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Beginning of a New Era

Much Needed Updates and
Upgrades to Starfleet Command

While the Paint's Drying...

Message From The Fleet Commander



Greetings Fleet,

It is a pleasure to address you in the first quarter of this year.

As some of you are aware, in the previous year, there was a mathematical error and the election for Fleet Commander was held a year early. The current Admiralty Board has decided to hold another election this

year, to keep SFCQ1 in line with the Articles of Federation and the elections on track for future years. Per the AFEDs, an election officer has been chosen and was seated in accordance with the Articles of Federation (AFEDs). CINC Inspector General, Admiral Mary Miller has agreed to fill the position. (For more details see the AFEDs Article XIV.)

Several staff changes have occurred since the beginning of the year, which has opened positions on the board and within the staff. Some of these positions will remain open until after the upcoming election and some will be filled on a temporary basis. One such position is Commandant of SF Academy. Admiral Tony Scott will be filling the position of Commandant on a temporary basis to ensure that members can continue to advance to officer's careers and Officers can commission chapters. The Academy is open for business and can be accessed from the website.

Starfleet Command Quadrant 1 continues to grow with new memberships and new chapters are on the horizon.

Rose Ciccarone

Fleet Commander
FADM Rose Ciccarone
Starfleet Command Q1





The Line Must be Drawn Here!



Star Trek fans are some of the most loyal bunch of creatures out there... and sometimes, it can be a little much.

Now that there is a whole slew of new Trek hitting the airwaves, there is a new batch of entertainment for fans to obsess about... and therein lies the problem for some. It has been noticed that there are some factions of fandom that seem to hold to the 'old ways'... to the extent of ignoring the principles of IDIC altogether.

To put it into perspective, the same attitudes were brought into light when Star Trek: The Next Generation first came out. Many said that it seemed too futuristic and didn't "feel" like the Trek they were used to. Many made fun of, or even outright bullied, the fledgling fans to the franchise. There were those that ignored the rantings of the earlier set. Sadly, the damage had been done to a fair amount of prospective fans, robbing them of the unimaginable wonders that came forth from this new incarnation. It was only later in life that these bullied individuals were able to give the now classic series a chance, only to fall in love with it decades down the road.

The same basic idea is happening today, only with a greater amount of disdain. After the initial four series and seven motion pictures, there are now four new entries into the Star Trek universe with more on the way. It is shocking how much hate for the new is out there. Hardened fans of the old way

mercilessly downplay and dog those who find immense enjoyment from the new offerings.

It doesn't stop with the new fans, either. Those who create paraphernalia for collectors and enthusiasts are being attacked and ridiculed because this detail isn't exactly like what was on-screen, or that concept was stupid and doesn't need to be spread to those who don't know any better. Too often is it noticed even on social media that fans are being persecuted for their personal choice of preferred uniform, stating that it was dumb in that one episode of whatever and should never have been used.

IDIC seems to be put on the back burner or even ignored altogether in these instances. Where is the logic of soliciting negative feedback to people who are proud of the work that they do? All this does is to lower the self-esteem of these creators and diminish the amount of content available to other fans...content that, for the most part, is only available through these fans.

Everyone celebrates Mr Roddenberry's vision in their own way. Who are we to judge them? We Star Trek fans are entering a new age for the franchise, with something that appeals to everyone differently. Let these fans, both new and old, experience Star Trek their own way. Let us be the fandom that promotes happiness, not hatefulness.

SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!

If you think you've got what it takes to add to the creative menagerie that is STARFLEET COMMUNICATIONS, we want YOU!

Send us your fan art, your recruitment posters, your pictures of the uniform you just finished... we'll take them all!

Send your items to editor@sfcq1.com and let the rest of the organization share in your passion!



FUN ZONE

Nothing Addictive Here...Just Fun!



Star Trek

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RODDENBERRY
SULU
BORG
UHURA
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"...NEVER SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE EASY..."

With a new year and new administration comes a whole host of new and unique challenges for the Admiralty Board. No doubt some of the membership has had some questions over that past few months. We will try to clear them up here...

2022 SFCQ1 Election for Fleet Commander Members of Starfleet Command,

In accordance with the SFC Articles of Federation, another election will be held in 2022, to keep the organization in line with the correct election time-line. The election will be addressed according to the Articles of Federation, Article XIV, section A. #2 and Article XIV sections B, D and E.

To date, I, along with the Admiralty Board; have selected an elections officer in accordance with Article XIV, section B, #1. CINC Inspector General, Adm. Mary Miller will fill the position as elections officer and in accordance with Article XIV, section B, #1, a & b and has signed an election disclosure agreement on March 22nd 2022.

Nominated members must qualify under Article XIV section A, #2. 2. To be deemed eligible to be placed in nomination for the office of Fleet Commander, the nominee must be:

- In the rank of captain/colonel or above
- Nominated by a captain/colonel or above
- The member in good standing within SFC
- Have a minimum of seven years of service in SFC
- Have served as unit commanding officer or in a fleet support position for a minimum of one year
- Passed the Command Basics exam
- A minimum of 21 years of age

The nomination process for the office of SFC Fleet Commander closes to the membership at midnight on July 1st 2022 and any further nominations will be considered invalid.

Valid nominations must be emailed to the elections officer no later than July 1st 2022.

election2022@SFCQ1.com

FADM Rose Ciccarone
Fleet Commander

To All members of Starfleet Command, Quadrant One Greetings & Salutations

As part of recent changes that have occurred on the Admiralty Board, in addition to my role as Chief Advisor, I will be the Commandant of Starfleet Academy for the remainder of this year.

Included in these changes is the status of the Command Training Program (CTP). The CTP is no longer available to provide, accept, or grade submitted tests. If you have submitted any tests to the CTP since January 1st, please contact me using the academy e-mail through the fleet website so we can determine how to address your situation.

The inability to use the CTP will also affect the number of tests that are available to be taken. The tests that are currently available are the Core Exam, the Departmental Exams, and the Command Basic Exam.

As of now, my focus will be to get new members acclimated to our organization via the Core Exam, as well as provide promotion opportunities for current members through the completion of the Departmental and the Command Basics Exams. To request an Academy exam, go to www.starfleet-command.com and click on the STARFLEET ACADEMY button, then click the "Request an Exam" button. Complete the information on the "Contact Commandant Starfleet Academy" page. The exam being requested should be listed in the "Message" section. Before clicking the "Submit" button, be sure to click the "I'm not a robot" box.

Live Long and Proper

ADM Anthony C. Scott
Commandant, Starfleet Academy/Q1
Chief Advisor/Q1
Starfleet Command

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INCOME

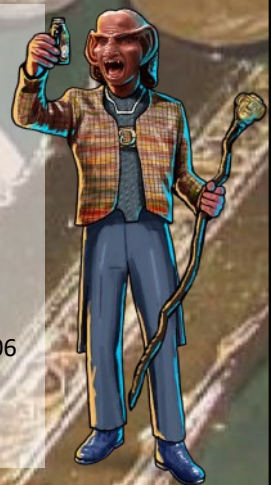
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,525.00
INTEREST	\$0.17
FLEET STORE	\$34.65
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,559.82

EXPENSES

GODADDY	\$464.10
PAYPAL FEES	\$78.89
FLEET STORE SHIPPING	\$8.95
ROOM RENT SBI	\$660.00
STAMPS	\$11.60
NEWSLETTER	\$226.27
WIX	\$120.00
AWARDS	\$70.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,640.06

BEGINNING BALANCE \$10,514.16

ENDING BALANCE \$10,433.92





STAR TREK: The Voyage...GNOME?

Each year at the Garfield Park Conservatory a "Gnome Away from Home Show" is held.

This year it is being held from March 19 to April 3. USS INDY attended on its opening day. Our First officer and Fleet Captain Elbert "Mouse" Davis displays his Star Trek gnomes each year!

This year the Theme of the show was Game On!

The gnomes were displayed in scenes of board game playing. Gnomes were playing Candy-land, Mouse Trap, Twister, Scrabble and many more! We found the scenes to be decorated very well the conservatory to be clean and Hospitable, as always. The scavenger hunt was fun. There seem to be many people participating. It gets more difficult every year.

After the show we went to Culver's for lunch and the monthly meeting. Four members attended.

The Gnome Show offers plenty of wholesome fun for the entire family. Be sure to stop in for the show before it ends!

March 19 to April 3

Mon thru Sat 10am to 5pm

Sunday 1pm to 5pm

Admission is \$5 per person or \$12 per family

2505 Conservatory Drive

Indianapolis IN 46203



See anyone familiar? FCAPT Elbert "Mouse" Davis next to his display

So... Who is this



Q is a fictional character, as well as the name of a race, in *Star Trek* appearing in the *Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, *Voyager*, *Lower Decks* and *Picard* series and in related media. The most familiar Q is portrayed by John de Lancie. He is an extra-dimensional being of unknown origin who possesses immeasurable power over time, space, the laws of physics, and reality itself, being capable of altering it to his whim. Despite his vast knowledge and experience spanning untold eons (and much to the exasperation of the object(s) of his obsession), he is not above practical jokes for his own personal amusement, for a Machiavellian and manipulative purpose, or to prove a point. He is said to be almost omnipotent and he is continually evasive regarding his true motivations.

The name "Q" applies to the names of the individuals portrayed (all male and female characters refer to each other as "Q"); it also applies to the name of their race and to the "Q Continuum" itself – an alternate dimension accessible to only the Q and their "invited" guests. The true nature of the realm is said to be beyond the comprehension of "lesser beings" such as humans, therefore it is shown to humans only in ways they can understand; e.g., a run-down gas station in the 'middle of nowhere'.

Beginning with the pilot episode "Encounter at Farpoint" of *The Next Generation*, Q became a recurring character, with pronounced comedic and dramatic chemistry with Jean-Luc Picard. He serves as a major antihero throughout *The Next Generation*, playing a pivotal role in both the first and final episodes. Q is initially presented as a cosmic force judging humanity to see if it is becoming a threat to the universe, but as the series progresses, his role morphs more into one of a teacher to Picard and the human race generally – albeit often in seemingly destructive or disruptive ways, subject to his own amusement. Other times, notably during "Deja Q" and *Voyager*, Q appears to the crew seeking assistance.

Did you Know?: Gene Roddenberry chose the letter "Q" in honor of his friend Janet Quarton.



TREKtv in 2022

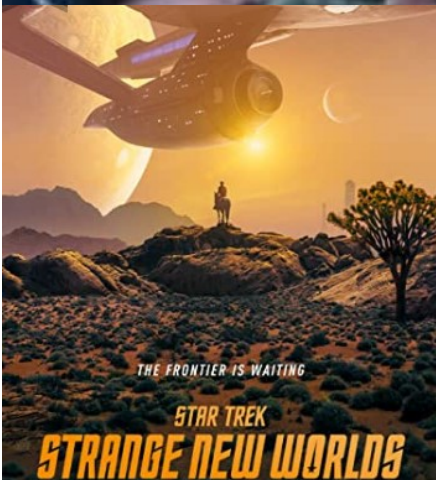
WHY MAKING FRIENDS WITH YOUR COUCH WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT

Paramount+, the streaming service from ViacomCBS, announced new season premiere dates and additional 10-episode-long season pickup orders across the service's *Star Trek* Universe live-action series:

- ***Star Trek: Discovery*** has been renewed for a fifth season. Season four of *Star Trek: Discovery* returns with new episodes on Thursday, Feb. 10.
 - Season two of ***Star Trek: Picard*** will premiere on Thursday, March 3. Following the premiere, new episodes will drop weekly on Thursdays. *Star Trek: Picard* is currently in production on a third season.
 - ***Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*** has been renewed for a second season ahead of its season one debut, which will premiere on Thursday, May 5. Following the premiere, new episodes will drop weekly on Thursdays.
- In addition to the live action series within the *Star Trek* Universe on Paramount+, there is more animated *Star Trek* on the horizon:
- ***Star Trek: Lower Decks*** will return summer 2022 with a 10-episode-long third season. *Star Trek: Lower Decks* has also been renewed for a 10-episode-long fourth season.

- Season one of ***Star Trek: Prodigy*** returned on Thursday, Jan. 6 with episode six. The remaining four episodes of season one's first half will be available to stream weekly on Thursdays, with episode 10 available to stream on Thursday, Feb. 3. The additional 10-episode-long second half of season one will be available on Paramount+ later in 2022.

"Four years ago, we made a promise to grow *Star Trek* into something it had never been before, and thanks to the incredibly hard work done by our many talented showrunners, writers, and directors, along with the extraordinary support of CBS Studios and Paramount+, we're keeping our word," said Alex Kurtzman, architect and executive producer, *Star Trek* franchise. "Now our current shows are set up for the future as we work to build *Trek*'s next phase of programming for years to come."



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MIRROR UNIVERSE

Arguably one of the most interesting additions to the Star Trek Universe was the introduction of the Mirror Universe, a parallel plane of existence that very closely resembles “ours” and yet is completely unrecognizable. It is completely fascinating to envision a world in which everything you know to be good and wholesome is absolutely flipped on its head. It can also serve as a prophetically grim reminder that all it takes is just one simple decision to stir your reality into a radically different direction that may influence the lives of countless billions.

Pre-2063

The flag of the Terran Empire, which displays the imperial symbol rendered in gold on a field of crimson, is planted on Luna.

2063

Zefram Cochrane launches Earth's first warp vessel. The Vulcans make First Contact with the Terran people. During first contact, Cochrane kills the Vulcan captain and his fellow Terrans storm the Vulcan ship. Attack on the Lunar colonies

Late 21st century to mid-22nd century

Sometime between 2063 and 2155, The Lunar colonies are attacked by an *Emmette*-type starship, with photonic torpedoes. The Terran Empire conquers the Vulcans, Andorians, Tellarites, Denobulans, and the Orions. Starfleet engages in a conflict with the Xindi.

2155

As the Imperials struggle to put down a massive rebellion, the ISS *Enterprise* discovers the USS *Defiant*, which has been lured from the primary universe 100 years in the future. After a brief power struggle on board the *Defiant*, Hoshi Sato takes command and declares herself Empress.

2257

The USS *Discovery*, under Captain Gabriel Lorca, is brought to the mirror universe with the use of its spore drive.

2267

A transporter accident brings several personnel from the primary universe to the mirror universe. James T. Kirk-prime encourages mirror-Spock to start a revolution.

Late 23rd century to early 24th century

Sometime between 2267 and 2270, Spock becomes commander-in-chief of the Terran Empire and implements several major reforms, turning the Empire into a more peaceful and less aggressive power. Prior to the full

enactment of these reforms, the Terran Empire forces occupy Bajor. Spock's reforms leave the Empire unprepared to fight against the Klingon-Cardassian Alliance. The Alliance conquers the entire Terran Empire, enslaving the Terrans and Vulcans.

2366

Benjamin and Jennifer Sisko separate.

2370

Julian Bashir and Kira Nerys become the first people from the primary universe to cross over to the mirror universe in one hundred and three years. Quark is executed. The primary Doctor Bashir kills Odo.

2371

The Terran Rebellion begins. Benjamin Sisko is killed when his freighter is destroyed. Garak executes Rom. Miles O'Brien becomes leader of the Rebellion.

2372

The Rebellion takes Terok Nor. The rebels build a *Defiant*-class starship, the ISS *Defiant*, based on schematics stolen from the primary universe. It helps the rebels to remain in control of Terok Nor. Intendant Kira Nerys kills Nog and Jennifer Sisko.

2374

The mirror universe versions of Bareil Antos and Kira Nerys cross over to the primary universe to steal an orb. The Intendant hopes the Orb of Prophecy and Change will unite the mirror Bajorans against the Alliance.

2375

Jadzia Dax is killed in a skirmish with the Alliance. Kira kills Brunt. Garak is killed by an ulcartic virus. Ezri Tigan joins the Rebellion. After a battle between the ISS *Defiant* and the Regent's flagship, The Rebellion captures Regent Worf.





Does your chapter excel at helping others? Is the unit that you are assigned to ruthless when it comes to promoting the ideals of Starfleet Command? Are you the envy of the entire organization?

Every year, the Admiralty Board will select a new Flagship for the whole world to see. This honor will come with a plaque and mention on the website.

This year's honoree is the **USS INDIANAPOLIS** of Starbase 06.

Congratulations on a job well done! Let's see where the Flagship award goes next year!



Your hard work and dedication has finally paid off. On behalf of the entire organization, congratulations on your new pips! The efforts that you have exhibited have not gone unnoticed!

ADMIRALTY BOARD:

Rose Ciccarone	Admiral - Fleet Commander (Fleet Admiral)
James P Coree	Major General - Chief of Membership Services (General)

STARBASE 05

Tia Jenkins	Ensign - Lieutenant (junior grade)
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STARBASE 06

Steve Martin	Rear Admiral - Starbase 06 Commanding Officer
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USS INDIANAPOLIS

Leroy Hicks	Lieutenant Commander - Commander
Robert Jackson	Lieutenant Commander - Commander
Blair Riley	Lieutenant - Lieutenant Commander
Caylee Riley	Petty Officer - Chief Petty Officer

ummm... dudes?



Where's my
MAIL?!

As much as we like to keep the real world separate from the newsletter, we of the Admiralty Board need to let the membership in on one of the bigger decisions that has been made.

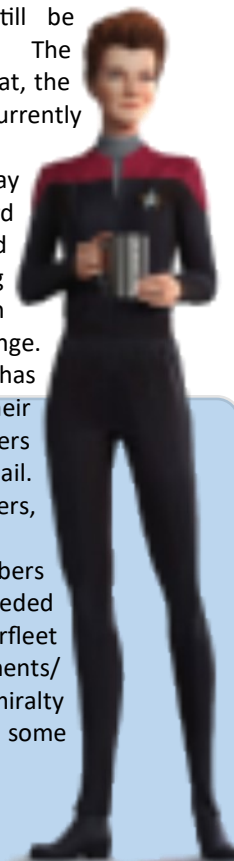
No doubt, you have all noticed that prices for everything has gone up and up. Everything from gas prices to stamps has not been spared from the national inflation issues... and therein lays the problem.

With prices nearing sub-orbital heights, the Board has had to start making tough choices. Chief of these may be somewhat upsetting to some of our more senior members.

As of 01JAN2023, our newsletter "Starfleet Communications" will no longer be printed nor snail-mailed. The production of each issue accounts for a significant chunk of our available funds. It has been agreed that the newsletter will still be produced, however, only in a digital format. The upside to this change is that in a digital format, the number of pages can be more than what is currently possible.

Some of our current members may remember that once upon a time, the Board would send out packets for new members and even to established members congratulating them on their choice of joining or their much worked for promotion. This will also change. Beginning 01JAN2022, Membership Services has gone completely digital with their correspondences. Duty orders, welcome letters and promotions are all being sent via email. They are being sent to Starbase Commanders, ship COs and members directly.

These changes may not make some members overjoyed, but sadly operational decisions needed to be made for the continued success of Starfleet Command. If you have any questions/comments/concerns, don't hesitate to contact your Admiralty Board members and let one of us give you some options you can work with.





ICYMI

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

A much-debated piece of space junk, suspected to be part of a Chinese rocket that helped launch a 2014 lunar mission, hit the far side of the moon, scientists say.

The bus-sized third stage of a Long March 3C rocket was expected to crash into the moon at about 7:25 a.m. ET Friday, traveling at a speed of about 5,700 mph, space observers say.

Originally, astronomers thought the space junk was a SpaceX rocket launched seven years ago.

Astronomer Bill Gray of Project Pluto last month corrected his initial projection about the impending impact crash. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Center for Near-Earth Object Studies supported his updated projection saying "the object expected to impact the far side of the Moon March 4 is likely the Chinese Chang'e 5-T1 booster launched in 2014."

But the debate about the space junk continues. Chinese officials said that stage of the rocket reentered Earth's atmosphere and burned up. However, U.S. space observers wonder if the officials are mixing up two different lunar missions with similar designations – the 2014 test flight and 2020's lunar sample return mission.

Gray, a mathematician and physicist, said he's confident now that it's China's rocket.

"I've become a little bit more cautious of such matters," he said. "But I really just don't see any way it could be anything else."

Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics supports Gray's revised assessment but notes: "The effect will be the same. It'll leave yet another small crater on the moon."

Whatever the space junk was, it will be weeks, perhaps months, before we see any imagery of that crater caused by its impact. Scientists expect the object to carve out a hole 33 feet to 66 feet across and send moon dust flying hundreds of miles across the moon's barren, pockmarked surface.

NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter will have taken images before the impact and, when it is in position, take post-impact images. "We will find the crater, eventually," Mark Robinson, principal investigator for the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera, told USA TODAY. "Depending on its location, it could take as long as 28 days."

Contributing: Stephen J. Beard and George Petras, USA TODAY, and The Associated Press

SPACE

FORECAST

"LOOK UP"

April 21-22: Lyrid meteor shower

April is global astronomy month, and folks looking to celebrate the night sky can do so on April 21 into April 22 during the peak of the Lyrid meteor shower.

This will be the first meteor shower to peak in over three months, ending a lengthy meteor shower drought, and producing around 15 shooting stars per hour.

The Lyrids will be followed up by the eta Aquarids less than two weeks later, a meteor shower that can offer between 20 and 40 meteors per hour on the night of May 4 into May 5. This is also the best meteor shower of the year for the Southern Hemisphere.

April 30: Black moon

The third big astronomical event of the year is the only one that cannot be seen, even with the help of a telescope.

The term 'blue moon' has become popularized in recent years to describe the second full moon in a calendar month, even though the moon does not turn blue in color.

April's 'black moon' is the counterpart to the blue moon, used to describe the second new moon of the month. New moons cannot be observed, as it is the time when the illuminated side of the moon is facing away from the Earth.

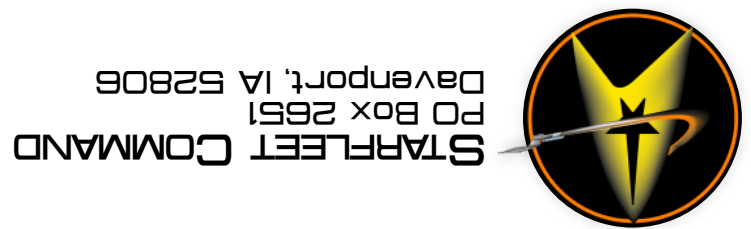
Although the black moon cannot be spotted in the sky, this is a good time of the month for stargazing as there is no natural light pollution from the moon, giving skywatchers darker views of the cosmos.

May 15-16: Total Lunar Eclipse

The moon will turn red during the night of May 15 into May 16 as the entire contiguous United States will get to witness the moon passing through Earth's shadow -- as long as the weather cooperates.

There was an impressive partial lunar eclipse this past November when 97% of the moon fell dark, but it was a sliver short of being considered a total eclipse. There was also a total lunar eclipse in May of 2021, but that eclipse was only briefly visible for parts of the West Coast.





SCAN ME!

To go straight to the
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