



# THE GRYPHON'S BEAK

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## Flag Sends

This has been a unique year in so many ways. One way it has stood out to me (as we head into the final third) is the amazing generosity and thoughtfulness of Second Fleet.

We have, as a Fleet, risen to the challenges presented. We have found ways to help each other deal with the loss of social activities. We have raised funds to help our members in need. We, just yesterday (as I write this) helped save a member's service dog. We made masks too!

I want to use this month's dispatch to remind you that you are pretty amazing people. As we head into the last third of the year, with some difficult times sure to come, I want us to hold on to that thought.

You are amazing, and I am glad to have you here in the Fleet. Thank you for making us really be Second to None. All of you.



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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 2007-04**

Decommissioning, HMS Imperatrix  
Effective as of 0001 Hours on 31 July 2020, HMS Imperatrix (SD-457) is to immediately stand down all present assignments and/or missions, and is subsequently ordered to return to HMSS Greenwich for decommissioning and crew transfer.

Upon arrival, you and your crew shall make HMS Imperatrix (SD-457) ready in all respects for decommissioning; strike eight bells, strike the colors and secure the watch. You are further ordered to relinquish command of HMS Imperatrix (SD-457) to the Bureau of Ships in the person of CDRE Justin Dupras, RMN, who shall hold temporary command for the duration of the voyage to Manticore for processing and inspection. Thanks is given to the outgoing command team for their service.

## **BuShips Directive 2007-05**

Commander Ross Prosser:  
You are hereby directed and required to proceed aboard HMS Valkyrie (SD-355), there to take upon yourself the duties and responsibilities of Executive Officer, relieving Commander Arthur Henecke, DGC, RMN, in service to the Crown. Fail not in this charge at your peril. Thanks is offered to CDR Henecke for his service.

## **BuShips Directive 2008-02**

Effective as of 0001 Hours on 05 August 2020, it is my pleasure and privilege to announce the commissioning of HMS Vixen (DD-174). This is a Chanson class Destroyer and is assigned to the Second Fleet AOR (Chicago, IL).

The following personnel are hereby transferred and permanently assigned to HMS Vixen (DD-174):

S1C Lisa Wiedemann (assigned as CO)  
LT(JG) Kerry Kuhn (assigned as XO)  
S2C James Dobbs (assigned as Bosun)  
PO2 Morgan David

The following Royal Manticoran Marine Corps personnel are hereby transferred and permanently

assigned to HMS Vixen (DD-174):

PSGT Martin Tizura  
PVT Rhyan Jenkins

The following brevets are hereby authorized:

Lisa Wiedemann to LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RMN  
Kerry Kuhn to LIEUTENANT SENIOR GRADE, RMN  
James Dobbs to CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, RMN

Congratulations, and happy hunting!

## **BuShips Directive 2008-03**

It is my pleasure and privilege to announce the appointment of Commanding Officer, Construction and Refit Command, effective as of 0001 Hours on Saturday, August 1st.

Commodore Sir Justin Dupras, you are hereby ordered to report to the Office of the Third Space Lord, whereupon you shall assume the duties of Commanding Officer, Construction and Refit Command, with all rights and responsibilities associated with that role.

## **BuShips Directive 2008-06**

Captain JG Thomas Hathaway IV, RMN, you are hereby directed and required to proceed aboard HMS Ajax (BC-545), there to take upon yourself the duties and responsibilities of Commanding Officer, relieving Captain JG Gordon Klein-Lebbink, RMN, in service to the Crown. Fail not in this charge at your peril.

Additionally, LTJG Jim McCoy, RMN (RMN-5587-18), is assigned as Executive Officer, , and breveted to Commander, relieving Captain JG Thomas Hathaway IV, RMN, in service to the Crown

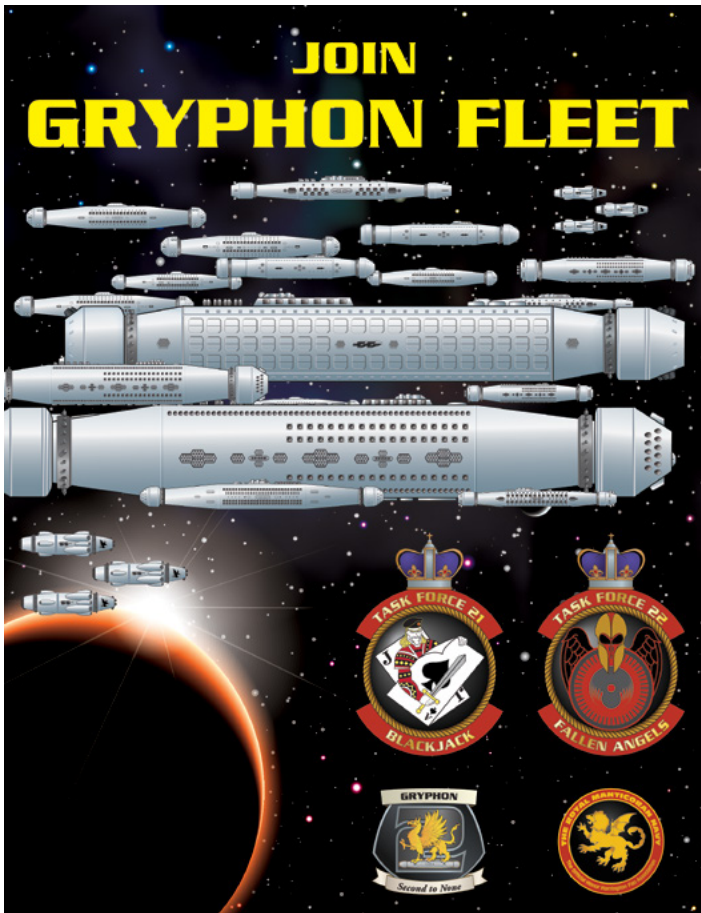
The Bureau of Ships wishes to express appreciation and thanks to Captain JG Klein-Lebbink and for his service as Commanding Officer of HMS Ajax, we wish him all success in his future endeavors.

# Upcoming Events

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

As COVID-19 continues to flare in many states, large gatherings are being canceled across the board. Until it is safe to do so, Fleet advises considering all conventions 'probably canceled' for the foreseeable future.

We will return to our regular list of events once the situation allows.



**September 1-5, 2022**

**Chicago, IL**



# Marksmanship Update

By order of CO 2nd Fleet, the following marksmanship awards are issued effective 1 September, 2020:

## PISTOL MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

LCDR John R. CHAMBERS, HMS Havoc  
CPO James MORPHEW, HMS Havoc  
S2C Daniel SPEARS, HMS Havoc  
S2C Jesse LINN, HMS Havoc

## RIFLE MARKSMAN CERTIFICATE

DCM2 Morgan DAVID, HMS Vixen  
CPO James DOBBS, HMS Vixen  
Ranger Blythe DOBBS, HMS Vixen

## RIFLE SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

CAPTJG Sam DIETZMANN, HMS Demon  
LCDR Lisa WIEDEMANN, HMS Vixen  
MCPO Rick Waterson, HMS Demon

## PISTOL SHARPSHOOTER AWARD

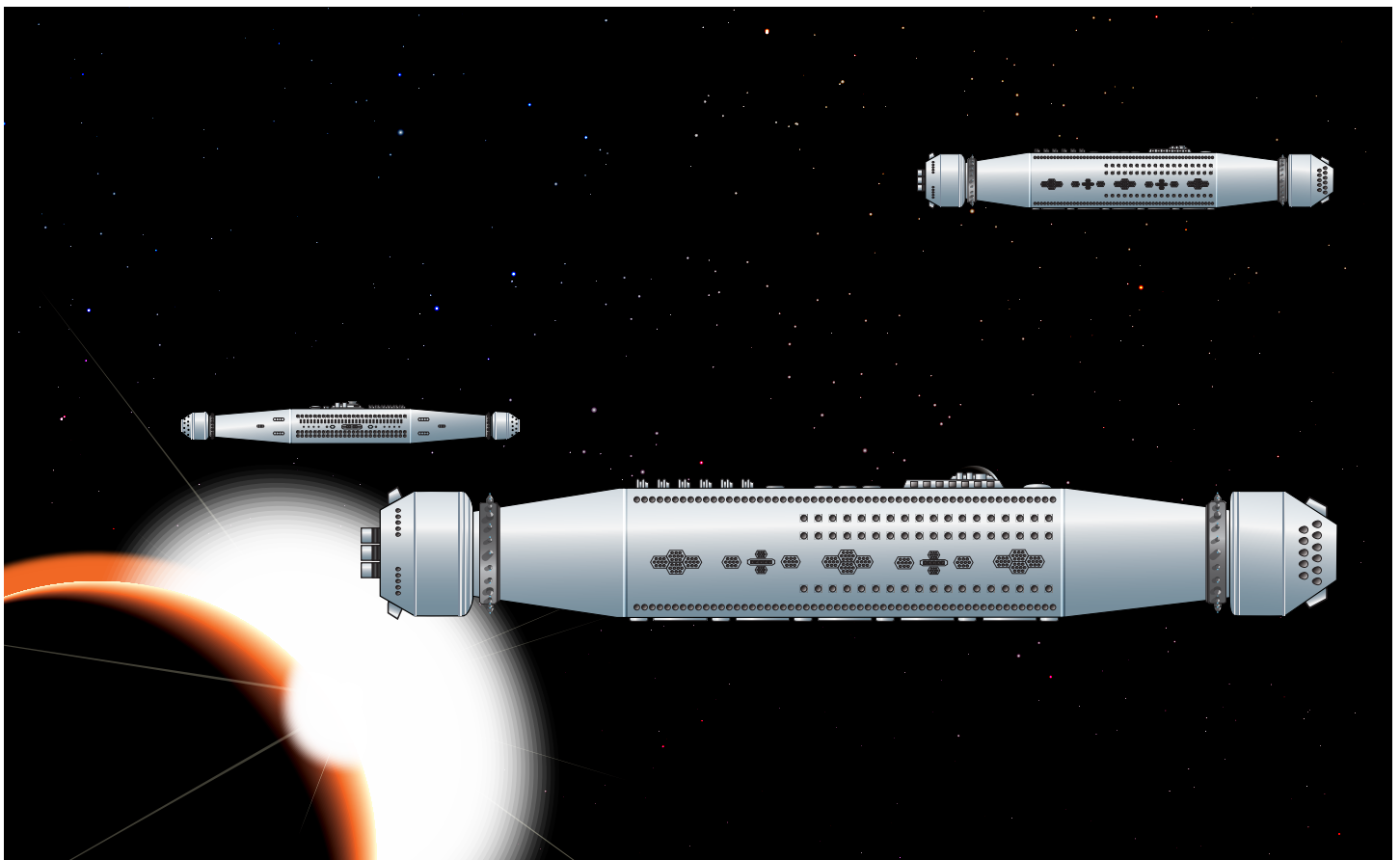
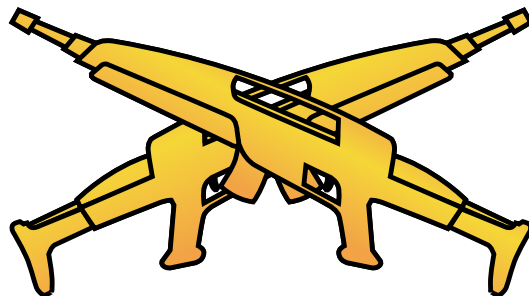
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S2C Daniel SPEARS, HMS Havoc  
S2C Jesse LINN, HMS Havoc

The Tradition Lives!

For CO 2nd Fleet:

Issued by:

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



# Sanctioned RMN LARP

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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.



# Nominations for HMS Unconquered Class of 2020

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Pursuant to Admiralty Order 1511-04, the Bureau of Ships is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the HMS Unconquered's Class of 2020. Nominations will be accepted at [buships@trmn.org](mailto:buships@trmn.org) until 2359 CDT (GMT -0500) on 30 September 2020.

Nominations MUST be sent by a Royal Manticoran Naval Commissioned Officer holding the billet of Commanding Officer of a Light Attack Craft, Hyper-Capable Craft, Echelon, Fleet, Bureau, Navy, or Admiralty House. Nominations from allied navies regarding RMN personnel serving their vessels will also be accepted.

Eligibility requirements for each nominee include:

Nominee must have been a member of The Royal Manticoran Navy: The Official Honor Harrington Fan Association for at least one year.

Nominee must be a current or previous member of the Royal Manticoran Naval Branch and have served that branch for at least one year of service; said service to include the entirety of the 2019 calendar year.

Nominees not meeting the above requirements shall be deemed ineligible and dropped from consideration.

Nominees from the Royal Manticoran Marine Corps are handled by the Marshal of the Corps' Office per AO 1511-04.

Nominees from the Grayson Space Navy are handled by the Office of the High Admiral for the Protector's Own nomination period, to be announced by the High Admiral.

The ideal nominee has made substantive contributions to the Star Kingdom in the shining example of Edward Saganami, himself. Equivalency in TRMN would be sustained, outstanding contributions with a high quality and service to the Organization as a whole.

The ideal nomination will have detailed information about the nominee and his or her specific contributions between the start of his or her membership up to 30 July 2020 and should include all dates of each action or contribution worthy of nomination. Nominations may also include letters of concurrent recommendation from other ranking officers that bore witness or were directly affected by those contributions.

The Bureau of Ships Committee for HMS Unconquered shall convene beginning 15 September 2020 to consider nominations received thus far. This committee is made up of the senior officers of the Bureau along with the sitting Annual Commanding Officer of Unconquered. The committee will also include representatives from the Bureau of Personnel to advise the committee. Please be advised that this committee shall render decisions based on the strength of the nomination for each nominee; it is therefore important that the nominations be as detailed as possible to provide said nominee with the best possible chance for selection and induction.

Nominations for the billet of Annual Commanding Officer of HMS Unconquered will not be accepted by this Committee. The selection of the Annual Commanding Officer is reserved for the Third Space Lord per Admiralty Order. Any endorsements or recommendations may be sent directly to the Third Space Lord at [3sl@trmn.org](mailto:3sl@trmn.org).



# August Honors

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## PROMOTIONS

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

### HMLAC Gungnir

- Matthew Ian Leifson Jr to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 1 August 2020
- Jason L Sperka II to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 1 August 2020
- Ronald Ochsendorf to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 14 August, 2020

### HMS Ajax

- Linda L Martell to Spacer 1st Class, effective 24 August, 2020
- Michael Spagnuolo to Lance Corporal, effective 24 August, 2020
- Cecilia McCoy to CR2, effective 24 August, 2020
- Lynn M. Allen to Senior Clerk, effective 24 August, 2020
- Robert Isaac Elton, Sr to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 24 August, 2020

### HMS Demon

- Shana Border to Spacer First Class, effective 22 August, 2020
- Lesley Carhart to Spacer First Class, effective 22 August, 2020
- Jessica Chadwick to Spacer First Class, effective 22 August, 2020
- Louisa Feimster to Spacer First Class, effective 22 August, 2020
- Mike McCain to Lance Corporal, effective 22 August, 2020

### HMS Enterprise

- Steve Pontious to Senior Chief Petty Officer, effective 8 August, 2020
- Vicky Pontious to Senior Chief Petty Officer, effective 8 August, 2020

### HMS Galahad

- Loni Marie Leigh to Private First Class, effective 22 August, 2020

### HMS Gawain

- Grant Dobbe to Petty Officer 1st Class, effective 2 August, 2020
- Lance Hansen to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 2 August, 2020

- Daniel Kurtycz to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 2 August, 2020
- Andrew Griesel to Spacer 1st Class, effective 2 August, 2020

### HMS Havoc

- Jonathan Atkins to Petty Officer 3rd Class, effective 1 August, 2020
- Jesse Linn to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 3 August, 2020
- Daniel Spears to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 3 August, 2020
- Christopher Carter to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 21 August, 2020
- Cassandra Chambers to Cadet Ranger 2, effective 21 August, 2020

### HMS Invincible

- Ann Randolph to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 24 August, 2020
- Elizabeth Neitz to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 24 August, 2020
- Colin Whitehead to Senior Cadet Ranger, effective 24 August, 2020
- Aria Valentine Randall to Cadet Ranger Three, effective 24 August, 2020
- Shelley Wolf to Staff Sergeant, effective 24 August, 2020
- Marty Byers to Lance Corporal, effective 24 August, 2020

### HMS Juno

- Mathew J Roden to Petty Officer 2nd Class, effective 14 August, 2020
- Siu Chung W Yuen to Spacer 1st Class, effective 14 August, 2020

### HMS Musashi

- Carl Ervin to Spacer 2nd Class, effective 1 August, 2020



# Gryphon's Wings Fleet Relief Project

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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 Command & Staff Contacts

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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 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)

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 Vixen (DD-174)  
HMS Wolfhound (DD-437)

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

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@](mailto:co@hmsfearless.trmn.org), [xo@](mailto:xo@hmsfearless.trmn.org) or [bosun@](mailto:bosun@hmsfearless.trmn.org) [shipname\(with the HMS\).trmn.org](mailto:shipname(with the HMS).trmn.org)!  
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