



BISMARCK'S REMARKS

August 2008



We are Family

From the Guest Editor

It's been a while since I've done a newsletter, so I figured why not now. Thanks to Audra Blais for proofreading this issue. This issue is about family. It has been almost a year since I lost two important members of my family. David MacDonald (Dooger) passed away on August 31st. He became my uncle when he was *Bismarcked* by Lisa Barr. Not quite two weeks later, the last of my grandparents, Ida Pinsky passed away. This happened on the early morning at the start of the Jewish New Year.

I hope you enjoy this issue dedicated to family, present and ones lost but not forgotten. Please remember to spend time with loved ones!!

Thank you,
Rick Pinsky



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August 2008

4 th	Richard Hatfield's Birthday
8 th	RF costume day 6:30 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Carry in dinner
23 rd	RenFair Clean-Up Day 9 AM, Peasants Orchard booth
23 rd	General Meeting 7 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Medical has refreshments
30 th	First Day of RenFair!
31 st	Lisa Johnson's 40 th Birthday!

September 2008

1 st	Labor Day
7 th	Kevin Johnson's birthday
9 th	William Crespo's birthday
12 th	Cecilia Crespo's 1 st birthday!
27 th	General Meeting 7:30 PM (or later), Bethlehem Lutheran Church Operations has refreshments
30 th	First Day of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)

What is Family?

The obvious definition is parents, children, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and so on. Becoming a member of this type of family happens one of three ways: one is born into it, marries into it, or is adopted. Caring for one another in this family is automatic. Yes, disagreements and fights may occur, but in the end you still care for one another.

The other kind of family is one that you decide to join without a lot of ceremony. We are this kind of family. It's interesting that we have the first kind in ours. A trait that is shared between both types is that we care for one another. It takes a new member of the *Bismarck* family some time to realize this.

One original *Bismarck* member left the family after a couple of years. It took a tragedy on board *Bismarck* for him to realize that the *Bismarck* is more than just a club; it had become his second family.



**Original family members at our 10th anniversary, still active today!!
Dooger active in our hearts.**



From the Captain:

It may seem to be repetitive to say we had another successful month, but it is the truth. We had an awesome picnic at a new location. Thanks to Richard Hatfield and his committee for getting the picnic organized on short-notice. I think it was one of our most successful picnics. Thanks also to Anthony Day who served as our primary GrillMaster.

This past month we really showed that we more than just members of a Star Trek group; we are a family of friends. Many of you came out to help Jack and Suzanne Barr move to their new house on Manchester Road.

As I write this everyone seems to be out of sickbay. That's always a challenge with a crew our size. We still have some members battling various medical problems though, so please continue to keep them in your thoughts.

RenFair starts this month! Opening weekend is Labor Day weekend (Aug 30th - Sept 1st). We'll need a lot of help that weekend as we re-learn all of our old routines. Please note that unless you absolutely cannot work a given day (due to work, church, medical reasons, etc.), you may be called if we're short workers. We won't bother you unless we have to, but it's too hard to run the booth with less than 8 workers. Thanks to Jen, Pat, and all the others who have already put in many hours working on costumes.

A shortened General Meeting in September on Sept 27 will start around 7:30, depending on when that day's RF crew gets in. Chewy will be leading the October General Meeting.

Lisa and I will be on shore leave beginning Thursday, 8/28, and will be returning to duty on Wednesday, 9/3. Please see the First Officer if you need anything during this period.

Serving you,
Fleet Captain Kevin Johnson

Member's Father Receives Joint Chiefs Award

By Kevin Johnson

On July 31st, Mr. Nick Johnson, the father of our *Bismarck* CO, received a second award for his contributions in safely resolving the reentry of a disabled satellite in February 2008. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award (CJCS JMCSA) is awarded to Federal civilian employees who has provided exceptionally meritorious service of major significance to the Department of Defense. This is of special significance because Mr. Johnson is employed by NASA, not DoD. General Kevin Chilton, Commander of US Strategic Command, presented the award to Mr. Johnson at Johnson Space Center (Houston, TX). While the award narrative is too long to put into the newsletter, the following quotations summarize the narrative:

“As one of our Nation’s orbital debris subject matter experts, [Mr. Johnson] clearly depicted the hazards of both a natural and kinetic intercept reentry... He was personally recommended to brief senior officials at the Joint Staff, leaders at the Officer of the Secretary of Defense, as well as the White House Office of Science and Technology Advisor. Moreover, his direct contributions to a U.S. Strategic Command prepared Presidential decision brief ultimately led to Presidential authorization to conduct a kinetic intercept...The operation was a success because of his direct contributions!” [underline included in text of narrative]

Mr. Johnson also received NASA’s highest civilian award in June 2008 for this same project.



Summer Fun At Waldruhe



How high can Emily go? Only Mom Amy & Uncle Robert know



Gene and Angel (Mom) receive Ens and Lt (JG) orders from Kevin



Amy watches as Rose plays Uno with Ruthie, Gene, & Uncle Tom