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Region Six Awards Its Own

The following awards were presented at the Region 6 Summit. For the statistically minded, 5 people submitted nominations for 4 chapters and 13 individuals. When it came to voting, 7 out of 8 ballots were returned

Perfect Reporting in 2002

Shuttle Cimarron USS Czar'ak **USS** Imperium USS Saint George

Recognition of Commissioning **USS Saint George**

Recognition of Fifth Anniversary USS Fox River

Recruiting Award

USS Fox River USS Thunderchild

Community Service Award USS Czar'ak

Party Barge

USS Imperium

Chapter of the Year

USS Saint George

Scholarship Award

Jason Pelletier, USS Saint George

Community Service Award

CMDR Cynthia Henry, USS Czar'ak

Participation Award

LT Wesley Brandt, USS Imperium

Leadership Award

LTCDR Shawn McMichael, USS Imperium

Member of the Year

LT Tom Schulte, USS Saint George

Nominations for the 2003 awards, which will be presented at the next Region 6 Summit, are due April 1. Any STAR-FLEET member may nominate any STARFLEET member who resides in Region 6, or belongs to a Region 6 chapter. It is expected and hoped that all chapters will nominate themselves. For more information, please contact Peggie Kennedy, kennedymm@acm.org.

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Region 6 Listserv: sfr6@yahoogroups.com

Region 6 Summit:: /www.geocities.com/r6summit/

Notes to Financial Statements

The regional bank account was started in May 2001 with the \$100 profit that was earned from the 2000 Summit. We are being charged \$3 per month for having a low use business checking account. This is the lowest rate we could get with Wells Fargo. We may be able to get a free account at another bank. Newsletter Postage Expense and Newsletter Printing Expense are for *Deep Freeze 6*. Expenses are for the November/December issue of 2002 and for the January/February issue of 2003. The Account Payable is a reimbursement owed for the 2001 issue. All other income, expenses, and the Accounts Receivable are from Summit. Awards Expense is the cost of printing and mailing the regional awards ballots. Hotel Expense includes both the meeting room and the Saturday night banquet. Miscellaneous Expenses include the Mini-Golf Tournament. Printing Expense includes the program books. The Accounts Receivable are for Summit registrations.

		Income S	Statement			
Revenues	Jan. 1 - June 30, 2002	July 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2002	Jan. 1 - June 30, 2003	July 1 - Dec. 31, 2003	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2003
Donations	0.00	\$12.45	12.45	33.29	\$0.00	33.29
Raffle/Auction Income	37.22	\$0.00	37.22	64.00	\$0.00	64.00
Summit Registrations	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	1,100.00	\$0.00	1,100.00
Total Revenues	\$37.22	\$12.45	\$49.67	\$1,197.29	\$0.00	\$1,197.29
Expenses	f i		7	f i		2
Awards Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.05	\$0.00	\$9.05
Bank Fees	18.00	18.00	36.00	18.00	18.00	36.00
Hotel Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	788.14	0.00	788.14
Newsletter Postage Expense	0.00	5.98	5.98	8.90	0.00	8.90
Newsletter Printing Expense	0.00	6.47	6.47	15.34	0.00	15.34
Summit Misc. Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.88	0.00	79.88
Summit Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.20	0.00	49.20
Total Expenses	\$18.00	\$30.45	\$48.45	\$968.51	\$18.00	\$986.51
Net Income (Loss)	\$19.22	(\$18.00)	\$1.22	\$228.78	(\$18.00)	\$210.78

Balance Sheet								
	June 30, 2002	Dec. 31, 2002	June 30, 2003	Dec. 31, 2003				
Assets								
Cash	\$165.02	\$147.02	\$203.58	\$240.58				
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	165.00	110.00				
Total Assets	\$165.02	\$147.02	\$368.58	\$350.58				
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	\$7.22	\$7.22	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Total Liabilities	\$7.22	\$7.22	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Equity								
Retained Earnings	\$138.58	\$138.58	\$139.80	\$139.80				
Income (Loss)	19.22	1.22	228.78	210.78				
Total Equity	\$157.80	\$139.80	\$368.58	\$350.58				
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$165.02	\$147.02	\$368.58	\$350.58				

Regional Coordinator's Report

by VADM Mike Urvand

Greetings from Starbase 6! I apologize for the extreme tardiness of this report, but there has been a lot going on with us here on the Command Staff that have held things up. That's no excuse of course, only an explanation. On behalf of my staff and I, please accept our apologies.

I want to thank Commodore Kimberly Brooks from Region 7 for stepping in to pinch hit on the Newsletter. When she heard that we were all tasked on a side project (which is still classified for a bit longer), she was quick to volunteer her services. Thank you Kimi!

So much has happened since our last newsletter! We've had Summit, IC as well as the Fall Conference! Because of that, you're going to be seeing somewhat of a hodgepodge in this issue of the DF6. We'll have articles from several of the last few regional events. Next issue will be back to covering more current events.

That brings us to upcoming events. Starting next month, there will be the Spring Valleycon. This is a new experiment as the folks who are putting this on, including the crew of the Imperium, haven't tried this before. This will be more of a relaxacon, along with, I'm told, the Imperium's 12 anniversary party!

Next we have the 2004 Region 6 Summit. The theme this year is "Heroes and Villains" and is being hosted by the USS Fox River and the Shuttle Cimarron. The dates are June 18-20 and is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kimberly, WI. For more information, go to http://www.geocities.com/r6summit.

Finally, there is the 2004 Starfleet International Conference. This year it's being held in Birmingham, AL on July 29-August 1, 2004. For more info on that, go to http://www.ic2004.org.

That's about it for now. Keep up all the great work that you've been doing!

Senior Vice Regional Coordinator's Report

by ADM David Kloempken

Hello everyone...

We are fast approaching our Region 6 Summit in Appleton WI, on June 18-20, 2004. Please work on getting your registration in ASAP and getting your room(s) reserved. We would love to see a large turnout of our region's members.

Speaking of Summit that reminds me that we will be soon be looking for award nominations from all the CO's soon. Start thinking of those! We are also looking for more activities that we can do as a region. If you have any suggestions please send me an email at davidk50@skypoint.com.

I'm working on keeping the Regional Web site up to date if you find a broken link or any other problems please let me know. We also would like to get everyone's participation in helping keep the ship's events/activities for each ship up to date. We would like to have events going on for each chapter so anyone in the region might be able to come to your events/activities. Photos of your events/activities, or links to such we'd also like and would be glad to post for each chapter. If you have any suggestions for the Region 6 website, please let me know.

STARFLEET SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

Region 12 Summit will be May 21-23 at the Holiday Inn, Joplin, MO. Rooms are \$79; for reservations, call 417-782-1000. Registration is \$30, Saturday night dinner is \$15, and Saturday lunch is \$15. For more information, contact killough@southshore.com or www.team12.org.

Region 6 Summit will be June 18-20 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kimberly, WI. For more information, contact leppin1701@aol.com.

STARFLEET International Conference, "Journey to the Land of Vulcan", will be July 29-August 1, 2004, at the Birmingham Marriott, Birmingham, AL. Rooms are \$109; for reservations, call 888-426-5171 by July 7, 2004. Registration is \$35 until July 15 and \$40 at the door. The banquet is \$35 until May 1, 2004. T-Shirts are \$15 until May 1, 2004. For more information, contact Starfleet IC 2004, c/o Pete Mohney, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham, AL 35215, info@ic2004.org, or www.ic2004.org.

CONVENTIONS

Odyssey Con IV will be April 2-4 at the Radisson Inn, Madison, WI. Guests include authors Joe Haldeman and David Weber. Rooms are \$89; for reservations, call 800-333-3333. Registration is \$40 at the door. For more information, contact Jerome Van Epps, 901 Jenifer Street, Madison, WI 53703, 608-260-9924, oddcon@oddcon.org, or www.oddcon.org.

Minicon 39 will be April 9-11 at the Millenium Hotel, Minneapolis. Guests include Walter Jon Williams, Sharyn November, and Deb Geisler. Rooms are \$82; for reservations, call 612-332-6000. Registration is \$45 until March 8 and \$70 at the door. For more information, contact Minicon 39, Post Office Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408, 612-824-5559, request@minicon.mnstf.org, or www.mnstf.org/minicon/minicon39.

CONcinnity 4, "Engineering a Fantasy", will be April 17-18 at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. For more information, contact CONcinnity, c/o MAGE, Student Life Office, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Student Life and Campus Center, 1025 North Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202-3109, mage_concinnity@yahoo.com, or www.msoe.edu/st orgs/gaming/concinnity/.

DemiCon XV will be April 30-May 2 at Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, IA. Guests include Emma Bull, Will Shetterly, Frank Kelly Freas, Rusty Hevelin, and Tadao Tomomatso. Rooms are \$89; for reservations, call 515-243-1161 by April 1. Registration is \$42. For more information, contact The Des Moines Science Fiction Society, Ltd., DemiCon XV, Post Office Box 7572, Des Moines, IA 50323-7572, info@demicon.org, or www.demicon.org.

ValleyCon 29 will be April 23-25 at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND. Registration is \$20. For more information, contact ValleyCon 28, Post Office Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 or www.valleycon.com.

CONvergence, "Out of the Shadows", will be July 2-4 at the Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, MN. Guests include author Larry Niven, author David Gerrold, digital effects artist/animator Vin Truitner, and fantasy artist Denise Garner. Registration is \$40 until May 15 and \$55 at the door. For more information, contact CONvergence, 1437 Marshall Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55104, 651-647-3487, info@convergence-con.org, or www.convergence-con.org.

Diversicon 12 will be August 13-15 at the Days Inn Airport, Bloomington, MN. Guests include S.P. Somtow (also known as Somtow Sucharitkul) and Mark Rich. Rooms are \$79; for reservations, call 952-854-8400. Registration is \$25 until February 14, \$30 until July 4, and \$40 at the door. For more information, contact Diversicon 11, Post Office Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408, info@ diversicon.com, or www.diversicon.org.

ValleyCon 30 and the Region 6 Conference will be October 22-24 at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND. Guests include Terry Brooks, Ben Bova, Boris Vallejo, and Julie Bell. Registration is \$25. For more information, contact ValleyCon 28, Post Office Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 or www.valleycon.com.

Region Six Conference Report

by FCAPT Steve Eldred



The 2003 Region Six Conference was held on Saturday, November 1st at the Marriott Courtyard hotel in Moorhead, Minnesota during the Valleycon 28 science fiction festival.

VADM Michael Urvand, the Region Six RC, called the meeting to order a few minutes after 10am and made a formal welcoming speech for those in attendance.

The date and location of the 2004 Region Six Summit "Heroes & Villians"

were revealed as June 18,2004 in Appleton, Wisconsin. Attendance at this Summit by as many Region Six Starfleet members as possible was strongly encouraged. The RC

pointed out that we had 96 Region Six members in Starfleet available to go to Summit.

Plans for a Region Six Proposal for the 2006 IC were then enthusiastically discussed. The favorite title for the IC was "Six in the City".

Other early topics of discussion included:

- 1. The Stellar Visions fan fiction newsletter (as a good service to check out.)
- 2. The need to spend more time and effort with the Fleet Cadet program in the near future.
- 3. Ship Reports from each of the Chapters present. The USS St. George challenged the other ships with a Toys-4-Tots charity drive for next year and beyond.
- 4. A report on the Chapter Care Program.

When the time came to begin awarding rank promotions, Mike Urvand came up with the idea to make a long distance cell phone call to Tom Webster in Wisconsin to present him with his promotion to Brigadier. He was pleasantly surprised and a bit embarrassed to talk to all of us on the speakerphone. Wendy Urvand was then presented with her well-deserved Fleet Captain promotion and she beamed in surprise as well.

Once again it proved to be a great conference that was hosted at Valleycon by the USS Imperium. Thanks go out to all of those in attendance and to those who contributed to another successful Region Six Conference. The USS Imperium would also like to invite you to the 2004 Region Six Conference to be held Saturday, October 23rd at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND.

















ValleyCon 28 Report

by FCAPT Steve Eldred

A number of risks were taken by the Con Chair and ValleyCon committee leaders for this year's ValleyCon. In an effort to bring new and unique experiences to those attending the con we held it over the Halloween weekend. We wanted to take advantage of the costume/party atmosphere that Halloween brings to a community. With that in mind, we constructed a complete Haunted House experience for kids and adults to participate in.

Inside of a large conference room a tunnel/maze was built and stocked with spooky surprises, costumed guides and "movie monsters", arms reaching out of walls, and scary decorations. The end result was a really unique and fun activity for all. It wasn't as well attended by the community as we would have hoped, but it was well done I thought and appreciated by those who did go through the house as a great part of their Halloween and ValleyCon experience.

We held the con for the first (and most likely last) time in the newly built Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Moorhead, Minnesota. Due to the restrictive rules by the Hotel there were several sacrifices that con attendees had to make during the weekend. No outside foods were allowed in the convention area and hotel staff was quite militant in enforcing that policy. (Even to the point of escorting a pregnant woman outside in the bitter cold to finish her sandwich). Con suites had to close their doors at midnight and no "loud" parties in the hotel rooms were allowed.

The conference area itself was very modern and the main ballroom area worked well for our banquet and dance and large panels. The art show room proved to be too small for the artwork we had submitted and was moved to a larger conference room on Saturday morning. The convention area hallways were quite large and allowed us to expand our dealer's room into the hallway with three tables of merchandise.

The Hotel also overbooked their facilities and ValleyCon had to move certain gaming and con events to accommodate events held by other groups during the weekend. For those staying at the hotel, they did unfortunately have a rude awakening early Saturday morning. There was a fire alarm pulled by someone on the third floor at 4:45 am and a fire extinguisher emptied in a hallway. Although it was never determined who actually did this, the ValleyCon staff assisted the hotel staff by walking the halls on fire watch (for almost 3 hours) and completely cleaning up the mess.

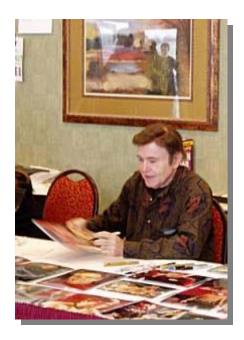
Now on to the really positive aspects of ValleyCon. Our guests of honor this year were top notch. Walter Koenig proved to be an excellent choice as a media guest. He was a bit tired due to his long trip to get to Fargo/Moorhead, but he provided Star Trek and Babylon Five fans with several fond memories during ValleyCon. He was introspective and very open and honest, funny and entertaining, and very accessible to the fans during the con. His hour on stage Saturday during the main Question and Answer panel was truly wonderful. And his Sunday afternoon panel with our own Vice Admiral Mike Urvand on Star Trek memories and speculations was very special. Seeing a bone fide Star Trek legend tease Mike and extend his ringed hand for Mike to kiss was precious beyond description.

The other guests of honor at ValleyCon also were very good and added to the success of the con. For Michael Romkey, the author of "I Vampire", this was his first science fiction convention. He's hooked people. He's going to Marscon next year and will be attending as many cons as he can in the near future. Steve Fastner and Rich Larson were our art guests of honor from the Minneapolis area and they brought great art and were very well received as well in the panels and at the parties. At least one of them will be back to ValleyCon in the near future with a dealer's table. A young author, Travis Mathison, was also an active part of ValleyCon this year and he brought hope that talent at any age can find an audience in science fiction and fantasy.

The panels this year at ValleyCon were top notch and very well attended. The Harry Potter panel went really well, and was hosted by a children's librarian and a Lutheran Pastor. There was a girl of about ten years old there who gave quite a testimonial on why she loved the books. Her insights into the books really added to the discussion by the adults present.

In the Tolkien panel, John Mansfield from Winnipeg and yours truly hosted a lively discussion on the Lord of the Rings movies. John was with one of the departments of New Line Cinema and gave several behind the scenes details about the movies.

And last but certainly not least, the Region Six Conference went really well, once we all found our which panel room it was to be held in. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a success. I especially liked the "Six in the City" title proposal for a future IC bid for the twin cities. You had to be there! Thanks to all who attended ValleyCon this year. I hope you all had a great time and had lots of fond memories. I know I did!!









The USS Fox River & The Shuttle Cimmaron would like to invite you to the...







HEROES AND VILLAINS JUNE 18-20, 2004

Hilton Garden Inn

720 Eisenhower Drive, Kimberly, WI 54136 Tel: 1-920-730-1900 Fax: 1-920-734-7565 Hotel Rooms are \$89 + tax per night

The reservation code is **STR**

Uniform dress is requested for the Saturday Session!

Come dressed for the Saturday night dinner as your favorite Hero or Villain & win a prize for the best costume!

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