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Round Table (Departmental Reports):

Commanding Officer Report-



Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Maquis Ship Liberty, we've had reports and records of course but this will be the first, official, newsletter. Lets face it as Maquis we're not huge on officialness lol so yeah its taken awhile. The idea is this is a special edition of the ship newsletter. Regularly it will be a quarterly newsletter to come out in March, June, Sept, and Dec starting in the new year. In it will be all most interesting items of things we've done or would like to do. Eventually it will also cover topics of more general interest as well. In this edition, unless otherwise noted all was written or compiled by the CO. All Chapter written work is copyrighted 2010, MFS Liberty. Please request

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Random Liberty Facts:

The three senior officers are:

General Christina R. Doane, Commanding Officer (maquis-goddess-AT-Gmail-DOT-com)

Lt. Commander Jim Westbrook, Executive Officer

Lt. Dawn Hess, 2nd Officer, Chief of Operations.

Our Motto is: "Quis Seperabit?" - Who Shall Separate Us?

We can be found at: http://wiki.maquis.com/w/Cell:MFS_Liberty

We have been in MFI (Maquis Forces International) since 1997 with a ship commissioning date of September 1st. Our home is Michigan one of the states in Zone 4 of MFI (<http://www.maquis.com>) which also includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Eventually we hope to have reports section for each department and articles but one step at a time those will be in future editions. Lets get this party started!

-Christina Doane, Commanding Officer

It's Life Jim But Not As We Know It (Real Live Events of the MFS Liberty Members):

This where life events like upcoming birthdays, weddings, crew changes, updates etc. Any life event that the crew would like to share. For this I would like to report our CMO Cire aka James Doane wants to and has moved to Chief Medical Researcher and Jen Hawthorne will be taking over the CMO position. Currently MFI is doing its End of Year awards for 2010 so next edition will hold the complete results for Chapter members in the next edition. For more information on MFI awards:

<http://wiki.maquis.com/w/Awards>

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Let's Do The Time Warp Again!! (Past Event Reports for the MFS Liberty):



Lazer Tag April 2010 Report

It was an epic day, a day of heroes, a day of earth shattering importance to the human race...ok so it was a day where a bunch of Star Trek fans got together to shoot beams of light at each other and hit a small ball into a little, round hole. But still epic in it's own right *smile*. Members of the Maquis Forces Starbase Kalamazoo, independent Starfleet Chapter USS El Paso, and the Maquis Forces Ship Liberty gathered in Kalamazoo, Michigan on April 16, 2010.

The Mini-Golf was a great, legendary battle against physics as we fought against curves, trajectory, force, and distance. Physics had an unfortunately good showing and there was no pity regarding the claims that the mini-golf clubs needed to be realigned. As for Starfleet and Maquis, funny enough it was a tie. Drake Etter of the Maquis Forces Starbase Kalamazoo and the Commanding Officer of the USS El Paso Scott Bennett tied for first place. With everyone else being 1-3 strokes ahead, with golf the lowest score is best.

Yes competition was fierce but these two fine Star Trek Fans took on physics and still came out ahead. Well Done! By the way for more pictures of this epic day:
<http://www.freewebs.com/mfsliberty/apps/photos/album?albumid=9337307>



[from Left to Right: Rick-An Ally, Drake Etter (MSS Kalamazoo), Scott Bennett (USS El Paso), James Doane (MFS Liberty), Barry Etter(MSS Kalamazoo)]

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The best part however came when we entered the lazer tag arena. We were not able to take pictures inside but this picture from the website of Lazerland (where we played) will give an idea of the layout.



We entered dark maze, with neon lights and music, in short perfect for some 'phaser practice' type chaos *grin*. The teams changed regularly to make things balanced and interesting. I want to point out that at least one game the adults beat the teenagers, go us! Anyway to continue with the report, the only things on our teammates we could see clearly at any distance was the neon color of their team. All I can say is thankfully friendly fire didn't count because of the chaos it happened more often than one might think. One had to keep moving or risk becoming a target not only by the enemy team but by the random electronic spots in the maze that would take potshots as well. Which meant players were running all over sometimes bouncing off the walls and each other as they tried to take out everyone they could see without being hit themselves. More than once two teammates saw movement, leveled their 'phasers' only to mutter "Sorry" and move on from each other.

It wasn't all chaos though, teams learned early that there was safety in numbers, it was not a pleasant surprise for me to run into an alcove only to find a member of the enemy team crouching there and the next few alcoves held other members of the same team. And this was not the only time a player ran into a gauntlet of doom. At one point there was another random factor thrown in as it was felt that the combat conditions were not nearly chaotic enough, 3 Cardassians in the disguise of athletic college students were tossed in as a third team. They were definitely members of the Obsidian Order as they ninja'd their way through the course. Fast and dangerous, they quickly became the common enemy through an unspoken agreement. As the Starfleet team members and Maquis team members were more likely to fire that them then each other given a choice. Just goes to show the enemy of my enemy is my friend at least until enemy 'A' is out of the picture *evil grin*.

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All in all, for the main games the Maquis team won a game and the Starfleet team won a game, another tie! The top three personal scores were held by Drake Etter (MSS Kalamazoo) with 4,750 points, second place to Christina Doane (MFS Liberty) with 4,200 and Scott Bennett (USS El Paso) with 3,125 points. So what did all this mean? Well everyone had a lot of fun that's the most important part. And of course no event would be complete without dinner at an Asian buffet next to a gaming store *grin*. it was an exhausting but great time and the USS El Paso Commanding Officer has already offered to research another lazer tag location so that we might do this again sometime. I gotta practice *huge grin*, until next time,
Christina Doane, General
MFS Liberty, Commanding Officer
(Yes I am wearing the unofficial combat shirt of the MFS Liberty, CO, MFI "+20 T-Shirt of Smiting".)



Partners in Crime:

Back row-left to right=Scott Bennett (USS El Paso), Stacie Etter (MSS Kalamazoo), Christina Doane (MFS Liberty), James Doane (MFS Liberty), Phil (USS El Paso). Front row-left to right=Barry Etter (MSS Kalamazoo), Drake Etter (MSS Kalamazoo). And thanks to our ally behind the camera, Rick.

In Other News:

I like to think that a picture is worth a thousand words, I hope so because I hate writing reports lol. Lets face it, its much more fun to make great memories then it is to write about them. Which is why whenever possible the reports are backed up by pictures on our website, the link is provided below. For anyone who might be interested this past July (July 1st 2010 actually) the MFS Liberty and Starbase Kalamazoo held our 8th annual end of summer Maquis BBQ, and no before you ask we did not BBQ any Maquis lol. Other Maquis, allies, and fellow star trek fans came in from all over Michigan and even Indiana. The weather held and it was a great day, lots of great food and conversation. A great chance to catch up with friends. Also outdoor games and even a Wii and Lan Party ability for those techi type gamers :). In short a definite fun waste of time, it was also Lt. General Chad Etter, CO of Starbase Kalamazoo, birthday so good that :).

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For those interested there are some general Maquis BBQ pictures at:

<http://maquisbbq.webs.com/>

The next day some members of the MFS Liberty went to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum for the Science Fiction Costume Exhibit, those pictures as well as a few of them from the BBQ can be seen here and I apologize in advance for the burry pictures:

<http://www.freewebs.com/mfsliberty/apps/photos/album?albumid=10446470>

But wait there's more! LOL In addition to our Friday Fun Days, when members of the ship get together with others to talk trek, play games and generally hang out, and our monthly ship business meeting (which actually not as much fun lol) we, as a ship try to do special events. So I've also added our Fall Fun stuff including our trip to Binder Park Zoo's Halloween ZooBoo. Oddly enough animals like the snow leopard are a lot more active at night in cold weather :). There were also games, a hay ride, and other standards of the time of year :), there as well so good that. It is under the peanut gallery as it is our policy to put random pictures there if there's not enough for its own gallery.

<http://www.freewebs.com/mfsliberty/apps/photos/album?albumid=5501229>

Let Me Help (Charities Reports):

This section will list our charity activities and charities that we support throughout the year. Will also include articles etc as applicable. The MFS Liberty is an active member in MFI's Charity Task Force: http://wiki.maquis.com/w/Charity_Task_Force_Project

We hold as regular year around charities: **KALAMAZOO ANIMAL RESCUE**



<http://kalamazooanimalrescue.org/>

From their website: "Kalamazoo Animal Rescue is an all volunteer non-profit fostering organization founded in 1991 We are dedicated to providing refuge to homeless, stray and unwanted cats and dogs in Kalamazoo County and placing these animals into permanent homes."

And

LENDING HANDS OF MICHIGAN

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<http://www.lendinghandsmi.org/> Lending Hands is a volunteer Michigan nonprofit social service organization located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, lending home medical equipment, for free, to residents of the Southwest Michigan counties of Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties

We also support recycling and the Red Cross Blood Drive, these are by no means all we are interested in when it comes to helping but the ones we try to focus on to better help as best we can. We are also working on new ideas to help our chosen charities for the new year, more information later!

Also for this Holiday Season Chapter Members are volunteering or supporting the following holiday charities:

Toys For Tots: <http://www.toysfortots.org/>

Salvation Army Bell Ringers: <http://www.ringbells.org/> home url:

http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn_2.nsf

Serving Seniors: http://wcsg.org/special/serving_seniors/

Holiday Mail For Heroes: <http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail>

I Predict:Future MFS Liberty Events



We share these events with all and sundry so that if any other Maquis will be at any of the below events they can feel free to let the CO know if get together planning is wished or we'll just see you there!

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We are planning a get together with members of Starbase Kalamazoo for Dec 2010 to see TRON: LEGACY, hopefully in IMAX because it is just that awesome. And basically making a night of it. More on this later.

And since we suffer from Multi Fandom Disorder or MFD, a group of us will be attending the SCA, or Society For Creative Anachronism, event called Valday:

<http://midrealm.org/threehills/ValDay/index.html>

As one can see by the above link they don't have much up for next year yet but there are a lot of medieval vendors and classes on topics like how to make costumes or what certain clothing meant in Japanese historical time periods, all kinds of good stuff. Plus there's people in armor beating each other up, always a good time :). The date of the event is February 12, 2011 and is held in Kalamazoo, MI. For more information on the SCA: <http://www.sca.org/>

Also some members of the MFS Liberty, including the CO, will be attending a gathering of Maquis at the Starfleet International Region One Summit come May 13-15 2011. I know sounds odd but fandom is like ice cream different flavors make for a tasty time! Only I wouldn't lick anyone without permission. Sorry what was I talking about? Oh yeah! For information on the summit itself please go to: <http://sites.beyondweb.com/r1-summit/> For information on the Maquis Meet Up, if you are a member of the MFS Liberty, go to the Chapter CO. Anyone else please contact Frank Parker at galan-cretak-AT-filkferret-DOT-com.

Of course there will be the 9th annual Maquis BBQ come late summer with Starbase Kalamazoo:

What: The 9th Annual Kalamazoo Maquis Potluck BBQ (Put on jointly with Members of MFS Liberty and Starbase Kalamazoo in Zone 4, MFI)

When: Late Summer 2011 , about noon ish eastern to whenever we get booted.

Stuff: Good food, music, and friends :D. And whatever else we can fit. Where: Kalamazoo, Michigan

Who: All Maquis, Allies, and Friends are welcomed. This means you! :).

Yes for all and sundry there will be a BBQ This year! :). Our 9th Annual!,

wow! Nine years ago, when we started this it was just a chance to hang out with friends and allies having fun. No convention stress. Since many of us and our friends run or work conventions usually, it was thought this would be a great way to actually come together in a relaxing environment. And that's what we're still doing, nine years later. Here's hoping for nine more :).

There's a website for this event please feel free to check it out regularly for updates, or email maquisgoddess-AT-GMAIL-dot-COM to be put on the updates email list.

<http://maquisbbq.webs.com/>

In Oct. 2011 members of the MFS Liberty and Starbase Kalamazoo are planning to go to Conclave in Detroit, MI. There's a small group of us Michigan Maquis types going and if anyone else is

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interested the url is:

<http://www.conclavesf.org/cc36/index.htm>

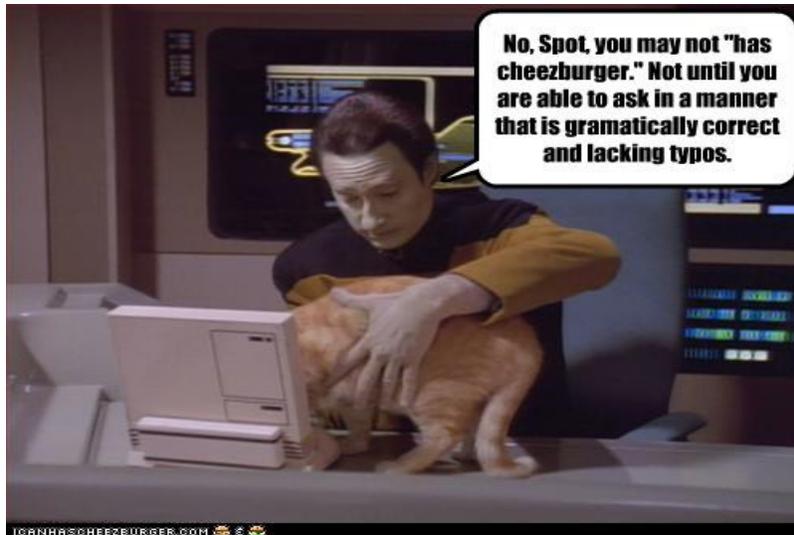
I know its early but hey thought I'd get this out there. One goal we're trying for is to get something together that is Steampunk costumes as a group (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steampunk>) For at least part of the convention when not doing our Maquis awesomeness :).

Grab Bag:

Random stuff we're working on not listed elsewhere:

1. A ship sim we hope to bring into the MFI Sim Program
2. Redoing our Bylaws.
3. Getting Ship Patches, T-shirts, and business cards
4. Fleshing out our marine unit maquis webpage and other website updates
5. Organizing fun events like watch parties etc.

And Now For Something Completely Different (Random Funny/Cool):



Cool Stuff:

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All Hail ThinkGeek.Com!

For they are made of awesome. I bring to your attention, from a friend of mine, The Enterprise Web Cam! For more detail: <http://www.thinkgeek.com/computing/usb-gadgets/c585/>

And for those of you who remember VHS (lol), a trip down memory lane. Now pulling duty as an external hard drive may I present the Star Trek VHS! (found at <http://www.thrillist.com/links/109956/>)



Fun With Taglines!

There is a website where some guy had kept track of all the silly things people signed their messages with on his listserves. I've edited it and listed below are the funniest Trek related ones. For a complete list of all taglines you can go to <http://khevron.tripod.com/khevron/taglines1.html>
No this list isn't complete I gave up after 5 pages lol..

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1. He's dead Jim. You get his tricorder, I'll get his wallet.
2. "Captain, I sense millions of minds focusing on my cleavage"
3. Scotty, Hurry! Beam me uragg^kth... NO CARRIER
4. Worf, Fire at will! ...Hey, what happened to Riker?
5. The Enterprise crew doesn't know it, but we secretly replaced their Dilithium with Folger's Crystals...
6. Tasha Yar supports Data Entry!
7. Cardassian Cable Company, Now carrying five, er... four channels.
8. I am Bart of Borg. Prepare to eat my shorts, man.
9. [Ice bounces off Enterprise shields] "Sir, we are being hailed..."
10. NCC 1701-D. Not your father's Oldsmobile
11. Oxymoron: Bajoran Patience
12. Worf - "You may now give birth"
13. Speak softly and carry a fully charged phaser.
14. Terror. (n.) 1. A female Klingon with P.M.S.
15. Subspace Communications. The next best thing to beaming there.
16. "Excuse me. What does God need with a starship?" -Kirk
17. "Thank you, Mr. Woof." "Ma'am, it is WOLF, not WOOF."
18. "I rather think of it as the 'Prime Suggestion' -J.T. Kirk
19. You're listening to KPLA, Klingon radio: All Glory, All the Time!
20. Resistance is, frankly, quite annoying. Stop it already!
21. I'm Tom Baker of Borg: Care to assimilate a jelly baby?
22. Set a new course, there's COFFEE in that nebula! - Janeway
23. "What's a Fin"? - Kim "I dunno, some old form of Scandinavian currency." -Paris
24. Janeway to Neelix: "Dismissed. ...That's a Starfleet expression for 'Get Out!'"
25. "There's Klingons on the starboard bow, starboard bow, starboard bow, there's Klingons on the starboard bow, Scrape them off Jim!" -Star Trekin' a song.
26. "At ease, Mr. Kim, before you sprain something." -Janeway
27. We came, we saw, but we didn't interfere...StarFleet
28. Data: "We will have to ignite the midnight petroleum".
29. I am Maxwell Smart of Borg. You missed assimilation by THAT much!
30. I'm Fred Flinstone of Borg: Prepare to be yabbadabbassimilated!

Fun With Screensavers:

There's this LCARS Screensaver thingus that's really neat.

For info about you can go to: <http://www.mewho.com/system47/faq.htm>

It is quite awesome and worth a look :). And until next time, Beware the Fan Ninjas!

-Christina R. Doane, Newsletter Editor.

MFS Liberty, Commanding Officer and Chief Cat Herder.