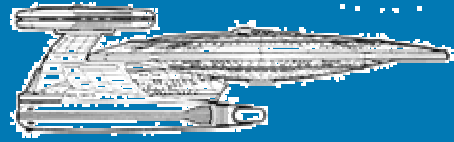


# The Challenger



March / April Issue

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## The Captain's Log

*By: Captain Pam Michaud*

First off I want to say congratulations to Janice Schweikert for being promoted to Lieutenant, she is the McNair's Second Officer, and to Lewis Richardson and Ree Clark for passing Officer's Training School and being promoted to Ensign. That's two more expendable Officers to beam down in away missions. Seriously though it's good to see people taking initiative and want to contribute to the McNair. I want to welcome Tina and Lance Davis and family back to the McNair as well as Sarah Armstrong and Michael Walter Jr. Tina will be the ship's counselor and Lance is the Morale Officer.

Our website and handbook and the McNair were submitted for possible Region One 2005 Annual Awards as well as myself nominated for the Jonathan Archer Award (rookie of the year).

Please see The Captain's Log on page 2

## From The Ferret Nest

*By: Captain Frank Parker  
(the XO)*

The last few months have been very busy for me with working two jobs. Recently I left my part time and have a bit more time to focus on the ship. First of all I am happy to see the way we are growing and I see us continuing to grow as time goes on. My major push right now is ConCarolinas. Hopefully we will have a good Starfleet turn out. The theme will be the 40th Anniversary. Any suggestions are welcome.

The second exciting area is the new web site I just developed for Starfleet and Filking. In the first day of operation we had 22 people join from all over. I truly hope you all join the site. I am hoping the fleet picks up on the idea. The web site is :

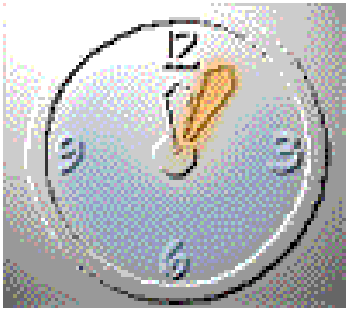
<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/SFI-Filk/> . This month's filk song is by our own Larry Kirby. Enjoy and jolantruâ€™™.

## Meeting Minutes

*By: Captain Pam Michaud*

### February:

Members Present: Pam Michaud, Ree Clark, Keith and Beverly Munib and Frank Parker.



There were no coupons for OCP collected. Frank talked about Roundcon. Talk of fliers being there from the McNair. Frank said he and Larry were going, main focus being on filking. Also discussed was ConCarolinas June 2-4 2006 Charlotte, NC. Frank has gotten a table for STARFLEET and said manpower was needed to help out. Idea tossed out about those going chip in on a room. Nothing was set in stone. Discussion about t-shirts and window decals. Discussions about should we continue to support Easter Seals. Again nothing was set in stone about not supporting it. Members present liked the idea of the Breast Cancer Walk and maybe the Diabetes Walk or March of Dimes walk. St. Patrick's Day in Columbia is Saturday the 18th.

The VA hospital was given thumbs up on making it an annual event. Fund raisers for this endeavor suggested. Possibly contacting local businesses for donations. A volunteer is needed now to coordinate this event. None of the members present showed any interest in volunteering. Frankie's Fun Park "Away Mission" slated for May 21st, which is a Sunday. This will be an annual tournament type thing. With awards for mini golf, go carts and possibly laser tag. Possibility of inviting other area SFI chapters discussed. Next Meeting scheduled for March 19th. Time and location to be determined.

**Please see Meeting Minutes page 4**

### The Captain's Log from page 1

I know who the winners are but isn't at liberty to divulge that information until after the Region One Summit.

Our first annual McNair Fun trek will take place Sunday May 21st. The USS Starleague said maybe 4-6 of their crew will be coming. We have gone to the Riverbanks Zoo with them in the past.

ConCarolinas is coming up and we will be manning a Starfleet table there.

As many have seen posted on the McNair list there has been some posts that are quite interesting from the Stork Hunt started on the R1 chat list. I'd like to see if we can start a "ship's fiction" story and McNair members adding to it.

All in all I think we have a pretty good group of people on the McNair and we are capable of great things..

the Captain



*Data as Sherlock Holmes.*

## What the McNair is working on...

*By: Captain Pam Michaud*

This is what the McNair is working on.

Christmas visit to the Vets in the Dorn VA Hospital Nursing Home.

Bringing food and non food item coupons to meetings to be sent overseas to Schweinfurt Army Community in Germany. OCP is the Overseas Coupon Project that chapters in STARFLEET and other organizations save coupons for.

Box tops for Education donated to area schools where they can cash in the box tops for things the school needs.

I have not committed the McNair to any other activities.

the Captain

I saw this URL on families that support the troops list I belong to. This is the easiest thing we as a group can do. We are all capable of being pen pals with someone who probably doesn't get any mail at all. This can be done by our members in Rock Hill, Massachusetts and even our member's right here in Columbia. This requires no being outside in the heat for those who have health problems. I'll be the POC (point of contact) for this should we as a group wish to participate.

<http://adoptaplatoon.org/new/howtosupport.html>

the Captain

*Meeting Minutes page 2*

In March we met at the Mellow Mushroom here in Columbia, SC.

Members Present: Larry Kirby, Deborah Hill, Ree Clark, Lewis Michaud, Pam Michaud and Frank Parker.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Larry, Deborah and Frank for their donations to the Hurricane Katrina Relief effort as well as for Larry and Deborah's donations to the McNair's Christmas visit to the Dorn VA Hospital (in Columbia, SC) where we brought gifts to the veterans that reside in the Nursing Home area of the hospital.

## The Counselor's Report

*By: Lt. Commander  
Tina Davis*

Well hello all. My name is Tina Davis. Some of you know who I am. I am the Ship's Counselor. I want this department the way you, as the crewmembers want it to be. I am here for you. I am here to listen to you. My door is always open when you need me. I want to comfort, advise, and counsel you. Let me tell you about myself:

My persona is Betazoid/Vulcan. My name is T'Lau Xerex. I am married to Ferengi/Human. We have two children. I am logical, yet understanding. I am a Lieutenant Colonel in the STARFLEET Marine Corps. In real life, I am

Discussions about Roundcon and ConCarolinas. As well as recruiting for the McNair.

Larry had an idea about something we could call "Memory Prime" having to do with tapes and DVDs of Scifi and Star Trek. Sort of like a lending library I assume.

The McNair's handbook and website was submitted to the R1 2005 Annual Awards, as well as the CO Pam Michaud nominated for the Jonathan Archer Award (rookie CO of the year).

That's about all that was discussed.

a housewife and a mother. I have two children that live with me. One lives with my parents and two step-kids live with their mother. I am married to Lance Davis. Michael Davis and Kathleen-Scarlet Davis (Katie) are my children that live with me. Jennifer Walker is also my daughter. She lives with my mother. Jennifer is 11 years old. Michael is 3 years old. Katie is almost 8 months old. My step-kids are 11 and 12.

Contact me if you need to talk, need advise...etc. Email me....or for emergencies call me at 803-524-8204. I am listening.

Live Long and Prosper,

Lt Commander Tina Davis



## Morale Officer's Report

By: PO Lance E. Davis

Hi, my name is Lance Davis. I am the Morale Officer. I will put birthdates, anniversaries, etc. in my reports. If you want to see your birthdates, anniversaries, etc in my reports, please email me with them by the end of April.

Star Trek Birthdates:

Grace Lee Whitney April 1

Avery Brooks April 18

George Takei April 20

Kate Mulgrew April 29

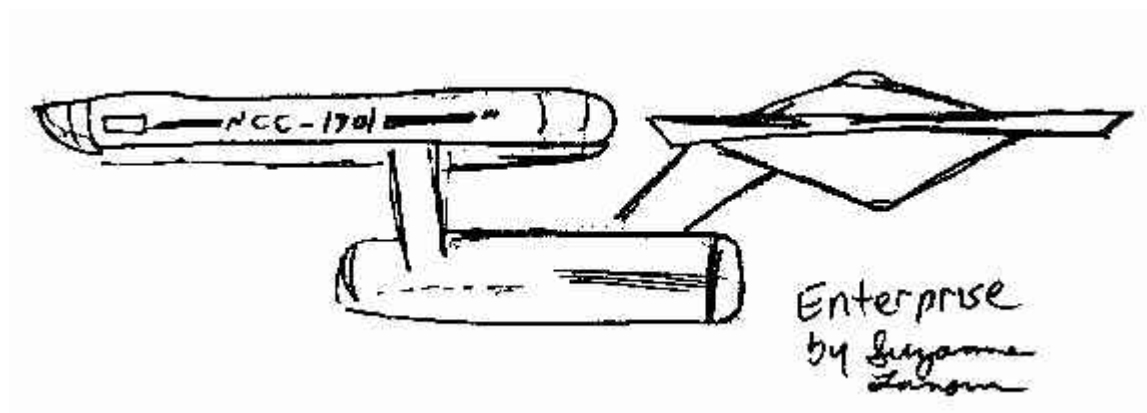
Way to go! If you know of anyone else's birth date that should be here....please let me know.

Well, that is all I have to report.

"Every day we do things, we are things that have to do with peace. If we are aware of our life....,our way of looking at things, we will know how to make peace right in the moment, we are alive."

Thich Nhat Hanh

PO Lance Davis





## Upcoming Meetings & Events

April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Roundcon (Columbia, SC) for those of the McNair members into Dungeons and Dragons, gaming etc...

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2006 First Annual McNair Fun Tournament at Frankie's Fun Park on Harbison Blvd. Meet outside at 12 noon (weather permitting)

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 ConCarolinas (Charlotte, NC) we need members to help man the Starfleet table we reserved.

## Announcements



Janice Schweikert has been promoted to Lieutenant and she is the McNair's Second Officer.

Gerry Kiely is now a Lieutenant and our Webmaster or as some chapters say CompOps.

Lewis Richardson passed OTS with Honors (Officer's Training School) and has been promoted to Ensign.

Ree Clark also passed OTS with Honors (Officer's Training School) and has been promoted to Ensign.

Just remember the points in the handbook are a guide as to points needed to be promoted. When I can get the Command Staff together we can go over the points, make changes if necessary and go from there with the crew.

Just a reminder the captain has sole authority to promote, demote, remove from post, replace positions at any time. It's nothing personal but how we run things in our Virtual Universe.

the Captain

## Announcements Continued...

### T-Shirt Info

I went to the t-shirt shop on Ft. Jackson today. They can put our logo on a t-shirt. The cost is \$17.00 for white t-shirt and \$18.00 for grey. XL and above will cost around \$20.00 or so. It's like a big iron on.

We can use the black and white logo or the colored one that Try designed for us, which is the logo on our membership certificates, handbook and the main page of this list. Later tonight I will post the logo we were using before so we can all see what we want. Members will be responsible for paying for their own shirt. We won't take the money from the treasury and order a lot of shirts, such as happened years ago and we got stuck with them.

the Captain

### Star Trek 2.0

Tune in, log on and go where 'no man has gone before'

We know 'em all by heart by now. From "He's dead Jim to "Highly illogical" to every pregnant pause...in William Shatner's delivery, the original "Star Trek" is been-there-done-that in the life of even the most ardent Trekker. (No "ie" please.) What could possibly beam us into another cable run of '60s episodes we already own pristine on DVD?

Seeing ourselves on screen, maybe? G4's new-and-improved "Trek" puts the viewer into the action in at least an instant-message way. Monday night's interactive premiere of "Star Trek 2.0" will start by shrinking the episode into half-size center box, which then will be surrounded by ticker-type dealing and IM give and take. It's expressly designed for fans who think if they hear Scotty whine "I cannute do it, Captinn!" one more time, their heads will explode.

Now you can explode Scotty's worth instead, by bidding down his stock in the updated Spock Market listings down the right side of the screen. If he does something heroic, you can make his SCT symbol rise. Had enough of McCoy's racist remarks about Vulcans? Down with MDM then. When those Federation suits try to sink Kirk's renegade tactics, you can sink FED instead.

Isn't this what they made laptops wireless for? Watch "Star Trek 2.0" while you're logged on at [www.g4tv.com/trek2.0](http://www.g4tv.com/trek2.0) (registration required, and all those years of previous viewing will pay off. Who needs the show full screen anyhow when you

## Announcements Continued...

Know the dialogue better than the characters? Now, "Trek" serves as meaty background for cool stat keeping and snarky commentary.

The left side of the screen will keep a running tally of how many Dramatic Kirk Pauses we've seen, or Bridge Shakes, or Vulcan Salutes or Hot Alien Women. (Lets hope they add a Hot Alien Men category for those rare but beefy Uhura encounters.)

While we're having all this fun, we'll be able to read actual information, too, scrolling across the top of the screen -- trivia about casting, costs and other minutiae Trekkers have long proved themselves so fond of. The screen's bottom real-time chat room will pose questions ("What else could you use a Tribble for?) and show viewer answers ("cat Toy" or the edgier "to rub down UHU with"). Those who prefer their "Trek" unadulterated can watch the original episodes full screen in marathon form each Saturday (9 am to 4 pm). But most Trekkers should find cyberspace is the place to be.

CMO Keith Munib

### New Gaming Store

Well, this is our official notice that we have finally opened our new gaming store. I was trying to wait until we had more terrain and our gaming tables were the way I am planning them to be, but I was told I was being silly.

The store, Above Board Games, is at 833 Stockbridge Drive in Fort Mill, SC. If heading South on 77, take exit 88 (Gold Hill Road / Tega Cay Exit) then follow the signs towards Tega Cay. We are in the Lowes Food shopping center. Our phone number is 803-792-4786. Our e-mail is [aboveboardgames@comporium.net](mailto:aboveboardgames@comporium.net). The store hours are:

Monday closed  
Tuesday - Thursday noon - 9pm  
Friday - Saturday noon - 10pm  
Sunday noon - 6pm

We carry card, board, miniature games, and supplies. We have not decided on specific gaming nights yet, but we do have plenty of tables to play. We will eventually have board, miniature, and card game nights, plus tournaments and events, but we aren't there yet. Let me know if you have any questions, and hopefully I will see you soon.

thankyou  
Ryan

## Announcements Continued...

### Cadet Essay Contest

Greetings, STARFLEET!

I wanted to take a few minutes to tell everyone about our Cadet Essay Contest!

All STARFLEET Cadets are eligible to participate in this contest, regardless of whether they are able to attend the IC!

You can download a PDF copy of the Essay Contest from <http://www.ic2006.org/docs/essay.pdf> today!

Submit your essay to Commodore Angel Avery by e-mail at [njel@aol.com](mailto:njel@aol.com) or send via US Mail to 100 Benner Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Essays must be received no later than July 9, 2006.

Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and punctuation. Contestants will be divided into three categories: under 7, 8-12, and 13 and up.

*\*ALL\* Essays will be displayed at the IC in 2006.*

Winners will receive gifts and prizes. Winners will be announced at the IC and any winner not present will be notified by mail soon after the IC is over.

Remember, this essay is open to all STARFLEET Cadets, and again, you do NOT need to attend the IC in order to participate!

So get downloading and start writing today, Cadets!

Regards,  
Mike

FYI

In the ages before starships roamed space, the US Navy required that each of its ships pass a series of tests or drills in order to become certified for sea duty. A Starship, Space Station, or other Vessel should also pass inspection before it is put into service. Each department and ultimately the entire vessel can earn its certification.

This series of certifications is to be earned through the efforts of the entire Starfleet crew of a Starfleet Vessel (hereafter referred to as "Ship".)

The purpose of this program is to combine the efforts of Starfleet crews taking Academy classes (SFA or SFMCA). In the past, members took classes individually for their own edification, receiving promotion points for earning each diploma. (OTS and OCC were the only Academy courses that affected the entire Vessel.) The VRCP is designed to provide a platform in which Starfleet members can pool their diplomas for the good of the ship.

As of February 2, 2004 the McNair has been certified in the following Departments:

Command  
Operations  
Counselor  
Science

We are not certified in Medical or Communications. This is not something that SFI requires that each Chapter has. We started doing it to get the crew together to get together for the good of the ship.

RI Chat Room

RI Chat room??? I have set up a link from the [www.ussmcnair.com](http://www.ussmcnair.com) site to access a chat room that I maintain. This is a Java based chat. When you click on the link it will open a Chat room login page (it may take a minute for the script to load). When it loads just key in a screen name. Then click on the connect button... The Java site

will load (this to may take a minute or so to fully load). Most of the rooms are accessible to chat in. The STARTREK room requires a password. (lower case startrek) I can provide personalized user icons if you want one... I have a lot of chatter's who use there face...

Gerry Kiely - [www.kielynet.com](http://www.kielynet.com)

"Technology should not surpass our humanity"

### Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 6 is Free Comic Book Day. The event involves mixing the theme of literacy with the distribution of several free comic book titles. Obviously, participating comic book stores use this event to entice folks to come into their stores. This is happening nation wide. Whether your crew members enjoy comic books or not, this is a great cross genre event that could draw in some potential recruits. It is also fun for those of us who are big comic book readers. Your ship may want to either create an event around this day (send an Away Team to your favorite local comic book store) and/or bring some flyers or post your ship business card (if they have a bulletin board) or ask if your store owner would be willing to include your flyer/card in the bags of customers that day. Hey, it can't hurt to ask. If you have enough participating comic book stores in your area, you could stop by more than one. Again, just a suggestion from a long time SF recruiter...

Adm. Bob Vosseller  
R7 Recruitment Officer  
starfleet-I ListFAQ:  
<http://www.ssnexus.org/ListFAQ.txt>

### NASA Information (Birth-date of NASA: July 29, 1958)

Attention: All Region 01 Science Officers and Space Exploration Enthusiasts!

NASA has announced a Mission is being developed to take the United States back to the Moon. The Mission to the Moon will be accomplished using a Robot Recon Spacecraft that will be searching for water on the Moon!

To read more about this development turn your browser to: [www.redorbit.com](http://www.redorbit.com)

In Friendship and Fellowship in STARFLEET,  
Commodore Bill Herrmann, Chief Engineering Officer/Chaplain  
USS RUTLEDGE NCC-74215-"The Flagship of STARFLEET"  
[OperationEagle@Comcast.Net](mailto:OperationEagle@Comcast.Net)

## NASA Information Continued...

NASA Launches New Website Aimed At Kids and Parents  
Monday, April 10 2006 @ 09:29 AM EDT  
Contributed by: Admin

The new Kids' Club website developed by NASA contains games, activities and information for parents and teachers to help teach aerospace education to kids in kindergarten through fourth grade. According to an article on cbronline.com: "The Kids' Club website has been designed for easy student accessibility". It is compatible with screen readers and other assistive technology, allowing use by disabled students. In addition to Flash-based games, the site also features versions of content accessible in locations with slower internet connections and computer equipment. "You can check out NASA's Kids' Club website by visiting: <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>

[ridire@netaxs.com](mailto:ridire@netaxs.com)

### ConCarolinas

Greetings,

I am going to be coordinating the Starfleet table at ConCarolinas this year on June 2-4. If you are going to the convention and are willing to help out a bit, please contact me off list at [filkferret@earthlink.net](mailto:filkferret@earthlink.net) so I can start setting up a tentative schedule. I am looking at 1-2 hour slots, basically manning the table explaining to interested fans what we are about. If your chapter would like to have pamphlets or other literature there contact me and we will see what we can do to arrange getting the information. I am also involved with the filking at the con (the filk table will be next to the Starfleet table) so if any of you are interested in learning more about filk, play and instrument, sing or enjoy listening to music with a science fiction twist, this may be the place for you..... You may be a filker if .....

In Service  
Jolantru'

Captain Frank 'FilkFerret' Parker  
XO- USS Ronald E. McNair 61809  
RI Section Rep SC  
<http://filkferret.com>

## What the Section Rep Does

For those of you that are new to Starfleet International and the USS McNair. Starfleet is divided into Regions and the McNair is in Region One or First Fleet. We have a Sector Commander, Senior Captain and Section Rep for SC. Below is what the Section Rep does

### REGION ONE'S SECTION REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

The job of the Section Representative is to help to facilitate ideas, which will aid the chapters and shuttles in their state to learn to work, play and communicate together. Examples would be: doing a section newsletter, or group e-mail using information from the ships in the section, helping plan joint ventures (picnics, parties, gaming nights, etc. - basically fun stuff) for 2 or more ships that are close enough to do these type of things, or post chapter meeting times to the Sector or Region. If possible plan a section "get-together" for all the ships in the section and perhaps even expand this to getting a couple of sections together for some fun activity, perhaps once a year or every other year. It would also be nice to see the Section Reps. have a meeting for the ships in their state at the Summit and/or Fall Conference each year. In other words the Section Reps. job is to help the ships/shuttles in their section learn to work together and bond to ultimately help create a stronger region, but mostly to help ships/shuttles know they are not out there alone, there are others going through the same things, having the same type of fun, struggling with the same problems, etc.

The Section Representative's responsibilities will be:

- 1) Keep close contact with chapters in your state on at least a monthly basis.
- 2) Serve as a welcome wagon to new chapters providing them with information on all the regional resources at their disposal.
- 3) Report and otherwise work closely with your Sector Commander, Senior Captain, Other Section Reps, or members of the Regional Staff.
- 4) Promote get togethers and other events with the chapters in your sector to foster chapter cooperation and interaction.
- 5) Monthly reports to the Sector Commander. [See rules for reporting under the Senior Captain]
- 6) When possible, have a meeting for their section at the Summit and/or Fall Away Mission each year.

## What the Section Rep does continued...

Requirements for the Section Representative position:

- 1) Have passed both OTS and OCC.
- 2) Have a positive and outgoing personality and be able to coordinate multiple chapter events in your sector.
- 3) Be willing and able to travel to other chapter meetings in your sector and the RI Summits, if time and finances permit.

the Captain

## Recruiting

Hello everyone,

The following is an announcement that was posted on the SFI and Region I list serves. Since recruiting is so dear to me (smile) I wanted to say how happy and proud of all the efforts the McNair has made in recruiting to be mentioned in the totals so far. A tip of the hat to all of you whom have worked hard in bringing in new members.

With RoundCon coming in April and ConCarolinas in June, I hope we can garnish more interest in the McNair from the science fiction, filking and gaming community. We will have information at RoundCon for the McNair, as well as a push for filk. ConCarolinas in June (2-4th) is the big one that I hope as many McNair and other SC chapter members can attend.

Again, thank you all for your efforts.

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Take it one step and one day at a time

## The Challenger Center Article

### Challenger Center 10th Anniversary

The day was blustery and cold as the crew of the McNair made it's way across the asphalt towards the Challenger Learning Center. Outside was a sentient creature, planet of origin unknown. With our usual First Contact bravado the Captain, CMO and Nurse made their way to towards the creature. Just as luck would have it the Universal Translator failed, so we had to revert to trying hand signals to show this sentient being that we meant it no harm. The creature was made of the most unusual material, very clothlike. The creature must have stood at least 10 ft or more tall. It kept swaying in the wind yet kept it's stoic pose. After assuring the creature we meant no harm it allowed us to take photographs of itself along with the crew.

Upon entering the building we signed our "John Hancocks" in the guest book and went take our seats. After telling a few people there that we represented the USS Ronald E. McNair, we got the usual stares and good natured ribbing about beaming down from Rigel 7. A lady approached us and said she was a Star Trek fan from wayyyy back to the original. We suggested she could join us in our journey but she politely demurred the offer. After we were seated LtCmdr Andrew Thorne joined us. Carl McNair, brother of our ship's namesake introduced himself and related that his brother Eric is a really big Star Trek fan, going so far as to have manually taped all the series episodes onto tapes. Which is something our Captain admitted to have done as well.

Lane Quinn, the Chairperson of the board of school commissioners gave a small welcome speech.

Vince Ford also a member of the board of school commissioners talked about the correlation between the words imagination and amazing. Imagination came from a quote he came across on the internet ascribed to Albert Einstein that said "Imagination is even more powerful then knowledge" and how he was debating this between them talking aloud. Without imagination space flight would never be realized. While on a plane from Washington, DC to Columbia, SC the word amazing came into play when he thought about how the plane with all the passengers luggage and being of a huge size could lift off the ground with just the pull of a lever and manage to stay in the air. He reiterated that the Challenger Learning Center should be publicized like Edventure and other places of importance in Columbia.

## The Challenger Center Article Continued...

Thelma Clavon, Challenger learning center director spoke that the center is all about the students. Educating as a mover from good to great. They look for excellence.

Tuskegee Airman Lt Col Spann Watson (ret) spoke that in 1927 at the age of ten he knew he wanted to be a pilot after seeing Charles Lindbergh. He told the students to get all the education you can. Don't get left behind.

Carl McNair, brother of Ronald E. McNair, who was the eldest by ten months and in school while Carl was 8th in the class Ronald was 1st. He went on to speak about a quote ascribed to his brother. "Before you make your dream come true, you must first have one." He recognized the members of the McNair.

Grace Corrigan, Mother of Sharon Christa McAuliffe spoke about her daughter's love of being a school teacher and the opportunity to teach to the largest classroom in the world by being in outer space. Astronaut training for her was difficult, she was worried. Yet being given a shiny red apple alleviated her fears when she arrived in Houston. Christa said ordinary people make history and her Mother told the gathered students they are the future history makers.

Presentation of plaques and awards to the various guests and three children from the Challenger Learning Center.

Dr. Allen Coles, Richland County School District One spoke that the Challenger Learning Center is

1. A point of Pride
2. Place of Learning
3. A fitting memorial and gift

Outside Civil Air Patrol cadets from the W. A. Perry Middle School presented a short program to remember the Challenger crew killed in the Space Shuttle explosion January 28th, 1986.

Grace Corrigan and Carl McNair were presented with certificates of USS Ronald E. McNair Honorary Membership to Christa McAuliffe and Dr. Ronald E. McNair respectively.

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Or visit our website at: [www.ussmcnair.com](http://www.ussmcnair.com)

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Photographic material submitted for publication will be returned promptly if requested. If photos are to be mailed back, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope with the submissions. Electronic photographs of all formats are accepted.

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