



THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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Flag Sends

Fellow Gryphon Fleet members, I have been pleased to hear widespread gaming activity in response to the Range Challenge. This is the first of three challenges to determine which chapter will win the 2019 FLEET EXCELLENCE AWARD and the traveling Gryphon Trophy. Additionally, the fleet's winning chapter will be considered against those of all other fleets to determine the overall navy-wide winner of the Black Sphinx Cup. Hot and heavy competition within our own fleet is going to make our top ship look all the better against the other fleets, so keep it up, everyone!

I note with sadness the passing of Sir Kevin Horner, former Marshal of the Royal Manticoran Army and an active participant in MantiCon and other Twin Cities area events despite severe health problems. I will miss Kevin and his wry humor.

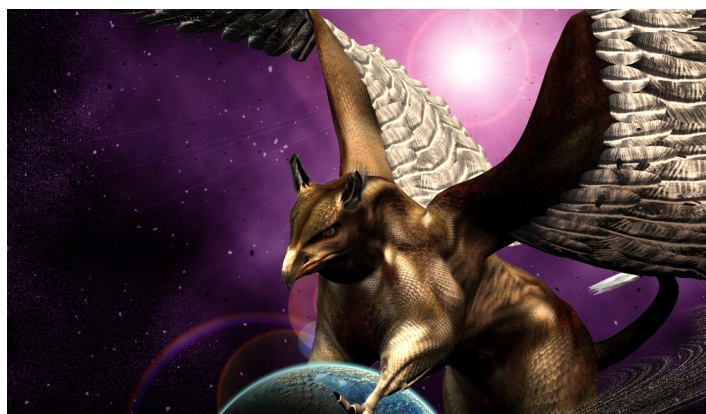
We welcomed a new ship into the fleet last month, and should have another one or more Real Soon Now. Watch for announcements! Your regional Task Force leadership and I are always looking for ways to help grow The Royal Manticoran Navy and opportunities for club fun and fellowship in our seven state area.



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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!

Comings & Goings

Welcome to the official 2nd Fleet Intel Liason to BuPlan, S2/c Peter Mousseau!

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Welcome and congratulations to CDR Paladin Meyer on his promotion and assignment as XO, HMS Merlin! Thank you also to outgoing XO CAPTJG Patrick Hagemeyer for your service!

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Congratulations to LT (JG) Richard Sams of HMS Merlin on his appointment as RMACA Enlisted instructor!

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Welcome to the new CO, MARDET Invincible,

General Sonja Wolf. GEN Wolf is taking a voluntary reduction in rank to Colonel to take this position. Thank you to outgoing CO, Major Leah Bloodgood for your service to the RMMC and MARDET Invincible!

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Welcome to the new CO, HMS Galahad, LRCDR Betty Osthoff! Congratulations are also offered for the promotion!

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Welcome to the new CO, SMLAR Arminus, Kapitänleutnant Nathan Niemi, IAN, and the new Bosun, Oberbootsmann Angela Pineo, IAN! Congratulations are also offered on your promotions!

MARDET Changes

There are some changes to new MARDET chapters that we want to summarize here. In Corps Directive 03-1903, there is a change to how units are sized.

New MARDETs will now be sized based on their host ship's hull size. So, a MARDET on the superdreadnought HMS Any Ship will be a Battalion, regardless of actual headcount.

This is the case no matter the number of Marines. So long as a command triad of CO, XO, and Gunny is present (and tested to the correct ranks), these three Marines can indeed be a battalion. We have always represented far more people that are actually IN a chapter, this just codifies that reality.

Existing MARDETs will be changed to the appropriate size when possible by COMFORCECOM. Any needed billet changes (squad leaders, etc.) will be the responsibility of the MARDET CO.



Gryphon Trophy 2019

To: All TRMN personnel
From: Commanding Officer 2nd Fleet.
Re: Gryphon Trophy challenge program for 2019

GRYPHON FLEET ORDER 1901-C, 09JAN2019

2019 Gryphon Fleet challenges will be:

- Challenge period 1 (February 15th–May 15th): RANGE CHALLENGE (Gaming). Chapter that has the highest number of hours spent playing games during the challenge period wins.
- Challenge period 2 (May 30th–August 30th): ASTRO CONTROL CHALLENGE (Wings Qualifications). Chapter that has the highest number of their total official crew roster earn a set of Wings by the end of the challenge period wins.
- Challenge period 3 (September 15th–December 15th): GUNNERY CHALLENGE (Reading). Chapter that submits the most pages read during the challenge period at the end of the challenge period wins.

All ships' commanding officers, you or your delegated crew member will be responsible to report your ship's performance to the Fleet Intelligence Officer: intel@2ndfleet.trmn.org.

All challenges will be conducted according to Black Sphinx Cup rules. After all three challenges have been completed, the overall winning ship will be determined according to Black Sphinx Cup rules.

The winning ship will be presented with the traveling GRYPHON TROPHY to display during 2020, and the ship's crew members will be awarded the FLEET EXCELLENCE AWARD with gold "E" and be considered against the winners from other fleets for the navy's overall Black Sphinx Cup.

Good luck to all ships! I hope to see wide participation that demonstrates the excellence of Gryphon Fleet!

The Tradition Lives!
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Issued by:
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Vice Admiral of the Red, RMN
Commanding Officer, 2nd Fleet
Earl of Westmarch



Upcoming Events

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

HeroiCon
Decatur, IL May 3-5, 2019

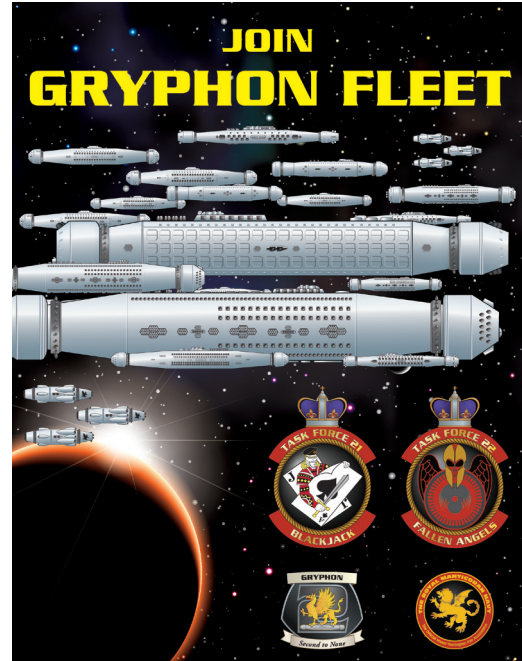
CONvergence
Minneapolis, MN July 4-7, 2019

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**.



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!

Stand For Parliament!

Greetings, members of the 2nd Fleet Area of Responsibility!

The House of Commons just passed a set of [Interim Rules](#), one of which requires at least one qualified TRMN member to state their intention to stand for election before the House of Commons will call for a by-election in a particular AOR. The 2nd Fleet AOR does not have its full complement of MPs and won't have a general election until April 2020, so if this AOR wishes to have the opportunity to fill some or all of the empty seats, at least one of you will have to indicate that you are interested in running. You can do so by stating this in a post below.

If you'd like to know more about the House of Commons, feel free to contact me or any of your current MPs (Antonio Lopes, Alexander Jones, Brian Horton, Kevin Horner, Jane Dusek, Zachary McCauley, Marc Butcher, John Fairbairn, Brent Peterson, Patrick Giese, or Hailey Hamilton).

If you are eligible (see [here](#) for the eligibility rules), I hope you will consider running for MP!

Eric Schulman, HoC Speaker

Reactivation of Seventh Fleet

To: All Members of the Grand Alliance
From: Laura Lochen, Fleet Admiral of the Red
Re: Reactivation of Seventh Fleet (ND 19MAR-12)

As of the date of this Order, by my hand, and by the authority of the Sovereign, Queen of Manticore Elizabeth III, I hereby reactivate the Seventh Fleet under the command of Großadmiral der Flotte Philip Wohlrab, Freiherr von Baudenvost.

Großadmiral Baudenvost, you now have charge of establishing the structure and command staff of Seventh Fleet.
Honor to the Queen and Emperor!

Issued by:
Laura Lochen, KDE, KCR, MC, SC, DSO, CBM
Fleet Admiral of the Red
First Space Lord
Countess, Boundary Waters



Marksmanship Update

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

FLECHETTE GUN MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- Mr. Don REISDORPH, HMS Valkyrie

PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- S1C Jennifer JONES, HMS Valkyrie

PLASMA CARBINE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE:

- Mr. Don REISDORPH, HMS Valkyrie

PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

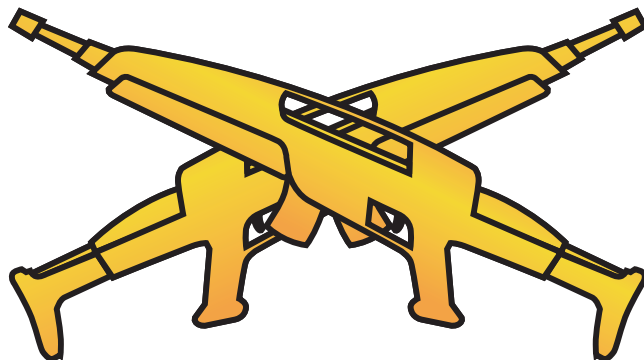
- CPO Ana SHIRLEY, HMS Valkyrie

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For CO 2nd Fleet:

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



March Honors

AWARDS



Conspicuous Bravery Medal ConFusion 2019

CDR Thomas Hathaway, RMN	HMS Ajax
SCPO Cory Snedden, RMN	HMS Enterprise
OB Nathan Balyeat, IAN	SMS Scharnhorst



Navy Commendation Decoration ConFusion 2019

CAPTJG Gordon Klein-Lebbink, RMN	HMS Ajax
KdS Charles Shananaquet II, IAN	HMS Beowulf
FK David Westover, IAN	HMS Beowulf
CDR Anne Lucy Textor, RMN	HMS Sabrepike



Havenite Operational Service Medal ConFusion 2019

CAPTJG Gordon Klein-Lebbink, RMN	HMS Ajax
CDR Thomas Hathaway, RMN	HMS Ajax
S2C Jim McCoy, RMN	HMS Ajax
KdS Charles Shananaquet II, IAN	HMS Beowulf
FK David Westover, IAN	HMS Beowulf
CAPTSG Jackie Snedden, RMN	HMS Enterprise
SCPO Cory Snedden, RMN	HMS Enterprise
OGefr Michael Bodie, IAN	HMS Enterprise
CIV Andrea Snedden, CIVIL	HMS Enterprise
CIV Kayla Audet, SFC	HMS Enterprise
CDR Anne Lucy Textor, RMN	HMS Sabrepike
OB Nathan Balyeat, IAN	SMS Scharnhorst
Maat Nathan Niemi, IAN	SMS Scharnhorst
Gefr. Angela Pineo, IAN	SMS Scharnhorst
OGefr. Alyssa Short, IAN	SMS Scharnhorst



Manticoran Combat Action Medal

11TH AWARD

CIV Wayne Bruns, CIVIL	HMS Imperatrix
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Enlisted Space Warfare Pin

S3C David J Levi, GSN	HMS Enterprise
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Officer Space Warfare Pin

CDR Thomas Hathaway, RMN	HMS Ajax
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Aerospace Basic Observer Wings

LTJG Joshua Dadd, RMN	HMS Javelin
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S3C David J Levi, GSN	HMS Enterprise
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March Honors

Promotions

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

HMS Demon

- Judy Goodman to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 4 March 2019
- Stephen P Miller to Spacer 1st Class, effective 4 March 2019
- Rick Waterson to Senior Chief Petty Officer, retroactive to 31 December, 2018

HMS Enterprise

- Dana Laikind to Corporal, effective 2 March, 2019
- David Levi to Electronics Technician 2/C, effective 16 March, 2019

HMS Galahad

- Taylor Crane Miller to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 24 March, 2019
- Jared Bridge to Civilian Three, effective 24 March, 2019

HMS Trebuchet

- Cherish Rinehart to Lance Corporal, effective 2 March, 2019
- Kat Castro to Spacer 1st Class, effective 2 March, 2019
- David Isaak to Staff Sergeant, effective 2 March, 2019



DCO's Note

I really have nothing to say here this month. Not even a half-formed idea that winds up in the trash because I can't get it to grow into something readable.

And that happens. In part, perhaps, because 2019 has been a jackhammer of a year so far, with no signs of that changing. Without taking sides, our nation seems to have gone from one scandal or embarrassment to another, sometimes more than one 'huge story' a day. We have been assailed by current events, and told that in each case, we must care about whatever it is deeply, and have an opinion we will fight for. Constantly.

It gets tiring.

Everyone I know personally is suffering some form of fatigue over this endless cycle of vital issues you must care about. Everyone.

I would encourage us all to take a step back, and refocus ourselves on what matters in the real world. Our friends, our family, our local community. Focus less on transnational issues, or even national issues. Focus less on so-called celebrity news. Focus less on everything that is outside your immediate area.

Maybe spend time exploring the spring, see the forests, just be still and listen. Hear the unempty silences of the world as we should experience it. Unplug. As my parent's generation as it, tune out, turn off, drop out. Or something like that.

Take care of yourselves first, then give care when you can, and it is needed. Be kind. Extend, and by doing so receive, grace.

I get that this is not new, and is a bit pop-psych / new-agey of me. I just see the constant call to be enraged about this or that as harmful to the soul, and want to encourage a different path, something with less anger as the core. Something to unite, not divide.

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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
Minneapolis, 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 Beowulf (BC-739)
HMS Demon (CLAC-62)
HMS Enterprise (BC-480)
HMS Gryphon (SD-153)
HMS Hotspur (DD-02)
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437)

Windsor, Ontario
Lafayette, IN
Lansing, MI
Hammond, IN
Rochester Hills, MI
Indianapolis, IN
Rantoul, IL
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
Mount Vernon, IN
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)

