



# THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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## Flag Sends

Mountaintop moments are kind of a focus in a lot of church groups. For those unfamiliar, the mountaintop moment is the high you get after an event like a convention, retreat, conference, whatever it is that energizes you, gets you focused on doing all the things, and pumps up your interest in the group.

And they fade. This fade, and how to avoid it, is something books are written about endlessly. The thing is, you can't avoid it - once the seclusion of the event is over, you have to think about work, bills, life, again. It's normal.

In fandom, conventions provide those moments. I see it every con - ideas flow, plans (absent actual details) are made, and everyone is jazzed to do the thing. And then...well...it falls off. We don't follow through, we don't have the energy, or something else demands our focus, or it just isn't as important. And that leads to missed opportunities and 'oh, I meant to do that' excuses.

So, how do we keep the momentum going? If we are so focused on avoiding the valley after the joy of the mountain, we miss the benefits of being off that mountaintop. I can't say I know how - if I did, I'd have a book on it! But I have this thought...if we want to keep the momentum going, we need to level the mountaintop a bit, and use that to raise the valley.

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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

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### BuShips Directive 2002-05

Congratulations and welcome to ENS John Fairbairn on his appointment as XO, HMS Javelin, and brevet to Lieutenant, Senior Grade! Thank you to outgoing XO Thomas Erikson for his excellent service to the ship and DesRon as a whole.

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### Task Force 22 Order 2002-01

Congratulations to CDRE Sherman Day on his appointment as Logistics Officer, TF22!

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## Charity Tracking

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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!

## 1SL YouTube

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If you haven't yet, check out the 1SL's YouTube channel. The channel features interviews with several Space Lords, and Fleet COs. All Fleet COs will be included (I did mine, it isn't posted yet) soon! Take a moment to click the logo below to check it out!



## Upcoming Events

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### Heroicon

Decatur, IL

May 1 - 3, 2020

### NASFI

Columbus, OH

August 20 - 23, 2020

### ConVergence

Minneapolis, MN

August 20 - 23, 2020

### WindyCon

Lombard, IL

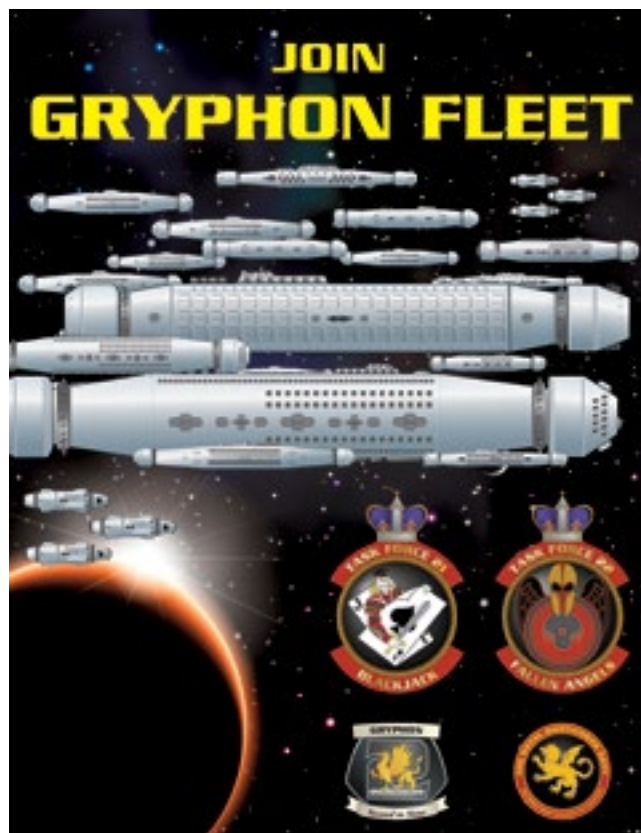
November 13 - 15, 2020

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](mailto:co@gryphonfleet.org)! We want to promote you!

Posters like this are available (TF-levels are preapproved!), 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 20 December, 2019:

## Marksmanship, Certificate Level:

### PISTOL:

#### *Grenade Launcher Category*

- MS Lily THOMPSON, HMS Valkyrie

#### *Pistol Category*

- LTSG Megan KRICK, HMS Musashi
- SMCPO Z KRICK, HMS Musashi

### RIFLE:

#### *Rifle Category*

- LTSG Megan KRICK, HMS Musashi
- S2C Bob SEABOLD, HMS Valkyrie
- CAPTSG Elisa RANDALL, HMS Invincible

## Marksmanship, Sharpshooter Level

### RIFLE:

#### *Rifle Category*

- Ensign Dylan BRADLEY, HMS Valkyrie

## Marksmanship, Expert Level

The Tradition Lives!

For CO 2nd Fleet:

Issued by:

KEVIN WALSH, NS

Senior Chief Petty Officer, RMN

2nd Fleet Range Officer

### PISTOL:

#### *Pistol Category*

- CAPTJG Katherine TREMAINE, HMS Imperatrix

### RIFLE:

#### *Rifle Category*

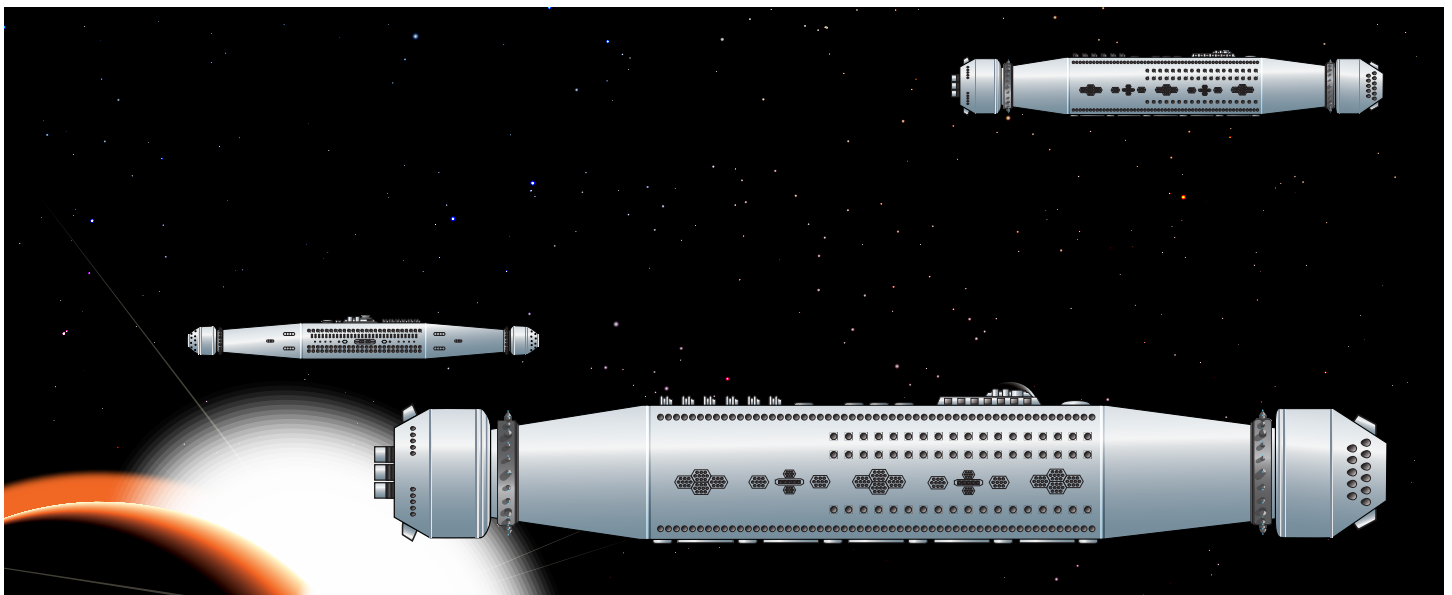
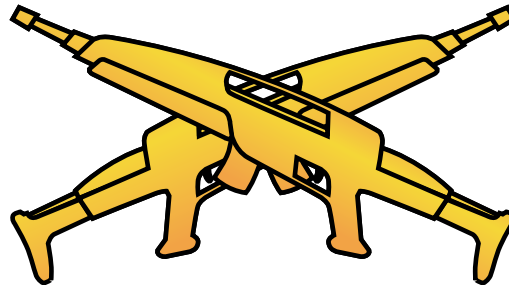
- Chief Storekeeper JoAnne HARTFIEL, HMS Valkyrie
- Ensign Dylan BRADLEY, HMS Valkyrie
- Rear Admiral of the Red Wayne BRUNS, HMS Invincible
- LTSG Sophia BULL, HMS Valkyrie
- CAPTJG Emily HERRON, HMS Invincible
- PO2C Simon GIBSON, HMS Valkyrie

## Marksmanship, High Expert Level

### PISTOL:

#### *Pistol Category*

- Chief Storekeeper JoAnne HARTFIEL, HMS Valkyrie



## Flag Sends *continued*

Ok, maybe the analogy is breaking down some here. What I mean is transfer the energy from the high, to fill in the low. By not being as over-the-top about the convention, you carry over some energy to make plans and carry them through.

Ways I try to do this include taking notes all con. That way, I have something more tangible than just memory to work with. And I know for some people, notes are how they get everything done, so this can help them even more.

I try to have a postmortem session too. A chance to sit down with the team and discuss what went well, what went poorly, what needed improvement, etc. And take notes. That way, we don't have the rose-colored glasses syndrome, and can level the high some. It also helps because now others know your wild plans, and might just make them happen - or hold you to them.

For TRMN, we do after action reports, which can also be a way to keep the con alive. If we use them to review, and see what we want to improve on, it gives us something to lock onto for the time until the next convention.

Keeping the momentum between events is the key here. It's not easy (if it was, no one would write about it), but it is worth the effort.

Above all else, don't get discouraged! We all deal with it, you are so very much not alone in that. Keep in touch on Facebook, Discord, even the Forum - we can all make the valley between our mountaintop moments better!



## February Honors

### AWARDS



#### Mentioned in Dispatches

MCPO Rick Waterson, RMN

HMS Demon



#### Fleet Excellence Award, Silver

HMS Valkyrie



#### Manticoran Combat Action Medal

### 11TH AWARD

FKpt David WESTOVER, IAN

HMS Beowulf

### 1ST AWARD

CAPTJG James MOYER, RMN

HMS Death Claw



#### Recruit Training Ribbon

MCPO Jeffrey HUGHES, RMN

HMLAC Banturon



#### Officer Space Warfare Pin

CAPTJG James MOYER, RMN

HMS Death Claw





# February Honors

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## PROMOTIONS

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

### Board Promotions

Rick Waterson, HMS Demon, to Master Chief Petty Officer

### Flag Authorized Promotions

Nathan L Marzolf, IAN, HMS Beowulf to Oberleutnant der Sterne

Michael D Cartwright Sr, RMN, HMS Helen, to Lieutenant (JG)

### HMLAC Banturon

- Jonathan Atkins to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 1 February, 2020

### HMS Enterprise

- Dan Toole to Warrant Officer 1st Class, effective 30 January, 2020

### HMS Galahad

- Wallace Whitaker Cady to Spacer 1st Class, effective 3 February, 2020
- Brian Jackman to Private 1st Class, effective 3 February, 2020

### HMS Helen

- Eric Jonathan Hines to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 11 February, 2020

### HMS Invincible

- Sarah Swafford to Senior Clerk, effective 31 January, 2020

### HMS Javelin

- Amya Lynn Smith to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 31 January, 2020

### HMS Juno

- Isaac Lindquist to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 6 February, 2020
- Kat Castro to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 6 February, 2020
- Mathew J Roden to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 6 February, 2020

### HMS Merlin

- Anthony W Clinton to Lance Corporal, effective 31 January, 2020
- Zach Robert Ruble to Spacer 1st Class, effective 31 January, 2020
- Jacob Roman Bushman to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 31 January, 2020

### HMS Musashi

- Tom Guerrero to Spacer 1st Class, effective 8 February, 2020
- Charles Hero to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 8 February, 2020



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# 2nd Fleet Order of Battle

## Task Force 21

### LAC Wing 30

HMLAC Gungnir  
HMLAC Superior

Willmar, MN  
Duluth, MN

### Task Group 21.1

HMS Imperatrix (SD-457)	Minneapolis, MN
HMS Invincible (SD-455)	Plymouth, MN
HMS Valkyrie (SD-355)	Minneapolis, MN
<i>Destroyer Squadron 265</i>	
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

### 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 Banturon  
HMLAC Scythe

Marquette, MI  
Muncie, IN  
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

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