



CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT

USS *Republic* NCC-1371

July 2008

The USS *Republic* NCC-1371 participated in two events during the month of July 2008: an “away mission” to the premiere of *The Dark Knight* and our annual Summer Pool Party.

On Saturday, July 19, the USS *Republic* coordinated an “away mission” to the premiere of *The Dark Knight* at The Movie Tavern dine-in theatre in Tucker, Georgia. In attendance were Commanding Officer Capt Eric L. Watts, ENS3 Marq Collins, ENS3 Mark A. Ozanick, Ens Marilyn Teague and Ens Chris White. Capt Watts and Ens Ozanick represented the *Republic* by wearing chapter t-shirts; Ens Teague wore a *Wrath of Khan*-era Starfleet insignia badge. Although member participation in this chapter event was low, those who did attend enjoyed both the movie and the theatre very much. The Movie Tavern concept combines traditional cinema seating with restaurant-quality food in an in-theatre dining experience, which we found to be a welcome change from the usual popcorn-and-candy fare. The movie itself did not disappoint. A sequel to 2005’s *Batman Begins* and the second movie directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Christian Bale in the title role, anticipation and high expectations for *The Dark Knight* were enormous in the wake of the death of Heath Ledger, who played The Joker. The consensus among *Republic* members in attendance is that the movie in general and Ledger’s performance in particular were deserving of all the praise they had received in opening-day reviews. The group also spoke briefly with an assistant manager, a delightful young lady, about possibly coordinating a similar chapter event next May for the premiere of the new *Star Trek* movie. Capt Watts obtained contact information for Tavern management and the young lady gave us all Movie Tavern t-shirts and invited us back soon.

On Saturday, July 26, ENS3 Hal Doby hosted the USS *Republic*’s annual Summer Pool Party at his home in Conyers, Georgia. Since last year’s pool party, Ens Doby invested approximately \$4,000 in home renovations, including a update of the pool area, including a new built-in “light show.” Invitations were sent to our friends in Stargate Atlanta, KAG Atlanta, the Atlanta OutWorlders, the USS *Atlanta* and all other STARFLEET chapters in Region 2 for a full day of fun, food and water. In addition to Ens Doby and his partner, David McDonald, a partial list of those also in attendance include ENS3 Zannetta Law, ENS2 Mark A. Ozanick, Ens Tammy Pakulski and her husband Jeff, Ensigns Jeff and Joanne Trew and Capt Eric L. Watts, as well as Mike Antol, Wiley DeLoach, DJ Wilson, Jason Brannon and his friend Bill.

Ens Doby provided taco meat, strips of beef and chicken and fixings for fajitas, tacos, nachos and tostadas. Guests brought side dishes and desserts to go with these Mexican favorites; the *Republic* provided ice and nonalcoholic beverages. This potluck buffet filled two table-tops and there was enough scrumptious food to last throughout the day and well into the evening. In addition to a full day of food, fellowship and fun in the water, Ens Doby showed a number of movies and other programs of interest on his large screen TV in his theater room.

Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time and Commanding Officer, *Republic*, would like to thank Ens Doby for his warm, generous and gracious hospitality throughout the day and

evening.

Photos from our “away mission” to *The Dark Knight* and our annual Summer Pool Party can be viewed on the [Republic’s web site](#).

On Thursday, June 24, Capt Eric L. Watts emailed the fourth issue of the *Republic’s* monthly eZine, *The Républiqué*, to more than 200 email addresses, including members and friends of the *Republic*, as well as all known Region 2 Commanding Officers and several key STARFLEET personnel. The purpose of *The Républiqué* is to keep our members and friends up-to-date on our upcoming events and activities, as well as to announce new members, member birthdays, upcoming membership renewals and occasional special offers. The July issue included information about our upcoming Summer Pool Party, the *Republic’s* invitation to “*Star Trek Night*” with the Atlanta OutWorlders, and the launching of the *Republic’s* newest shuttle, chapter-in-training USS *Exeter* NCC-1706 in Jacksonville, Florida, including Cmdr John R. Sims’ first organizational meeting report and photos from same. Additional information included the availability of the sixth issue of the *Republic’s* award-winning chapter magazine, *The Sovereign Star*, and chapter merchandise (20th Year Celebration t-shirts and 2008 *Republic* calendars), as well as recent chapter event photos, a wish list, relevant hyperlinks, a list of our Member Benefits Program Partners, a brief chapter overview, and “Fifteen Years Ago Aboard the USS *Republic*,” reprinting a chapter activity report from an archived newsletter.

Upcoming events for August include a Dragon*Con Planning Committee meeting and “*Star Trek Night*” with the Atlanta OutWorlders.

At the end of June, *Republic’s* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 56 Active members (53 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and ten Inactive members (Ens Katherine Akin, Ens Andrea Benton, Ens David Cambouris, Ens Lee Cox, Ens William H. Dover, Ens Eric Koske, Ens James Newton, Ens Richard Otero, Ens Adam Rocca, Ens Keavin Wainwright) for a total of 66 crew members. During the month of July, *Republic* welcomed aboard three new members: Jeff Trew, Julianne Trew and Jenilee Trew, the husband and daughters of Ens Joanne Trew, all of Whitesburg, Georgia. Also during the month of July, Active members whose dues came up for renewal include ENS3 Class Marq Collins, Ens Leon Gray, Ens JG Eric Lange, Ens Sue Lin Lange, Ens Leslie Mele and ENS3 Susan J. Rey. Members who reenlisted during July include Ens Benton. At the end of July, *Republic’s* crew roster on the STARFLEET database included 54 Active members (51 plus Jeff, Alexandra and Anna Pakulski) and fifteen Inactive members (Akin, Cambouris, Collins, Cox, Dover, Gray, Koske, E. Lange, S. Lange, Mele, Newton, Otero, Rey, Rocca, Wainwright) for a total crew of 69 members.

Respectfully submitted,



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