



## **OPERATION: POLE VAULT**

### Mission Objective:

Safe transportation of 28 telescoping flagpoles with bases and finials from the site of MicroCon 2023 (Joliet, IL) to the site of MicroCon 2025 (Montreal, PQ).

### Participating MicroNations:

- Ladonia
- Slabovia
- Aerican Empire

### Employed Assets:

- “Car” (Ladonian Royal Chariot)
- USS Indigo Montoya (Slabovian Navey Maltese Class Corvette)
- AEAU (Aerican Empire Auxiliary Vehicle) Lexi

### Phase I

Ladonia to transport flagpoles in Car from Joliet to the House of Mars (Dundas, ON) and sign the shipment over to Slabovia.

### Phase II

Slabovia to transport flagpoles in USS Indigo Montoya from the House of MARS and rendezvous with the AEAU Lexi and hand the cargo over to the Aerican Empire.

### Phase III

AEAU Lexi to transport flagpoles from rendezvous to the site of MicroCon 2025 (Montreal).

## AFTER-ACTION REPORT

### Phase I

On June 8 2025, Cargo was loaded into “Car” in Joliet and driven by HM Queen Carolyn of Ladonia to the House of MARS. She departed “first thing in the morning” and reported arrival at the US-Canada border at 11:57AM.

When asked “what’s in the boxes”, Queen Carolyn employed a combination of beguiling charm and more details of the true story than the border guard was able to handle, causing him to cede the moment and let her pass.

“Car” arrived at the House of MARS at 3:35PM and the flagpoles were quickly off-loaded.

Queen Carolyn stayed for a brief state visit, including a meal, hosted by the Baron and Baroness of MARS (with personal security provided by Lt. Spencer MacGillivray) before turning “Car” around for the return trip. She made an overnight pit-stop at a hotel in East Lansing, completing the four-hour trip home the following morning. In all, 16 hours of driving.



### Phase II

On June 14, 2025, the crew of the USS Indigo Montoya (FAdm MacGillivray and Lt. Mercer) mustered at the House of MARS and, with the help of a shoe-horn, loaded the shipment aboard.



The flagpoles and accessories had, by this time, been sorted, cleaned, counted and re-packaged, and 2 replacement parts fashioned by Fleet Maintenance personnel.

At approximately 08:00, the USS Indigo Montoya departed, making a relatively uneventful trip to the designated rendezvous point in Kingston, ON.

The crew of the AEAV Lexi (Eric, Jenny and the Lexi’s skipper Maria) was already on-site at One-Eyed Jack’s. Contact was made and a leisurely lunch was had, courtesy of the Aerican Empire.

**Restroom report:** Facilities at the rendezvous site were quite satisfactory. Clean, with modern fixtures that complement the dark marble-like surfaces, this men’s room put the author at ease immediately, allowing for a relaxed and comfortable voiding in one of the four wall-mounted self-flushing urinals. Soft soap was plentiful and the water pressure was fair in the mid-sized sink. The automatic paper towel dispenser took some coaxing but ultimately did its job. The only real down-side was the combination of the over-sized mirror and bright lighting which shows the signs of one’s age more than you’d like.

Following lofty discussions about affairs of state over lunch, the crew chief from the USS Indigo Montoya and the skipper of the Lexi initiated the transfer and insertion of the poles into Lexi's rear compartment. Lt. Mercer's vast experience playing Tetris proved invaluable at this stage. The manifest was signed over to Emperor Eric and the two ships parted ways, each heading for home.



### Phase III

June 14, 2025. The return trip for the USS Indigo Montoya was uneventful, aside from a stopover at Primitive Designs, just north of Port Hope. This depot supplies a wide range of very interesting stuff. Attempts were made to purchase a new throne for King George 2.0, but the crew did not have sufficient pocket change to pay for it, and the proprietors refused to accept our previous throne as a trade-in.



Unbeknownst to the crew of the USS Indigo Montoya, immediately upon departure from One Eyed Jack's, the Lexi was hijacked and forced to dock at a nearby shopping center. Details of the incident are as follows:

The first [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] in any other circumstances [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] had proper security measures been taken. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Only then was it discovered that [REDACTED] Both parties had [REDACTED] after serious negotiations [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and undertook a shopping excursion at [REDACTED] It was [REDACTED] and the total amount spent was in excess of [REDACTED] Without [REDACTED] and for reasons unknown, the [REDACTED] and it [REDACTED] after which the Lexi returned to Montreal without further incident and the cargo was delivered safely to the MicroCon 2023 venue. No charges were filed.





USS Indigo Montoya  
Incontinental Fleet  
Royal Slabovian Navey

LEXI

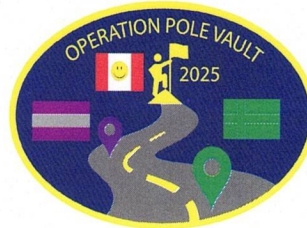
## MANIFEST

Delivered to: MicroCon 2025  
7655 Decarie Blvd  
Montsurreal, PQ

Waybill#: 1764

c/o The Aerican Empire

Via: Waypoint Kingston  
Date: 2025/06/14



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	Aluminum flag pole, telescoping, 8'	28
2	Ring & clip assembly	56
3	Sleeve, plastic	25
4	Finial, eagle, gold, gaudy	28
5	Base, round, gold w/cap	13
6	Base, round, gold w/o cap	15
7	Bubble wrap	Some

PIECES	TOTAL WEIGHT		PACKED BY	CHECKED BY
4	72.8 lbs	NOT A SALE		



RECEIVED IN GOOD ORDER BY	DATE
Eric Lis	2025/06/14