



The Official Second Fleet Newsletter



### **Flag Sends**

FROM ME AND MY FAMILY TO VOU AND VOURS, WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

let's make that a tradition that lives as welli



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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**

## **Intercessor's List**

Saving the heavier stuff for 2019 seems to be the order of the day.

So, by the time you see this, we will be hipdeep in the holiday season. Thanksgiving will have passed, and Christmas is around the corner. At least Christmas won't ambush you like Thanksgiving did this year.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone in the Fleet for their efforts and work in what has been a rough year for many in TRMN.

I am writing this the day after the bombshell Akers report was released, and it struck me that this is the third well-known, high ranking (either socially or officially) leader that has been lost to us this year. Former SCMPCON Tom Coonradt and outgoing First Space Lord John Roberts were lost to resignations, and then Scott Akers was removed from membership.

When a lot of changes of this magnitude happen, it is normal to be a bit stunned. I know I am. I hope those closer to these situations can find someone to speak to, or some form of outlet for their feelings.

I encourage seeking fellow members. After all, we all are impacted by this - in one way or another - and it is easier to talk to someone who doesn't need all the background.

As always, talk to each other, in person when possible. It may be a bit old of me, but I really do believe that we are built for in-person communication, and that it is always better than electronic communication.

And while this is serious, I also want to focus on the positive as much as possible. We, all of us, have the opportunity to choose how we see things. And while the above are indeed challenges, and we will each have our own takes on them, they are also an opportunity to

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If you'd like to add to the List, please go to <u>https://gryphonfleet.org/intercessors-list-</u><u>submission/</u>. 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.



## **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**:

Welcome to the new CO, Task Force 21 Commodore Ann Erikson and congratulations on your promotion! For those who may not know. CDRE Erikson has been an absolute force in the St. Cloud, MN area, being a driving force behind the formation of DesRon 265, and the explosive membership and activity growth in that region. CDRE Erikson is also with the Office of Retention, and is more than willing to provide advice, assistance, and support in keeping and engaging your members. Well done, and welcome to the flag deck!

Welcome to the new command team for HMS Javelin! With the promotion of CDRE Erikson to CO TF21, we want to welcome the new leadership team:

> LTCDR Thomas David Erikson, CO LTSG Joshua Dadd, XO CPO Jim Erikson, Bosun

Congratulation to all three of you on your promotions!

Welcome to the new CO & XO for HMS Hexapuma! With the retirement of CAPTSJ Jimmy Nelson, we want to welcome the new leadership team:

> CAPTJG Charles Gray, CO CDR Ann Schottler, XO

Congratulation both you on your promotions!

#### **Goings**:

The Bureau of Ships wishes to thank Vice Admiral Westmarch for his unswerving dedication as Commanding Officer of HMS Unconquered.

### **Upcoming Events**

Champaign, IL

Winter War January 25-27, 2018

Peotone, IL

LodgeCon February 10-11, 2019

Wheaton, IL

CapriCon February 14-17, 2019

JOIN

**GRYPHON FLEE** 

**Great Lakes Comic Convention** Warren, MI

February 22-23, 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!

### WindyCon Raffle

The HMS Demon Charity Raffle at Windycon gathered \$131 to help HMS Hotspur collect money for the repair of the Rantoul Public Library roof.

The winners were:

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Kindle Reader - Bruce Medic NitroDice - Kevin Walsh Nacho Loco/Pandemonium/1870 bundle -Danielle Erikson

We want to thank everyone who participated





Member. Order of the Golden Lion

**Conspicuous Gallantry Medal** 

Wound Stripe

**Queen's Bravery Medal** LionCon 2018

**Conspicuous Bravery Medal** 

LionCon 2018

**RADM Kim Niemeyer, RMN** 

ADMIN Diana Flanagan, CIVIL

ADMIN Violet Lapine, CIVIL

**CPO David Pelletier, RMN** 

LTSG Connor Bliss, RMN

CPO Joshua Dadd, RMN LTSG Thomas Erikson, RMN

**CDR Patrick Hagemeier, RMN** 

HMS Hotspur

HMS Hotspur

**HMS Hexapuma** 

HMS Galahad

HMS Javelin

HMS Javelin

HMS Merlin

**Conspicuous Service Medal** 

HMS Saberpike SSCT Metgyre Senzig, RMMC 1LT Vernon McIntosh, RMMC MARDET Musashi MARDET Valkyrie



**Meritorious Service Medal** 

SMAJ Brad Handlev, RMMC 2LT Thomas Paukstis Jr., RMMC MJR Leah Bloodgood, RMMC COL Bryar Nelson, RMMC SGT Greg Marchand, RMMC

MARDET Ajax MARDET Demon **MARDET** Invincible **MARDET** Invincible MARDET Invincible

#### LionCon 2018

CPO Kathy Davis, RMN CSMCPO Megan Krick, RMN

**HMS** Lodestone HMS Musashi

#### **Grand Rapids Comic Con 2018**

KDS Charles Shananaquet, IAN **FKpt David Westover, IAN** MAAT Nathan Balyet, IAN

**HMS Beowulf HMS Beowulf** SMS Scharnhorst



#### Navy/Marine Commendation Decoration **Grand Rapids Comic Con 2018**

CDR Dean McClure, RMN SCMAAM Cory Snedden, RMN MAAT Nathan Balyet, IAN

**HMS Beowulf** HMS Ajax **SMS Scharnhorst** 



#### **Navy/Marine Achievement Medal**

PO3 Andy Anderson, RMN **Obgftr Sam Gabel, IAN** S2C Jeff Lenz, RMN CPO Ziggi Thompson, RMN

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CDR Lucas Matthys, RMN LTJG Brent Peterson, RMN PO2 Hailey Hamilton, RMN PO2 Jason Sperka II, RMN HMS Trebuchet PSGT David Isaak, RMMC

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### AWARDS



#### **Royal Meritorious Unit Citation**

Effective 9 November 2018, the ROYAL MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION is awarded to the crew of HMS HOTSPUR DD-02 for raising, in one event, over \$1168 toward a badly-needed roof repair project at the Rantoul Public Library, a former USAF base building. Hotspur maintains a partnership with the library, where they host community Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator events under the library's sponsorship. Hotspur personnel, on their own initiative, organized, arranged prizes for, and ran the fundraising Euchre tournament and silent auction.



Prisoner of War Medal Zombie Squad, WindyCon 2018

CDR Ann Erikson, RMN CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN LTSG Thomas Erikson. RMN HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Javelin



#### Silesian Anti-Piracy Campaign Medal WindyCon 2018

S1C Roberta Brown, RMN CDR Ann Erikson, RMN LTSG Thomas Erikson, RMN CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN CDR Patrick Hagemeier, RMN CDR Christina Swanson, RMN S2C Brandy Wolf, RMN HMS Ajax HMS Javelin HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Gryphon HMS Merlin



#### Havenite Operational Service Medal LionCon 2018

PO3 Andy Anderson, RMN S2C Becky Anderson, RMN CdtRng3 Maya Benesch, SFC S2C Andy Breth, RMN LCDR Julie Chase, RMN S3C Tim Clark, RMN CPO Joshua Dadd, RMN CPO Joshua Dadd, RMN CPO Kathy Davis, RMN CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN CDR Dora Ann Erikson, RMN DD7 Jim Erikson, RMN PO1 Jim Erikson, RMN Obgftr Sam Gabel, IAN CdtRng3 Daniel Hagemeier, SFC CdtRng3 Laura Hagemeier, SFC CdtRng3 Laura Hagemeier, SFC CDR Patrick Hagemeier, RMN S2C Ben Hans, RMN S2C Ellie Johnson, RMN S3C Jeff Lentz, RMN CdtRng3 Noah Lentz, SFC CAPT Matthew Lindquist, GSN ENS Paladin Meyer, RMN ENS Richard Sams, RMN PO3 Scott Schwandt, RMN S3C Dan Skoog, RMN CPL Noah Spicer, RMMC	HMS Merlin HMS Lodestone HMS Lodestone HMS Lodestone HMS Lodestone HMS Lodestone HMS Javelin HMS Javelin HMS Javelin HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Javelin HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin
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	HMS Merlin

#### WindyCon 2018

S1C Roberta Brown, RMN	HMS Ajax
CDRE Sherman Day, RMN	HMS Demon
CWO Ursula Day, RMN	HMS Demon

### AWARDS



**Havenite Operational Service Medal** WindyCon 2018, Continued

CAPTJG Justin Dupras, RMN CDR Ann Erikson, RMN LTSG Thomas Erikson, RMN CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN CDR Patrick Hagemeier, RMN S3C Kerry Kuhn, RMN PO1 Lee McKinnis, RMN CDR Christina Swanson, RMN PFC Martin Tizura, RMMC **CPO Rick Waterson, RMN** S2C Brandy Wolf, RMN

HMS Demon HMS Javelin HMS Javelin HMS Merlin HMS Merlin HMS Demon HMS Demon HMS Gryphon **HMS Wolfhound** HMS Demon HMS Merlin



**Enlisted Space Warfare Pin** 

CPO Joshua Dadd, RMN

HMS Javelin



**Officer Space Warfare Pin** 

CDR Art Henecke, RMN

**HMS Valkyrie** 



#### Class of 2018, HMS Unconquered

PO1 Kyle Anderson, RMN CDR Dora Ann Erikson, RMN CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN CAPTSG Jamey Salsberg, RMN **CDRE Geoffrey Strayer, RMN** 

HMS Valkyrie HMS Javelin **HMS Merlin HMS** Invincible **HMS Demon** 



Grand Alliance Campaign Medal

**CPO David Pelletier, RMN** CAPTJG Kevin Johnson, RMN **CAPTJG James Moyer, RMN** RADM Kim Niemeyer, RMN S1C Lisa Johnson, RMN CDR Richard Davenport, GSN CDR Ann Erikson, RMN

HMS Hexapuma HMS Saberpike HMS Death Claw HMS Saberpike HMS Saberpike HMS Death Claw **HMS** Javelin





### **Promotions**

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

#### HMS Ajax

- Patrick Houseman to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 25 November, 2018
- Dan Toole to Spacer 1st Class, effective 25 November, 2018

#### **HMS Demon**

• Martin Tizura to Lance Corporal, effective 28 November, 2018

#### **HMS Javelin**

• Sam Noah Gabel to Obergefraiter, effective 20 November, 2018

#### **HMS Trebuchet**

- Dustin Ennen to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 7 November, 2018
- Hailey Adaire Hamilton to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 7 November, 2018

#### **HMS Valkyrie**

- Todd B Johnskn to Spacer 1st Class, effective 26 November, 2018
- Michael Antony Bernabo to Corporal, effective 26 November, 2018
- Julia "Jules" Howard to Corporal, effective 26 November, 2018
- Stephanie Zuercher to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 29 November, 2018

### DCO'S Note, cont.

reflect on how we approach the world.

My natural tendency is to see the negative. I fight it constantly, seeking to find something positive in even the darkest outcomes.

Why? Because there is enough negativity in the world. I don't need to add to it any more than I am required to. And if I can help be a light to someone, then I feel I have a duty to do just that.

This is not a Pollyanna thing - I see the bad and the good, it is just that, given the choice, I will attempt to see the good when it's there to be seen (or uncovered, since it hides sometimes).

I also think, in this space, that it matters that we represent a hopeful future. We are not the darkness of Warhammer 40,000, or the dark utopia of Star Trek, our fandom's future is closer to what might become real. A future with real problems, and real conflicts. It is also optimistic in tone - much of what we deal with is long overcome, and viewed in much the same way we might view the belief that Ammit will devour the hearts of the unworthy.

I, and hopefully we, see hope in that future, and I think we owe it to ourselves to project that hope into the reality around us.

That said, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, and that as we enter the rest of the winter holiday season, yours is as good, healthy, and positive as you want it to be.

I'll be back next year, maybe with some of those 'deep' columns I keep teasing!



### **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!

## **MARDET Reports**

This is a reminder that your MarDet reports are due by December 10th. Please send them to reporting@rmmc.trmn.org. If you are having issues with the form please contact Brigadier General Kunz at Deputy-Comforcecom@ rmmc.trmn.org so we can fix the issue. If you are unsure of what report or form you are supposed to be turning in please contact her so she can assist 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!

### **Marksmanship Update**

By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 12 November, 2018:

#### PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

S3C David Berlien, RMNHMS ValkyrieS2C Dylan Bradley, RMNHMS ValkyrieS3C Jared Jerzak, RMNHMS ValkyriePO3 Jennifer Leeman, RMNHMS JavelinCdtRngr3 Noah Lenz, SFCHMS JavelinGfrtr Sam Gabel, IANHMS JavelinPSGT Brady Onkka, RMMCMarDet Valkyrie

RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE S2C Dylan Bradley, RMN S2C Caleb Scott Dillman, RMN Gfrtr Sam Gabel, IAN LCPL Melanie Galloway, RMMC S3C Jared Jerzak, RMN S1C Karol Kurtz, RMN S2C Samantha Mazer, RMN

HMS Valkyrie HMS Javelin HMS Javelin MarDet Valkyrie HMS Valkyrie HMS Invincible HMS Javelin

RIFLE HIGH EXPERT AWARD CDR Dora Ann Erikson, RMN LTSG Thomas Erikson, RMN

HMS Javelin HMS Javelin

GRAYSON MARKSMANSHIP AWARD: CPO Stephanie Berlien, GSN HMS Valkyrie

GRAYSON SHARPSHOOTER AWARD: CPO Stephanie Berlien, GSN HMS Valkyrie

The Tradition Lives! WESTMARCH

For CO 2nd Fleet:

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



### **SMCPON Position Open**

The position of Senior Master Petty Officer of the Navy (SMCPON) RMN is now available.

Job description:

http://wiki.trmn.org/wiki/index.php/Senior\_Master\_Chief\_Petty\_Officer\_of\_the\_Navy

This description is subject to change by Naval Directive or Admiralty Order.

Duties not listed in the job description include:

- Reports to the First Space Lord and as part of the 1SL Staff, provide written reports as requested and attend regularly scheduled meetings.
- Organizing and chairing the bimonthly Senior Enlisted Promotion Review Board.
- Maintain various social media pages (i.e.Facebook, TRMN Forum) to disseminate information and answer questions.
- Supervise and maintain the Office of the SMCPON to include three E-7 and above staff members. Also, recruit additional advisors as needed.
- Act as an advisor and mentor to the Bosun cadre of the Royal Manticoran Navy for purposes of training, communication and overall guidance for morale and policy. Provide same/similar guidance, upon request, to Top Senior Enlisted position in all of Manticoran and Allied forces.
- Create and maintain records of interactions, situations, investigations and resolutions of concerns and or complaints. Some limited anonymity is understood.
- Create files for record keeping that are shareable, i.e. Google Drive, so that there is a historical record of concern/complaint incidents. Some limited anonymity is understood.
- Willingness to learn and teach the basic elements of Military Drill and Ceremonies, including,but not limited to: Positions under command, use of salute, turns, formations and marching.
- Willingness to learn and teach the basic use of a Bosun's Pipe and appropriate calls.
- Sharing the "best practices" attitude concerning stated official directives.
- Perform any additional duties deemed appropriate as the senior enlisted position of the Royal Manticoran Navy.

**Required Qualifications:** 

- Tested up to E-10
- Computer capable
- Readily accessible on-line or via portable communication device
- Excellent communications ability, both verbal and written
- Able to take initiative within given parameters
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Able to maintain military bearing and decorum in dealings with all segments of the fan organization.

To apply send an E-Mail to SMCPON@trmn.org with an cover letter expressing why you are applying, real life schooling, experiential background and abilities that you think may apply to the position are important to know.

### **Fleet Command & Staff Contacts**

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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) 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)

#### Task Group 21.2

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

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

> River Falls, WI Madison, WI Milwaukee, WI

### Task Force 22

LAC Wing 62 GSNLAC Lilla Biörn

### Task Group 22.1

HMS Ajax (BC-545) HMS Apollo (CL-80) HMS Beowulf (BC-739) HMS Demon (CLAC-62) HMS Gryphon (SD-153) HMS Hotspur (DD-02) HMS Wolfhound (DD-437)

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) Marquette, MI

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

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!



