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Thanks for reading this edition of *New Frontier*. The USS BortaS is a sci-fi fan club based in the Champaign-Urbana area of East Central Illinois. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 2 PM. We meet in a member's home, or in a park, or at a restaurant, or at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. To find out where we are meeting on any given month, please call our Captain, Allen Glenn at (217) 649-6718, or visit our newly updated website at [www.ussbortas.net](http://www.ussbortas.net). Our website will give you lots of information about who we are and what we do! We would love to have you join us. We have a lot of fun and also do many activities for charity. So come on board!

Captain Shirley Kolb, Chief of Communications and Newsletter Editor, USS BortaS

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### New XO Elected in October

*By Shirley Kolb*

The USS BortaS is pleased to announce the election of a new XO at our October meeting. Shane Russell of the Quad Cities was elected. We are happy that Shane was willing to take on this responsibility, and we all look forward to working with him.

Thanks also to Mike McGowan for his admirable job filling in as XO after the sad and untimely death of XO Carolyn Zimdahl. Mike did a **great** job. But now he can remove one of his many hats.

### Greetings from Your Executive Officer

Written by Shane Russell

Wednesday, 27 October 2010

Greetings to all of the members of the BortaS

Hello this is Shane, your new Executive Officer. I have a few topics and goals that I hope to work hard to accomplish for you all. There will be comments in more detail in the upcoming weeks. I hope and will work hard to earn and keep each member's trust and confidence in my abilities, our Chapter, and Starfleet International as a whole. I have a few areas that I wanted to address to you all that are uppermost in my mind at the present moment.

1. Thank you all for your support and faith in me as your Executive Officer, I will work hard to keep and earn others trust. I will also work hard to address and accomplish as many areas as I can effectively and timely as possible. I may be the Executive Officer,

however, I work for you and our chapter. Our Chapter by far is the most, not one of the 1% finest ones in the fleet. That is because of our members, past, present, and future.

2. I see that we have many that have taken courses in both Starfleet Academy and also the Starfleet Marine Corps Academy. There are many areas that are both beneficial and fun to do for all the members. There are many different sets of courses that you can do, many of which will give you individual awards and also will help our Marines and Chapter. If you have any input or wish to do some and need help. Please feel free to contact myself or others. Awards include Leadership award, Aerospace Award (to include being able to get your own call sign), Boothby award (there are many levels depending on the amount of courses you complete). Plus, some courses even enable you to become an officer. Or even to be able to Lead our Chapter.

3. There are lots of great warriors in our Chapter, I have spoken with senior staff to work hard to continue to recognize our meritorious efforts. Thank you for your service. Representing our Chapter and Starfleet values in a positive light. YOU ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. Not only do you show great citizenship, but also noble values to good citizenship !!!

4. I have an open door policy, which is always open. If you have an issue, comment, or a good idea I am all ears. I will do my best to not only be an effective leader. But, also as a great friend and ear for what is on your mind. If you need to talk or have a question, please let myself or senior staff know. We are here for our members and fellow friends.

5. Thank you for being a member of our chapter and Starfleet. I am honored and humbled to serve with you. Your great knowledge and values are of great value to our organization. Especially, I value your friendship and knowledge everyday.

Thank you

Shane Russell

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XO - USS BortaS

The BortaS crew continued a yearly tradition by gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble on the following dates: Dec 17 5:00 PM-10 pm, Dec 23 5:00 PM -10 PM, Dec 24 10am - 6:00 PM. This year we decided to give all proceeds to the Humane Society. We had planned to do a fund-raiser for them at the Savoy 16 but due to some changes in Savoy 16's rules, we were not able to do it. So we decided to allocate all funds from the gift wrapping to them. A big THANK YOU to all of the crew who helped out at this event!  
- Shirley

### **Holiday Gift wrapping was a success!**

Written by Shane Russell

Sunday, 02 January 2011

The holiday gift wrapping event was success in many ways. The crew was very helpful and also on site to spread holiday gift wrapping cheer to all patrons in the Barnes and Noble. The Chapter raised \$260.00 for the Humane Society. I send many things to the Crew in attendance for thier fine efforts.

Happy 2011 to all and to all a good night !

Shane Russell

CMDR

#### **Star Trek Funnies**

*By Shirley Kolb*

The following are from Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader, 22<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

1) What's That Smell? – Star Trek Cologne and Perfume (page 201)

Background – Three separate scents were marketed in 2009 as tie-ins with the reboot of the Star Trek movie series

a) Tiberius – Named after the captain of the Enterprise, James Tiberius Kirk and the (over)actor who played him, William Shatner. So does it smell like ham? No, it smells like vanilla and sandalwood. According to the manufacturer, the scent is for men who, like Kirk, are “casual, yet commanding.”

b) Red Shirt – This one pays homage to an in-joke among Trekkies. In many 1960s Star Trek episodes, the main crew explores a mysterious planet and one anonymous crew member – know as a “red shirt” – gets killed by hostile alien natives. Red Shirt, the cologne, is a “daring scent for those brave enough to place no trust in tomorrow.”

c) Pon Farr – A fragrance for women, this one is named after (and could theoretically trigger) the Vulcan mating ritual.

2) Star Trek Adventure Cruise (page 386)

There have been quite a few Star Trek-themed cruises in the past, but this 2009 expedition was different – it was part sailing Star Trek convention and part “whodunit” game. After vacationers got autographs from an array of supporting and minor players from recent Trek TV shows, they participated in a Trek-themed murder-mystery game. (we're going to venture a guess that the murderer was Khaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaan!)

3) Q: Who directed the 1985 Bangles video “Going Down to Liverpool”?

A: Leonard Nimoy

### Star Wars Celebration V

By XO Shane Russell

Star Wars Celebration convention is a convention that is held every three years on average, in a different United States city. The convention is specifically established to display the various characters, tricks, characters, actors, actresses of the various Star Wars movies. The 501<sup>st</sup> Legion was in attendance and they were kicking up most of the various event relics. Some of which included marked up life size Tie fighters, ships, and even some elaborate sets from the various elements of the Star Wars saga. Some of which you could even stand in and have a photo taken. As with any other convention, there were many fellow fans that were decked out in their favorite characters. Sith Lords, Jedi, and various storm troopers and Mandalorian troopers were in attendance. The convention was held August 12-15 2010.

The convention was held at the Orange County Convention Center; Orlando, Florida. The event was estimated to have an estimated 32,000 people to be in attendance. The movie theme for this convention was the *Empire Strikes Back*. This year’s convention was no different than the previous year’s level of excitement. Celebrities included; Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker), Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia), General Ackbar, Amy Allen among others. The celebrities also included various supporting actors, actresses, comic book writers, and artists. Many enjoyed meeting the fans and signing autographs on pictures and books. This by far was one of the best conventions that I have ever seen. The lines were short and also very precise as far as movement into the halls every morning. I think that many other conventions could take notes from them on movement of patrons getting into the event after they pay their fee and get their badges.

With many other conventions, you have to purchase a badge. The badge must be worn as you attend the event at all times. They have various packages that you can purchase to see the event. They range from VIP, all weekend, or day passes depending on what you decide. I usually purchase the weekend pass, so that I receive a good deal. Plus, I don’t have to worry about needing to go back to the counter and burn daylight waiting in the lines. Lines are a drag, when you want to see the fun that is being scheduled every day.

Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher put on a great Q and A session. I liked how Mr. Lucas even took a minute to walk in to show his support for both their efforts on the project. The two explained their best moments and even some unknown facts about their time in the Star Wars saga. I learned a lot from their comments to their loving fans. I later met and received their autographs. They thanked me for not only my military service, but also their support for further efforts. It was surprising that Mark’s son was in attendance at the event, and also that he was a talented artist. His work was on display during the event, I was honored to view his work. Additionally, Mr. Hamill stated that his 1<sup>st</sup> child was born during the At-At walker scene of Empire Strikes back.

The droids had their own viewing room which was unlike any other. There were marked up replica R2-D2 droids, other versions of C-3PO there among others. Many different inventors and companies were on hand to show their works of arts off. Droids were their works of art that we know and love. I talked to them and found their love of their work, in addition to the hours of care that they put into their work. All and all this was a great convention.

New members Petty Officer Jennifer Blohn and Cadet Connor Bean were in Orlando, Fl for a well deserved summer vacation. They enjoyed the convention, as it was their first one ever. Connor received a few autographs for some books on the Jedi ways being sold there. And Ms. Blohn enjoyed seeing the various stars and even talking to some. Additionally, the marked up fighters and sets were very unique and a sight to see.

#### **Chief’s Corner**

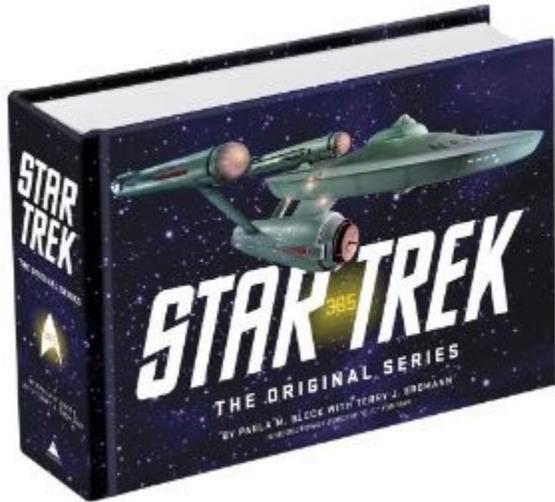
*By Captain Shirley Kolb, Chief of Communications*

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a great year in 2011. We had a trip to New York State to visit our families and friends. We were concerned about the weather, but it ended up the weather was worse here in Illinois than anything we encountered on our trip!

I received many thoughtful and fun gifts this year. My son had heard me say that I would like to see the 3 Jason Bourne films so he purchased me a boxed set. We all enjoyed watching those over the break. I was especially surprised to see Karl Urban, who was Bones McCoy in the Star Trek relaunch, played an assassin in one of them! Then I receive an absolutely gorgeous book called *Star Trek 365*. This is a book filled with rare and previously unpublished photos from the Original Series, as well as behind the scenes info and descriptions of each episode. I had a great time reading through that book. Many of the photos are breathtaking and some are funny. There is also a lot of interesting information that even I didn’t know about! Then I received a flat-screen TV for in our room from Jerry. We previously had a big old TV that had sound problems – the sound would disappear

after about 45 minutes and then you had to plug it into a receiver and run it through the VCR to get any sound. So the TV is also a real blessing.

Speaking of Christmas, we are having our second annual “Christmas in January” party. Last year we had a wonderful fun time and I am sure this year will be equally fun. I’m looking forward to another great year with the **Best Crew in Starfleet**. Thanks for all each of you do to make our crew the best!



#### **Star Trek Movie News**

Simon Pegg, Scotty in the new Star Trek film, revealed that the plot of the next Star Trek film has been written, and that the antagonist has been chosen. “They are busy hashing out the story and they are excited about it,” Pegg said. He believes that the story will advance the relationships among the different characters.

There are internet rumors flying about who the antagonist might be. Originally many thought it would be Khan, but recent rumors include the possibilities of Harry Mudd, Gary Mitchell, Trelane, the Talosians or the Horta. (According to *Star Trek Magazine*, No. 31, Jan./Feb. 2011)

#### **Star Trek Book News**

I finally read the book called The Good that Men Do by Andy Mangels and Michael A. Martin. (I had the book for a long time but for some reason never read it.) This is a book that has the premise that Trip did not really die in the finale of *Enterprise*, but that his death was faked so that he could go undercover as a Romulan. Section 31 is involved. It has Jake Sisko and Nog. Nog has uncovered some information that finally became de-classified that told the whole story about Trip. So he takes the info to Jake, thinking that maybe Jake would want to write it up for the general public to read. I was always upset that they killed off Trip because it seemed that his death was so meaningless. So I was happy that someone decided that he really wasn’t dead! I wasn’t sure if I would like the book, but it was actually very good. I hope they write some sequels.

I also read two books of the IKS Gorkon series, A Good Day to Die and Honor Bound. I am not generally into the whole Klingon scene too much, but I really liked these books! I had received A Good Day to Die from Carolyn’s collection, and I liked it so much I bought the next one. Now I found out there is a third one called Enemy Territory. I will probably buy this one also.

I am looking forward to reading a new series called The Typhon Pact. This is a sequel series to one I reported on last year, The Destiny Trilogy. This series has four books as follows:

Typhon Pact: Zero Sum Game, by David Mack – The Typhon Pact is a rival to the Federation consisting of Romulans, Tholians, and the Breen. They steal the plans for a slipstream drive. Julian Bashir and Sarina Douglas, both of whom are genetically enhanced, are sent behind enemy lines to get the plans back.

Typhon Pact: Seize the Fire, by Michael A. Martin – A book that focuses on the USS Titan (Riker’s ship), an encounter with an ancient ecosculptor device capable of re-shaping a world similar to the Genesis device, and the Gorn.

Typhon Pact: Zero Sum Game, by David R. George III – Sisko is called back to active duty to help combat a Borg threat. (And he is not happy about being back on duty...)

Typhon Pact: Paths of Disharmony, by Dayton Ward – Related to a reproductive crisis on Andor, and the Federation’s attempt to assist, but groups on Andor are fighting against any outside interference. Worf and LaForge are some of the characters involved.

I will let you know how these are when I am able to read them.

### **Food and Fun with the USS BortaS**

In October we held our annual bonfire and hot dog roast at my home in Monticello. The weather was very cooperative this year and we had a great time!

For the first time this year, we gathered together the Saturday before Thanksgiving for a turkey feast at Faith and Christina’s home in Rantoul. We were able to welcome back our new XO, Shane Russell, and our two newest members, Jennifer Blohn and Connor Bean. We had absolutely delicious food and a wonderful time was had by all.

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