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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Next month article topic: Your fondest Holidays/ New Years memories.

Thank you .

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POSITION: **COMMANDING OFFICER**

NAME: **SCOTT NAKADA**

RANK: **CAPTAIN**

"Happy Holidays to all..."

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Greetings!

Welcome the new members of the U.S.S. Thermopylae! We had a number of new members transfer in, and I am excited to see what we can all do with each other in the upcoming year.

underemployed, or have had hardships with work. I know coming out to the ships meetings sometimes is dry or dull. Thank You for coming though. Thank you for coming out to ship's events and meetings.

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The rest of this article is covering what I am going to say at the meeting this December

I am sure we will be seeing more of each other soon, and we will be still one of the greatest crews in strength of spirit possible. I am hoping that we can have a renewed sense of "family" together in our own and extended families here in the Therm.

Our Marines put in 1,372 HRS of Community Service Time this year. To that end I can say well done. Very well done indeed.

Happy Holidays to all of you. :)

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It is commitment, to those ideals of community that we can give back. It has been said before about Thermopylae's crew that I will say again. This ship has in my own opinion, the best crew in the fleet. and this is a prime example of why.

Our OCP numbers which were approximately \$46K this year are impressive also. That's \$46K in help with food stuffs for families. We didn't hit that target number of \$75K, but that's OK as well. We helped families that had a need, that continue to have the need abroad as well. It's important that we remember we need to keep OCP going. People around the world need help, and whatever we can do to help in our small ways is what we should do.

CAPT Scott Nakada

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This year has seen it's ups and downs for us all. Many of us are

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POSITION: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 NAME: DAVID GARRETT
 RANK: LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

“Volunteering is next to
 Godiness.”

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I want to take this moment and talk about volunteering. I believe we have a lot of people who like to volunteer and I want to encourage more volunteer activities for people to participate in so I will back this by making a challenge for the ship (continue reading for the details).

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Everyone I believe has the activities they like to volunteer for and I want to start creating a list of all these activities that the members of the Thermopylae participate in so we all have a better understanding what our fellow crewmembers are doing but also to give us an opportunity to help and participate in them as well.

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Now the following list of non-profit organizations isn't comprehensive, and I hope to grow this over the coming weeks. I also hope that we can start supporting more and more of these organizations by participating in their activities regularly.

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Childs Play
 Humane Society
 NW Harvest
 Overseas Coupon Program
 Red Cross
 Special Olympics
 State Parks

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Toys for Tots

2012 XO CHALLENGE: I challenge everyone on this ship to volunteer for a few hours, ONE DAY a month for the whole year of 2012.

If people are interested in this challenge I will make it official and even though I say everyone, and I think this is reasonable, I know there are young children on the ship and members who are only on our roster in name only so if we get **50%** ship participation PER MONTH for all of 2012 at the end of the 2012 year I will accept a fitting reward chosen by the ship (like a pie in the face or something).

What's the point of this challenge you might ask? I believe that this aligns with Gene's vision of the future portrayed in Star Trek but overall this is about helping others. I believe volunteering our time makes us feel better but in the end makes a difference. Please take up this challenge and help make a difference for our city, state, region, country, and world.

Thank you for all the volunteering you do.

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POSITION: CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER

NAME: BRANDY CANNON

RANK: LIEUTENANT

"It is difficult to explain, it is science after all."

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Scanners and Sensors have nothing of interest to report this time space sector.

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POSITION: CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

NAME: PRASITH KIM-AUN

RANK: CAPTAIN

"No, Really those Phasers belong here. The Hypospray you're looking for is in the Armory."

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No report.

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POSITION: CHIEF OPS OFFICER

NAME: AARON HUDSON

RANK: LIEUTENANT

“...an actually ability to project a 3D image into air.”

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True 3D brings reality of holograms

Over the years we have seen many technologies come about, that claim they were true holograms, but none of them really lived up to the on screen representations that Geeks like myself compare them to. Typically they have been 2D images that projected onto a surface from different angles within a pyramid of glass or some other optical illusion.

Not anymore according to the true 3D creators. They have created an actually ability to project a 3D image into air. There is a demo video of the display on Youtube. Which shows their low powered laser version projecting the 3D image into water, and a very short snippet of a demonstration of their high powered version, which displays the image into the air. It focuses laser light to produce excitation in the oxygen and nitrogen in the air.

They say they are working increasing the Frame Per Second rate to something more akin to video in the 24 to 30 FPS range. The demonstration is using a green laser, but they say that it can be done with Red, Green and Blue lasers. Which would mean they could produce a large assortment of colors, since television does a similar thing.

Once again technology, which used to be only known to the science fiction community begins to protrude into reality. Lets wish them luck on a speedy development process... I want one in my living room by Christmas.

Link to YouTube Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EndNwMBEiVU>

Lt. Hudson

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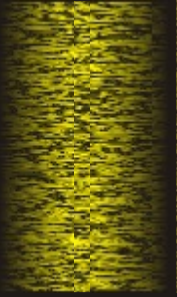
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POSITION: CHIEF COMM OFFICER

NAME: HARMONY NAKADA

RANK: LIEUTENANT

"With out you there is no Comm Link"

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I thank you all for your articles .
Keep them coming, with out you there is no comm link.

Lieutenant Harmony Nakada

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POSITION: CHIEF TACTICAL OFFICER

NAME: JOSEPH FULLER

RANK: FLEET CAPTAIN

"Phasers brought to Bear, Sir!"

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Tactical Officer's Report

No report.

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POSITION: CHIEF ENGINEER

NAME: DAN GWINN

RANK: MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

"Where did they get a bear?"

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Engineering Report

ehh, no report this month thanks to life creeping in.

-MCPO Dan Gwinn

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POSITION: HELMSMAN

NAME: ERIK STRINGER-LUND

RANK: LIEUTENANT

"Always thing to do."

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Nothing to report.
Talga Vassternich - Deserve Victory

Erik Stringer-Lund

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POSITION: NAVIGATOR

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NAME: N/A

RANK: N/A

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Now accepting Volunteers for this position. To apply contact the Command Staff.

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POSITION: CHIEF OF THE BOAT

NAME: TOD STURGEON

RANK: MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

"I brought rum cake..."

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No reports received from the enlisted. Star Tours Kicks butt!

"Well, it was just lying there so I moved it."

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POSITION: MARINE OFFICER IN CHARGE

NAME: JOHN CAVERLY

RANK: LIEUTENANT COLONEL

"what are you doing giving
Phasers to a Bear?"

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No report received from this department.

"It was pointy... and I put it right here."

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POSITION: MARINE DEPUTY OFFICER
IN CHARGE

NAME: ERIK STRINGER-LUND

RANK: MARINE CAPTAIN

"Always thing to do."

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Nothing to report.
Talga Vassternich - Deserve Victory

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POSITION: MARINE NCOIC
NAME: JEROME A. STODDARD
RANK: MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT

"Boomer How Many Times do I need to tell you... Never call me Sir!"

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No Report submitted this issue.

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DEPARTMENT: CADET CORPS

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OIC: SPCO JENNA WIEBE FLEET NCOIC

NCOIC: SGT. LISA PURKEY MARINE NCOIC

"Cadets what are we doing here
hmmmm????"

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Duncan Pound won first match in wrestling.
Score was 69 to 3 Home team won.
Goooooo home team!!!!

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Wiebe children are in the play nutcracker
break a leg.

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POSITION: CHARITIES OFFICER

NAME: LISA HERGERT

RANK: COMMANDER

"Now I know I put that dog around here somewhere???.... Ah! There he is with the Coupons!"

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No Report.

Commander Hergert

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Thermopylae Notes, 11/20/11

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Old Business

T'Pau?

At the movies, 1st weekend of the month

Next weekend, movie night at Captain's Quarters

New Business

Latinum chef going to be next month

Dec 18th next meeting

Wolf 359, regional 5 summit, Portland

Patrick McAndrew is new RC

Captain's Report

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Toys for Tots –

find locations to put boxes

Boeing volunteering?

Film project is Greenlit and he is working on it, may have to step down as Captain

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XO's report

Fort Warden volunteering

Comm. report

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Reports due at the end of the month

Marine report

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Latinum chef going to be next month

April will be his last month as DOIC

Science Report

No report

Medical Report

No report

Engineer report

No report

Ops Reports

Aaron becomes chief ops officer

Tactical Report

No gaming this month

Charities

Going to start collecting pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald house
Towels for the Humane Society

Navigation & Helm report

Activities being worked out.

Enlisted report

None



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Cadet report

Need reports on what the kids are doing

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Promotions

none

Awards

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December Activities:

Saturday the 3rd: Therm at the movies

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Saturday the 10th: Marine Poker Night

Saturday the 10th: Lady's Night

Sunday the 11th: Tactical Operations Training

Sunday the 18th: Meeting and Holiday Latinum Chef competition.

January Activities:

January 7th: Therm at the movies

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