



## CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

### *USS Republic* NCC-1371

**November 2007**

The *USS Republic* NCC-1371 participated in two events during the month of November: the annual Sci-Fi Charity Putt-Putt Challenge, sponsored by KAG Atlanta, and an “away mission” to the theatrical release of the newly remastered *Star Trek* two-hour episode, “The Menagerie.”

On Saturday, November 3, the *USS Republic* was one of several local fan clubs who participated in the annual Sci-Fi Charity Putt-Putt Challenge, sponsored by KAG Atlanta, at the Malibu Grand Prix entertainment park in Norcross, Georgia. Other groups participating include the *USS Atlanta*, Stargate Atlanta, the Georgia Garrison of the 501st Legion, and the Atlanta MurrFurs. About fifteen or so folks participated in the event; attending and representing the *USS Republic* were Ens Zannetta Law, Ens Marq Collins and Ens Chris Jones (who also serves as KAG Atlanta’s Quadrant Commander). The Georgia 501st, the MurrFurs and most of the members of KAG in attendance wore their respective costumes; in a *Star Trek* original series uniform was Friend of the *Republic* Todd Dissinger. The event’s designated charity was Bread of Life, a community food bank in Lawrenceville, Georgia, and each person who donated two cans of food received a free 18-hole round of putt-putt. Ens Jones reports that approximately 120 cans were donated; Adm Mike Henigan and Adm Kelly Hilliard of the *USS Atlanta* won a prize for donating the most cans. Throughout the afternoon, participants played putt-putt, rode go-carts and “bumper boats,” and played games in the video arcade. The afternoon was a great success, everyone had a good time and a meaningful contribution was made to a local community food bank.

On Tuesday, November 13, the *USS Republic* coordinated an “away mission” to the theatrical release of *Star Trek*: “The Menagerie,” newly remastered with new special effects and bonus features, at the Regal Cinemas Hollywood 24 multiplex in Chamblee, Georgia. Attending and representing the *USS Republic* were CO Capt Eric L. Watts, Ens Sue Lin Lange and Ens Zannetta Law; also attending were Friends of the *Republic* Joe Campbell and Sue Phillips.

Capt Watts considered the event to be a tremendous member recruitment opportunity and brought two dozen copies of the newly updated, full-color, four-page chapter brochure to give to potential new members. A few minutes before showtime, Capt Watts introduced himself to the audience, briefly described the *Republic* and offered brochures to anyone who might be interested in the chapter. All but two brochures were given to folks who raised their hands, the last one handed out just as the lights went down. With a wealth of information about the *Republic* included in the brochure, including contact information, a list of upcoming events, our Member Benefits Program Partners and a membership application, Capt Watts is hopeful that these brochures will result in several new members.

After the episode, everyone agreed that the meticulously restored episode and new special effects were absolutely gorgeous, but that \$12.50 was a rather high price for what was essentially a two-hour commercial for CBS Paramount’s release of the original *Star Trek*’s first season high-

definition DVD box sets, especially considering that the price of the box sets is also rather high. Nevertheless, everyone also enjoyed seeing the episode on a movie screen and everyone had a good time.

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

The fourth issue of the *Republic's* quarterly chapter newsletter, *The Sovereign Star*, was mailed in plain manila envelopes to the membership and key Region 2 personnel on Monday, November 19. The 12-page, full-sized, fully illustrated, full-color Fall 2007 issue features chapter news and an editorial from CO Capt Eric L. Watts, an original *Star Trek* cartoon strip from comic artist Ens Germaine Webb, technology and costuming articles from Ens Hal Doby and Cmdr Brian Holloway, and a Region 2 update from Vice Regional Coordinator Fleet Captain Lucy Fer-ron. The saddle-stitched, magazine-style issue also includes a comprehensive Chapter Activity Report for Summer 2007, an updated crew manifest, a quartermaster's report, important upcoming events and our recent STARFLEET Academy graduates. 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 Winter 2008 issue is December 31.

Upcoming chapter events include our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 22, hosted by and in the home of Ens Mark A. Ozanick in Decatur, Georgia; and a joint "away mission" with KAG Atlanta to the Fernbank Planetarium in Atlanta sometime in January. A number of other events are currently in the planning stages.

At the end of October, the *Republic's* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 51 total members, including 47 Active (or Pending) and four Inactive. Two of those four Inactive members will not be reenlisting, reducing the chapter's internal crew manifest to 49. During the month of November, the USS *Republic* welcomed aboard one new member: Reginald Franklin of Decatur, Georgia, thanks to the recruitment efforts of Captain Watts. Members who reenlisted with STARFLEET during November include Cmdr Brian Holloway, Ens Mark A. Ozanick and Ens Brooke Perry; members whose dues remain or became expired by the end of the month include Ens Eddie Atkins, Ens David Churvis, Capt Matt Ebeling and Ens Christina Miller. At the end of November, the *Republic's* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 52 total members, including 46 Active (or Pending) and six Inactive. Three of the six Inactive members will not be reenlisting, maintaining the chapter's internal crew manifest at 49. *Republic* command encourages all our members to reenlist with STARFLEET and looks forward to their continuing membership.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commanding Officer, USS *Republic* NCC-1371