



THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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Flag Sends

A big welcome to our fleet's newest ship: HMS Enterprise! Coincidentally, PO3 Dan Toole is a crew member aboard "The Big E" and he is also the head of the STARFLEET International club.

Enterprise launched because of the growth of HMS Ajax, which has split into a pair of battlecruisers. If your chapter covers a large geographical area and you can develop an additional leadership cadre, your chapter too can launch a sister ship. Contact me if you are interested!

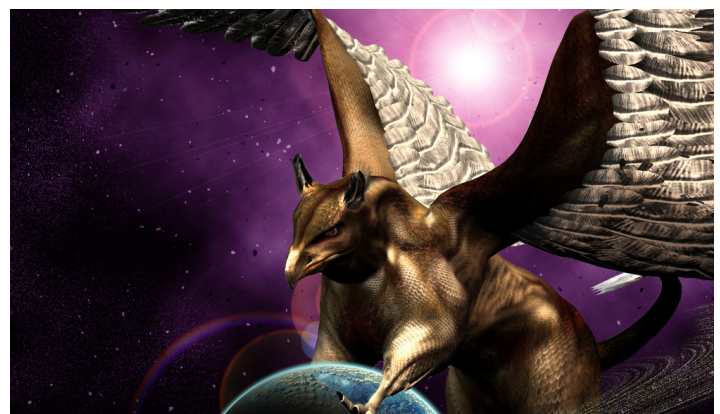
Gryphon Trophy Challenge 1 started two weeks ago. This is the "Range Challenge," which challenges you and your shipmates to game together, and since gaming is so popular throughout the fleet I hope to see wide participation. Contact your skipper if you have questions.

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THE TRADITION LIVES!
WESTMARCH



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

Congratulations to Captain (JG) Gordon Klein-Lebbink on both his promotion and being assigned as CO, HMS Ajax! Congratulations are also offered to S1C Thomas Hathaway IV, assigned as Executive Officer, breveted to the rank of Commander; and PO2 Patrick Houseman assigned as Bosun, breveted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

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Effective as of 0001 Hours on 21 February 2019, it is my pleasure and privilege to announce the commissioning of HMS Enterprise (BC-480). This is a Reliant-class Battle-cruiser and is assigned to the Second Fleet (Rochester Hills, MI).

The following Naval personnel are hereby transferred and permanently assigned to HMS Enterprise (BC-480):

- CAPTSG Jackie Snedden (assigned as CO)
- LTSG Kimball Williams (assigned as XO)
- PO1 Cory Snedden (assigned as Bosun)
- LCDR Thomas Harkless
- ENS Terry Lassaline
- PO1 Dennis Schmalzel
- PO1 David Melsome
- PO3 Rose Callahan
- PO3 Daniel Toole
- S1C Barry Bryant
- S1C Morgan Kollin
- S1C Anthony Distel
- S3C Michael Bodie
- S3C David Levi
- LCPL Dana Laikind

The following civilians are hereby transferred and permanently assigned to HMS Enterprise (BC-480):

- Andrea Snedden
- Kayla Audet

The following brevets are hereby authorized:

- Kimball Williams to COMMANDER, RMN

In Service to Her Majesty, the Sovereign Queen of the Star Kingdom of Manticore, Elizabeth III,

Christopher Thompson, KCE, MC, OC, KR, SC, NS
Commodore, RMN

Deputy Third Space Lord, Bureau of Ships
The Right Honorable, The Baron Calabasas

By Direction:

Michael D. Garcia, GCE, OC, KR, SC, CGM, GS
Rear Admiral of the Red, RMN

Third Space Lord, Bureau of Ships
The Right Honorable The Baron McCovey Cove



Upcoming Events

MarsCon
Bloomington, MN March 1-3, 2019

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

Anime Detour
Minneapolis, MN March 29-31 2019

We just need the event name and date sent to dco@gryphonfleet.org! We want to promote you!

WhosYerCon
Indianapolis, IN March 31-April 2, 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!

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

CONvergence
Minneapolis, MN July 4-7, 2019

InConJunction
Indianapolis, IN July 5-7, 2019

LionCon
St Cloud, MN September 20-21, 2019

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



Member Spotlight

Do you know someone who is worthy of special notice? Someone who is really living up to the best of the Royal Manticoran Navy's ideals?

Let us know! Email your nominees to dco@gryphonfleet.org, and (with their permission) we'll highlight their work, and what makes them special!

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).

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!

Intercessor's List

If you'd like to add to the List, please go to <https://gryphonfleet.org/intercessors-list-submission/>. It's as anonymous as you want it to be, and it will be shared in the next newsletter.

Two of our fleet's skippers are fighting cancer right now:

- CAPTJG Kevin Johnson, HMS Sabrepike
- LCDR Sean O'Leary, HMS Gawain

From HMS Demon: A friend whose father is on chemo for a third, separate, cancer.

As many of you know, Doreen Gunkel, Lady White Lion was injured in a serious car crash this past month, and is recovering at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Details may be found in Bill Knight's [post](#) at the TRMN Facebook page.

CDRE Sherman Day was hospitalized for observation at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago with symptoms of heart failure.

Please keep these and all of our friends and family in your thoughts.

Marksmanship Update

By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 5 February, 2019:

PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- S1C Karol KURTZ, HMS HMS Invincible
- S3C Wendy BRUNSMAN, HMS Valkyrie
- S3C Bob SEABOLD, HMS Valkyrie

RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- CPO Elizabeth ERICKSON, HMS Invincible
- S3C Wendy BRUNSMAN, HMS Valkyrie

RIFLE SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

- S1C Matt MIDWINTER, HMS Valkyrie
- PO1 Steven POESCHL, HMS Valkyrie
- PO2 Simon GIBSON, HMS Valkyrie

GSN DISTINGUISHED WEAPONS QUALIFICATION AWARD

- CPO Stephanie BERLIEN, HMS Valkyrie

RIFLE EXPERT AWARD

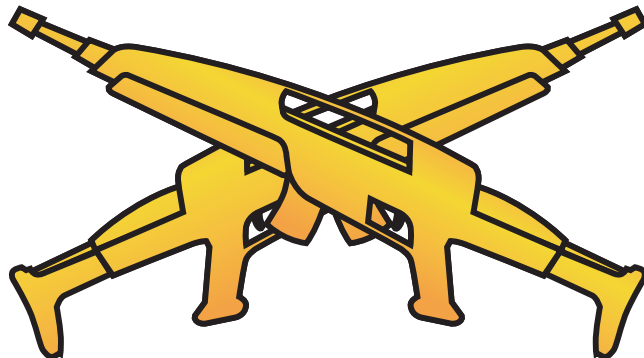
- LCPL Kayla CURTISS, MarDet Valkyrie
- PO2 Heather SIGSTAD, HMS Valkyrie

The Tradition Lives!

WESTMARCH

For CO 2nd Fleet:

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



Special Request from the Office of the FLA

Hello all!

So this request comes not from a member, or a family member of a member, but from the internet, from a daughter looking to make her father's 93rd Birthday a happy day and to fulfill his Birthday wish.

Recil Troxel, a veteran of the Second World War, has asked that for his 93rd Birthday he receive B-Days cards from all over the world and from anyone willing to send him one. His daughter, Sharon Cartwright took to Facebook, and a news station picked it up. It crossed my feed, and I felt this was something that TRMN could help with.

I am calling upon as many of our members who are able to write a Birthday card for Recil Troxel and make sure he has it by his Birthday on April 17th.

His address is as follows:

Recil Troxel
2684 N Highway 81
Marlow, OK 73055

You can mention TRMN if you wish. I will be sending him a card, a copy of On Basilisk Station, and a letter expressing my hope he had a wonderful birthday, thanking him for his service, and hoping that he received other cards from both members of TRMN and others.

Thank you in advance to everyone who participates in this.

DCO's Note

These are sometimes tough to put together - I will find a topic that is interesting, and start, then realize I am lecturing. And really, who wants that?

I like to think I will figure out how to approach it without lecturing, so off on the margins of the pasteboard (this is composed in Adobe InDesign), are three DCO Note columns in various stages of completion.

I keep them there (even the one I have no idea how to even really start) as reminders that just because I have this soapbox doesn't mean everything I want to spout out there is of quality. It helps keep me focused on the thing that matters in my role as DCO - being of use or service to the members of 2nd Fleet. That may sound trite or too pat, but it is the reason

I tossed my hat in the ring, and in a lot of ways is the reason I got into leadership in the first place.

So, for the soapbox this month, try to remember that most of us, I hope, have the same motivation. And that motivation, that drive to be of use or service, keeps us going, gives us the ability to move forward when things get tough, and help us emphasize with our fellow TRMN members when things are rough.

If this is your approach, talk to your Bosun, XO, CO, or other leaders. By letting us know you are interested, we can help clear the road, and move you into a leadership slot all your own!

February Honors

AWARDS



Royal Meritorious Unit Citation

HMS Javelin

HMS Javelin is hereby awarded the Royal Meritorious Unit Citation for their sustained efforts of providing their local community with an inclusive Book Club, not only engaging members of all ages, but reaching out to individuals who were too far from the meeting location by incorporating technology, and recording the readings and discussion so that they could enjoy the conversation and input on the selected material.

Javelin has been growing steady, and this use of video recording is an excellent way to get remote members to participate in activities. Keep up the momentum, I expect great things from you!



Royal Unit Citation for Gallantry

HMS Merlin

For their efforts at LionCon in Saint Cloud, Minnesota, and providing a consistent and inclusive event for gaming, HMS Merlin is Hereby Awarded the Royal Unit Citation for Gallantry. Crew from the Merlin provided nearly Half the volunteer corps at LionCon, as well as consistently attended convention meetings, providing a valuable resource to the convention. In addition to that, they held organized game tournaments, and held a successful charity drive collecting games of various sorts for veterans.



Mentioned in Dispatches

CDR Richard Davenport, GSN
SCPO Edwin L Coulter, RMN

HMS Death Claw
HMS Trebuchet



Silesian Anti-Piracy Medal CapriCon 2019

LTSG Debra Fligor, RMN
PO2 Brendan Lonehawk, RMN

HMS Hotspur
HMS Testudo



Masadan Occupation Medal Barfleet Operations - CapriCon 2019

LTSG Debra Fligor, RMN

HMS Hotspur



Havenite Operational Service Medal CapriCon 2019

CDRE Sherman Day, RMN
CDRE Geoffrey Strayer, RMN
CAPTJG Justin F. Dupras, RMN
CWO Ursula Day, RMN
CPO Rick Waterson, RMN
PO1 Tammy Lynn Strayer, RMN
PO3 Kerry Kuhn, RMN
S2C Tiffany Kampersal, RMN
S3C Samuel Dietzmann, RMN
LTSG Debra Fligor, RMN
PO3 Amy Louise Theisen, RMN
PO2 Brendan Lonehawk, RMN

HMS Demon
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HMS Hotspur
HMS Musashi
HMS Testudo

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Manticoran Combat Action Medal

1ST AWARD

S2C Thomas Hathaway , RMN HMS Ajax



Recruit Training Ribbon

CAPT Larry French, RMMC MARDET Demon



Enlisted Space Warfare Pin

CPO Ziggi Thompson, RMN HMS Merlin



Solo Aerospace Wings

PFC Scott Walkotten, RMMC HMS Beowulf



Aerospace Senior Navigator Wings

Lily Thompson, CIVIL HMS Valkyrie



Aerospace Master Observer Wings

Lily Thompson, CIVIL HMS Valkyrie



Aerospace Basic Observer Wings

CDRE Geoffrey Strayer, RMN HMS Demon
LTJG Richard Sams, RMN HMS Merlin
CAPT Larry French Sr, RMMC MARDET Demon

Promotions

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

HMS Ajax

- Micheal Bodie to Obergefraiter, effective 12 February, 2019

HMS Apollo

- Benjamin Lewis Chidalek-Starkey to Lance Corporal, effective 9 February, 2019
- Eric R. P. Dhelin to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 February, 2019
- Garry Rice to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 February, 2019
- Jason Paul Rouse to Corporal, effective 9 February, 2019
- Henry Sackett to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 9 February, 2019

HMS Hotspur

- Jayme Moore to Private 1st Class, effective 15 February, 2019
- Jared Hahn to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 25 February, 2019

HMS Imperatrix

- Jacob Bruns to Cadet Ranger Two, effective 30 January, 2019
- Jeff Gerhardson to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Eric Gjerdingen to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Nate Howard to Lance Corporal, effective 30 January, 2019
- Adam Icard to Lance Corporal, effective 30 January, 2019
- Andrew McKay to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Tophis McShane to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Lee Merrick to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Jay Peterson to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Julian Rohweder to Senior Clerk, effective

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- 30 January, 2019
- Louis Teerlinck to Lance Corporal, effective 30 January, 2019
- Andrew Wells to Platoon Sergeant, effective 30 January, 2019
- Chris West to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Crissy West to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 30 January, 2019
- Dylan Bradley to Spacer 1st Class, effective 25 February, 2019
- Logan Zimlich to Lance Corporal, effective 25 February, 2019

HMS Javelin

- Caleb Scott Dillman to Spacer 1st Class, effective 18 February, 2019
- Katrina Marie Foley to Spacer 1st Class, effective 18 February, 2019
- Mandy B. Freund to Spacer 1st Class, effective 18 February, 2019
- Jeffrey Paul Lenz to Spacer 1st Class, effective 18 February, 2019
- Samantha Kimberly Mazer to Spacer 1st Class, effective 18 February, 2019
- John P Proft to Civilian Two, effective 18 February, 2019

HMS Musashi

- Amy Theisen to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 23 February, 2019
- Damon Graham to Spacer 1st Class, effective 23 February, 2019

HMS Trebuchet

- Justin Jimenez to Lance Corporal, effective 2 February, 2019
- Paige Rumney to Spacer 1st Class, effective 2 February, 2019
- Phillip Reigstad to Private 1st Class, effective 2 February, 2019

HMS Valkyrie

- Amy Kaminski to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 4 February, 2019
- Joe E Bliven to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 4 February, 2019



Uniform Order

Because I missed the February cutoff for the Officer uniform order, I decided to pull one together for my local chapters.

The response was so good that we have enough to make a supplemental order!

So, please let me know if you want to add yourself to our order. I am planning on end of March for the order date. We have enough RMN Officer tunics to make the order happen, and need only one more RMN Enlisted to join!

Email me at dco@gryphonfleet.org to get added in. I will be seeking a confirmation from everyone mid-month, and letting BuSup know end of March so we can pay and get these in!

Rough ETA for these is June.

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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) Windsor, Ontario
HMS Apollo (CL-80) Lafayette, IN
HMS Beowulf (BC-739) Lansing, MI
HMS Demon (CLAC-62) Hammond, IN
HMS Enterprise (BC-480) Rochester Hills, MI
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)

