



The Drake's Call

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From the Command Chair

Welcome to *The Drake's Call*. Special thanks to Commander Moore for his initiation and organization of this project. The *Call* is a call for each of us to contribute to the lives around us. The HMS Drake is a member of the San Martino Fleet, Third Fleet. We serve as the Flag ship to Commodore John Gahrmann. We have members in Tennessee and Kentucky while being based in the greater Charlotte, NC area. As you embark on personal adventures and Con reconnaissance, remember these friends. A quick visit over a cup of coffee, Skyping® into an event and selfies can make the miles seem non-existent, bringing our Chapter closer together as friends in a greater universe.

As many of you know, the HMS Drake is a family-oriented ship. Moreover, many of us are forming friendships outside the boundaries of the Honorverse fan organization. We are building a larger family with tRMN at its heart. We support each other while encouraging growth and camaraderie. Simply, we enjoy each other's company, and regardless of whether your family members join tRMN, they are welcome to participate at Drake functions, too. There may be some events that are more tRMN-oriented than others, but there will be plenty that are just about getting together and/or making a difference.

As your CO, I am here to help you find your place on the Drake. Participate as you can. Your Command Triad—Nashoba, Kiwi and me—are working together to make the Drake a great place for you. Other members are helping us grow, as well. We anticipate the Marine Detachment, aka Mardet, becoming more active. We have the Sphinx Forestry Service (SFS) and civilians on board, but no Graysons yet.

Let us know where you want to be, what you want to do. Check the online calendar for events. Let us know if there are events we need to add so we have the opportunity to get together as often as possible. Remember, not all members will make all events; that is just fine. Come and play when you can!

In Service to the Queen,

Captain JG Allison Gahrmann
CO, HMS Drake
First Baroness, White Rose

Behind the Command Chair

For those who have not met me, I am the new Executive Officer for the HMS Drake. This newsletter is just one of the things the Command Triad has put in place to make sure everyone knows what is going and has a way to participate with the ship.

Any member of the Drake can make a submission to the newsletter. We are including some sections for different folks. Puzzles for our youngest members, but anyone can work on them. We will also be including some features to help folks learn about some of the people and things in the Honorverse. Because we know that not everyone reads the books; and often in our activities we use terms or references to characters from the Honorverse.

You can also use the newsletter to share things that you like to do, or events and activities that you attend. For example perhaps you enjoy going to a renaissance fair. You could submit an article about going to one. Even better you can invite others to join you there.

As your Executive Officer I want to ensure that anyone who wants to be more involved in the ship can be. Just so you know, being an officer is not a requirement. After all the majority of our crew are enlisted or even civilians. One way to get more involved is to explore the courses that are available. You can take courses to advance in rank, enlisted or officer. You can also take technical courses in the Saganami Island Academy to get a Specialty. The courses that are available involve things from the Honorverse, modern military, etc. You do not have to read the books to take tests; you can find most of the

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answers to tests in other sources as well. Although as an Instructor, I can tell you that if the answer comes from one of the books. That is the correct answer.

In Service to the Queen,

Commander Brian Moore, OE (Nashoba)
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The Bosun's Whistle

Ladies and Gentleman of the greatest little ship in the 3rd fleet,

Welcome to the new HMS Drake newsletter, writing you this little the chief's mess while enjoying a nice liquid refreshment.

What is the HMS Drake? Well she is what you make it, if you get involved in the activities and then take some courses at Saganami Island you will be then eligible to be promoted, currently we are doing 2 activities that you can participate in no matter where you live

The first is the step challenge, if you have a simple pedometer or a fitness tracker (like a fitbit zip or a flex or charge) or you have a smartphone that you can download a step counter you can use those steps or if you go to a gym each day and you walk a couple of miles or maybe 10 miles on a treadmill you can keep track of those miles and send them to me (bosun@hmsdrake.trmn.org) at the end of the month (somewhere around the 1st of the month or you can email me and I will give you access to the google docs spreadsheet to track your steps) has for every 2000 steps we get a credit of 1 mile

And the competition is to see which ship in the 3rd fleet gets from the USS North Carolina on the East coast of the US to the Queen Mary which is moored in Los Angeles in California on the West Coast

The other activity you can be involved in is the reading challenge, with the reading challenge you just keep track of the number of pages you have read in a book and at the end of the month you send that information to the skipper (co@hmsdrake.trmn.org) you send the following information

Title
Author
number of pages

If you have some friends that live around you and are interested in joining the Drake and they join then you can have official Drake events if you list the event on the Drake facebook page and open it to visitors then that would count towards participation as participation and courses are one way to get promoted

Well that is all for now

Until next time

Sir John Kane KDE (Kiwi)
Fleet Senior Master Chief Petty Officer
Bosun, HMS Drake

Flag Signals

It is a New Year and with it come new opportunities and challenges. For those of you that desire it there are opportunities for rank advancement and recognition in the form of awards and perhaps recognition of a specialization. However there are no requirements for any of that in our organization. My challenge to you is to find what motivates you and to pursue it in the coming year. Not for recognition but for yourself.

There will be opportunities of many types coming this year. We have a steps challenge a reading challenge, a chance to get help and advice on testing at the commodores briefing coming up. We will have a strong presence at our main local convention, ConCarolinas. These and many more activities are there to give us all chances to share our enjoyment of this fandom.

With so many ways to be involved I can't list them all here I ask you to look at what brought you to this group and to find ways to get involved and enjoy yourself. By doing that you in fact contribute to the enjoyment of others, a truly win win situation. I look forward to seeing you our there this year.

Commodore John Gahrman
3rd Fleet Staff Officer

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Recipes from the Galley

Easy Swedish Meatballs

- Frozen Meatballs
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg, optional

Follow heating instructions on package of meatballs to microwave to correct temperature. Place heated meatballs in Crockpot. It is recommended to use a Crockpot liner for easy clean up. Combine the soup, sour cream, milk, parsley and nutmeg if desired; pour over meatballs. Turn Crockpot to low and cover. Let sit, stirring often, until sauce is warmed through. Serve.

Spinach Artichoke Dip in a Crockpot

Ingredients

- 1 14.75 oz jar of artichoke hearts
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 8 oz sour cream
- 10 oz package chopped frozen spinach
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Defrost the spinach in the microwave (about 5 minutes)
2. Mix all of the other ingredients in the Crock pot
3. Add hot spinach to crock pot
4. Stir well
5. Cook on high for 1 1/2-2 hours, or until it warm throughout
6. Stir and serve with chips or bread.

Spacer 1st Class Sarah Mills
Steward HMS Drake

Honorverse Character

Honor Stephanie Alexander-Harrington

Honor is a [fictional character](#) invented in 1992 by writer [David Weber](#) as the heroine of the eponymous "[Honorverse](#)", a universe described in a series of best-selling^[1] [military science fiction](#) books set between 4003 and 4025 AD.

Harrington is an officer in the [Royal Manticoran Navy](#) (RMN), the space navy of the [Star Kingdom of Manticore](#), an interstellar monarchy that counterbalances its relatively small size with superior space combat technology and capability. She has a genius for [tactical](#) command, often overcoming significant odds in critical battles and frequently finding herself at the centre of significant military actions. Her dedication to duty and uncompromising performance results in receiving numerous awards and promotions, earning the respect of interstellar empires, and accumulating implacable enemies. She is a skilled martial artist and through her association with her [treecat](#) companion Nimitz, develops an empathic sense that assists her in understanding the emotions of those around her."

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honor_Harrington

See also:

http://honorverse.wikia.com/wiki/Honor_Harrington

Technology

<http://honorverse.wikia.com>

Warshawski sail

The Warshawski sail was a gravitic technology, and a key component to interstellar travel in the Post Diaspora era.

The sail was an adaptation of the usual gravitic node used in the impeller drive. It was an extended force field at the bow and stern of a starship perpendicular to the axis of the ship. It served as a way to control the forces which gravity waves produced in hyperspace and thus

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greatly increase safety. It extended several hundred of kilometers and coruscated colorfully with the energies it handled. The sail was ineffective in normal space, but invaluable in hyperspace. Additionally, the sail could tap into the large energy fluxes in hyperspace and so provide enough power to essentially run the entire ship during its time in hyperspace. This reduced fuel expense considerably, making star transport, even of large masses, economically feasible.

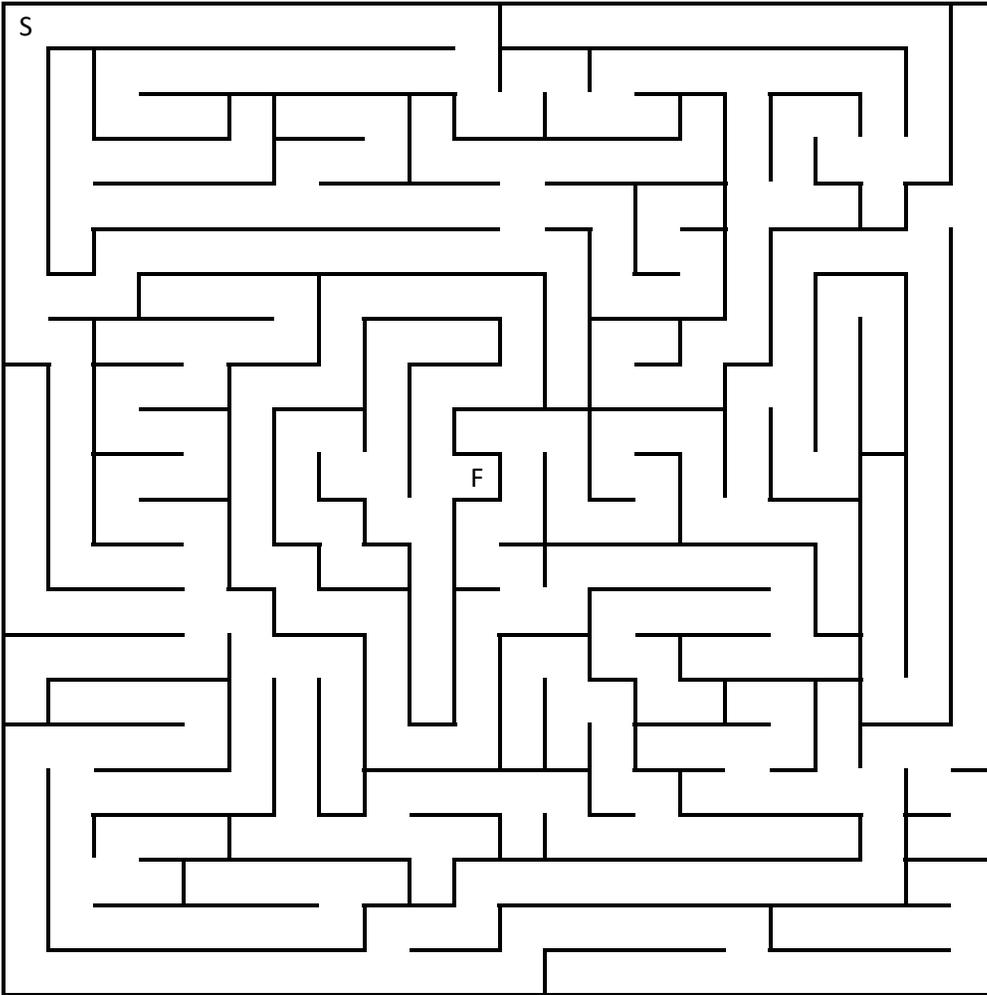
For more information visit:

http://honorverse.wikia.com/wiki/Warshawski_sail

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Puzzle

These old Drake Class ships can be very difficult to find your way around. The Commodore has just called you to the Flag Bridge. Find your way there as quickly as you can.



Note: The Solution will be presented in the next Edition.