



CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

USS *Republic* NCC-1371

May 2007

On Friday evening, May 4, the USS *Republic* NCC-1371 conducted an “away mission” to the premiere of *Spider-Man 3* at AMC Discover Mills in Lawrenceville, Georgia. In attendance were Commanding Officer Capt Eric L. Watts, Ens David Churvis, Ens Zannetta Law, Ens James L. Newton and Ens Theresa Parker, as well as Friend of the *Republic* Kevin Parker and USS *DaVinci* member FCapt Tonya Spanks. Most everyone enjoyed the movie a great deal, with the notable exception of Ens Churvis, who was rather outspoken with his criticisms. A good time was had by... well, *most*... and the group scattered to various after-hours eateries following the movie.

On Sunday afternoon, May 20, the *Republic* hosted a viewing of “The Captaincy,” the pilot (and so far, only) episode of the fan-produced Internet series *Starship Farragut*, at The Stage Door Bar & Grill in Tucker, Georgia. In attendance were Commanding Officer Capt Eric L. Watts, Ens Will Dover, Ens Zannetta Law and Ens Mark A. Ozanick, as well as Friends of the *Republic* Chris Jones, Bruce Berryhill and, representing the ISS *Saratoga* from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, England, Lt Don Spradlin. Thanks to Ens Dover for suggesting the event, downloading the episode and bringing the DVD to the viewing. Most everyone enjoyed a meal from the Stage Door’s menu prior to the viewing and afterwards, engaged in much discussion about the episode, including comments about its production values, comparisons to *Star Trek: New Voyages* and analyzing a number of apparent discrepancies with the *Star Trek* canon. All in all, the episode was received favorably by those in attendance.

Photos from these two events can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

Upcoming events include manning chapter tables at Sci-Fi Summer Con in Marietta, June 8-10, and TimeGate V in Tucker on Saturday, July 14; an “away mission” to the premiere of *Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer* on Friday, June 15; a Summer BBQ & Pool Party at Ens Doby’s home in Conyers on Saturday, July 28; an “away mission” to the commissioning of the USS *Robins*, the newest STARFLEET chapter in Georgia, in Warner Robins on Saturday, August 11; and a big chapter presence at Dragon*Con over Labor Day Weekend (at a STARFLEET fan table and the Happy Hour at Ten Forward event).

On May 8, Lt JG Marq Collins (who has been pursuing completion of the STARFLEET Academy Officers Command College course since December 2006) informed Capt Watts via email that due to time constraints, he would be unable to accept the position of Executive Officer, and resigned the position of chapter newsletter editor for the same reason. Accordingly, Collins’ rank has been reduced to Ensign. Capt Matt Ebeling remains the chapter’s XO until another qualified member can accept the position, and Capt

Watts will assume responsibility for the chapter newsletter.

Last month, Capt Watts received information from Region 2 personnel indicating that the USS *Republic*, which was commissioned in May 1988, was the oldest chapter in the Region. However, the recently released June 2007 edition of STARFLEET's Vessel Registry indicates that the USS *Paegan* NCC-1755 of Orlando, Florida, is actually the oldest chapter in Region 2, having been commissioned in March 1983. It appears that the *Republic* is, in fact, the oldest STARFLEET chapter in Zone 2 (Georgia), but the second oldest chapter in the Region.

In other business, no new orders were received during May for new chapter t-shirts to add to the four orders already received; a minimum of ten orders is required before a reorder can be placed.

In May 2007, the USS *Republic* welcomed aboard two new members: Keavin Wainwright and Lee Cox, both of Marietta, Georgia, thanks to the recruitment efforts of Capt Watts. This brings the *Republic*'s crew roster up to a total of 39, although as of the date of this report, only 38 are reflected in the STARFLEET database. As of May 31, according to the database, the *Republic* is tied with the ISS *MacArthur* of Tampa, Florida, as the largest chapter in the Region. The *Republic* looks forward to its imminent claim of being the largest chapter in the Region, bar none.

Respectfully submitted,

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