

May 2020 Tour of Duty

Fleet Status Update



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Every Tuesday, **Ask Me Anything** is at 2100 hrs Central Standard Time (CST) on Facebook.

Every Thursday **STARFLEET After Dark** is at 2200 hrs Central Standard Time (CST) on Facebook.

Come see what all the talk is about!



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Greetings all! With everything going on, be safe. Keep being as safe as possible. Also, please like our various Facebook pages.

On Memorial Day, May 25th, 2020, in the early hours of the day, myself, Cmdr. Erwin Bear of the USS Missouri, along with LTCMDR AnnaZey thas-Nan and LTCMDR MistHrey ses-Var of the officer exchange program from the USS Animus, visited the World War 1 Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri. There is an honor brick there that STARFLEET has honoring all World War 1 veterans.

Though a bit windy, and the inside museum was closed, we walked around the outside. From the overlook you can see historic Union Station and the downtown.



Departments Under the VCS

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Work has continued this month on the guide for member with disabilities. I hope to have a rough draft done by the end of June. Have tried to get continued input from members with little response. Am also having my wife a non-STARFLEET member who is visually impaired provide some input on the guise s well as looking at the website and other areas to see where we might be able to improve for visually impaired members.

ADM Jason Schreck



STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps

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CPT Aaron Himes

Due to the passing of the leader of the Klingon Assault Group we will be looking for other Trek groups to approach. We have our logo done. The handbook is being finalized. Our next step will be setting up a web page for the Corps.

The Sister-ship Program is still being setup. We hope to have a first paring by the end of May.

Sadly, one of our own has been confirmed positive with Covid-19, but at last word she is doing OK.



Fast Recruiting Orientation Shakedown Team (F.R.O.S.T.)

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CPT Jason Garrett

We are indeed in challenging times.

As the nature of the F.R.O.S.T initiative is to boldly go out there to reach people, we are somewhat in a station keeping situation. Following the death of my father in April and my mother in May I have been somewhat preoccupied.

So, with regret I have no activity to report this month. Be safe all. We shall hopefully get this up and running very soon.



MACO

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We have gained 2 new SOU's and 8 new members this month.

Most of the SOU/IO's are waiting on the Awards Manual to be updated and published before making any requests. Rob Van Tunien is the new Director of Awards replacing Christopher Lovejoy who resigned the position. Rob is working on updating the Awards Manual.

This is the current staffing for MACO –

MACO Command

Commander, MACO – RADM De Rush

MACO Deputy Commander, MACO - MGEN Thomas Clark

MACO Operations

Director of Operations – CAPT Steve Kristrom

Deputy Director Operations – CAPT Meg Karper

Group 1 Commander – VADM Pam Michaud

Group 2 Commander - **Vacant**

Recruiting and Retention Chief - **Vacant**

Awards Chief - CAPT Rob Addison Van Tuinen

MACO Training Ops

Director of Training - FCAPT Kelli Caplette

Deputy Director Training Operations - FCAPT Donald Dobrin

Certification Officer - **Vacant**

MACO Cyber Ops

Director Cyber Ops - LTC Scott Sawyer

Deputy Director Cyber Ops - **Vacant**

Webmaster - **Vacant**

Social Media Moderator – **Vacant**

I will be posting the vacancies.

The Uniform committee has worked very hard to meet the standards I set for them. The new Uniform Manual will be released along with the New Training Manual and revised SOP.

The former Chief of CyberOps, MACO resigned his position, and since his resignation, reports have not been making it to the proper officers. Team Leaders that I know that meticulously report monthly, there have been no reports submitted. Apparently, something is wrong with the website and our backup group for reporting, I will get someone on that issue immediately.

RADM Denise Rush



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There were 7 new registrations for May 2020, 5 cats, 1 dog, and 1 rabbit. The total number of pet parents listed is 168 with 365 separate pets, although the information that I have does not include many of the earlier registrations. These include 17 stuffed animals, 167 cats (8 deceased, 3 retired), 142 dogs (5 deceased, 1 given away, 2 retired), 7 birds, 2 raccoons, 3 rabbits, 7 lizards, 2 guinea pigs (1 deceased), 4 tarantulas, 5 snakes, 4 turtles (1 deceased), 2 fish, and 2 rats, and 1 hedgehog. There are likely additional deceased pets, but these are all the ones I have record of at this time.

LCDR Frances Smith



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1) Manual revisions are still ongoing, Courses can be requested via email to each branch director. Please visit our SFMCA for additional information. <http://sfmca.sfi.org/>
Also we will be adding courses to Moodle again, please wait for announcement from TRACOM once they have been added.

2) The final day for receiving Honor Awards nominations is July 15th!!!!

3) The blood drive is still going on and is going well but end date is June 30th !!!

4) We are working with IC committee on our 2020 International Muster. More information to follow in the next few weeks. Please remember to sign up for the SFMC Facebook page and the Corps List for any updates concerning the IM.

5) The new SFMC QM is undergoing testing and should be online very soon, please expect an announcement from the CFO and INFOCOM

6) To be up to date on the latest happenings in the Corps please join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3275293079/>

MGN Rey Cordero



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Members Affiliated in the Database with STARFLEET Medical: 246

Members Officially Registered with the STARFLEET Medical Facebook Page: 229

CPT Mark Logan

The "Operational Plan" developed in 2015 (under review), continues to be a baseline reference for STARFLEET Medical members.

The main themes are:

- Raise community health awareness and home safety issues;
- Make explicit efforts to work collaboratively with SFI Regions to further develop health awareness programming (*including community service efforts*)

STARFLEET Medical Recognitions:

Awards April 20th - May 20th

McCoy Medical Award - Silver cross

John Brice Jr.

Hector Gutierrez Jr.

McCoy Medical Award - Bronze cross

Scott Peter

Commodore Joesph Gallagher Award

John Brice Jr.

Joshua Dadd

Scott Turner

Jasmine Manuel

Starfleet Medical Training Award Level 1

John Brice Jr.

EMT Training Commendation

John Brice Jr.

Scott Turner

Rob Crane

Paramedic Training Commendation

John Brice Jr.

Scott Turner

Bridge Officers Certification Program- CMO

John Brice Jr.

Recruitment remains open for positions within the Research & Development Department with the view to recruiting at least one member from each region. Applicants resumes to be reviewed at the end of May 2020. The Research Assistant position will remain open until filled.

Recruitment will open for the Deputy Surgeon General (National) position on 1st June and will remain open for 30 days.

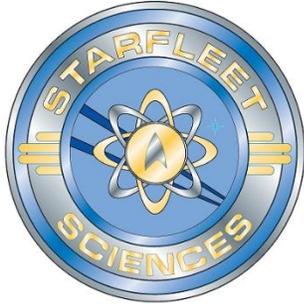
Three (3) of the Regional Assistant Surgeon Generals have launched Regional Facebook pages (R1, R2 & R19) to promote regional specific Medical information, which have all had a good response and members numbers are growing steadily.

Rebranding continues with the release of a new STARFLEET Medical logo.

The launch of the Starfleet Medical communicator badge will be delayed until the Fleet designed charity badge in aid of COVID-19 has closed. The interest form has been posted on the main STARFLEET Medical Facebook page for those interested in purchasing one of the two variants available. All monies raised after production and postage costs have been deducted will be donated to charity. STARFLEET Medical awards manual is under review with revisions taking place along with compliance checks. A working copy should be available for VCS approval prior to compliance checks at the months end.

As such all awards are currently suspended until reviewed by Compliance.

Operational Plan for STARLEET Medical is currently under review. I would like to request that heads of Departments or those responsible for them, make contact with either myself, the DSG or chief of Ops In order to prevent duplication of work we and indeed you are currently undertaking within the "Medical context" in an effort to help facilitate good healthy two way communication between us all with the view to preventing those little hiccups, and indeed sometimes costly, that followed on from the CO-Vid 19 communicator badge release.



STARFLEET Sciences

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Starfleet Sciences is an informational resource within the old Fleet Resource Center concept which promotes science education and explores the portrayal of science within the Star Trek shows.

Starfleet Sciences has a web site (<https://scienlaric.com/sfsci/starfleet-sciences.html>) which includes a Chief Science Officer Handbook; in the past month, the number of hits to the web page increased 53 to 5276.

Starfleet Sciences also has a listserv and Facebook page; the Facebook page has 2592 lifetime total likes and 1743 daily total impressions for April. A pininterest board of science-related events by region is available (<https://www.pinterest.com/starfleetsfi/science-related-events-by-region/>).

A Stellar Cartography department, with Capt. Michael Krogh (mkrogh@mail.com) at its head, has a goal to promote amateur astronomy through information, advice and communication. Stellar Cartography's Facebook page is (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355894761948677>).

Starfleet Sciences Director Richard Heim and wife are safe and healthy, continuing to shelter at home to escape the novel corona virus COVID-19. Starfleet Sciences receives reports from the regional science officers or liaisons in seven regions (1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 15).

Region One Sciences (also led by Adm. Heim) was active with six ships reporting in April, and Region 7's Comm. Held summarized many new developments in the field of astronomy and space exploration reported by the USS Sovereign. Comm. Held's summary included reports on: carbon-rich asteroid Ryugu is surprisingly young; is interstellar Comet Borisov breaking apart?; future space telescopes may probe Titan-like exoplanets; deep-water diversity has stood the test of time on Mars; why have parts of Mercury's landscape "deflated"?; scientists make their case for a mission to Saturn's icy moon Enceladus; is Earth's minimoons still here?; and how 'Oumuamua may have been born.

April posts to the Starfleet Sciences Facebook page covered such topics as: energy-efficient electronics; Australia's space communications hub; even a limited India-Pakistan nuclear war would bring global famine; several COVID-19 articles, including fast-tracking research on diagnostic & therapeutic solutions; methane-eating bacteria could help decrease greenhouse gas emissions; Earth's skies transmitted signs of life during lunar eclipse; predicting fast moving flash droughts; how to boost your immune system to fight viruses; edge of Milky Way found; the frequency of exoplanets in binary star systems; AMS memo on climate change; Cosmos: Possible Worlds tv series; Einstein letters; new species of flying dinosaur; astronomers find 139 new minor planets in the outer solar system; virtual online presentations on space science available from Ted Bethune; global warming contributing to western North America megadrought; several other drought posts and climate change posts; 50th anniversary of Earth Day; solar cell mystery; and sprites (red lightning); as well as Science Shows on TV This Week.

ADM Richard Heim

The most popular post was the sprites post (strange red lightning captured above storm clouds in Oklahoma, viewed by 131 people), followed by three new species of flying dinosaurs (viewed by 72 people).

R/1 Sciences Assistant RDC, FCapt. Michael Lewis, is in contact with Ted Bethune, who is interested and willing to give virtual online presentations on Space Science to STARFLEET members and chapters, and really anyone interested in science (you don't have to be a STARFLEET member). If you or your crew are interested, please send FCapt. Lewis (mlewis91@yahoo.com) an email and he can send you the phone number contact info for Mr. Bethune. This is an excellent activity if you're looking for something to do while under stay-at-home orders during this COVID-19 crisis.



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Greetings Fleeters!

Here are this month's stats from Operations.

22 Chapters and 3 Regions failed to report in April. 9 Chapters have been placed on Stand-By Status for failing to report for over 90 days.

We launched 4 chapters in training.

USS Genesis - R11

USS Chimera - R11

USS Darksabre - R12

USS Star Kraken - R4

The USS Odin has been decommissioned.

We have went from 20 blank reports down to 3. Thank you to Chapter COs who have responded. We read your reports and thank you for submitting them!



ADMIRAL JEFF HIGDON

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While it quite unusual to practice social distancing aboard a starship of the line, we are successfully doing it here in the Captain's quarters, where Rear Admiral Higdon and Brigadier General Higdon stay on or off time, we are doing well. We are wearing special Starfleet issued masks to cover our nose and mouth, which happens to have printed images of various starship classes on it. (Really, and the words "STAR TREK")

But this is the communications report, so I wish to relate to you the following information:

The due date for the next issue of the Communiqué 203 is fast approaching. Remember to send in your articles, pictures, stories, poems, and with such by June 15th, in order to be considered for addition to this edition of the CQ. Send your articles to starfleetcq@gmail.com.

I would like to address the subject of invitations to our various social media platforms. Some of these platforms require you to be a member of STARFLEET International. Add requests are accompanied by requests for permission to access membership information. The privacy laws enacted in the European Union – the General Data Protection regulation [or GDPR], became effective May 2018. The benefits of this legislation were applied to the entirety of SFI, regardless of location. Access to some of our social media pages requires an active membership. The social media moderators need to access your SFI database entry in order to verify that you have a membership and that it is current. By law, we are required to have the explicit permission of the member before looking at their entry. Thus, if this permission is missing from the add request, then the add request will be declined.

If you do not have your SCC number and have applied, you may contact either your Commanding Officer or your Regional Coordinator for that information. Please do not contact the office of the Chief of Communications, STARFLEET for that information as that information is given out through the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET. If need be, you will need to fill out a Helpdesk Ticket in order to get that information. If you do that, please be patient with them.

Just note, and repeating, that if we do not received permission your request for membership automatically be declined. However, if you receive a message from the Vice-Chief of Communications, STARFLEET, Media Services-Rear Admiral Eric Johannson, please treat this as legitimate request that you reapply for membership and give permission to access your information.

Remember, if you have any questions concerning anything that the Communications Department is doing or wish to suggest projects that fall under our Department, please contact me at comms@sfi.org.

I hope everybody is doing well during this trying time, not just here in the United States, but all over our world. Stay safe and until next time...



MAJOR GENERAL TJ ALLEN

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Moodle was brought down at the behest of the CS and CompOps to install the SSL Certificates to make the academy a safer website. We appreciate the work that Jayden and Tony put into this task and trying to get it back up quickly. T

He Academy site is not listed as <https://academy.sfi.org/> and Moodle can be reached from there.

Working with the Commandant, SFMC and the CS, we are working on getting the SFMCA put into Moodle. Thanks to Jayden and Shane (Superintendent, SFMCA) on getting this work moving forward.

Work is still in process to get the manuals and courses reviewed and updated. Along with this task, I have asked the SFA and MACOTC to work on getting the course ready for QAM. We will offer QAM and PDF in the campuses.

As of 17 May 2020, I have numbers from SFA on how many are revised and in QAM. There are approximately 26 colleges that are revised. And approximately 34 in QAM. I have asked for these to get higher by the end of the year, particularly the Revisions.

SFA NEWS

The approximate traffic for SFA for April was 48 different students taking almost 1,400 courses. The number of courses does include beta testing for some new courses and colleges, and also a marked increase in members who are taking the courses required to become staff members (166 courses in the STARFLEET Academy Orientation College alone). This is more than 2.5 times the number of courses from March.

Moodle did have to be taken offline temporarily recently due to the necessity of adding a security certificate for GDPR purposes. We appreciate the efforts of Tony Knopes and Jayden Tyronian to get it open again as quickly as possible, despite the poor service they received from Site5.

Work on the mandatory review and revision, and the archive update, continues. We have a tracking system we are putting into place, and we will be able to give the CES the required information for progress at the appropriate time. We have also hired some clerks to assist with various things, including this project.

While we have several openings still to fill, we have filled more since last month. Since my last report, we added 16 new staff members as Assistant Directors, and several more are preparing to join us. We appreciate that the CS and VCS have steered a few people in our direction, and we are continuing to post openings with HR and announce them in various places.

In order to make sure that our new materials are in compliance, we have requested that Mike Calhoun join our Course Development Committee. This will allow him to check over materials while they are in the early stages of being added to SFA.

MACO TC NEWS

Institute of Military Knowledge (IOMK)
All colleges had activity this month.
I haven't received any applications for Asst. Dean of IOMK.

Moodle Progress:
QAM not started yet

Institute of Military Studies (IOMS)
I haven't received any applications for Asst. Dean of IOMS.

Moodle Progress:
CSEC is the only college with QAM courses open; only one course left and then this college is in compliance.

Institute of Special Operations (IOSO)
Lots of activity this month in all colleges except CSOS.

Moodle Progress:
QAM in progress but not completed

General Comments
The logos for the Special Operations and College of Security are not approved for use. De Rush is working on creating a new logo for CSEC. The IOSO colleges will be using the new MACO and/or MACOTC logos on their materials.

The Commander MACO has asked me to change the titles for the heads of the MACOTC; Commander and Commandant are too similar. We are working on selecting new titles.

SFMCA NEWS

Schools Reporting on time: all
Schools Reporting Late: 0
Schools Failure to Report:
Reporting Percentage: 100
Total Test Requests Sent: 15
Total Test Grades Sent: 20
Overall Request Average: 24. hours
Overall Return Average: 2days

Director Course Ideas

MECHA Manual is being worked. Both the DCO – Doctrine and also the MECHA Director are revising the discussing various Doctrine aspects of the MECHA Rewrite. A Draft was written, but DCO TRACOM Doctrine noticed some issues that need to be addressed Jared fielder – send some ideas for Xeno college. Looking at them not definite approval yet.

PD and OD manuals and materials are being revised and updated to current aspects of information and current and important aspects of the subject matter. Additionally, inputting various topics of awards writing and also various other areas to work to certifying the into various positions and not just courses. We want to work to get courses to a marine trained to be proficient with a task not just courses. Work to get them to move towards being proficient in a school then towards a MOSC.

Director Comments

Notes from COTRACOM

Courses are being moved toward Moodle – I am working with Webmaster and also some course work needs to be revised.

I am developing a timeline to get things moving and hold others accountable.

I hired a new ADC and a NCD Director – getting them onboard and working towards the new tasks I want them to work



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NEW WEB HOST

Because of past and recent problems with support with our current web host, Site 5, we are currently evaluating a new web host that will be 1. more receptive to our support needs, 2. cover our feature needs that we currently have and 3. will be better able and willing to support new technologies. Current problems with our server and ongoing problems with the Academy are examples of shortcomings in this area with our current host.

WEBSITES

Sites overview:

<http://sfi.org/> - DONE

<http://members.sfi.org/> - in progress

<http://academy.sfi.org/> - DONE

<http://qmm.sfi.org/> - Almost done

<http://dts.sfi.org/> - PENDING

<http://sfmc.sfi.org/> - Migrating

<http://sfmca.sfi.org/> - Migrating Now

<http://maco.sfi.org/> - DONE

<http://medical.sfi.org/> - DONE

<http://sciences.sfi.org/> - PENDING

<http://qc.sfi.org/> - thinking stage

<http://docs.sfi.org/> - thinking stage

<http://hr.sfi.org/> - DONE

Details:

<http://members.sfi.org/>: Greg is still soliciting feedback for features and content

<http://qm.sfi.org/>: Need to finish up with pictures of product and finalizing some of the formatting

<http://academy.sfi.org/>: We have put together a list of sites that seem to be compatible with Moodle and are reviewing them at this time. We'll need to move the sites at some point in order to accommodate the Academy because the current SP will not make system changes that we need.

New ideas for sites:

<http://docs.sfi.org/>: to separate documents and other similar things into a consolidated and separate site

<https://qc.sfi.org/> to separate the QC archive from the database. This site will still need the database authentication, however so the database will need to be able to authenticate other sites. We thought about waiting for the new database since it will have OAUTH already, but I'd like to see this separated before the migration to have one less thing to worry about.

FORUM

The current forum is on hold, but we have been working to implement the forum in a usable format behind the scenes. Our "nice to have" feature for the forum is a single-sign-on capability that will allow users of the forum to use their SFI Database logon ID which is the reason that we have not released it yet. This function is definitely part of the new database and we had planned to wait until the new database was available for this, but the delay is having us rethink that option and look into implementing something now.

DATA CLEANUP

- Scripts for cleaning up memberships has been completed and implemented. Scripts to target memberships that need to be cleaned up are in progress. Interface to allow HD to submit memberships to be cleaned up are stalled at the moment while finishing up the rest of it.
- Development of scripts to allow HD/MP to clean up duplicate SCC numbers is still pending. Duplicates somehow continue to be a problem even with the new landing page for renewals and new signups. In addition to the tickets from the Helpdesk on them, I've written a script to report on them and I'm going through those and cleaning them up.
- 100000+ SCC numbers: no update. The plan here is that we have to determine who has these SCC numbers, whether those users have "normal" SCC numbers and then work the "merge magic" on those accounts.
- New Member Database: working now on a few different things for the migration: putting together a definition of what we need for a SFI member; pulling together process flows; working on the install guide for Linux for the overall project.
- Automated responses: rewriting the wording of these still happens as I come across them. Clarification here: we are adding a note to the bottom of automated emails that say "responses to this email might not be seen," or similar and directing the recipient to the Helpdesk with the URL if further assistance is needed.

DH SITE MIGRATION

This is still pending because of the logistics in moving the SFMC off that server. In light of possibly moving to a new provider, we'll back burner this for the short period until that situation is finalized.

DATA PRIVACY

Some editing of the policy needs to be completed (tightening up a bit, contact info, etc.). Acceptance of the policy needs to be fixed. The presenting and acceptance of the policy for members with special privileges also needs to be fixed.

DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTATION

Currently, the department documentation is kept as notes in a private wiki. I have begun a Word document to begin the process of creating a portable/official copy of the runbook.

NEW DATABASE

There have been some more developers added to the team for the new MEDUSA version 3 and new design and development is underway. Process documentation of Day 1 features are in progress

DATABASE NUMBERS

Looking over the numbers recently, I realized that the information was just a bit misleading. I was reporting on all members in a family but the way it was worded made it sound like that was the total number of family memberships. This month, I'm reporting both numbers: the second number is total number of family memberships while the third number is the total number of members in a family membership.

Current active members (from the database)

All active memberships: 5,695

Family memberships: 1,028

Family members: 2,978



GENERAL LINDA OLSON

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Hello! The best way I know to deliver this information to the members is to give the short version.

STARFLEET

Opened the month of April with a balance of \$64,116.11
Credits equaled \$2,222.33
Debits equaled \$2,701.28
Closed the month of April with a balance of \$63,637.16

Breakdown of credits is as follows:

Over the Counter deposits: \$34.00
Paypal April transfer: \$2,188.33

BREAKDOWN OF DEBITS

Onebox Services - \$33.87 (800 number)
Stamps.com - \$17.99 (Machine rental)
Dream host - \$16.90 (SFA web hosting)
Site5.com - \$23.94 web hosting
Linode.com - \$20.00
Invisioncommunity.com - \$20.00
USPS Postage: \$38.35
North Carolina Dept. of Revenue - .68 (sales tax)
Transfer to Scholarship Account - \$179.00 (online donations March)
River Graphics Inc - \$730.67 (IC2020 T-shirts)
Dropbook Inc. - \$119.88
Fleet Lawyers Retainer - \$1,500.00
Connecting Point Comput: \$38.15
total \$2,701.28

SFI Scholarship Account

Opened the month of April 2020 with a balance of \$14,697.41
Credits: \$179.24
Debits - 0
Closed the month of April 2020, with a balance of \$14,876.65

STARFLEET International Conference Account

Opened this month of April 2020: \$980.00
Credits: \$0
Debits: \$0
Closed this month: \$980.00

STARFLEET Marines Account

Opened the month of April with a balance of \$7,296.36

Credits equaled: \$405.55

Debits equaled: \$70.71

Closed the month of April with a balance of \$7,631.20

Breakdown of Credits

Paypal transfer for April - \$405.55

Breakdown of debits

USPS: \$64.80 postage for quartermaster items.

Walmart - \$5.91 envelopes for mailing quartermaster sales.

SFMC Scholarship Account

Opened the month of April with a balance of \$2749.38

Credits equaled \$.05

Debits: \$0

Closed the month of March with a balance of \$2749.43