



THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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Welcome to this latest issue of mighty Gryphon Fleet's newsletter. Join me in thanking Commodore Strayer, who personally writes and lays out each issue. I know that he would welcome any content that any of you fine fleet members would be willing to contribute.

We are just beginning the Gunnery Challenge period, and I hope to see wide participation throughout the fleet. Love of a particular book series brings us together in the first place, and I know that most of us are voracious readers, so this is our most popular challenge.

Last weekend I had the fun of participating in a play which adapted scenes from Flag in Exile to be presented in the form of a "radio drama" on the main stage at LionCon. I believe that it was recorded on video, so hopefully you'll get the chance to see it online, which may inspire further such activity.

I look forward to seeing your After Action Reports for fall and winter convention operations.



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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!

DCO's Note

Don't have much this month.

I wanted to take a moment to applaud the work being done by DesRon 265, led by Ann and Danielle Erikson. They have been a force and a half up there, and were a huge presence at LionCon. My notifications were popping all weekend with new members (whole families, even!) and photos, and people keep signing up. It is great to see, and a real testament to their work and personalities (and, indeed, all of the Silver Cepheids).

Well done to you both, and all of your crew who put in so much work making LionCon a success!



The next Fleet Cup period is here - with a reading challenge. So get those books out and read away! Honorverse authors count double, so that may impact your book selection. If you haven't read some of their other series, this is your chance. My personal suggestions include:

- Belisarius Series by Eric Flint & David Drake
- Thrawn Trilogy by Timothy Zahn
- Island in the Sea of Time series by S. M. Stirling
- Caine Riordan series by Charles E Gannon
- Black Tide Rising series by John Ringo

I also suggest some of David Weber's other series...

- Dahak Series
- War God's Own
- Empire of Man (with Ringo)

These are some great double-point options, and authors to discover and, hopefully, enjoy.

More to say next month!

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 Sabrepik
- LCDR Sean O'Leary, HMS Gawain

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

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!

Comings & Goings

Comings:

Congratulations to SCPO Megan Krick on her appointment to the position of Chief to the Seventh Space Lord of the Admiralty.

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Congratulations to CPO Joshua Dadd on his assignment as Bosun, HMS Javelin.

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Congratulations to CPO Ziggi Thompson on her assignment as Bosun, HMS Merlin.

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Congratulations to CPO Dan Sparks-Jackson on his assignment as Bosun, HMS Tornado.

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Congratulations to LCDR David Westover on his appointment to the position of Chief of Staff of the SIA Naval Technical Specialties College.

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Congratulations and welcome to RMACS Manticore Central Control (ATC-01):
CAPT Sir Garret Bitker, KCE, MC, KR, SC, CGM, RMACS, Baron Silver Lake (assigned as CO)
CAPT Thomas Bainbridge, NS, RMACS (assigned as XO)
CPO Kris Miller, ME, QBM, RMACS (assigned as CCPO)
LTJG Laura Johnson, RMACS
LTJG Grace Lubarda, RMACS
WO Eric Johannson, GSN
PO2 Gayle Bitker, RMACS
CR2 Evan Bainbridge, SFC

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Congratulations to the officers and crew of HMS Tornado on their upsizing to the battlecruiser HMS Beowulf!

Upcoming Events

Sphinx Con

Atlanta, GA

November 2-4, 2018

Grand Rapids Comic-Con

Grand Rapids, MI

November 9-11, 2018

WindyCon

Lombard, IL

November 9-11, 2018

ChamBanaCon

Normal, IL

November 23-25, 2018

Starbase Indy

Indianapolis, IN

November 23-25, 2018

Winter War

Champaign, IL

January 25-27, 2018

LodgeCon

Peotone, IL

February 10-11, 2019

CapriCon

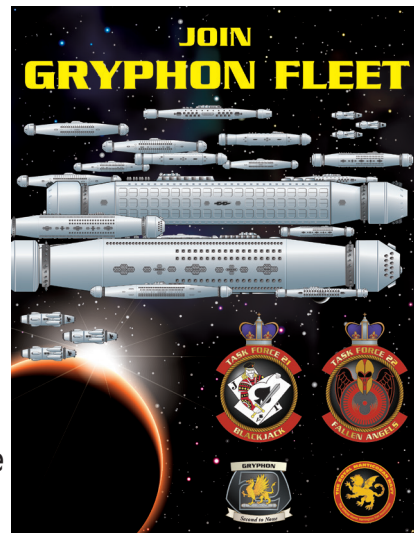
Wheaton, IL

February 14-17, 2019

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

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

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!



Marksmanship Update

By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 5 September, 2018:

PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- Senior Cadet Ranger Kylie Ann Fugate, HMS Hotspur
- S1C Andy Anderson, HMS Merlin
- CDR Patrick Hagemeyer, HMS Merlin
- S3C Ellie Johnson, HMS Merlin
- S2C Eric Stein, HMS Merlin
- S2C Kevin Urbanczyk, HMS Merlin

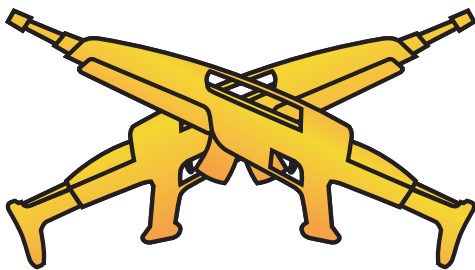
RIFLE EXPERT AWARD

- S2C Patrick Mensen, HMS Merlin

RIFLE HIGH EXPERT AWARD

- ENS Paladin Meyer, HMS Merlin
- CPO Ziggy Thompson, HMS Javelin
- LCPL Nicholas Willard, HMS Merlin

KEVIN WALSH, NS
Senior Chief Petty Officer, RMN
Fleet Range Officer



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!

Sphinx Cup Update

On behalf of Vice Admiral of the Red John Neitz, Earl of Westmarch, Commander of Second Fleet, I would like to announce the winner of the second challenge for the Black Sphinx Cup - The Reconnaissance Challenge.

The ship with the highest number of crewmembers to have found a cache is **HMS Tornado DD-488**. HMS Tornado had four crewmembers who participated. Kapitain der Sterne Charles Shananaquet II, IAN is the commanding officer, Lt.sg Dean McClure is the first officer and the bosun is SCPO David Westover.



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HMS Gryphon came in second place.

Thank you all who turned in your entries!

Congratulations to HMS TORNADO DD-488 for winning The Reconnaissance Challenge and Good Luck with the other Challenges for the Black Sphinx Cup!

David Oliver Kling
Lieutenant Commander, RMN
2nd Fleet Staff Intelligence Officer

Parliamentary By-Election Results

From the Office of the Director of JAG Ombudsman, Captain Lady New Florence, and the Judge Advocate General, Rear Admiral Lord Camera Stellata;

By request of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Eric Schulman, a Writ of Election was drawn up in the name of Her Royal Majesty Elizabeth Adrienne Samantha Annette Winton and Her Government, authorizing Her officers to oversee a by-election to the House of Commons in the Parliament of the Star Kingdom of Manticore.

In accordance with that writ elections were held, and the following subjects of the Star Kingdom have been elected to the House of Commons:

First Fleet:

Karyn Hill
Terry Street
Larissa Lichty

Second Fleet:

Kevin Horner
John Fairbairn
Brent Peterson
Hailey Hamilton
Zachary McCauley
Alexander Jones
Brian Horton
Patrick Giese
Janes Dusek
Antonio Lopes
Marc Butcher
Paladin Meyer

Third Fleet:

Brendan Lonehawk

Fourth Fleet:

Amy Wagstaff-Weston
Glen Turnbull
Sarah Brider

Sixth Fleet:

Lori Bonilla

Eighth Fleet:

Josef Melech
Doreen Gunkel

Tenth Fleet:

Antonio Gonzalez

Make all due haste to attend the sessions of Parliament in Landing, and remember that you represent the Government of the Star Kingdom.

On behalf of Her Majesty's Government,

Captain New Florence KR SC ME, Director of JAG Ombudsman
Rear Admiral Camera Stellata, KSK SC OG ME, Judge Advocate General

Well done, Gryphon Fleet! More than half the new MPs are from our ranks! Please join me in applauding the new MPs, and stand ready to offer them all the support and encouragement they may need as they represent us in Parliament.



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August Honors

AWARDS



Knight Commander, Order of King Roger

VADM Laura Lochen, RMN HMS Invincible



Knight Companion, Order of King Roger

SMCPO Bill Lochen, RMN HMS Invincible



Manticore Cross

CDR Dora Erikson, RMN HMS Javelin
CAPTJG Don Hackett, RMN HMS Valkyrie



Osterman Cross

PO1/c Ana Shirley, RMN HMS Valkyrie



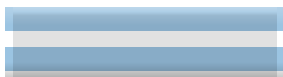
Companion, Order of King Roger

WO2 Ursula Day, RMN HMS Demon



Officer, Order of King Roger

SGTMAJ Greg Marchand, RMMC MARDET Invincible
CPO David Potter, RMN HMS Invincible



Order of Gallantry

LCDR Michael Anderson, RMN HMS Imperatrix
CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN HMS Merlin



Monarch's Thanks

VADM John Neitz, RMN HMS Invincible



Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

CDRE Cheryl Krause, RMN HMS Invincible
S1/c Stephanie Zuercher, RMN HMS Valkyrie
LCDR Jessie Aerlyn-Crook, RMN HMS Borzoi
KdS Charles L. Shananaquet II, IAN HMS Beowulf
CPO Rick Waterson, RMN HMS Demon



Grand Alliance Campaign Medal

CDR Dora Erikson, RMN HMS Javelin



Manticoran Combat Action Medal

1ST AWARD

KdS Charles L. Shananaquet II, IAN HMS Beowulf
LT (JG) Ross Prosser, RMN HMS Valkyrie



Recruit Training Ribbon

CDR Richard Davenport, GSN HMS Death Claw



Enlisted Space Warfare Pin

S3/c Frank Gonzalez, RMN HMS Galahad
PO3/c Patrick Houseman, RMN HMS Ajax
S3/c Richard Sams, RMN HMS Merlin
S2/c Dan Toole, RMN HMS Ajax
PSGT Marc Butcher, RMMC HMS Leonidas



Promotions

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

Admiralty House

- Megan Krick to Senior Master Chief Petty Officer, effective 9 September, 2018

HMS Ajax

- Robert Allen Houseman to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 11 September, 2018
- Thomas Harkless to LT Commander, effective 19 September, 2018
- Kimball Williams to Lieutenant SG, effective 19 September, 2018
- Thomas Hathaway IV to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 September, 2018

HMS Beowulf

- Dean McClure to Commander, effective 20 September, 2018

HMS Javelin

- Joshua Dadd to Chief Petty Officer, effective 10 September, 2018
- Todd Synder to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 25 September, 2018

HMS Musashi

- Scott Eggert to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 20 September, 2018
- Trevor Mishler to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 20 September, 2018
- Tony Maas to Spacer 1st Class, effective 30 September, 2018

HMS Tornado (HMS Beowulf as of 9.20.18)

- David Westover to Lt. Commander, effective 29 August, 2018
- Bryan Paul Donihue to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 3 September, 2018
- The following personnel have been given a Queen's Commission for the meritorious service to the Crown and to Her Majesty's Navy: Joseph C Kennedy to Ensign, effective 3 September, 2018
- Dan Sparks-Jackson to Chief Petty Officer, effective 10 September, 2018

HMS Trebuchet

- Matthew Leifson to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 7 September, 2018
- Jason Sperka to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 7 September, 2018
- Shelbie Talooa to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 7 September, 2018
- Justin Jimenez to Private First Class, effective 7 September, 2018



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!

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RMACS Liaison

Commander Christina Swanson

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

Minneapolis, 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 Trebuchet (CA-582)
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 Beowulf (BC-739)
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](mailto:co@shipname(with the HMS).trmn.org)

