



The Drake's Call

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From the Command Chair

The New Year is well-underway with the Drake crew (chapter) active in physical, role play and virtual activities.

Currently, there is a rotating "24-Hour Watch" chat room where members are finding that miles are just a number; we are building friendships despite the distance. Currently, it is on Facebook; however, we can move it to Google if some of you prefer. In the near future, some of our crew will have the opportunity to connect at Cons ([MystiCon on Feb 22nd-24th](#)), movie nights and other events, like the trail hike on Saturday, February 18th (see event page for location), the Commodore's Briefing in Lincolnton, NC on March 18th and the [Juvenile Diabetes Walk](#) on April 22nd.

I believe the Bosun is attending a Starfleet event in Columbus, GA in April, too.

[Medusa](#), tRMN's online database is where you can find your membership information. The E-mail you used when you joined is the logon name.

Keep your E-mail up-to-date and remember to download the Medusa app to check-in at events.

You can earn awards for participation and games as well as other activity. On Google Play, look for the Gorgon Medusa logo.

Our newsletter is gaining momentum. Please submit your thoughts, ship logs, drawings, costumes, games, book reviews, Con photos, *etc.*

Be sure to include captions and sources when needed. With digital distribution, we have few limitations publicizing everyone's submissions.

We hope that using E-mail versus social media, we reach you and other crew members in a format that works best for each of you.

As always, let us know where you want to be, what you want to see within our chapter. 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, meeting as many interests as we can.

Remember, not all members will make all events; that is just fine. Come and play when you can!

In Service to the Queen,

Allison Gahrmann
Captain (JG)
CO, HMS Drake

Behind the Command Chair

While thinking about this month's newsletter, I had a number of ideas, some of which others in the command staff covered. *"Great minds think alike."* So I decided to take a different tact.

So, all of us on the Drake are members of the TRMN obviously. But what is that the organization stands for. Well, here is the official statement from the organization page.

The Mission Statement for The Royal Manticoran Navy, The Official Honor Harrington Fan Club.

It is the Mission of the Royal Manticoran Navy to bring an enjoyable and enlightening experience to fans of David Weber's seminal series about Honor Harrington. We will do this by:

- Being primarily focused on providing a fun experience to all of the members, from the newest members to the longest serving member.
- Providing opportunities to lead, to serve, and to learn about the Honorverse, Science, and Space Exploration.
- Providing a fandom venue that is professional, cooperative and collaborative.
- Giving back to the greater community.
- Providing an outlet for fans to Cosplay and role-play in the Honorverse.

So our organization has in my opinion a very clear mission, so the question now is how are we fulfilling it as the Drake and individuals.

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Focused on Fun – As a group we are always looking for activities that are fun. Given that our ship is spread across a broad area, doesn't mean we can all get together, but we can still have fun. Our recent activities in the Facebook Messenger where we do some light roleplay, and in general have fun chatting.

Providing opportunities to lead, to serve and learn – in the past months we have seen a number of our active members being given promotions and positions within the ship. As other people come forward, we will find positions for them. We want anyone on the Drake who wants to contribute to be able to do so.

We have also been including information in our newsletter to help those who haven't read the series to learn about parts of the Honorverse with the newsletter. As for Science, ask the Commodore about Apogee when you get to meet him.

As for the last three, I think we as a group and the ship are doing our best to fulfill those as well.

Be active folks, when we ask for suggestions from the crew. Don't be shy, the Drake is our ship, our family if you will. We all have a voice, and we want to hear from everyone.

In Service to the Queen,

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

Greetings Crewmates, coming to you today from a nice dark corner where I am quietly relaxing while having an Old Tillman's

This month's topic is ratings and recognition

I know everyone loves recognition for doing something and here on the Drake we are no different and the one of the easiest ways to get some recognition is to take some courses at the Saganami Island Academy (<http://www.trmn.org/portal/index.php/academics/saganamiislandacad/schools/enlisted-training-center>)

Here you can take your first course

Basic Enlisted Exam SIA-RMN-0001

and once you have passed this course you will have achieved 2 things you will have earned the

Space Service Deployment Ribbon and the 2nd thing is it lets the skipper know you are eligible for promotion to E2 which is Spacer 2nd class if you are Private 1st class if you are in Royal Manticoran Marine Corps

Once you have passed that exam, then you can choose what type of job you want to on the Drake and in the Navy we call those jobs Ratings,

Ratings are job specialties that describe the field you work in. These can be things like Gunners Mate, Electronics Technician, Damage Control Technician, Helmsman and many others. The Rating Insignia is worn by all Enlisted personnel. On the Working Uniform it is worn immediately above the stripes or chevrons, and under the rockers if appropriate.

You can find all the ratings that the RMN has on this [page](http://www.trmn.org/portal/index.php/knowledge-base/enlisted-ratings)

And if you see one that you like you go to this page

<http://www.trmn.org/portal/index.php/academics/saganamiislandacad/schools/technical-specialties-college>

and then you will see the course number and what Course Pre-requisite you need to take it then you go to the course request page

<http://www.trmn.org/portal/index.php/academics/course-request-form/rmn-course-request>

and fill in the form and then you will receive it in the email and once you complete the first one you will receive the next one in the series that you can choose to do or not at your leisure

If you ever have any questions never be afraid to ask either the Captain (she does not bite, unless you interrupt her at meal times) the XO or myself the Bosun (unless I am in the Chiefs Mess with a pint in my hand)

Well until next time,

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

2 cups of milk chocolate chips (can also use
half semisweet)

Flag Signals

Upcoming activities we briefly discussed last month are getting closer. On March 12th, we will be running an online gunnery exercise. This will be done in the Facebook Watch chat using the inline games Galaga and Space Invaders. This will run from 1400 hours (2pm Eastern) until 1800 hours (6 pm Eastern). A prize will be awarded to the highest gunnery score in each game. Simply log into the Facebook chat, play the games and make sure your score is posted. I understand not everyone uses Facebook, but it is the best medium we have for this at this time.

The winners and prizes will be announced at the Commodore's Briefing on March 18th. That will begin at 1100 hours (11 am eastern) with the actual briefing which will cover a range of topics and allow some time for questions. We will try to stream the briefing and / or record it for those that cannot attend in person. Check the ship's calendar for details.

I look forward to seeing each of you online and in person.

Commodore John Gahrmann
3rd Fleet Staff Officer

Recipes from the Galley

As we embark on different journeys, take time to reflect on home. Baroness White Rose has been gracious in sharing the White Rose Barony's signature drink. Enjoy!

White Rose Manor's Signature Peppermint Mo'Chata (Slow-cooker/crockpot version)
Serves: 68 Double this recipe for a party

Ingredients

Hot Chocolate

- 1.5 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 6 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Extras

- Coffee, prepared to taste
- Rumchata®
- Redbird peppermint sticks, optional
- Whipped cream

How to make the hot chocolate:

- Stir together the whipping cream, milk, vanilla, and chocolate chips in a 5 quart crock pot (if doubling, use a 7 quart slow cooker/crock pot).
- Cover and cook on low for 2 hours, stirring occasionally with whisk, until mixture is hot and chocolate chips are melted.
- Once it is heated through and chocolate is melted, switch the slow cooker to the warm setting. Stir again
- before serving. (If you have trouble getting the chocolate to melt, turn to high temporarily).
- Garnish individual cups of hot chocolate with whipped cream or marshmallows.

How to make it a Mo'Chata:

- Fill cup with 1 shot Rumchata®. Add 1/2 cup hot chocolate. Fill with prepared coffee.
- Optional: Garnish with whipped cream and crushed peppermint or add Redbird peppermint stick for stirring.

Spacer 1st Class Sarah Mills
Steward HMS Drake

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Information about people, technology, and places in the Honorverse

Character



Nimitz (Laughs Brightly)

Species: Treecat

Affiliation: Star Kingdom of Manticore (SKM)

Adopted Honor Harrington at the age of 13 (14??), attended RMN Naval Academy on Saganami Island with her, and has been with her ever since, save while imprisoned aboard Tepes with Cordelia

Ransom. His injuries in connection with that episode have prevented him from telepathically speaking to other treecats. Mate of Samantha and father of Jason, Achilles, Andromeda, and Cassandra, who were taken to Grayson to grow up, along with a party from Nimitz' Bright Water Clan.

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_characters_in_the_Honorverse#Nagchaudhuri_to_Nordbrandt

Technology

<http://honorverse.wikia.com>

Skinsuit



A skinsuit was a type of lightduty spacesuit used in the 19th Century PD. In contrast to spacesuits from before the Diaspora, they were much less cumbersome; much like the difference between a diver's wet suit and a traditional tethered hardhelmet suit. Skinsuits provided some resistance to mechanical damage (eg, debris from an explosion), and were able to provide air (and plumbing) in a vacuum environment (eg, after battle

damage had produced leaks). It was standard naval procedure to wear skinsuits when naval combat was expected; it substantially reduced casualties. Some battle stations required skinsuits as they were evacuated during general quarters and battle.

<http://honorverse.wikia.com/wiki/Skinsuit>

Location

Sphinx, also called Manticore A-IV, was one of the three inhabited planets of the Manticore System, and the homeworld of the treecats. It orbited the system's primary star along with the planet Manticore.

Sphinx was located further away from its star than Manticore. As a result, the climate was on the cooler side of Terran norm. Also due to its higher orbital radius, the Sphinxian year was roughly five times as long as Earth's year, with a corresponding increase in the length of the seasons. The planet's gravity was 1.35 times as high as Earth's.

<http://honorverse.wikia.com/wiki/Sphinx>

From the Sickbay

It is flu season, and here is some advice on how to prevent getting it.

What are everyday preventive actions?

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice.

CRPO2 (FMF) Sir Doug Henry, KE, QBM, RMN
HMS Invincible on loan to HMS Drake

The Royal Manticoran Navy Third Fleet Military Ball

Another opportunity to meet and have fun
with other members of the TRMN

MANTICORAN NAVY
3rd Fleet
Military Ball

Embassy Suites
Downtown Winston - Salem
Grand Pavilion Ballroom

Tickets on Sale
June 1st 2016
Get them before they're gone!

Open to members 12 and over

Child Care Available

Winston-Salem NC
March 24th - 26th 2017
email: co@hmstestudo.trmn.org for details

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-fleet-royal-manticoran-navy-ball-tickets-24343250317>

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Diversions

HONOR'S CHALLENGE 1



	X		-		52
-		-		-	
	-		X		-53
X		+		-	
	-		X		-7
5		6		-7	

Though calculatingly brilliant, Honor needs tutoring to get through her mathematics courses to pursue her dreams. Can you help solve these equations? Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.

Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation.

Each column is a math equation. Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

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January's Puzzle Solution

