

Inside The Rock

Ark Angel Station Newsletter

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**WELCOME to the First Edition of our new newsletter.
This edition is an introduction of some of our members,
both new and long-standing.**

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Introducing the Ark Angel Station Cadet Corps

The Ark Angel Cadet Corps is a program designed for the children of STARFLEET members. It's a fun way for kids to join in the STARFLEET organization with activities geared towards their age. Cadets can choose to participate in STARFLEET Academy and learn more about Star Trek, other sci-fi shows and movies, and even applicable subjects like math and science, and in the Cadet Corps, they'll have the chance to work on these things with other cadets. Cadets will also learn more about Gene Roddenberry's dream of a better tomorrow by participating in age-appropriate charity events, learning what it means to help others while having fun in the process.

The Ark Angel Cadet Corps is led by LTJG Deanna Rose Bressie and her daughter, Cadet 1st Class Claire Bressie.

LTJG Deanna has been a member of STARFLEET since February 2011, but has been a Star Trek Fan her entire life. Her hero has always been Lt Uhura from Star Trek: The Original Series; the communications officer was her inspiration to join the US Army, as a linguist after high school, and her dream has been to be the first person to translate alien languages. LTJG Deanna is also active in STARFLEET Academy-she is the assistant director of the Gorn Academy, and is currently working on her doctorate in Alien Studies.

Cadet 2nd Class Claire is active in STARFLEET Academy, having passed her Cadet OCC and OTS course as well as numerous other courses. She also assists other Academy Cadet instructors develop and beta-test cadet courses so that cadets are getting the best possible experience for their age and ability. Her goal as second-in-command of the Ark Angel Cadet Corps is to make sure other cadets have as much fun as she's having.

Check the Ark Angel Stations' Website:
<http://arkangelstation.com>

Ark Angel Cadet Corps:
<http://arkangelcadetcorps.com/index.html>

From the CO's Desk,

Welcome everyone to the First edition of "Inside The Rock!"

As CO of the Station, I want to start by telling you a little about myself and what's going on around me. I am new to the CO's chair and am learning as I go, so bear with me I know I'll be making some mistakes (so let me know if you notice them, if I don't know I can't fix it. =D) We got off to a slow start and obviously my idea of no meetings was a bust and you as crew let me know it, so we had our first meeting with members at my house and via Skype, and this seemed to go pretty well so we'll be doing it again to be sure. When everyone reads this it'll be after Game Day in Abilene, so I'm sure I'll have a write-up about that in the next one published in February.

In addition, speaking of the publishing dates, do we really want to have a quarterly edition? I for one am finding it hard to write this based on the fact that so much is going to happen before it's even published... Something timelier, like monthly, would be easier to write for and it would be smaller to edit as well I would think. Let us staff know how you feel about that as well.

As for myself, I am proud to be your CO, and want to make your time on the Angel a happy and fun filled time as I can. To that end, I have been trying to find events that everyone wants to go to and timeframes when folks can actually participate. Let me tell you this hasn't been an easy task, folks are having financial difficulties, and since we're all spread out north and south, logically it's hard to find a common ground of where to meet up, and times that everyone has open to get together. In short, I need a little help from all of you to let me know what do you want to do together? Send your thoughts on this or anything else you want me to know or think about to co (at) arkangelstation.com

I am looking at getting some gaming meetings going, I had the thought that we could play Star Trek Role-playing, the storyline would be based on life on the station, what's everyone think about this idea?



1 - Lloyd Bates, Sydnia Crosby & Jeff Webb -- Long ago at Sustainable Food Center thank you dinner. The Ark Angel has supported several charities over the years.

Back to the newsletter a bit...

It is my sincere hope that we can garner more content over time from the crew and turn this into a great newsletter. The Commo Chief has been challenged with not having any content for this first edition and I to be honest haven't been able to help much, but I'm getting better...

I wanted to tell all of you readers out there that I have added a calendar event to remind me I need to create more content for the editor to work with, and I want to challenge all of you to jot down your thoughts and things that you're doing that others might find interesting reading.

Lloyd Bates
CO Ark Angel Station

Life of the XO

Greetings,

I'm Matthew "Luv Munk" Hill you might know me from such films as...well films I can't list here since this is a PG document. I've been an Ark Angel member since day one and it carries my love of all things Star Trek but more importantly, all things science fiction. Battlestar Galactica, Firefly, Stargate, and TerraNova are a few of my favorite shows as well as Star Trek. Most of the crew knows who I am but for those of us that don't know me here is your chance! I'll give you a quick look into my life and why I'm still in the Rock.

Who am I? Well I'm a 28-year-old college student at Texas State University, San Marcos majoring in Computer Science with a minor in mathematics. I also love all things technical, computers, cell phones, gaming devices. My focus with my degree is currently headed toward networking but that might change as I learn more. Math has always been something I've been good at, numbers and patterns, don't know how they just come to me but they do and



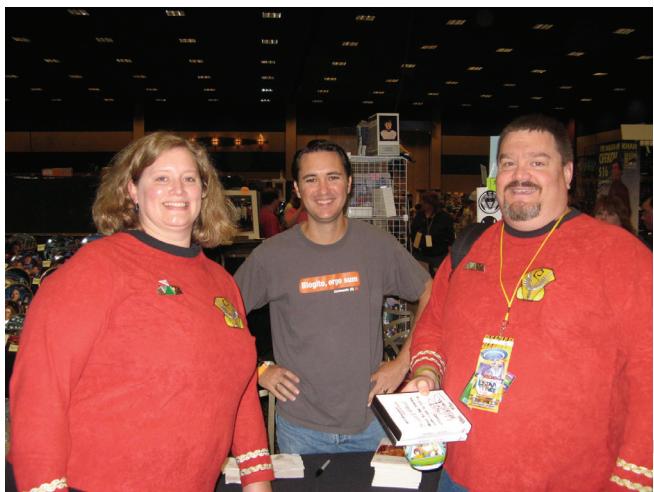
2 - Matt "Luv Monkey" Hill, our Executive Officer at Halloween Party in 2010

apparently the hamster inside my head knows what to do with them. My education is important to me, it has been a lifelong battle to get to college and finish my degree. It is very reassuring that the age of 28 is just above the average student age in most of my junior level classes. Many people are going back to college to seek that which has escaped over the years. I also have a full time job as a Customer Service Rep for H-E-B in our Entertainment department. I have worked for the company for ten years. I'm looking forward to a different career once I graduate.

Why the Ark Angel? Why not! The Ark Angel was founded in a Conan's Pizza with a long history of fun, giving back to the community and a fantastic collection of people how can anyone not want to join? Lloyd and I want the crew to know that all of this is for you. We want to keep our meeting to the fun stuff and let us handle the business side so you as the member so up, participate and have fun! We are constantly trying to find new things to do and change things up on a month-to-month basis; variety is the spice of life. One thing that will not change is our commitment to you and our drive to always involve gaming into our events. This is what the Ark Angel was formed around and it is something we all love in one form or another. Whether your flavor is role-playing or video gaming to board gaming, having fun in number one! With the support of our RC giving us the pulse of the region, we will be on the front lines of events and happenings. I'm excited to be the XO of the best ship in the fleet! If anyone has questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, don't be afraid to speak your mine to me or any of the staff. We are here for you!

Geek Girl Found Her Man

Hello. I'm Reed Bates. I became an Ark Angel member and came to know this crazy organization called STARFLEET over 10 years ago. My son, Matthew "Zuul" Wabindato, got involved with a bunch of crazy yahoos who loved to game and role-play all things, one of which was Star Trek. They had just formed the USS Ark Angel. The Ark Angel was going on the Region 3 trip to the Space Center Houston in 2001, just after 9-11, and I ended up chaperoning my son and two other kids, Cory Stevenson and Paul Parker. We were all going down there to spend the weekend at Cami Houser's family's house. I even slept on the floor that first night! But, only after talking to someone intriguing into the wee hours, Lloyd Bates. Little did I know that I would end up marrying the dude. It just goes to show that you never know what you will find if you venture out into the unknown world beyond and explore. To me, that's what this organization is all about. Seeking knowledge, exploring friendships, and having a good time.



3 - Reed Bates, Wil Wheaton & Lloyd Bates ham it up in Las Vegas 2007.

Today, besides being a paralegal in real life, in Starfleet I'm the Regional Coordinator of Region 3, which also means I'm on the Admiralty Board (aka the Board of Directors of Starfleet). With my all-important Region 3 Staff to assist me, we coordinate the chapters and members of Texas, Louisiana, Mexico, and South America. Mostly, we have meetings to plan our biggest party each year, which is Region 3 Summit. In addition, I am also the Director of the Scholarship Program of Starfleet. Starfleet has real world Scholarships for members who are attending school beyond high school. I'm also the Chief of Staff for Starfleet's International Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas in 2013. Lastly, for the Ark Angel Station, I am Chief of Operations.

The Bressie Family

LTJG Deanna Bressie is a single mom, a Trekkie, a computer geek, and an aspiring rock goddess. She works at AT&T WiFi keeping your free internet working at McDonald's, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, etc. (you're welcome). Lt. Uhura has always been her hero-before becoming a computer geek, she was a combat linguist in the US Army, hoping to fulfill her childhood dream of becoming the first person to translate alien languages. She's active in STARFLEET Academy and is working towards a doctorate in alien studies. She's also the assistant director of the Gorn Academy and coordinator of cadet services for Ark Angel Station (Ark Angel Cadet Corps).

Cadet 2nd Class Claire Bressie is a fourth-grader and Doctor Who addict. She loves reading, music and dancing, and playing video games. She is a sweet girl with a big heart. She participates in STARFLEET Academy because she enjoys challenges. She has completed Cadet OCC and OTC and the Captain's Essay for Cadet Preparatory College, and is currently working her way through the adult-level College of Doctor Who.



4 - Deanna (Mom), Claire & Aiden looking smart in their Star Trek uniforms.

Cadet 4th Class Aiden Bressie is a first-grader and a typical little boy. He loves cars, robots, and cars that turn into robots. He loves reading comics, watching cartoons, and playing video games. He enjoys STARFLEET Academy courses, and has recently started helping the Academy instructors come up with and beta-test new exams for 5-7 year old cadets.

The Hench Women

Hi, my name is Kathy Hench. I am mostly retired but I substitute at my old job at Brentwood Preschool. I have two kids: Jessie age 24 who lives in Virginia with Tina, and Jen who is 21 and lives at home while attending the Art institute of Austin majoring in media arts and animations. My husband lives in Dallas where he has a job. We have been happily married for 26 years.



5 - Kathy Hench and her two lovely daughters, Jessie and Jen.

Ark Angel Station's Schedule of Events

The Schedule is always a changing...but here's a glimpse into the future:

November 11-13 Austin Comic Con (convention), Austin, TX—all weekend.

November 19 – Wine Tasting—Invited by the U.S.S. Corsair to wine tasting in Baton Rouge, LA, for \$48.15, plus attending a Renne Faire. For information: corsair(at)region3.org Tickets might be sold out for the wine tasting, but you can go to the Renn Fair.

November 24 – Thanksgiving. Anyone want to do another Ark Angel Thanksgiving? Give a shout out. Right now, the CO & Ops don't have family plans, and we may just stay home and rest.

December 17 – Ark Angel Station Crew and Family Meeting and Holiday Party with Ferengi Gift Exchange and all sorts of festivities.

December 31 – New Year's Even Bash at the Austin Symphony Pops Concert with the Music of John Williams. Who? John Williams, the guy who wrote scores, such as Star Wars, Harry Potter, E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial, Born on the Fourth of July, and many more. Tickets will be around \$45 if bought mid-November then there will be a potluck supper at the Palmer Events Center before the concert, then after the concert to watch the fireworks and bring in the New Year. Contact Reed at ops(at)arkangelstation.com for details. Need to reply by November 13.

January or February or April 2012—will have talks about possible LAN Game challenge of the Ark Angel Station versus the Battle Born in the new Artemis Bridge Simulator and/or Battlefield 1942. I'm sure we'll kick the members of the Battle Born's buttocks!

March 16-18, 2012 – Joint Region 2 & Region 3 Summit, Hammond, Louisiana. For details on how to reserve a room, visit the website. There is also a Region 3 Event on the Facebook page. <http://region3.org/summit/>

August 3-5, 2012 – Starfleet's International Conference, near Memphis, TN. www.ic2012.com for details.

August 1-4, 2013 – Starfleet's International Conference, Dallas, Texas, brought to you by Region 3. **Members of the Ark Angel Station are on the committee to help with game room, website, planning, and other items.** www.ic2013.com for details.

We plan to send this update out monthly and include it in future editions of *Inside the Rock!* Hope to see you all at one of these events. Have fun and take care,

