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Incoming Message from the Fleet Commander

Hello everyone,

I was thinking over what to talk about this issue. Strange times we are living in indeed. It's good to hear that many groups are connecting through FaceBook Video Chat or Zoom or one of the many other platforms out there. I hope that everyone is well and those that you know and love as well. I know that many that are still well, have been affected by business closing until at least May. These are strange times and trying times, indeed

For those that have not heard, ADM James (Roy) Jackson had to step down as Starfleet Command's Deputy Fleet Commander, due to his health. When he told me, I knew that he was serious from knowing his love and long-time work with the fleet. From starting his own club to becoming the Fleet Command then coming back as the DFC, Roy had a passion for Starfleet Command.

For awhile the job remained vacant, while I looked around for someone to take his place. The DFC position needs someone with dedication to SFC, a little beyond the normal. Someone willing to make the time it needs to answer questions, fill out SPAR and well, a list of things that can change from day to day almost. On that note, for those that do not know her, I would like to introduce ADM Rose Ciccarone as Starfleet Command's new acting Deputy Fleet Commander. I

think that everyone in the fleet knows the good work that she has done in the past and I have every reason to believe that she will do just as fine a job as the DFC as she did with Membership Services.

FADM Mark Williams
Fleet Commander, SFCQ1



COMING SOON...



Tuvok. The Duras sisters. Tom Paris. Martok. Gowron. Spock's wife (Amok Time). Nog. These are just a few of the characters, portrayed by actors who we have been up close and personal with. They were all present at previous Treklantas, a small Star Trek convention held annually in Atlanta, Georgia. Treklanta.org gives all the details of all our conventions, upcoming and the ones in the past. This year the con has been scheduled for May 1, 2, 3. Please check the website closer to the date, in case changes are made due to COVID-19 and suggested restrictions that may have been put on social gatherings.

We have cosplay, The Ms. Klingon Empire Beauty Contest, the Bjo awards (for fan films), an artist alley and a Dealers' room. We have gaming, panels, actors and writers. Much more. Check out Treklanta.org.

Submitted by Vicki Greve, member of ship Athena, Nashville, TN., and Director of Volunteer Recruitment, Treklanta 2020

UPDATE: As of 08APR, TREKlanta has postponed until further notice. The reason shouldn't be a surprise to anyone, but it is COVID-19 related. More information can be found at treklanta.org.

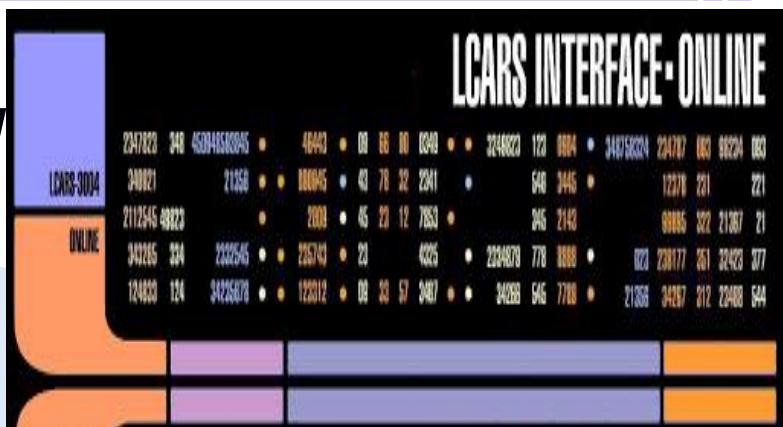
INConJunction Science Fiction & Fantasy Convention

July 3, 4 and 5th marks the 40th anniversary of INConJunction. It is also, obviously, 4th of July weekend. More importantly, it is the SFCQ1 Mid-year Meeting. This will be a chance to catch up with your fellow officers as well as become up-to-date on the current status of Starfleet Command Quadrant 1.

Also, Katie Mack will be the Science Guest of Honor (a.k.a. Dr. Katherine J Mack) astrophysicist/cosmologist, occasional freelance science writer and a connoisseur of cosmic catastrophes.

Plot a course to the Marriott Hotel at Shadeland and 21st Street on July 4th.

UPDATE: Currently, INConJunction is still on for the July 4th weekend. Follow them on Facebook or at starbaseindy.org.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

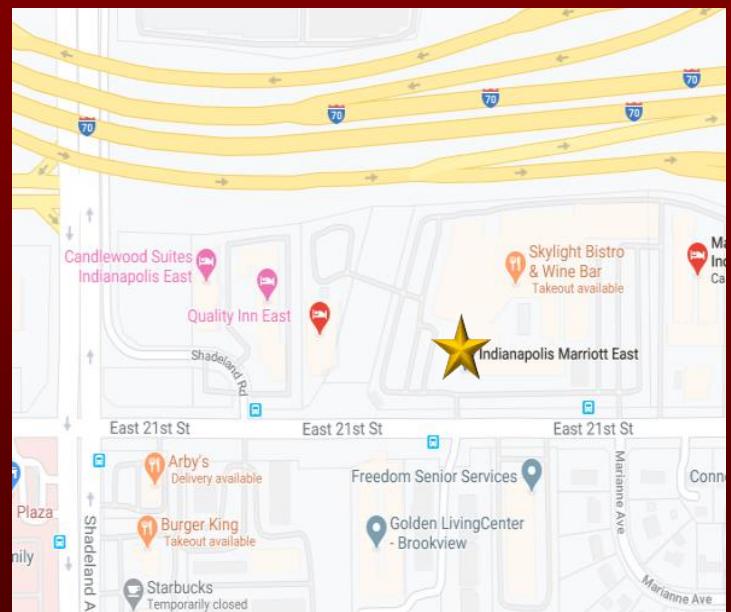
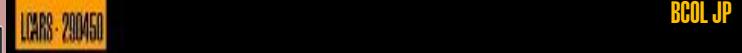
Members:

The past few weeks have been challenging. The same can be said about this edition of the newsletter. While double checking dates and times for the upcoming events, the words **POSTPONED** or **RESCHEDULED** pop up more and more.

As frustrating as it is, it is a necessary evil. I will still post the information so that you are aware of their existence with the everlasting hope that the events that we are all looking forward will be open **VIRUS FREE!**

All that we ask is for your patience. Life will get back to normal and at that time, we shall all don our best uniform or cosplay getup and collectively let our nerd flag fly!

And don't forget to share what's going on in your world with us! Until then, live LONG and prosper!... That's an order!



O.M. GEORGE!

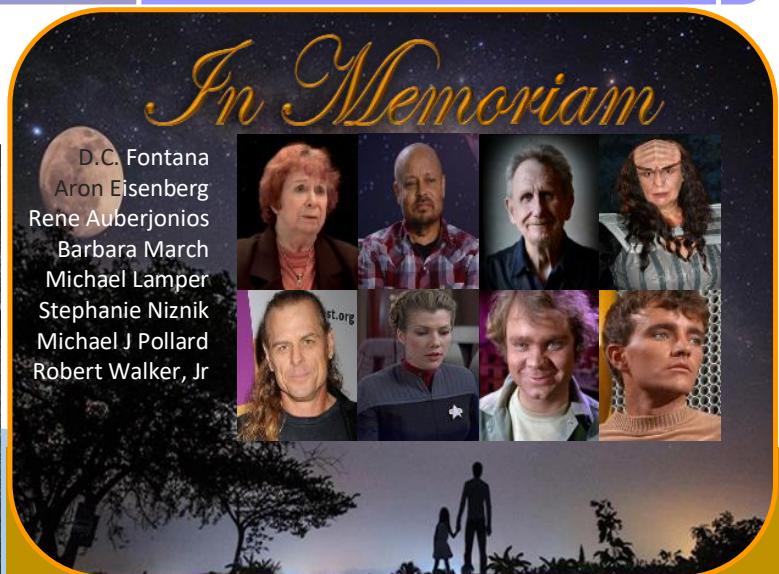


Friends!

I've been sitting on some big news for quite some time now. Unfortunately, given the current global situation, I haven't been given the clear to announce it until now.

I am honored beyond belief to have been selected to be the final torchbearer who will light the Olympic Flame in Tokyo in 2021!

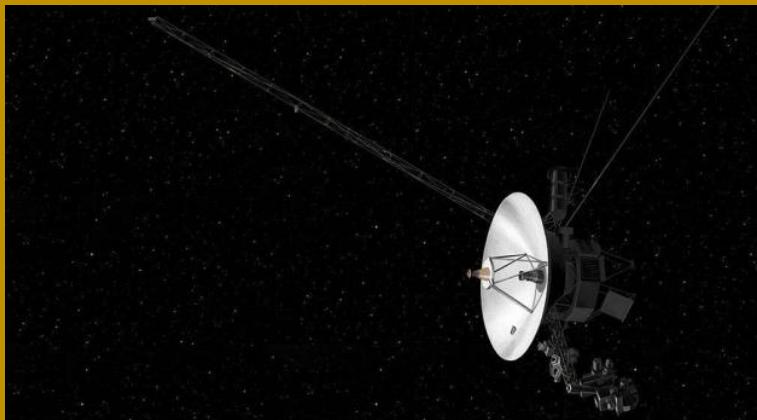
This will be such a unique moment, before the eyes of a billion people, lighting the torch as a symbol of hope for the future in 2021 in Tokyo. As a life-long runner, I'm especially grateful to have been chosen, and hope to do everyone in the US of A proud!



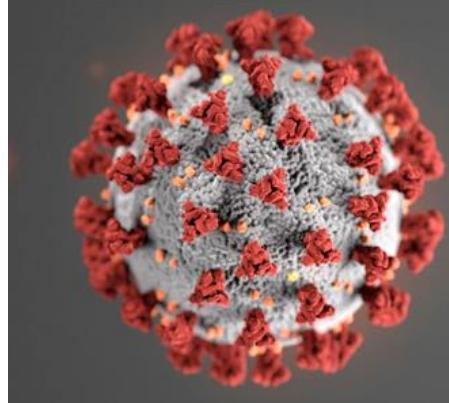
April 2019 provided the world with a truly unique glimpse of our universe... the first photo of a black hole. This image of Messier 87 (M87) took eight telescopes from five different continents and is about 55 million light years away from Earth. The resulting data that was gathered was around 5 petabytes, or roughly the equivalent to 5,000 years of MP3 files. It's safe to say that scientists and researchers will be busy for many years to come.

Interstellar... again

Voyager 2, originally launched back in 1977, has crossed the plasma field that surrounds the solar system known as the Heliopause. This makes the second human-made object to leave our neck of the woods. As of July 2019, Voyager 2 continued to return data from five instruments as it travels through interstellar space. Eventually, there will not be enough electricity to power even one instrument. Then, Voyager 2 will silently continue its eternal journey among the stars.



Looking Back on 2019



FLEETWIDE MEDICAL EMERGENCY



A Brief Insight on the Current Medical Situation and How We Can Pull Through

You've been hearing about it for months, thinking it won't affect us... then it did. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged onto the global stage in late 2019 and has since spread to nearly every country on the planet. As you may be aware, it is a particularly nasty little virus that primarily attacks the respiratory system with symptoms that include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

This virus is no joke. Across the world, governments are fighting a valiant battle to try to slow the infection rate of COVID19. Isolation, quarantine scenarios and emergency lockdowns have been put into place in a desperate attempt to stop the spread.

Here in the United States, efforts have been made to stop the virus by social distancing and sheltering in place. States have shut down schools, cancelled gatherings of ten or more people, and have even had to close down altogether. While this may be an introvert's dream come true, the reality of it all is beginning to be a hard pill to swallow.

We are not here to point fingers or get mired in pointless politics. Let's talk personal safety and social responsibility. If you are in a state that has issued stay-at-home orders, please comply. If you find yourself in a situation that forces you to be out in public, keep a safe distance between you and others. If you are fortunate enough to not get sick, find a way to help those that are. Pick up food or groceries for your neighbors. Offer to pick up meds for those who can't. Walk your friend's dog. Any and all assistance will be appreciated more than you can know.

Club-wise, things may be somewhat challenging. Commanding officers of some units have already postponed or cancelled upcoming events. While this is completely up to them, please know that you, the members, can still be active. Talk to your CO's and see if virtual meetings are an option. This can be done via Skype, Facetime or through Facebook. Crews can organize food

delivery in the local areas to help those in more dire straits. There are many more examples.

CO's: The Starbase commanders and Admiralty Board are very aware of the situations that you and your crew faces. Real life comes first. To paraphrase CAPT SPOCK, "the needs of the few outweigh the needs of the many". Take care of you and yours. The rest will work itself out.

Remember, though, that you are Starfleet Command. SBCO's are still going to make an attempt to reach out to checkup on you, to offer any advice that they can.

Finally, and possibly the most important piece of information that this article can provide.... Please, please, PLEASE wash your hands! It has been determined over many years and countless doctors agreeing that washing your hands has a strong impact on the spread of a disease. The infographic below, created by COMM Joseph Campbell of the USS TERMINUS, explains how you can help slow the virus and not be its carrier. It is of vital importance that you do your part in curtailing this pathogen so that we as a group can return to what we have chosen to do: to celebrate our fandom with the world and each other.

LL&P
BCOL JP Coree

STARFLEET MEDICAL

FOLLOW FIVE STEPS TO WASH YOUR HANDS THE RIGHT WAY

WASHING YOUR HANDS IS EASY, AND IT'S ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS. CLEAN HANDS CAN STOP GERMS FROM SPREADING FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER AND THROUGHOUT AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY—FROM YOUR HOME AND WORKPLACE TO CHILDCARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS.

FOLLOW THESE FIVE STEPS EVERY TIME.

- WET YOUR HANDS WITH CLEAN, RUNNING WATER (WARM OR COLD), TURN OFF THE TAP, AND APPLY SOAP.
- LATHER YOUR HANDS BY RUBBING THEM TOGETHER WITH THE SOAP, LATHER THE BACKS OF YOUR HANDS, BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS, AND UNDER YOUR NAILS.
- SCRUB YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS, NEED A TIMER? HUM THE "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" SONG FROM BEGINNING TO END TWICE.
- RINSE YOUR HANDS WELL UNDER CLEAN, RUNNING WATER.
- DRY YOUR HANDS USING A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY THEM.

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EMERGENCY SYSTEMS	CALIBRATED	LEAKS

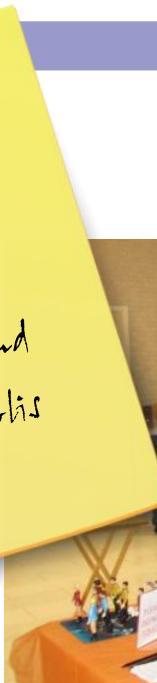
Reminder

SFCRI Mid-year Meeting

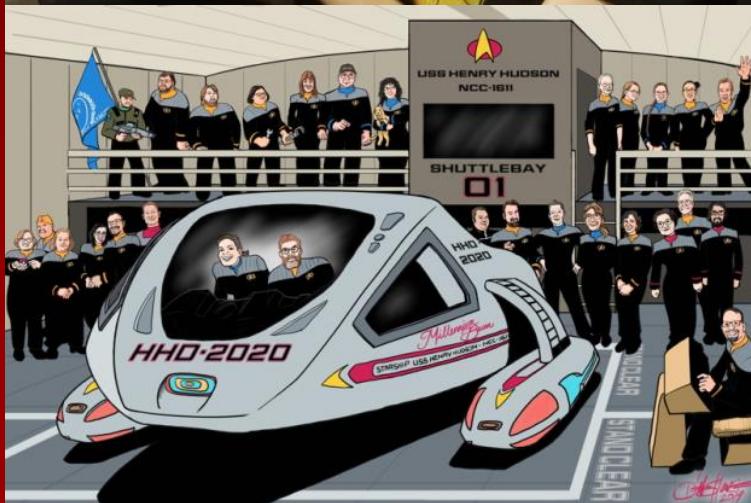
July 4th, 2020 at 12 Noon

Marriott Hotel at Shadeland
and 21st street, Indianapolis

BE THERE!!!



LTCDR Joseph Shields and LT Sara Shields met through the USS Henry Hudson club. They were married by Fleet Chaplain CMDR Denes House. The Holiday Party in December was their last club event before moving Florida in their motor home called the "Millennium Bacon." CAPT Starshine presented them with a memory book titled "Top Secret Shield Report 2016 - 2019." CMDR House drew an image of the Millennium Bacon leaving the cargo bay with members of the USS Henry Hudson seeing the Shields off.



In October, the USS Henry Hudson had a recruiting table at Incredicon at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall. The con included celebrity guests, artists, vendors, comics, and photo ops. The double table had Trek toys, club information, model ships, memorabilia, and a drawing. Left to right: Lee S., Karen T., Ryan W., Steven R.

Can't Get Rid of Us That Easy!

See? This is what happens when dedicated fans become members of the world's oldest Star Trek Club. Through all the years, these folks have stuck it out, and now we recognize this feat!

30 Years

Stephen Brown
Kip Krueger
Robert McGillem
Lela Sutton

Starbase 06
USS Starfire
USS Halsey
Starbase 03

20 Years

Sarah Crespo
Kevin Johnson

USS Bismarck
USS Bismarck (SFC HQ)

15 Years

Carol Andrews
Taylor Beckley
Kenneth Knight

USS Reliant
USS Endeavour
USS Reliant

10 Years

Phillip Richman USS Winfield Scott

Snapshot of SFCQ1 Life



USS Indianapolis Meeting....L-R: Paula Geryak, Leroy Hicks, Mark Blackburn, Robin Robertson, Elbert "Mouse" Davis



USS Trinity Alabama Recruits Levi & Chris Jones



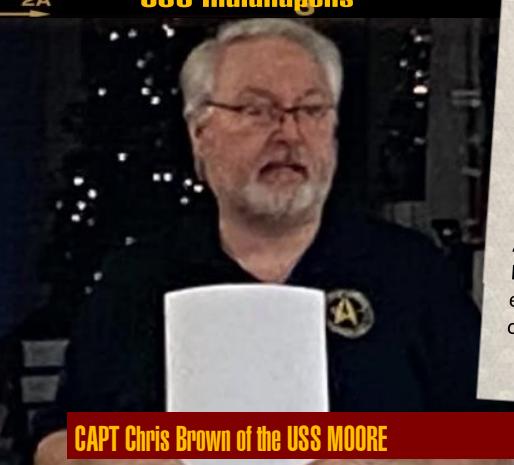
USS Indianapolis PC / Movie Night...L-R: Mark Blackburn, Elbert "Mouse" Davis, Paula Geryak, Caylee Riley, Blair Riley



BCOL JP Coree and wife, Kelsie



CADET Christina Swanson
USS Indianapolis



CAPT Chris Brown of the USS MOORE



At the USS Henry Hudson Holiday Party, Captain Starshine gave custom pillows to each Department Head and the XO (and herself). Recruit Jean DeBellis sewed pillows and used her programmable embroidery machine to make patches that matched each department. The Fleet Marine patch was ordered from the Starfleet Command website.

back row: Lee S., Joseph S., Deb V., Krystina M., Steven R. Front row: Ryan W., Claire V.
absent: Nick J., Timothy S.

"MONUMENTAL" JOURNEYS

The Captain is Coming Home

The stalwart captain of the Intrepid-class USS Voyager is being honored in the same way that Capt. James T. Kirk and Spock have been, by way of a monument in her home town.

Bloomington, Indiana will be the new Star Trek pilgrimage destination beginning in May 2020. The Captain Janeway Bloomington Collective met their fundraising goal late in December 2019. A limestone sculpture and accompanying information display are being designed to serve as a monument to Captain Janeway, with a target installation date of May 20, 2020. As part of this installation, the Janeway Collective is planning a commemoration unveiling to celebrate the character and her future birthplace, with activities highlighting Janeway's strong leadership alongside the science and technology from the *Star Trek* universe, and how they impact us today.

For all those interested in making the 'trek' to Bloomington, Indiana, leave a post on the Starfleet Command Q1 facebook page and setup an away mission to remember! And as always, take plenty of pictures. The newsletter loves to see and share pictures of our members out and about sharing their love of all things Trek, not to mention that we get to share in history being made!

UPDATE: This event has been postponed until further notice.



Away Mission:



It's never too early to plan an away mission. To that end, might we a suggest a weekend getaway to Riverside, Iowa, a cozy little town that is known the world over as the future birth place of Captain James T Kirk. Historically on the last weekend in June, the annual TREKFEST attracts hundreds of fans to this tiny community to pay homage to one of the greatest Starfleet captain in history. From the costume contest to the demolition derby, from the mid-morning parade to grabbing a bite at Murphy's; there is something for every fan here. And, for those who enjoy more adult activities, the Riverside Casino and golf resort is only a few minutes from downtown.

Whether you're a diehard fan with an encyclopedic knowledge of all things Trek or you are just a casual observer, Riverside may just be the weekend retreat that could satisfy your Trekker's itch.

IMPORTANT:

These events are currently tentative and completely dependent on the COVID-19 outbreak. If restrictions are lifted, then all things may proceed as planned.

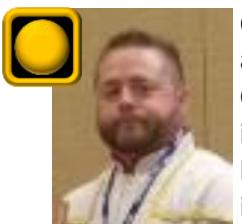
Movin' On Up!

Changes to the SFC Hierarchy

Starfleet Command is ever growing and evolving, as any club should be. With this in mind, we'd like to announce that:



With this in mind, we'd like to announce that Admiral Rose Ciccarone has stepped up to the position of acting Deputy Fleet Commander. Rose will be doing double duty for a while as she continues her role as Chief of Membership Services. (As per the AFEDs)



Commodore Steve Martin has been awarded the position of Deputy Chief of Membership Services and is in the process of gaining the knowledge he will need to step into the Chief position.



Brigadier Colonel James P. Coree has been promoted to Starbase Commander for Starbase 06. He previously held the position and most recently was in the position of Executive Officer (SB06XO)

James will step in as the SB 06 CO.

The rest of the board remains as is...

Fleet Commander... Fleet Admiral Mark Williams
 Chief of Financial Management ... Admiral Tony Scott
 Chief of Communications ... Admiral Ed Ciccarone
 Chief of Public Affairs ... Admiral Danny Vukobratovich

Commandant of Starfleet Academy ... General Derek Sauls

Contact information can be found for each on the website, if you do not have it.



WE WANT YOU!

Time is running out! If you'd like to do more within Starfleet Command, there are a few positions open to be filled. According to the website, deputy positions for most of the departments include Public Affairs, Starfleet Academy, Communications and vice deputy Fleet Commander.

All positions do require a minimum level of expertise and a fair amount of time and dedication. If you think you have what it takes to make our organization successful, contact the corresponding board member and leave your 'résumé' and list of qualifications. Join the team!

Don't Be Afraid

Welcome to Starfleet Command. If you are a new commanding officer, you may need to take a moment to reach out to some of the more senior members of the organization.

With a culmination of many decades of Star Trek history and knowledge, there isn't much that we don't know. For those who have been in the center chair any amount of time, these members can and will help you with any questions concerning unit command, report filing and general queries about the club overall. Don't be intimidated by the unknown. Lead with the confidence befitting a Starfleet officer.

The fun that is to be had, the friendships that will be made, the family you have joined; Know that you are welcome here.

As stated above, welcome... to Starfleet Command!





Making CENTS of it All...

In the spirit of transparency (and because the law says so), below is the current financial report for Starfleet Command Q1. As always, if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns in regards to where your money is going, please do not hesitate to contact ADM Anthony Scott via his email address: cfm@sfcq1.com.

SFCQ1 FINANCIAL REPORT

YTD AS OF 31MAR, 2020

BEGINNING YEAR BALANCE	\$5375.09
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$2006.00
TOTAL STORE SALES	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2006.00
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	-\$399.38 DOMAIN RENEWAL/ WEBSITE CERTIFICATE
TOTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS	-\$491.23 NEWSLETTERS
TOTAL FINANCE	-\$73.84 PAYPAL CHRG/BANK FEES
TOTAL FLEET STORE	-\$208.65 T-SHIRTS
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$1173.10
YTD BALANCE	\$6207.99



There's not a lot of NEW stuff going on here are the Academy.

None of our Star Trek Episode Probe (STEP) contributors have submitted anything new for awhile, but that's OK -- **NOBODY** has contacted the Academy to ASK for any either. It all works out.

There are the staples - the exams one needs to become an officer in this organization

Officer Candidate School Core Exam

Departmental Exams

- 1) Communications
- 2) Operations
- 3) Engineering
- 4) Medical
- 5) Science
- 6) Security
- 7) Search & Rescue
- 8) Fleet Marines

And the **Command Basics Exam** - which any chapter or Starbase CO needs to have taken.

All STEP exams that have been developed are STILL available to order. Please visit this link to look at what's available.

<https://starfleet-command.com/membership/step-exams>

Star Trek: The Original Series - 16 available STEPs

Star Trek: The Animated Series - 4 available STEPs

Star Trek: The Next Generation - 18 available STEPs

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine - 8 available STEPs

Star Trek: Voyager - 10 available STEPs

Enterprise - 7 available STEPs

Star Trek: Discovery - 15 available STEPs

Star Trek: Picard - 1 available STEP

There are exams we place in the Star Trek General Knowledge category like:

Know Your Starships

MINOR Characters: The Lieutenants

Get Jiggy (fun - but you gotta pay attention!)

Phaser Quiz

Omnipotent Beings

There are a few other quizzes and fun mazes and word find puzzles in the Academy databanks too. Please email us for info.

HOLODECK 1



The results are in:

Out of the 20 people who took part in the Facebook poll, 70% rated *STAR TREK: PICARD* four out of four stars, 20% gave it 3 stars and 10% said 2 stars were appropriate.

PICARD has thrown the fans many interesting curveballs during its run. It has also gifted the viewers with some much needed nostalgia, namely a visit with the Troi-Rikers, a prominent flashback featuring Commander Data, and the inevitable return of the Borg princess Seven of Nine.

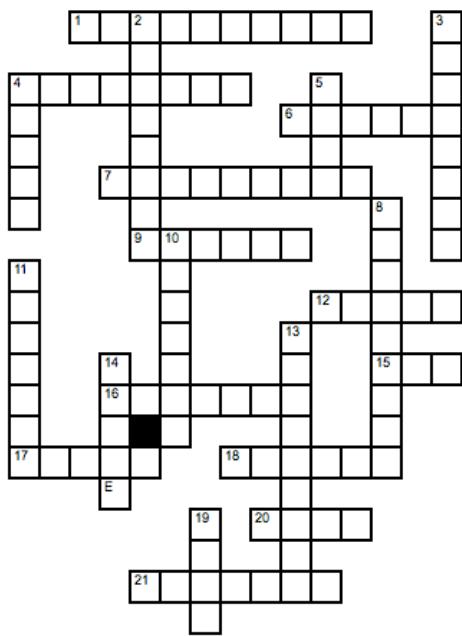
The show, admittedly, started off a little on the slow side but this is true of any series. It is also not the Star Trek that you grew up with. *PICARD* has a decidedly darker feeling than even *DS9* and it is definitely more adult in terms of language. While this may be off putting to some, it might just be chalked up to the current times of non-network television.

STAR TREK: PICARD has been picked up for another season, meaning there is more to come!



Thrown more than 900 years into the future, the crew of the *USS Discovery* are placed into a position to find a way to get home and to take care of *CONTROL* once and for all. While doing so, they come in contact with new and powerful enemies and find out what has happened to the United Federation of Planets since their departure. With Commander Saru forced to serve as acting Captain of the *Discovery*, the adventure will prove interesting, especially now that the ship is the only one in existence with function spore drive technology.

The release date for *Star Trek: Discovery* is still not set yet as filming is expected to wrap at the end of 2019. However, based upon multiple articles online, it looks to be slated for the first half of 2020. Logically, it will most likely follow the last episode of *Star Trek: Picard*. The show is still only on CBS All Access.



Across

1. USS _____
4. "The Trouble with _____"
6. Race of the half-human science officer's father
7. _____ crystals; the ship's power source
9. "Beam me up, _____."
12. Real name of the character nicknamed "Bones"
15. Unlucky shirt color on away missions
16. "Live long, and _____."
17. *Star Trek III: The Search for _____*
18. "Damnit, Jim, I'm a _____, not a..."
20. Its _____ year mission: to explore strange new worlds..."
21. Actor William who played Captain Kirk

Down

2. James _____ Kirk
3. Aliens who are the enemy of the Federation
4. Number of seasons the original series aired
5. Helmsman who later captained the *USS Excelsior*
8. Handheld scanning device
10. Ensign Pavel _____
11. Actress Nichelle who played Uhura
13. The Prime _____, a rule they liked to break
14. "_____. The final frontier."
19. *Star Trek II: The Wrath of _____*





You are STARFLEET COMMAND

Growth is a wonderful thing, especially when it comes to Starfleet Command. We'd like to welcome our newest members to the family.

Starbase 02

Steve Guendert

Starbase 04

Lonnie Evertt

Starbase 05

Ray Gambrel
Emily Imhoff

Space Station Requiem

Kaitlyn Kearney
Preston Parker

USS Athena NCC 42917

Loretta Augustine
Laurie Curtis
Pamela Maness
Jamaine Pitts

USS Eclipse NCC 75439

Bryan Jones

USS Guardian Angel NCC 1985

Josie Chavez
Alice Weber

USS Henry Hudson NCC 1611

Dennis Hilerio
Stephanie Hilerio
Feliciano Mendes
Wendy Mendes
Todd Weaver
Stephen Weaver

USS Hunter S. Thompson NCC 1982-A

Stephen Brokaw
Carrie Hodge
Nathan McClellan

USS Indianapolis NCC 1945-D

Christina Swanson
Robert Jackson
Lissa Dawne Scoggin

USS Moore NCC 17015-A

Amanda Helfrich

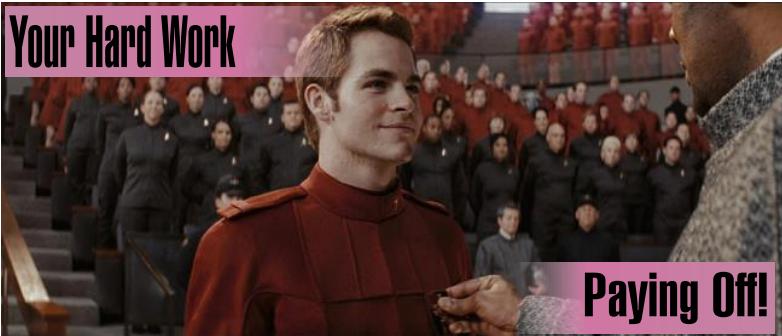
USS Sovereign NCC 3052-A

Seth Liebich

USS Trinity NCC2018

Bella Bertolli

Your Hard Work



Paying Off!

To paraphrase the *Enterprise* theme song, "it's been a long road, getting from there to here". Well, the journey has not been in vain. The Admiralty Board would like to congratulate the following members in their movement up the ladder.

Starbase 02 CO Brian Peterson to Rear Admiral

Starbase 03 & 04 CO Paul Rikard to Rear Admiral

SFC HQ Steve Martin to Commodore and Deputy Chief of Membership Services

USS Indianapolis NCC 1945-D

Blair Riley to Lieutenant Junior Grade
Caylee Riley to Specialist
Robert Jackson to Lieutenant Commander

USS Henry Hudson NCC 1611

John Bacas to Lieutenant
Scott Garrity to Specialist

USS Hunter S. Thompson NCC 1982-A

Shannon Fauver to Ensign
Kaya (Elizabeth) Hopkins to Ensign
Jerry Mills to Lieutenant Junior Grade
Sarah Stanfield to Lieutenant Junior Grade
Rex Wood (CO) to Lieutenant Commander

USS Kyushu NCC 72381

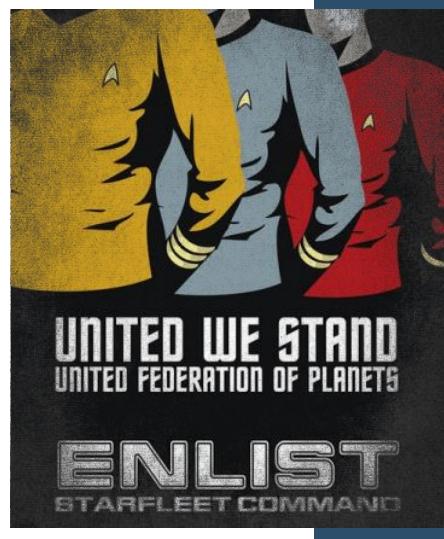
Chris Godby to Specialist

USS Moore NCC 17015-A

Rita Brown to Specialist
Russell Carr Jr. to Specialist
Todd Grimes to Specialist
Peggy Kenworthy to Specialist
Emily Martin to Specialist
Colton Swanson to Specialist

USS Terminus NCC 42063-A

Cynthia Campbell to Senior Chief Petty Officer





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