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From the Top

Welcome again to the second edition of the Second Brigade newsletter. We are having problems with some unit officer in charge (OIC) not turning in their bi-monthly report's on time. Last cycle, (June) we had two units that didn't report.

On that note, I am proud that we have a new unit within the brigade. 617th MSG, OIC Greg Jasmin JR. It is a support chapter (Military Police). See the article next door. ☞

Starting in January 2013, we will add another award to our program. I see other brigade's handing out an award called "Prefect Reporting". I am asking for ideas on how we can implement this award.

The current membership count for the Second Brigade is 132. We have 24 names on the unassigned list. Please, OIC of the units in this brigade, contact these individuals that are listed below. If you see a name on this list (that you know) please contact them.

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USS Exeter

The 617th Marine Strike Group is the only active support MSG in the 2nd Brigade. We provide security, medical, and logistical support for the 2nd Brigade and for Region Two (STARFLEET). The 617th MSG is based on the USS Exeter, whose port of call is Jacksonville, Florida. As the newest MSG to be added to the Brigade we are starting to build up our numbers. The Officer in Charge is Major Gregory Jasmin Jr – Chief of Security 2nd Brigade / STARFLEET Region Two....



..... and 2IC is crewman Caitlyn Kowalchuk (Reserve), with only two members to date. The 617th MSG is also the new home to the soon to be formed Joint Security Force for the 2nd Brigade / Region Two. An experiment to combine the security forces from STARFLEET and the SFMC. As it stands the 617th is in the process of expanding its membership, by recruiting in and out of the SFMC, and preparing for the initiation of the Joint Security Force. Its members are real life security, fire fighters, and medical personnel, using this real life skills, the 617th Marine Strike Group is leading the way in providing the resources for the Brigade and STARFLEET as a whole.



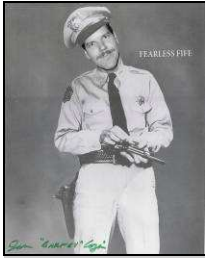
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From the Editor

Howdy,

Wow. This is the second edition of the "**Suggestion Box**". And, it's on time. I hope the trend continues. I have been pretty busy the last two months, working with Special Olympics in my area. I participated in 4 Tip-A-Cop fundraisers. For those of you not familiar with this, officers and deputies gather at a local restaurant and assist the waiters by delivering food, drinks, or anything else the staff thinks we can carry without dropping. We tell the customers about Special Olympics and what it does for the community. At the end of the meal, if the customers are happy with the service we provided, they place a donation in an envelope. At the 4 fundraisers, we raised almost \$4,000. My son Noah is a Special Olympics athlete. He rides horses and bowls.

I will not be attending the International Summit this year. My family and I will be going to Missouri in August and I can only afford one vacation. Maybe next year though.

I will be attending the next Away Mission convention in Orlando in October. If you haven't heard about the convention, go to their website at <http://www.away-mission.com/events/orl-2012.html>. I will be hanging out in the lobby with some friends, wearing a TOS costume. Come by and have a drink on me.

If you have any comments concerning the "**Suggestion Box**", please e-mail me. Until next time.....Be safe.

State of the SFMC, April 2012

Greetings to all marines

This last period has again been one of good activity for most of the Corps, seemingly at all levels. Various brigades have been either conducting or planning Annual Musters and, in my own office, I have been responding to a wide and vibrant range of queries and suggestions posed that have come from all over the Corps. Please keep this coming as I value your input and ideas.

In my last report, I touched on the 'ogre' of apathy, and in the ensuing weeks I have had positive, personal contact with enough marines to give me good evidence that we are certainly very alive, well, and definitely screaming and kicking. This is really great for us all, most especially for us on the GS, as this gives encouragement and stimulus to ensure we are moving on and ahead as an organization. Long may this continue!

SFMC DEVICES

Over the last several months, we have been working through the issues associated with replacement /renewal of the various devices we use. This has seen us investigate many differing channels associated with overall design and material concepts with practicality of cost, wear, finish etc. including working with some talented marines who have offered either design concepts, or their skills in resin casting. As a consequence to this, I can advise that we have completed our first series of objectives in which we will shortly see availability of some new, metal pins exclusively from the SFMC Quartermaster. This does not mean that we would not continue to investigate the use of resin as a material (and in many cases, this will be the only practical way we can proceed) but it has to be pretty universally agreed that metal gives us a much more 'permanent' finish and style.

First of the new pins will be the IN-20 (silver) pin which has been slightly re-designed and at time of writing, just ordered. Once these have been received into stock, announcements to purchase from SFMC Quartermaster will be made. This design will be shortly followed by a few others which will also be announced accordingly. Be advised that any changed existing device design will be grandfathered in which ensures that any 'old' design will remain perfectly acceptable for wear.

These flashes will remain as an "optional only" addition to the uniform and will not replace any existing policy applicable to berets nor will there be any enforced requirement to wear such items. Flashes have yet to be ordered by QM and again, once stock has been received, these will be available for purchase. Full detailing on the flash, including the color and style & optional 'extra' element of adding Brigade designates, will be advised in due course.





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From the Operations Desk

Greetings, Marines! Welcome to the inaugural article from the Operations Office here at 2nd Brigade HQ. I will be using this article to keep everyone updated on what's going on with S-3 Operations and Training throughout the Brigade. I am serving as S-3 Operations Officer, and BDR Bryan Jones is serving as S-3 Training Officer. Between the two of us, we are going to strive to keep the operations and training of the 2nd Brigade in top form. And with the help of you fine 2BDE Marines out there, we'll all show the Corps just how it's done!

To begin, I'll briefly introduce myself. I am the XO of the *USS Dejah Thoris* in Hartselle, Alabama, and I am the OIC of the 646th MSG. We are a MECHA unit, nicknamed The Steel Riders. I've been in SFI and the Corps since the late 90's, on and off. During my first stint in the Corps, I was an NCO. This time around, I'm exploring officer territory. I've enjoyed every minute of my time in the Corps, and I look forward to serving with you for many years to come. With that said, on to business.

As I have only recently assumed the S-3 Ops position, I have several introductory projects in play that I hope will serve to streamline things within the Brigade. I am compiling a locally-maintained database of all units within 2BDE. Rather than relying on the partial info given on the SFI database, I am building one that's more complete, with full contact info, more detailed roster info, and a more user-friendly and manageable format. The purpose of this is to foster more efficient communications within the Brigade, and to better serve the operational needs of all of you. If you are on the Brigade mailing list, then you have already seen my e-mails soliciting your info. If you haven't seen those e-mails yet, or if you haven't submitted your info, please contact me at your earliest convenience and I will let you know exactly what I need from you. My e-mail address is duncan@ncc1649ussdejathoris.com.

I am also creating a Brigade HQ Staff Manual. This will help to clearly describe the job of the HQ Staff, and will hopefully serve to clearly delineate the duties and responsibilities of each member of 2BDE's HQ staff. Due to the comprehensive nature of this project, along with my personal responsibilities and obligations, this project may take a little time. However, as soon as it is complete, copies will be made available for general review and usage. I will

keep you posted on its progress. If you have any ideas or contributions, please feel free to contact me at the e-mail address given above.

BDR Bryan Jones is making commendable progress in his capacity as S-3 Training Officer. He has come up with a workable and well thought-out three-year plan for helping 2BDE become fully MOS-qualified. This is an excellent goal in my opinion, as its successful completion will make us the ONLY Brigade in the entire Corps that is fully MOS-qualified. That would be quite a feather in our cap! BDR Jones will be in contact with you, at some point. I urge you to give him a warm welcome when he does; he is a good man, a good officer, and he is willing to go the extra mile to help you in reaching full qualification. His efforts, and yours, will help us demonstrate that we are the best Brigade in the Corps!

In closing, let me say that is an honor to serve you and to work with you. I am going to do my best to keep Brigade Operations running smoothly and efficiently. I welcome any and all communication from all of you if you have ideas or suggestions. My door is always open.

State of Forcecom, April 2012

Greetings Marines,

This month I would like to talk about the Cadets. How many of you that are Unit OIC's or above that have Cadets in your units have read the Cadets manual that is available on the Corps website? Admit it...you like to get recognized for your hard work and dedication.

When you do something nice, you want the recognition that goes with it. Kids are the same way. It is important to note that the Corps is using the same ribbons for the Cadet Achievement Awards, as the rest of the SFMC. The only difference is that the cadets' ribbons will also have a good conduct knot ribbon device to denote a cadet award. It is possible to earn the same award more than once, just add another knot.

There is a special award for cadets called the Cadet Service Completion Award. It is an award that is given when a cadet ages out of the SFMC cadet program. Whether the cadet is age 15 or 17, they are no longer authorized to wear any SFMC Cadet Achievement Awards. They may however continue to wear any SFMC Service and Training awards that they had been awarded during their time as a cadet.

Cadet Service Completion Award





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Several Members of the USS Blue Sun and SS Dark Silence Station (610th MSG "The Howling Wolves") attend the Relay for Life held at Univ. of North Alabama, Florence, AL. on April 18-19, 2012.

Come out and see Colonel Angela Lewis, of the 699th MSG, defending her title (Arm Wrestling) at the 14th annual "Klingon Feast" at Daytona Beach, FL, September 28th – 30th
http://www.klingonfeast.com/Klingon_Feast_Florida.html



Champ COL Lewis



2nd Place COL Cook

QUARTERMASTER'S STORE

Here are items for sale from the [USS Tiberius Quartermaster](#). All items are produced by the USS Tiberius and sold to members at a discounted price. Shipping and handling prices are a flat \$3 for as many items as you like. Select "Shipping" and add it to your shopping cart. However if you wish to pick these items up at a meeting or from the Commanding Officer then there is no charge for shipping.



631st MSG Unit Patch

Embroidered patch for the 631st MSG, "The Fighting Ospreys," dark blue with red accents and white stitching.

Great quality: **\$8.00**



Second Brigade Patch

Embroidered patch for Second Brigade, SFMC. Red with black and silver accents and gold stitching:

Great quality **\$8.00**

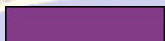


Second Brigade Flash

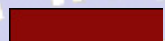
Embroidered Beret Flash: Red with gold lettering and stitching.

Great quality **\$6.00**

Award Slides



Wounded Lion



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Embassy Duty

Limited quantities are available.

Contact Capt Cozine at cozi8040@bellsouth.net

\$2.00 plus \$1.00 shipping.
You may pay with a PayPal account.



SFMC 2nd Brigade T-Shirt

s-xl - **\$7.45**
2x-3x - **\$8.95**

More items to come.

Don't forget to visit the Starfleet Marine Corps Quartermaster at <http://www.qm.sfi-sfmc.org/> for more SFMC items.