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# BISMARCK REMARKS

November 2007

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**Another RenFair Season Completed!**

## From the Guest Editor

We're still looking for a new Chief of Communications and a Newsletter Editor (can be different people). Don't be shy, it's not as hard as it looks! Experience with WordPerfect or MS Word highly recommended.

We also need people to help proof, print, and/or mail the newsletter. All printing and mailing costs will be reimbursed by the ship.

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## November 2007

4 <sup>th</sup>	2 AM, Daylight Savings Time ends <i>(move your clocks back one hour)</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Melony Gunderman's Birthday
6 <sup>th</sup>	Election Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans' Day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans' Day observed
17 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting <i>(moved due to Thanksgiving)</i> 7:00 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Middletown, Ohio <i>Medical has refreshments.</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thanksgiving
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Starbase Indy and SFC Annual Meeting Indianapolis Marriott East Indianapolis, Indiana <a href="http://www.starbaseindy.com">www.starbaseindy.com</a> POC is Kevin Johnson <i>The Annual SFC Meeting is at 10 AM on Saturday</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne Barr's Birthday
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Johnson's Birthday
29 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Crespo's Birthday

## December 2007

4 <sup>th</sup>	First night of Chanukah
8 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Staff Meeting 7 PM, Captain's Quarters <i>One member per department, please!</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Graf's Birthday
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bismarck Holiday Party 6:30 PM, Eric Dearth's Clubhouse Beavercreek, Ohio (backup is Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Middletown) There will be a gift exchange (\$25 maximum) POCs are Rick, Dennis, Audra, Eric, and Jen
21 <sup>st</sup>	Emily Sylvester's Birthday
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Solstice (Yule)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day
31 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Eve

*No General Meeting in December!*

## Current Senior Staff Officers

As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the following personnel are serving as your Senior Staff Officers:

Position	Name
Commanding Officer	CAPT Kevin Johnson
First Officer	CAPT Richard Hatfield
Captains Emeritus	VADM Lisa Johnson ADM Anthony Day
Chief Communications	(vacant) CDR Jen Fish, Acting Chief
Chief Engineer	CAPT Dennis Gilbert
Chief Medical Officer	LTCDR Tom Efker
Chief Operations Officer	LT Audra Blais
Chief Science Officer	LT Mike Payne
Chief Security Officer	(vacant)
Finance Officer	LTCDR Suzanne Barr
Ship's Counselor	VADM Lisa Johnson
<i>Non-Sr Staff positions</i>	
Listserve Administrator	LT Mike Payne
Quartermaster	RADM Rick Pinsky
WebMaster	LT Audra Blais

The following *Bismarck* members are also serving in Fleet positions:

Position	Name
Chief of Command Staff	ADM Anthony Day
Dep Chief of Cmd Staff	VADM Lisa Johnson
Dep Commandant, SFA	RADM Rick Pinsky
Fleet Listserve Admin	LT Paul Sylvester



## From the Captain

I'm glad the craziness of the year is behind us. The RenFair season was more chaotic than usual. Several of our key members couldn't work RenFair this year due to family or medical reasons. I'm proud of how well everyone else stepped in to staff the booth and make RenFair a success. The details on the good, the bad, and the ugly of RenFair are listed on the following page.

Liz Wegner had surgery this past weekend (10/27) to remove her gallbladder. This was most unexpected. She's now recovering at home on medical leave. I'm sure she'd appreciate your phone calls, emails, and prayers of a safe and easy recovery.

I hope many of you are able to attend Starbase Indy on Nov 23-25. The annual SFC meeting is at 10 AM on Saturday, 11/24. There is no charge if you are attending just the meeting and not the rest of the con. The USS *Bismarck* is up for several different Fleet awards. I encourage you to come and celebrate any awards we may receive. We'll also be celebrating the return of Fleet Admiral Andy Sams from his deployment to Kuwait. Andy is an honorary member of the USS *Bismarck*.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I'm thankful to have found so many good friends because of the USS *Bismarck*. I'm proud and honored to be your Captain. Happy Thanksgiving!

Serving you,  
Captain Kevin Johnson

## After-Mission Report: RenFair

By Captain Kevin Johnson

The final results are in, and we have a new champion! After years of victory, Dennis Gilbert has been ousted by Angel Terk in her first RenFair year! Both worked every single possible RenFair hour and should be commended! Angel also helped with mending and washing the RenFair costumes, edging her into first place.

The Top Five RenFair workers are Angel Terk, Dennis Gilbert, Rick Pinsky, Mike Payne, and Robert Ziegler.

Twenty-two *Bismarck* members put in hours at RenFair this year. That's a great percentage! We also had 14 Masons help us out. We are very grateful to George O'Bryan and the rest of Unity Chapter #16, Royal Arch Masons, for their help. Unity Chapter will be receiving a check for \$950. Millenicon will be receiving a check for \$35 (\$25 for Pat's work plus some BisBuck donations).

Special commendations go to Richard Hatfield, Scott Fish, Jen Fish, Dennis Gilbert, Angel Terk, and Tom Efker for surviving the biggest day of RenFair (10/6) while understaffed. The lines were back to the Pirates from 11 AM to close. Well done!

Everyone who worked RenFair is being contacted to see how those people want to spend their BisBucks. BisBucks can go to local and national dues, ship merchandise (shirts, jackets, hats, etc.), your Bismarck Vacation Fund (Orlando 2010 or 2011), a 501(c)3 charity of your choice, or toward costs incurred at Bismarck events (i.e. Starbase Indy and other Away Team Missions). You can also exchange your BisBucks for a gift card from a gas station. See the CO for details.

In bad news, the *Bismarck* did get a lot of complaints this year from the Masons, our customers, neighboring vendors, and RenFair management. We were goofing off a little too much this year. We were also using language and innuendos not appropriate to RenFair's family-friendly atmosphere. Senior Staff has already made some personnel changes for next season and has issued formal reprimands. Hopefully RenFair will invite us back next season. We really tarnished our reputation out there and cracked our "golden egg." Let's hope we're given the opportunity to redeem ourselves in 2008.



## Bismarck Holiday Party Coming Soon!

Start your shopping now - there's less than 6 weeks to the annual Bismarck Holiday Party! The committee has been working hard to make this year's party a strong success.

The Holiday Party will be at 6:30 PM on Sat, Dec 15. It is open to members, guests, and other Fleet personnel. Please RSVP to the Holiday Committee (Rick, Dennis, Audra, Jen, and Eric). The recommended attire is Holiday smart/business casual. (Dress up in your favorite Christmas, Hanukah, or Yule themed clothes. Think nice shirt and slacks. No tie required.)

A new location is being tried this year: Eric Dearth's clubhouse. Eric lives behind the Fairfield Commons Mall in Beavercreek, Ohio. Complete directions will be posted soon. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Middletown (our normal meeting location) will serve as our backup location should the clubhouse suddenly become unavailable.

One of the clubhouse rooms will be a playroom for our smallest midshipman. The babysitter from the Masquerade will be watching the children again. A \$3 donation per family is being requested to help offset the costs of the babysitter.

Just as in years past, please bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer. Please coordinate with Dennis and Eric, the galley chiefs, to avoid dish duplication.

It wouldn't be our Holiday Party without our gift exchange. Names will be drawn at the November General Meeting (Nov 17). If you would like to participate, please coordinate with Rick Pinsky (email: [rbnkls@gmail.com](mailto:rbnkls@gmail.com), work phone: 937-461-3525, home phone 937-438-8798). He'll give you a form to fill out so your gift-giver can get you something you want. You don't have to be present at November's meeting in order to participate. Gifts should not exceed a value of \$25. Guests are welcome to participate too as long as the committee is given enough advanced notice to include them.

There is no cost for members and guests attending the party, excepting the gift exchange and babysitting. Please bring a food dish to share with others.