



# THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

The Official Second Fleet Newsletter

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## Flag Sends

Congratulations to our fellow Gryphon Fleet member FADM Laura Lochen on being appointed First Space Lord, as reported later in this issue! This is the highest leadership position in The Royal Manticoran Navy (TRMN) after the First Lord of the Admiralty.

This fleet has been quite an incubator for worldwide TRMN leadership. In addition to the 1SL, here are a few other TRMN leaders who call Gryphon Fleet their home:

- SMCPO Christopher Baye, Senior Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (TRMN's top enlisted leader)
- RADM Heidi Nelson, Seventh Space Lord
- CDRE Cheryl Krause, Deputy Second Space Lord
- CDRE Christopher Thompson, Deputy Third Space Lord
- CAPT Garret Bitker, head of the Royal Manticoran Astro Control Service (a Royal Council position)
- And twelve Members of the House of Commons (nearly as many as the rest of the fleets combined!)

That's just a few off of the top of my head!

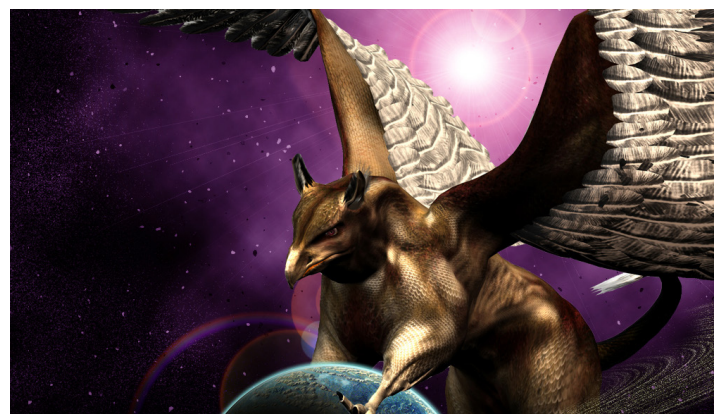
Are YOU interested in helping TRMN on a regional or world level? Let us know and we'll try to match you with a suitable billet!



THE TRADITION LIVES!  
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Do you want to have your ship or your ship's activities featured in the next newsletter? Just send a writeup of what's happening or the word you need to get out, and we'll get that added into the next edition!

Let's get those stories in, and make this the must-read newsletter for everything Gryphon Fleet!

# Comings & Goings

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## Comings:

Welcome to the new Isaiah MacKenzie Naval Academy Chief of Staff, Captain Larry Dale French Sr, RMMC of MARDET Demon!

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As of the 1st of January, Vice Admiral of the Red, Countess Boundary Waters (Laura Lochen), is hereby appointed to the position of First Space Lord and Chief Naval Officer of the Royal Manticoran Navy, with all rights and responsibilities associated with that role. Due to the nature of the role, a Promotion to Fleet Admiral of the Red is authorized. Additionally, Fleet Admiral of the Red Boundary Water is assigned a seat on the Royal Council commensurate with this position.

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The Royal Privy Council is hereby formally established as authorized by the Royal Council. Effective date of its establishment is 05 January 2019.

The Following members are hereby appointed:

The Permanent Lord President of the Privy Council is Her Most Serene Grace, The Grand Duchess of New Montana, Sharon Rice Weber

Lord President of the Privy Council (one-year term)

- Sir Peter Gold

Counselors:

- Sir Wayne Bruns
- Mrs Amanda Barrow
- Dame Amy Wagstaff-Weston
- Sir Garret Bitker
- Sir Robert Jackson

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Welcome and congratulations to Command Senior Master Chief Petty Officer Christopher

Baye OC, CR, DGC, on the occasion of his appointment to the position of Senior Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SMCPON). SCMPO Baye is also hereby brevetted to the rank of SMCPO (E-10+ + +)

Congratulations and welcome aboard!

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Welcome to our new Fleet Bosun, Senior Master Chief Petty Officer Kevin Walsh, HMS Hotspur! And congratulation

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Welcome to Task Force 21's new Bosun, Senior Chief Sick Berth Attendant Ziggi Thompson! And congrats on the promotion!

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Congratulations to Captain (JG) Patrick Hagemeyer on being appointed Deputy Director of BuPers Office of Retention.

## February Reports

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This is a reminder that your Chapter and MarDet reports are due by February 10th.

Marines - you now have a new online form to fill out for Bi-Monthly reports. The link is below. It will send the reports to your command triad, your Ship's CO and to ComForceCom. Please use this form to send in your report that is due on February 5th.

There is only one stipulation with the form at this time. Please do not use autofill. Autofill does not work properly and that information is deleted in the report. You can copy and paste information into the report but forgo the autofill function.

<https://buships.trmnbureaus.info/rmmc/>

# Upcoming Events

Peotone, IL      **LodgeCon**  
February 10-11, 2019

Have your ship, echelon, or fleet upcoming events promoted here!

Wheeling, IL      **CapriCon**  
February 14-17, 2019

We just need the event name and date sent to [dco@gryphonfleet.org](mailto:dco@gryphonfleet.org)! We want to promote you!

Warren, MI      Great Lakes Comic Convention  
February 22-23, 2019

Posters like this are available (TF-levels are pre-approved!), as are Gryphon & Planet posters, and more! Send over a request and email, and your posters will be emailed (or cloud-drive links will be) straight away!

Bloomington, MN      **MarsCon**  
March 1-3, 2019

Minneapolis, MN      **Anime Detour**  
March 29-31 2019

Indianapolis, IN      **WhosYerCon**  
March 31-April 2, 2019

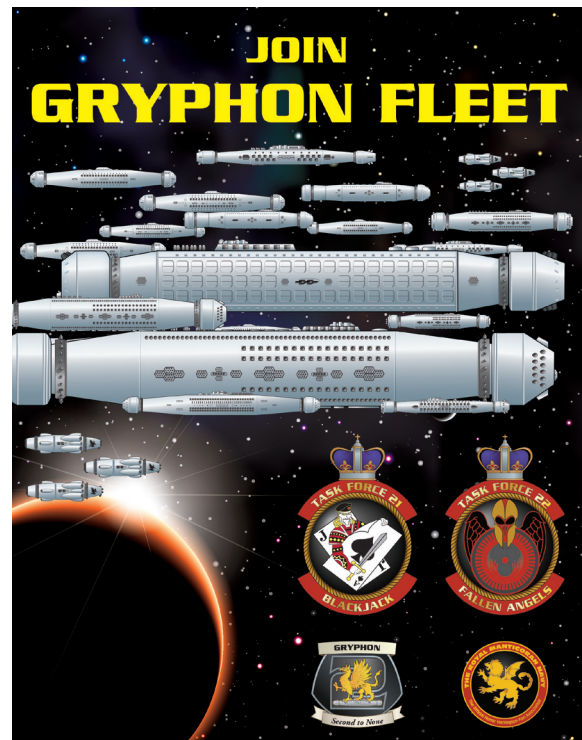
St. Louis Park, MN      **MiniCon**  
April 19-21, 2019

Minneapolis, MN      **CONvergence**  
July 4-7, 2019

Indianapolis, IN      **InConJunction**  
July 5-7, 2019

St Cloud, MN      **LionCon**  
September 20-21, 2019

Lombard, IL      **WindyCon**  
November 8-10, 2019  
Official Fleet events listed in **bold**.



# Charity Tracking

Remember to send in any charity giving or activity - through TRMN or not - to our Charity Tracking Officer, Lieutenant Commander David Oliver Kling ([intel@2ndfleet.trmn.org](mailto:intel@2ndfleet.trmn.org)).

We are wanting to get a good picture of how we, as a group, are involved in charity work. This is compiled and sent upwards.

It isn't just money - we want to know if you volunteer your time too! Let us know, and we can even promote your charity here, helping get the word out to a wider audience!

# Updated Award Nominations AO1901-02

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To: All Officers and Enlisted in the Royal Manticoran Navy and all Allied Navies  
From: Martin A. Lessem, KSK, GCR, GCE, SC, DSO, CGM, Admiral of the Fleet, First Lord of the Admiralty, Duke, New Scania  
Re: Updated Award Nomination Process (Admiralty Order 1901-02)

As of the date of this order, any member of TRMN can nominate any other member of TRMN for an award, regardless of rank or position.

Additionally, BuComm will remove from the online form, within a reasonable time, the need to provide the nominators Time-In-Grade, and the nominees Time-In-Grade and SIA Coursework.

In Honour of the Queen!

Issued by:  
Martin A. Lessem, KSK, GCR, GCE, SC, DSO, CGM  
Admiral of the Fleet RMN  
First Lord of the Admiralty  
Duke, New Scania

## Marksmanship Update

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By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 4 January, 2019:

### **PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE**

SMCPO Christopher BAYE, HMS Hellhound  
S3C Lance FLIGOR, HMS Hotspur  
S1C Dean FLOREANI, HMS Valkyrie  
LCDR Kate HESSER, HMS Hellhound  
S1C Jeanne KATING, HMS Hellhound  
LTSG Chuck KELLY, HMS Hellhound  
S1C Martin LEVITA, HMS Hellhound  
PO2 Peter MCDONALD, Mardet Valkyrie

S1C Jared HAHN HMS Hotspur  
S1C Matt MIDWINTER HMS Valkyrie

### **RIFLE SHARPSHOOTER AWARD**

S1C Jennifer JONES HMS Valkyrie  
S1C Karol KURTZ HMS Invincible  
LTJG Ross PROSSER HMS Valkyrie  
CAPTJG Daniel STIGLICH HMS Valkyrie

### **GRAYSON MARKSMAN AWARD:**

CDRE Justin GRAYS HMS Valkyrie

### **RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE**

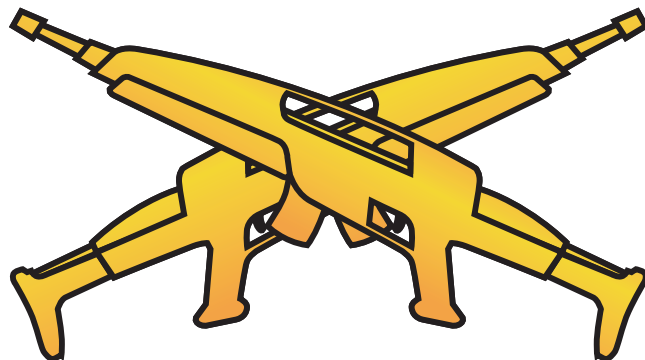
S3C Lance FLIGOR HMS Hotspur

The Tradition Lives!

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For CO 2nd Fleet:

Issued by:  
KEVIN WALSH, NS  
Senior Chief Petty Officer, RMN  
2nd Fleet Range Officer



# 2019 Black Sphinx Cup Challenges Announced

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Attention Gryphon Fleet!

After some fast and furious unicom exchanges, and a close look at the rules, the 2nd Fleet 2019 Black Sphinx Cup challenges were decided upon.

Gryphon Fleet's challenges will be:

Challenge period 1 (February 15th–May 15th): **RANGE CHALLENGE** (Gaming).

Chapter that has the highest number of hours spent playing games during the challenge period wins.

Challenge period 2 (May 30th–August 30th): **ASTRO CONTROL CHALLENGE** (Wings Qualifications).

Chapter that has the highest number of their total official crew roster earn a set of Wings by the end of the challenge period wins. We like this one, since everyone who has wings already has scored points for their chapter!

Challenge period 3 (September 15th–December 15th): **GUNNERY CHALLENGE** (Reading).

Chapter that submits the most pages read during the challenge period at the end of the challenge period wins. This is a fleet favorite, and one we think we can show strength in!

Remember, e-readers count! Get your page numbers from the book's listing on Amazon, Barnes & Nobel, etc.

All ships' commanding officers, you or your delegated crew member will be responsible to report your ship's performance to the Fleet Intelligence Officer: [intell@2ndfleet.trmn.org](mailto:intell@2ndfleet.trmn.org).

All challenges will be conducted according to Black Sphinx Cup rules. After all three challenges have been completed, the overall winning ship will be determined according to Black Sphinx Cup rules.

The winning ship will be presented with the traveling GRYPHON TROPHY to display during 2020, and the ship's crew members will be awarded the FLEET EXCELLENCE AWARD with gold "E" and be considered against the winners from other fleets for the navy's overall Black Sphinx Cup.

Good luck to all ships! I hope to see wide participation that demonstrates the excellence of Gryphon Fleet!

Fleet HQ extends our thanks to CDRE Ann Erikson, CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, LTCDR David Kling, CAPTSG Jill McTavish, CAPTSG Jamey Salsberg, CAPTSG Jackie Snedden, and SCPO Kevin Walsh for their input, guidance, and willingness to dive into the manual to make sure we chose the best, and fairest, possible challenges.





# DCO's Note

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What counts as a chapter activity or meeting?

This was just the topic of conversation this past weekend as CDRE Day, CWO Day, S3C Kampersal, and I spoke with some prospective members in the Michigan City, IN area. The question was often phrased, essentially, as "can X be a chapter event?"

The answer is almost unilaterally 'yes'. For obvious reasons, you cannot get event point for knocking over a bank as a chapter. TRMN also does not do firearms as an official thing - so while you can go shooting with your chapter, it isn't allowed to count as an event.

But bowling, darts, pool, LARPs, Faire, con attendance, fishing trips...YES! All of these and more are great events for a chapter to engage in.

In fact, I would love to see some out of the genre thinking on what we do as chapters. It is easy (and not bad or wrong in any way) to lock into the genre - seeing the new SF movie, watch parties for GoT, conventions, etc. These are all great events to get the ship together and engaged with each other in a shared interest.

But if your shipmates all, say, hunt, going to a hunting and fishing show together is a great event for your chapter! it builds camaraderie, gets you out in the public (which I wrote about before), and might even be a way to find new members.

There is no need to limit your event choices or options. Anything that gets you out together is a good chapter event.

Chapter meetings can be these things too.

The trick is, your chapter is self-defining. If you are all very active, and want to do active things for meetings, do it! It is madness to force that chapter to have all their meetings be quiet time in the local library, just like it is madness to try to force a chapter who focuses on book discussion for their meetings to go water skiing as the 'approved meeting'. Your chapter determines it's own character and flavor, and in doing so, strengthens us all.

So, get out there and have the chapter meeting or event be a beach trip (ok, maybe not this month's), book club, online gaming clan, supper club, or whatever works for you! And then tell us about it - after all, your wild idea might be just exactly what someone else was looking for!

## BuPlan Agent Needed!

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Do you LOVE going to cons? Are you interested in getting involved? BuPlan is looking for a couple of us to act as Intelligence Agents to the Bureau of Planning. Requirements of the position are to attend/volunteer at conventions, provide BuPlan with information regarding convention activity and other events within the Fleet, and collecting AARs from members. Minimum rank for this position is E-4 (PO3) or equivalent (C-4 for civilians). All Service Branches are welcome! Interested parties should email [dco@gryphonfleet.org](mailto:dco@gryphonfleet.org)!

# January Honors

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## AWARDS



### Manticore Cross

CDRE Christopher Thompson RMN HMS Valkyrie



### Home Secretary Medal

DDO Wayne Bruns, CIVIL HMS Imperatrix



### Knight, Order of King Roger I

CDRE Geoffrey Strayer, RMN HMS Demon



### Companion, Order of King Roger I

LTJG Patrick Anderson, RMN HMS Invincible  
CDR Lucas Matthys, RMN HMS Trebuchet



### Saganami Cross

LTCDR Julie Chase, RMN HMS Lodestone  
CDRE Dora Erikson, RMN HMS Javelin



### Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

SCPO Cory Snedden, RMN HMS Ajax  
CAPTJG Justin Dupras, RMN HMS Demon



### Mentioned in Dispatches

SCPO Edwin Coulter, RMN HMS Trebuchet



### Navy Achievement Medal

PSGT David Isaak, RMMC HMS Trebuchet  
SCPO Edwin Coulter, RMN HMS Trebuchet  
PO2 Hailey Hamilton, RMN HMS Trebuchet  
S1C Kris Bruns, RMN HMS Trebuchet



### Royal Unit Citation for Gallantry

BuShips  
Members in 2nd Fleet:  
CAPTJG Justin Dupras, RMN HMS Demon  
CDRE Christopher Thompson RMN HMS Valkyrie



### Manticoran Combat Action Medal

### **1ST AWARD**

ENS Richard Sams, RMN HMS Merlin

### **3RD AWARD**

S2C Frank Gonzalez, RMN HMS Galahad

### **10TH AWARD**

FKpt David Westover, IAN HMS Beowulf



### Manticoran Reserve Service Medal

LTJG Michael Wood, RMN HMS Hexapuma  
ENS Michael Crow, RMN HMS Trebuchet

# January Honors

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## Good Conduct Medal

S1C Luke Andrews, RMN	HMS Imperatrix
PO1 Tricia Andrews, RMN	HMS Imperatrix
PO1 Jennifer Bergk, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Kegan Hackett, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Josh Hermanson, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C David Higgins, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Kevin Ingle, RMN	HMS Gryphon
PO1 Maureen Leisdon, RMN	HMS Imperatrix
S1C Scot Moir, RMN	HMS Demon
S1C Jeffrey Morgan, RMN	HMS Hexapuma
S2C Joy Podvin, RMN	HMLAC Superior
S1C Steven Poeschl, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
SCPO Cory Snedden, RMN	HMS Ajax
S1C Anthony Thompson, RMN	HMS Hexapuma
LCPL Brian Earl, RMMC	MARDET Invincible
PFC Louis Teerlinck, RMMC	HMS Imperatrix

## Promotions

Congratulations are extended to the following members on the occasion of their promotions as noted.

### HMS Ajax

- Thomas Hathaway IV to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 January, 2019
- James McCoy to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 January, 2019
- Dan Toole to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 21 January, 2019
- Marisa Hildebrandt to Spacer 1st Class, effective 30 January, 2019

### HMS Beowulf

- Ed Hartwick to Maat, effective 14 January, 2019
- Bryan Paul Donihue to Spacer 1st Class, effective 14 January, 2019
- Michael D Cartwright Sr to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 14 January, 2019
- Melissa K Metivier to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 14 January, 2019
- Scott Allan Walkotten to Private First Class,

## Promotions

Continued

effective 14 January, 2019

### HMS Borzoi

- Wesley H.M. Ziebell to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 1 January 2019

### HMS Death Claw

- Christian Barde to Lance Corporal, effective 7 January, 2019
- Alan D Collier to Spacer 1st Class, effective 7 January, 2019
- Jeffrey Dale Randall to Spacer 1st Class, effective 21 January, 2019

### HMS Demon

- Joshua Binder to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 31 January, 2019
- David Haas to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 31 January, 2019
- Kerry Kuhn to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 31 January, 2019
- Jeff Allen Smith to Spacer 1st Class, effective 31 January, 2019
- Tiffany Marie Kampersal to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 31 January, 2019
- Matthew Scott Maxon to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 31 January, 2019
- N. Frances Moritz to Civilian Five, effective 31 January, 2019
- Nathan Jordan Valle to Private First Class, effective 31 January, 2019

### HMS Hexapuma

- Amanda Berry to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Caleb Nelson to Corporal, effective 17 December, 2018
- Willie Schottler to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Richard Goranson to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Cliff Holm to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Jason Ryan Allen to Spacer 1st Class,



# January Honors

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## Promotions

Continued

effective 17 December, 2018

- Wesley Guy Saults to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Josh McNally to Hauptefraiter, effective 17 December, 2018
- Ben Herring to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Alexis Taylor to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 December, 2018
- Jason Williams to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 December, 2018

### **HMS Invincible**

- Laura Lochen to Fleet Admiral of the Red, effective 1 January 2019

### **HMS Javelin**

- Dion Morrow to Spacer 1st Class, effective 4 January 2019
- Lisa Lynn Wandersee to Spacer 1st Class, effective 4 January 2019
- Katina Smith to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 4 January 2019

### **HMS Merlin**

- Paladin Meyer to Lieutenant (JG), effective 18 January, 2019
- Richard Sams to Lieutenant (JG), effective 18 January, 2019
- Rachel Tippett to Intelligence Mate 3/c, effective 11 January, 2019
- Jamie John Leinen to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 11 January, 2019
- David Neal Peppin to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 11 January, 2019
- John Walsh to Spacer 2nd Class , effective 11 January, 2019
- Ziggi Thompson to Senior Chief SBA, effective 26 January, 2019

### **HMS Musashi**

- Z Krick to Lieutenant SG, effective 3 January 2019

### **HMS Valkyrie**

- Sarah Baker to Spacer 1st Class, effective 1 January, 2019
- Simon L Gibson to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 1 January, 2019
- Steven J. Frank V to Spacer 1st Class, effective 8 January, 2019
- Keeghan Alistar Hintz to Spacer 1st Class, effective 8 January, 2019
- Joseph Solinsky to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 January, 2019
- Liam Boston to Spacer 1st Class, effective 11 January, 2019
- Nathaniel Adam Churchill to Spacer 1st Class, effective 11 January, 2019
- Timothy Charles Radloff to Spacer 1st Class, effective 11 January, 2019
- William Gary Verburg-Cunningham to Spacer 1st Class, effective 11 January, 2019
- Sebastian Leaf to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 21 January, 2019
- Gawain Wolf Bitner to Cadet Ranger Three, effective 22 January, 2019
- Hope Marie Christiansen to Sick Berth Attendant Petty Officer 1/c, effective 23 January, 2018
- Heather Sigstad to Petty Officer 1st Class effective 23 January, 2018
- Lily Thompson to Civilian Six effective 23 January, 2018
- Brianna Klein to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 24 January, 2019
- Heather Schacht to Petty Officer 1st Class , effective 24 January, 2019
- Ross Prosser to Lieutenant SG, effective 28 January, 2019



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# 2nd Fleet Order of Battle

## Task Force 21

### LAC Wing 30

HMLAC Superior  
SMLAC Arminius

Duluth, MN  
Minneapolis, MN

### Task Group 21.1

#### Battle Squadron 1

HMS Imperatrix (SD-457) Minneapolis, MN  
HMS Invincible (SD-455) Plymouth, MN  
HMS Valkyrie (SD-355) Minneapolis, MN

#### Destroyer Squadron 265

HMS Javelin (DD-264) Big Lake, MN  
HMS Lodestone (DD-64) Elk River, MN  
HMS Merlin (CA-270) St. Cloud, MN  
HMS Peregrine (DD-1291) Winnipeg, MB  
HMS Hellhound (DD-446) St. Paul, MN  
HMS Leonidas (BC-584) Grand Forks, ND  
HMS Trebuchet (CA-582) Willmar, MN  
HMS Unicorn (CLAC-30) Rochester, MN

### Task Group 21.2

HMS Borzoi (DD-438) River Falls, WI  
HMS Gawain (DD-481) Madison, WI  
HMS Musashi (BC-775) Milwaukee, WI

## Task Force 22

### LAC Wing 62

GSNLAC Lilla Björn

Marquette, MI

### Task Group 22.1

HMS Ajax (BC-545) Detroit, MI  
HMS Apollo (CL-80) Lafayette, IN  
HMS Beowulf (BC-739) Lansing, MI  
HMS Demon (CLAC-62) Chicago, IL  
HMS Gryphon (SD-153) Indianapolis, IN  
HMS Hotspur (DD-02) Rantoul, IL  
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437) Mt. Prospect, IL

### Task Group 22.2

#### Cruiser Division 711

HMS Death Claw (CA-437) Cincinnati, OH  
HMS Hexapuma (CA-412) Mount Vernon, IN  
HMS Sabrepike (CA-417) Franklin, OH  
HMS Galahad (DD-478) Columbus, OH  
HMS Roland (DD-476) Toledo, OH

*Remember - all command triads can be reached by emailing [co@, xo@ or bosun@ shipname\(with the HMS\).trmn.org!](mailto:co@shipname(with the HMS).trmn.org)*

