



THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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Flag Sends

In this space I have previously quoted Daniel Burnham's famous advice "make no small plans". I want to be clear that this is something I fully support as a philosophy. Just as Luke 12:48, "To whomever much is given, of him will much be required; and to whom much was entrusted, of him more will be asked." got distilled to 'with great power comes great responsibility', Daniel Burnham's advice is restated as Norman Vincent Peale's 'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.'

A poor understanding of astronomy aside, the sentiment is solid.

It is with that in mind that I want to announce a Fleet fundraising campaign. It's premature, since plans are not fully formed. I want to put this out there, so that we can think about it, discuss it, and plan for it.

Next month I will be launching a Fleet Challenge Coin crowd-funding campaign. Unlike the Wings fundraiser, this will be run on Indiegogo as a flexible funding campaign. The goal is to raise enough money to order a few hundred coins, enough to last (hopefully) 5 or more years.

The campaign will offer coins as rewards. So, for those of us who are not local to Fleet HQ, the chance to receive a coin will still be on the table!

Why am I doing this? Well, frankly, coins are not cheap. We are looking at a cost of about \$1,400. For 300 coins. And

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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

BuShips Directive 2006-01

Effective as of 0001 Hours on 03 June 2020, it is my pleasure and privilege to announce the recommissioning of HMS Havoc (DD-01). This is the lead Havoc class Destroyer and is assigned to the Second Fleet AOR (Muncie, IN).

The following personnel are hereby transferred and permanently assigned to HMS Havoc (DD-01):

- LTSG John Chambers (assigned as CO)
- CAPTJG Joseph Kaplan (assigned as XO)
- S2C James Morphew (assigned as Bosun)
- MCPO Jeffrey Hughes
- S2C Jonathan Atkins
- S2C Kennelly Ligo III
- S3C Yasmina Abdallah

The following civilians are hereby transferred and permanently assigned to HMS Havoc (DD-01):

- C1 Kayleigh Hughes
- C1 Cassandra Chambers
- C1 Christine Chambers

The following brevets are hereby authorized:

- John Chambers to LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RMN
- James Morphew to CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, RMN

Subsequent to the recommissioning, HMLAC 034 (Banturon) shall be transferred to the Active Fleet Reserves, following an inspection and any repairs deemed necessary. The vessel shall be made available for recommission at a later date.

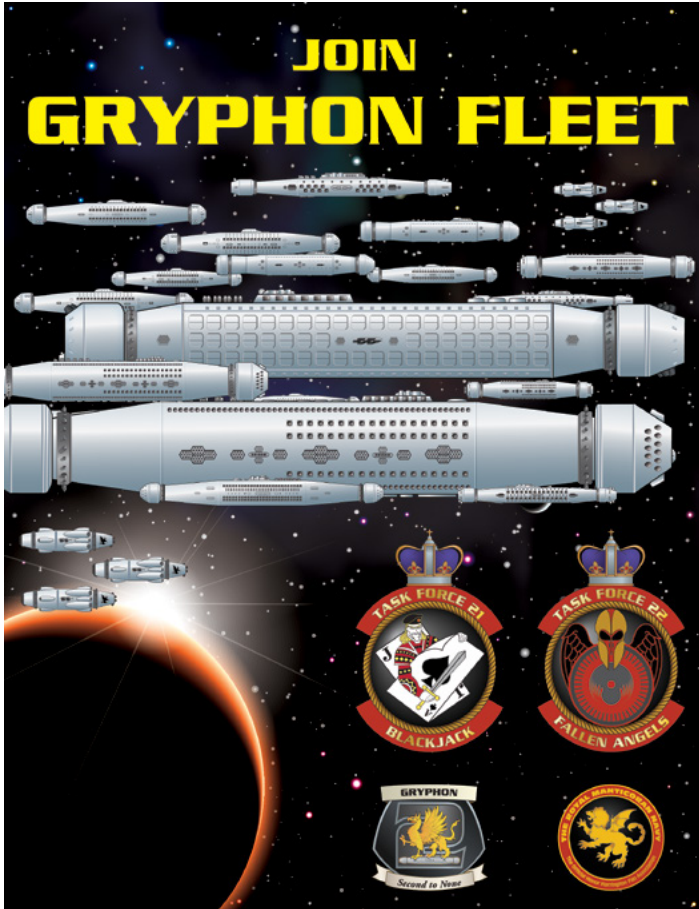
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BuShips Directive 2006-04

Effective as of 0001 Hours on 14 June 2020, Petty Officer First Class Amanda Ritthaler, you are hereby directed and required to proceed aboard LAC-030 (HMLAC Scythe), there to take upon yourself the duties and responsibilities of Bosun in service to the Crown. Fail not in this charge at your peril.

Based upon the requirements of the service for your new billet, you are hereby brevetted to the rank of CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, RMN.

Upcoming Events



Lansing, MI	Get Geek'd Expo	July 18 – 19
Indianapolis, IN	Gen Con	July 30–Aug 2
Rochester, MN	Nerdin-Out Con	August 8–9
Columbus, OH	Matsuricon	August 14–16
Columbus, OH	NASFI	August 20 – 23
Minneapolis, MN	ConVergence	August 20 – 23
Sandusky, OH	Colossalcon	September 2 – 6
St. Cloud, MN	LionCon	September 19 – 20
Mt. Sterling, OH	Ice & Fire Con	October 29 – November 1
Grand Rapids, MI	Grand Rapids Comic-Con	November 13 – 15
Lombard, IL	WindyCon	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 Staff Appointments

I want to thank everyone who applied. I was encouraged by the quality of all the applicants, and grateful for the interest in moving Second Fleet forward.

Effective 01 July, 2020, the following members are appointed to the Flag Staff of Second (Gryphon) Fleet.

Ensign Kerry KUHN, KDE is hereby appointed to the position of Flag Lieutenant, Second Fleet. Commensurate with her new duties, she is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven BOBULA is hereby appointed to the position of Fleet Medical NCOIC, Second Fleet.

Intelligence Mate 1st Class Patrick GIESE is hereby appointed to the position of Fleet Operations Officer, Second Fleet. Commensurate with his new duties, he is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Lieutenant Kuhn, PO Bobula, and Lieutenant Commander Giese, repair aboard the flagship to take up your duties, report to the Fleet Chief of Staff, and congratulations on your promotions.

Flag Sends *continued*

that is a bit rich for my blood. We are down to the last few of the old coins, and I want to hold the last couple of those back to have as a historical record for the future of the Fleet.

What will the coins look like?

They will be the standardized round coin this time, with the rampant manticore logo on one side, and something else on the other. That something else is mostly up to us, with approval from the Art Department. They will be 2" coins with a rope border, like our crests.

Beyond that...well, that is what this month is for!

I will be sharing concepts on the Fleet Discord (not Facebook this time), and taking suggestions on what we want our coin to look like. Then, I will announce the launch of the fundraiser across the various platforms we use to get messaging out.

My hope is that we raise enough to fully fund the coins, and then some – to help with other Fleet projects that may come up.

And yes, I have some ideas on what that might be used for, but if you think this is unformed...well, this is an ironclad plan covering every possible contingency (and approved by an average 5 year old child) in comparison. Other ideas depend on actions outside our organization and spheres of influence. But yes, there are more Fleet plans coming.

So, please join me on Discord in the #no-small-plans channel, and find out more about the Fleet Coin drive!

Not on the Discord?! It's a free, ad-free, platform for discussion available as a website, PC application, and phone app.

Join the Fleet server at <https://discord.gg/cNz76EP>



SECOND. TO. NONE.

Sanctioned RMN LARP

To: All Officers, Enlisted, and Civilians in the Grand Alliance

From: Martin A. Lessem, KSK, GCR, GCE, SC, DSO, CGM, Admiral of the Fleet, First Lord of the Admiralty, Duke, New Scania

Re: LARP and RMN

This is to announce the following:

TRMN has been approved to run, with the help of Quest Adventure Gaming, a single run RMN LARP (Live Action Role Play)

This LARP will follow the HMS Ballista, CA-586, a Saganami-C class Heavy Cruiser from Manticore, as she conveys military observers from the Grand Alliance, to the Solarian System and meets up with the Grand Fleet, to put a rubber stamp on Admiral Alexander-Harrington's terms of surrender.

The LARP will run in November of 2021 onboard the USS Edson, DD-946, a decommissioned Forrest Sherman class Destroyer in Saginaw Bay, Michigan.

It will be open to TRMN players and non-TRMN players, and a price, which will be all inclusive to cover participation, food, lodging, and uniforms will shortly be set once we know the maximum number of players possible. For those TRMN members who are able to use their own uniforms, based on the Characters you sign up for, this will be permitted. The Characters will be pre-written, so you will not be playing your TRMN personas, but some of them may be mentioned in the overall story.

As this has been approved by David Weber, the story itself will be canonical, even if the outcome may divert due to players being players.

Further information on this will follow as we begin putting things in place together with Quest Adventure Gaming.

IMPORTANT NOTE – This is not to be construed as blanket permission for TRMN LARPS. This event is a one-off, and approved by David, and supported by BuNine to ensure as much adherence to canon as possible.

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have and they will be answered as soon as possible.



Marksmanship Update

By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 5 June, 2020:

FLECHETTE GUN MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- CIV Violet LAPINE, HMS Hotspur

GRENADE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- CIV Violet LAPINE, HMS Hotspur

GRENADE LAUNCHER MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- CIV Violet LAPINE, HMS Hotspur

PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- LT[SG] John CHAMBERS, HMS Havoc
- MCPO Rick WATERSON, HMS Demon
- S1C Lisa Ann WIEDEMANN, HMS Demon
- DCT2 Morgan K DAVID, HMS Demon
- CIV James DOBBS, HMS Demon
- LT[JG] Thomas PAUKSTIS, HMS Demon

RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- LT[SG] John CHAMBERS, HMS Havoc
- S2C James MORPHEW, HMS Havoc

TRIBARREL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

- CIV Violet LAPINE, HMS Hotspur

PLASMA RIFLE SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

- CIV Violet LAPINE, HMS Hotspur

PLASMA CARBINE SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

- CIV Violet LAPINE, HMS Hotspur

The Tradition Lives!

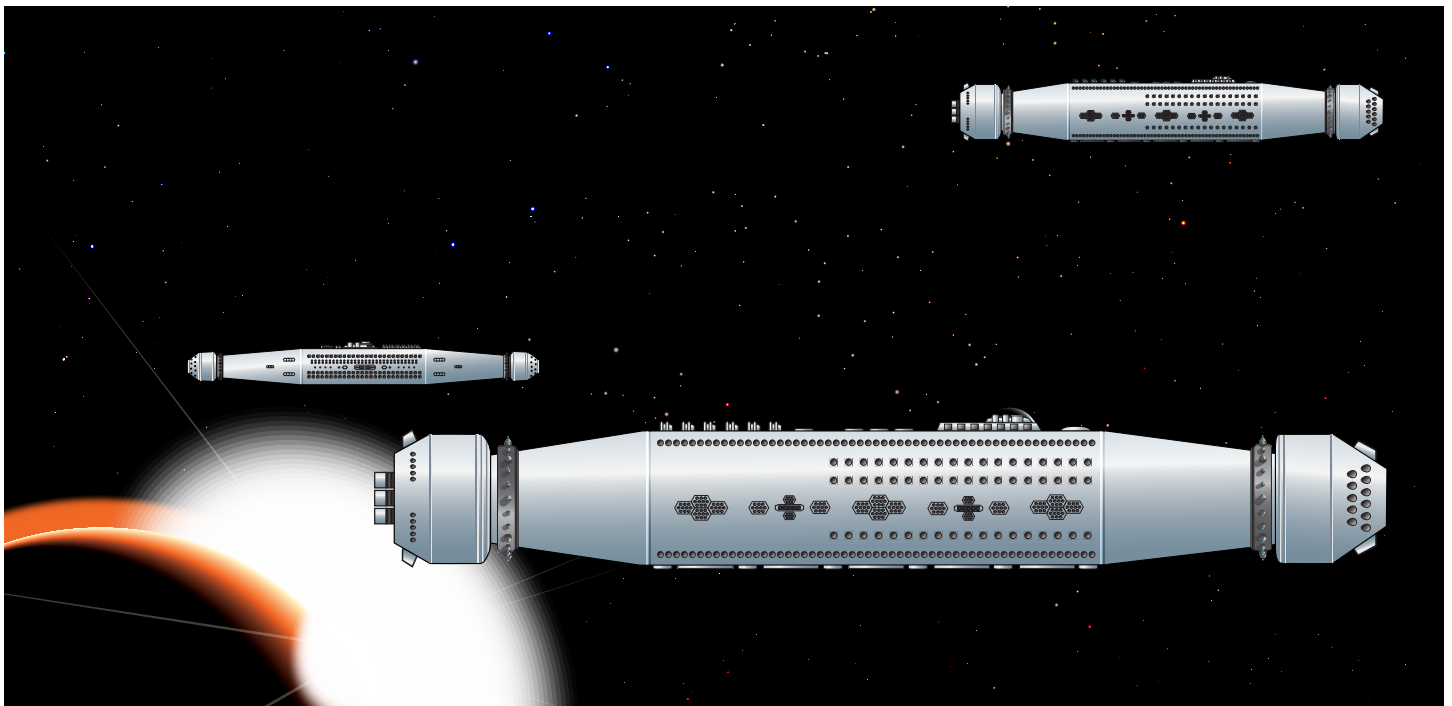
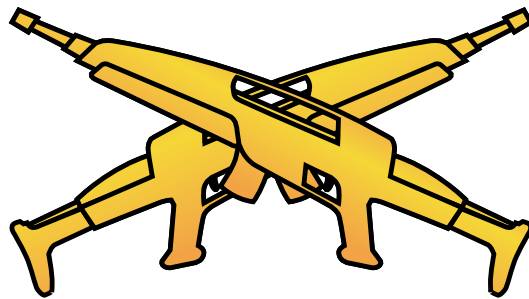
For CO 2nd Fleet:

Issued by:

KEVIN WALSH, NS

Senior Chief Petty Officer, RMN

2nd Fleet Range Officer



May Honors

AWARDS



Swords Cross with Crossed Swords

CAPT Richard Aaron DAVENPORT, GSN HMS Death Claw



Queen's Bravery Medal

1LT Thomas C. PAUKSTIS Jr, RMMC MARDET Demon
SSGT David Alexander ISAAK, RMMC HMS Juno



Manticoran Combat Action Medal

6th Award

CAPT Larry Dale FRENCH Sr, RMMC MARDET Demon

1st Award

CAPTJG Samuel DIETZMANN, RMN HMS Demon



Space Warfare Pin - Officer

CAPTJG Joseph KAPLAN, RMN HMS Havoc



Space Warfare Pin - Enlisted

DCM2/c Morgan K DAVID, RMN HMS Demon



May Honors

PROMOTIONS

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

HMLAC Scythe

- Rian D Cartmell to Spacer 1st Class, effective 8 June, 2020

HMS Demon

- Martin Richard Tizura to Platoon Sergeant, effective 29 June, 2020

HMS Lodestone

- Angus Jameson to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Jennifer Ruth Brown to Lance Corporal, effective 9 June, 2020
- Samantha Jo Benesch to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Tim Al Clark to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Ryan Patrick Ellison to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Megan Ann-Marie Foster to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Sara M Lilyard to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Josh Michael Rehbein to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Jeremy "Sawa" Wimer to Spacer 1st Class, effective 9 June, 2020
- Maya Chrissa Benesch to Senior Cadet Ranger , effective 9 June, 2020
- Carmelah Ruth Brown to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 9 June, 2020
- Brendan Zachery Rehbein to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 9 June, 2020
- Rachel Michelle Tracy to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 9 June, 2020
- Kathy Kacner to Senior Clerk, effective 9 June, 2020

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!



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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.



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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 Scythe

Marquette, MI
Portage, Indiana

Task Group 22.1

HMS Apollo (CL-80)
HMS Demon (CLAC-62)
HMS Gryphon (SD-153)
HMS Havoc (DD-01)
HMS Hotspur (DD-02)
HMS Samurai (CL-356)
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437)

Lafayette, IN
Hammond, IN
Indianapolis, IN
Muncie, 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@ or bosun@ shipname\(with the HMS\).trmn.org](mailto:co@hmsfearless.trmn.org)!
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