



# STARFLEET REGION TWELVE REGIONAL STATUS REPORT

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# REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

VICE ADMIRAL JEFF HIGDON

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Greetings from the Captain's Ready Room aboard the USS *Black Hawk*. I feel honored and humbled by the election as your Region Coordinator and hope I can live up to the challenge. However, I will do it!

My thanks goes to Commodore Allen Glenn, Vice Admiral Mike Dugas and Rear Admiral Ray Brown for showing that there are true members of this region that have an eagerness to serve this region a time of real need. Their desire to serve STARFLEET is a tribute to all who wish to have a stronger fleet and region.



There are several issues I wanted to address in this issue of the Monthly Status Report. The first is the Yearly Awards. As most of you know, the Awards Director, Rear Admiral Carolyn "CZ" Zimdahl was in the midst of balloting for the awards when she unexpectedly passed away. I want to extend the condolences of the Region and the Regional Staff to the Officers and Crew of the USS *BortaS* on the passing of their Executive Officer. CZ was a great lady and a shining example of what a STARFLEET member should be. In fact it was decided that this year's Yearly Awards will be awarded in the Honor and Memory of Rear Admiral Carolyn "CZ" Zimdahl and all certificates present as part of these awards will state such.

Since the nominees were announce it has been decided that the voting process will go on. Until April 25th we will be accepting votes on your choices of the nominated awards. I plan to announce the awards either on on April 26th or 27th because we need to get our nominees in for the International Award before May 5th.

Another issue is the Region 12 Website. The website has been modified by my direction and will continue to be worked on. The R12 Wiki has been taken down completely and will not be recreated. Other materials will be going up as soon as possible, including a better awards section, a documents section and a simplified overall website.

Both the Awards Handbook and the Region Summit Guidelines are currently undergoing revamping. We hope to have this done by May 23rd and ready for revelation.

And it is my privilege to announce that the Region 12 Conference – Reunion Picnic will happen on May 23rd in Topeka, Kansas in the form of a day long retreat and cookout. The Officers and Crew of the USS *Hellfire & Brimstone* will be hosting this event. It will be staged at Gage Park and all are invited. This is an official Region 12 Event and I plan to attend. The event is free to attend although a donation is suggested to help with the cost of food and beverages. More on this event will be later in the RSR.

I need to address on the perception that there is NO SUMMIT, as we have traditionally come to know it, in 2009, and thus no gathering for Region 12. The fact is that this Conference, in

form of an outdoor “dining alfresco” and not just a cookout but multiple cookouts and a retreat, designed for the maximum chance for you to chat with your attending regional staff and other members of STARFLEET, shall act as this year official gathering for the Region. It is recognized that the current economic downturn would prevent a majority of members, of even those to be present at the summits regularly, to attend this year. I am not the only one who hopes we can get as many members to the conference as possible. However, I will have an announcement at the Conference concerning the 2010 gathering and the bid guidelines for the 2011 Summit.

Your Monthly Status Reports are still due, per STARFLEET Regulations, by the fifth day of each month. Five chapters have yet to file their MSR for the month of March (due 4-5-2009) and I would like to request and encourage those Cos, XO or their representatives to still file your MSRs. I would very much like to report 100% filing. That would be grrrrreat!

In final thoughts I am looking forward to serving you, the members of this region, and am enthusiastic about our goals for this region. I believe we a fine group to help me in the duties of Region Twelve Coordinator and look forward to hear from you on your thoughts on what our region is and needs. See you next month!

# SENIOR VICE REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

COMMODORE BEA HART

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I know most of you know me, but for those that do not. Allow me to introduce myself. I joined STARFLEET in 1989, I became a member of the *USS Stargazer*. Then I joined up with the present *USS Jeannette Maddox*. From there I created the *USS Sunflower*. I live in Kansas, with my husband Larry of 44 years. I have one Daughter (Candy), she and her husband have three boys.



My duties as SVRC are to assist the Regional Coordinator in all matters of Region 12, and to help with decisions concerning the AB board. I would also like to mention there is an Auction going on for some coins, and Troy Cash of the *USS Marko Ramius* has been coordinating it. My thanks to you Troy for the wonderful job you are doing, and your work is very appreciated. These coins are the fund-raiser for the Scholarship Fund. Which I am still coordinating. Any bids or donations for the Scholarship fund will be appreciated.

I know Region 12 can be the great Region it still is. As your Senior Vice Regional Coordinator, I want to make a difference for you the members. I would like to thank Region 12 for giving me this opportunity.

**It is an honor to serve.**

# REGION STAFF REPORT REPORT

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## REGION 12 JUNIOR VICE REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT

CAPTAIN JAY M. HURD

Greetings fellow members of STARFLEET Region 12. It is an honor and privilege to be able to address you as the Chief of Staff of the current R12RC administration. Vice Admiral Higdon, I'd like to thank you for this opportunity. I would also like to take this moment to congratulate Donald Allen Glenn, Michael Dugas and Ray Brown for having the courage to throw their hats in the ring during the election. I am glad that we all had the best interests of the Region in mind, and I look forward to working with you all over the next two years.

For those of you who I have not met in person, please allow me to introduce myself. I serve as Commanding Officer of the USS Chicago, and I have served intermittently as part of the Region staff during the last two RC administrations. This is my first time serving as Region 12 JVRC. While I cannot claim experience as a VRC, I have completed several of the leadership courses at STARFLEET Academy, including earning a grade of distinction at the Flag Officer's School, Chief of STARFLEET exam, and a grade of Honors for the VCS exam. I have also completed, with distinction, the Shakedown and Support Chapter Courses. I am very much looking forward to applying my SFA experience to the Region.

I am a veteran of the United States Navy. During my tour of duty with the Navy, I developed an appreciation for military procedure and protocol which I hoped to be able to apply to my duties as JVRC and CoS. I have also learned the one most important value during my tour: Teamwork.

The motto of the USS Nimitz was "Teamwork, A Tradition". Every member of the crew understood this motto, knowing that only working as a team would allow the USS Nimitz to complete her mission with success and a high level of professionalism that the United States expects of her military. It is a discipline I have carried on to my private civilian life and it is a discipline I bring here to STARFLEET Region 12.

Every chapter in this Region has its strengths and its weaknesses. It is my goal to learn the strengths and weaknesses of each chapter and advise the Staff on how we can best help those chapters in need of closer attention from the Region staff, as well as to encourage chapters with defined strengths to share those strengths as mentors to other chapters. While it is not my intention to create cookie-cutter chapters that have no identity, it is my intention to see that all of our chapters grow and prosper.

As Chief of Staff for VAdm. Higdon, a portion of my service to this Region will be executed from behind the scenes as an administrator. My duties will be to directly oversee the positions of the finance, awards and publications offices. I will also be continuing responsibilities as Region 12 webmaster for the immediate future. I would like to take a moment to give a brief overview of the offices that fall under my jurisdiction:

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer shall be occupied by Commander Jeff Gallus, Chief

of Security and 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of the USS Chicago. Aiding him will be Ens. Jennifer Gallus, who brings with her extensive banking experience. I expect that Cmdr. Gallus will primarily report to the RC, however I will address any housekeeping concerns that the Commander has. Upon notification of the election results, Mr. & Mrs. Gallus began working towards a smooth transition of Region funds, which included a review of said funds with the RC.

The Offices of Publications Officer and Awards Director were originally intended to be separate offices, however, the decision was made to combine these offices during the elections on a trial basis. Originally, this staff position was to have been filled by RAdm Carolyn Zimdahl, but with her sudden passing, we were left with a void that needed to be filled. I am pleased to announce that Commander Amy Hurd, Chief Intelligence Officer – USS Chicago, will be filling that role. Cmdr. Hurd brings to the office a background in teaching and has had moderate experience in editing including work on USS Chicago and MOPs newsletters, as well as experience in the editing works of fiction.

I am confident in the ability of Commanders Hurd and Gallus to be able to execute the duties of their offices in a timely and efficient manner.

Next is the matter of the Region 12 website. I have been asked by the RC to retain the duties of the office for the foreseeable future. To address past problems with security and accessibility issues for the Region 12 website, as well as constructive criticism on the layout and content of the site, a decision was made during the election to ‘downgrade’ the site to some extent. We are currently reviewing the status of the website along with input from Mike McGowan (USS *BortaS*) who has been able to provide us with some very useful insights. Thank you, Mike.

In the coming weeks, the Region 12 staff will review the Region 12 Awards Program. I do not foresee making any significant changes to the current structure of the awards program, but we are introducing a new award competition in the form of the STARFLEET Region 12 Region Efficiency Award. This amendment to the awards program will recognize chapters that make progress in the areas of monthly reporting, recruiting and retention, academy involvement and communications. The criteria is moderately strict with regards to earning an “E” (Efficient) rating for each of the for areas, and earning an “E” rating in all four areas will qualify a chapter to wear with pride the Battle “E” award. There will be a formal announcement about the Region E Award at the Region Conference, with program details to be released on-line afterwards

I look forward to working with all chapters over the next two years while serving as the JVRC for STARFLEET Region 12.

## **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

COMMANDER JEFF GALLUS

My name is Jeff Gallus, I am the Chief of Security aboard the U.S.S Chicago, Although I have been a member of Starfleet since September. Captain Jay must like my work since I have rapidly achieved the rank of Commander. That is the way I like to do things, get things done right and as Quickly as possible! Which relates to my job as a In store Salesman for Pittsburgh Paints in Chicago. We deal mostly with contractor painters who work on a tight

schedule and need product made and delivered quickly and efficiently.

What I plan to bring to the Region as Financial Director is quick and accurate accounting for all our regions monies incoming and outgoing with a strict following of the rules of Starfleet and The American banking system. I will also have an open book policy to all Starfleet Officers to show "All is well and being taken care of!"

Helping me with this job will be my wife Jennifer who is a Banker and a Vice President for a Major Banking Institution in Chicago and has been in banking for over 20 years. She knows all the ins and outs of Banking and is a strong guide in what we can and can't do with our accounts and monies.

I pledge to do this job to the best of my and Jennifer's ability's and believe we can serve this region well. We are proud to be associated with Admiral Higdon and his team and hope to do you all proud.

### **Breakdown of Finances**

General Fund: \$859.15

Scholarship Fund: \$403.15

12th Brigade Marine Fund: \$13.00

Total: \$1255.30

## **PUBLICATIONS OFFICER REPORT**

COMMANDER AMY M. HURD

Amy Hurd reporting for duty as Publications Officer. I majored in Education and minored in Sociology and English. As stated above, I have experience in creating columns for the MOPs newsletters, editing works of fiction, have works of poetry published in literary magazines and have a keen eye for the written word. English and grammar have always been my forte.

I am the mother of two Cadets on the USS Chicago, of whom I homeschool full time. This opens my schedule to the needs of the Region greatly.

I will assist as needed with any work that is assigned to me. I will also be taking care of the awards position at this time, receiving instructions directly from the JVRC and RC as needed.

I look forward to serving this region well.

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# MSR SUMMARY - APRIL

STARFLEET REGION 12

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## USS BLACK HAWK

NCC-75004 ♦ Rockford, IL ♦ Chapter Strength: 12 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

USS BLACK HAWK will be staging a Recruiting Day on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Tomorrow is Yesterday, 5600 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Loves Park, IL 61111.

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## USS BORTAS

NCC-74211 ♦ Urbana, IL ♦ Chapter Strength: 16 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

USS BORTAS mourns the loss of chapter Executive Officer Rear Admiral Carolyn "CZ" Zimdahl.

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## USS CHICAGO

NCC-75011 ♦ Steger, IL ♦ Chapter Strength: 16 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

USS Chicago started planning for Free Comic Book Day (May 2) and the Star Trek Premier (May 8). USS Chicago has been contacted with a request to take part in a wedding in September. They also spoke with a local organization that has invited us to help with community service projects.

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## USS CLAYMORE

NCC-72292 ♦ Oklahoma City, OK ♦ Chapter Strength: 5 ♦ March MSR NOT RECEIVED

NO REPORT

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## USS DISCOVERY

NCC-1308 ♦ St. Louis, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 6 ♦ February MSR RECIEVED

USS DISCOVERY celebrated Square Day on 3-3-9, Pi day on 3-14, and St. Patrick's Day. They also organized a Geek Trivia event, where each participant contributed a category of questions and planned several hikes and gaming events.

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## **USS DRAGONSTRIKE**

NCC-74305 ♦ Oswego, KS ♦ Chapter Strength: 16 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME  
USS DRAGONSTRIKE held a general meeting at the Great Wall on March 16th.

## **USS HELLFIRE & BRIMSTONE**

NCC-3143 ♦ Topeka, KS ♦ Chapter Strength: 16 ♦ March MSR NOT RECEIVED  
No Report

## **ISS HEXUM**

NCC-2199 ♦ Belleville, IL ♦ Chapter Strength: 13 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME  
HEXUM are looking into some local activities (ie trivia night, picnic, etc). Working on plans to see the new Star Trek movie opening 8 May. They are planning another meeting in the St Louis area and inviting the crew of the ISS Discovery to join us. We did this in January with the Majel Rodenberry and Ricardo Montalban wake.

## **USS HORIZON**

NCC-1000-B ♦ Columbia, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 31 ♦ March MSR NOT RECEIVED  
No Report

## **USS JEANNETTE MADDOX**

NCC-14514 ♦ Wichita, KS ♦ Chapter Strength: 16 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME  
The MADDOX ARE Making plans for Star Trek XI. Away mission was staged to see "Return to Witch Mountain".

## **USS MARKO RAMIUS**

NCC-23103 ♦ Fayetteville, AR ♦ Chapter Strength: 19 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME  
No Report

## **USS PHOENIX**

NCC-2155 ♦ Columbia, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 13 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME\*

Reserved booth space Columbia, MO Earth Day event, and doing preproduction for our video project. Also resuming our weekly RPG sessions. (\*Received MSR a full month before due on March 3rd)

## **USS POLARIS**

NCC-71802 ♦ Independence, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 0 ♦ March MSR NOT RECEIVED

No Report

## **ISS ROYAL SOVEREIGN**

NCC-72201 ♦ Leavenworth, KS ♦ Chapter Strength: 13 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

Crew held monthly gaming and movie nights. Participating in R12 RC election.

## **USS SUNFLOWER**

NCC-74679 ♦ Augusta, KS ♦ Chapter Strength: 10 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

No report.

## **USS THUNDERBIRD**

NCC-71845 ♦ Oklahoma City, OK ♦ Chapter Strength: 6 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

THUNDERBIRD watched a movie - Monsters vs Aliens.

## **SS TROUBADOR STATION**

NCC-1201 ♦ St. Louis, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 11 ♦ March MSR YET TO BE RECEIVED

No Report

## **USS UMIAK**

NCC-3142 ♦ St. Louis, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 12 ♦ March MSR RECEIVED ON TIME

UMIAK crew is looking forward to Rend-Fest in Wentzville, MO. in May/June '09.

## USS WHITE STAR

NCC-71012 ♦ Blue Springs, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 21 ♦ March MSR NOT RECEIVED

No report

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## USS WILLIAM WALLACE

NCC-2555 ♦ Joplin, MO ♦ Chapter Strength: 14 ♦ March RECEIVED ON TIME

Welcomes Commodore Steve Bowers off the ISS Empire.

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## REGION NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ***Region 12 Conference – Reunion Picnic Announced***

Yes, members of Region 12, the end of winter is in sight, and it's once again time for the Region 12 Conference - A Reunion Picnic.

Remember the summers of the past where the Region came together to just have fun, in a park, with family and friends? Well, this year, we have decided to bring back this tradition, and have the Region 12 Reunion, an outdoor event with fun for all. This year, we are holding this Reunion in world famous Gage Park in Topeka, KS. The date stays the same (May 23, 2009) only the location has changed.

What does Gage Park offer to bring you here? Well, there is an old fashioned Wooden Carousel, mini-train, the Topeka Zoo, and a huge play area for children. The carousel is a fully restored 1908 carousel, and is available to be ridden for \$0.75 per person. The Mini-train runs around the park on a mile long track, and will show you the main parts of the park for \$1 per person, with children under 1 free. The park itself is 160 acres, and has walking trails, and for those with Kansas Fishing Licenses, a very nice fishing pond. The Zoo is well known for their rain forest exhibit, and we are working on special group rates for admission.

OK, so what is this event going to cost you? Well, as a thank you for putting up with the technical difficulties of Summit over the past several months, it has been decided to make this a free event. That's right, you can attend for free. Of course, we will certainly accept donations to help cover costs. While any amount you can afford to donate is more than appreciated, we suggest \$50 for Chapters (with 5 or more attending) or \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13 and under, and nothing for children 3 and under. Donations can be made at the Reunion please RSVP by sending an email with the names of those attending and any dietary concerns to [r12picnic@cox.net](mailto:r12picnic@cox.net) by May 18th. You may also RSVP by calling Wade at 785-817-1837, or you can also send an SMS Text to that number as well. Donations may be sent prior to the Reunion by PayPal to [mypixie@gmail.com](mailto:mypixie@gmail.com) (please put "Reunion", the names of those attending and any dietary concerns in the message section.).

While this is not classified as a "Summit" and will be called a "Conference", as we plan on utilizing the Reunion to handle some Region business. Here is a working schedule:

10 AM: CO/XO meeting  
11:15 AM: Lunch  
11:30 AM: General Session and Awards  
1 PM: 12th Brigade Muster and open time  
6 PM: Dinner and Auction  
7 PM: Dance/Socialize  
9:30 PM: Dance end and clean up facility  
10:30 PM: Turn off the lights, and leave the park

As always we are accepting donations (does not have to be Trek related) for the Auction. The auction proceeds will be divided as follows:

60% of proceeds to Region 12 General Funds  
40% of proceeds to Region 12 Scholarship Program

So, what about hotels? Well, currently, we have not made any arrangements at any hotel in the area, but there are several very reasonable hotels in the area.

Super 8 Topeka  
5968 SW 10th  
Topeka, KS 66604  
(785) 273-5100  
Rooms start at \$50

Sleep Inn and Suites  
1024 SW Wannamaker Road  
Topeka, KS 66604  
(785) 228-2500  
Rooms start at \$70

Quality Inn Topeka  
1240 SW Wannamaker Road  
Topeka KS 66604  
(785) 273-6969  
Rooms start at \$58

Best Western Topeka  
700 SW Fairlawn Road  
Topeka, KS 66606  
(785) 228-2223  
Rooms start at \$60

Remember that there are STARFLEET discounts with Choice Hotels (Sleep Inn & Quality Inn) can give you a minimum of 10-15% savings, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car generally gives a 10% discount (but this can vary). The STARFLEET ID numbers are:

For Choice Hotels: **ID:** 00711585

**Website:** <http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/en-US/html/CorpLogin>

Phone: 800-258-2847 (SENIORS - 800-424-6423)

For Enterprise Rent-A-Car: **ID:** 39Y2844 **PIN#** STA

**Website:** [http://www.enterprise.com/car\\_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=029](http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=029)

Phone: 800-261-7331

(More information on other STARFLEET Discounts can be found on <http://www.sfi.org>.)

There are certainly many other places to stay. Please contact the below e-mail address for a complete list.

Topeka also has a wide range of attractions to keep you busy. The Great Overland Station (a train museum), Brown v. the Board of Education National Park, tour of the State of Kansas capital building (including a climb to the top of the rotunda).and many other local attractions. While this is a free event, we do need a headcount to know what to get in the way of food. We request that you register by May 18, 2009. You can do this by sending an E-mail to [r12picnic@cox.net](mailto:r12picnic@cox.net), or by calling 785-817-1837, and leave a message. You can also send an SMS text to that number as well. However, if you don't get registered, you can still attend. If you have any special dietary requirements, PLEASE make sure to register, so we can prepare for your needs.

We do hate to bring it up, but Gage Park is an alcohol free park. We can't have it there, so this will be a dry event. Sorry, we didn't write the rule, but we will have to enforce it.

So, come on over to Topeka KS on May 23, and have fun at the Region 12 Reunion.

How do you get here? We're easy to find. From the east or west, take I-70 to Topeka, and follow the signs to the Gage exit (exit 385B). Head south on Gage to 6th Street. Turn right, and the first left will get you into the park. Once you get into the park, follow the signs to the shelter. From the south, follow the Kansas Turnpike to Topeka (exit 182). Go west on I-70, and follow the directions above. From the North (not through Kansas City): Take US75 to I-70. Follow I-70 to Gage as above.

Come on out, and have fun with Region 12!!