



# THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

The Official Second Fleet Newsletter

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## Flag Sends

For those of you who have not read it on Facebook, I have some items of major news involving our fellow members of mighty Gryphon Fleet.

Captain Myra Fishburn, RMMC, of HMS Gryphon passed away on 29 October. Myra was retired USA Army soldier and a keel plate owner aboard Gryphon, and one of our earliest members in that region. The loved ones she leaves behind are in our thoughts.

On a happier note, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Petty Officer First Class Tammy Lynn Collins of HMS Demon and Commodore Geoffrey Strayer will be joined in wedded bliss this month. I am also pleased to announce that Captain Emily Herron and Captain Don Hackett were recently wed. This particularly tickles me, because I believe that Emily and Don first met each other through The Royal Manticoran Navy. That's a powerful example of the impact that this little fan club family can have on peoples' lives.

Please join me in wishing these couples long life and happiness!

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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!



THE TRADITION LIVES!  
WESTMARCH

## DCO's Note

Writer's block is a real pain. As is the need to keep things positive, for my own health as much as anything.

It's been a rough week or two. And I swear that last week it was September, so that's no help either.

In this kind of climate, where people on all sides of the issues, the political spectrum, and the social spectrum, seem to be calling the clans to war, I want to take a moment to promote something else...something other than division and derision.

Take a moment, breathe, relax, remember that there is so much more to life than conflict.

A political blog I follow makes a point to have almost no political content on the weekends. The person who runs it made that decision because he wanted to remind people that there is so much more to life than politics. Yes, if a major story breaks, they cover it. Otherwise, it's books, gardening (in season), football (in season), cooking, pets, and so on.

I like that approach. I am not saying that political activity isn't important, rather that there has to be more, and it is good to remember that in difficult times.

Enjoy the weather, enjoy your pets or hobbies, or both. Enjoy your solitude or your partner, or both. Enjoy a good book, movie, show, album, game, or all of the above. Enjoy good food, good beverages (leaded or unleaded, as you prefer or are able), and good friends.

Remember that life is fleeting, and we are best served when we enjoy what we can. The bad parts will always be there - they don't have the brief shelf life of the good parts. So enjoy the good while you can, celebrate the good while you can. And yes, be true to your beliefs and ethics.

Life is short, take time to enjoy as much as you can.

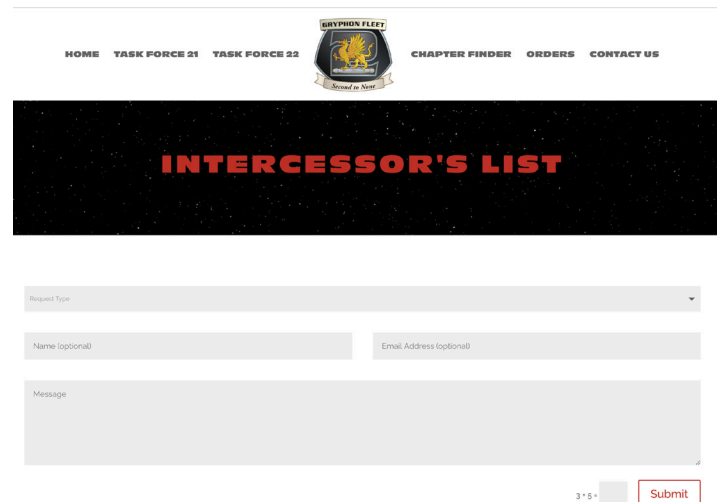
## Intercessor's List

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.



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 a large black banner with the text "INTERCESSOR'S LIST" in red. Underneath the banner is a form with the following fields: "Request Type" (a dropdown menu), "Name (optional)" (a text input field), "Email Address (optional)" (a text input field), and "Message" (a large text area). At the bottom right of the form is a "Submit" button.

## 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!

# Comings & Goings

## Comings:

## Goings:

From the Office of the First Space Lord I have tendered, and the Royal Council has accepted, my resignation as First Space Lord, effective as of 2359 hours on December 31, 2018. With the approval of the Royal Council, VADM Laura Lochen will take over as First Space Lord as of 0000 hours on January 1, 2019. I feel as though I have done most of the things I wanted to accomplish as a member of Admiralty House and feel it is time to move on and let others step up and serve the members of this great organization.

I will be working to complete the Briefing and other work needed to bring VADM Lochen up to speed as well as turning over all documents and supplies pertaining to the Office of the First Space Lord. I trust that VADM Lochen will effectively lead the RMN and serve as our voice on the Royal Council by continuing the amazing job she has been doing as a member of the Organization's senior leadership.

I will not be leaving the organization but will be making myself available to assist those who may need it by serving as a resource. I will be returning to my Flagship, HMS Anasazi, and remodeling the Flag Deck into the Lido Deck for some much-needed Rest and Relaxation. I hope to be useful to the leadership team of 8th Fleet and assisting them in any way they feel I can be of service.

John Roberts, KSK, GCE, SC, OR, CGM, CBM  
Fleet Admiral of the Red, RMN  
First Space Lord  
Earl, New Mecklenburg

# 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**

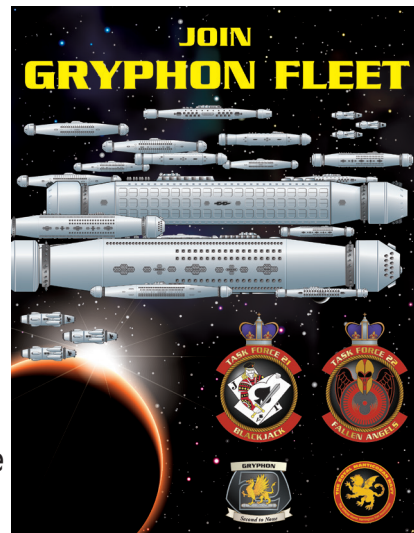
**LodgeCon**  
**Peotone, IL** **February 10-11, 2019**

**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](mailto: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 October, 2018:

## PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

Cadet Ranger 3 Daniel HAGEMIER, HMS Merlin  
S1C Michelle KAISER, HMS Merlin

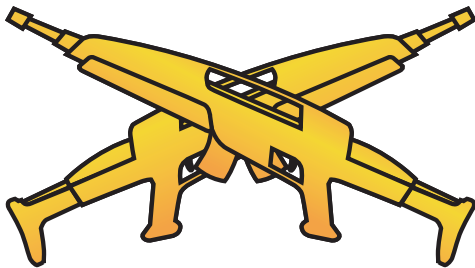
## RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

S3C Becky ANDERSON, HMS Merlin  
S3C Ben BORGERT, HMS Merlin  
PVT David DEHN, HMS Merlin  
S3C Daniel FABRES, HMS Merlin  
S3C Erin MALLO, HMS Merlin

## PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

S3Cs Eric STEIN, 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](mailto:dco@gryphonfleet.org), and (with their permission) we'll highlight their work, and what makes them special!

# October Honors

## AWARDS



### Knight of the Order of Queen Elizabeth

CPO Kathy Davis	HMS Lodestone
CAPT Matthew William Lindquist	HMS Trebuchet
CDR Lucas Matthys	HMS Trebuchet



### Officer of the Order of Queen Elizabeth

ENS Patrick Anderson	HMS Invincible
LCDR David Westover	HMS Beowulf



### Member of the Order of Queen Elizabeth

SCPO Edwin Twedt-Coulter	HMS Trebuchet
LTJG Brent Peterson	HMS Trebuchet



### Mentioned in Dispatches

LTSG Thomas Erikson, RMN	HMS Javelin
FCM1/c Jim Erikson, RMN	HMS Javelin
CPO Joshua Dadd, RMN	HMS Javelin
GEFR Sam Gabel, IAN	HMS Javelin
LCDR David Westover, RMN	HMS Beowulf
CDCM Christina R Doane, RMN	
CAPTSG Jackie Snedden, RMN	HMS Ajax
SCMAM Cory Snedden, RMN	HMS Ajax
CDR Patrick Hagemier	HMS Merlin



### Meritorious Service Medal CONvergence 2018

SMCPO Christopher Baye, RMN	HMS Hellhound
CDRE Chris THOMPSON, RMN	BuShips



# October Honors

## AWARDS



### Navy Commendation Decoration CONvergence 2018

PO1 Kyle Anderson, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
Consular Staff Karen Berger	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Roger Bianchi, RMN	HMS Enterprise
Agent Dominic Doody	HMS Invincible
CDR Arthur Henecke, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
PO2 Heather Sigstad, RMN	HMS Valkyrie

GEN Kevin Horner, RMA  
CAPTSG Brian Horton, RMN  
S1C Amy Kaminski, RMN  
CAPTSG Jill McTavish, RMN  
VADM John Neitz,  
SGT Brady Onkka, RMMC  
SGT Leif Pihl, RMMC  
CPO David Potter, RMN  
LTJG Ross Prosser, RMN  
S1C Sarah Richard, RMN  
PO2 Heather Sigstad, RMN  
CDRE Chris THOMPSON, RMN

HMSS Greenwich  
HMS Valkyrie  
HMS Valkyrie  
Gryphon Fleet  
MarDet Valkyrie  
MarDet Valkyrie  
HMS Invincible  
HMS Valkyrie  
HMS Valkyrie  
HMS Valkyrie  
BuShips



### Navy/Marine Achievement Medal CONvergence 2018

S2C Dylan Bradley, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
CAPTSG Brian Horton, RMN	HMSS Greenwich
CAPTSG Jill McTavish, RMN	HMS Valkyrie



### Manticoran Combat Action Medal

## 2ND AWARD

CAPT Larry Dale French, Sr., RMMC      HMS Demon



### Silesian Anti-Piracy Campaign Medal CONvergence 2018

S1C Roger Bianchi, RMN	HMS Enterprise
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### Non-Commissioned Officer Sr Course Ribbon

CPO Rick Waterson, RMN      HMS Demon



### Havenite Operational Service Medal CONvergence 2018

PO1 Kyle Anderson, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
ENS Patrick Anderson, RMN	HMS Invincible
SMCPO Christopher Baye, RMN	HMS Hellhound
Consular Staff Karen Berger	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Roger Bianchi, RMN	HMS Enterprise
S2C Dylan Bradley, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
Dep Director Wayne Bruns	HM Home Office
CPO Kathy Davis, RMN	HMS Lodestone
Agent Dominic Doody	HMS Invincible
CDRE Justin Grays, GSN	
CDR Arthur Henecke, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
CAPTJG Emily Herron, RMN	HMS Invincible



### 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



### Observer Basic Wings

S2/c Dan Toole, RMN      HMS Ajax

# October Honors

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## Promotions

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

### **HMS Ajax**

- Paula Handley (E-6) to Master Sergeant, effective 9 October, 2018
- Terry Lassaline is Commissioned to the rank of Ensign, effective 21 October, 2018
- James Stephens to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 21 October, 2018
- Rose Callahan to Spacer 1st Class, effective 21 October, 2018

### **HMS Demon**

- Jason Greene to Spacer 1st Class, effective 29 October, 2018
- Stephen P Miller to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 29 October, 2018
- Walter Ernst to Obermaat, effective 29 October, 2018
- N. Frances Moritz to Administrative Specialist, effective 29 October, 2018
- Tsetska Radoslavova Bankova Jr to Senior Analyst, effective 29 October, 2018

### **HMS Invincible**

- Donna Lang to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Corwin Brust to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Amy Forslund to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Richard Hertel to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Ciprian Ivanof to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Victor Krause to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Matthew Lescenski to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Alan Joseph Weier to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Janet Louise Cummins to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Katheryn Lochen to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018

- Michał Jan Orgelbrand Sr to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 9 October, 2018
- Christina Neitz to Administrator, effective 9 October, 2018
- Mary Prather to Senior Clerk, effective 9 October, 2018
- Rakhi Rajpal to Senior Clerk, effective 9 October, 2018

### **MARDET Invincible**

- Mark Burge to Staff Sergeant, effective 9 October, 2018
- Shelley Whitehead to Corporal, effective 9 October, 2018

### **HMS Javelin**

- James Erikson to First Class Fire Control Mate, effective 2 October, 2018
- Jennifer L Leeman to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 20 October, 2018
- Christina Lynne Davis to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 20 October, 2018
- Caleb Scott Dillman to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 20 October, 2018
- Katrina Marie Foley to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 20 October, 2018
- Mandy B. Freund to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 20 October, 2018
- Christie Rita Knaack to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 20 October, 2018
- Jeffrey Paul Lenz to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 20 October, 2018

### **HMS Leonidas**

- Marc Butcher to Staff Sergeant, effective 1 October, 2018

### **HMS Merlin**

- Scott Schwandt to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 5 October, 2018
- Madeline Ann O'Connor to Spacer 1st Class, effective 5 October, 2018
- Rachel Tippet to Intelligence Specialist 1/c, effective 5 October, 2018

# October Honors

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## Promotions

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

- Ryan Turner to Spacer 1st Class, effective 5 October, 2018
- Richard Sams to Ensign, effective 15 October, 2018

### HMS Musashi

Damon Graham to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 27 October, 2018

### HMS Trebuchet

- Dale Weilage to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 1 October, 2018
- Kat Castro to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 11 October, 2018
- Jaeden Woltjer to Spacer 1st Class, effective 11 October, 2018
- Cherish Rhinehart to Private 1st Class, effective 11 October, 2018
- Isaac Lindquist from to Spacer 1st Class, effective 11 October, 2018
- Jonathan Entinger to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 October, 2018
- Hannah Moller to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 October, 2018
- Aaron Moller to Spacer 1st Class, effective 17 October, 2018

### HMS Valkyrie

Kristin Grandt to Hydroponics Mate 1st Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Scott Grandt to Operations Mate 1st Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Dean Floreani to Spacer 1st Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Kegan Hackett to Spacer 1st Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Alanna Worrall to Spacer 1st Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Dylan Bradley to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Robert Gizmo Peterson to Lance Corporal, effective 30 October, 2018

Matt L Lauer to Lance Corporal, effective 30

October, 2018

Logan Zimlich to Private 1st Class, effective 30 October, 2018

Karen Berger to Senior Administrator, effective 30 October, 2018



## Positions Open

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The following openings are available in with Gryphon Fleet HQ

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

Reply to [dco@gryphonfleet.org](mailto: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!



# Fleet Composition Changes: A01810-01

Above is the full AO dealing with fleet composition. No significant changes to how we in Gryphon are organized - we have had our friends in Ontario added back in and we officially have Manitoba as part of our fleet - so an official welcome to our friends there!

To: All Officers and Enlisted in the Royal Manticoran Armed Forces, Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Civilian Services of the Star Empire of Manticore, and all Allied Navies

From: Martin A. Lessem, KSK, GCR, GCE, DSO, CGM, GS, Admiral of the Fleet, First Lord of the Admiralty, Duke, New Scania

Re: Fleet Composition (Admiralty Order 1810-01)

As our organization has grown and changed, the needs of our member and how we are organized has also changed. When it was decided that Fleet Composition once set would remain fluid to meet the needs of the membership, it set the precedent that the entire Fleet Composition Paradigm can and will be changed again IF THE NEEDS of the membership so calls for it.

Therefore effective immediately [Admiralty Order 1701-03](#) is rescinded and the following now Fleet Composition will be in effect as of 01JAN19

Royal Manticoran Navy Fleets			
District	Fleet Number	Fleet Name	Geographical Area
First Naval District	First Fleet	Home Fleet	MD, DE, PA, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, NH, VT, ME, DC (includes the greater DC Metro Area), Northern VA*, Eastern ON, QC, NS & PEI
Second Naval District	Second Fleet	Gryphon Fleet	MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, KY, MI, MB, & Western ON
Third Naval District	Third Fleet	San Martino Fleet	Southern VA*, WV, NC, SC, MS, AL, TN, GA, FL & the Caribbean, Mexico and Latin American
Sixth Naval District	Sixth Fleet	Sphinx Fleet	OK, TX, AR, LA, NE, KS, MO, IA, ND, & SD
Eight Naval District	Eighth Fleet	Basilisk Fleet	AZ, NM, UT, CO, WY, & MT
Tenth Naval District	Tenth Fleet	Talbott Fleet	CA, OR, WA, NV, ID, & HI, BC, AB, & SK



Allied Fleets			
Fourth Naval District	Fourth Fleet	Grayson Home Fleet	United Kingdom, Ireland, and all Grayson ships requesting to be part of the Grayson Home Fleet regardless of geographical location
Stations			
Station	Former Fleet Number	Station Name	Station Composition
ANZUS	Fifth	ANZUS Station	Oceania, Australia & New Zealand
Andermani	Seventh	Andermani Station	Northern & Central Europe
Victoria	None	Victoria Station	AK, BC, YT, NT, NU, SK, & AB
Fleets and Stations Not Currently in Operation			
District or Station	Fleet Number	Fleet Name	Station Composition
Ninth Naval District	Ninth	Pending	Pending
Andermani Naval District	Seventh	Andermani Home Fleet	Pending
Havenite Naval District	Eleventh	Havenite Home Fleet	Pending

\* The division line between the 1st and 3rd Naval Districts in Virginia will be the 38th Parallel. Victoria Station will be part of 10th Fleet, and the Station Commander will report to the 10th Fleet Commanding Officer.

This Order is effective as of 0000hours on 01-JAN-2019.

In Honour of the Queen!

Issued by:

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



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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)*

