



# CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

## USS *Republic* NCC-1371

### January 2008

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in three events during the month of January 2008: a 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting, “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders and an “away mission” to Fernbank Planetarium.

On Saturday, January 12, the USS *Republic*'s 20th Year Celebration planning committee held a meeting at the Sonny's BBQ restaurant in Doraville. Attending were Ens Marq Collins, Ens David Churvis, Ens Hal Doby, Sci-Fi Summer Con Chairman Ens Chris Jones, Ens Mark A. Ozanick, Capt Eric L. Watts and Friend of the *Republic* David McDonald. A great deal of work was accomplished during the meeting, including:

- The \$10.00 Sci-Fi Summer Con preregistration group rate will be extended until January 25. On January 26, the rate will increase to \$15.00 until May 20. After May 20, the rate will increase to the at-the-door rate of \$35.00. Single-day rates will be \$15 for Friday only and \$20 for Saturday or Sunday only. Children 12 and under will be admitted for free.
- The *Republic*'s programming room will be approximately 22 foot square with a set of double doors at the center rear of the room. The *Republic*'s fan table will be to the right of the door, along with a second fan table. Ens Doby suggested that the *Republic* claim the second table for any other STARFLEET chapter that participates in the event to use. Ens Jones agreed to give Capt Watts 48 hours to submit an application for the table; Ens Doby suggested that we claim the table now in order to have that one area to ourselves and other STARFLEET chapters. Capt Watts agreed to get the necessary forms to Ens Jones within 48 hours.
- After much discussion about whether to adopt a 60-minute (45-minute programming, 15-minute break), 90-minute (60-minute programming, 30-minute break) or 120-minute (90-minute programming, 30-minute break) programming schedule, the 90-minute format was adopted, in spite of the fact that this may pose conflicts with Sci-Fi Summer Con's 60-minute schedule format for its general programming track.
- Programming events on the schedule so far include “The Music of *Star Trek*,” “*Star Trek* Costuming Workshop,” “*Star Trek* Gaming,” “*Star Trek* XI: The Movie,” “*Star Trek* Technology,” and general panels about STARFLEET International and the Klingon Assault Group. Two social events are also on the program, including a formal STARFLEET reception on Friday evening, with Ens Collins serving as karaoke host, and a high-energy dance party on Saturday night as the actual birthday party/anniversary celebration. Ens Churvis will serve as DJ for the party.
- The *Republic* will be permitted to bring food into the hotel so long as it can be served at room temperature without assisted heating or cooling, i.e., no hot plates, crock pots, Sterno-powered warming trays, or food chilled with ice. Light and medium finger foods will be served at the Reception and lighter fare, such as chips, dips, pretzels, popcorn, nuts, candy, etc., will be

served at the Dance Party. Capt Watts agreed to contact Ens Zannetta Law and Ens Sue Lange to ask if they would be interested in working on the Reception & Dance Party subcommittee. Ens Doby volunteered to chair this subcommittee.

- Ens Doby asked Ens Jones if the hotel could provide us with cash bar service at both parties at no charge; how many comp rooms would he receive from the hotel and if he had a spare room, could the *Republic* be allowed to use it for storage, prep, staging, etc.; and if the *Republic* could prepare convention packs ("swag bags") to give to those who come to the event. Ens Jones agreed to investigate the availability of a cash bar and approved the swag bags, as long as their distribution did not require additional work from the registration staff. Ens Doby will work on preparing suggested items for the swag bags.

Towards the end of the meeting, Capt Watts presented Ens Collins with his framed Certificate of Achievement which he was awarded at December's Christmas Party & Awards Ceremony. The meeting then adjourned and the next meeting date set for Saturday, February 2, at the Applebee's in Stone Mountain. Ens Collins will make reservations.

On Friday, January 18, members of the USS *Republic* were invited to join our friends, the Atlanta OutWorlders (AOW), for a new monthly event: "*Star Trek* Night," an informal and relaxed social occasion where members will watch two or three episodes of a *Star Trek* series and then enjoy some casual conversation about them. Each month will feature a specific theme; the inaugural theme was "A Tribute to the 15th Anniversary of *Deep Space Nine*," with a viewing of three sixth-season episodes. The event was hosted by AOW member Alan Siler in his home in Doraville; *Republic* members in attendance include Ens Patrick Anderson, Ens Russell Broomfield, Ens David Churvis, Ens Chris Jones and Commanding Officer Capt Eric L. Watts. Total attendance, including members and friends of AOW, numbered about fifteen people. Following the episodes, several concurrent and overlapping conversations about *Deep Space Nine*, the upcoming *Star Trek* movie, upcoming *Republic* events and upcoming local conventions (Dragon\*Con in particular) were held. Commanding Officer, *Republic*, wishes to thank the Atlanta OutWorlders for inviting us to participate in their *Star Trek* Night and looks forward to future events.

On Sunday, January 27, the USS *Republic* coordinated an "away mission" to Fernbank Planetarium in Atlanta to watch the program "Beyond the Pyramids," which "...explores the astronomy of the ancients—mapping the sky, measuring star angles and constructing one of the wonders of the world." Attending the program were Ens Nelson Barnhouse, Ens Mark A. Ozanick, CO Capt Eric L. Watts and Friend of the *Republic* Bruce Berryhill. Following the presentation, these members were surprised to find Ens Naomi Hemingway and her children, Heaven and Paradise, as well as Friends of the *Republic* Angela Tebbe and Richard Burke, in the Fernbank Science Center outside the planetarium. Unfortunately, they had arrived after the start of the planetarium program and were not allowed to enter. Nevertheless, they toured the Science Center until the end of the program and stayed for a bit of friendly conversation and a group photo. After leaving Fernbank, Ens Ozanick, Capt Watts, the Hemingway family and FotR Berryhill went to the New Century Restaurant in Decatur for a Chinese buffet dinner and an opportunity for Berryhill to present to Capt Watts his fractal video presentation proposal as a part of the *Republic*'s 20th Year Celebration dance party at Sci-Fi Summer Con in June. After reviewing the presentation, Capt Watts agreed to include the fractal video presentation as part of the dance

party.

Photos from the 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting and “away mission” to Fernbank Planetarium can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

The fifth issue of the *Republic’s* quarterly chapter newsletter, *The Sovereign Star*, was delivered by hand or mailed in plain manila envelopes to the membership and key Region 2 personnel during the last week of January. The 12-page, full-sized, fully illustrated, full-color Winter 2008 issue features a front-page article about our first Member of the Year award; chapter news and an editorial from CO Capt Eric L. Watts; an original *Star Trek* cartoon strip from comic artist Ens Germaine Webb; articles about the STARFLEET organization from Cmdr Dave Slaughter, the *Star Trek III* motion picture soundtrack from Ens Brooke Perry, the ongoing *Star Trek* HD DVD situation from Ens Hal Doby, costuming tips from Cmdr Brian Holloway and Ens Anita Letendre; and a Region 2 update from Vice Regional Coordinator Fleet Captain Lucy Ferron. The saddle-stitched, magazine-style issue also includes a comprehensive Chapter Activity Report for Fall 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 Spring 2008 issue is March 31.

Upcoming chapter events include a 20th Year Celebration Planning Committee meeting on February 3, “*Star Trek* Night” with the Atlanta OutWorlders on February 22, the STARFLEET International Region 2 Summit on March 7-9, a Spring Dinner & Business Meeting in April, TimeGate ’08 on May 23-26 and of course, Sci-Fi Summer Con on June 6-8.

At the end of December, the *Republic’s* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 50 Active or Pending members and two Inactive (Ens Eddie Atkins, Capt Matt Ebeling), for a total of 52 members. During the month of January, no new members joined the USS *Republic*. Members who reenlisted with STARFLEET during January include Ens Lea Hepler. Other members whose STARFLEET memberships became due for renewal during January but have not yet renewed include Ens Sean Anderson, Ens Stephanie Wallace, Ens Eric Koske, Ens Sheryl Parsons and Ens Germaine M. Webb. As a result, as of the end of January, the *Republic’s* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 45 Active or Pending members and seven Inactive (Anderson, Atkins, Ebeling, Koske, Parsons, Wallace, Webb), for a total of 52 members.

Respectfully submitted,



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