

“With malice towards none. With charity For all”

LINCOLN GOING STRONG



CO'S REPORT



By Rear Admiral

Keith S. Shikowitz

MOVING ON FROM COVID



The COVID pandemic has wreaked havoc with our convention schedules for the past two years. Everything from NEAF to Shore Leave went virtual. Now in 2022 we seem to be getting back to the old normal. Farpoint is in person in MD. The only problem there is they are having trouble locking down a major guest. NEAF is in person at RCC. Even Shore Leave is going to be in person.

I want to compliment the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln. Through this entire insanity, you all maintained the highest professionalism and acted in the best traditions and ideals of Starfleet and Star Trek. We looked out for each other and when someone was sick we all pitched in to make sure they had what they needed. We didn't let the fear that was being spewed out to rule the way we handled ourselves. We met in person a number of times for events like our annual BBQ and our monthly meetings as well as our annual Pre Thanksgiving gala. We all respected people's choices about masks and vaccinations. No one judged anyone's decisions publicly even if you had differing opinions about them.

When the Omicron variant hit, I made the logical decision to postpone the commissioning ceremony for the new ship until our BBQ in July. The crew was right behind that decision and even thanked me for constantly making sure the crew was safe.

Now we have to move on. Unfortunately we're going to have to live with COVID and it's umpteen variants that are inevitably going to pop up like we do with the annual Flu situation. I do want everyone to keep in mind that we still need to be cautious, but not to the point that we let the fear govern how we live. We have not done this and it makes me proud to be the Commanding Officer of this ship and crew.

I want to see as many of the crew at our events as possible. Remember, events at my house are mask optional regardless of what mandates or orders come down from Albany or Washington DC. We will be responsible and cautious and take this seriously as we have for the past two years.

During the month of February, we had 4 new recruits sign up with the ship.



**PROMETHEUS CLASS
STARSHIP
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN
NCC 71809-A**

REGION 7 SHIPS ATTEND COLLECTORFEST & LUNCHEON

By: Rear Admiral Keith S. Shikowitz

On February 27, 2022 (old calendar) crew members from the USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Challenger and USS Justice attended CollectorFest in Wayne New Jersey at the P.A.L. Facility. All three CO's were present representing their ships. There were vendors selling everything from soup to nuts. Anime, Star Trek, Star Wars, and everything you can think of that people would want to collect.

Guests included Gigi Edgley, Chiana from Farscape, Vic Mignogna, Captain Kirk in Star Trek Fan Films artists, wrestlers and actors who portrayed wrestlers in movies.

Edgley's character Chiana's skin was blue. "It took over three hours to get me made up for that role every week." Edgley was very friendly and eager to have pictures taken with the fans.

Rear Admiral Keith S. Shikowitz and Gigi Edgley



"The biggest problem with a place like this is that you have a difficult time saying no to making purchases." One attendee stated. He added, "That being said, I got a lot of good things for my collection. My bank account and credit cards took a bit of a hit, but it is worth it."

The Star Trek merchandise ranged from 47 year old rocket kits to new action figures of the original Star Trek crew. There was even baseball memorabilia from the 1986 Mets championship season autographed by Howard Johnson.

Other vendors were selling a lot of anime including CCG's (Customized Card Game), old video games for the N64 system and newer games. Some memorabilia was from old television shows like Little House on the Prairie, Batman, Green Lantern, Superman and many other super heroes. The items were not limited to sci fi/fantasy and comic heroes. There was even pop culture stuff like lunch boxes from Little House on the Prairie.

"I feel like a kid in a candy shop." A lady walking with her family said to her husband.

That's the basic feeling that people have when they are in this type of situation.

People were overheard saying that there were a number of things that they had never even known existed.

All in all the crews of the three ships represented there had a good time. A luncheon was held at the Park West Diner at 2:00 at which 13 people were in attendance.

"The food was good and the portion sizes were very big." said Commander Josh Shikowitz.

"It was great to see everyone again after two years. We had a lot to catch up on. It was very refreshing." Stated Commander Rich Hereen, 1st officer of the USS Justice.

REGION 7 ANNUAL AWARDS

This year Commander Viehl and I put in nominations for the following awards: Chapter of the Year, Flag Officer of the Year, Officer of the Year and the Meritorious Service Award. Good luck to those nominated.

A **KLINGITE** (Klingon) Weekend in Ticonderoga

Written by: Crewman Recruit Adam Shikowitz

As Odo said to Kira in the DS9 episode “Blood Oath”, “It’s been a very Klingon afternoon.” This is exactly what guests at the TOS Set Tour experienced one afternoon.

The weekend of February 11-13 was a very honorable one. Rear Admiral Keith Shikowitz and I were privileged to attend the Klingon Valentine weekend at the Star Trek The Original Series Set Tour in Ticonderoga, NY.

Two honorable Klingon warriors, in full make up and uniform, were in attendance were Chancellor Gowron (Robert O’Reilly) and General Martok (JG Hertzler). They are a very iconic duo. They guided a tour of the set beginning in the transporter room and were cracking jokes with each other and with the large crowd in attendance. Many times, when JG would start telling a story, Robert would interrupt with some crack, one – liner, or story of his own. It got to a point where JGH would just put his head in his hands and shake it back and forth.

The box from Is there in Truth No Beauty? that held the Medusan ambassador, with the anti grav handles was on the transporter and Robert O’Reilly got behind it and grabbed the handles like a motorcycle rider and started singing

“Born to be Wild” but he changes the words to
“Born to be Klingon”

GOWRON SINGING

BORN TO BE KLINGON



They posed for pictures with those who purchased the Chancellor’s package.

They were very happy to sign autographs for the fans, after getting out of the make - up and uniform and shared a pizza dinner sponsored by James Cawley.

They shared stories and answered our questions with honor and valor.

In the absence of blood wine, Martok quenched his thirst with an Earth beverage. Coca cola.



MARTOK ENJOYING A COCA COLA

Some of the funniest stories came from early in their careers when they were interviewing for the parts they ended up getting. One thing the Star Trek people liked about Robert O’Reilly was his eyes. When he opens them wide, it looks like they are bugging out of his head.

The next TOS Set Tour event is in May with George Takei and Walter Koenig.

Upcoming Events

2022

April

9—Monthly meeting 2 pm

May

14— Monthly meeting 2 pm

20—22 George Takei and Walter Koenig at TOS Set Tour

June

25—Monthly Meeting 2 pm

July

9—USS Challenger Annual BBQ

15—17 Shore Leave

23—Annual BBQ and Commissioning of Prometheus Class Abraham

BIRTHDAYS

The Following crew members have birthdays between April 1 and June 30

April

5—Crewman Jeff Tew

28—Retired Commander Willie Bee

29—LtCdr Steve Rodriguez

May

12—Commander Josh Shikowitz

22—Crewman Chris Grier

June

2— Rear Admiral Keith S. Shikowitz

6— Commander Barbara Viohl

18—Commander Marty Schmidt

PUZZLE PLACE

WORD SEARCH - Classes of starships

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PROMETHEUS
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CROSSFIELD

INTREPID
DEFIANT
ANTARES
SOYUZ
FREEDOM

NOVA
LUNA
MIRANDA
EISENBERG

AMBASSADOR
EXCELSIOR
DAEDALUS
AKIRA

GALAXY
NEBULA
FEDERATION
SOVEREIGN

LINCOLN LEVITY

Q—What do you call a hen who can count her eggs as she lays them?

A—A mathemachicken.

The Seven great principles of life

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. The you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut up
2. Grandchildren are god's reward for not killing your children
3. Mothers of teens kno why some animals eat their young
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own
6. We child-proofed our homes but they are still getting in
7. If you have lots of tension and you have a headache do what it says on the aspirin bottle. "Take two aspirin and keep away FROM CHILDREN."

Be careful what you tell students

Teacher to class: "Whoever answers my next question can go home."

Boy throws ball at the teacher.

Teacher: "Who threw that?"

Boy: "Me—I'm going home."

