theaters, followed by another recruiting table March 10 at the Roper Mountain Science Center Space Day event in Greenville, SC. On March 16, the Alaric had a movie night during which we watched the Star Trek (remastered special effects) episode, "The Naked Time", the original "Stargate" movie, and the "How To Build a Light Saber" episode of Science Channel's Sci Fi Science. The USS Alaric's regular monthly meeting was held on the usual third Saturday of the month (March 17) at the South Buncombe Branch Library. After regular officer reports were made, we discussed upcoming meetings, reviewed new proposed business cards for the club, voted on a new charity, and awarded Alaric Commendations to several members for services rendered. A committee was formed

to work on the new ship design. The science education report included a summary by Ken of water ice volcanoes on Enceladus and proposals to search for signs of life in the water that is thought to lurk beneath the moon's surface.

1204.00 The USS Alaric had a movie night on April 20 (where we watched "Blast from the Past") and a non-official Alaric movie night was held earlier on April 7. On the morning of April 28, several Alaric crew went on an away mission to the Asheville Airport where they partook of the Flight Simulator, which one person described as "awesome!" The regular monthly meeting was held the afternoon of April 28 at the Circle B Ranch Barbeque restaurant. After regular officer reports were made, we discussed upcoming meetings and projects, including making an Alaric music video. The science education report included a summary by Ken of the Space Ex Program. Before the business meeting began, Richard and Diane entertained the crew with reports on trips to Italy and Mexico (Richard's drought workshops) and Atlanta (Diane's Trek Trax convention trip).

1205.00 The USS Alaric had a movie night on May 5 (where we watched "Robinson Crusoe on Mars" and "Moon") and May 26 (where we watched the Star Trek Original Series remastered episode "Enemy Within", SciFi Science episode "How to Explore the Universe", and movie "I Am Number Four"). Five Alaric members attended the Region One Summit May 18-20 in Pigeon Forge, TN, where the Alaric ran gaming and the Alaric's CO presided over the RDC Science panel (and placed first in the Costume Contest Western Category). After the May 26 regular monthly meeting, Alaric members engaged in a Recreation Department activity (we played tennis). The May 26 regular monthly meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library. After regular officer reports were made, reports were provided on the GeekOut Asheville miniconvention event, the Trek Trax convention, the Region One Summit, rocketry club activities, possible activities with PARI (Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute) commemorating the August landing on Mars of the Curiosity probe, the ship redesign committee status, and possible involvement with the FIRST (For Innovation and Recognition of Science and Technology) program. The science education report included a summary by Ken of the successful launch of the Space Ex Dragon spacecraft servicing the International Space Station, and by Richard of recent research of homegrown organic matter found on Mars which was created from natural (non-life) activities. The Alaric received a Region One Certificate of Appreciation and a Hailing Frequencies Award with Distinction at the Region One Summit.

1206.00 The USS Alaric had a movie night on June 8 and June 29. The June 29 movie night had a 1960s theme and we watched episodes of The Twilight Zone (The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street), The Outer Limits (The Galaxy Being), The Invaders (The Saucer), and The Prisoner (Checkmate). The June 16 regular monthly meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library. Regular officer reports include a report by new Security Department Chief Matthew Miller, who is planning a fire drill for the crew for next month. We also discussed possibilities for new fund raising activities (eBay consignment sales and book sales) and a joint activity with the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (P.A.R.I.) to celebrate the landing of the Curiosity rover on Mars in August. P.A.R.I. Education Director, Christi Whitworth, and Alaric crew discussed the potential program, advertising, and logistical issues related to holding the event on the P.A.R.I. campus. (It was subsequently decided to hold the event on Saturday, August 11.) The meeting's science education report included a summary of NASA's Nuclear

Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR) which will image the sky in the high energy X-ray (6 - 79 keV) region of the electromagnetic spectrum, with primary mission to observe collapsed stars and black holes and related phenomena. On June 23, Alaric members attended a Summer Solstice Concert by musician Jonn Serrie, who has created electronic space music for planetariums, IMAX films, and other science shows. Matthew Miller was Starfleet Academy Commandant Adm. Barbara Paul's choice for Red Squad for May.

1207.00 The USS Alaric had a movie night on July 27 at which an episode of Firefly (Serenity) and the movie Highlander were watched. The July 20 regular monthly meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library. After regular officer reports were made, we spent time planning for the Mars lander Curiosity program we are jointly organizing and running with the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (P.A.R.I.) August 11. [http://www.pari.edu/about\\_pari/publicPrograms/mars-curiosity-landing-celebration/curiosity-mars-landing-commemorative-event/](http://www.pari.edu/about_pari/publicPrograms/mars-curiosity-landing-celebration/curiosity-mars-landing-commemorative-event/) The meeting's science education report included reports on future SpaceX missions, a new hybrid rocket being developed by Space Propulsion Group using paraffin fuel, an ocean and oasis discovered on Titan, and observing exoplanets. These were followed by great discussions about science in general and Star Trek in general.

1208.00 USS Alaric becomes mothership of shuttle USS Charon.

1208.08 Four members of the Alaric crew (Anne, Deni, Ken, and Richard) were interviewed by local TV station WSPA (out of Spartanburg, SC) about how Star Trek has influenced our culture; the segment aired on the "Scene on Seven" show August 8 (<http://youtu.be/vl1aB40ZIMA>).

1208.11 The USS Alaric held a Mars lander Curiosity meeting/event on Saturday, August 11, jointly with the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (P.A.R.I.). The event was held at the P.A.R.I. campus. It was an exciting afternoon of learning about Martian exploration! Videos on the Curiosity mission and landing from JPL were presented, Dr. Hector Castenada presented a talk on "Detecting Life on Earth Using Satellite Imagery", two Alaric members (Richard and Ken) presented talks on "Pondering The Chemistry of Life - As We Do Not Know It" (Richard) and "Landing on Mars - The Scariest Part of the Mission: Comparison of Landers - Curiosity vs. Opportunity/Spirit vs. Viking & More!" (Richard and Ken), and Kristi Whitworth (P.A.R.I. Education Director) ran a StarLab Planetarium show and led the group on a tour of the P.A.R.I. campus. It was a fun and educational event for the roughly two dozen people who participated! Both Kristi and the Alaric would like to do additional joint activities in the future.

1208.18 The August 18 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library. Matthew, the Alaric's Security Department Chief, noted that RDC Hayden Segel asked him to design a Region One Security web site for him. After regular officer reports were made, we spent time planning for the September 15 monthly meeting which will be the 30th Anniversary Alaric Open House, then we were treated to a Rocketry 101 presentation by Kevin. The meeting's science education report included reports on scientific experiments on bringing Star Trek concepts (transporter, holodeck) to the real world, progress of the Curiosity Mars probe, and tests of the Mighty Eagle (a new lander designed to explore the Moon).

1209.15 The September 15 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was the club's 30th anniversary celebration. We took over Pavilion # 4 at Lake Julian in south Asheville, NC, from 10 in the morning until about 6 in the evening. Fellowship, Star Trek music, games (Rummikub, Horseshoes, Train Dominoes), boating, and food were enjoyed by all, including a contingent from the Alaric's newest

shuttle, USS Charon. CO Richard Heim conducted a Star Trek The Next Generation Science Trivia Quiz and reported on the binary solar system Kepler 47. A short 10-minute business meeting was held at which promotions were announced and upcoming meetings were discussed.

1210.00        The October 13 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the Asheville Comics Expo. The club had a recruiting table at the Expo in the "Cosplay Alley" next to tables by other clubs including Dr. Who, Storm troopers, and Klingons. We had a great time talking to visitors, sharing club information and Star Trek stories (including time spent with Walter Koenig), and playing Star Trek: The Game. We were ideally located - a ringside seat to the Expo's Costume Contest! We had a short business meeting at which reports were made by attending members and business topics were mentioned but no voting was conducted. Earlier in the month, the Alaric had a movie night with a 1960s theme. TV shows viewed at the October 6 movie night included: My Favorite Martian, Lost in Space (The Reluctant Stowaway), The Wild Wild West (Night of the Lord of Limbo), The Invaders (The Peacemaker), The Avengers (From Venus With Love), and Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (The Invaders).

1211.00        The November 17 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. Regular officer reports were made, including progress on the Curiosity and USS Alaric model rockets. The Alaric Council voted to adopt a new club logo which consists of our traditional starship silhouette orbiting the state of North Carolina with a Starfleet insignia, but with some beautiful changes. All of that is now orbiting the Earth with a sunrise in the background. And the Starfleet insignia is the sciences insignia instead of command, signifying that we are the science flagship of Region One and of all of STARFLEET. We think it's really great! Thanks go to STARFLEET Region One's Steve Thomas, who designed the logo, and to our very own Matthew, who coordinated with Steve. Our science education reports consisted of updates on the Curiosity Mars mission, discovery of galaxy MACS0647-JD (the furthest object ever seen), and the discovery of an earth-size exoplanet orbiting Alpha Centauri. We also discussed the upcoming Star Trek movie ("Star Trek into Darkness") and a Maya end-of-world celebration ("Birth 2012 - A New Beginning" at the Center for Spiritual Living in Asheville, on December 22), and explored the possibility of an away team to the upcoming movie, "The Hobbit". At a movie night the evening of November 17, we watched the movies "The Invention of Lying" and "Ultra Violet".

1212.00        The December 15 meeting of the USS Alaric was our annual Christmas party. Delicious food was enjoyed by all with Star Trek (TOS, remastered) episodes playing in the background and entertainment by the latest Star Trek and Star Wars Hallmark ornaments. We also played a couple games - Rummikub and Train Dominoes. We held a movie night on December 29 at which we watched the movies "Brave", "The Blob", and "Men in Black III".

1301.00        The January 19 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. Regular officer reports were made, and we discussed opportunities for joint ventures with the Asheville Astronomy Club (guest speaker on the Curiosity Mars mission at UNC-A on February 7) and Tennessee Smokies Baseball (Star Trek Night at the May 10 ballgame). We discussed member plans to attend Trek Trax in April, and club plans to discuss Star Trek novels at future meetings and

make club T-shirts available with our new logo through cafepress. Our science education reports consisted of updates on the Curiosity Mars mission, the private Mars One Mission to colonize Mars by 2023, laser beaming of Mona Lisa to a Moon probe, and possible progress on engineering a real warp drive. We held a movie night the weekend before, on January 12, at which we watched episodes from 1960s-1970s TV shows, including Star Trek (remastered "Where No Man Has Gone Before"), Logan's Run (pilot episode for series), Six Million Dollar Man ("Wine, Women, and War"), Jonny Quest ("The Invisible Monster" and "The Robot Spy"), and the previous Thursday's Star Trek away team episode of Big Bang Theory.

1302.07

On February 7, Alaric members joined the Astronomy Club at their meeting on the UNC-A campus; special guest speaker Dr. Linda Kah - a University of Tennessee geologist - discussed her work on the Curiosity Mars Mission. Her field of study is ancient Earth rocks, greater than 1 billion years old, and what they can tell us about ancient Earth's atmosphere and the development of life. So her role in the Curiosity mission is to study the geology of Mars, specifically the sedimentary (water-eroded) rocks and wind-eroded rocks and what they say about the climatic history of Mars and the possible past environments that could have supported life. Dr. Kah described Curiosity's instrumentation and the landing site. Gale Crater is ideal for this mission as it has the desired geomorphology, mineralogy, and long chronology as evident from the layered rocks; the site exhibits evidence of the climate change 3.6 billion years ago from a warm and wet environment to the current cold and dry environment. After Dr. Kah's presentation, the Astronomy Club held a business meeting at which they reviewed upcoming celestial events and stargazing/skygazing activities.

1302.09

The Alaric held a movie night on February 9 which had a 1970s TV science-fiction theme. We watched episodes from Space: 1999 ("Metamorph"), Battlestar Galactica ("Living Legend"), Buck Rogers ("Ardala Returns"), Wonder Woman ("Fausta: The Nazi Wonder Woman"), and The Incredible Hulk ("The Beast Within"). The Space: 1999 episode led to an impromptu Martin Landau/Barbara Bain trivia quiz, and the Wonder Woman episode prompted a lively discussion of women's issues.

1302.09

Alaric's latest shuttle, USS Charon, commissions as a full chapter.

1302.16

The February 16 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made, we discussed several topics, including: 1) having a recruiting table at the local theaters showing the next Star Trek movie in May; 2) the comic books leading into the Star Trek movie; 3) Star Trek Into Darkness app for Smartphone; 4) adopting Homeward Bound and A HOPE charities (we will vote on this next month); and 5) the possibility of supporting Sole Hope as a charity. Our science education reports consisted of reports on the meteor that struck Russia a few days earlier, a summary of potential exoplanets detected by Kepler (the Periodic Table of Exoplanets), and a rogue planet detected in the Fomalhaut B system. Our discussion of the Star Trek novel, Spock Messiah!, was postponed until next month because we had a special guest this month: Will Thompson of Tennessee Smokies Baseball described plans for a Star Trek Night at their May 10 baseball game and hopes that Alaric members will come dressed in Star Trek costumes. We discussed this and decided to vote on it next month.

1303.00

On March 14, USS Alaric members joined the public at a lecture presented by NASA scientist Dr. Bill Cooke at the Transylvania County Library in Brevard, NC. The meeting was hosted by PARI, the Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute, who the USS Alaric partnered with last year to present a day-long presentation on Curiosity's mission to Mars. Dr. Cooke discussed the meteorite which exploded in an airburst over Russia, following

a background discussion of the terminology of meteors, meteoroids, meteorites, and asteroids. Bill explained that a meteor is not solid, it consists of the light that comes from the meteoroid. A meteorite is a meteoroid that has landed on Earth. One distinguishes an asteroid from a meteoroid by size. The Russian meteorite's explosion was made more forceful because it not only pushed air ahead, it was followed by a vacuum, which gave it even more power. The explosion was a 470 kiloton (give or take a factor of 10) explosion and was detected by 17 of the 70 Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) infrasound detection stations that monitor nuclear explosion activity as a part of the worldwide ban on nuclear detonations. The flash was brighter than the sun. It was a very interesting talk and enjoyed by all! The March 16 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made, we voted to adopt Homeward Bound and A HOPE as new charities to support and voted against participating in the May 10 Star Trek Night baseball game event in eastern Tennessee due to the large distance and travel issues. We also discussed fund-raisers, endorsing other charities such as Sole Hope, adding new activities for promotion points, and having a recruiting table at local theaters for May's Star Trek: Into Darkness movie premiere. Our science education report consisted of an update on the Curiosity Mars mission. We also discussed massive volcanic eruptions of the past, including supervolcano Mt. Toba (which came close to wiping out the incipient human species some 70,000 years ago) and Krakatoa (the largest volcanic eruption in recorded history, occurring in 1883, and erupting with a force equivalent to 200 megatons of TNT [840 PJ], about 13,000 times the nuclear yield of the Little Boy bomb); progress on the planned private mission to Mars; Biosphere 2; ISS commander Chris Hatfield; and living in zero G. Our discussion of the Star Trek novel, Spock Messiah!, was postponed until next month because of a full schedule and the organizer being unable to attend this month. The Alaric closed the month with a movie night on March 30.

1303.15 Ken Wheeler promoted to rank of Captain by the Region One RC.

1304.00 The April 13 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made, we voted to add ways to obtain promotion points to the Alaric Crew Handbook and to have a recruiting table at the May 11 Space Day event at the Roper Mountain Science Center. We also discussed plans for having a recruiting table at the local theater on the opening weekend of the new Star Trek movie (Star Trek: Into Darkness), details of the local GeekOut fan event in Asheville which is scheduled the same Saturday as the Region One Summit (a week before the event, the GeekOut organizers offered the Alaric a recruiting table, which we rapidly organized), possible designs (Multivector Advanced Escort) for the Alaric ship upgrade, character development for Alaric fanfic, Region One Summit plans, Trek Trax plans, appointment of Alaric member Matthew Miller to the Region One position RDC Chief of Operations (the Alaric now has 2 R/1 RDCs--Operations and Science!), attendance of a crewman at the Muskrat Jamboree fanfic writing convention, active fundraisers, and possible future away missions (which will include hiking, tennis, and other activities). Our science education report consisted of a discussion of NASA's plans for Skylab 2 (scheduled for a test flight in 2017 and lofting crew in 2021, it will have a 130 metric ton payload and contain 4 crew members with several years of food and equipment). Following the business meeting was a discussion of the novel, Spock Messiah, during which we examined the ethical issue of getting into the natives' heads and emotions, mentally invasive technology versus the universal translator, and (mis)characterization of the Enterprise crewmen, as well as the religious discussions the novel could have had but didn't (comparison to episodes like Who Mourns for Adonais, Bread and Circuses, Who Watches the Watchers, etc.). A 1980s-themed movie night was held on April 20, at which we watched episodes

from the following SF tv shows: Star Trek The Next Generation (Devil's Due), Quantum Leap (Genesis), Greatest American Hero (The Hit Car), and Knight Rider (Trust Doesn't Rust), as well as five fan vids (covering Star Trek The Original Series, Dr. Who/Nancy Blackett, Quantum Leap, Marvel's Avengers/Captain America/"The War Was In Color", and "A Different Kind of Love Song").

1304.15 Dennis Relyea promoted to rank of Brigadier General by the STARFLEET Executive Committee.

1305.00 During May, the USS Alaric had a contingent of 5 members present at the May 3-5 Region One Summit, with CO and Planetary Sciences Department Chief, VAdm. Richard Heim, running gaming and the R/1 Sciences RDC panel in his role as Sciences RDC. During the same weekend as the Summit, an Alaric contingent of 3 members led by Second Officer, Capt. Ken Wheeler, represented the USS Alaric at a May 4 local GeekOut gathering in the ship's home port of Asheville, NC. The following weekend (May 11), the Alaric had an invited table at the Space Day event hosted by the Roper Mountain Science Center in Greenville, SC, at which 5 members participated. The highlight of Space Day was a talk on the Curiosity Mars mission by NASA JPL scientist and Solar System Ambassador, Tony Rice. The weekend after that (May 17 & 18), the ship had a recruiting table at the Regal Biltmore Grande Theater for the premiere of the new Star Trek movie, Star Trek: Into Darkness. The May 18 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made, we voted to accept the invitation to participate in costume in the June 15 (Father's Day) Asheville Father's Fest and to join the Asheville Astronomy Club during their monthly stargazing events, and discussed upcoming officer (CO, XO, SO) elections, revisions to the Alaric Handbook, and procedure for adopting a chapter mascot. Our science education discussion consisted of reports from Diana on a meteorite (estimated to be 1 foot wide and 88 pounds) that recently struck the Moon, Kristine on a new method for detecting cancer, and Ken on the discovery of a reservoir under Ontario that holds water which is a billion years old. The meeting concluded with a discussion of the first Star Trek novel, Spock Must Die! by James Blish; we covered the novel's discussion of technical issues (scientific knowledge that was current at the time), moral issues (transporting the soul), and characterization.

1306.00 During June, the USS Alaric was invited to have a table at the June 15 Asheville Father's Fest, an event celebrating Father's Day sponsored by Highland Brewery. Ten Alaric crewmembers, most in Star Trek costumes, wowed the crowd and took to the stage when the entertainer sang a sci-fi-themed song. The group pictures of Star Wars fans (also in costume) with the Alaric crew are priceless! The June 22 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made, we announced that the Alaric's model rocket was successfully launched at the rocket launch event that morning, noted that all three incumbent officers (CO, XO, SO) were running for re-election in the upcoming biennial Alaric officer elections, then discussed several possible activities/away missions to do in the future, including hiking in Brevard, a Star Trek-themed dance (dancing in costume), stargazing at FENC (Foothills Equestrian Nature Center), and away missions to planetariums and science museums. Our science education discussion consisted of reports from Ken (who showed video and pics of the Alaric model rocket launch and discussed the possibility of a paleo subsurface ocean on Saturn's moon Dione and the possible search for life in Europa's ocean by a tiny submersible), Kitty (who discussed penny4nasa.com), Tom (who reported on a newly-discovered process for creating steel that emits only pure oxygen, and its application to lunar mining and exploration), Deni (who reviewed a 2010 International Space Station experiment that investigated the human immune system), and Richard (who reported on the Biozoom Biofeedback Scanner, a medical device patterned after Star Trek's medical tricorder that is "the



only handheld diagnostic device of its kind worldwide that tests for your health without blood tests or piercing your skin"). After the meeting, Alaric members held a movie night.

1307.00

During July, the USS Alaric held a movie night and a regular monthly meeting. The movie night was July 6 with "I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle", "Super", and "Buckaroo Banzai" the movies shown. The July 20 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made and regular business (promotions, biennial CO-XO-SO officer elections) was covered, commendations were awarded to 17 crewmembers for service to the Alaric at the Asheville Father's Fest, Star Trek: Into Darkness, Geek Out, and Space Day recruiting events and for fund raising activities. We also received progress reports on the Alaric ship upgrade, Alaric pet mascot, and Alaric model rocket project. Plans were discussed for future activities, including a games and plastic model building day, upcoming movie nights, dance night (in ST costumes), invitation to man a table at the upcoming Asheville Comics Expo, invitation to participate in costume at a concert, and hiking, planetarium/science museum, and stargazing away missions. We decided to alternate between Star Trek novel discussions every other month with our XO Kevin teaching voluntary model rocketry classes during the intervening months, with the Star Trek novel, "Doctor's Orders", discussed this month. Our science education discussion consisted of a report on electric car batteries and a Medical Department report on the NASA Human Research Program (<http://humanresearchroadmap.nasa.gov/>) which "investigates and mitigates the highest risks to human health and performance, providing essential countermeasures and technologies for human space exploration."

1308.00

During August, the USS Alaric held a movie night, a staff meeting, and a regular monthly meeting, plus a couple stargazing nights. The movie night was August 10 and had a 1990s SF TV theme, with the following TV shows and episodes seen: BABYLON 5 (The Coming of Shadows), THE OUTER LIMITS (Déjà vu), STAR TREK DEEP SPACE 9 (Trials and Tribble-ations), HERCULES: THE LEGENDARY JOURNEYS (Pride Comes Before a Brawl), and LOIS AND CLARK: THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN (I'm Looking Through You). The August 17 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held Saturday afternoon at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports were made and regular business (promotions, biennial CO-XO-SO officer elections) was covered, we received progress reports on the Alaric ship upgrade, Alaric pet mascot, Dance Night in Star Trek costume, the Gaming/Plastic Model Day, hiking and away missions to planetariums/science museums, member map, stargazing nights, the John Serrie concert Star Trek skit, Asheville Comic Expo table, and Alaric model rocket project. We also discussed participating in cosmic bowling nights and setting up a formal book exchange for Alaric members. This month our XO led a voluntary model rocketry class at which we colored in the hull for the Alaric model rocket. Our science education discussion consisted of reports on the Grasshopper SpaceX rocket, quantum computers, photosynthetic fish, and 4 probes exiting the solar system (Pioneer 10 & 11, Voyager 1 & 2). A staff meeting (of elected officers and department heads) was held August 31, at which a number of administrative issues were discussed, in order to streamline our regular monthly meetings and give more time to fun things at the regular monthly meetings.

1308.25

Lea Elwood-Relyea promoted to rank of Captain by the Region One RC.

1309.00

The USS Alaric was very busy during September. Alaric members attended the monthly meeting of the Asheville Astronomy Club on September 5 and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation by NASA Solar System Ambassador Mike Lucas on "The Epic Journey of Apollo 11." Our very own Diane won a powerful astronomical laser pointer door prize! The following evening (September 6), the Alaric joined the Asheville Astronomy Club for a night of stargazing, during which we viewed the Lagoon nebula, Venus, Saturn, star clusters, nebulae, the recent nova, and saw 3 shooting stars. At the September 7 movie night, we watched THX 1138, Night of the Living Dorks, Upside Down, and Tron: Uprising.

September 14 began with a picnic in the morning, our regular monthly meeting in the afternoon, and ended with a STARFLEET/sci-fi ski presentation (in Star Trek uniform) at a Jonn Serrie concert in the evening. The Saturday (September 14) afternoon meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. After regular officer reports and reports on status of our various projects were made, ballots for our biennial officer elections were tallied and the revised Member Handbook was approved. CO Richard Heim, XO Kevin Creamer, and SO Ken Wheeler were re-elected to another two-year term. The club purchased an LCD projector and tried it out at this meeting, viewing science education reports on comet ISON and Voyager I, and several videos (Voyager I videos by Dr. John Grunsfeld, Ed Stone, and Message to Voyager, as well as "Monty Python and the Holy Grail as a modern epic" and "Captain Kirk Watches the Miley Cyrus Concert"). The meeting concluded with a discussion of the Star Trek novel, "My Enemy, My Ally". The evening of September 14 (Saturday), two Alaric members presented a space exploration skit and info about the Alaric at a space-themed musical concert by Jonn Serrie. On Tuesday evening, September 17, the Alaric hosted a pre-ACE dance party at Arcade (an Asheville dance bar establishment) where Alaric members and patrons danced in Star Trek and sci-fi costumes. On Saturday, September 21, the Alaric manned a recruiting table at the Asheville Comics Expo (ACE). The month concluded with a movie night Saturday, September 28, which had a 1990s SF-TV theme; we watched episodes of Earth 2 (First Contact), Star Trek Voyager (Message in a Bottle), Stargate SG-1 (Full Circle), The Flash (Captain Cold), and Sliders (Love Gods). The audience commentary during Message in a Bottle and Love Gods was hilarious! And the Voyager episode featured the USS Prometheus, the multi-vector assault ship which the USS Alaric is being upgraded to. Also during September, the Alaric initiated a project to work with schools, museums, and others in the Asheville, NC area to promote science education among children; this is being led by member Jennifer Hampton with assistance from Ken Wheeler; lessons learned locally here through the Alaric's (Jennifer's) efforts will be provided for application across Region One and STARFLEET through Region One Sciences and Starfleet Sciences.

1310.00 During October, Alaric members attended the monthly meeting of the Asheville Astronomy Club on the third and joined the Asheville Astronomy Club for a night of stargazing on the fourth. The October 12 regular monthly meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. A new meeting agenda format was tried, with special presentations interspersed among the regular officer reports and reports on status of our various projects. The presentations included pictorial presentations of our Star Trek dance at Arcade and our recruiting table at the Asheville Comic Expo from September. This month's science education reports included weird orbits of Pluto's moons, the New Horizon mission to Pluto, a proposed fusion-driven rocket which could cut a Mars trip to 90 days, and NASA's discovery of a rogue planet. Other events included a movie night on October 11, a staff meeting on October 19, and a Halloween Party at Arcade on October 26.

1310.14 Member Jennifer Hampton receives a Region One Commendation.

1311.00 The Alaric held a Plastic Model and Gaming Day on November 2, at which members assembled plastic models (Enterprise 1701, Enterprise 1701-E, and the Moonraker Space Shuttle) and played games (Carcassonne, Mexican Train Dominoes, and Where in the World). The meeting was held at Richard's and Diane's residence and, therefore, also served as their open house, where members marveled at the sci-fi display case and sci-fi room. A 2000s SF-TV-themed movie night was held on November 16, at which members and visitors watched episodes of Star Trek Enterprise (Borderland, Cold Station 12, The Augments), Warehouse 13 (3 ... 2 ... 1), Dr. Who (The Girl in the Fireplace), and Prophets of Science-Fiction (Jules Verne). The November 23 regular monthly meeting was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. Meeting agenda format changes, which were discussed at the October staff meeting, were implemented at the November monthly meeting, and were

well-received. The science education reports included presentations on two NASA missions: the LADEE (Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer) mission to the Moon and the MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission to Mars. The MAVEN launch and mission videos were good, but the video of LeVar Burton describing the mission stole the show! Reports on several projects and activities were made, and an entertaining Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles short video was shown. Votes were cast to select Deni's cat, Mocca Mae, as the Alaric's Pet Mascot for the next year; Mocca garnered 6 votes, with tribbles Trib and Bull purring into second place with 3 votes (the remaining votes were split between seven other contestants). It was decided that the club would send an away mission to see the movie, The Hobbit, after the December 14 A.H.S.C.K.NY.E. party (Advent / Hanukah / Solstice / Christmas / Kwanzaa / New Years / Epiphany party, otherwise known as the annual holiday party), hold an "Over 40 Party" sometime in January or February to celebrate the club's membership passing the 40 member mark, and maybe have a First Aid class early next year.

1312.00 The December meeting of the USS Alaric was the annual A.H.S.C.K.NY.E. party. It was held December 14 at a member's home and had a great turnout! A delicious meal was enjoyed by all, remastered episodes from Star Trek: The Original Series were shown (including The Changeling, Mirror Mirror, The Apple, The Doomsday Machine, and The Immunity Syndrome), and members played three games (Star Trek Catan, Blokus, and Star Trek: All About Trivia). A movie night was held December 21 with a 2000s SF-TV theme. Episodes were shown from No Ordinary Family (pilot), Star Trek Enterprise (Affliction and Divergence), The 4400 (pilot), and Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda (Under the Night, An Affirming Flame). This was part 2 of the 2000s themed movie night. So many shows are available to see, that we're expecting to have a part 3 and maybe even a part 4!

1401.00 The January 18, 2014 regular monthly meeting of the U.S.S. Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The meeting began with a 'round the table introduction of K.I.T.T., the talking model car, which was followed by science education reports on the ISS Cygnus resupply spacecraft, the discovery by the European Southern Observatory of 3 new exoplanets in the Messier 67 star cluster (2 of which orbit stars similar to our sun), and a benefit of the environmentally unsafe fracking process could be enhancing the access to geothermal energy sources. Officer reports were made and the club decided to accept the offer of the Roper Mountain Science Center to have a club recruiting table at their May 10 Space Day 2014 in Greenville, SC. The club was also entertained by a piece played by the Klingon death metal band, Stovokor, which was projected onto a screen using our computer projector equipment. The meeting ended with a discussion of the Star Trek novel, The Romulan Way. A movie night was held January 25 at which the movies Man of Steel, R.I.P. D, and Electra were shown.

1402.00 The U.S.S. Alaric held a staff meeting on February 1 during which several projects were discussed, including revisions to the Alaric web page and ideas for fundraisers, and further details for the Alaric ship upgrade were also worked out. A movie night was held February 8 which was part 3 of the 2000s SF TV theme; we saw episodes of Terra Nova (Genesis), Firefly (Out of Gas), Battlestar Galactica (Water), and Prophets of Science Fiction (Isaac Asimov). The February 15 regular monthly meeting of the U.S.S. Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The meeting began with reports on the Alaric's new SFA Education Department, revision of the Alaric history timeline through December 2013, and incorporation of the revised timeline and new Marines section into the Crew Handbook. Upcoming activities were discussed, including the March 6 Asheville Astronomy Club meeting (special presentation on "Astrobiology: The Search for Alien Life"), the April 12 combined monthly meeting and Over 40 Party, Alaric recruiting table at the

May 10 Space Day event at Roper Mountain Science Center, and May 16-18 Region One Summit. The club voted to have a table at the June 7-8 Geek Out mini-convention and to participate in the September Asheville Comics Expo, including hosting the pre-ACE annual party (both groups asked us to participate). Updates were reported on the ship's upgrade to a Prometheus Class Multi-Vector Advanced Escort, on the Community Science Education Plan (a team was formed to prepare an outline and syllabus of science topics to be taught to grade schoolers, requested by the Buncombe County School district), and on plans to auction original Star Trek comic book art as a fundraiser. Science education reports included the mystery rock on Mars (moved by Curiosity's wheel), Orbital Sciences' Cygnus Cargo Spacecraft, Odyssey Mars spacecraft's mission to measure ground temperatures, and a (Sci Show) video on what Stephen Hawking really said about black holes.

1403.00 The U.S.S. Alaric held a movie night on March 1 at which we watched Gene Roddenberry's The Questor Tapes, Bicentennial Man, and Star Trek Continues (EOS: Pilgrim of Eternity). Another movie night was held March 22 at which we watched Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz. The March 15 regular monthly meeting of the U.S.S. Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The meeting began with regular officer reports and reports on the Alaric's new SFA Education Department, and continued with discussion of upcoming activities, including the Alaric recruiting tables at the May 10 Space Day event at Roper Mountain Science Center and the June 7-8 GeekOut mini-convention in Asheville (volunteers to man the tables were solicited); support of a July 26 MSG run was also discussed. Science education reports included: the ISS testing of new robots that function in gravity and non-gravity environments, 24-hour cars racing hybrid, and the U.S. House of Representatives wants NASA to conduct a Mars flyby mission in 2021. The Fandom Report discussed the upcoming Star Trek 3 movie and speculation on the future of SF TV shows Almost Human, Intelligence, and Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

1404.00 USS Alaric Fortean Research Dept. Chief, Capt. Lea Relyea, reported on the condition of husband Dennis Relyea, the Alaric's CSO. Even struggling with cancer, Brig-Gen. Relyea was able to complete and receive his Woodbadge Beads, an 18-month feat that he finished in less than a year. Lea noted that "the cancer has spread into his lungs now; he is doing palliative chemo which he is handling well." The April 12 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was combined with the Alaric's Over 40 Party (to celebrate the ship recently breaking the threshold of having 40 members) and a model rocket launch of the Saturn Rocketry Club. The meeting was held at the residence of a Saturn Rocketry Club member and included an outdoor picnic. At the business meeting, regular officer reports were made, status of club projects was discussed, and the Alaric Council voted to upgrade the ship to a Prometheus Class Multi-Vector Advanced Escort. Science education reports included: 1) the recent discovery of a massive meteor impact 3.26 billion years ago, larger than the dinosaur-killing Chicxulub meteor (probably a Rhode-Island-size meteor), which created a crater 300 miles across, and 2) online scanning and skimming rewires peoples' brains to the point where it is hard for them to read comprehensively ("It's like your eyes are passing over the words but you're not taking in what they say," Claire Handscombe confessed. Humans, warn cognitive neuroscientists, seem to be developing digital brains with new circuits for skimming through the torrent of information online; this alternative way of reading is competing with traditional deep reading circuitry developed over several millennia.). A staff meeting was held April 19.

1405.00 The Alaric had a recruiting table at the Roper Mountain Science Center's May 10 Space Day event in Greenville, SC. Six members participated, with several of us able to talk one-on-one with the

guest speaker, NASA Ambassador Alan Rich, and meteorite collector Mike Parker (who shared his meteorite collection with attendees). Alan's powerpoint presentation, "Eyes on Exoplanets", was especially fascinating! This is the third year the RMSC has asked us to set up a recruiting table at their Space Day event. The Alaric sent a contingent to the Region One Summit May 16-18 in Pigeon Forge, TN, where the ship ran Summit gaming. The May 24 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The meeting began with regular officer reports and discussion of upcoming activities. It was proposed that the USS Alaric handbook be revised to reflect that one promotion point will be awarded for every three items brought in for donation to one of the Alaric charities and that the number of points possible to earn will be unlimited; the proposal passed unanimously. The science education report included discussion of the new Martian probe, Insight, to be launched in 2016, the "Qualcomm Tricorder X Prize" contest, and solar roadways. Insight will be stationary and pierce the surface to investigate how Earth-like planets develop their layered inner structure of core, mantle and crust. The \$10 million "Qualcomm Tricorder X Prize" contest is to develop a medical tricorder that can monitor, at a minimum, these medical problems: anemia, type 2 diabetes, pneumonia, TB and the early signs of stroke. Videos and pictures from the Space Day event and from the Region One Summit were also shared, and upcoming fandom news was reported. A movie night was held May 24 after the regular monthly meeting.

1406.00

The Alaric had a recruiting table at the Geek Out convention in Asheville June 7-8, and held a movie night the following Saturday, June 14. The movie night was part 4 of the 2000s SF TV theme, with episodes of Smallville (X-Ray), Crusade (The Well of Forever), Eureka (Maneater), and Star Trek Enterprise (In a Mirror Darkly, Parts 1 & 2) shown. The June 21 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The meeting began with regular officer reports and discussion of upcoming activities. The science education report included discussion of the upcoming December test of NASA's Orion spacecraft and the proposed Europa Clipper Mission to determine the potential habitability of the Jupiter ocean moon. After the monthly meeting several members engaged in a game of tennis at a nearby tennis court.

1407.00

The Alaric held a movie night July 5, with Independence Day, Demolition Man, and the Lolani episode of Star Trek Continues shown; an awesome fireworks extravaganza capped the evening! An away mission to the Pink Beds Picnic and Hiking area was conducted July 13. The July 19 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. Prior to the business meeting, a photographer from Bold Life Magazine snapped pictures of Alaric crew in uniform for an article on the club, which will be printed later this summer. The business meeting began with regular officer reports and discussion of upcoming activities. The science education report included discussion of the Rosetta probe and testimony about the future of space exploration. From Ken: The Rosetta probe took pictures of Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on July 14. Ken shared pictures of the comet, which is made of two pieces. There is speculation on how two-piece (contact binary) comets form. Observation of Comet 67P could help scientists understand the formation of contact binary comets. Rosetta will rendezvous with the comet on August 6 and remain to observe until November. Richard shared an article from the June 3 EOS magazine about testimony given to Congress about the future of space exploration

and the possibility of discovery of life both in our solar system and in the larger universe. The meeting concluded with a lively discussion of various SF movies and TV shows, including JMS's aborted plans to remake The Forbidden Planet as a trilogy.

1408.00

The Alaric held a movie night August 9. The theme was 1950s science-fiction movies and TV, with two movies (The Forbidden Planet and War of the Worlds) and four TV episodes (Here Comes Tobor: Tobor and the Atomic Submarine, Radar Men From the Moon: Moon Rocket, One Step Beyond: The Sorcerer, and The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle and Friends: Jet Fuel Formula) shown. Following the shows, we discussed 1950s culture and cinematic technology and how they differ from today. The August 16 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education report included discussion of the purchase of the ISEE-3 (International Sun-Earth Explorer-3) spacecraft by the ISEE-3 Reboot Project (an unofficial group with support from the Skycorp company), and the latest progress of the European Space Agency's Rosetta probe mission to comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. Regular officer and project reports included progress on preparation of the Star Trek comic book original artwork for auction as a fund-raiser, revision of the Alaric recruiting table tri-panel display, and plans for our recruiting table at the September Asheville Comics Expo. The meeting concluded with visitor Lance singing an original song he wrote for Stargate: Universe, and club members discussing Diane Duane's Star Trek novel, Swordhunt.

1409.00

The Alaric sent an away team to DragonCon, then on September 6 held an After-DragonCon Party/Movie Night at which convention pictures were shown as well as the movie Galaxy Quest and the Star Trek Continues episode, Fairest of Them All. The September 13 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education report included discussion of NASA's MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission) space probe, which we learned later successfully reached Martian orbit; the upcoming launch of a SpaceX cargo run to the International Space Station; and a Physics Today article on the Chelyabinsk airburst meteor. Regular officer and project reports included the unveiling of the revised Alaric recruiting table tri-panel display (Kitty did a great job!), an update on the Alaric model rocket project, discussion of fundraising efforts and possible stargazing events, and planning for the annual A.H.S.C.K.N.Y.E. party (Advent / Hanukah / Solstice / Christmas / Kwanzaa / New Years / Epiphany party, otherwise known as the annual holiday party). Kevin's model rocket discussion included demonstration of the testbed for a model rocket which has rocket boosters, that will separate in flight, and which will boost the rocket to even higher altitudes. Ken presented pictures and videos from the DragonCon convention. The meeting concluded with a showing of the Star Trek Continues video, The Four Years War: Prelude to Axanar. The following Saturday, Alaric members manned a recruiting table at the 2014 Asheville Comic Expo in the Asheville Civic Center (a.k.a. US Cellular Center).

1410.00

The Alaric held a movie night on October 11 where we watched "Free Enterprise" and "Earth Girls Are Easy". The October 18 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education report included discussion of an Eos article about two Mars spacecraft (the NASA's MAVEN and India's Mars Orbiter spacecraft), and discovery by NASA's Hubble telescope of potential Kuiper targets for the New Horizons Pluto mission. Regular officer and project reports included discussion of the Alaric's primary web page (we will likely keep Wordpress as the software), the upcoming staff meeting (November 8 at Richard's house from 2-5 p.m.), and the upcoming holiday

party (December 20 at Lynnea's house from 1-8 p.m.), and we discussed various media projects, including Star Trek Renegades, the Star Wars and Star Trek movies, and J.J. Abrams's various TV series and movies. The meeting concluded with a showing of the Star Trek Continues episode, "Fairest of Them All".

1411.00 The Alaric held a staff meeting on November 8 at which various projects were reviewed and other issues were discussed. The November 15 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education report included discussion of the Rosetta Mission to comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko, with videos and graphics. Regular officer and project reports included discussion of the Alaric's charities and fund raisers (including auction of original artwork), upcoming movie nights, possible away mission to the local Radio Museum, possible joint activities with the local Radio-controlled Airplane Club, and possible creation of member i.d. badges. We also discussed the fourth novel in Diane Duane's Rihannsu series, Honor Blade. The meeting concluded with a viewing of the Science Channel special (Landing on a Comet: Rosetta Mission). After the meeting, Alaric members saw the new movie, Interstellar. A movie night was held November 22 at which members viewed Prometheus, Station 76, and Tron.

1501.03 The USS Alaric's annual holiday party (A.H.S.C.K.NY.E. party, for Advent / Hanukah / Solstice / Christmas / Kwanzaa / New Years / Epiphany party), originally scheduled for December 20, 2014 was held on January 3, 2015 at member Lynnea's house. In addition to a wide variety of delicious holiday food, we watched episodes of Classic Star Trek (Amok Time, Who Mourns for Adonis, The Doomsday Machine), Star Trek Continues (Pilgrim of Eternity), and Star Trek Phase 2 (Blood and Fire) and played games (Eldersign, Blokus, and Sky Travelers). Sky Travelers was especially interesting since all players must work together to either win together or lose together, trying to repair their crashed spaceship and escape a hostile planet.

1501.17 The January 17, 2015 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment consisted of reports by Richard on quantum black holes, by Diana on Comet Lovejoy, and by Ken on the New Horizons mission to Pluto and the NOAA analysis which indicated 2014 was record warm globally. Regular officer and project reports were made and the discussion and recommendations from the November 2014 staff meeting (on status and future of projects) were summarized. Under new business, a proposal to have member name tags passed unanimously.

1502.00 The USS Alaric held a Valentine's Day movie night February 14 at which the movies, Starman and Divergent, and the ST:TOS episode, The Paradise Syndrome, were shown. The February 21 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment consisted of a report by Ken on Saturn's moon, Titan. Regular officer and project reports were made, including a report on the purchase of name badge holders and the presentation of the master template for the name badges. Due to Kevin Creamer's resignation as XO, CO Richard Heim appointed Matthew Miller as the new XO and the Alaric Council approved the appointment by a vote of 10-0-1. Upcoming meetings include a March 7 movie night, March 22 game day, and March 7 model rocket launch by the Saturn Rocketry Club. The next book the club will discuss will be The Martian, by Andy Weir, and the discussion will take place at Barnes and Noble Bookstore after the March meeting. The February 21 meeting closed with a viewing of The Man From U.N.C.L.E. episode, The Project Strigas Affair, which guest-starred William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy.

1503.00 The USS Alaric held a movie night March 7 at which Dawn of the Planet of the Apes and Dredd were shown. The March 21 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science

education segment consisted of reports by Ken on Ganymede's salty ocean, by Richard on the Space Smiley Face and instruments aboard the Dawn spacecraft exploring Ceres, and by Tom on the Canadian wind turbine which has an observation deck. Regular officer and project reports were made, including reports on recent media exposure the club has received in the local weekly paper, The Daily Planet; the club's donation of 36 pounds of food to Manna Food Bank; and promotions (Steve) and commendations (Kevin). After the business meeting was adjourned, the club met at the Biltmore Park Barnes and Noble Bookstore to discuss Andy Weir's novel, The Martian. It's a fascinating sci-fi story about an astronaut left behind for dead on Mars and his struggle for survival. Andy weaves tons of science into his story in a way that the layman can understand, and the characters also grow on you. It was a fun experience! The Alaric held a game day on March 22 at which Star Trek Catan, Pictionary, and the India Railroad game were played.

1504.00 The April 18 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment consisted of reports by Ken on the Dawn mission to Ceres, the progress of the SpaceX launches, and the New Horizons mission to Pluto; by Richard on the nature of fire (flames) in microgravity; and by Diana on the Messenger mission to Mercury. Regular officer and project reports were made, including reviews of upcoming activities. After the business meeting was adjourned, the club held a movie night at which Rocket Man and Total Recall were viewed.

1505.00 On May 2, the Alaric conducted an away mission to a local theater for the premiere of the new Avengers movie, Age of Ultron. The May 9 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment consisted of reports by Ken on the SpaceX launch abort system test and Saturn's moon Enceladus; by Richard on the supposed accidental discovery of a warp field by NASA; and by Tom on the announcement by Elon Musk of sales of a battery storage system for solar power. Regular officer and project reports were made, including reviews of upcoming activities, and the Alaric Council voted to approve modifications to the Alaric Crew Handbook of promotion points for uniforms. After the business meeting was adjourned, the club met at the local Barnes and Noble Bookstore to discuss David Mack's Star Trek novel, Gods of Night (Book 1 in the Star Trek Destiny trilogy). The Alaric held a movie night May 19 at which Space Cowboys and Paul were viewed. The Alaric CO, Richard Heim, and Alaric member Diane Stanton were married May 23 at Jubilee! Community Church in Asheville, NC in a Star Trek/ Science/Science-Fiction/Superhero themed wedding. Pictures and write-up were available at the Asheville Citizen-Times web site <http://www.citizen-times.com/story/life/2015/05/30/marriage-final-frontier-avl-star-trek-wedding/28208773/>

1506.00 The USS Alaric had a recruiting table at the June 6-7 Geek Out annual popular arts convention in Asheville, NC. On June 12, the ship conducted an away mission to a local theater for the premiere of the new dinosaur movie, Jurassic World. A hike and movie night was held on June 14; Hot Tub Time Machine and Jupiter Ascending were the movies viewed. The June 20 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment of the monthly meeting consisted of reports by Ken on Europa probe mission being developed by NASA and on NASA's Grand Challenge program to determine how big of a threat is posed by asteroids, and by Richard on biomimetics and on the history of the discovery of fission. Regular officer and project reports were made, including reviews of upcoming activities and a preview by Matthew of the Alaric's redesigned web page, and the Alaric Council voted to approve the creation and purchase of a new Alaric banner for recruiting table purposes. After the business meeting was adjourned, the club met at a nearby tennis court for recreational tennis activities.

1507.00 The USS Alaric enjoyed a July 4 celebration at Lynnea's home featuring Star Trek Continues episodes (The White Iris, and Fairest of Them All),



a delicious pot luck meal, and a fantastic fireworks display! On July 11, Alaric members conducted a hike then enjoyed a cookout and the movie, Serenity, and played Star Trek The Customizable Card Game. The July 18 regular monthly meeting of the USS Alaric was held at the South Buncombe Branch Library meeting room. The science education segment of the monthly meeting consisted of a review by Richard of pictures of the Pluto system, the New Horizons mission, and of Kuiper and Asteroid Belt planetoids. Regular officer and project reports were made, including reviews of upcoming activities which will include an OCC Workshop/Academy Night and an October 31 Halloween Party, and presentation of the new beautiful Alaric banner for recruiting table purposes. A great discussion of TV shows and upcoming movies was had during the Fandom Report.

# Promotion Worksheet for Starfleet Academy Promotions - USS Alaric -

Please list the School, Course, and Score you are receiving the promotion for. Remember to include a copy of the Director's Recommendation / Graduation Certificate.

STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_.

COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_.

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_.

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK PROMOTED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Captain, USS Alaric NCC-503

# Promotion Points Worksheet for the USS Alaric

## 1. Ships Operations \*

Dept. Head/Shuttle CO/Shuttle FO\_\_\_\_\_ Dept Report\_\_\_\_\_ Fanzine Submission\_\_\_\_\_

Ship Report to CC\_\_\_\_\_ Other Report to CC\_\_\_\_\_

Submission to other STARFLEET/Regional publication\_\_\_\_\_

Assembling Publication\_\_\_\_\_

Maintain Alaric web presence\_\_\_\_\_

\* list specific reports, etc. on back

TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Attendance \*

Attending Convention\_\_\_\_\_ Hosting Gathering\_\_\_\_\_ Attending Gathering/Meeting\_\_\_\_\_

Manning STARFLEET/Alaric table\_\_\_\_\_ Distance Over 50 miles one way\_\_\_\_\_

\* list specific meetings, etc. on back

TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Recruiting

TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

4. Starfleet Academy (list school and courses, attach copy of certificates)


TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Uniforms

TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Commendations

TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Community Service Points:

### A. Blood Donation\_\_\_\_\_

B. CPR Certification\_\_\_\_\_

C. First Aid Certification\_\_\_\_\_

#### D. Life Saving Certification\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

### E. Recurring Public Service (list)

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TOTAL\_\_\_\_\_

### E. Specific Public Service Events (list)

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TOTAL

**GRAND TOTAL**\_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK PROMOTED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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