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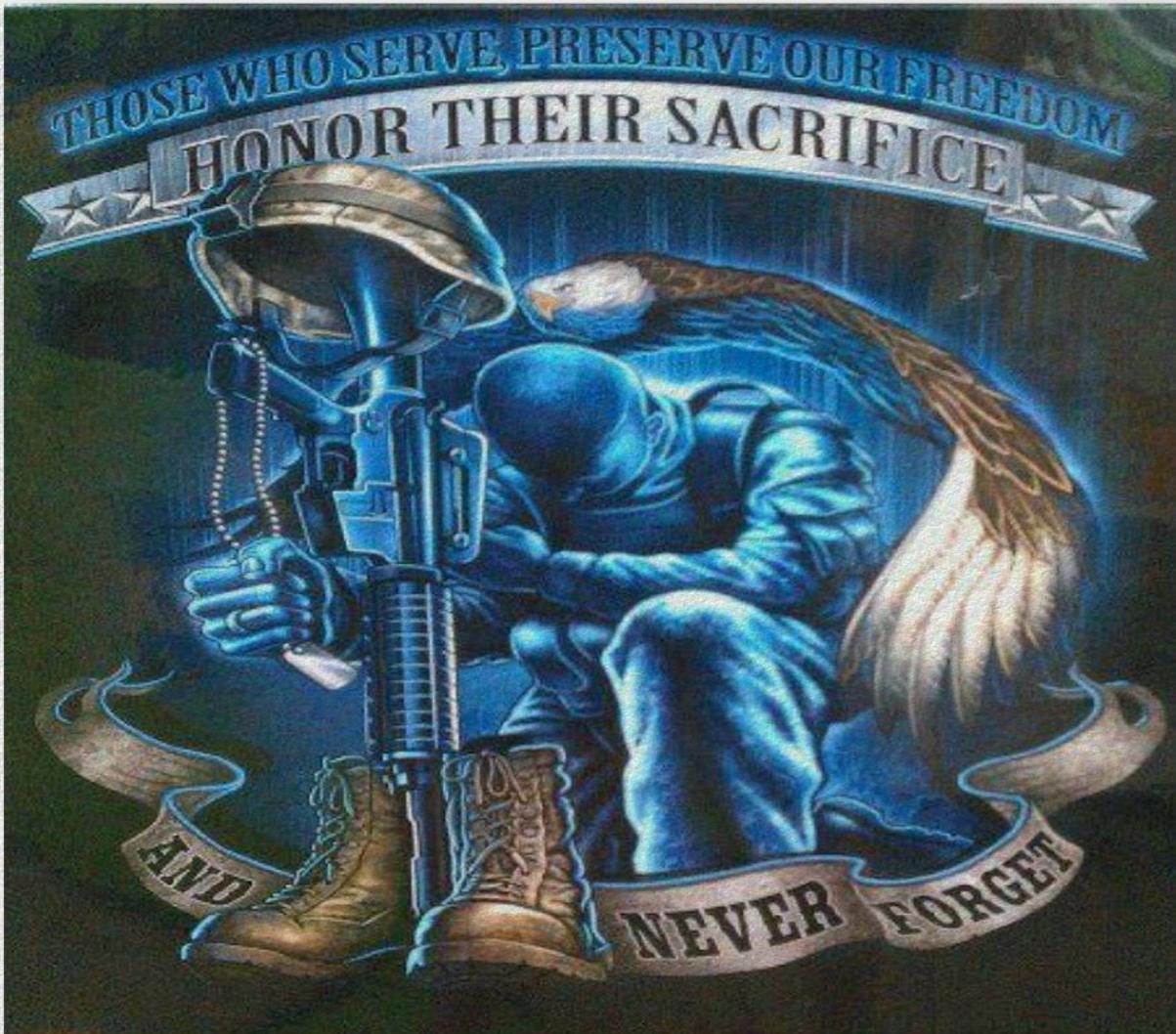
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From the First Officer

Yes, it's that time of month once again. But it was not easy getting here. It's still not easy.

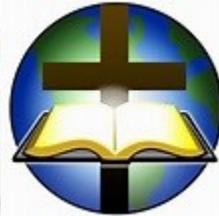
You see I'm not my usual jovial self these last few days. This past Friday (April 8), my dad passed away at the age of 81. It was only in the last few years that (last four years to be exact) that I corrected a mistake. A mistake that I wanted to, no that's not right, I needed to undo. That mistake was not staying in contact with my dad. And I got lucky. I was granted the time needed to undo that mistake. And say those things that needed to be said between a son and his father before time, his time ran out. But still his passing did come as a shock to me. I know that there are people that won't or don't get that chance. And they regret not taking advantage of that while they still had time to correct their mistake. Regretting the missed opportunity for the rest of their lives. And I feel sorry for them. Yes, I got lucky. Now I got everyone asking me if I'm ok, do I need anything or talk to someone. I just tell them, "I would be lying if I said no. But please don't worry about me. I'll get through this, with time. And with time, I'll learn how to live with this and move past it. I am too full of life, too stubborn to do other wise. I don't give in that easily. I guess, you could say that I am a fighter. Especially after the last four years. I'm crazy, not stupid. And I'm not planning to do anything stupid."

Well, enough of that stuff. As always we have the usual stuff, The Strange, The Weird, and What the ?, Penn-Penn's Recipe Corner, Bible Quotes, Brightstar Notes, Chapter 31 of Brightstar 'Moving On' and we also have articles on the U.S. Mint latest collection. One of those quarters in that collection will be honoring the late Dr. Sally Ride, and an article on the planet Neptune.

Before I go, I would like to correct an oversite that I made in last month newsletter. That oversite was I failed to mention someone's birthday. I would like to say a belated happy birthday to Kenny Charron our chief engineering officer. His birthday was April 13. So happy birthday Kenny.

It's time to put this puppy to bed.

The First Officer



Bible Quotes

Malachi 3:16

Then those who feared the LORD talked with other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of **remembrance** was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

Luke 22:19

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in **remembrance** of me."

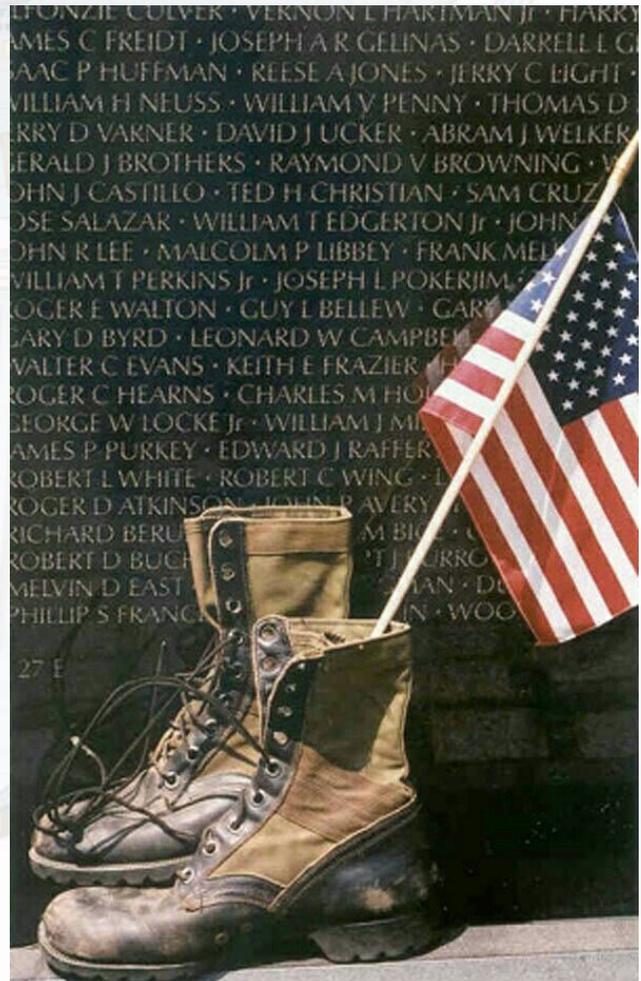
Acts 10:4

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a **memorial** offering before God.

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

24 And when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in **remembrance** of me."

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in by blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in **remembrance** of me."



Is Neptune Cooling Down?

Scientists have been collecting data for two decades on one planet in our solar system. A planet that is thirty times further from the sun than our own planet, Earth. That planet is Neptune.

With an orbit that takes a hundred and sixty-five Earth years to complete. Its seasons are considerably longer as well, on the average of forty Earth years each. Over the last two decades, Neptune has been moving into its southern summer season. What the data has shown is staggering. A fourteen degree Fahrenheit (8 degrees Celsius) drop.

"This change was unexpected," Michael Roman, a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Leicester and lead author on the new paper, said in a statement, "Since we have been observing Neptune during its early southern summer, we would expect temperatures to be slowly growing warmer, not colder."

Using data from observatories such as the European Southern Observatory (ESO), Very Large Telescope in Chile, the Keck and Subaru Telescope in Hawai'i, and N.A.S.A.'s Spitzer Space Telescope. Each obtained readings using the heat-carrying infrared part of the light spectrum.

The data did show a cooling trend, however the cooling is not uniform, the researchers said in a statement. Researchers and scientists looked at the measurements of Neptune's stratosphere, the second lowest layer of Neptune's atmosphere and it revealed a warming trend over the south pole region of the planet. The data showed a twenty degree (11 degrees Celsius) rise over a two-year period (2018-2020). Scientists are at the loss with what these readings are showing since this has never been observed on Neptune. Little is known about the passing of seasons on Neptune. Its only been possible in the last few decades to make such observations of the planet.

"Our data covers less than half of a Neptune seasons," Glenn Orton, Senior Research Scientist at JPL and co-author on a study said in the statement, "So no one was expecting to see large and rapid changes."

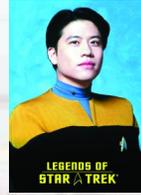
No one knows what drives these unexpected temperature variation, but some researchers and the scientist as well, think it may have to do something with the sun's eleven-year solar cycle.

"The temperature variations may be related to the seasonal changes in Neptune's atmospheric chemistry, which can alter how effectively the atmosphere cools." Roman said, "But random variability in weather patterns or even a response to the eleven-year solar activity cycle may also have an effect."

Other studies suggest that may indeed be a link between the solar cycle of the sun and Neptune's brightness. A study also found a link between solar cycle and the brightness of the clouds in Neptune's atmosphere and the temperature of its stratosphere. It is hoped that future studies could shed more light on the Neptune's mysteries. With the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, the telescope will help in solving those mysteries of Neptune as well as those mysteries of Uranus.

"The exquisite sensitivity of JWST's mid-infrared instruments. MIRI, will provide unprecedented new maps of the chemistry and temperature in Neptune's atmosphere, helping to better identify the nature of these recent changes." Leigh Fletcher, Professor of Planetary Science at the University of Leicester, and co-author of the new study, said in a statement.
End Of Report.

Pinn-Pinn's Recipe Corner



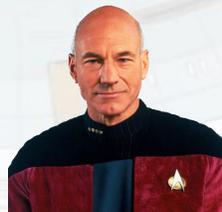
Harry Kim's Moo-Goo Ngow

Another recipe I prepare for Harry is Moo-Goo Ngow, my variation of a traditional Asian dish.

1 minced garlic clove
3 tablespoons cooking oil
1 ½ pounds round steak, cut in small pieces
3 tablespoons chopped onion
1 ½ pound mushrooms, sliced
5 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons water

Heat the oil in a large frying pan or, better, a wok or electric wok, until it's hot; then add garlic. Reduce heat and sauté about 2 minutes. Remove garlic. Add the steak, onion, and sauté over an easy flame, stirring constantly until the meat is brown. Add the broth and mushrooms, and cook gently for 10 minutes. Make a thin paste by combining the soy sauce, water, and cornstarch; let it thicken for about a minute, then pour it over the stir-fried meat and mix it in. Keep stirring until the liquid thickens up. Serve meat and sauce over rice.

Serves 4.



Captain Picard's Peach Cobbler

Captain Picard was a big peach cobbler fan, as is Commander Sisko. Picard's peach cobbler was prepared for him by the image of Anna. I suspect that Sisko learned to appreciate his peach cobbler from his father, whose Sisko's creole restaurant in the French Quarter of New Orleans served a peach cobbler that made even grown men cry.

The way I whip up cobblers in my galley is with any basic biscuit dough recipe. The easiest one is probably found right on the Bisquick package. Follow it to make the dough and then set aside. Grease a shallow 9-inch square baking pan lightly with butter and preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Then place half the dough into the baking pan filling the bottom and prepare your peach filling.

2 cups peeled and sliced fresh peaches
1/3 cup light brown sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 teaspoons granulated sugar

Heat the peaches in their own juices in a medium-sized saucepan over medium heat until they just begin to soften and bubble; add the sugar, cinnamon, and vanilla, and continue to heat. Pour the peach filling into your biscuit-dough shell, cut remaining half of the dough into 1-inch strips, and cover it with strips of dough. You can use the traditional lattice pattern, or be creative! Quickly dust with granulated sugar.

Bake for a ½ hour and serve hot, with ice cream or heavy cream on top if you wish.



Joseph Sisko's Pasta Boudin

½ pound Klingon blood sausage, or Creole sausage, or even, fresh Italian hot sausage, cooked, this can be sliced or

left whole

1 1-pound package of linguini

6 cloves garlic, crushed

½ cup grated Romano cheese

¼ cup (½ stick) butter, sliced

1/8 cup olive oil

1 teaspoon dried parsley

Fresh-ground black pepper to taste

At Sisko's, Joseph Sisko prepares a traditional French Creole dish, boudin sausage, or blood sausage, over whatever pasta is his favorite for the day. Some days it's angel-hair, others it's linguini, one time Papa Sisko even experimented with fettuccini, but that was only because he wanted to try out a new cream sauce and put the boudin sausage on the side. His son, Benjamin, prepares his pasta boudin with linguini ripping with garlic because he likes his Klingon blood sausage nice and spicy.

To make this dish at home for yourself, start with about a ½ pound of Worf's Klingon blood sausage, or Creole or Italian sausage, and set it aside. Then begin cooking the linguini, and while the water's boiling slice the butter, put the olive oil in a cup, and peel the garlic clove that you will crush between spoons or in a garlic press. Also grate the cheese in advance. The secret to making great pasta boudin is that all the flavors come together in about 60 seconds, so you have to work fast.

As soon as the pasta's al dente, drain it and stir through a smidgen of olive oil so the noodles don't stick. Put it into a large bowl and immediately stir through the remaining olive oil and the garlic, so that it melts and coats. Then stir through the butter and cheese; top with parsley and pepper. When it's just a tick shy of creamy, stir in the sausage and serve. You can also serve the blood sausage on the side.

Serves four to six.



The Lost Recipes Of Talax

Roast Thill

1 raw clean fresh or defrosted turkey (trim excess fat and puncture holes all over it with a knife)

½ cup butter, sliced

1 ½ tablespoons cornstarch

½ cup water

PREPARE A PASTE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

5 tablespoons minced fresh garlic

½ cup water

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

½ teaspoon ground cumin

1 cube Knorr chicken bouillon

juice of ½ lime

½ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons melted butter

(NOTE: reserve ½ tablespoon of this mixture)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Put turkey into roasting pan and rub the mixture on the turkey inside and out and let marinate in a refrigerator for at least 4 hours.

In bowl, mix the ½ tablespoon reserved from the mixture with:

1 cup water

1 ½ to 2 tablespoons of soy sauce

½ cube chicken bouillon dissolved in 1 teaspoon water

BASTING MIX

2 cups of regular or diet cola

3 tablespoons soy sauce

Pour this mix around the turkey just before you place it into the 325 degree oven, dot the turkey with little bits of butter, and cover roasting pan.

Bake turkey in a covered roasting pan at 325 degrees and baste every ten minutes for at least 1 ½ hours. Increase the temperature to 350 degrees and pour over the turkey a mix of cola and soy sauce. Save about ¼ cup of this mix.

Continue cooking at 350, basting every ten minutes until the bird is about done. A fully thawed or fresh turkey should cook for 30 minutes per pound. Check for doneness, first, by puncturing the skin with a fork and making sure the juices are running clear (without any blood). Also, make sure that the turkey leg wiggles freely in its socket. When the leg wiggles freely and the juices are running clear, pour the remaining ¼ cola and soy sauce mix on the bird to give the skin a dark color and increase the oven temperature to 400 degrees for no more than 10 minutes. Be careful not to burn the turkey.

To make the gravy, you can use the turkey juices in the bottom of the roasting pan. Remove turkey to platter to let it rest, and you can now start the gravy. First mix ½ tablespoons cornstarch into ½ cup cold water, stirring to completely dilute the cornstarch and avoid lumps. Next, spoon out some of the turkey juices into a separate bowl and stir them into the cornstarch mixture, again, stirring constantly to avoid lumps. Now you can add the entire cornstarch mixture back to the turkey pan and let them heat for five minutes. If your gravy is too thick, add more water the tablespoon, stirring through, until you reach the desired consistency. Each half pound of turkey will serve one gentle Talxian or Human.

The Strange, The Weird, and What the?

Hey there, here we are, back at it again. The Strange, The Weird, and What the?, searched the world wide web for the... , well read for yourself and judge. And if you're not scratching your head by the time you finish reading this, well, there is something wrong with you. So read on. You have been warned.

Life of Crime: It's a shame police in St. Louis, Mo., didn't release the name of the man they arrested at 3:00 a.m. He attempted a carjacking by walking up to a vehicle and pointing a gun at the front seat passenger. Police were nearby. Very nearby: when the man "discovered he was attempting to carjack a fully marked police car," a spokesman said, he "took off running." There were numerous police officers in the area investigating a shots fired call, and the man was quickly apprehended. (RC/KTVI St. Louis) ... *Why did the carjacker flunk out of school? Teachers said he just didn't pay attention.*

Tiny Room, Huge Worlds: Six years ago a resident of Matinicus, Maine, wanted to give away a shed he no longer needed, and Eva Murray had an idea. "I said, 'How about we take it, move it off the property, renovate it and it can become our library,'" Murray recalls. The approximately 100 residents of the tiny island 23 miles off the coast of Maine came together, and moved and converted the shed. "I bought a set of field guides, once we got tax-exempt status," Murray said. "Every other book in there was donated." The collection includes several banned books, including *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood and *And Tango Makes Three*, a true story about two male penguins raising a chick together — one of the most banned books in the U.S., says the American Library Association. "We are buying banned books in order to publicly push back against the impetus to ban books," Murray says. "To say, 'If you don't want it in your library, we want it in ours.'" But they do ban some books: they only accept donations in good condition that locals actually want to read. (MS/Bangor Daily News) ... *"Every book that is banned is a badge of honor." — censored author Pramoedy Ananta Toer (1925–2006).*

Oblivioy Is as Oblivioy Does: The Hernando County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office says Thomas Colucci, 41, of Spring Hill called 911 to ask if deputies can test the meth he bought from someone at a bar to see if it was real. Colucci, they say, said he was an "experienced drug user" who "knew what it should feel like," and apparently he wasn't getting the sensations he thought he should. "I think what I got was bath salts," he said, and asked if an "unmarked squad car" could come to his house to check it. "I really don't want to get these guys arrested," he said. "I just want the cops to know that if something happens to me." Many police agencies have jokingly offered to test drugs for free, knowing few would take them up on the idea. A deputy responded, and Colucci handed over two bags of powder. A field test kit signaled positive for meth, and he was arrested for possession. The department then repeated its offer: "If you, or someone you know, have doubts about the authenticity of any illegal narcotics you have on-hand," they said, "the Hernando County Sheriff's Office is pleased to provide this service, FREE of charge." (RC/WFLA Tampa) ... *Free of charge, free from charges — big difference.*

Date Noted: It was April 1, and an unidentified man in Derby, England, finally made a dream come true: he picked up his brand new red Ferrari. Derbyshire police pick up the story from there in the direct, terse style that police are famous for: "Crashed it after driving it less than two miles. No injuries."

They also released photos on Twitter to show the damage. The car, the local news reported, "could have" cost as much as 245,000 pounds (US\$320,000). Within an hour police updated their Twitter post with "Not an April Fool." (RC/Derby Telegraph) ... *Many of us beg to differ.*

Match Game: When Anita Rivella got home from class at Florida's University of Miami, she took her dog out for a walk. She was almost back home when her dog pooped on the stairs outside her condo. As she bent over to pick it up, a man grabbed her. "The guy, he just came from behind me and, like, choked me," she said. "He told me not to speak or he'll kill me with a knife, by showing me a knife." She fought back, screaming, and the man ran, taking her bag. Her dog, Roulette, "is a hero," she said. No, the little Pomeranian didn't chase the man off. When police caught a suspect — and found Rivella's belongings nearby — he of course denied any involvement in any crime. But a detective noticed something on his shirt: dog poop which "matched" the poop that ended up on Rivella's bag, laptop, and schoolbooks. William Carroll, 62, has been charged with armed robbery, and battery. (RC/WTVJ Miami) ... *Let him keep the books: he has a lot to learn.*

Star Trek: Brightstar

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First Officer's Log
Stardate: Subjective
Commander T'sikes recording

"Repairs on the Brightstar are almost completed. We now have been inside the Oswald Nebula for the last six hours. We've had no contact with V'rok's ship as of yet during this time. But with our limited sensors, we do know that he is in the nebula with us, searching. Searching for us. We think he may have completed his repairs already, which would explain why he is searching for us in the first place. But this is only a guess. Because of the make-up of the Oswald Nebula our sensors are at least sixty-five percent unreliable. The only sensors we have, that are reliable in any way, are the motion sensors. This is why we know V'rok is here looking for us. At the moment Captain Deora wants to keep it that way until the repair work can be completed. With the station-keeping thrusters shutdown, the Brightstar is just drifting inside the nebula. The Captain is hoping that this will aid us in our repair work and our not being detected.

On to a different matter, Admiral Jon has gotten permission from the Captain for the use of our M.A.C.O. personnel. When the Captain asked if this had anything to do with his plan B or the reason why he disappeared as he did for days on end, the only answer he would give was his silence. Even the M.A.C.O. personnel, which he has been training hot and heavy since his return, are as tight lip about what they are up to as the Admiral. When I brought this to the Captain's attention, she didn't say much about it. She said that there wasn't much she could say about what they doing since she too is in the dark as much as I am. She did say, however, because of what happened with the usages of the shuttles, both she and the Admiral agreed that she shouldn't know what he was doing with the M.A.C.O. personnel until deemed necessary for her to know for security concerns. And the worst part of this is not even our chief security officer knows what they are doing. And if he does, he too is being tight lip about the whole thing."

"Have you checked in with your lookouts Commander?" Captain Deora asked the First Officer.

"Yes sir. I just came from the last one in the star-drive section. Nothing to report, so far. I checked in with Chief Kenny. He says the repairs are going well and should be done and combat-ready within an hour." T'sikes reported.

"Seven hours. That's not bad eh Number One, wouldn't you say so?" Deora asked her Number One.

"Yes sir, normally I would sir, but ..., I don't know," Sikes said as he sat down in a chair across from the Captain in his ready room.

"Sikes, I know that look. What is the matter with you?" Deora asked her friend and First Officer.

"I don't know sir. It's just that ..., I feel like we're walking" He started, but was having some trouble putting his thoughts into words.

It was at this moment that the lights and everything else went off-line. In moments the emergency lighting came on.

"Bridge, what the hell is going on?" Captain Deora asked.

At first, all she heard was nothing but silence. Then the Captain heard a whisper of a voice come over the comm-system to make a report of what was happening.

"Sir, our motion sensors detected V'rok ship nearby and on a heading in our general direction. I shut down everything except for emergency power to avoid detection." Lieutenant Commander Henderson told the Captain.

"We'll be right there Kathy." The Captain said as laid down the padd he had in his hand.

Both he and the First Officer got up from their chairs and started towards the doors of the Captain's ready room. The doors parted and they stepped onto the bridge heading for the command deck. Once they reached it, the Captain calls out, "Report Kathy!"

"Sir nothing so far other than what the motion sensors have reported," Kathy told the Captain and the First Officer.

"What about the lookouts? Anything from them?" T'sikes enquired.

"Nothing from anyone, yet," Kathy told the First Officer.

A voice was then heard coming from the comm-systems.

"Bridge, this is crewman Darnell in the star-drive section near the arboretum," Darnell said as he introduced himself.

"Yes crewman, what do you have?" The captain asked.

"Captain sir, I spotted what appears to be an outline or a shadow of a Ferengi cruiser or a marauder class starship off our starboard quarter at a distance of one hundred kilometers." Darnell report.

"Crewman which direction is he heading." The First Officer asked.

"My best guess is the ship is going from aft end of our ship to the bow. Along our starboard side." Crewman Darnell reported.

The next person the bridge heard was Ensign Pearl on deck fifteen.

"Bridge, this is Ensign Pearl on deck fifteen, saucer section. I see it, sir. The crewman's guess is spot on. It passing along our starboard towards the bow of the ship." Pearl reported.

And finally a Lieutenant Bonnett in the Pinn-Pinn's Pagoda, a.k.a. Ten Forward Lounge.

"Bridge, Lieutenant Bonnett in the ten forward lounge. The Ferengi ship is passing in front of the ship. Cutting right across our bow. And it looks like he's 'pressing on'" Bonnett reported.

Without seeing him leave her side, she turned around to find the Commander T'sikes at science station one.

"Sir, the motion sensors are confirming that V'rok is continuing on his present course." The First Officer reported after checking with the sensors.

"Ok everyone, you can start breathing once again. Commander head down to engineering and ask Admiral Jon to join me in my ready room. And if he doesn't want to, then escorted him to my ready room. Tell him word for word if you have to." The captain orders her First Officer to do.

"Kathy maintain present status for another thirty minutes. Then I want a test performed on all shields and weapons. Oh something else, all non-essential power will be for the time being rerouted to bolster the essential systems, shields, weapons and life support, and the like. You'll know where I'll be if you need me." The Captain stated.

"Aye, sir," Kathy said as she got up from her station and took over the conn from the Captain as she walked towards her ready room. Captain Deora got up from the chair and started to head towards the ready room, to wait for the Admiral.

"Captain all repairs are completed. Phaser banks are fully charged. Torpedoes tubes are ready with both photon and quantum torpedoes. Shields are at full strength. Everything is on stand-by status." The First Officer reported to Captain Deora.

"Very good Commander. Give my compliments to the Chief." Captain Deora told her First Officer.

"Aye, sir. I would be honored to pass that along." He responded with.

"All right Kathy take us out of here. Dead slow for starters if you will. Then punch it up to half impulse. We don't want to be spotted too soon." Captain Deora ordered.

"Sir? Aye, sir." Kathy said with confusion.

"How long before we reach the perimeter of the nebula?" Captain Deora asked.

"At half impulse, we should reach the perimeter in under fifteen minutes," Tess answered.

"Sikes, full sensor scan. A full three hundred and sixty degrees." Captain Deora ordered with a slight grin on her face.

"Sir, the sensors are useless inside the nebula, and if we do try to use them while inside the nebula, V'rok will know where we are and where we are heading." The Commander explained.

"Yes, I know Sikes. But thank you anyway." Captain Deora said as she reached down to touch the keypad on the arm of her command chair she was sitting in. The button she pushed was for shuttle bay three.

"Admiral is everything ready down there?" Captain asked the Admiral.

"Yes, they are. Both the decoy and the boarding shuttles are ready along with everyone else." The Admiral said with confidence.

"Sir! A Ferengi marauder coming at us off the port aft. Nine hundred kilometers and closing. Sir! It's V'rok's ship, his weapons are coming online." T'sikes reported.

"Kathy bring our weapons online. Sikes what about his shields?" She hurriedly asked.

"Sir, he is in the same boat as we are when it comes to the shields. So long as we are within the nebula, the shields are useless." T'sikes conveyed.

"Understood Commander. Kathy how soon till we get to the nebula's perimeter?"

"We're five minutes away Captain," Kathy reported.

"Kathy the moment we clear the nebula I want the shields on stand-by. The very second V'rok fires is weapons, raise our shields and bring our weapons online and hot." Captain Deora ordered.

"Number One, fire a spread of six photon torpedoes at V'rok ship. Have them go off just short of his ship. Say about four hundred meters of his bow. Basically, I want V'rok temporarily blinded, by the explosion.

Then launch both shuttles." Deora relayed.

"Why? What so special about those shuttles?" T'sikes asked.

"I wish I could tell you, Sikes. The reason why I can't tell is because of time and security. But I will tell you this, it will make know to you when the time is right. You just have to trust me on this. Do you trust me on this Number One?" Deora asked earnestly.

Commander T'sikes stood there at science station one for a moment staring at that the back of her head. Then spoke out loud saying, "Alright everyone you heard the Captain, let's be about it." He then back to what he was doing at the science station.

"Sir, we just cleared the nebula's perimeter. T'sikes reported.

"Bridge, shuttle bay three, Admiral?"

"Yes Captain, what is it?" Admiral asked.

"Standby to launch sir. We're awaiting confirmation that V'rok's ship is about to breach the nebula's perimeters. You'll launch just soon as we have blinded him." Captain Deora told the Admiral.

"Thank you, Captain. We'll be ready."

"Admiral?"

"Yes Captain something else?" he asked.

"Yes sir. Good hunting and good luck.."

"Thank you, Captain, good luck to you too."

"Sikes, standby on weapons. When V'rok clears the nebula you'll only have few seconds before he gets his sensors back. Bring the torpedoes tubes online now and wait, when V'rok's ship finally clears the nebula, fire those torpedoes. Once they have blinded V'rok sensors, launch both shuttles. Kathy the second his weapons lock onto us, raise our shields and target his shields with phaser and photon and quantum torpedoes."

Everyone on the bridge said in one voice, "Aye sir."

U.S. Mint Honors Dr. Sally Ride

A recent announcement by the U.S. Mint (March 21, 2022) have begun minting a new series of quarters called American Women. They announced that Dr. Sally Ride will be honored on the second coin in the series. The coin is due to begin circulating within the next there to four weeks.

The quarter will be minted at both the Philadelphia and Denver facilities. The coin depicts Dr. Ride from a picture taken of her by a window on the command deck of the space shuttle Challenger STS-7 mission, "But when I wasn't working, I was usually at a window looking down at Earth." Ms. Ride once said. When the announcement was made Ventris Gibson deputy director of the U.S. Mint said in a statement, "Dr. Sally Ride captured the nation's imagination as a symbol of the ability of women to shatter barriers. Her-alding her accomplishments via this beautiful quarter provides the Mint with yet another opportunity to connect America through coins."

This coin will mark the second time that a U.S. coin was minted depicting a female astronaut, but this time will be coined to honor Ms. Ride. Coin designer artist Elana Hagler is the member of the is a member of the U.S. Mint Artistic Infusion Program. Phebe Hemphill sculpted the master. Inscribed on the coin is, "E Pluribus Unum" which is Latin for 'Out of Many, One.' They positioned this over the Earth next to the United States. This represent that Dr. Sally Ride is the first American woman in space.

"Sally would be so moved b this great honor," "This tribute reflects Sally's legacy not only as a trailblazing astronaut but also as a champion of diversity and inclusion in the

the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields," Tam O'Shaughnessy Sally Ride's life partner and co-founder and executive director of Sally Ride Science of University of California, San Diego stated at the presentation.

Other females being honored in this latest coin series are Wilma Mankiller (real name), the first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation; Nina Otero-Warren, a leader in New Mexico's suffrage movement; and Anna May Wong the first Chinese American film star in Hollywood. The Mints future subjects will be drawn from a wide range of accomplishments and fields that may include suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space, and the arts. This coin will also mark the second coin to go into circulating depicting an astronaut. The first was the 2002 Ohio state quarter which featured an engraving of the Apollo moonwalker and John Glen.

Some facts about Dr. Sally Ride, Sally Ride joined N.A.S.A. in 1978 as member of the first group of astronaut candidates which included other women and minorities.

Sally was the third female in history to orbit the Earth. The first female to orbit the Earth was Cosmonauts Valentina Tereshkova in 1962 and Svetlana Savilskaya in 1982.

Ms. Ride became the first and the youngest female in 1983 at the age of 32, A record she would hold for 38 years. She would spend a total of two weeks in space with her career at N.A.S.A.

Born on May 26, 1951, in Los Angeles, California. Married to fellow astronaut Steven Hawley from 1982 to 1987. She flew on mission STS-7 and STS-4-6. Sally Ride would

Brightstar's Notes

This will be a short report. As you will find out later in this report. The first meeting of the Brightstar was held on April 2, 2022. Captain Henderson and Lt. Commander Webb were in attendance. The meeting was held via Messenger. This meeting was a short due to the first officer had to leave early. Commander Webb had a few days earlier received word that his dad was seriously ill and was not expected to survive the next few days to a week at best. The Commander also stated that he is in the process of contacting his brother, and dad's immediate (uncle and aunts) family members as well.

The next meeting was to have been held on the 15th of April. It was canceled out of respect for the first officer having to attend his father's funeral on that same day. Commander Webb called Captain Henderson the following da (Saturday) to relay that he made it back from his dad's funeral and that he was taking a few days away from the and then he would get right on the newsletter and have it ready by the first of May (his words).

The next meeting of the Brightstar is schedule for the, or around the first of May.

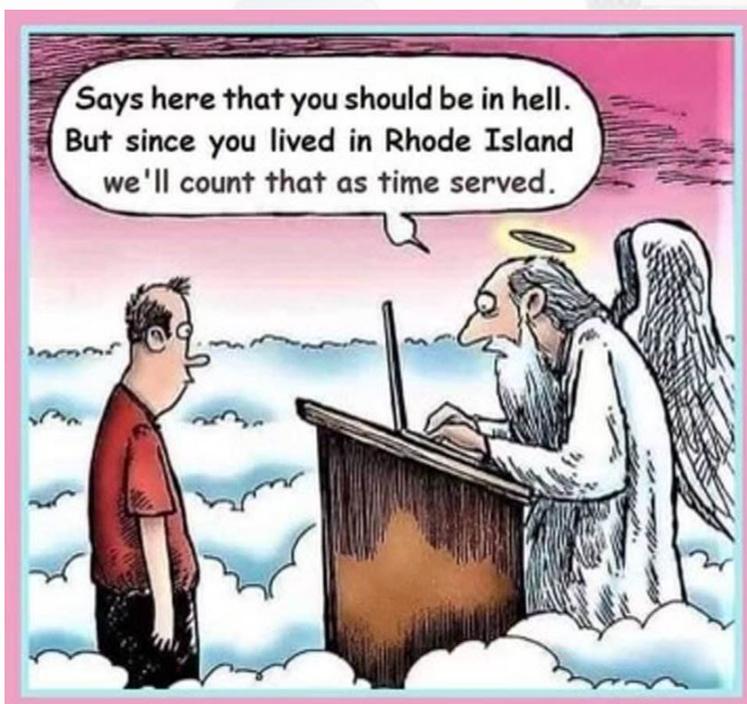
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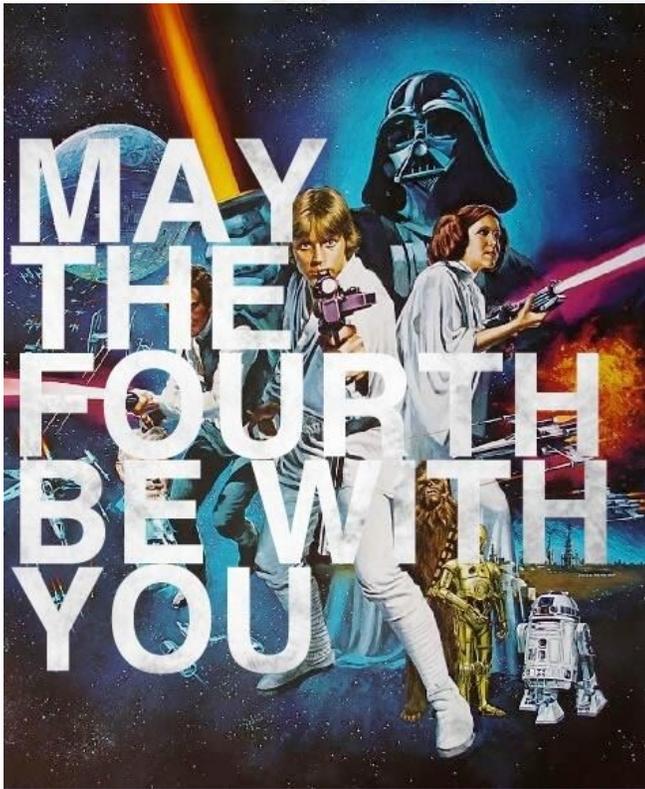
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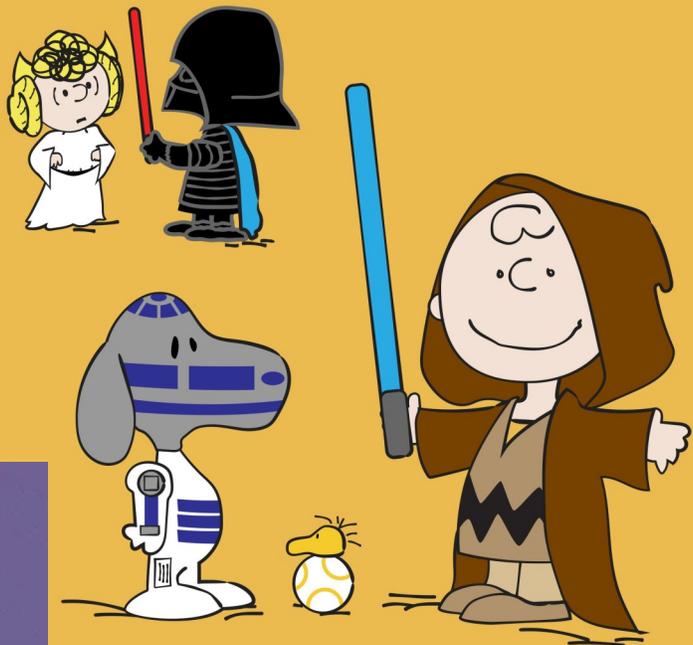
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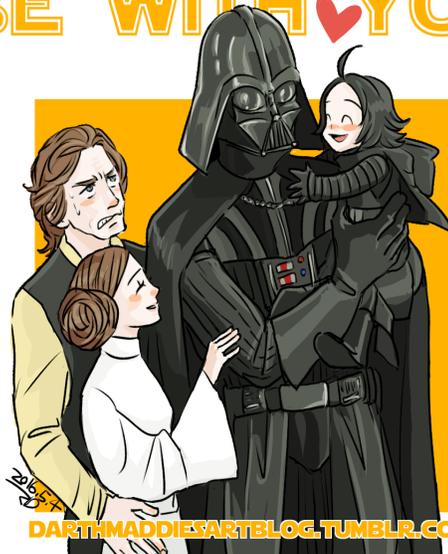


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