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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. 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!

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

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USS BortaS Helps With "Monticello Fighting Hunger"

BortaS and the 225th Win Many Regional Awards

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Attention officers and crew USS BortaS SCS-74211

The following personnel have received recognition from Starbase 12:

SPOT AWARDS

Legion Of Merit

Rear Admiral Donald A Glenn Jr.

REAR ADMIRAL RICK GILES IRON STAR

LT Commander Sara Glenn

For outstanding participation and performance in the duties aboard the USS BortaS

Chief Warrant Officer 2nd class Marlee Glenn

For outstanding participation and performance in the duties aboard the USS BortaS

Fleet Captain Shirley Kolb

For outstanding participation and performance in the duties aboard the USS BortaS

FLEET ADMIRAL ADELINE LONGSHAW CRYSTAL STAR

Captain Paula Kesler

GOLDEN PILLAR

Brigadier General Julie McGowan

For outstanding participation and performance in the duties as the OIC of the 12th Brigade and the outstanding cooperation with the Regional Coordinator.

LONGEVITY AWARD

General Michael McGowan - for 20 years of service

Major General Travis Littou - for 20 years service

REGION 12 COORDINATORS COMMENDATION

Rear Admiral Donald A Glenn Jr.

For outstanding participation and Performance as a member of the Region 12 staff.

THE REGION 12 YEARLY AWARDS

(Winners are automatically nominated for STARFLEET International Yearly Awards)

Youth Member of the Year

Cadet Third Class Jessica E Cross

STARFLEET Marine Awards

CROSS OF VALOR (a.k.a. Brigade Marine of the Year)

This award is given to the marine, officer or enlisted, that most exemplifies the spirit, image and attitude of the SFMC within a particular brigade —the one who sets the standard for personal conduct, appearance, motivation, dedicated service and esprit de corps which all STARFLEET Marines in that brigade strive.

Captain Paula Kesler

for

SERVICE COMMENDATION - SGT Chad Stienberg

MERITORIOUS UNIT - 225th MSG DedEx

NAVAL UNIT CITATION - USS BortaS

COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATIONS

MGEN Donald A Glenn Jr

MAJ Sara Glenn

LTC Faith Eheart

GEN Mike McGowan

MAJ Jenny Miller

BDR Shirley Kolb

CW02 Marlee Glenn

COL Paul Kesler

SGT Christel Cornwell

LCPL Jean Rabe

LCPL Denise Hassler

SGT Chad Stienberg

VALOR AWARDS

Shield of Valor (Volunteer) - MGEN Donald A. Glenn Jr.

STREAMERS EARNED BY THE 225th MSG DedEX

Reporting, Recruiting, Community Service, Brigade staff x2

Congratulations to all!

HUZZAH!

That is all.

Rear Admiral Donald A Glenn Jr.

USS BortaS NCC-74211

12th Fleet Chief of Staff

“A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory. LLAP” - The last tweet from Leonard Nimoy, February 23, 2015

As we all know, Leonard Nimoy died on February 27th. To those of us who love Star Trek, it almost seems like a member of our family is gone. I guess I have looked at it that Leonard Nimoy is gone, but Spock continues to live on in all of the incarnations of Star Trek, such as any time we watch an episode or a movie, or we read an Original Series novel.

Leonard Nimoy wrote two books about his experience with Spock, I am not Spock in 1975 and I am Spock in 1995. Many fans were upset with the first book, thinking he was trying to distance himself from the beloved character. But he was only trying to say that he, Leonard Nimoy the man, was more than just the character Spock, and that he also had many other facets to his life. I haven't read the books in many years, but I still remember from I am Spock, him talking about how Spock was like an inner part of him, and he used to have conversations with him, and after *The Wrath of Khan* he tried to do it and the inner voice was gone. I imagine the voice returned after *The Search for Spock*, but it always stuck with me how much of an influence the character had on the man from what he wrote about this experience.

Besides acting, Leonard Nimoy also wrote poetry, was an accomplished photographer, recorded albums, was a director, was a voice actor, and had two long-term marriages and two children. And his acting extended beyond Star Trek, to theatre, movies, and several other TV shows.

Here are some tributes:

“I loved him like a brother. We all will miss his humor, his talent, and his capacity to love.” - William Shatner

“Today, the world lost a great man, and I lost a great friend. We return you now to the stars, Leonard. You taught us to ‘Live Long and Prosper,’ and you indeed did, my friend. I shall miss you in so many, many ways.” - George Takei

“Feels like we lost the head of the family. Thanks and rest in peace, Leonard.”
- John Cho

“RIP to the best First Officer.” - Jonathan Frakes

“While it is true that I feel a profound sadness at the loss of a great man and an even greater friend, that sadness is not only counterbalanced - but outweighed - by the tremendous gratitude I have for the time we shared ... The world is a better place for having had Leonard Nimoy in it, and I am a better man to be sure. My heart is broken. I love you profoundly, my dear friend. And I will miss you every day. May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.” - Zachary Quinto

“It is with sadness that I heard of Leonard Nimoy’s death. I was lucky to spend many happy and inspiring hours with him. He won’t be forgotten.” - Patrick Stewart

“We stood on your shoulders and wouldn’t have had a galaxy to explore if you hadn’t been there first. Thank you, Leonard. Rest in peace.” - Will Wheaton

“While the late Neil Armstrong’s ‘one small step for man’ as we began our exploration of the moon back in July 1969, is ageless, so too is Spock’s iconic ‘live long and prosper,’ a phrase that also spans time and space. It brought out the Vulcan in all of us; that, for me, translated into a peaceful progression of exploring the vastness of outer space for all mankind.” - Buzz Aldrin

“Leonard’s integrity and passion as an actor and devotion to his craft helped transport Star Trek into television history. His vision and heart are bigger than the universe. I will miss him very much.” - Nichelle Nichols

“Leonard Nimoy had dignity, gravitas, a witty and irreverent sense of humor and an intelligence of exceptional size and dimension. I always felt as if I couldn’t afford to miss a word of what he was saying because he never failed to say something that sprang from a deeply authentic and original spirit. As an artist, his contributions have been inestimable. As a man, he stood quite dramatically alone in his singularity, and that can be said of very few.” - Kate Mulgrew

“Leonard Nimoy was more than Mr. Spock. But Mr. Spock is his gift to us all.”
- Tom Hanks



BortaS News

By Fleet Captain Shirley Kolb

The crew of the USS BortaS has been busy volunteering as usual! Many of the crew helped with gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in November and December. We had a very successful year and earned over \$400 in tips. Some of those funds were used to purchase a game table for one of the cottages at the Cunningham Children's Home. Barnes and Noble has already asked us to return next year and we have dates already chosen.

We also participated in "Monticello Fighting Hunger" in February and were present when the one millionth meal was put together. ("Monticello Fighting Hunger" is a part of the "Illini Fighting Hunger" group, which has been putting meal packets together for the past couple of years.) In Monticello, 105,850 meals were put together the day we volunteered, by about 600 volunteers. The meals consist of protein, rice, beans, and chicken flavoring that are put together in bags and make a nutritious stew. The bags are given to local food pantries.

Also in February, Paula Kesler was roasted at Toro Loco in Urbana. (The restaurant managed to remain open for the roast!) (We have a history of choosing restaurants for the roast, and then they either close before we are able to have the roast, or immediately after.) Paula has chosen Faith Eheart to be the next roastee. We all had a good time and I think that Paula felt suitably honored and appreciated.

In April we tried a breakfast meeting for the first time. It went so well that it was decided to continue breakfast meetings throughout the summer. This allows the Captain, who works afternoons, to attend, and also gives the rest of us the rest of the day free.

Mike McGowan will be going to Texas in May to speak at the Region 3 Summit in his role as the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

As you can see by our two pages of awards, we are doing great! Keep up the good work and we will continue to be the best crew in Starfleet and the best group of Marines in the Corps!

Grace Lee Whitney, Yeoman Rand on Original Star Trek, Dies

By Shirley Kolb

Grace Lee Whitney died on May 1st at the age of 85. She spent the last 35 years of her life helping others with addiction problems, as she was a recovering alcoholic. She worked at the Salvation Army and at correctional facilities. She also was a regular at Star Trek conventions around the world.

Grace was in the first season of Star Trek as a yeoman and then returned as a Chief Petty Officer when the series was reborn as a movie franchise in 1979. She made her last appearance in *Star Trek VI, The Undiscovered Country* in 1991, by which time she had been promoted to lieutenant. She also wrote an autobiography entitled [The Longest Trek](#).

As closely identified with Yeoman Rand as she was, her family stressed that she would want to be remembered as a "successful survivor of addiction."

"Grace experienced 35 years of sobriety through continuous fellowship with others and through God and Jesus," her family said.



Intergalactic Nemesis
By Shirley Kolb

Jerry and I were able to attend “Intergalactic Nemesis” at Millikin University. It is sort of hard to explain, but essentially it is like a graphic novel come to life. There is a huge screen where they show the panels from the graphic novel, and then the voice actors and the foley (sound) person and the piano player are out in front on the stage. It was really cool and fun to see how all of the sounds were made, and to watch and hear the voice actors with all the different voices.

There are three volumes of Intergalactic Nemesis. The one we saw was the first one: “Target – Earth!” The second one is called “Robot Planet Rising” and the third is “Twin Infinity.” There is also a show called “Salt” which features one of the secondary characters. All of them are available for viewing through their website, theintergalacticnemesis.com. It started out as a radio drama and has expanded to these live shows as well as the actual graphic novels, t-shirts, toys, posters, etc. I believe they said that a PBS station where they are from in Texas filmed the live shows and you can connect to them from the website. We had a great time – it was just really fun. The story is sort of like an old time sci-fi B-movie. It had time-travel, an intrepid reporter, corny romance, and of course, aliens trying to take over the world!

I think everyone from the crew would enjoy seeing the shows so if you have a chance, check out the website!

(Note: The quotes about Leonard Nimoy come from *CBS Watch Commemorative Editon, Leonard Nimoy, 1931-2015*, and *Entertainment Weekly's Leonard Nimoy, Remembering the Man Behind Spock*.)

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