



THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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By this point, I think it is safe to presume that everyone who is interested has seen the JAG report on the Anasazi Incident. It is posted both on our forums and Facebook page. I won't be discussing the specifics here, just the broad nature of events that led to that outcome.

In the broadest strokes, three members who felt ill-treated by their Fleet attempted to force their chapter out of that Fleet. That failed, and all three are no longer in the organization.

My concern with this event is that things got to the point where a mutiny (of sorts) was seen as the best, or only, option. That is never the best option. We may be, at the core, a really large book club, but we all agreed to a set of ideas when we joined.

Chief of those is the right to be heard by higher-ups in the organization. And because those in leadership, as humans, can be the problem, we also established the right (duty, even) to elevate any complaints above the immediate chain of command, when those people are the issue. There is also a JAG office that can be used to seek relief or redress of grievances.

In short, we have a lot of options.

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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

Naval Directive 190C-01

Congratulations to VADM John Neitz on his appointment to the position of Wiki Manager! VADM Neitz is charged with the overall execution of Wiki Policy and direct management of the Wiki Editing Team and Project Leads.

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FORCECOM Order 1910-B

Welcome and congratulations to the new command team for MARDET Valkyrie!

Thank you, First Lieutenant Vernon McIntosh, for all you have done as Commanding Officer, MARDET Valkyrie. You stand relieved.

First Lieutenant Matthew Hellendrung is assigned as Commanding Officer, MARDET Valkyrie.

First Lieutenant Josiah Lilligren is assigned as Executive Officer, MARDET Valkyrie.
Staff Sergeant Jessica Gazdik is assigned as NCOIC "Gunny", MARDET Valkyrie.

All remaining billets and ranks to remain the same.

Congratulations also on the following brevets:
First Lieutenant Matthew Hellendrung is brevetted to Captain (O-3).
Staff Sergeant Jessica Gazdik is brevetted to Master Sergeant (E-7).

Captain Hellendrung, the Guidon is passed to you.

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BuShips Directive 1910-07

Welcome and congratulations to the new command team for HMS Invincible!

I am pleased to not only welcome CAPTJG Sir

Richard Matheny to the fleet, but also on his appointment as CO, HMS Invincible!

It is also a pleasure to announce that CAPTSG Lady Dame Elisa Randall, Countess New Cumbria will be assigned as Executive Officer.

The Fleet as a whole, and myself in particular, wish to express appreciation and thanks to Captain (SG) Salsberg, and Commander Petersen, for their service as Commanding Officer and Executive Officer respectively, especially in the past few months as we tried to secure their relief. Thank you.

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Award Reminder

As we close out the year, it is good to remember that most of our Operational awards (HOSM, SAPCM, etc.) are once-per-year awards.

To check, hit the Award Announcement sub-forum, and search for the award name, then search those results for a name (last usually works). This is great way to avoid over-issue, award groups being rejected by BuPers, and, worst case, awards being revoked. No one wants that!

It just takes a moment, and can avoid a lot of unpleasantness down the road.

December Reports

This is a reminder that your Chapter and MarDet reports are due between December 1st and December 10th. One thing I found amazingly helpful when filling them out was to use an online document (Google Docs, Word Online) to keep things organized as they happened. Then, when the reporting month hit, I could just copy and paste them into the reports form, and be done. No trying to remember what happened two months ago at the last minute!

Marines - you now have a new online form to fill out for Bi-Monthly reports. The link is below. It will send the reports to your command triad, your Ship's CO and to ComForceCom. Please use this form to send in your report that is due on June 5th.

There is only one stipulation with the form at this time. Please do not use autofill. Autofill does not work properly and that information is deleted in the report. You can copy and paste information into the report but forgo the autofill function.

<https://buships.trmnbureaus.info/rmmc/>

Upcoming Events

Grand Rapids Comicon

Grand Rapids, MI November 8-10, 2019

WindyCon

Lombard, IL November 15-17, 2019

Starbase Indy

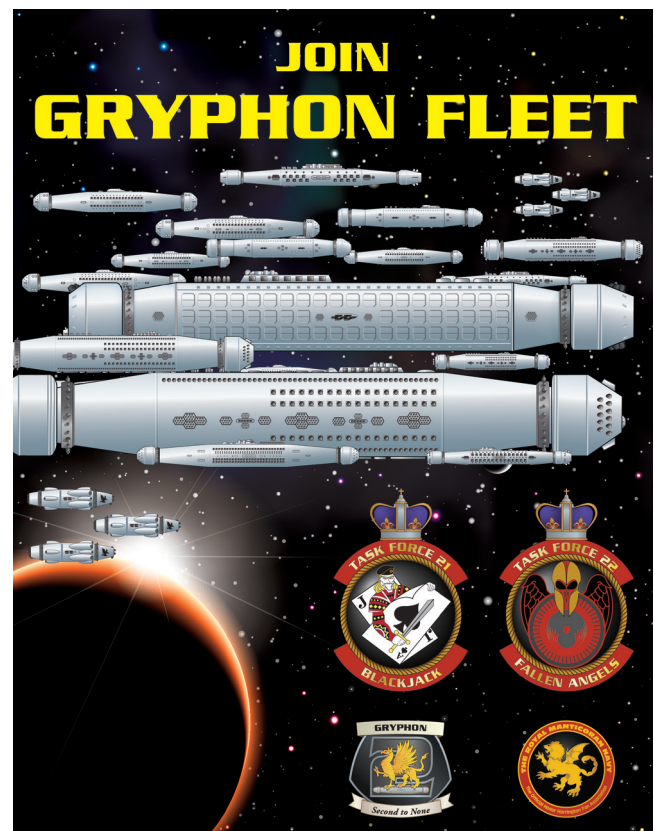
Indianapolis, IN November 29-Dec 1, 2019

Fleet events listed in **bold**. Admiralty in **bold-italic**.

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

We just need the event name and date sent to co@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!



What's A Task Force Good For Anyway?

I had been a member for more than a year before I even knew we had Task Forces in TRMN.

I think that even if new members know we have a Task Force, they don't always know what a Task Force is or does. I was leading one myself before I realized how important they can be to the on-going health of a fleet.

If we want to have strong chapters, then I believe we need to have strong echelons - like our Task Forces - collective groups of chapters working together for mutual activities and support at all levels. In Second Fleet we have two Task Forces. They are roughly geographical units that cover large areas. They are administrative units but they are much more.

Each Task Force has an identity. Task Force 21 are the Black Jacks. It is sort of our logo. We have a staff that are experienced in the areas they cover and are local people who have proven track records in developing, organizing, and executing activities for everything from conventions to charity fund raising and just getting people from various chapters together at joint events to have fun together. Our Task Force staff very good at getting members excited and involved.

So if your chapter is looking for something new, or you need to get more people actively involved and excited about TRMN, contact our Task Force staff, we are here to assist you.

We are all a team that works together. Let us help you and your chapter, that is why we are here.

Dame Dora Ann Erikson, GCE, MC, SC, OR, QBM
Commodore, RMN
Commanding Officer, Task Force 21

Award Note

This is the second month in a row that we have seen a member of HMS Helen be awarded the Survivor's Cross.

I want to take a moment on that. This is one of the awards that I have not seen a lot. In fact, in the 632 posts on the Awards forum, The Survivor's Cross is mentioned 14 times. And of those 632, we all know there are huge lists of members being awarded - see this month's awards list for a few examples. The Survivor's Cross is mentioned 14 times.

We do a lot in uniform, and we show who we are at events and conventions all the time. This award is a way to show who we are not only in uniform, but in our real lives. This award shows that we are there, living the ideals our organization aspires to, in the world.

That this award is rare is good. I won't hope for someone being hurt so I can get a ribbon. I will hope, as I hope you all do, that when we see something happen, we will act to provide assistance - ribbon or not. That is the tradition we uphold and aspire to live in, and I want to thank all of you who do, whether we know about it or not.

Fleet Staff Needed

With the change in command, the following Fleet positions are open, and in need of filling:

Deputy CO

This is a Commodore (F1) position.

The DCO is there to serve as a backstop for the CO, and take over in the event of the CO's absence.

In practical matters, the DCO will serve as the filter for the CO - handling issues that may arise, as possible, and keeping the CO informed when issues do arise. This position is, hopefully, a .5 'hat' position, but may rise to be a full 'hat', as regards the 2 Hat Rule.

Chief Of Staff

This is a Captain (O6 A/B) position.

The Chief of Staff is also a layer of problem solver between the CO and the several ships. The CoS is also the leader of the staff officers, and may be considered as their immediate supervisor. Duties include making sure that reports are tracked and in on time, handling issues that arise in the staff, and generally keeping everything straight with the fleet staff.

Please note that all rank requirements must be tested to in order to receive appointment to the position.



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I tend to forget to say things, on occasion, so let me be 100% clear.

Not only is 'no retribution' TRMN's policy, it is mine as well. If you have an issue with something or someone in leadership, I urge you to never hesitate to bring it to the next level. As big as Second Fleet is, you are never more than 5 layers from the Fleet CO. And that puts you 7 layers from the FLA.

It's a short chain. While I would ask, and expect, that it is used to the best of your ability, I know that sometimes is tough. I am always open to hear what is happening in the Fleet, and not only available, but want to know what's happening.

I have said that if I can be half the CO John Neitz was, I'll be happy. In order to get there, I need to be aware of what is going on - the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Please know, my email is always open, and is not a redirect - the gryphonfleet.org is a direct line to me. If there is an issue with me, or any other leaders, a perception of an issue, or even a concern about things, I am here, and want to help.

The ability to communicate concerns and problems is key in remaining Second To None!

**SECOND.
TO.
NONE.**

Marksmanship Update

By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 15 October, 2019:

DISRUPTOR MARKSMANSHIP CERTIFICATE

- Mr Don REISDORPH, HMS Valkyrie
- MS Lily THOMPSON, HMS Valkyrie
- SFS Lance FLIGOR, HMS Hotspur

GRENADE LAUNCHER MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- SFS Lance FLIGOR, HMS Hotspur

PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- CAPT IJGJ Kevin JOHNSON, HMS Sabrepike
- SFS Rebecca JOHNSON, HMS Sabrepike
- RMN Lisa JOHNSON, HMS Sabrepike
- EM2C John CHAMBERS, HMS Gryphon

PLASMA CARBINE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- SFS Lance FLIGOR, HMS Hotspur
- SFS Pierce KREIBICH, HMS Hotspur

RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- SFS Daniel JOHNSON, HMS Sabrepike
- SFS Rebecca JOHNSON, HMS Sabrepike
- RMN Lisa JOHNSON, HMS Sabrepike
- EM2C John Chambers, HMS Gryphon

THROWN GRENADE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE:

- SFS Lance FLIGOR, HMS Hotspur

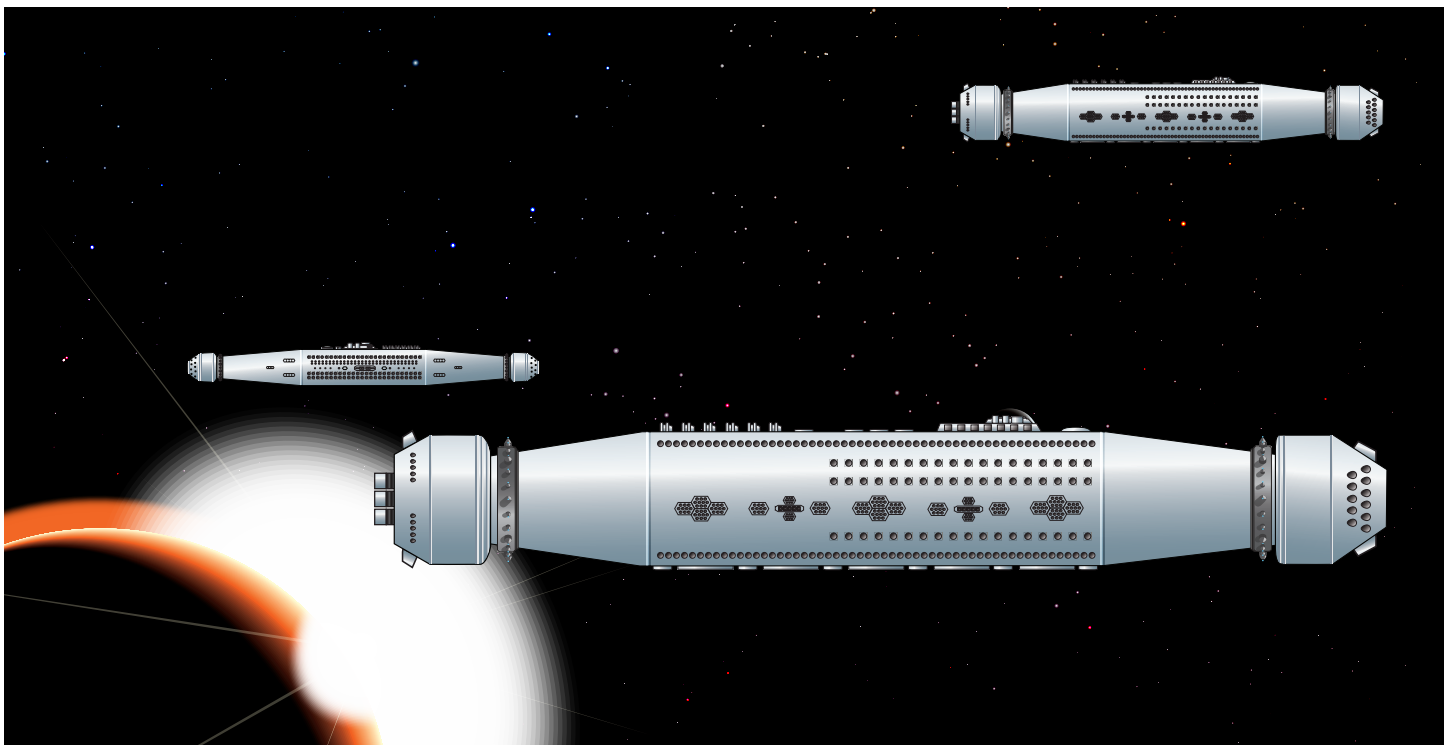
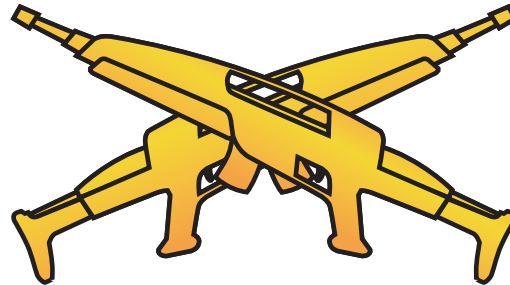
TRI-BARREL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE:

- SFS Lance FLIGOR, HMS Hotspur

The Tradition Lives!

For CO 2nd Fleet:

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



October Honors

AWARDS



Knight Commander, OQE

LTCDR Betty J Osthoff, RMN
PO3 David J Levi, GSN

HMS Galahad
HMS Enterprise



Survivor's Cross

PVT Robert Maniscalco, RMA

HMS Helen



Havenite Operational Service Medal LionCon 2019

LTCDR Julie Chase, RMN
LTCDR Julie Chase, RMN
CPO Kathy Davis, RMN
CPO Elizabeth Erickson, RMN
CDRE Dora Ann Erikson, RMN
LTCDR Thomas Erikson, RMN
CAPTSG Danielle Erikson, RMN
S1C Mandy B. Freund, RMN
LTSG Z Krick, RMN
S1C Jeffrey Paul Lenz, RMN
SCR Noah Allen Lenz, SFC
CAPTJG Paladin Meyer, RMN
S2C David Munroe, RMN
SCLERK John Proft, CIVIL
LTCDR Ziggi Thompson, RMN

HMS Lodestone
HMS Lodestone
HMS Lodestone
HMS Invincible
HMS Javelin
HMS Javelin
HMS Merlin
HMS Javelin
HMS Musashi
HMS Javelin
HMS Javelin
HMS Javelin
HMS Merlin
HMS Lodestone
HMS Javelin
HMS Javelin



Manticoran Combat Action Medal

8TH AWARD

CDRE Justin Edward Grays, GSN HMS Valkyrie

3RD AWARD

LTJG Jim McCoy, RMN HMS Ajax

1ST AWARD

MCWO Eric Nelson, RMN HMS invincible



Manticoran Reserve Service Medal

ROYAL MANTICORAN NAVY

CDRE Sherman Day, RMN	HMS Demon
SCWO Ursula Day, RMN	HMS Demon
CDR Sean Flaherty, RMN	HMS Unicorn
LTCDR Rex Hood Jr, RMN	HMLAC Scythe
CDR Lucas Matthys, RMN	HMS Juno
RADM Geoffrey Strayer, RMN	HMS Demon

ROYAL MANTICORAN MARINE CORPS

MAJ L. Bloodgood, RMMC	MARDET Invincible
2LT Ada Clark, RMMC	HMLAC Lilla Bjorn
1LT Josiah Lilligren, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie
1LT Vernon McIntosh, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie



October Honors

AWARDS



Good Conduct Medal

ROYAL MANTICORAN NAVY

S1C Erik Anderson, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Angelique Anderson, RMN	HMS Imperatrix
S1C Larry Balsley, RMN	HMS Gryphon
SMCPO Christopher Baye, RMN	HMS Hellhound
PO1 Joshua Binder, RMN	HMLAC Scythe
S1C Randy Boldenow, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Roberta Brown, RMN	HMS Ajax
S1C Barry Bryant, RMN	HMS Enterprise
PO1 Laura Cabral, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Michael Carus, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
PO1 Anthony Delvecchio, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
PO2 Grant Dobbe, RMN	HMS Gawain
S1C Danelle Dunn, RMN	HMS Leonidas
S1C Dorothy Duquette, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Jacques Duquette, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Matthew Edinger, RMN	HMS Leonidas
CPO Elizabeth Erickson, RMN	HMS Invincible
PO1 Angela Fessenden, RMN	HMS Unicorn
S1C Timothy Grundseth, RMN	HMS Juno
S1C Elizabeth Hamill, RMN	HMS Death Claw
S1C Jeffrey Harvey, RMN	HMS Ajax
S1C Phillip Hines, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Warren Hollabaugh, RMN	HMS Imperatrix
S1C James Hook, RMN	HMS Demon
S1C Kevin Huber, RMN	HMS Hexapuma
PO1 Chris Jaeger, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Ann Lyons, RMN	HMS Invincible
PO2 Hayley Maskus, RMN	HMLAC Lilla Bjorn
S1C Leonard Matoush, RMN	HMS Unicorn
S1C Matt Midwinter, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
PO1 Tristine Miller, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Andy Mullin, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Christian Nenn, RMN	HMS Demon
S1C Teresa O'Connell, RMN	HMS Gryphon
S1C Matthew Onnen, RMN	HMS Juno
S1C Isaiah Pacey, RMN	HMS Unicorn
S1C Znac Rahkonen, RMN	HMS Invincible
S1C Adam Rautio, RMN	HMS Imperatrix
PO1 Amanda Ritthaler, RMN	HMLAC Scythe
SCPO Andy Sams, RMN	HMS Gryphon
PO1 Ana Shirley, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
S1C Brian Sterling, RMN	HMS Invincible

S1C Darin Vincent, RMN	HMS Invincible
CPO David Waldorf, RMN	HMS Merlin
S1C Timothy Woods, RMN	HMS Imperatrix

ROYAL MANTICORAN MARINE CORPS

PSGT William Bryant, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie
LCPL Timothy Gregory, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie
MSGT Paula Handley, RMMC	MARDET Ajax
LCPL Phillip Hucks, RMMC	HMS Gryphon
PSGT Peter McDonald, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie
SSGT Ben Overmyer, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie
SSGT Leif Pihl, RMMC	MARDET Valkyrie

CIVILIAN

SCLERK Mary Prather, CIVIL	HMS Invincible
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SPHINX FORESTRY COMMISSION

CR3 Eiden Copley-Radder, SFC	HMS Valkyrie
SCR Arie Copley-Radder, SFC	HMS Valkyrie



Enlisted Space Warfare Pin

PO3 Dylan Bradley, RMN	HMS Valkyrie
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October Honors

Promotions

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

HMS Ajax

- Patrick Houseman to Senior Chief Petty Officer, effective 1 August, 2019

HMS Borzoi

- Wesley H.M. Ziebell to Spacer 1st Class, effective 2 October, 2019

HMS Demon

- Samuel Walter Dietzmann to Spacer 1st Class, effective 22 October, 2019
- Nathan Jordan Valle to Lance Corporal, effective 22 October, 2019

HMS Enterprise

- Cory Snedden to Master Chief Master-at-Arms Mate, effective 17 October, 2019

HMS Galahad

- Rey Cordero to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 1 October, 2019
- Jared Bridge to Spacer IV (RMMM), effective 1 October, 2019

HMS Hotspur

- Susan Stuper to Senior Analyst, effective 28 October, 2019

HMS Invincible

- Billy M Mueller to Disbursing Clerk Petty Officer 1/c, effective 7 October, 2019

HMS Javelin

- Damian Amberg to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Robert Dylan Kohl to Spacer 1st Class , effective 19 October, 2019
- Tina Rae Sachs to Spacer 1st Class , effective 19 October, 2019
- Nathan Glen Young to Spacer 1st Class , effective 19 October, 2019

- Kyleen L Weld to Spacer 2nd Class , effective 19 October, 2019
- Noah Allen Lenz to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 19 October, 2019

HMS Merlin

- Patrick Raphael Mensen to Platoon Sergeant, effective 19 October, 2019
- Mary Ellen Jensen to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Jamie John Leinen to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- David Neal Peppin to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Samuel J Warner to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Joseph Clarence Wolf to Spacer 1st Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Emily J Borth to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Jason L Peterson to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Theodore V Thompson to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Carey James Tordsen to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Tony Wolf to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 19 October, 2019
- Beth Ann Kiley to Senior Clerk, effective 19 October, 2019
- Mandi S Moon to Senior Clerk, effective 19 October, 2019

HMS Musashi

- Brenda DeMarce to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 8 October, 2019

HMLAC Scythe

- Phil Richard Herrold to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 9 October, 2019

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2nd Fleet Order of Battle

Task Force 21

LAC Wing 30

HMLAC Gungnir
HMLAC Superior
SMLAC Arminius

Willmar, MN
Duluth, MN
Minneapolis, MN

Task Group 21.1

Battle Squadron 1

HMS Imperatrix (SD-457) Minneapolis, MN
HMS Invincible (SD-455) Plymouth, MN
HMS Valkyrie (SD-355) Minneapolis, MN

Destroyer Squadron 265

HMS Javelin (DD-264) Big Lake, MN
HMS Lodestone (DD-64) Elk River, MN
HMS Merlin (CA-270) St. Cloud, MN
HMS Hellhound (DD-446) St. Paul, MN
HMS Juno (BC-726) Willmar, MN
HMS Leonidas (BC-584) Grand Forks, ND
HMS Unicorn (CLAC-30) Rochester, MN

Task Group 21.2

HMS Borzoi (DD-438) River Falls, WI
HMS Gawain (DD-481) Madison, WI
HMS Musashi (BC-775) Milwaukee, WI

Task Force 22

LAC Wing 62

GSNLAC Lilla Björn
HMLAC Scythe

Marquette, MI
Portage, Indiana

Task Group 22.1

HMS Apollo (CL-80) Lafayette, IN
HMS Demon (CLAC-62) Hammond, IN
HMS Gryphon (SD-153) Indianapolis, IN
HMS Hotspur (DD-02) Rantoul, IL
HMS Samurai (CL-356) Goshen, IN
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437) Mt. Prospect, IL

Task Group 22.2

Cruiser Division 711

HMS Death Claw (CA-437) Cincinnati, OH
HMS Hexapuma (CA-412) Mount Vernon, IN
HMS Sabrepike (CA-417) Franklin, OH
HMS Galahad (DD-478) Columbus, OH

Task Group 22.3

HMS Ajax (BC-545) Windsor, Ontario
HMS Beowulf (BC-739) Lansing, MI
HMS Enterprise (BC-480) Rochester Hills, MI
HMS Helen (BC-570) Fruitport, MI
HMS Roland (DD-476) Toledo, OH

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



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Task Group 22.3

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