



# BISMARCK'S REMARKS

*April 2008*

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## March for Babies 2008



May 2004



Dec 2007

**The *Bismarck's* own preemie,  
Daniel Johnson**

## From the Guest Editor

Hello fellow members! I hope that you are enjoying Spring so far. I'm sure many of us are extremely tired of being cold and seeing white. Thank you to those of you who donated to March of Dimes / March for Babies. Kevin and I appreciate it, as I'm sure March of Dimes does as well.

On a different note, if any of you would like to help out with the newsletter, I would deeply appreciate it. Thanks to those of you who have helped out in the past. If you have any articles that you would like me to use in the newsletter, please get them to me by the General Meeting of the current month for the following month.

This issue was published by Jennifer Fish, Acting Chief Communications Officer.

## On the Front Cover

Daniel Alan Johnson was born on May 29, 2004 - over three weeks early! He was delivered via emergency C-section to Kevin and Lisa Johnson. He weighed less than 6 pounds at birth. The picture on the left is Papaw Jack holding 3-day old Daniel. The picture on the right shows Daniel in December 2007. He is now over 36 pounds and over 42 inches tall. This puts him in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile for height!

March of Dimes does research, education, and advocacy work to give premature babies or babies who have low birth weight or birth defects a fighting chance. The USS *Bismarck* proudly supports this very worthwhile charity. We will be participating again this year in the March of Dimes' annual fund-raiser, March for Babies (former WalkAmerica), on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Or emailed to [newsletter@ussbismarck.org](mailto:newsletter@ussbismarck.org)



## From the Captain:

We're going to have a rocking April! We'll start the month with our 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Buy your tickets immediately from Audra or Liz at [masquerade@ussbismarck.org](mailto:masquerade@ussbismarck.org). See more details on the following pages.

There's also two Away Team Missions scheduled for April. Both on April 19<sup>th</sup>, unfortunately. Liz Wegner is organizing a trip to see the Bodies Exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Come see the museum even if you don't want to see the exhibit! Dennis Gilbert is planning a trip to NAMES (North American Model Engineering Society) in Toledo, Ohio. Contact either one of them for details.

We also have two community service activities this month. Help us clean Beth Abraham Synagogue on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 PM. It should just be office-type trash. We also are supporting Kevin Johnson and Jen Fish as they walk in March for Babies (formerly WalkAmerica) on April 26<sup>th</sup> to raise money for March of Dimes. They would appreciate some company on the 3-mile walk and/or your financial support.

For those who attended the Starbase 05 social hour at Millennicon, thank you for attending. FADM Sams and FADM Bischoff reported on what's news in Fleet. First, SFC is changing everyone's renewal date to January 1<sup>st</sup>. The *Bismarck* is shifting our renewal date to match. Pro-rate information will be released later (probably won't be more than a buck or so). Second, FADM Bischoff is rolling out Fleet-wide programs supporting blood donation and "going green." The *Bismarck* will give 2 hours of community service credit every time a member gives blood (and you can give blood every 2 months). Engineering has been tasked with giving us eco-friendly tips. If you're interested in being our Environmental Engineer, please see Chief Engineer Dennis Gilbert.

Please, please support our Communications Dept. Poor Jen is only one in the department, and no one can put out a monthly newsletter by themselves. Please consider transferring to Communications, or at least helping her out by writing articles, or editing/proofing, printing, and mailing the newsletter!!

Finally, I invite everyone interested to run a General Meeting. It's great experience, especially for those who may be interested in running for Captain this fall. You don't have to be running for CO to run a meeting! Nor do you have to be any specific rank. See the CO or FO if you're interested.

Serving you,  
Fleet Captain Kevin Johnson

## Sweet Sixteen!

The 2008 Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, is double-feature this year! In the afternoon we'll have mini-golf and bowling. Please have lunch first and then meet us in Rick's parking lot at 12:00 PM.

The second half of the Celebration is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Masquerade Ball at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It will be preceded by our annual Awards Presentations at 6:30 PM in the chapel. The dance will kick off at 7 PM downstairs. Please eat dinner before arriving as only light refreshments will be available. Formalwear (tux/suit or evening dress) is requested. "Sunday best" is required. A mask is requested but not required. Babysitting will not be available this year, sorry.

The cost for the entire Anniversary Celebration is \$10 for *Bismarck* members and \$25 for non-members. You must purchase tickets in advance through Audra or Liz. The "at the door" price is \$5 more. No *Bismarck* member will be turned away for inability to pay. If you have questions on tickets, please see Audra or Liz. You can email them at [masquerade@ussbismarck.org](mailto:masquerade@ussbismarck.org)

Please make plans to join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the USS *Bismarck's* 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



# Current Crew Roster

Here's our current crew roster, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. If your name isn't on it, it's probably because there's no record of you paying your 2008 dues. Please see the Captain or Chief Ops if this is the case. Midshipmen are intentionally not listed.

## **Command**

Kevin Johnson, CO  
Richard Hatfield, FO

## **Captains Emeritus**

Lisa Johnson  
Anthony Day

## **Communications**

Jen Fish, Acting Chief

## **Engineering**

Dennis Gilbert, Chief  
Scott Fish  
Matt Mote  
Jim Poltrone  
Paul Sylvester  
Gene Terk

## **Medical**

Tom Efker, Chief  
Eric Dearth  
Angel Terk  
Rose VanCleve

## **Operations**

Audra Blais, Chief  
George Stanley, Deputy Chief  
Jack Barr  
Suzanne Barr  
Nancy Graf  
Rick Pinsky, Quartermaster  
Amy Sylvester, Yeoman  
Liz Wegner  
Robert Ziegler

## **Science**

Mike Payne, Chief

## **Security**

Shawn Lewis

## From the Chief of Operations

To insure that your basic information is up to date in the ship's records please send via email to [ops@ussbismarck.org](mailto:ops@ussbismarck.org) or, if you would rather, hand the written information to either Audra Blais, Chief Ops, or George Stanley, Deputy Ops, at the next meeting or event that you attend. Information should include at minimum:

- Name
- Mailing Address
- Contact Phone Number
- Email Address (if available)
- Do you want to be on the USS *Bismarck* email distribution list?
- Any additional information that you want the ship to keep on record. (Do not send Medical Information except Emergency Contact information to Ops. Medical Information should be given directly to the Chief Medical Officer.)

If you are unsure what is currently on record for you, please email us. In order to keep proper track of points, Ops is suggesting strongly that qualifying actions on your part be noted at the meeting or event where the points were earned. To see a list of point values and action required see the handbook at our website, [www.ussbismarck.org](http://www.ussbismarck.org). You may also email the information to [ops@ussbismarck.org](mailto:ops@ussbismarck.org), however, updating the points record at an event is preferable.

Points are important for rank, rewards, and commendations! It's still important to track your points, regardless of your rank!

Thank you for your assistance in keeping your records up to date and accurate.

LT Audra Blais, Chief of Operations  
CDR George Stanley, Deputy Chief

## April 2008

5 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Dearth's Birthday
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Fish's Birthday
12 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party 12:00 PM, meet in Rick's parking lot for mini-golf and bowling 6:15 PM, Awards Presentations at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 7:00 PM, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Masquerade Ball All day cost: \$10 for <i>Bismarck</i> members, \$25 for non- <i>Bismarck</i>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Timothy Sylvester's Birthday
15 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Mote's Birthday
15 <sup>th</sup>	Income taxes due!
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Payne's Birthday
17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Service Project at Beth Abraham Synagogue 7-9 PM <i>POC is Rick Pinsky</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Away Team Mission to Cincinnati Museum Center Meet at Middletown Meijer at 10 AM <i>POC is Liz Wegner</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Away Team Mission to NAMES (Toledo, Ohio) <i>POC is Dennis Gilbert</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Passover begins at sunset
26 <sup>th</sup>	March for Babies (WalkAmerica) 9 AM, Carillon Park, Dayton <i>POCs are Kevin Johnson and Jen Fish</i>
26 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting, 7 PM Science has Refreshments
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rose VanCleve's Birthday

## May 2008

1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day (Beltaine)
17 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting, 7 PM Communications has Refreshments <i>Meeting moved to avoid conflict with Memorial Day weekend</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	MARCON Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio
26 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day
29 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Johnson's Birthday
29 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn Lewis's Birthday

