



CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

USS *Republic* NCC-1371

January 2007

The USS *Republic* coordinated an “away mission” for its members to the Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta on Saturday, January 13, to see the documentary *Deep Sea* in the museum’s IMAX theater. In attendance were CO Capt Eric L. Watts, Ens Mark Ozanick and Ens Zannetta Law. The trio enjoyed the film with its amazing clarity and breathtaking projection against the theater’s three-story-high movie screen. Lt JG Marq Collins arrived at the theater after the start of the movie and joined the trio for a photo opp before departing the museum.

Capt Watts, Ens Law and Lt Collins reconvened at Satterwhite’s Restaurant in Stone Mountain shortly thereafter for dinner, discussion and a brief chapter business meeting. Although the conversation was mostly informal, two important bits of business were addressed during the meal: term of office for the commanding officer and a new member recruitment program.

Watts was elected commanding officer of the *Republic* in May 2006 following the resignation of then-CO Capt Matt Ebeling in the 17th month of his two-year term. That term technically expired in December and strict adherence to protocol would have required an election be held to elect a new CO. The imminent expiration of the current CO’s term, however, was forgotten during the bustle of the holiday season and no mention of such was made during the December chapter business meeting, where it was pointed out that at that time, there were no other current chapter members (residing in Georgia) who held the credentials to hold the office of executive officer, much less commanding officer. As a result, the only current member of the *Republic* eligible to hold the office of commanding officer is, in fact, the incumbent. It was agreed, then, that the absence of more than one qualified candidate rendered the similar absence of a quorum to hold a formal election a moot point, and that any such election would be simply parliamentary in nature. In the further absence of a tangible set of bylaws governing such elections, Capt Watts was informally reelected as commanding officer by unanimous acclamation, with term of office set to expire on December 31, 2008.

Capt Watts then announced the introduction of a new member recruitment program, effective immediately: that any current member of the *Republic* who successfully recruited a new member to Starfleet International and the chapter would receive a five-dollar credit towards his or her ten-dollar chapter dues. Similarly, the recruitment of two new members to Starfleet and the *Republic* would result in a full waiver of that person’s chapter dues for the year.

In other business, Lt Collins is continuing his efforts to complete the necessary Starfleet Academy exams in order to be eligible to assume the position of executive officer; Capt Watts has begun researching the chapter’s history for archiving on the chapter’s web page of the same name; and a reorder for chapter t-shirts can be placed as soon as payment for ten shirts is received, with PayPal links and other information posted on the web site’s “Make It So!” page. Upcoming events include a joint social meeting with Stargate Atlanta in Conyers, Georgia, in February and a *Star Trek* Game Night with KAG Atlanta in Midtown Atlanta in March.

During January, the USS *Republic* welcomed aboard one new member: Germaine Webb of Carrollton, Georgia, who joined the chapter following our successful member recruitment event at Galactic ConQuest III in Buford, Georgia, last month.

As of the date of this report, *Republic* command has still not received change of chapter assignment request forms from Admiral W. Michael Henigan, SCC #13692; Admiral Kelly S. Hilliard, SCC #11231; or “Rosie” Hilliard, SCC #62861.

Photos from the “away mission” to the Fernbank Museum of Natural History can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

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