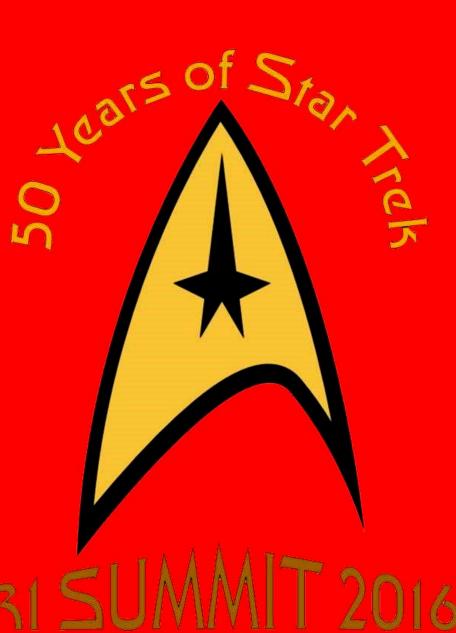
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### Commanding Officer's Update By CMDR Ken Coots



Commander Ken Coots

Attention all crewmembers of the USS Excalibur

I have several announcements to make this issue, the first two are on a sad note.

### Passing of FADM Wayne Killough

As most of you may have heard, the Fleet Admiral passed away a few weeks ago from complications of an outpatient surgical procedure. I have passed on our condolences and prayers to Wayne's family and friends.

### Passing of CPT James E Nelson

As most of you have heard, one of our chapters sister ship COs has passed away recently. James had been on the USS Helen Pawlowski at a time that the majority of us were also a part of her crew. James was like an uncle to me and a personal friend to many of you.. I have passed on our condolences and prayers to James' family and friends.

#### **New Facebook SFI Group**

Greetings Fellow Starfleet Members,

If you're a Facebook user, we'd like to invite you to pop over and join our new Facebook group for Starfleet members.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ STARFLEETMembers

To COs/XOs, please invite your "active" SFI Facebook members to the group as well.

Hope to see you there soon!

Commodore Greg Mortensen Vice-Chief, Web-Ops, Office of CompOps webmaster@sfi.org www.sfi.org



### STARFLEET Academy needs IT person

STARFLEET Academy desperately needs an IT individual with the following requirements.

\*The main requirement is familiarity with the educational modules of Moodle.

\*The other requirement is being able to devote enough time on the project to help the IT team get it up and running.

\*Academy is a HUGE department.. We have 21 Institutes, approx 190 live Colleges and approx

5385 live Courses.

\*The position does not have to be permanent, if the candidate is otherwise involved in other positions or projects. But it could become permanent, if the candidate is willing to stay on after the project is completed.

Those interested should contact Kevin Plummer at sfofficer.plummer@gmail.com with a cc to Carol Thompson at betazoid@mosquitonet.com, outlining their experience with setting up and maintaining the Moodle program.

Peg Pellerin SFA Commandant admiralpeg@gmail.com

#### CQ #185 now available!

CQ 185 (October – December 2015) is now available for download from the database at http://db.sfi.org. We are finally out of 2015 and only one edition behind.

Commodore Matthew Miller Chief, STARFLEET Communications (www.sfi.org) STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. 1-888-SFI-TREK (888-734-8735) Ext: 704 comms@sfi.org

### Position Opening, Assistant Inspector General

The Office of the Inspector General is looking for an Assistant Inspector General.

The AIG must be at least 23 years old and be a member of the STARFLEET.

The ideal candidate will have intimate familiarity with the manuals, policies and procedures of STARFLEET and the

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### First Officer's Report Update By LCDR Alex King



Lieutenant Commander
Alex King

Greetings to All,

First, I am very happy to announce that we have a new crewmember, Gorka Oceja. Gorka hails from Spain and after a few emails has decided to be assigned to the Science department. Second I report with sadness on the passing of James Nelson, CO of the USS George Washington. James passed away May 8 of this year. We also lost Fleet Admiral Wayne Killough, who was the Commander, Starfleet. Wayne passed away back in April.

One of the problems of being a correspondence chapter is that we

don't get to see each other and can't really do things a meeting chapter can do. So I was wondering about how to do something as a group that doesn't need us to travel. I was looking at Facebook one day and saw several things about the new movie then I saw an article about the Starfleet Vessel Readiness Certification courses. I sent Ken a brief mail about the SVRC and we decided to run with it. Basically this is something we can do as a group. We take classes that will certify a department such as medical as being ready for duty, but it's not done by one person, but as a group of people. Each person takes one or two topics for the department and completes them. After the scores are posted to the database, all the courses that the group completed are listed and sent to Starfleet. Starfleet will then send a certification to our CO who can note it on the ships website. After all departments are certification for the ship. It's not limited to Starfleet, but MACO and the Marines can be included. Ken and I both feel this will be something fun and exciting for be something fun and exciting for

all of to do as a crew, plus it can help us learn something new. with that in mind, I need to know who wants to contribute to this. Please email me your name, email address and what department you are in (if you are assigned to one) and what department you think we such start with. Once we do that, we can start deciding who wants to do what topics. I really hope everyone will want to do at least one or two departments for the Excalibur.

Please email me as soon as you can. Also email me or Ken with any questions you have, after all we are here to help support you. I also ask that you please join our Facebook page, or email me suggestions for another social media spot so we can share news and information. Until next time Fair winds and following seas! Live Long and Prosper,

Alex King XO USS Excalibur ussexcaliburxo@gmail.com



## USS Excalibur Promotions Update CMDR Ken Coots

I would like to congratulate the following crewmembers for their promotions to the next rank. As a CO, this is one of the most saticfying job as CO is to promote a crewmember.

Promotion to Crew Recruit



Gorka Oceja

Promoted to Sergeant



Josh McClullan

Promoted to Staff Sergeant



Lynn McClullan

If you have any questions pertaining to the chapter promotion system, please reference Regulation 100 in the membership handbook draft that is located on our website.

Remember that for Officer ranks, OTS is a prerequisite and depending on the rank being recommended for, OCC could also be a prerequisite.

Also for Department Heads, you must be qualified as a Bridge Officer for your department field.

Our next Promotions Board will be conducted on July 11, 2016. The board members will be Alex King, Kathy McClullan, and Charles Phillips Jr.

Any promotions that were either denied or returned without action will be sent back to the Department Chief with an explanation as to why the promotion was denied.



### USS Excalibur Awards Update **CMDR Ken Coots**

Congratulations to the following chapter awardees:

#### SFMC COMMANDANT'S CAMPAIGN **AWARD**

Ken Coots

If you have any questions pertaining to the chapter awards system, please reference Regulation 200 in the mem-bership handbook draft that is located on our website.

Please review the Time in Grade requirement in Regulation 100 Draft. If you feel that you qualify for a promotion, see your Department Head. She/he will assist you in completing the chapter promotion worksheet which can be found on our website and having it submitted to the First

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### **Commanding Officer's Update Cont.**

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SFMC. The AIG reports to the Inspector General.

The position will be primarily responsible for assisting with regional elections, as well as any other apprinted division

If you are interested in applying for the position, please send me a summary of your qualifications to ig@sfi.org. Applications are due no later than 6/1/16.

Please contact me with any questions about applications or the position itself.

Thank you!

Vice Admiral Jeff Victor Inspector General, STARFLEET ig@sfi.org

#### SFI Badge Run#3 has commenced!

Greetings Monoforms, Changelings, and other Sentient Beings,

I'm just announcing the conclusion of Badge Run #2, and the commencement of Badge Run #3.

So if you haven't gotten one yet and you loved the one your ship-mate had, come on over and grab one at http://badges.sfi.org

Regards,

Commodore Greg Mortensen SFI Badge Requisition Officer http://badges.sfi.org R1 Summit 2016 Awards

#### **SFI Scholarship Donations**

Folks;

I wish to thank everyone who has or intends to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund in honor of former CS Wayne Killough. The total received in donations stating that they are in honor of Wayne Killough is \$1239.76. This will allow us to give a full \$1000 scholarship this year in Wayne's honor and apply the overage to the other scholarship we fund each

year. We certainly will not turn away future donations to the scholarship program should any one wish to donate. Thank you to those of you who have been more than generous with your funds. I am very proud of the FLEET.

There have been donations made thru the membership processing avenues also. The total of these generic donations for the week is \$117.00.

#### Linda Olson dragonladye@wildblue.net

#### **Department Head Vacancies**

I have posted the vacant Department Head positions that are currently vacant. If you think you have the time and energy to put into it, please volunteer. We need your help.

Well my time is up, so I hope to have more for you in the next issue..

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com

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## Chief Medical Officer's Report Lieutenant Junior Grade Jessica Llyod

Hello everyone! This is my second report as your Chief Medical Officer.

I saw the report that the Chief Medical Officer on the USS Helen Pawlowski submitted for their newsletter and I asked the CO if I could also use it as I felt that it was about a very important and current medical issue.

By Admiral Dave Miller, MD Chief Medical Officer USS Helen Pawlowski

Zika virus is in the news and of concern to all of us, especially those who may live in southern states near the Caribbean. What follows is useful information from the CDC. Go here for more information on the Zika virus: www.cdc.gov/zika.

What Is Zika Virus?

Zika virus spreads to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters, but they can also bite at night. A mosquito becomes infected when it bites a person already infected with Zika. That mosquito can then spread the virus by biting more people. Zika virus can also spread during sex with a person infected with Zika, from a pregnant woman to her baby during pregnancy or around the time of birth; and possibly through blood transfusion (likely but not confirmed yet).

At this time the CDC states that there 544 known cases of Zika in the continental United States, 157 of them pregnant women. All of these cases have been determined to be associated with travel. At this time there are no documented cases of mosquito transmitted infection in the continental US. There are two types

of mosquitoes that are believed to be likely to spread the Zika virus in the continental United States. One of these has a range that includes much of the southern states as well as many states further north.

#### Zika Symptoms

Many people infected with Zika won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Many people do not realize they are even infected with the virus. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes (conjunctivitis). Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. Symptoms can last for several days to a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very

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## **Chief Communications Officer's Report Ensign Kathy McClullan**

Hello USS Excalibur and welcome back to the Communications Department's second issue of the Sword & the Stone!

Here is the updated schedule and submission deadlines dates for the next few issues. This schedule will take us to the end of our first year since starting the publication.

#### Issue 3

Publication— 15 July 2016 Submission— 25 June 2016

#### Issue 4

Publication– 15 September 2016 Submission– 25 August 2016

#### Issue 5

Publication- 15 November 2016 Submission- 25 October 2016

#### Issue 6

Publication- 15 January 2017

Submission- 28 December 2016



We are in a continuing need of newsletter submissions. If you have an article that you want to write and it is either about Star Trek or Sci-fi in general, please send them to me. I really want to add more articles from the members.

We continue on our series of characters from DS9 in this issue. I want to round out our last issue with the DS9 Characters and then I plan to start the next set of issues starting with the March 2017 publication with the Classic Trek Character Bios.

With the new movie only months away, If someone would contact me to volunteer to do a movie review, that would be great.

That is all I have for this issue. I really do hope you like it.

Until the next issue,

Ensign Kathy McClullan Chief Communications Officer ussexcaliburcoms@gmail.com



## **Chief Operations Officer's Report Vacant**

Position for USS Excalibur Chief Operations Officer is now open for applications.

The Chief Operations Officer can have many duties, including, but not limited to: Assisting with the day to day operations of the chapter. To accomplish this task, the Chief of Operations maintains the chapter personnel database, produces award certificates, promotion certificates and processing of new members.

#### Job Qualifications:

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

Passed OTS

Passed OCC or working on it which must be completed within six months

of appointment to the position. Complete the appropriate Bridge Officer Certification from SFA.

Must have reliable e-mail access each day. The fact that the internet and e-mail are now the most used forms of communication force this to be a requirement for a Department Chief.

The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner.

Willingness to invest personal time, effort, money for postage, and etc. to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of chapter members.

Specific requirements for the position are available in the chapter Membership Handbook under the department for which you are applying for.

#### Requirements of the Job:

Must report to the chapter's First Officer each month on or before 21st of the month.

Contribute to the chapter newsletter on a regular basis.

Must continue to contact members of their department on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in applying, send what you think is pertinent in your Real Life Resume and Fleet Resume with a paragraph detailing what you would do with the department if chosen as the Chief Operations Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com



## **Chief Support Services Officer Report Vacant**

Position for USS Excalibur Chief Support Services Officer is now open for applications.

The Chief Support Services Officer has many duties such as Operating a Ships Quartermaster, updating the crew on subjects related to costuming and props. He also assists with chapter events such as helping with arranging food during chapter functions and overseeing materials needed for meetings and activities.

#### Job Qualifications:

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

Passed OTS.

Passed OCC or working on it which must be completed within six months of appointment to the position.

Complete the appropriate Bridge Officer Certification from SFA.

Must have reliable e-mail access each day. The fact that the internet and e-mail are now the most used forms of communication force this to be a requirement for a Department Chief

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Specific requirements for the position are available in the chapter Membership Handbook under the department that you are applying for.

Requirements of the Job:

Must report to the chapter's First Officer each month on or before 21st of the month.

Contribute to the chapter newsletter on a regular basis.

Must maintain contact with members of the department every month.

If you are interested in applying, send what you think is pertinent in your Real Life Resume and Fleet Resume with a paragraph detailing what you would do with the department if chosen as the Chief Support Services Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com Page 10 SWORS AND THE STONE



### **Chief Science Officer Report** By LCDR Alex King



**Lieutenant Commander** Alex King

Chief Science Officers report,.

Greetings all, I am very happy to have a new addition to the Science department. Recruit Gorka Oceja joined us in late May. He has a Doctorate in History and Medieval History, Doctorate in Archeology. Graduated on Heraldic Vexolo-

gy and Genealogy studies; Graduated on leadership and work groups management, and technician on International Relations. Which is enough to give your science office a great case of the humbles. Haha.

He has chosen to work in the Archeology department. Otherwise Sciences has been watching a great number of items that have huge implications for our future. To me, the plications for our future. To me, the neatest thing is the SpaceX rocket system. They have developed a first stage rocket engine that can soft land back on the launch point, or another chosen point. Another was a little article about transporters and how they can be made to work. But I think I will not be the first to volunteer to test it out teer to test it out.

One thing I need to know is what you want the science department to report on and what topics are of

most interest to you. It's hard to most interest to you. It's nard to know what to report on, since there are new things being discovered or worked on or made every day, I could fill evey newsletter with articles, but unless there are articles some or most of you are interested in, it would be a waste of time. Please talk to me about what you want to know about and what you want to know about and I can start looking for articles that suit the ship. Please join the ships

Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/940579815979590) and give me ideas for items to be posted there.

Until next time, LL and P

Alex King Chief Science Officer USS Excalibur ussexcaliburxo@gmail.com



### **Chief Security Officer Report** Vacant

Position for USS Excalibur Chief Security Officer is now open for applications.

The Chief Security Officer can The Chief Security Officer can have many duties, including, but not limited to: Assisting crewmembers needing transportation to from ship activities. And coordinating and executing chapter activities that have strategy components such as Star Trek Online, Modern Warfare gaming sessions and even Paint ball competitions.

#### Job Qualifications:

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

Passed OTS.

Passed OCC or working on it which must be completed within six months of appointment to the

position.

Complete the appropriate Bridge Officer Certification from SFA

Must have reliable e-mail access each day. The fact that the internet and e-mail are now the most used forms of communication force this to be a requirement for a Department Chief.

The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner.

Willingness to invest personal time, effort, money for postage, and etc. to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of chapter members.

Specific requirements for the position are available in the chapter Membership Handbook under the department for which you are applying for.

#### Requirements of the Job:

Must report to the chapter's First Officer each month on or before the 21st of the month.

Contribute to the chapter newsletter on a regular basis.

Must continue to contact members of their department on a monthly

If you are interested in applying, send what you think is pertinent in your Real Life Resume and Fleet Resume with a paragraph detailing what you would do with the department if chosen as the Chief Security Officer rity Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com



## **Chief Engineering Officer Report Vacant**

Position for USS Excalibur Chief Engineering Officer is now open for applications.

The Chief Engineering Officer can have many duties, including, but not limited to: Collecting, organizing and maintaining the ships Engineering Library which is a collection of the vast ship schematics that have been professional published or even fan produced. The Department also can get involved in things such as model building and computer graphical modeling.

#### Job Qualifications:

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

Passed OTS.

Passed OCC or working on it which must be completed within six

months of appointment to the posi-

Complete the appropriate Bridge Officer Certification from SFA. Must have reliable e-mail access each day. The fact that the internet and e-mail are now the most used forms of communication force this to be a requirement for a Department Chief

The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner.

Willingness to invest personal time, effort, money for postage, and etc. to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of chapter members.

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ing for.

#### Requirements of the Job:

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Contribute to the chapter newsletter on a regular basis.

Must continue to contact members of their department on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in applying, send what you think is pertinent in your Real Life Resume and Fleet Resume with a paragraph detailing what you would do with the department if chosen as the Chief Engineering Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com



## **Chief Diplomatic Corps Officer Report Vacant**

Position for USS Excalibur Chief Diplomatic Corps Officer is now open for applications.

The Chief Diplomatic Corps Officer can have many duties, including, but not limited to: Making contact with other Star Trek related clubs such as KAG, Borg Collective and the Romulan Star Empire to just name a few. The department also keeps the crew informed of activities from these other clubs and coordinates for newsletter exchanges etc.

#### Job Qualifications:

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

Passed OTS.

Passed OCC or working on it which must be completed within

six months of appointment to the position.

Complete the appropriate Bridge Officer Certification from SFA.

Must have reliable e-mail access each day. The fact that the internet and e-mail are now the most used forms of communication force this to be a requirement for a Department Chief

The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner.

Willingness to invest personal time, effort, money for postage, and etc. to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of chapter members.

Specific requirements for the position are available in the chapter Membership Handbook under the

department for which you are applying for.

#### Requirements of the Job:

Must report to the chapter's First Officer each month on or before 21st of the month.

Contribute to the chapter newsletter on a regular basis.

Must continue to contact members of their department on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in applying, send what you think is pertinent in your Real Life Resume and Fleet Resume with a paragraph detailing what you would do with the department if chosen as the Chief Diplomatic Corps Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com Page 12 SWORS AND THE STONE



## **Chief Joint Spec Ops Officer Report Vacant**

Position for USS Excalibur Chief Joint Special Operations Officer is now open for applications.

The Chief Joint Special Operations Officer can have many duties, including, but not limited to: Keeping the ship informed of news and activities in both the STAR-FLEET Marine Corps and the STARFLEET Special Operations. The Chief also Coordinates with the ships 129th MSG OIC and 119th MACO Charlie Team with activities.

#### Job Qualifications:

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

Passed OTS.

Passed OCC or working on it which must be completed within

six months of appointment to the position

Must be qualified as either a MACO Team Leader or a MSG OIC.

Must have reliable e-mail access each day. The fact that the internet and e-mail are now the most used forms of communication force this to be a requirement for a Department Chief.

The ability to perform duties in a timely and responsible manner. Willingness to invest personal time, effort, money for postage, and etc. to perform an important, but sometimes thankless, job for the benefit of chapter members.

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Contribute to the chapter newsletter on a regular basis.

Must continue to contact members of their department on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in applying, send what you think is pertinent in your Real Life Resume and Fleet Resume with a paragraph detailing what you would do with the department if chosen as the Chief Joint Special Operations Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots CO-USS Excalibur ussexcaliburco@gmail.com



## **28th Recon Detachment Report CMDR Ken Coots**

**Greetings Operatives!** 

Things have been moving right along this past month. I have been working on the unit logo which a copy of it is to the right.

Currently the unit strength is at 10 Operatives.

We are called the 28th Recon Detachment because currently no one is MACO TL qualified and so we could have waited and not have a unit or get started being a part of SFSO and once I am certified as a Team Leader, the unit will re-organize as a MACO unit. But instead of creating different logos etc. I asked the Chapter CO who also happens to be me to just go with the one set of logos.

The other Logo is the standard unit logo that all MACO units have

that are the same except for the unit numeral in the center. That is currently being worked on.

The qualification requirement to become a MACO Operative is to complete MACO Grades 1 and 2. Upon completing Grade 2, you will be a certified MACO and along with that you will be awarded the MACO Ribbon which signifies that you're a certified MACO. You must start with Grade 1 and then you can move on to Grade 2...

More information on the Training certifications, please refer to the SFSO Training Manual located at:

https://sfisfso.wordpress.com/publications/

If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Until next time,

2LT Michael McCarthy 119th MACO C Team





### **139th Marine Strike Group OIC Report** First Lieutenant Charles Phillips Jr



#### Hello Marines!

About a week ago from the time that I am writing this report was the R1 Summit. The Summit is an event at the region level which chapters and members come together. Also during this event, the First Brigade, SFMC holds an event called the annual Muster. At this event, Marines from across the Brigade come together for a briefing from the Brigade OIC and to receive the annual Brigade SFMC Awards. The list below are the awardees for the 2016 Muster.

Wade Larkin Wade Larkin
Brian Chappell
Paul C Dyl
Rey Cordero
Scott Anderson Sr
Peter Yohe
Derek Sauls
Dennis Rayburn
Matthew Miller
Steve Harper
Tim Trivett

## Brigade Achievement Paul C Dyl

Meritorious Unit Citation

101st 102nd 117th 119th 120th 121st 122nd 129th 130th 131st 151st 147th 157th

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Leader's Commendation Wade Larkin lvy Knott Peter Yohe Rey Cordero

Barry Jackson TJ Allen Paul C Dyl Rey Cordero Paul G. Dyl

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Brigade Muster Barry Jackson TJ Allen Paul C Dyl Rey Cordero Matt Miller Paul G. Dyl Peter Yohe Wade Larkin Harold Spears

Ivy Knott Susan Mahaffey
Scott Anderson
Matthew Miller
Cynthia Duran
Christine Anderson
Greg Franklin James Huskins

Embassy Duty Peter Yohe Ivy Knott TJ Allen Wade Larkin Harold Spears Greg Franklin Rey Cordero Susan Mahaffey

Naval Unit Citation USS Revelation USS Indiana

## Naval Achievement Citation Stephen Stott 46891

### 101st

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BDE DOIC Streamer 147th – Wade Larkin

BDE SGM Streamer 101st – Brian Chappell

BDE S1 Streamer 120th – Paul C Dyl

BDE S2 Streamer 157th – Rey Cordero

147th – Scott Anderson Sr

BDE S5 Streamer 126th – Peter Yohe

BN OIC Streamer 100th – Derek Sauls 163rd – Dennis Rayburn 102nd – Matthew Miller 113th – Steve Harper 112th – Tim Trivett

BN DOIC Streamer 126th – Peter Yohe

I hope that at least one of our marines can attend the next Muster in 2017.

1LT Charles Phillips Jr 139th MSG, OIC 139thmsgoic@gmail.com









## R1 Summit 2016 Awards Update CMDR Ken Coots

On May 14, 2016 Region One held its annual Regional Summit. Below are the awardees.

Chapter of the Year USS Helen Pawlowski

Chapter of Excellence USS Ronald E McNair

Best Support Ship USS Helen Pawlowski

Commanding Officer of the Year Carnell Eubanks
USS Star League

Archer Award (rookie CO)
KC Finch
USS Robins

Flag Officer of the Year Jana Sandarg USS Star League Officer of the Year Robin Fleming USS Freedom

Enlisted of the Year James Cornett USS Black Elk

Cadet of the Year Maxwell Michaud USS Ronald E McNair

Edith Keeler Kenneth Cheek USS Odin

Staff Member of the Year Pamela Michaud Region One Awards Director

RDC of the Year RDC Science-Richard Heim

Overall Best Newsletter of the Year USS Tycho

Best Monthly USS Heimdal

Best Bi-Monthly USS Kitty Hawk

Best Quarterly USS Charon

Best Chapter Handbook USS Tycho

Best Chapter Website USS Star League

Best Region Best Department website Science

I congratulate all the awardees and especially those from our sister chapters, the USS Helen Pawlowski and the USS Freedom.



## R1 Summit 2016 Promotion Update CMDR Ken Coots

On May 14, 2016 Region One held its annual Regional Summit. Below are the individuals that received promotions prior to and at the Summit.

Promoted to Captain

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Michael Kent Larry Balsley Kevin Plummer

Promoted to Fleet Captain

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Lowell Whitaker Tim Heilers Erinn Boyd

Promoted to Commodore



TJ Allen James Ortega DJ Powers Denise James

Promoted to Brigadier General



Christopher Bayonet Derek Sauls

Promoted to Rear Admiral



Scott Gibson

Promoted to Major General



Reynaldo Cordero

Promoted to Vice Admiral



Paul Dyl Jerry Conner Promoted to Admiral



Jason Schreck Warren Price

I congratulate everyone on their



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rarely die of Zika. Once a person has been infected with Zika, they are likely to be protected from future infections. Based on current knowledge, it is believed that the virus remains active in a person's blood stream for approximately a week

#### Why Zika is Risky for Some People

The biggest risk with the Zika virus is for pregnant women. Zika infection during pregnancy can cause developing babies to have a birth defect of the brain called microcephaly (small brain and skull development). Other problems have been detected among fetuses and infants infected with Zika virus before birth, such as defects of the eye, hearing deficits, and impaired growth. There have also been increased reports of Guillain-Barré syndrome, an uncommon sickness of the nervous system, in areas affected by Zika. There have been proven cases of this disease being transmitted sexually from one partner to another.

#### How to Prevent Zika

There is no vaccine to prevent Zika. The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to

protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.

Here's how:

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

Take steps to control mosquitoes inside and outside your home.

Use a bug spray containing at least 20% DEET.

Mosquito netting can be used to cover babies younger than 2 months old in carriers, strollers, or cribs to protect them from mosquito bites.

Sleep under a mosquito bed net if air conditioned or screened rooms are not available or if sleeping outdoors.

Prevent sexual transmission of Zika.

At this time there is no recommendations against travel to anywhere in the continental us due to risks of the Zika virus. Obviously information is changing rapidly

when it comes to this virus and the risks posed by infection.

#### Zika Treatment

There is no specific medicine to treat Zika.

Treat the symptoms:

Get plenty of rest.

Drink fluids to prevent dehydration.

Take medicine such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) to reduce fever and pain.

Do not take aspirin or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (Ibuprofen or Advil).

If you are taking medicine for another medical condition, talk to your healthcare provider before taking additional medication.

To help prevent others from getting sick, strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the first week of illness.

In closing let me say, thank you to Admiral Miller and the USS Helen Pawlowski for allowing me to use the report from their newsletter.

LTJG Jessica Llyod Chief Medical Officer ussexcaliburcmo@gmail.com

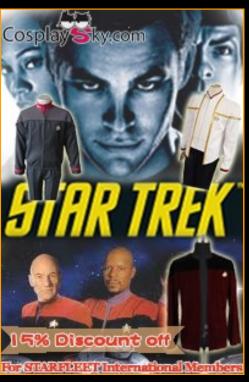


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## USS EXCALIBUR NX-26517 CREW ROSTER

NAME	RANK	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	POSITION
Coots, Ken	CMDR	Command	Commanding Officer/MACO Team Leader/Marine
King, Alex	LCDR	Command	First Officer/Chief Science Officer
Matthew Coots	SGT	Joint Spec Ops	Maine/MACO
Lloyd, Jessica	LT	Medical	Chief Medical Officer
McClullan, Josh	SGT	Joint Spec Ops	Marine/MACO
McClullan, Kathy	ENS	Communications	Chief Communications Officer
McClullan, Lynn	SSG	Joint Spec Ops	Marine/MACO
Phillips, Annabeth	CDT	Medical	Medical Tech
Phillips, Charles	1LT	Joint Spec Ops	139th MSG OIC/MACO
Phillips, Cierra	CRA	Medical	Medical Tech
Phillips, Courtney	CDT	Medical	Medical Tech
TOTAL	11		

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### The DS9 Cast: LCDR Jadzia Dax STAR TREK.COM

PERSONNEL FILE: Dax, Jadzia

Final rank: Lieutenant Commander

Final assignment: Science officer, Deep Space Nine; helm officer, Deep Space Nine; helm officer, U.S.S. Defiant

Full name: Jadzia Dax

Year of birth: 2341(Host)

Place of birth: Trill

Education: (Host) Starfleet Academy, 2359-63

Marital status: Married to Worf,

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Children: None (current host)

Year of death: 2374 (Symbiont sur-

vived)

Place of death: Deep Space Nine

Quarters: Deep Space Nine, Level 6 near Corridor 1; U.S.S. Defiant,

Deck 3

\*\*Includes updates, addenda through SD 50500 (2373)

Starfleet Career Summary

2369 – As lieutenant, posted to DS9 as science officer

2372 – Won promotion to lieutenant commander

2374 – Combat promotion to commander, U.S.S. Defiant, during DS9 occupation

Psychological Profile: Report of Starfleet Counselor Telnorri, Bajo-

The eighth eventual Trill host of the symbiont Dax is the discoverer of the Bajoran wormhole to the

Gamma Quadrant, which catapulted the area into the galactic hotseat. The perspective of seven previous lifetimes has left her with an extremely broad view of life which surprisingly skews to the unpredictable and even mischievous rather than the staid and conservative, while symbiosis itself at times has proved to be problematic in her off-world career.



Terry Farrellas as LCDR Jadzia Dax

Jadzia has two parents and one sister, all still alive by 2372. Although she was not above breaking windows at night as a crack shot with rocks when younger, the shot with rocks when younger, the quiet, shy and naive young woman had worked hard since childhood to qualify for the Trill hosting program and received academic degrees in exobiology, zoology, astrophysics and exo-archaeology at Starfleet Academy, although at the time of her DS9 posting at age 28 as a lieutenant she had never served on a starship served on a starship.

In 2367 at age 26, Jadzia made

history as the only rejected Trill initiate to return successfully and pass the program. She had spent three years in all as an initiate and hardly ever left its complex; she didn't receive basic flight experi-ence certification of Level 3 until her last year of training.

Ironically, after acceptance she chose the Dax symbiont previously hosted by Curzon, her harsh field docent. He had rejected her in the first place after only two weeks of field training as unmotivated and unfocused — an act which dogged Jadzia for years, despite her success; she had studied his infamous record and was already nauseated. cess; she had studied his infamous record and was already nauseated with the pressure, crying herself to sleep each night until she was dropped. It was only later, after she redoubled her efforts and passed the training with his approval, that she learned he had really rejected her only out of misplaced guilt due to his sexual attraction to the attractive young woman. The Joining was completed as Curzon neared the end of a slow, lingering death in mid-year.

Such a turbulent relationship with the previous host of the symbiont the previous host of the symbiont she now carries has haunted Jadzia, who has found herself in a love-hate relationship with his legacy that at times has bordered on sheer competiion. In addition, due to her off-world posting, Dax has probably endured more conflict due to symbiosis than the typical Joined Trill.

Accused of Curzon's alleged murder of Klaestron IV's General Tandro by the general's zealous son, she had preferred a death sentence rather than expose Tandro's role as a rebel collaborator and Curzon's affair with his wife, both eventually revealed. In 2370 both eventually revealed. In 2370 she supervised her own first initiate trainee, Arjin, only three years younger than she, and came to grips with some suppressed bitterness about Curzon's treatment of

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her. Curzon figured again weeks later when she swore to uphold a blood oath of his on an unauthorized quest with Klingons Kor, Kang and Koloth that could have cost her life, much less her Starfleet career.



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Dax has also been forced to reintegrate memories from two unexpected hosts. One, in 2370, was the once-rejected host candidate Verad who hijacked the symbiont from Jadzia. The other came a year later, when a failing memory block revealed in series of night-mares the onetime murderer Joran mares the onetime murderer Joran Belar and the yet-unrevealed Sym-biosis Commission cover-up of the error 85 years earlier.

After years of procrastination After years of procrastination due to her uneasiness at confronting Curzon again, she underwent her first Trill zhian'tara Rite of Closure to meet all previous hosts; ironically, the uniquely melded Odo/Curzon reincarnation almost decided to stay in that form permanently. The eventual return of Curzon's memories to Jadzia allowed her the additional experience of a changeling's perspecence of a changeling's perspective.

Dax's personal as well as professional reunion with Curzon's old protege Ben Sisko at DS9 was unique in some ways in light of the Trill taboo against reassociation. Even more so, in 2372 she had considered remating with former host Torias' widow's symbiont Kahn in its current host, Lenara—until Lenara succumbed to the social pressure and broke it off. Earlier, her only romantic encounter since ca. 2270 had been a bittersweet encounter with a resident of planet Meridian, a dimension-shifting world destined to appear in solid form in this universe once every 60 years. Dax's personal as well as proevery 60 years.

Despite this rarity of outward sexual intimacy, Dax's long life as



Crew of Deep Space 9



both genders has if anything broadened her perspective on romance, sex, and multiculturalism, not diminished it. She generally enjoys the attention shown her by men overall and is tolerantly amused by the crushes of Bashir and Quark, actually enjoying the Ferengi oddities that turn Kira off. She's studied up on the Rules of She's studied up on the Rules of Acquisition and had always wanted to see a Ferengi in Starfleet, but like Sisko was skeptical of Nog's Academy application. Dax even thought Morn was cute, but once turned down his dinner invitation; she later accepted one from the clear-skulled Gallamite Capt. Boday. Still, her longevity has fostered a cavalier attitude about others' privacy and secrets: she is somewhat jealous that Sisko will not share his personal side as much as he did with Curzon.

Actually, her relationship with Bashir has matured from his puppy love to a deep friendship. She submitted Bashir's Carrington nomination through an old friend of Curzon's and throws him a surprise

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birthday party each year; he, in turn, has risked his life and career on more than one occasion to save hers, usually due to a quirk of her symbiotic state. Thanks to Lwaxana Troi's Zanthi fever — which only acts in case of latent relationships already perceived — Bareil pursued her and she Sisko during the 2381 Gratitude Festival.

Dax remains in superior physical condition, enjoying Galeo-Manada style wrestling as well as the more well-known Klingon martial arts, which she began studying after her Joining thanks to Curzon's extensive contact with the culture. A near-match in combat expertise for Worf, she became his unexpected confidant when the Klingon signed aboard the station in early 2372, searching with he and Kor for the Sword of Kahless and interceptin his brother Kurn's Mauk-to'Vor ritual suicide.

Personally, Dax is a self-professed a "night owl" and hates to be "appropriate" — thus explaining her interest in forgotten composers like the Romulan Frenchotte, Yridian symphonies and Klingon opera as well as interstellar gourmet and Klingon food. She is better at poker and Tongo than Curzon ever was, but she and Sisko are an even match at traditional 2-D chess. She also inherited a love of steamed azna from prior hosts, along with the Altonian brain teaser puzzle some 140 years before her Joining — when either Emony or Audrid was Dax's host. A Black Hole is one favorite drink, although on duty she usually prefers an iced raktajino with extra cream. Her quarters are heavily decorated with small sculptures, knick-knacks, and scientific antique tools; circa SD 48212 she briefly coifed her hair in a more matronly style before returning to her former look

Performance Review: Report of Starfleet Science Division

In her Starfleet career she was decorated on her first mission, aided Kira and Sisko in the putdown of Jaro's would-be Bajoran



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coup, but was at odds with the late Capt. Keogh over "mutual arrogance" in a well-known and unresolved spat. Despite their dissimilar services, she is second in command to Major Kira on DS9 and has had command in Ops on the night shift, while on the U.S.S. Defiant she usually crews the helm and has served admirably in its combat and exploratory missions, per Captain Sisko's reports.

Actions by Dax also figured prominently in restoring the damaged time-line regarding Earth history's Bell Riots, caused by the accidental temporal displacement of the Defiant. In securing a public access for the aggrieved residents at the heart of the riots, she had explained that her name was Dutch, while her Trill markings were tattoos applied in Japan.

Psycho-Medical File Update: SD 50500, CMO J. Bashir reporting

I have assumed responsibility for this task for the first time since my posting at this station.

The past year has been one of relatively quiet jeopardy for Jadzia Dax, which may explain why she now seeks her bumps and bruises as Lt. Cmdr. Worf's Par'machkai. I have watched as their mutual affection grew into full-blown romance, thanks to Worf's one-time attraction to Grilka, and consider it a new twist and a challenge on all



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the more mundane romances Dax has seen in its prior six lifetimes as Telnorri has noted above. While her abandon seems to run counter to his renowned Klingon conservatism, the formula seems to be a perfect yin-yang match of opposites, with Worf showing only occasional bouts of jealousy over past lovers, such as Risa's facilitator Arnadis (with Curzon) and Capt. Boday, the Gallamite. One wonders, though, how long her Trill superstructure can withstand the ongoing punishment of Klingon passion.

Officially, so far the relationship has not affected their job review — aside from a small amount of duty time missed for recuperation. Dax returned safely from both the mission to retrieve the downed Jem'Hadar ship and her experiences in the past aboard Kirk's 23rd century Enterprise.

Although Jadzia speaks rarely of her family and homeworld, I understand she regularly writes to her mother back on Trill; she still is a night owl and often runs anomaly scans in Ops at night to relax. With her longevity, saving and acquiring do not register with her, so it is not surprising she has no more than two bars of gold-pressed latinum when three-time Tongo champion Capt. Ramirez beats her in a nollimit game at Starbase 63.

FINAL ENTRY Capt. Benjamin Sisko

I am always steeled to the possibility that at any time I will be compelled to make a final entry into the personnel files of those under my command, especially in the midst of war. Somehow, with her having survived seven lifetimes, I just thought it would not be for Jadzia Dax — at least not so soon.

In hindsight, I knew the eighth Dax host for only a fraction of the time I knew Curzon Dax, her predecessor. But this is different — perhaps because that was a mentoring relationship for me and this was one of near-equals, even my subordinate when it comes to rank.

She was so happy with her marriage to Worf. She was so happy at the prospect of having children. I know he grieves, as do I in an odd way, that she did not meet her fate in "glorious battle." Somehow,ending this life in the Promenade's Bajoran shrine as the victim of a pah-wraith — a cast-out Bajoran Prophet — inhabiting a humanoid form (Dukat, of all things) is so .... unfair. Unsatisfying. Useless. And not to mention troubling, especially for one supposed to be cast in the role as Bajor's Emissary from its Prophets. Very troubling, in fact — it is part of a situation that has my soul in a death grip I fear I may not shed for some time.

Commendations — personal if not official — to my CMO Julian

Bashir for saving the Dax symbiont, who is already en route to Trill on life support. Whomever its new host will be is a matter for the Symbiosis Commission, but I find myself wondering if I shall ever see Dax again. It is not a thought I ever pondered after Curzon's passing, but after working alongside two of these Daxes — one Joined for nearly a century, one all too brief — I am struck by the fact that the symbiotic Trill are supposed to outlive their more pedestrian humanoid companions — and not the other way around. I do not know if I could bear to go through this again.



Capt Sisko and Dax aboard the USS Enterprise NCC-1701

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Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Relish, Honey Roasted Pork Loin, and Beef St. George

#### **BUFFET ALSO INCLUDES:**

Chef's Choice of Potato and Two Fresh Vegetables Assorted desserts

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### Region One 2017 Summit



The Region One Regional Summit 2017 June 9-11, 2017

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Madison Indiana urls;

www.visitmadison.org

http://www.go-indiana.com/Madison-Indiana/.nps.gov/nr/travel/madison/Madison\_Historic\_District.html

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