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Flag Sends

As the disruption to reality that is COVID-19 spreads, I want to take a moment to applaud the members of Second Fleet for their efforts to help their fellows during this time.

Highlighted in the following pages are two efforts I want to both promote and encourage participation in.

The first to launch was the Mask Project, spearheaded by Commander Linda Petersen, HMS Invincible. The goal here is to encourage us all to help out where we live by making and donating cloth face coverings. She has pulled together a lot of information on how to make these, from 3D printed shields to sewn or even no-sew designs. Each mask we can make for someone helps them not only demonstrate good citizenship, but may help them comply with their state's rules or guidelines on public activity. Check the article on page X for more!

The second to launch was the Gryphon's Wings Fleet Relief Project. This is a way we can all help our fellow Gryphons in times of need. With as many of us as possible making small donations, we can build up a fund to assist members in need with food, medicine, bills, and so much more. The article on page XX goes more in depth about this, and I encourage everyone to help as you are able.

Keeping engaged is vital, and I see that on our Discord pages, Facebook, and hear talk of much more. Kudos to everyone who has stepped up to lead in that as well. You all deserve our thanks and appreciation for giving the Fleet places to socialize, even if we can't in person. Thank you, and keep up the excellent work!

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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

Congratulations to CAPTSG Jackie Snedden, Baroness New Troy, on her grant of arms.



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Congratulations to Laura Lochen on her elevation to Duchess, Split Rock.

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June Reports

This is a reminder that your Chapter and MarDet reports are due between June 1st and 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 the 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.

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Wound Stripes

If you haven't, please submit donation records to <https://forms.gle/cqWHBjQcZqnFb7Uq6>. This is the only official source. If you think you did, but can't remember, please do so again – I'll filter duplication myself.

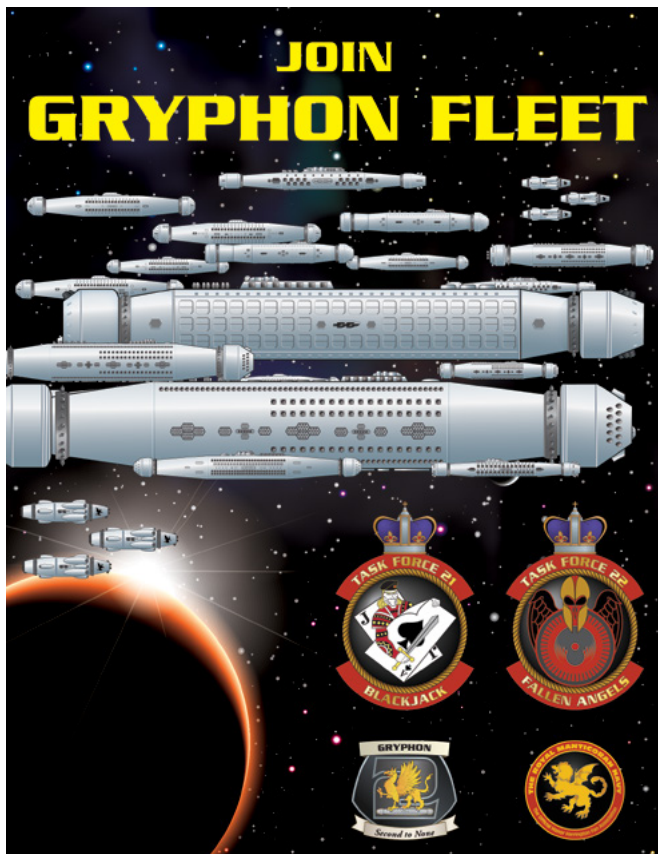
This will be open through 6/5, Friday, at which point the award request will be sent in.



Upcoming Events

Metropolis Superman Celebration		
Metropolis, IL	June 11 – 14	
OMG!Con		
Owensboro, KY	June 11–13	
Dokidokon		
Kalamazoo, MI	July 24–26	
Indiana Comic Convention		
Indianapolis, IN	June 26–28	
Get Geek'd Expo		
Lansing, MI	July 18 – 19	
Gen-Con		
Indianapolis, IN	July 30–Aug 2	
Nerdin Out Con		
Rochester, MN	August 8 – 9	
Matsuricon		
Columbus, OH	August 14–16	

NASFIC		
Columbus, OH	August 20 – 23	
ConVergence		
Minneapolis, MN	August 20 – 23	
Colossalcon		
Sandusky, OH	September 2 – 6	
LionCon		
St. Cloud, MN	September 19 – 20	
Origins Game Fair		
Columbus, OH	October 7 – 11	
Ice & Fire Con		
Mt. Sterling, OH	October 29 – November 1	
Grand Rapids Comic-Con		
Grand Rapids, MI	November 13 – 15	
WindyCon		
Lombard, IL	November 13 – 15	



Fleet events listed in **bold**. Admiralty in **bold-italic**.
 Events canceled due to restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 are crossed out – many will need you to attend next year to keep going! Please consider buying memberships, or refusing refunds, when you are able.

Please send all events to co@gryphonfleet.org, and reference Upcoming Event: in the subject line!



Fleet Mask Project

Do you knit? Crochet? Sew? Have a 3D printer? Are you interested in helping meet the need for cloth face coverings as we move into the next phases of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Both our front line health care workers and the person on the street need protection during this time and I thought we may be able to harness the creative power of our Fleet to help send masks to those who need them and either can't afford or can't find them.

With COVID-19 having taxed supplies of appropriate masks from not only front line health care workers, but also the general public, CDR Peterson, HMS Invincible, started making them for her family and friends. But then she realized that others might not be in a position to make their own, and why not help the general public? As a result, she has been in contact with officials and others who are helping to supply our first responders and the general population with face masks and face shields and will be starting to collect these masks for donation.

This is where you come in! With the need ongoing, our communities need us to step up and meet this need. Masks can be made in several different shapes, and at any skill level. We have pulled together a collection of links to give you some ideas, and ways to begin.

Sewing

- [CDC's Sew & No-Sew Patterns](#)
- [Yarnspirations Design & Instructions](#)
- [CraftPassion's Templates](#)

Knit / Crochet (please be sure to add the solid cloth liner!)

- [Yarnspirations Knit or Crochet Template](#)

3D Printing

- [Face Shield Mounts & Brackets](#)
- [Copper3D Hard Mask \(not N95\)](#)
- [Ear Guard](#)

Please note that the 3D printed mask is not N95, and may require very specific stock to produce properly.

And, of course, there are many, many more patterns and templates out there!

Members helping members is vital to who we are in Second Fleet. To that end, I am asking that when you donate, please let us know by emailing masks@gryphonfleet.org. Your contributions will be recorded, and awards issued in August for your efforts.

Thank you, and let's be about it!



SECOND. TO. NONE.

Gryphon's Wings Fleet Relief Project

On May 23rd we launched the Gryphon's Wings Fleet Relief Project. The response has been overwhelming, and I am humbled by the generosity of our members.

We are currently in the midst of a Global pandemic. However, while we are all in the same storm, we are navigating the waters on different ships. Sometimes these waters will be more than we can handle on our own, and we need an extra hand on deck. We want you to know that the 2nd fleet is here for you.

To that end, we are asking for donations to create an emergency relief fund to be used for TRMN 2nd Fleet members. This fund's target is to provide immediate short term relief of an urgent crisis. For example: Sending someone grocery money for a weeks worth of groceries (as a lot of food banks are running out of food, short on volunteers, and closing), providing gas money for a week so someone can still travel back and forth providing care—giving to a family member, covering the co-pay cost of a doctors visit, and other small emergency expenses. Anything helps. I am asking for a \$5 monthly commitment – the cost of a Starbucks coffee – to assist. Please join me, and those who have already donated, in making TRMN more than just a fan group. Click [here](#), or the banner below, to donate. Meet the Test.

At the same time, we know some are being affected by the effort to combat the virus, including job loss, other reduction of income, medical difficulties, etc. This can result in a tough choice between shelter, transportation, food, or medical care. That is an impossible choice no one should be required to face, and we want to help how we can.

To apply for a Visa Gift Card for you or another member, please click [here](#).

Only the 2nd Fleet CO will see who the requester and/or the potential recipient is. This will never be held against you in any way. We don't ask for or expect repayment. This is not charity, we are simply keeping the RMN tradition of seeing that a Queen's Navy is well rested, well fed, and healthy before going into battle. And this is a battle where victory will be measured in not just survivors but in the quality of that survival.



Fleet Positions Open For Applicants

It had taken us a bit to get everything lined up, and the results are worth it. I am pleased to announce that Chief of Staff Captain SG Zach McCauley and I are ready to begin the staffing process.

What does this entail? In the main, it is a way to put in a little time to help make the Fleet operate at a higher level. With a solid staff in place, we can be more attentive to various issues as they arise, promote Fleet initiatives better, be more responsive to changes and challenges, and Fleet HQ can serve you, the members, so much better.

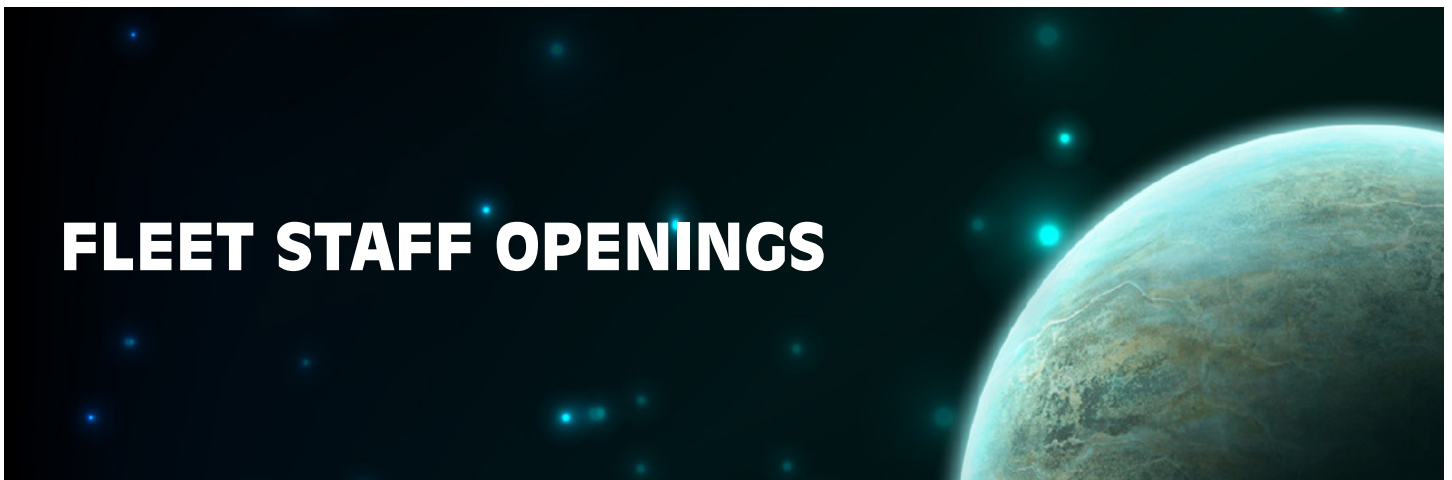
To that end, I have authorized the opening of the following Staff Positions for Second Fleet:

- Civilian Corps Liaison
- Deputy Fleet Commander
- Flag Lieutenant
- Fleet COLAC
- Fleet Comms Officer
- Fleet Intel Officer
- Fleet Operations Officer
- Fleet Personnel Officer
- Fleet Surgeon
- Fleet Training Officer
- Grayson Space Navy Liaison
- Imperial Andermani Navy Liaison
- Republic of Haven Navy Liaison
- Royal Manticoran Army Liaison
- Royal Manticoran Marine Corps Liaison

Some of those roles are already filled, as you can see in the staff list at the end of every newsletter. If you are already in that role, please let me know if you wish to remain, or if you wish to stand down – I get that things may have changed since you took the role, and relief may be desired.

Full descriptions are available on the [Gryphon Fleet website](#), as well as the link to the statement of interest form. Please take time to look these over, and if you are interested, let CAPTSG McCauley and I know!

Thank you for your patience, interest, and understanding.



May Honors

AWARDS



Knight, Most Distinguished Order of Merit

RADM Wayne BRUNS, RMN

HMS Invincible



Officer, Order of Queen Elizabeth

ENS Diana Najla FLANAGAN, RMN
LTCDR Debra FLIGOR, RMN

HMS Hotspur
HMS Hotspur



Knight Commander, Order of Queen Elizabeth

PO1 Kerry KUHN, RMN

HMS Demon



Order of Gallantry

VADM Diane K BULKELEY, RMN
CDR Richard James SAMS, RMN

HMS Enterprise
HMS Merlin



Knight Companion, Order of Queen Elizabeth

MCPO Rick WATERSON, RMN
CAPTJG Samuel DIETZMANN, RMN

HMS Demon
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Member, Order of Queen Elizabeth

PO1 Daniel LAPINE, RMN

HMS Hotspur



Knight, Order of Queen Elizabeth

PO2 Bruce William CREWS, RMN

HMS Beowulf



Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

LTSG Patrick ANDERSON, RMN
WO2 Christina R DOANE, RMN
Fregattenkapitain Ed HARTWICK, IAN
CPO David PELLETIER, RMN
MCPO Cory SNEDDEN, RMN
RADM Wayne BRUNS, RMN

HMS Invincible
HMS Beowulf
HMS Beowulf
HMS Hexapuma
HMS Enterprise
HMS Invincible



Companion, Order of King Roger

SMCPO Megan KRICK, RMN

HMS Musashi



Saganami Cross

KdS David J WESTOVER, IAN
CAPTSG Rick MATHENY, RMN
CDR Drew A. DRENTLAW, RMN
CAPTJG Patrick HAGEMEIER, RMN

HMS Beowulf
HMS Invincible
HMS Invincible
HMS Merlin



Gryphon Star

CAPTJG Samuel DIETZMANN, RMN

HMS Demon



Distinguished Gallantry Cross

WO2 Christina R DOANE, RMN

HMS Beowulf



Order of the Crown for Naval Service

VADM Diane K BULKELEY, RMN

HMS Enterprise

May Honors

AWARDS



Medal, Order of Queen Elizabeth

MCPO Jeffrey John HUGHES, RMN

HMLAC Banturon



Navy Commendation Medal

MCPO Cory SNEDDEN, RMN

HMS Enterprise



Navy Achievement Medal

MCPO Jeffrey Hughes, RMN

HMLAC Banturon



Manticoran Combat Action Medal

12th Award

KdS David J WESTOVER, IAN

HMS Beowulf

2nd Award

PO2 Bruce William CREWS, RMN

HMS Beowulf

CAPTJG Joseph KAPLAN, RMN

HMLAC Banturon



May Honors

PROMOTIONS

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

HMLAC Banturon

- Jonathan Atkins to Spacer 1st Class, effective 30 May, 2020

HMS Demon

- Lisa Wiedemann to Spacer 1st Class, effective 6 May, 2020
- Kerry Kuhn to Ensign, effective 27 May, 2020
- Danielle E Ostach to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 29 May, 2020

HMS Galahad

- Aaron Meighen to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 25 May, 2020

HMS Merlin

- Carey James Tordsen to Spacer 1st Class, effective 25 May, 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)
HMS Invincible (SD-455)
HMS Valkyrie (SD-355)
Destroyer Squadron 265
HMS Javelin (DD-264)
HMS Lodestone (DD-64)
HMS Merlin (CA-270)
HMS Hellhound (DD-446)
HMS Juno (BC-726)
HMS Leonidas (BC-584)

Minneapolis, MN
Plymouth, MN
Minneapolis, MN

Big Lake, MN
Elk River, MN
St. Cloud, MN
St. Paul, MN
Willmar, MN
Grand Forks, ND

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
HMLAC Banturon
HMLAC Scythe

Marquette, MI
Muncie, IN
Portage, Indiana

Task Group 22.1

HMS Apollo (CL-80)
HMS Demon (CLAC-62)
HMS Gryphon (SD-153)
HMS Hotspur (DD-02)
HMS Samurai (CL-356)
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437)

Lafayette, IN
Hammond, IN
Indianapolis, IN
Rantoul, IL
Goshen, IN
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)

Cincinnati, OH
Mount Vernon, IN
Franklin, OH
Columbus, OH

Task Group 22.3

HMS Ajax (BC-545)
HMS Beowulf (BC-739)
HMS Enterprise (BC-480)
HMS Helen (BC-570)

Windsor, Ontario
Lansing, MI
Rochester Hills, MI
Fruitport, MI

*Remember – all command triads can be reached by emailing [co@, xo@](mailto:co@hmsfearless.trmn.org) or [bosun@](mailto:bosun@hmsfearless.trmn.org) shipname(with the HMS).trmn.org!
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