



THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

The Official Second Fleet Newsletter

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Flag Sends

Summer greetings to all spacers, marines, soldiers and civilians of mighty Gryphon Fleet.

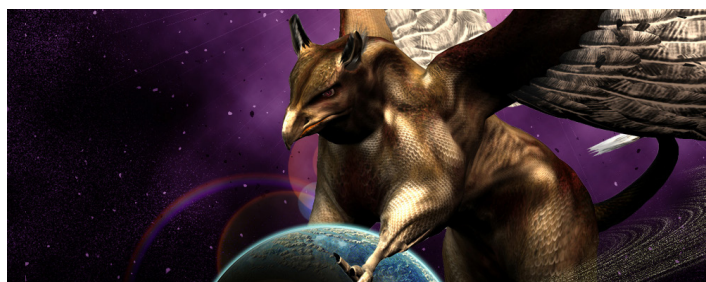
This year's Starfleet International Conference will be held 10-12 August here in Minnesota, at the same hotel where we held MantiCon. Captain Sir Larry French, RMMC, of MarDet Demon will be presenting a panel on The Royal Manticoran Navy, the Official Honor Harrington Fan Club. The Third Space Lord and I will be panelists along with CPT French. Lady Westmarch and I also look forward to dressing up for the Starfleet Marine Mess on Friday evening. I believe that we will all should strive to represent TRMN as a welcoming and friendly organization, as well as a club that maintains good relations with other fan organizations.

I am impressed at TRMN's growth in the past seven years since I joined as the 117th member. Think about it: SFI has the advantage of being based on Star Trek, the most prolific science fiction TV franchise in history, and any science fiction fan (as well as most of the general public) recognize a Starfleet uniform. Contrast this with TRMN, based on a purely literary series without movie or TV adaptations (yet!). At conventions where I first wore my RMN service dress uniform, only a tiny percentage of attendees recognized what it was, but that tiny percentage tended to run up to me yelling "OMG! HONOR HARRINGTON SERIES!"

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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!

Everything works - new members, new billets, new activities, whatever you and your ship have happening!

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

Comings & Goings

Comings:

I missed a big one last time - congratulations to Vice Admiral of the Red Laura Lochen on the occasion of her appointment to Deputy First Space Lord!

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Welcome to our new Fleet Intelligence Officer, Lieutenant Commander David Oliver Kling, and congratulations on the promotion! LTCDR Kling will continue in his role as Charity Tracking, with those duties now combined into the Intelligence Officer role.

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Congratulation to Captain Larry Dale French, RMMC, of the HMS Demon, on his appointment to the position of SIA Naval College Junior Officer Instructor! Well done!

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Goings:

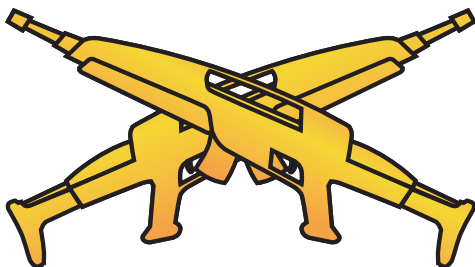
Nothing this month

Marksmanship Update

Range Officer's Report

No awards issued in July.

Second Fleet Range Officer
Senior Chief Intelligence Mate Kevin Walsh, NS
HMS Hotspur, reporting



DCO's Note

Short newsletter this month, due in part to a shorter than usual production cycle. Since the goal is to be out as close to the first as possible, things should shake out better for the next issue.

July is also a weird month, like August, in that it is considered, traditionally, a vacation month, even if we don't actually all do the 'summer vacation' thing any more. Honestly, while we did when I was a kid, it was the exception, not the norm.

Anyway, this is a bit of a ramble, while I work to figure out the next Note, which will be both longer and more serious in nature.

One thing that I did want to mention is that while doing the demographics infographic, I was struck by the breadth of Gryphon Fleet. I know, for myself and others, that there is a tendency to hear 2nd or Gryphon Fleet and think 'oh, they mean Minneapolis'. Or, more charitably, 'they mean MN'. But it's so very much more than that!

We are in almost **half** of the states. Half. Let that sink in for a moment. We are 18.8% of the entire club. We are in 8 nations. We have 19% of the forum members, and 16% of the total posts.

And we are growing.

Let's keep that in mind - we are pretty awesome, by anyone's standards. We are the leaders, the innovators, the ones who make stuff happen. All of us.

So keep that thought and remember that no matter how bad a day may be, there are people here that are proud of you.



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NONE!**

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:

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



The screenshot shows the Gryphon Fleet website's navigation bar with links: HOME, TASK FORCE 21, TASK FORCE 22, CHAPTER FINDER, ORDERS, and CONTACT US. Below the navigation bar is the Gryphon Fleet logo. The main heading reads "INTERCESSOR'S LIST". Below this is a form with fields for "Request Type", "Name (optional)", "Email Address (optional)", and "Message". A "Submit" button is at the bottom right of the form.

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Since then, TRMN has become an active and well-recognized group in the fan community here in Minnesota, and in many other places as well. We attract many active and engaged members who had never read or even heard of David Weber's books, but who see the fun and comradery of our group and want to be a part of it. It is my goal to grow TRMN so it is seen in this way in more and more cities throughout the Gryphon Fleet area of operations, and I encourage all of you to join me in working toward that goal.



THE TRADITION LIVES!

WESTMARCH

Upcoming Events

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

We just need the event name and date - please send any additional information you have about what you will be doing to dco@gryphonfleet.org!

Euchre Night Fundraiser	August 10, 2018
LionCon	September 22, 2018
Sphinx Con	November 2, 2018
WindyCon	November 9, 2018
LodgeCon	February 9, 2019
CapriCon	February 14-17, 2019



We want to promote you! Posters like the one above 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!

July Honors

AWARDS



Navy Star

LibertyCon

Sergeant Major Brad Handley

HMS Ajax

Prior to, during, and after LibertyCon 2017 and 2018, Sergeant Major Brad Handley, RMMC has demonstrated a consistent high level of service both to the organization as a whole, and to its members in attendance. Prior to the LibertyCons, Sergeant Major Handley worked to ensure that the TRMN had a fan table presence at the cons and ensured that the con table would have someone in charge of it for recruitment and staffing. During the cons, Sergeant Major Handley frequently checked on those staffing the fan tables to ensure they had everything they needed. He also worked with the Heinlein Society to ensure that proper record keeping of members donating blood was kept and followed up with BuPers to ensure the correct members got recognized with their Wound Stripes. All this while also working at his own table in the Vendor's Area. Following the 2018 Convention, Sergeant Major Handley also worked with LibertyCon 2019 to ensure the TRMN's continued fan table presence, plus put together the list of names of people who are eligible for a wound stripe. He also made certain the membership of the TRMN knew that LibertyCon was selling out fast, so those who wished to attend could do so. For his actions, which went above and beyond the call of duty, Sergeant Major Brad Handley is hereby awarded the Navy Star.



Wound Stripe

LibertyCon

Sergeant Major Brad Handley
Staff Sergeant Paula Handley
Lieutenant (SG) Paul Sparks

HMS Ajax
HMS Ajax
HMS Roland



Silesian Anti-Piracy Medal

LibertyCon

Sergeant Major Brad Handley
Staff Sergeant Paula Handley
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HMS Ajax
HMS Roland



Havenite War Campaign

LibertyCon

Sergeant Major Brad Handley
Staff Sergeant Paula Handley
Lieutenant (SG) Paul Sparks

HMS Ajax
HMS Ajax
HMS Roland



Havenite Operational Service Medal

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PO 1/c Laura Terhune, RMN
PO 1/c Nathan Terhune, RMN
AS Leigh Kimmel, RMMM
AS Larry Ulrey, RMMM
S3/c Stephen Miller, RMN
S3/c Jeff Smith, RMN

HMS Gryphon
HMS Gryphon
HMS Gryphon
HMS Gryphon
HMS Demon
HMS Demon

July Honors



Manticoran Combat Action Medal



Captain Garret Bitker, RMACS
DDO Wayne Bruns, CIVIL

HMS Unicorn
HMS Imperatrix

6TH AWARD

Commodore Justin Grays, RMN
Commodore Geoff Strayer, RMN

HMS Intrepid
HMS Demon

1ST AWARD

Oberbootsman Adam Gittleman, IAN SMLAC Arminius



Recruit Training Ribbon

SCPO David Westover, RMN

HMS Tornado



Non-Commissioned Officer Senior Course Ribbon

SCPO Cory Snedden, RMN

HMS Ajax

Promotions

HMS GALAHAD

Entered this 11th day of July, 2018, on authority of the 5th Space Lord, the following personnel are Promoted as follows:

Caleb Noah Adair to E-2
John Edward Adkins to E-2
Steven Bobula to E-2
Jared Bridge to C-2
Ed Carson to E-2
Joe Clement to E-2
Michael B. Dillon to E-2
Amanda Hoffelt to E-2
Aaron Kevin Meighen to E-2
Taylor Crane Miller to E-4
Betty J Osthoff to E-5

Tasia Russell to C-3
Rebecca Testerman to E-2

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HMS HEXAPUMA

Entered this 11th day of July, 2018, on authority of the 5th Space Lord, the following personnel are Promoted as follows:

Jason Ryan Allen to E-2
Bourriquet Fabrice to E-2
Richard Goranson to E-3
Ben Gearld Henning to E-2
Dana Henry to E-3
Andria Henry to E-3
Clifford Russell Holm to E-3
Kevin Huber to E-3
Chris Lynch to E-3
Josh M McNally to E-2
Jeffrey Morgan to E-3
Brendon Nelson to E-3
Caleb Nelson to E-3
Sharon Lee Patterson to E-3
Wesley Guy Saults to E-2
Willie Schottler to E-3
Alexis Jeanne Taylor to E-2
Anthony Thompson to E-3
Jason Matthew Williams to E-2
Julie Wood to E-3

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July Honors

Promotions

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Jason Matthew Williams to E-2
Julie Wood to E-3

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HMS INTREPID

Entered this 11th day of July, 2018, on authority of the 5th Space Lord, the following personnel are Promoted as follows:

Kristin Bartholomaus to E-3
Nancy Bebernes to E-5
Rochelle Kuuipo Bender to C-2
Curt Blackwell to E-3
Erik Bolden to E-3
Triston A Callantine to E-6
Karl Callantine to E-3
Danielle Cockerham to E-4
Shayne Curtis to E-3
Paul Elwood to E-5
Alexandra Ezaki to E-3
Katie Frazier to E-3
Molly Grise to E-3
Rachel Hanson to E-3
Jeff Hargarten to E-3
Chris Heckman to E-3
Roxanne Hill to E-3
Chad Kelly to E-3
Crystal Kilgore to E-3
Heather Kirst to E-3
Erik LaFave to E-3
Ernesto Maldonado to E-3
Jensina Mart to E-3
DeAndre McClam to E-3
Shelli Meyer to E-3
Dave Morem to E-3
David Nelson to E-3
Megan Petersen to E-5
Michelle Reisdorff to E-3
Aaron Roberts to E-3
Alison Rose Sommer to C-3
Alisha Srock to E-3
Jennifer Steadman to E-3
Endarei Steiner to E-3
Becky Thelen to E-3
Megan Totusek to E-3
Eowyn Ward to E-5

Joseph Wartick to E-3
Matthew Weitzel to E-3
Kelsey Weitzel to E-3
Craig Whitney to E-4
Austin J Williams to E-3
Jamie Wright to E-3

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HMS HOTSPUR

Congratulations are extended to Jared Hahn on the occasion of their promotion to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 14 July, 2018

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HMS AJAX

Congratulations are extended to Cory Snedden on the occasion of their promotion to Senior Chief Master at Arms Mate, effective 15 July, 2018

Congratulations are extended to Brian Kozlowski on the occasion of their promotion to Spacer 1st Class, effective 25 July, 2018

Congratulations are extended to Dan Toole on the occasion of their promotion to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 26 July, 2018

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HMS SAMURAI

Congratulations are extended to Hailey Hamilton on the occasion of their promotion to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 23 July, 2018

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HMS BORZOI

Congratulations are extended to Karen La Nell Helver on the occasion of their promotion to Spacer 1st Class, effective 24 July, 2018

Join The Parliament!

Consider serving TRMN as a Member of Parliament. Watch for announcements of the next elections. There are approximately 15 seats available for Gryphon Fleet members.

Eligibility requirements to serve as a Member of Parliament - you must not be serving in a "Hatted" role within the organization as well as the following

- Been a member for at least one year
- Completed, at least, your first exam through BuTrain
- Have attended at least one event. An event defined as a Chapter Meeting, Convention, Chapter or Fleet Event (movie night, charity drive). The event can be virtual.
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have not had any warning or censure in the previous 12 months



In addition, if you are a Peer, a Chapter Commander or member of the Command Triad, a Fleet/Station Commander, a Space Lord, or a member of the Royal Council you are prohibited from serving in the House of Commons. Additionally, if you serve on the staffs of one of these positions, you are prohibited from serving in the House of Commons.

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!

Positions Open

The following openings are available in with Gryphon Fleet HQ

- Chief of Staff
- Communications Officer
- Electronic Warfare Officer
- & More!

Reply to dco@gryphonfleet.org with your statement of interest! Don't see your passion here? Let us know, and we will work to find an official role for you!

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!

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Flag Captain

Captain SG Jamey Salsberg

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JAG Ombudsman

Captain Larry French, Jr., RMMC

ombudsman@2ndfleet.trmn.org

Intelligence Specialist

Lieutenant Commander David Oliver Kling

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Personnel Officer

Captain SG Jamey Salsberg

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Training Officer

SCPO Derek Sauls

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Range Officer

Senior Chief Intelligence Mate Kevin Walsh

marksmanship@2ndfleet.trmn.org

RMACS Liaison

Commander Christina Swanson

ascl@gryphonfleet.org



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)
HMS Intrepid (SD-463)
HMS Invincible (SD-455)
HMS Valkyrie (SD-355)

Minneapolis, MN
St. Paul, MN
Plymouth, MN
Hastings, MN

Destroyer Squadron 265

HMS Javelin (DD-264)
HMS Lodestone (DD-64)
HMS Merlin (CA-270)
HMS Peregrine (DD-1291)
HMS Hellhound (DD-446)
HMS Leonidas (BC-584)
HMS Samurai (CL-356)
HMS Unicorn (CLAC-30)

Big Lake, MN
Elk River, MN
St. Cloud, MN
Winnipeg, MB
St. Paul, MN
Grand Forks, ND
Willmar, MN
Rochester, MN

Task Group 21.2

HMS Borzoi (DD-438)
HMS Gawain (DD-481)
HMS Musashi (BC-775)

River Falls, WI
Madison, WI
Milwaukee, WI

Task Force 22

LAC Wing 62

GSNLAC Lilla Björn

Marquette, MI

Task Group 22.1

HMS Ajax (BC-545)
HMS Apollo (CL-80)
HMS Demon (CLAC-62)
HMS Gryphon (SD-153)
HMS Hotspur (DD-02)
HMS Tornado (DD-488)
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437)

Detroit, MI
Lafayette, IN
Chicago, IL
Indianapolis, IN
Rantoul, IL
Lansing, MI
Mt. Prospect, IL

Task Group 22.2

Cruiser Division 711

HMS Death Claw (CA-437)
HMS Hexapuma (CA-412)
HMS Sabrepike (CA-417)
HMS Galahad (DD-478)
HMS Roland (DD-476)

Cincinnati, OH
Louisville, KY
Franklin, OH
Columbus, OH
Toledo, OH

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

