



CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

USS *Republic* NCC-1371

July 2007

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in three events during the month of July: an “away mission” to the premiere of the movie *Transformers*, the local one-day mini-convention TimeGate 5, and a spectacular Summer BBQ & Pool Party.

In late June and early July, Ensigns Zannetta Law and Theresa Parker organized an “away mission” on the chapter’s YahooGroups message board to the July 4 premiere of *Transformers* at the Regal Cinemas Hollywood 24 in Chamblee, Georgia. Joining Ensigns Law and Parker for the movie were Ensigns Susan Rey and Marjan Peltier, both of whom wore their chapter t-shirts, as well as Friends of the *Republic* Kevin Parker and Bill Peltier. Ens Parker reported afterwards that the movie was “awesome” and that everyone in attendance had a “fantastic time.” Commanding Officer, *Republic*, is pleased that several members of the chapter independently and successfully organized an activity for themselves that did not originate from the CO’s desk, and hopes that more such spontaneous “away missions” will take place in the future.

On Saturday, July 14, the *Republic* made a strong presence at TimeGate 5, held at the Elks’ Lodge in Tucker, Georgia, cosponsored by Stargate Atlanta and The Atlanta Gallifreyans. This event, which started at noon and ran until midnight-ish, has grown in size and popularity since it began three years ago. *Republic* CO Capt Eric L. Watts arrived around 1:00 p.m. to set up a fan table for *TrekTrak* and the *Republic*, armed with t-shirts, programming DVDs and a TV/DVD player to promote *TrekTrak*; and full-color brochures, copies of the first two issues of the chapter newsletter, *The Sovereign Star*, a photo display depicting past *Republic* events, a 23” x 31” full-sized color poster and one fabulous gift basket to promote the *Republic*. The table display was impressive and the gift basket once again proved to be an irresistible member recruitment incentive. Less than an hour after arriving, the *Republic* signed up its first new member for July: Ms. Leslie Mele of Atlanta. Welcome aboard, Leslie!

Capt Watts had to leave TimeGate around 2:30 p.m. for several hours to attend a Dragon*Con staff meeting in downtown Atlanta. Ensigns Zannetta Law and Russell Broomfield graciously agreed to watch the table in his absence, which they did most ably. Capt Watts returned around 7:00 p.m., by which time all the chapter’s brochures were taken, hopefully by potential new members, and one newsletter had sold for two dollars.

Additional *Republic* members attending TimeGate 5 included Ens Patrick Anderson, Ens Nelson Barnhouse, Ens Andrea Benton, Ens Tony Cade, Ens Theresa Parker, Ens Susan Rey and even Cmdr Brian Holloway, who was in town from Charlotte, North Carolina, for the aforementioned Dragon*Con staff meeting. The ten members gathered for a group portrait late in the afternoon, which has been posted to the chapter web site. Commanding Officer, *Republic*, is pleased that the chapter was so well-represented at this event, and by all accounts, everyone had

a good time.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., Capt Watts invited Cmdr Holloway to join him on a discussion panel titled “*Star Trek: Back to the Future?*” This was the same panel that Capt Watts had prepared to moderate at Sci-Fi Summer Con in June, but which was cancelled (see Chapter Activity Report for June). About a dozen TimeGate attendees attended the lively and spirited discussion, which included news and announcements about the next *Star Trek* movie, speculation about which characters and cast members might be included, and a great deal of debate about the wisdom of moving the franchise backwards instead of forwards. The panel ran for almost an hour and a half, a half hour longer than scheduled, and certainly could have gone longer had the time not been approaching the con’s closing ceremonies. As a result of this panel’s success, Capt Watts has been invited to present more *Star Trek*-related programming at future TimeGate events.

On Saturday, July 28, Ens Hal Doby hosted the *Republic*’s first annual BBQ & Pool Party at his home in Conyers, Georgia. Ens Doby provided an enormous amount of hamburger meat, hot dog wieners, chicken tenders, buns, rolls, cole slaw, condiments and paper goods; members and guests in attendance provided all sorts of hot and cold side dishes and beverages, including potato salads, pork and beans, watermelon, cantaloupe, chili, all sorts of chips and much more. Ens Doby fired up the grill around 2:00 p.m. and kept the food moving for the next couple of hours.

Republic members in attendance included Ens David Churvis, Ens Marq Collins, Ens Mark A. Ozanick, Ens Theresa Parker, Ens Susan Rey, Ens Elisa Roper and CO Capt Eric L. Watts. Representing the newly launched USS *Atlanta* were CO Adm Mike Henigan, XO FCapt Tonya Spanks and Adm Kelly Hilliard. Also attending were Friends of the *Republic* Wiley DeLoach, Matt Duncan, Chris Jones, Kevin Parker and Warren Rutledge, as well as Ens Doby’s housemate, Charles Whittenberg. Throughout the day, members and guests enjoyed swimming in the beautiful pool, relaxing in the hot tub, munching on the feast of food and engaging in all sorts of conversations. One notable conversation between Capt Watts and Adm Henigan included a review of the candidates currently running for the position of Commander, STARFLEET; the *Republic*’s historical and newly developing relationships in Region 2 and with other STARFLEET chapters; and plans for the *Republic*’s 20th birthday celebration in the spring of 2008. Ens Doby also entertained the party with a selection of B-movie classics on his large-screen TV.

The all-day event was a tremendous amount of fun for everybody with lots of food and fellowship. The command and crew of the *Republic* are grateful to Ens Doby for his enormous generosity and gracious hospitality. Towards the end of the evening, longtime Friend of the *Republic* Chris Jones, a.k.a. KAG Atlanta’s Deputy Quadrant Commander, finally succumbed to Capt Watts’ unwavering, yearlong recruitment efforts and submitted a membership application for STARFLEET International. Resistance is, indeed, futile.

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

After three full weekends of nonstop preproduction and post-production work, Capt Watts mailed out the third issue of the *Republic*’s quarterly chapter newsletter, *The Sovereign Star*, on Tuesday, July 24. The 12-page, full-sized, fully illustrated, full-color Summer 2007 issue features articles from *Republic* members Ens Hal Doby, Ens Will Dover, Ens Brooke Perry, Cmdr

Brian Holloway and Capt Watts, as well as from Region 2 Vice Regional Coordinator Fleet Captain Lucy Ferron. The saddle-stitched, magazine-style issue also includes a comprehensive Chapter Activity Report for Spring 2007, an updated crew manifest, a quartermaster's report, important upcoming events and our recent STARFLEET Academy graduates. This issue represents a 50% increase in page count from the previous issue, from eight to twelve pages, as well as an upgraded paper stock, from 20# recycled paper to a 70# smooth stock, in order to eliminate the slight ink bleedthrough that distinguished the previous issue. In addition, copies of this issue were mailed unfolded in plain manila envelopes, rather than being folded in half and mailed exposed, as the previous issue was. Commanding Officer, *Republic*, is grateful to all of this issue's contributors for their outstanding submissions and is proud of both the content and quality of this impressive newsletter. The deadline for submissions to the Fall 2007 issue is September 30.

Upcoming events include an "away mission" to the commissioning of the USS *Robins*, the newest STARFLEET chapter in Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, 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) in downtown Atlanta. In the fall, the *Republic* will face the Atlanta "MurFurs" in a bowling challenge in September; hold its annual "Halloween Spooktacular" in October, hosted by Ens Marjan Peltier in Hampton, Georgia; and begin planning the chapter's 20th birthday celebration, which will be observed in June 2008. The *Republic's* annual Christmas Party will be held sometime in December; further details to be determined.

In other business, no new orders were received in July for new chapter t-shirts to add to the six orders already received. A minimum of ten orders is required before a reorder can be placed. Orders for four additional shirts need to be received in order to reach the ten-shirt minimum order. An order form for chapter t-shirts can be found on the [Republic's web site](#).

The USS *Republic* welcomed aboard two new members in July: Leslie Mele and Chris Jones. Six current *Republic* memberships became due for renewal in June and July. Ensigns Marq Collins and Susan Rey have renewed their STARFLEET and *Republic* memberships; Ensigns Ian Letendre and Theresa Parker have informed *Republic* command that they will not be renewing their memberships; and Ens Tony Cade has expressed his intent to renew his membership. Ens JG Anita Letendre's renewal intentions are not known at this time. Depending on whether and/or how soon Ens Cade and Ens JG Letendre renew their memberships, the *Republic's* current crew roster stands somewhere between 45 and 47.

Respectfully submitted,



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