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Commanding Officer's Update By CMDR Ken Coots



**Commander
Ken Coots**

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying your summer so far?

Well things have been busy for STARFLEET with the SFI elections starting with the Nomination phase which will be over in just a few days on the 15th. The actual voting will take place and this is when you as a member of SFI will vote for who you want to be CS for the next 3 years. I have been told that you can vote electronically or on paper. For electronic voting, please make sure your email address in the database is correct. If its like the CO voting for RCs, the email address has to be correct so that the link to vote comes to you.

Here is other news around the Fleet/Region/Chapter/ or Star Trek in general:

Passing of Anton Yelchin

The crew and friends of the USS Excalibur NX-26517 offers their love and condolences to all who grieve Anton Yelchin's loss. His was a shocking loss and we wish his family peace in the midst of tragedy.

When requesting exams from SFA

Well, folks, here it is. We've

tried, compops (Laura Victor) has tried, but the request system is just not feasible. When we (SFA) had this system it worked great for quite some time and then glitches arose with several directors not receiving the requests.

Laura Victor, Chief of Computer Operations, with the request of the late Wayne Killough, worked on getting another request system. It looked great. We all loved it, and it did work, but for a short time as glitches have been rising more and more.



So due to these glitches, we feel the human factor needs to step in and take care of requests for Academy courses by going straight to the director of the course you wish to take. As in the not too distant past, go to the Academy website, click onto the course catalog and find what you're looking for and then request what you want from that college's director. I assure you, you'll get a quick response.

If you don't hear from said director within a week, and PLEASE give it a full week, try contacting the director, again, with a copy of the request to the college's Dean.

Peg Pellerin
SFA Commandant
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June Region One Sciences report online

Hi all,

I have updated the Region One Sciences web page (<http://webpages.charter.net/alaricrh73/r1sci/R1Science.htm>) with the June 2016 and July 2016 monthly Sciences RDC reports that I sent to Ron, the R1 RDC Program Coordinator. These reports are a good opportunity for you to see what R/1 ships are doing science-wise. Thank you to all ships that have been reporting!

The reports can be found here: <http://webpages.charter.net/alaricrh73/r1sci/R1Sci2.htm#reports>

For those Region One Chief Science Officers who want to keep up with R/1 Sciences activities, you may subscribe to the Region One Sciences listserver (<http://webpages.charter.net/alaricrh73/r1sci/R1Sci2.htm#r1list>).

While I have your attention, my Starfleet Sciences reports are online here: <http://webpages.charter.net/alaricrh73/sci/Starfleet-Sciences-reports.html>

These summarize what is happening, science-wise, in other regions.

I'll be sending next month's report to Ron the week of July 11, so please send your CSO reports to me by July 10.

Thanks!
Richard

Admiral Richard Heim
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RDC Sciences, Region One
CO, CSO, USS Alaric NCC-503
AlaricRH@charter.net

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First Officer's Report Update By LCDR Alex King



Lieutenant Commander
Alex King

Greeting to the crew of the USS Excalibur,

Right now region 1 (the region we are in) has had a period of both growth and loss. We have lost several chapters due to various reason, but we have also gained several new chapters also. Starfleet is like any other club as in we need people to survive. This fan club has been around in one form or another for close to about 40 years, and this year is Star Trek's 50th anniversary. Stop and think about that number; 50 YEARS. How many fan clubs can say they have been operating continuously for 50 years? Not too many. We have a duty

now, to keep the growth going, to get people interested in the ideals of Star Trek, not just join, but to learn and participate in the chapters. Also this year are elections for the position of Commander, Starfleet and other posts. A link have been established to provide information about the candidates. It's on the Excalibur's Facebook page.

Keeping in the same vein, I need something from you, the crew. I need your feedback. To be honest folks, I have only really heard from 2 people in the chapter. I would like to hear from people and hear some of the things that are important to them. We have a Facebook page, and we have email, but there are other social media sites that we can post to. If you think we should have a page at Google+ or some other site let me know.

We have had quite a bit of incidents in the real time world. All I have to say is a quote from an old TV show called Hill Street Blues, "Let's all be careful out there".

Live Long and Prosper

Alex King
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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 satisfying job as CO is to promote a crewmember.

Promoted to Ensign

Gorka Ocejja

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 September 17, 2016. The board members will be Ken Coots, Jessica Llyod, 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.



U.S.S. AMBASSADOR



USS Excaltibur Awards Update CMDR Ken Coots

Congratulations to the following chapter awardees:

OTS Completion Ribbon

Gorka Oceja

If you have any questions pertaining to the chapter awards system, please reference Regulation 200 in the membership 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 Officer.

Our next Awards Board will be conducted on September 17, 2016. The board members will be Ken Coots, Jessica Llyod, and Charles Phillips Jr.

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

Commanding Officer's Update Cont.

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CQ #186 & #187 now available!

Well folks we are officially caught up for the year and a whole month ahead if you can believe it. CQ 186 is now available for download from the database. Please help keep me ahead of the game, send in your articles (cq@sfi.org). The next CQ 187 (April-Jun 2016) will contain a memorial for FADM Wayne Kil-lough Jr. So if you want to remember this great man please send in an article.

CQ 187 (April-June 2016) is now available for download from the database.

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Region One Sciences winners of
2015 Albert Einstein Award

At the Region One Summit last month, I announced the 2015 winners of the Region One Sciences Albert Einstein Award for Most Frequent Submissions to Region One Science. These are CSOs and other officers who report regularly (at least once every quarter). A

total of 18 officers from 15 ships submitted reports during 2015. Please join me in congratulating the following fine officers who were 2015 Einstein Award winners:

USS Columbia -- Capt. Julie Taucher (CSO) and Cmdr. Patrick Litton (Chief Astronomer)

USS Heimdal -- Adm. Willy Smith (CSO) and Capt. Michael Lewis

USS Jurassic -- FCapt Nancy Hall (CSO/CompOps)

USS Ohio -- FCapt. Janet Wagoner (CSO)

USS Renegade -- Comm. Janice Graham (CSO)

(USS Alaric also reported every month, but I'm the Alaric's CSO and I don't give myself an award.)

Also, the USS Heimdal's Capt Michael Lewis received an Albert Einstein Award - Special Commendation for exemplary service as ARDC and superb liaison with Science Departments of R/1 Ships.

Thank you science officers of Region One!

Richard

Admiral Richard Heim

USS Alaric CO & CSO, R/1 RDC
Sciences, Starfleet Sciences
Director
AlaricRH@charter.net

Committee to review the
Membership Handbook

To all Members of Starfleet

At this year's ECAB meeting it was decided to bring together a Committee to review the Membership Handbook, the Committee to consist of the Chief Finance Officer (Linda Olson), the Inspector General (Jeff Victor), Region 1 RC (Ruth Lane), Region 2 RC (Ryan Case) and two members of good standing.

With this in mind, I would like you to consider whether you would be able to give some of your time to go over the handbook thoroughly, to potentially video conference with the other members of the Committee and provide your thoughts and perspective on how the Handbook could be improved.

Applications should be sent to myself (vcs@sfi.org) as Chair of the Committee by no later than Sunday August 28th, 2016 with a view to commencing work on the Handbook review on Wednesday August 31st, 2016.

I would ask all RCs and COs to put this message out on your Regional and Chapter lists.

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Kind regards.

RADM Theresa Bristow
Vice Commander STARFLEET

SFI Quartermaster

Folks;

We introduced the new 50th Anniversary Collection, Challenge Coin, Lapel Pin and Patch at the International Conference in Louisville, Ky. These were well received but I have yet to get them added to the online store. If you are interested in these items before they hit the store site, please email me and I will try to get you a picture. The New SFI polo shirts were also a big hit. They are in Red, Yellow, and Light Blue. I have already sold out of the 2XL and the 5XL, but have a few left in other sizes. Contact me

at dragonladye@wildblue.net if you would like more information on any of these items.

Linda Olson
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SFI IC 2018 Announced

STARFLEET International Conference 2018 will be held in MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA!. Start planning now to come to the Hilton Minneapolis/St Paul Airport Mall of America on August 10-12, 2018.

CQ 188 (Election/IC Edition)

Would anyone that attended the IC be willing to write an article for the CQ? It doesn't have to be long but something so that everyone has an idea of what it's like to go to an IC. I'm particularly interested in panels and discussions. So if you hosted a panel and you have a discussion outline or if you went to a panel I

want to hear from you. Currently this is going to be a very short CQ with a lot of pictures. Pictures are great but context is better.

Commodore Matthew Miller
Chief, STARFLEET Communications
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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
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Chief Medical Officer's Report Lieutenant Junior Grade Jessica Llyod

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

With the summer starting to come to an end, the risk of Sun Burn is still a problem for many. So in this issue I would like to discuss Sunburn - Home Treatment.

Home treatment measures may provide some relief from a mild sunburn.

- Use cool cloths on sunburned areas.
- Take frequent cool showers or baths.
- Apply soothing lotions that contain aloe vera to sunburned areas. Topical steroids (such as 1% hydrocortisone cream) may also help with sunburn pain and swelling. Note: Do not use the

cream on children younger than age 2 unless your doctor tells you to. Do not use in the rectal or vaginal area in children younger than age 12 unless your doctor tells you to.

A sunburn can cause a mild fever and a headache. Lie down in a cool, quiet room to relieve the headache. A headache may be caused by dehydration, so drinking fluids may help. For more information, see the topic Dehydration.

There is little you can do to stop skin from peeling after a sunburn—it is part of the healing process. Lotion may help relieve the itching.

Other home treatment measures, such as chamomile, may help relieve your sunburn symptoms.

Care of blisters

Home treatment may help decrease pain, prevent infection, and help the skin heal.

- A small, unbroken blister about the size of a pea, even a blood blister, will usually heal on its own. Use a loose bandage to protect it. Avoid the activity that caused the blister.
- If a small blister is on a weight-bearing area like the bottom of the foot, protect it with a doughnut-shaped moleskin pad. Leave the area over the blister open.
- If a blister is large and painful, it may be best to drain it. Here is a safe method:
 - ◇ Wipe a needle or straight pin with rubbing alcohol.

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Chief Communications Officer's Report Ensign Kathy McClullan

Hello USS Excalibur and welcome yet again to the Communications Department's third 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 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

Issue 7

Publication- 15 March 2017
Submission- 28 February 2017

Issue 8

Publication- 15 May 2017
Submission- 28 April 2017



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 Star Trek Beyond now in theaters, I sure would like a movie review from a crewmember?

Well that is all I have for this issue. I really do hope you like it and please provide us here in communications with feedback on how we should improve or any suggestions/comments.

Until the next issue,

Ensign Kathy McClullan
Chief Communications Officer
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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
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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
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Chief Science Officer Report By LCDR Alex King



Lieutenant Commander
Alex King

This is an exciting time for NASA, a probe that was launched years ago has arrived at Jupiter, it is expected to yield a vast amount of knowledge about that planet. There are many advancements in science everyday, too many for one person to keep up with. Just today I saw an article on sun-

screen and why it quits working, which given this time of year can be useful and a possible end to dental root canals. I haven't had a chance to read the articles yet since my 5 year is wanting Dad-Daughter time (read as play with in the pool for hours on end Daddy) Recently I want on a trip to the state of Connecticut on a retrieval mission to pick up my wife and daughter. They had just spent 2 short weeks visiting her folks (grandma and grandpa). That is a long trip to make by yourself. As I drove, I marveled at all the electronic items that made the drive easier. Things from power steering and brakes, (which I treasure since I drove an old fire truck a few times to fire calls. No power steering, no power brakes. Learned about that the first day I rolled out with it, not a good time to learn something.)

Things like that make us safer on the roads. Things like Bluetooth and satellite radio. Remember what life was like before all these items were invented.

I want to close up by asking the general membership about what kinds of science articles you want to read. Let me know and I'll start posting them. Please remember that we have a Facebook page, go check it out.

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 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 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 Security Officer.

Thank you,

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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 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.

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ing 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 Engineering Officer.

Thank you,

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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.

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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



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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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
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28th Recon Detachment Report CMDR Ken Coots



STARFLEET Special Operations Unit Activity/Report

Unit Type: Reconnaissance
Unit Name: 28th Recon Detachment
Unit Designation: SOU-028
Unit Website: None

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Assistant Team Leader: NA
Assistant Team Leader E-mail Ad-
dress: NA

Team Roster:

Name: Matthew Coots
Rank: PO2
SCC#: 56540
Expiration Date: 7/19/2017

Name: Ken Coots
Rank: CMDR
SCC #: 56539
Expiration Date: 7/19/2017

Name: Charles Phillips Jr
Rank: ENS
SCC #: 72025
Expiration Date: 4/23/2017

Name: Josh McClullan
Rank: PO1
SCC #: 56536
Expiration Date: 7/19/2017

Name: Lynn McClullan
Rank: PO2
SCC #: 56533
Expiration Date: 7/19/2017

Name: Alex King
Rank: LCMDR
SCC #: 72730
Expiration Date: 10/2/2016

Add (July):

Name: Kenny Mosses
Rank: PO2
SCC #: 56537
Expiration Date: 7/19/2017

Team Report: (June)

Ken Coots completed 13 SFA courses

Charles Phillips Jr and Josh McClullan participated in the 119th MACO Black Ops III online gaming session for Jun.

Charles Phillips recycled a total of 7 lbs for June

Ken and Matthew Coots recycled a total of 11 lbs for June

Lynn and Josh McClullan recycled a total of 13 lbs for June



Team Report: (July)

Ken Coots completed 36 SFA courses.

Charles Phillips Jr and Josh McClullan participated in the 119th MACO Black Ops III online gaming session for July

Ken Coots still working on the SFSO MACO TL certification.

Charles Phillips recycled a total of 9 lbs for July

Ken and Matthew Coots recycled a total of 14 lbs for July

Lynn and Josh McClullan recycled a total of 18 lbs for July

Added Kenny Mosses who transferred from the 230th MACOs (USS George Washington)





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



Unit: 139th MSG
Battalion: 3
Brigade: 1
Reporting month: August

REPORTING OFFICER

Reporting officer:
2LT Charles Phillips Jr
E-mail: 139thmsgoic@gmail.com

BASIC UNIT INFORMATION

Type: MSG
Branch: Infantry
Nickname: Sarmatian Knights
Motto: "I am a marine, I fight where I am told, and I win where I fight."

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE INFORMATION

Unit OIC (name and rank): 2LT
Charles Phillips Jr
Unit OIC e-mail:
139thmsgoic@gmail.com
Unit OIC phone:
Private: Yes

Unit DOIC (name and rank): LTC
Ken Coots
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co@gmail.com
Unit DOIC phone:
Private: Yes

CHAPTER DATA

NCC Number: 26517
Name: USS Excalibur
CO: LTC Ken Coots

UNIT PERSONNEL DATA

Unit strength (active/reserve):

Active 6/Reserve 1

Unit roster:

Alex King
MAJ
72730
Reserve
10/2/2016

Matthew Coots
SGT
56540
Active
7/19/2017

Ken Coots
LTC
56539
Active
7/19/2017

Charles Phillips Jr
2LT
72025
Active
4/23/2017

Josh McClullan
CPL
56536
Active
7/19/2017

Lynn McClullan
SGT
56533
Active
7/19/2017

Kenny Mosses
SGT
56537
Active
7/19/2017

Changes to roster:

Add:

Kenny Mosses

SGT
56537
Active
7/19/2017
Transferred in from the 130th
MSG

Changes in leadership:

None

Awards issued:

None

Awards requested:

None

UNIT MISSION DATA

Unit activities:

Ken Coots completed 49 SFA
courses.

Alex King continues to administer
the chapter Facebook Page.

Lynn McClullan promoted to Staff
Sergeant

Josh McClullan promoted to Ser-
geant

Alex King participated in an away
mission to Topsail beach, must
report on 1 incident-sunburns hurt.

His daughter is registered for kin-
dergarten (sniff sniff). Made con-
tact with non-poisonous lifeform in
yard, still jump to the moon.

SFMC Challenge Data:

None

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS/SUG- GESTIONS

Comments/Problems/Suggestions:

None

Actions taken to rectify:

None

New neighbor: Scientists discover closest habitable exoplanet : By Rob Verger



Scientists have discovered that the star closest to Earth outside of our solar system has a planet. And not only that, if the conditions there are right, it could potentially support life.

Meet Proxima b, a terrestrial planet orbiting a small star called Proxima Centauri, and our nearest planetary neighbor beyond the solar system. It's just a little over four light years away.

Proxima b is at least 1.3 times the size of Earth. While it's very close to the star it orbits, a red dwarf, that star is also much smaller and dimmer than our Sun, meaning that the temperature conditions on the planet could allow liquid water to exist on its surface. That puts it in the "habitable zone," or "temperate zone." But one important factor is whether or not it has an atmosphere, which scientists don't yet know.

"Succeeding in the search for the nearest terrestrial planet beyond the solar system has been an ex-

perience of a lifetime, and has drawn on the dedication and passion of a number of international researchers," Guillem Anglada-Escudé, the paper's lead author and an astronomer at Queen Mary University of London, said in a statement. "We hope these findings inspire future generations to keep looking beyond the stars. The search for life on Proxima b comes next."

There are distinct differences between Proxima b and Earth. For one, the exoplanet— as planets outside of our solar system are called— orbits its star about every 11 days. It also may orbit in such a way that one side is locked always facing the star, meaning that half the planet is always bright and hot and the other is always dark and cold. And it receives more radiation from the star than Earth does from the Sun.

Scientists studied how the star, Proxima Centauri, moves slowly— just 3 mph— towards the Earth and away from it through space, to

determine that it had a planet orbiting it every 11.2 days. Proxima b is just 4.3 million miles from Proxima Centauri, while Earth is much further away from the Sun, at about 93 million miles distant. Scientists have studied the possibility that there was a planet in this system for years.

"These observations naturally raise the question of whether Proxima Centauri b could harbor life," Artie Hatzes, of the Thuringian State Observatory in Germany, wrote in an article in the journal *Nature*, where the study will be published, regarding the discovery. "However, circling a star at the right distance is no guarantee that the planet has liquid water, or even an atmosphere that can support life."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lysJduOqads>

The high-profile study concludes by stating that Proxima Centauri could be a good target for "robotic exploration in the coming centuries."

Newly Discovered Planet Orbits a Trio of Stars By Samantha Mathewson (www.space.com)



A new planet, HD 131399Ab, in a triple star system was recently discovered about 340 light-years from Earth in the constellation of Centaurus.

A newly discovered planet has been spotted orbiting three stars at once, in a highly exotic celestial arrangement.

"The planet is orbiting star A — the lonely star in this scenario," Kevin Wagner, a first-year doctoral student at the University of Arizona, told Space.com. The planet and star A are then orbited by a pair of stars that the scientists call "star B" and "star C." (Check below to see a video of the system's orbital dance).

The strange new world, HD 131399Ab, lies 340 light-years from Earth, in the constellation Centaurus. For about half of its orbit through the system, all three stars are visible in the sky.

What would the three stars look like to someone on HD 131399Ab? Some rough calculations by the Space.com staff show that all three stars would be similar in brightness to the full moon seen on Earth.

In the case of HD 131399Ab, star A is much larger and brighter than the sun — about 80 percent more massive and 7.8 times more luminous. But the planet orbits the star at a distance of about 82 astronomical units (one astronomical unit is the distance from the Earth to the sun, 93 million miles, or 150 million kilometers), which is about twice the average distance from the sun to Pluto. The increased distance means the star would appear only about 0.00116 times as bright to an observer on HD 131399Ab as the sun appears to us on Earth. But the star would still appear about 464 times as bright as the full moon appears from Earth, meaning it would still be a dominant presence in the sky.

Another comparison: On the surface of Pluto, the sun at high noon delivers about as much light as the Earth gets just after sunset. On HD 131388Ab, star A would deliver about twice that much light.

Stars B and C are smaller and

dimmer than star A. Star B is only about 0.87 times as bright as the sun and has about the same mass. Star C is less massive than the sun (about 60 percent the sun's mass), and only 0.17 times as bright. The two stars also orbit at a much greater distance from the planet (300 to 400 astronomical units, depending on the position of the planet in its orbit). As a result, at their closest approach to the planet, star B would appear about 3.86 times the brightness of the full moon on Earth; and star C would appear about 0.75 times the brightness of the full moon.

"For about half of the planet's orbit, which lasts 550 Earth-years, three stars are visible in the sky, the fainter two always much closer together, and changing in apparent separation from the brightest star throughout the year," Wagner said in the statement. "For much of the planet's year, the [three] stars appear close together, giving it a familiar nightside and dayside with a unique triple sunset and sunrise each day. As the planet orbits and the stars grow farther apart each day, they reach a point where the setting of one coincides with the rising of [the other two] — at which point the planet is in near-constant daytime for about one-quarter of its orbit, or roughly 140 Earth-years."

Another aspect of the triple-star system that has surprised scientists is how large the planet's orbit is around star A — it's the widest orbit of a planet ever found in a triple-star system, Wagner told Space.com. What's more, stars B and C orbit so close to star A that their gravity is "very significant for the planet," Wagner said. In other triple-star systems, the planet orbits very close to one star and

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Newly Discovered Planet Orbits a Trio of Stars Cont.

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much, much farther away from the other two, he said.

"This [triple-star system] is the first one that we have ever found that looks like this," Wagner told

directly imaged exoplanets. The researchers also found water and methane in its atmosphere. SPHERE is an instrument mounted on the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in the Atacama Desert, in Chile.

nal Science.

How to make a triple-star system

Although the study's researchers have determined the system formed in the classical star formation scenario, which starts with a giant molecular cloud that collapses under its own gravity, much of the planet's origins remain a mystery.

"One possible scenario is that it formed in the disk that would have been around star A, after the formation of the system," Wagner told Space.com.

However, at about twice the distance Pluto is from the sun of our solar system, there would not have been very much material available for a planet to form.

"So, we think that the planet actually formed closer to one of the stars. Then, through some scattering or migration, the planet found its way to its present orbit," Wagner said.

Next, researchers plan to examine the planet's movement and trajectory, in order to determine the long-term stability of the system.

"We think that it's stable, but we can't really say for sure," Wagner said. "An unstable orbit would typically have adjusted over a few orbits of the planet. The system itself is 16 million years old, so it would have had plenty of time for the planet to adjust if it were in an unstable orbit. Still, 16 million years is rather young, so it wouldn't be extremely surprising if it were on an unstable orbit. Right now, we can't really tell for sure, because we only have one snapshot of where the planet is in orbit, and it takes over 500 years to complete."



This graphic illustrates the orbit of the planet in the HD 131399 system (red line) and the orbits of the stars (blue lines).

Space.com. "It tells us that planets can exist in these much more exotic configurations, in multiple star systems, than many would have thought possible."

Exoplanet hunters

HD 131399Ab was discovered using a technique called direct imaging, in which light from the planet is seen directly by a telescope, as opposed to other planet-hunting techniques that look for planets through indirect means. Using an advanced, direct imaging tool known as the Spectro-Polarimetric High-Contrast Exoplanet Research Instrument (SPHERE), astronomers found that the planet is about 1,070 degrees Fahrenheit (580 degrees Celsius) and weighs an estimated four Jupiter masses, making it one of the coldest and least massive

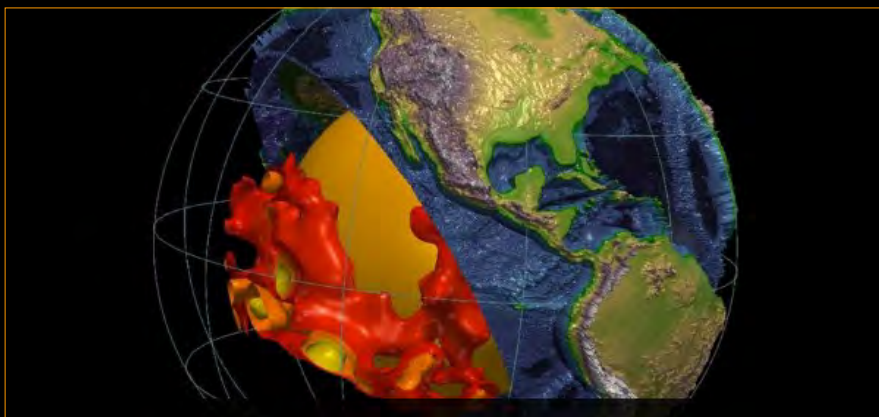
SPHERE is sensitive to infrared light, meaning it is able to detect heat signatures of otherwise hidden exoplanets. The instrument uses a technique called specialized adaptive optics to boost the contrast of its images, which, in turn, corrects the blurring effects of Earth's atmosphere and blocks unwanted starlight, explained Wagner, who is the first author of the new study.

"HD 131399Ab is one of the few exoplanets that have been directly imaged, and it's the first one in such an interesting dynamical configuration," Daniel Apai, an assistant professor of Astronomy and Planetary Sciences at UA, said in a statement.

At an estimated 16 million years old, HD 131399Ab is also one of the youngest exoplanets found to date, according to the research paper published today (July 7) in the jour-

Massive 'lava lamp' blobs deep inside Earth have scientists puzzled

By Greg Uyeno



Mysterious blobs of distinct rock are imaged using waves from earthquakes (model from French and Romanowicz, 2015, Nature). (Ed Garnero, Hongyu Lai, Arizona State University)

Two continent-size blobs of hot — and possibly molten — rock can be found deep underground, about halfway to the center of the Earth, according to a new study. These curious structures — each of which is so large that it would be 100 times taller than Mount Everest — could be made up of materials that may shed light on how the Earth formed, the researchers said.

One of the blobs is located beneath the Pacific Ocean, and the other can be found beneath the Atlantic.

These underground structures start where the Earth's mantle meets the core, but they send "plumes" up through the rock like a Lava Lamp, the researchers said.

Scientists now think these masses differ from the surrounding rock in more than just temperature. They're also "compositionally distinct," meaning they could contain materials not typically found in the rest of the Earth's mantle. Yet even some of the most basic information about the blobs is still a mystery.

"To me, the big unanswered question is, what is it, and how did it form?" said the paper's lead author Edward Garnero, a professor in the School of Earth and Space Explora-

tion at Arizona State University.

Scientists have observed the blobs for decades by monitoring seismic activity in the two regions. Different types of seismic waves travel at different speeds, depending on the type of rock the blobs are moving through. And by comparing the timing and delay of signals from multiple locations, seismologists can build models of what's going on in the Earth's interior.

The blobs are characterized by slower wave speeds, which suggests they are a different temperature from the rest of the Earth's mantle, the researchers said. But at some of the edges, normal wave speeds transition abruptly to low wave speeds. A pure temperature difference would result in a more gradual change, the scientists said, which suggests the blobs are likely made up of something different from what makes up their surroundings.

Because they're big and characterized by the slower wave speeds, the blobs have been called large low velocity provinces (LLVPs). And when the speed of one type of wave, shear waves, is

even slower than would be expected, scientists call the areas large low shear velocity provinces (LLSVPs). But beyond that, not much is known about the origin or composition of these strange rocky blobs.

"The LLSVPs are definitely there, but the terrible name they have been given reflects the fact that we don't really know what they are," Richard Carlson, a geochemist at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C., who wasn't involved with the new paper, wrote in an email to Live Science.

The Lava Lamp comparison is appropriate — except when this Lava Lamp blob reaches the top, it spills or explodes out of the Earth's surface, Garnero said.

If an especially large "superplume" of magma from one of these blobs were to make it to the surface, it would result in "massive eruptions where the lava will come out for millions of years at a time," Garnero said. There isn't much cause for alarm, though. "The next one could be on its way," he said, "but it could be a million years away."

Scientists aren't sure if the blobs are made of material from the Earth's crust or if the chemical difference dates back to the Earth's formation.

"If we understood these 'blobs' better, that would represent a huge step forward in understanding the deep workings of our planet," Wendy Mao, a geoscientist at Stanford University who was not involved with the new paper, wrote in an email to Live Science.

The new research was published online June 20 in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

Why George Takei didn't support a gay Sulu in 'Star Trek Beyond' By Jayme Deerwester & Bryan Alexander, USA TODAY



that was against the law here, miscegenation. But now I am married to a white dude, so we have changed."

That being said, Takei wasn't in total support of the new twist. "I'm delighted that there's a gay character," he told *The Hollywood Reporter*. "Unfortunately, it's a twisting of Gene's creation, to which he put in so much thought. I think it's really unfortunate." It's not because Roddenberry was homophobic: "He was a strong supporter of LGBT equality,"

Takei explained. In fact, he pitched the idea of a gay character to Roddenberry back in 1968. "But he said he has been pushing the envelope and walking a very tight rope — and if he pushed too hard, the show would not be on the air."

He added that he tried to steer Cho in another direction. "I told him, 'Be imaginative and create a character who has a history of being gay, rather than Sulu, who had been straight all this time, suddenly being revealed as being closeted.'"

When *Star Trek Beyond* enters orbit on July 22, John Cho's Hikaru Sulu will be going where no main character from that franchise been able to venture: out of the closet. He'll be depicted as a loving dad in a same-sex relationship.

"I liked the approach, which was not to make a big thing out of it, which is where I hope we are going as a species, to not politicize one's personal orientations," he told *Australia's Herald Sun*.

Cho's publicist, Jillian Roscoe, confirmed the quote's accuracy to *USA TODAY*. Paramount wouldn't comment, citing director Justin Lin's desire that the film's revelations be a surprise to the audience.

Cho said the decision came from Lin and co-star/writer Simon Pegg, who wanted to acknowledge the pioneering George Takei, who originated the Sulu role in the 1960s and has long been a vocal advocate for

LGBT equality.

Takei, now 79, acknowledged how things have changed since his early Hollywood days in a 2015 interview with *News Corp*: "If I wanted to work as an actor I had to keep it a secret. Back then I couldn't marry a white person —



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CREW ROSTER**

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>POSITION</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| Coots, Ken | CMDR | Command | Commanding Officer/MACO Team Leader/Marine |
| Coots, Matthew | SGT | Joint Spec Ops | Marine/MACO |
| Oceja, Gorka | ENS | Science | Historian/Archeologist |
| King, Alex | LCDR | Command | First Officer/Chief Science Officer/Marine |
| 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 |
| Mosses, Kenny | SGT | 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 | 13 | | |

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- ◇ Gently puncture the edge of the blister.
- ◇ Press the fluid in the blister toward the hole so it can drain out.
- ◇ If you have a condition such as diabetes, HIV, cancer, or heart disease, you do not want to drain a blister because of the risk of infection.
- After you have opened a blister, or if it has torn open:
 - ◇ Wash the area with soap and water. Do not use alcohol, iodine, or any other cleanser.
 - ◇ Don't remove the flap of skin over a blister unless it's very dirty or torn or there is pus under it. Gently smooth the flap over the tender skin.
- ◇ Apply an antibiotic ointment and a clean bandage. If the skin under the bandage begins to itch or a rash develops, stop using the ointment. The ointment may be causing a skin reaction.
- ◇ Change the bandage once a day or anytime it gets wet or dirty. Remove it at night to let the area dry.
- Watch for a skin infection while your blister is healing. Signs of infection include:
 - Increased pain, swelling, redness, or warmth around the blister.
 - Red streaks extending away from the blister.
 - Drainage of pus from the blister.
 - Fever.
- Symptoms to watch for during home treatment
- Call your doctor if any of the following occur during home treatment:
 - Vision problems continue after you get out of the sun.
 - Fever develops.
 - Dehydration develops and you are unable to drink enough to replace lost fluids.
 - Signs of skin infection in blisters develop.
 - Symptoms become more severe or more frequent.

I hope this article gives you some helpful information when dealing with a sun burn.

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The DS9 Cast: Colonel Kira Nerys

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BAJORAN ARCHIVAL RECORDS FILE:

(duplicated as) DS9 BAJORAN SERVICE PERSONNEL FILE: Kira Nerys

Rank: Colonel, Bajoran Militia

Current assignment: Commanding officer, Deep Space Nine; previously, Bajoran liaison officer and first officer, Deep Space Nine

Full Name: Kira Nerys

Year of birth: 2343

Place of birth: Dahkur Province, Bajor

Marital status: Single

Security clearance: Grade H-1, Bajoran Intelligence Net

Database priority code: Alpha-1, Bajoran Central Archives

**Includes summary updates through SD 52999 (2375); updated addenda pending

Psycho-Medical Profile: Report of DS9 Chief Medical Officer Julian Bashir, M.D.

Though Kira has always possessed the tactical and strategic skills to do her job exceptionally well, it is in interpersonal communication, self-assurance, and finding the imagination extinguished by a refugee's atrophied childhood where she has grown the most since this officer first encountered her in 2369. Having lived on the edge of life and death for so long, Kira's emotions are always close to the surface and they can be unusually strong: love, grief and anger being the most prevalent. She has also slowly come to grips with both the vio-

lence of her past actions and her strong anti-Cardassian disposition.

Young Kira Nerys faced the same terrifying and brutal life faced by many of her Bajoran brethren: her father, a farmer or gardener by trade, was killed fighting in the resistance while her mother, an icon painter, died of malnutrition in the Singha Refugee Camp when Nerys was 3. She had at least two brothers and apparently no sisters;



*Nana Visitor
as Commander Kira Nerys*

all they had to play in the camp growing up was Bajoran spring-ball, but she had some crafts such as finger-painting at age 4 in the camp school. Having forsworn any artistic aptitude, she ironically would have been a member of the artist J'barra of Ih'valla, had the ancient Bajoran caste system survived the Occupation.

At the age of only 12, after working in the mines, the orphaned Kira was recruited by Lorit Akrem into the province's Shakaar resistance cell, named for its leader. A year later, after running errands

and cleaning weapons, the group finally accepted her fully when Shakaar approved her replacing a missing member for a raid on a Cardassian skimmer. The earring she wears today was made from the metal of the skimmer by cell-mate Lupaza, after Kira killed the entire unloading complement while giddily trying to impress the group. A year later, she helped to temporarily liberate the Cardassians' notorious Gallitepp labor camp, and eventually learned to fly outdated Raider crafts against her oppressors. She suffered during the winter of 2360-61, along with the rest of her cell in her native Dahkur Hills caves, unarmed and hungry; her group evaded Cardassians for 10 years in the area. Through it all Kira never served time in Cardassian prison, but she was once rescued from a Cardassian interrogation center with her fellow cell-mates.

Her war for Bajor's liberation had to include murder as well, such as when she helped plasma-bomb the home of Gul Pirak in Hathon, and when she checked aboard the Terok Nor station in 2365 to kill a native collaborator with the Cardassians; the latter took a toll on her soul no amount of eventual victory could erase. Ironically, she met Odo and Quark for the first time on that mission, and was almost caught, the truth not coming to light until years later as the station's post-withdrawal first officer.

She accepted a major's commission and the post as Bajoran military attache to Ben Sisko and the Starfleet administrators on DS9 following the withdrawal in 2369 — although she had initially turned it down and opposed the Bajoran provisional government's move to invite Starfleet in. As she and Sisko grew to work and trust each other while respecting their own agendas, she was temporarily recalled early the next year pending reassignment during the abortive coup

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on Bajor, just after she risked life and career to rescue reluctant Bajoran hero Li Nalas. It was then when she first truly met Vedek Bareil, then the front-runner to replace Kai Opaka, and they fell in love.

Despite the coming of Bajoran independence, grief would continue to be a constant for Kira. It was she who performed the Bajoran death ritual for Opaka soon after, when the kai was trapped in virtual death in the Gamma Quadrant. The next year Kira was at Bareil's side when a scandal in a no-win scenario during the occupation dashed his chances to become Kai; a year later she faced his death alone on the eve of his Cardassian peace treaty that Winn would later take the credit for. But Kira had some solace, blocking Winn's drive to be secular leader of Bajor as well when she helped diffuse a crisis and bolster her old resistance leader Shakaar to the post instead. She in turn fell in love with him a year later, lending no less a figure than Gul Dukat to note her obvious at-

tachment to strong male personalities. In addition, Kira was also attracted to Tom Riker despite her involvement with Bareil; after his theft of the U.S.S. Defiant, she eventually talked him into taking Dukat and Sisko's deal of surrender with a rare Cardassian prison term that she vows she'll help him escape from some day.

Because of her initial thin-skinned reputation, Kira has had to convince Sisko she can handle cases close to her heart and has a hard time dealing with the fact that she can't always fight for the underdog anymore. Her hatred of Cardassians tempered much faster than even she would have thought, sympathizing with the amazing case of Aamin Marritza and even becoming allies with her hated Gul Dukat on occasion, saving his half-Bajoran daughter from Dukat's own hand to avoid the shame and later taking her in to save her from a rogue marauder's life with him. Even more so, she abhors Quark and all Ferengi, and is an infrequent visitor to his bar. She feels that "Starfleet types" live

too much by automation and not enough by their wits, and still thinks the Federation itself is "naive" — but her Cardassian experience has left her a strong civil libertarian, opposed to unnecessary security crackdowns.

Though not overtly religious initially, she supported Winn as a "true believer" until her treachery, once revealed, left her shaken and even more an admirer of Sisko's character — despite never having been comfortable with working under the "Emissary." Although she came to have more faith and meditates daily in her quarters, she never sees the prophets' will as Winn does. Her Spartan quarters feature a personal Bajoran shrine — the standard icon behind an altar — with a couch and endtable, a desk, and a table with two chairs in her living room.

Kira was kidnapped in 2371 and surgically altered to be Cardassian as a pawn in an elaborate Obsidian Order plot to expose her alter ego's father, a powerful legate, as a Cardassian dissident; after his rescue they formed an odd bond. Later that year, she was chosen as Presider for DS9's Gratitude Festival shortly before Bariel's sudden death and had planned to spend the holiday with him but fell for Bashir instead, thanks to Lwaxana Troi's Zanthi fever — which only acts in case of latent relationships.

Kira stays fit and trim thanks to her lifelong affinity for Bajoran springball: aside from following the local teams' standings, she allows it as a rare personal holo-program diversion. Because she feels ill at ease with idle time and her rough childhood allowed little room for fantasy, she usually hates holosuites as a waste of time and prefers instead the real thing — a trait Dax is trying to help change. Despite that spare

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outlook, she does use feminine toiletries like epidellic skin lotion. In music, she only knows Bajoran composers and doesn't feel artistic at all despite her mother's career — an irony of Akorem Lann's short-lived return to the d'jarra family castes. At times, she has enjoyed Bajoran synthale, a Stardrifter, Bajoran ginger tea, and hot coffee. She's never won anything before Quark's "prizes," but does know how to play Dabo.

Psycho-Medical Profile:
UPDATE SD 50500, CMO J.
Bashir recording

Since the last posting in the file, I have followed the effects of two major events on subject Kira's life: her ongoing interaction with Gul Dukat, and her serving as surrogate mother for the O'Briens' unborn child.

The trip with Dukat early in 2372 to uncover the missing Bajoran prison ship Ravinok set in motion a host of events for Kira. While finally ascertaining the death of her fellow Shakaar cellmate Lorit, her insistence that Dukat let his illegitimate daughter Ziyal survive cost him his standing and he subsequently became a marauder against the invading Klingons. In turn, Kira argued to let Ziyal remain at the station, untouched by the chaos and under her wing. The entire episode also revealed Dukat's affection for her — a move which Kira has confessed she easily dismissed, even though the cross-cultural emotions between two former avowed enemies troubled her.

More importantly, the emergency transporter transplant I performed to save the O'Brien fetus when Keiko was injured has had all kinds of repercussions since I determined Kira would have to carry the baby to term, due to Bajoran fetal differ-

ences. Asking her to move in with them was a good pre-natal move by the O'Briens for all concerned, but I suspect the baby's birth finally allowed the Chief to relax over everything from his concern over her raktajino caffeine intake to this doctor's sneaking suspicion of a latent attraction between he and



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the major at one point. Having the baby according to the traditional Bajoran relaxation process I believe eased her port-partum syndrome, if anything could have helped that; her reaction in this vein will be monitored.

Kira reported the typical Bajoran symptoms of sneezing, muscle spasms and swollen feet, and de-

spite her distaste for makara herbs she owes her life to them now since they inhibited her system from a kidnapper's poison serum injections. (I thought I had seen the end of the short-fused Kira until this latter episode, when she took off after the presumed stalker of her old resistance cell mates.)

As a sidelight, it also appears that both Kira and Sisko are becoming more comfortable with his role as Emissary and as station commander especially since the coming and going of his pagh'tem'far visions. On the other hand, she has admitted to me her longtime trust in Odo was truly shaken by his recent revelation of a rush to justice in 2366 in helping execute three innocent Bajorans on Terok Nor during the occupation — a highly atypical scenario for the constable.

Major Kira Nerys



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Room Rates are \$102 + 15.01% state and local tax.

For Reservations starting August 31st 2015 call 888-233-9527 mention you are with STARFLEET International Conference.

For more information, visit our website at <http://ic2016.com/default.html>

Registration for IC 2016 will cost \$30.00 per person from September 2015 to February 2016, and \$35.00 per person from March 1st to August 5th, 2016. Cost at the door will be \$38.

Registration for children 12 and under will be \$5.00 regardless of time of registration.

We will be able to take registrations via mail and online and accept credit cards through PayPal.

The Banquet

The Hotel catering staff is flexible and creative, and they are eager to work with us to plan specific menus to suit our needs.

This years cost will be \$38.50 per person and the menu will consist of:

BLUEGRASS BUFFET

BBQ Beef Ribs, Cornmeal Encrusted Catfish,
Southern Style Chicken and Dumplings

BUFFET ALSO INCLUDES:

Country Style Green Beans, Fried Okra with Tomato Marmalade, and Hand Mashed Potatoes with their famous Kentucky bread pudding and fruit cobblers for dessert

The Marine Mess will be \$38.50 per person and the menu will consist of:

CROWNE BUFFET

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

Region One 2017 Summit



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

Clifty Falls Inn
P.O. Box 63, Ingalls, IN 46048

R1 summit committee consists of the people planning on hosting the summit are: Bryan Detamore, Mike Parks, Shannon Parks, Chris Danford, Jeremy Minch, and Sarah Minch

The bid location site, Madison Indiana is the county seat for Jefferson County in Indiana.

Madison Indiana is set along the Ohio River in Jefferson County in Indiana. Registered a Historic landmark, the city has a State park, many shops, food, sightseeing, and recreational areas throughout the city. Some of the sites are the historical main street with it many shops, eateries, and river walk.

Clifty Falls State Park has 10 nature walks, a large outdoor swimming area, camping sites, and cabins, which overlook the Ohio river, Madison Indiana and the Kentucky shoreline from its' high perch within the state park.

Clifty Inn & Falls Restaurant has an indoor pool that is accessible to the handicap, large sun porch, nice sitting rooms and niches throughout the hotel, free internet access, bon fire pit overlooking the Ohio River, satellite television, tennis courts, and free parking.

The following internet links are provided for more information on Madison, Indiana and Clifty Falls State park

Madison Indiana urls;

www.visitmadison.org

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

http://www.stateparks.com/clifty_falls.html

UTube video link;

www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5vqoKhiXBI

Two Queen Beds Parkside- \$125.99 per night plus taxes. Taxes are 12%.

Breakfast Buffet - 6/10/2017 - 8:00 am

Breakfast buffet - \$16.47

Will eat in the MDR

Same pricing for Sunday

Dinner Buffet - 6/10/2017 - 5:00 pm

Will eat the MDR buffet in the Overlook room \$20.81

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