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Commander of STARFLEET?

Your vote counts!

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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 and there day to day responsibilities. The actual voting has begun. You are able to vote electronically if you wish, or you can snail mail it in.

New Members

I want to take this moment to recognize some new additions to our crew. Please welcome Debra Bagley, Amelia Kram McHenry, David McHenry, Rachel McHenry, Sondra Shed and Daniel Berrellez.

Our current crew strength is at 18 members.

XO Resignation

While I did send an email out to everyone, but for those who did not know, I accepted the resignation of LCDR Alex King this past month after Alex has decided that after the recent hurricane in NC (Hurricane Matthew), that he and his family need time to recover after losing there home from flood waters. Since Alex's SFI membership was time to renew, he has decided not to renew and use

this time to concentrate on the tasks that are needed for himself and his family.

I thank Alex for all that he has done for us and I hope that when things improve for him, that he would return as a member of our crew.

I have appointed 1LT Charles Phillips as the new First Officer and he will start with his First Officer report with the next issue of the newsletter.

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



Closing of the CS Office of the Press Secretary

Greetings,

I would like to announce that the Office of Press Secretary, within the Office of Commander, STARFLEET, has been closed and removed as an official SFI position. This position was established by the late Fleet Admiral Wayne L. Killough, Jr., but it has never turned into what he envisioned. Quite the opposite, it became a

bone of contention on almost every SFI list.

Therefore, I have decided that on October 16th, 2016, the doors were formally closed.

I would like to thank COL David W Anderson, Jr., for his service, and I wish him well in any of his future STARFLEET positions.

In service,

Robin
ADM Robin Woodell-Vitasek
Commander, STARFLEET
cs@sfi.org

Appointment of the new CS Chief of Staff

Since the beginning of August, the CS has been without a Chief of Staff, when my former Chief of Staff and I mutually agreed that it was time to part company. I have continued on, getting work done and David Anderson has assisted, off and on, as my Press Secretary, even before I decided to vacate that position. I am pleased to officially announce that I have decided to appoint Colonel David W. Anderson, Jr., SFMD as the Chief of Staff to the Office of the Commander, STARFLEET.

I know that this may not be a popular decision but, it is my belief that, for the remainder of the term of this administration, he will continue to be a valuable asset to my office.

In service,

Robin
ADM Robin Woodell-Vitasek
Commander, STARFLEET
cs@sfi.org

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AB Resolutions

Fellow SFI Members,

I have been authorized to release these details to the general membership:

I am pleased to announce that we have a new, Admiralty Board-confirmed, Vice-Commander, STARFLEET. AB Resolution 16-07 is listed below, along with the votes, as tallied by the Inspector General.

Motion was made (then amended, to shorten voting time frame) by RC4 - Admiral David Nottage III & seconded by RC13 - Admiral Richard Smith.

I make the friendly amendment per Robert's Rules of Order to the motion to confirm Captain Theresa Bristow (SCC 66037) as Vice-Commander STARFLEET (VCS), as she is the VCS Appointee of CS Robin Woodell-Vitasek.

I further ask that the voting time frame, for this specific vote, to be reduced to 5 days not including the discussion period.

I ask for a second to this motion, as amended.

This resolution, should it pass, establishes the following:

1) The role of "Acting Vice-Commander, STARFLEET" is a temporary one, under extremely mitigating circumstances (VCS death, resignation, removal, et cetera), with limited authority, to see to the day-to-day operations of that department of the organization, until such time as either the valid Executive Committee Successor assumes the responsibilities of that position, or a Vice-Commander, STARFLEET Appoin-

tee is formally confirmed by the Admiralty Board. Specifically, the "Acting VCS," if not already an Admiralty Board-confirmed Executive Committee Member, shall not be empowered to vote as a member of the SFI Promotions Board - for promotions, as well as Order of Merit Awards. This individual will also not be able to perform any of the other functions of a fully Admiralty Board-confirmed member of the Executive Committee.

2) REAFFIRMS that processes and documentation, over that of individuals' (in any given roles) opinions, are what our "governing documents" refer to, and we (the AB) shall follow in future interpretations of our all of our documents.

3) This will allow Admiral Robert Westfall to remain as Chief of Operations, without having to go further along the Order of Succession within the Executive Committee. We request the new VCS and Colonel David W. Anderson, Jr., as the "Acting VCS," to have a very short period of transition - preferably, within 48 hours of announcement of the voting results. We further respectfully request that Colonel David W. Anderson, Jr. assist the new VCS with the familiarization of her new duties, pending projects, as well as any other responsibilities.

4) We thank Colonel David W. Anderson, Jr. for all of his efforts as "Acting Vice Commander, STARFLEET" during this challenging time, but we ask him to stand down from this position & resume his other duties throughout our organization.

This motion PASSES.

August and September SFI FDC Sciences report online

Hi all,

I have updated the Region One Sciences web page (<http://webpages.charter.net/alaricrh73/r1sci/R1Science.htm>) with the September 2016 monthly Sciences RDC report 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 at: <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 December 11, so please send your CSO reports to me by December 10.

Thanks!

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

AB Resolution 16-22: Motion to provide compensation to members who paid for a membership that would provide them a printed CQ

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Region 12 makes the motion to extend Memberships in this schedule due to the removal of the Communicate in a paper format:

-Memberships purchased between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2014: No adjustment

-Memberships purchased between April 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014: Extend 3 months

-Memberships purchased between July 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014: Extend 6 months

-Memberships purchased between October 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014: Extend 9 months

-Memberships purchased between January 1, 2015 and current : Extend 1 year

No new member cards will be sent, but the extension is to be reflected in the SFI database. If approved, the AB requests to have this completed and inform the membership by 14 days after the vote closes.

Motion carries.

AB Resolution 16-21: Motion to deliver membership packets either by electronic means or mail

Region 12 makes a motion to allow Membership Processing to provide the membership at large a choice to receive their membership packet via electronic methods, or mail, within the currently approved cost structure.

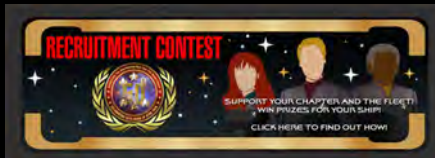
Motion passed.

For any of our crewmembers who fall into this category of the above mentioned AB 16-22, please keep track of your membership expiration to insure they adjusted your date. If you do not see that in about a month, let me know so I can contact fleet to see what is going on.

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.

The SFI Recruitment Drive is On!



With the 50th anniversary of Star Trek upon us, we are seeing a huge surge in media coverage and promotional tie-ins with the franchise. Star Trek is in the public eye right now and we need to take advantage of that natural momentum. That means it's time for a recruitment drive!

Between 12:00am EST 9/8/16 and 11:59pm EST 12/31/16 we will be having a contest to see which chapter can recruit the most new members into SFI. The chapter that gains the greatest number of new SFI members will receive \$100 for your ship. Second place will receive \$75 and third place will receive \$50. We will count only NEW memberships (renewing members and returning members won't count) and all family memberships will count as one (1). As with anything we commit to spending money on, buyer confi-

dence is just as important here as it would be for another organization such as the Boy Scouts or a product such as Kellogg's brand cereals. Speaking with people about joining STARFLEET is not a whole lot different. STARFLEET is a brand like any other. It is important to establish the significance of our brand and establish an emotional connection with our target audience. Just as Disney products are imbued with a wholesome, child-oriented personality, STARFLEET represents a love of Star Trek. That's what you are offering these potential members.

Seems like a daunting task? Don't worry! There are plenty of methods and materials out there to help. You can start with the official SFI Recruitment Pack. This pack includes fliers, press releases, logos, business cards, and more to help you sell STARFLEET as a brand. They are easy to print either at home or at your local office store (remember SFI has a Retail Connect account with OfficeMax/Office Depot which gives you a GREAT discount on printing there – see the Membership Perks section of the SFI Database for the account number).

Here are some BEST PRACTICES to help get you started:

1. Look inside first

If your chapter is one which allows people to join without becoming a member of STARFLEET, this should be your first area of focus. You have already established a relationship of trust with these members. They will be far more receptive you and your pitch.

2. Don't just tell them about it – CONVINCe THEM!

People aren't just going to join because you tell them to. They need to see that it is a benefit to

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them. Show them pictures from IC or your local Regional Conference. Tell them about the perks that are available to members such as discounted uniforms and vehicle/hotel rentals. Show them the latest CQ issue and let them glance through it. Let them see all of the fun they are missing out on!

3. Add value

There are several things you can do to add value onto a STAR-FLEET membership at the local level. For example, you can require all leadership/operational positions in your chapter be held by SFI members. You could hold a recruitment contest on your own ship with small prizes for those who bring in the most members. Get creative with it and most of all HAVE FUN!

4. Get the word out

Whether you are a chapter that meets in person or one that virtually keeps in touch, you can still use the same methods to attract new members. You can post on sites that have local message boards such as Reddit and Craigslist that you are looking for members along with information about what your

particular chapter does. You can send members out to canvas local colleges with flyers. Go to your local comic shop's Star Trek Attack Wing play night to meet new Trek fans and ask the shop owner if you can place a flier in the window or at the counter (some may even agree to host a Star Trek comic/collectable/game event if your crew is willing to run it). You can contact your local TV news station and tell them about your chapter and STARFLEET. Many chapters have appeared on their local news or in their local paper PARTICULARLY with the 50th anniversary this year. Book stores are also a good place to advertise as most have a science fiction section with Star Trek novels (they may let you place bookmarks near that section advertising your chapter). Libraries are a great place to advertise and look for members. Speck with the libraries in your area about hosting a Star Trek event or placing fliers on their community board.

5. Never get discouraged

Keep trying even if you are not seeing much progress. You never know when lightning may strike. Don't limit yourself to one avenue of possibility. Try several methods

and add new ones when they come available. Get your whole crew involved and make it a fun experience. Recruitment can be a great team building exercise for you and your crew. You can only fail if you give up.

6. Share your success

We want to hear about your recruitment victories! Share your stories with us on the SFI Recruitment Network Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/starfleetrecruiting/>). Tell us about what you are doing and what works verses what didn't. You can also get help from fellow chapters if you are struggling.

This will be a great opportunity for you to get out there and grow your member base. If you need help or have additional questions, contact Admiral Johnathan Simmons, Acting Chief of Operations, at gum-bysan@gmail.com and check out <http://sfi.org/downloads/recruitment-pr> for more helpful documents.

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

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USS Excaltibur 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 Marine Captain

Charles Phillips Jr



Promoted to Crewman Recruit

Daniel Berrellez
Amelia McHenry
David McHenry
Sondra Shed

●● Promoted to Cadet 2nd Class

Rachel McHenry

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.

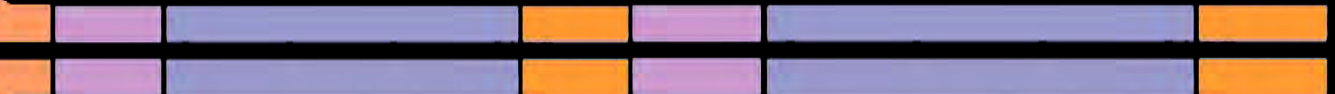
Remember that for Officer ranks, OTS is a prerequisite and depending on the rank being recommended for, OCC could also be a prerequisite.

Also for Department Heads, you must be qualified as a Bridge Of-

ficer for your department field.

Our next Promotions Board will be conducted on December 10, 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.



USS Excaltibur Awards Update CMDR Ken Coots

Congratulations to the following chapter awardees:

SFA Red Squad Ribbon

Alex King

SFA Boothby-150-Gold

Ken Coots

R1 OCC Ribbon

Charles Phillips Jr

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.

tion, 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 December 10, 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.



Please review the Time in Grade requirement in Regulation 100 Draft. If you feel that you qualify for a promo-

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Cierra Phillips	6 Patti Yasutake	7	8	9 Jeffrey Combs	10
11 Roxann Dawson	12 Mary Kay Adams	13 Tyler Perry	14 Walter Koenig Bruce Hyde	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Rosalind Chao	24
25	26 Richard Herd	27	28	29	30	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Darlene Tejeiro
2 Avery Brooks	3	4	5 John Hoyt Duncan Regehr	6	7	8
9 Barbara March Scott Bakula	10	11	12	13	14	15 Mark Lenard
16	17 Lynn McClullan	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 John Winston	25	26	27 Robert Picardo	28	29 Winona Ryder
30	31 Halloween					



Chief Medical Officer's Report Lieutenant Junior Grade Jessica Llyod

Time is getting busy for the holidays which is just around the corner. I just don't know how I will get thru them in such a short amount time.

We have a few events scheduled for November and December. All five of them involve this department. I would like to thank 1LT Charles Smith for volunteering the Marine Section to take a lead with the Toys for Tots. With so much going on, he has gracefully agreed to help us out. If you have any items you want to pick up and drop off, please feel free to contact Charles.

For the Thanksgiving food drive, we are asking for each member in November to donate can foods etc to any of your local shelters or Kitchens. Once you have done so, please make sure you tell us what you did in your November activity report.

For the Angel Tree, we will adopt

four children. It is two boys ages 5 and 7, two girls ages 3 and 12. All items need to be turned in to me no later than December 16th at 6 pm. Any support you can give would be greatly appreciated. For members not close to us, you can go to your local Mall who usually has an Angel Tree set up that you can donate to. Again, please let us know if you did do any-

thing so we can report it on our report.

For the New Years, if you plan to do anything, please let us know. Some will be having a Trekathon and watch episodes and movies through out the day.

Until the next issue!

LTJG Jessica Llyod
Chief Medical Officer
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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 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

Issue 9

Publication- 15 July 2017
Submission- 28 June 2017

Issue 10

Publication- 15 September 2017
Submission- 28 August 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 with Constable Odo. The next bio for Issue 5 will be decided in the next week or two.

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
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
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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.

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 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 Vacant

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

The Chief Science Officer has several duties, but not limited to: Keeping the crew informed of areas related to Science by submitting articles about topics of Science such as Astronomy, Physics, and History etc. The Department also plans educational trips related to science such as trips to the NC Zoo and Museum of History 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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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 Science Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots
CO-USS Excalibur
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Chief Security Officer Report CDR Debra Bagley

The position of Chief Security Officer for the USS Excalibur has been filled. Please welcome CDR Debra Bagley.

CMDR Ken Coots
CO-USS Excalibur
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Below was an email post she had sent out to everyone.

Hello everyone. I'm glad to be aboard and look forward serving with you all and getting to know you.

CDR Deb Bagley

Again thank you CDR Bagley for volunteering.

Starting the next newsletter, CDR Bagley will have her report for the newsletter.



Chief Engineering Officer Report Vacant

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

months of appointment to the position.

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.

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.

Job Qualifications:

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

Be a member of Starfleet in good standing.

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.

Passed OTS.

Specific requirements for the position are available in the chapter Membership Handbook under the department for which you are apply-

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

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,

CMDR Ken Coots
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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.

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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 Diplomatic Corps Officer.

Thank you,

CMDR Ken Coots
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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.

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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 Joint Special Operations Officer.

Thank you,

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



28th Recon Detachment Report CMDR Ken Coots



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

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

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

Team Report: (August)

Ken Coots completed 1 SFA courses.

Charles Phillips Jr, Kenny Mosses and Josh McClullan participated in the 119th MACO Black Ops III online gaming session for August

Ken Coots still working on the SFSO MACO TL certification.

Charles Phillips recycled a total of 11 lbs for this month

Ken and Matthew Coots recycled a total of 10 lbs for this month

Lynn and Josh McClullan recycled a total of 14 lbs for this month

Kenny Mosses recycled a total of 5 lbs for this month

Alex King awarded the SFA Red Squad Member Award

STARFLEET Special Operations
Unit Activity/Report: August / September

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

Team Leader: Ken Coots
Team Leader E-mail Address:
ussexcaliburco@gmail.com

Assistant Team Leader: NA
Assistant Team Leader E-mail Address: 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: LTJG
SCC #: 72025
Expiration Date: 4/23/2017

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



Team Report: (September)

Ken Coots completed 11 SFA courses.

Charles Phillips Jr, Kenny Mosses and Josh McClullan participated in the 119th MACO Black Ops III online gaming session for September

Ken Coots still working on the SFSO MACO TL certification.

Charles Phillips recycled a total of 9 lbs for this month

Ken and Matthew Coots recycled a total of 13 lbs for this month

Lynn and Josh McClullan recycled a total of 17 lbs for this month

Kenny Mosses recycled a total of 4 lbs for this month

Ken Coots awarded the SFA Boothby-150-Gold





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



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

REPORTING OFFICER

Reporting officer:
2LT Charles Phillips Jr
E-mail: 139thmsgoi@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

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Charles Phillips Jr
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Unit OIC phone:
Private: Yes

Unit DOIC (name and rank): LTC
Ken Coots
Unit DOIC e-mail: ussexcalibur-
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:

None

Changes in leadership:

None

Awards issued:

None

Awards requested:

None

UNIT MISSION DATA

Unit activities:

Ken Coots completed 12 SFA courses.

Alex King continues to administer the chapter Facebook Page.

Working on ideas to recruit new unit members

Next reporting period unit members will start participating in the online gaming with the 920th MSG.

Working on plans for the coming holidays and the Toys for Tots.

SFMC Challenge Data:

None

COMMENTS/PROBLEMS/SUGGESTIONS

Comments/Problems/Suggestions:

None

Actions taken to rectify:

None

Planet nine might be pulling our solar system out of alignment: By Ryan Whitwam



Astronomers have speculated for years that there could be a large planet in the outer reaches of our solar system, but no such object has ever been directly observed. However, the harder we look, the more plausible the existence of “planet nine” becomes. Astronomers Konstantin Batygin and Mike Brown of Caltech have added another piece of evidence to the debate. Their observations indicate that planet nine could be causing a “wobble” in the solar system.

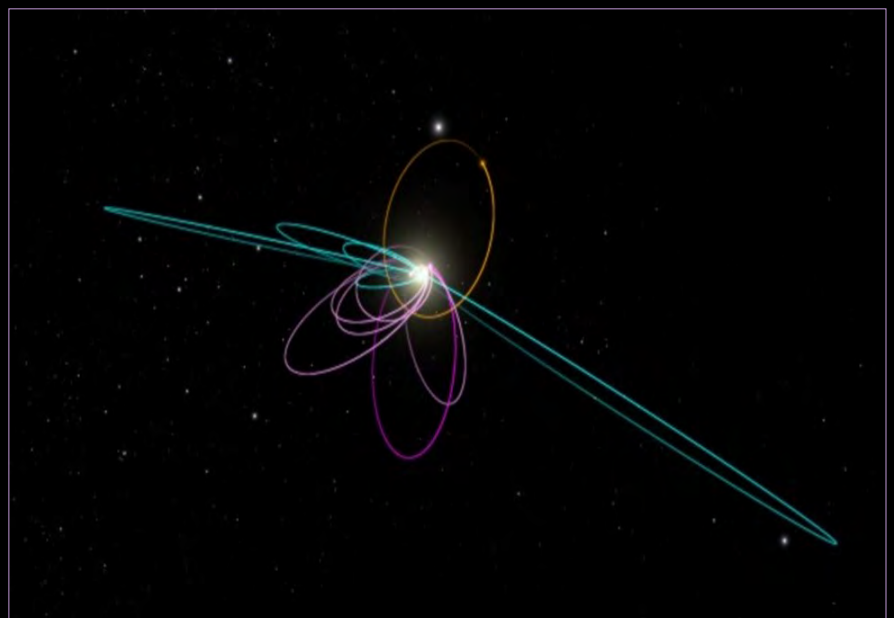
While we can't see planet nine, astronomers have detected a number of bizarre effects in the solar system that could be explained by the object. Recently, an analysis of Kuiper Belt objects in the outer solar system revealed a pattern consistent with a large object in a highly elliptical orbit around the sun. Grad student Elizabeth Bailey, who works with Batygin and Brown, says that planet nine might be so massive that it's slowly pulling the plane of the solar system out of alignment.

The new research is based on the fact that the sun rotates on a different axis than the planets do. Earth, Mars, and everything up to

Neptune all move around the sun in the same flat plane. However, that plane is 6 degrees off from the sun's axis. This doesn't match with what we know about how solar systems form. As the dust and gas disk around a young solar system begins condensing into planets, its motion comes from the central star. Thus, everything should be on the same plane. So, something must be pulling the solar system out of alignment. That something could be planet nine.

Based on previous estimates of planet nine's mass and location, it is believed to have 5-10 times the mass of Earth and is on average 20 times further from the sun than Neptune. It is believed to be on an elliptical orbit (in orange above) that takes 20,000-30,000 years to complete and is around 30 degrees offset from the sun's axis. According to the Caltech team, that allows it to exert a great deal of force on the rest of the solar system (think of adding length to a wrench handle to get more torque). Over the course of billions of years, it could easily explain the 6-degree tilt we see in the solar system.

All these ideas about planet nine are consistent with what we see in the solar system. But it's still just a hypothetical planet. It's going to take a lot of effort to spot a planet at such great distance, even a large one. The orbital path calculated for planet nine is so long, it would be impractical to search all of it with current technology. We might be waiting for a while.



Astronomers observed a nova explosion for the first time by accident. By Ryan Whitwam



For the first time, a team of scientists have captured all phases of a classical nova explosion — before, during, and after the event. The event took place back in 2009, but at first the astronomers didn't even realize they'd captured such an unusual occurrence. After going back and looking at the data, they spotted the nova and have now published the paper in the journal *Nature*.

You hear a lot more about supernovas because that's something that many stars will go through eventually. That's the explosion that kicks off the final stage in stellar evolution. It occurs when a massive star has exhausted its supply of fusion elements and can no longer support its own gravity. It collapses and causes a massive explosion. What's left afterward is a stellar remnant — a neutron star, black hole, or white dwarf. Our sun will most likely become a white dwarf at the end of its life.

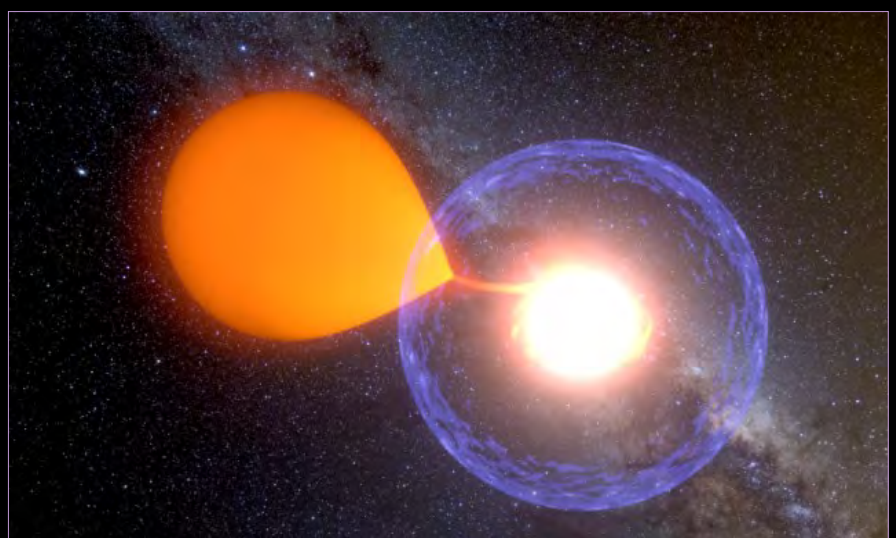
A nova, on the other hand, does not signal the death of a star and is much more rare. It occurs when a star of some sort collects material from a nearby companion. This increases the mass of the star and eventually results in a huge ther-

monuclear explosion. This can happen with various star types, but it's most common when there's a compact and highly dense stellar remnant in close proximity to a star still has not gone supernova. In the case of this observation, known as Nova Centauri 2009, researchers saw a white dwarf go nova after accreting matter from its binary companion red dwarf.

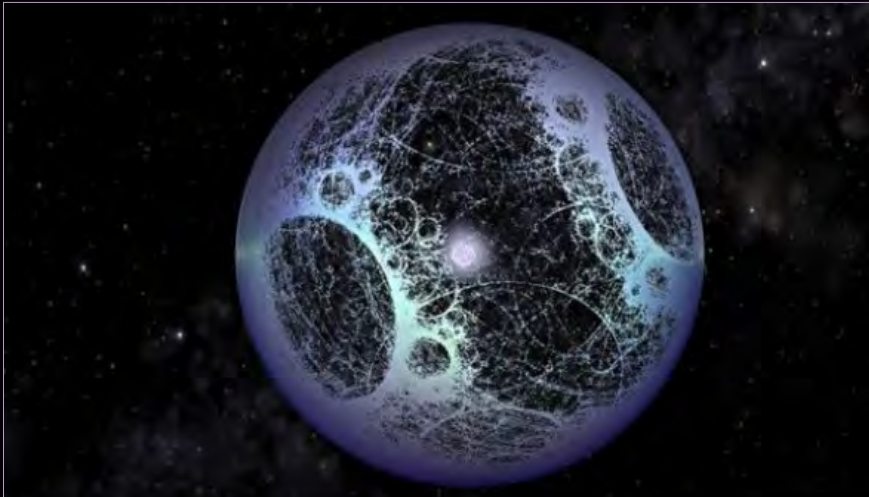
The astronomers were working with the Warsaw University Observatory on a completely different observation when they spotted the nova explosion. After that, they

went back and looked at past images of that area of the sky, finding that the entire build-up had been captured in addition to the explosion and aftermath.

Studying the wealth of data, the researchers were able to see fluctuations in brightness as mass was being transferred to the white dwarf in the days leading up to the nova. They also watches as the rate of mass transfer shot up immediately following the explosion. The study states that the system is still brighter than it was before the nova, but it's continuing to fade. Having a timeline of observational data leading up to the nova could allow astronomers to learn more about how these binary systems behave. It is believed that novas in systems like this one only occur every few million years, so it was lucky we were looking in the right place at the right time.



The 'alien megastructure' star continues to defy explanation. By Ryan Whitwam



The star KIC 8462852 sits 1,480 light years away in the constellation Cygnus. It's an unassuming object at first glance, but it became a hot topic in astronomy last year when data from the planet-hunting Kepler telescope showed something causing fluctuations in the light coming from KIC 8462852 (nicknamed Tabby's Star, after the astronomer who led the original team). It wasn't a planet, and some speculated that what we were seeing was evidence of a massive alien megastructure.

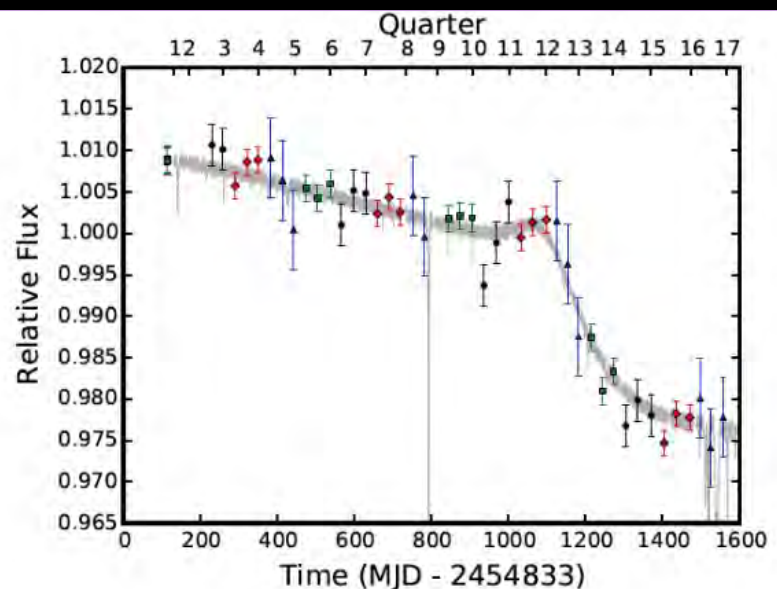
As much as scientists have tried to come up with a more plausible cause, Tabby's Star continues to defy explanation. A new report now confirms that in addition to fluctuating, Tabby's Star has been getting dimmer overall. It's as if the star is slowly being enveloped.

What originally grabbed the attention of astronomers was the size and duration of the dips in light output. Kepler tries to detect new exoplanets via the transit method. It simply watches for small dips in luminosity when a planet passes in front of its host

star. These dips are tiny — usually less than a percent and last only a few hours. The first dip detected from KIC 8462852 blocked nearly 1% of its light (like a large gas giant), but it lasted more than a week. That was just the beginning, though. Kepler detected more drops in light output from Tabby's Star as large as 20%, which is huge.

The latest data point comes from Caltech astronomer Ben Montet and Joshua Simon from the Carnegie Institute. The pair conducted an exhaustive photometric analysis of the data collected by Kepler during its four years of observing KIC 8462852 and other stars in that area of the sky. They found that, yes, the huge dips that astronomers have been puzzling over are there in the original data. More importantly, its total light output has been dropping over time at a non-linear rate.

For the first 1000 days of Kepler's observation, Tabby's Star was losing 0.34% brightness annually. In the 200 days following that, it dropped by 2% before leveling off. A total drop of 3% (in addition to the transit-like drops of up to 20%) is incredibly bizarre. A few months ago, astronomer Bradley Schaefer of Louisiana State University claimed that an examination of old photographic plates of Tabby's



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Bagely, Debra	CMDR	Security	Chief Security Officer
Berrellez, Daniel	CRR	Pending	Pending
Coots, Ken	CMDR	Command	Commanding Officer/MACO Team Leader/Marine
Coots, Matthew	SGT	Joint Spec Ops	Marine/MACO
Oceja, Gorka	ENS	Science	Historian/Archeologist
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
Kram McHenry, Amelia	CRR	Pending	Pending
McHenry, David	CRR	Pending	Pending
McHenry, Rachel	CDT2	Pending	Pending
Mosses, Kenny	SGT	Joint Spec Ops	Marine/MACO
Phillips, Annabeth	CDT	Medical	Medical Tech
Phillips, Charles	MCPT	Joint Spec Ops	139th MSG OIC/MACO
Phillips, Cierra	CRA	Medical	Medical Tech
Phillips, Courtney	CDT	Medical	Medical Tech
Shed, Sondra	CRR	Pending	Pending
TOTAL	18		

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Star indicated that its brightness had dropped by almost 20% in the last century. Other scientists were skeptical of this claim, but now we have some corroboration that Tabby's Star is indeed getting dimmer overall. Montet and Simon even looked at 500 stars in the vicinity of KIC 8462852 to confirm that none of them were behaving in a similar way.

What we have here is a genuine astronomical mystery. We just don't know what's going on in orbit of Tabby's Star. None of the natural mechanisms scientists have presented can completely explain the data. If this sounds like something out of science fiction, that's because it is. The idea of a massive structure encasing a star has been around for decades — it's known as a Dyson Sphere. In fact, astronomical observations very similar to what we see at KIC

8462852 are described in a number of sci-fi novels (Pandora's Star comes to mind). Maybe this is life imitating art.

The DS9 Cast: Constable Odo

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Gender: Male

Species: Changeling

Human (late-2372 mid-2373)

Affiliation: Bajoran Militia

Rank: Constable

Status: Resigned (2375)

Marital Status: Annulled

Spouse(s): Lwaxana Troi
(annulled in 2372)

Blood type: O-negative (as a Solid)

Played by: Rene Auberjonois, Salome Jens (*impersonating the Female Changeling*)

Odo was a Changeling, one of a hundred infants of that species sent out to explore the galaxy and compelled to return later in order to share their experiences. He served as chief of security aboard space station Terok Nor, later known as Deep Space 9.

Origins

Odo was one of the "Hundred Changelings", a group of one hundred newly-formed Changelings that the Founders sent out into the galaxy to gather information and explore, and did not expect to return until the late 27th century. (DS9: "The Search, Part II", "Chimera")

Odo was found adrift in his natural gelatinous state in the Denorios belt in the Bajoran system and was brought to the Bajoran Institute for Science where he would be studied by Doctor Mora Pol for seven years. Not initially recognizing Odo as a sentient being, Mora subject-

ed him to a long series of experiments, in which Odo endured time in a vacuum chamber and a protein decompiler, as well as extensive electric shocks. Odo eventually rebelled against Mora's unintentional mistreatment by forming into a tentacle and hitting him, (DS9: "Emissary", "The Begotten") before later forcing Mora to recognize him as sentient by copying a beaker on a laboratory table. (DS9: "The Alternate")

Mora continued to study and teach Odo during the Occupation



*Rene Auberjonois
as Constable Odo*

of Bajor, assisted by Dr. Weld Ram. When Odo assumed humanoid form, he copied Dr. Mora's hairstyle. During the Occupation of Bajor, Odo performed a Cardassian neck trick that greatly amused the Cardassian officers. When Odo left Dr. Mora's institute, he did not leave on good terms; he resented some of the methods Mora had used on him, and blamed him for not realizing that he was sentient. (DS9: "Necessary Evil", "The Alternate")

Odo's name stemmed from the Cardassian word for "nothing",

Odo'ital, which was the loose translation of the "unknown sample" label in Bajoran on his laboratory flask. Later on, his name was shortened to "Odo". (DS9: "Heart of Stone") He himself used only the single name "Odo". (DS9: "The Forsaken") Early in his life, when he heard others address him as "Odo", he heard it as "nothing". He felt that the name was appropriate, since he had no friends, no past, and no form; once he had gained the respect and affection of Kira and the others on the station, he ceased hearing "Odo" as "nothing" and simply considered it his name. (DS9: "Heart of Stone")

Cardassian occupation

At some point during the occupation, Odo arrived on Terok Nor. He was seen as an impartial outside observer and often settled disputes between the Bajoran workers on the station. In 2365, due to his reputed neutral position, Odo was recruited by Gul Dukat to investigate the murder of a Bajoran collaborator. Among his chief suspects was Kira Nerys. Odo was able to discover that she was a Bajoran resistance fighter. He lied about this to Dukat and did not reveal her identity. He discovered in 2370 that she was indeed the murderer. In their initial encounter, Kira sardonically called Odo "Constable", a term she later adopted as a term of affection, and which eventually fell into common use as an unofficial title for him. (DS9: "Necessary Evil") Odo continued working for the Cardassians, eventually becoming chief of security.

In 2366, Odo investigated an assassination attempt (a bombing) on Dukat. Three Bajoran workers were initially linked to the attack, and Odo – too concerned with maintaining order and the rule of law – hurriedly convicted them and allowed them to be executed. If he had performed any kind of

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investigation instead of relying on circumstantial evidence, he would have seen that the three men were clearly innocent. However, he didn't know the difference between "order" and "justice" at that time. A bombing identical to the one that nearly killed Dukat occurred three days later, and Odo realized the men had been innocent and that his lax investigative procedures had caused a serious miscarriage of justice. This incident prompted him to be much more insistent on actual justice, though not necessarily the actual letter of the law. Odo's guilt was revealed when, after traveling through a plasma storm, his mind formed a link with the other passengers – Captain Benjamin Sisko, Garak, and Lieutenant Commander Jadzia Dax – and caused them to relive what had happened seven years prior, the three men taking on the roles of the convicted men while Dax represented an unidentified Bajoran woman in an hallucination of the past. (DS9: "Things Past")

Later in 2366, Odo was designated an officer of the Cardassian court in order to testify in criminal cases. (DS9: "Tribunal")

It was quite clear that his Cardassian employers still viewed him with suspicion; an automated counter-insurgency program designed to activate in the event of a slave revolt on the station was programmed to raise a force field around Odo's office on the assumption that he would shift sides to aid the insurgents. (DS9: "Civil Defense")

As an investigator in a totalitarian regime, Odo was occasionally required to operate outside official channels, and he maintained a clandestine network of debts and allegiances to high-ranking members of the Cardassian government, which he could call on when needed. In the course of his career, he developed an extensive knowledge of espionage and assassination techniques, such as poison, explosives, and scrambling signals. (DS9: "Improbable Cause")

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Odo's rank

Odo never held any rank apart from the title constable, which was first used by Kira upon their first meeting. (DS9: "Necessary Evil") Regardless of this, Odo once mentioned that he was a commissioned officer in the Bajoran militia. He sometimes gave orders to officers who had a formal rank but were part of his staff, indicating that his role as chief of the security staff took priority over the rank structure in certain instances. (DS9: "Time's Orphan")

Chief of Security

Odo retained his post as chief of security even after the Cardassian forces withdrew from the space station in 2369, when the station fell under Federation administration and was renamed Deep Space 9. At first, Odo and Starfleet Commander Benjamin Sisko, the station's then-new commanding officer did not see eye-to-eye on how station security should be handled, but they eventually became close associates. (DS9: "Things Past", "Emissary") Sisko stood by him when he was accused of killing a Bajoran he had arrested years earlier. When the Bajorans on the station became unruly and wanted to harm Odo, Sisko protected him. The situation was resolved when it was discovered that the Bajoran, Ibudan, had faked his own death in order to take revenge on Odo. (DS9: "A Man Alone")

Having been found in the Denorios belt, the discovery of the Bajoran wormhole provided Odo with further opportunity to investigate his origins. He was tricked by Croden into believing he had discovered Odo's people. The story had been fabricated by Croden to

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had been fabricated by Croden to manipulate Odo into helping Croden rescue Croden's daughter. Croden apologized to Odo for the deception and wished him luck in finding his people. (DS9: "Vortex")

Odo resolved a conflict between Kira, who threatened mutiny, and Sisko, who wanted to arrest her for treason. Both were being mentally affected by Saltah'na energy spheres that contained a log of a similar battle in an ancient culture, causing the crew to do the same thing. Fortunately, Odo's non-organic nature rendered him immune to the effects of the spheres, and with the aid of Doctor Bashir, he was able to remove the spheres' influence and eject them out of a cargo bay door. (DS9: "Dramatis Personae")

As the outcome of an investigation regarding a Cardassian claiming to be war criminal Darhe'el, Odo managed to prove that the man was actually Aamin Marritza, a file clerk for Darhe'el who wanted the Cardassian people to realize their crimes. (DS9: "Duet")

In 2370, an extremist group of Bajorans known as the Circle, led by Minister Jaro Essa and supported by Vedek Winn Adami, demanded that all non-Bajorans leave DS9 and Bajor. Civil war threatened the planet, but Quark informed Odo that the Circle was being helped and financed by Cardassia in order to drive out the Federation, leaving the planet ripe for reconquest. Weapons had been smuggled to the Circle through Kressari traders, which Odo revealed by using his shapeshifting abilities to "borrow" a manifest with a gul's thumbscan on it. (DS9: "The Homecoming", "The Circle", "The Siege")

When Odo was affected by a gas in the Gamma Quadrant that turned him into a destructive crea-

ture, Dr. Mora, the scientist who had discovered him, helped cure him. (DS9: "The Alternate")

Together with Lieutenant Jadzia Dax, Odo, while in the Gamma Quadrant, discovered a planet where people were disappearing. The people were actually holo-



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grams created by Rurigan, the sole survivor of a planet destroyed by the Jem'Hadar. Odo and Dax fixed the holographic projector and restored the people. In the process, Odo formed an attachment to a girl called Taya, even shifting into a spinning top for her amusement before he and Dax departed. (DS9: "Shadowplay")

Odo helped represent Miles O'Brien in a Cardassian court on false charges of aiding the Maquis. Odo's knowledge of Cardassian law annoyed the court, and his delaying tactics provided time for Sisko to prove the evidence false and gain O'Brien's release. (DS9: "Tribunal")

During a mission to locate the Founders of the Dominion in the Gamma Quadrant, Odo found himself drawn to a rogue planet in the Omarion Nebula. There, he discovered that the Founders were in fact Changelings like himself. After initially becoming annoyed with shifting into every plant and rock he could see, with the aid of the Female Changeling he changed into a bird and took flight, finding that he enjoyed exploring

his shape-shifting abilities. He soon discovered the Founders' distrust of "solids", though, and rejected them in favor of his friends, with the Female Changeling acknowledging his request for the time even if she warned him that he wouldn't be as fortunate in future interaction. (DS9: "The Search, Part I", "The Search, Part II")

Later that year, Odo had another encounter with the Founders while he was on an away mission with Kira. They landed on a planet to answer a distress call that seemed to come from a Maquis raider in the area. While on the planet, Kira was captured and the Female Changeling assumed the appearance of Kira. The Changeling pretended that she was trapped inside a growing crystal that was suffocating her. After Odo admitted having romantic feelings for Kira, he was able to see through the ruse when she claimed to feel the same way; he was sure that Kira didn't love him, but knew she wouldn't lie to him about something so important. It gave the Changeling an understanding of Odo's feelings for Kira, although Odo still refused to admit how he felt to the real Kira, simply claiming to have seen through the deception due to a 'slip of the tongue' that the real Kira would never have said. (DS9: "Heart of Stone")

In 2371, a newly-"born" Jem'Hadar was found among the wreckage of a salvaged ship Quark had purchased. The baby matured into an adolescent within days, and as a Changeling (and therefore a Founder in the boy's eyes), Odo inherited the responsibility of looking after him. The Jem'Hadar was willing to do literally anything Odo asked of him. Odo tried to break the boy of this habit and encouraged him to think for himself and resist his inborn tendency toward

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violence. Ultimately, the boy decided that he belonged with the other Jem'Hadar and that anyone who was not Jem'Hadar was his enemy, arguing that if Odo actually accepted his right to self-determination, he would respect his wishes. Odo, wanting to protect the crew, escorted the boy to Dominion space. (DS9: "The Abandoned")

It was also during this time that Odo had requested his own personal quarters, and was decorating them with furnishings appropriate for himself, allowing him to experiment with his abilities in private. (DS9: "The Abandoned")

Also in 2371, Odo was forced to admit to Elim Garak that, despite his disgust at the Founders' behavior, he still wanted to return home. He accompanied Garak in an attempt to contact Enabran Tain. Odo became a prisoner of Tain, who was plotting, along with the Romulans, the extermination of the Founders. The plot failed, and Odo was aided in his escape by a Founder who was posing as a Romulan on Tain's ship, although he still rejected the offer to return home. This resulted in the Battle of the Omarion Nebula, in which both the Romulan Tal Shiar and Cardassian Obsidian Order were decimated. (DS9: "Improbable Cause", "The Die is Cast")

Odo also served as host for Curzon Dax during Jadzia Dax's Trill zhian'tara, during which Odo shifted into a form resembling Curzon. Initially, the two wanted to stay together, but Curzon was eventually convinced to return to the Dax symbiont. This gave Jadzia a greater understanding of the joy Odo found in his shape-shifting abilities, and Odo learned how much fun solids had staying up all night drinking and playing tongo. (DS9: "Facets")

In late 2371, Odo was forced to kill a Changeling posing as Ambassador Krajensky, who had tried to provoke a war between the Federation and the Tzenkethi. By killing the imposter, Odo became the first Changeling ever to harm another. (DS9: "The Adversary") Odo – along with Rom, Quark, and Nog, – time-traveled to Earth of 1947. None of the Ferengi were aware of Odo's presence until he revealed himself as having shapeshifted into the guise of a German Shepherd dog, Odo having sneaked onto a shuttle the Ferengi had traveled there in, Quark's Treasure, in order to catch Quark in flagrante delicto, smuggling. This became known in Human history as the Roswell Incident. Along with the three Ferengi, Odo eventually managed to escape back to the 24th century and Deep Space 9. (DS9: "Little Green Men")

In 2372, Odo accompanied Sisko, who now held the rank of captain, on a trip to Earth to advise Starfleet on the Changeling threat. Odo was able to demonstrate to the organization how easy it would be to infiltrate Starfleet, and subsequently helped free Sisko from a prison after Admiral Leyton, a former mentor to Sisko, was revealed to be staging a military coup. (DS9: "Homefront", "Paradise Lost") While visiting Earth on this occasion, Odo was secretly infected with a morphogenic virus by rogue organization Section 31, in the belief that he would eventually link with others of his kind, transferring the disease and ultimately eliminating his entire species. (DS9: "Extreme Measures")

Odo protected Shakaar Edon, the head of the Bajoran government, while Shakaar visited the station, even though Odo was jealous of him because Shakaar was in a relationship with Kira. (DS9: "Crossfire")

When Worf's brother, Kurn, arrived on the station after being dishonored by the Klingon High Council due to Worf siding with the Federation in a Klingon attempt to conquer Cardassia, Odo gave Kurn a job of security officer, although this ended when Kurn made near-constant attempts to commit suicide. (DS9: "Sons of Mogh") Odo also went on a joint mission with the Jem'Hadar to stop a group of renegade Jem'Hadar from capturing an Iconian gateway. (DS9: "To the Death")

Later that year, Odo became desperately ill, not as a result of the virus, but because he had been poisoned by his own people in order to force him to return to them for treatment. Once there, he was judged by the Great Link and forced into his humanoid form permanently, unable to change shape, as punishment for harming another Changeling. While Odo was locked into a humanoid form, it hinted that he was essentially still a Changeling because, as Dr. Bashir later pointed out, Odo's brain still contained morphogenic components. The other shapeshifters may have just used their greater collective ability while linked with Odo to force him to alter his form into that of a humanoid, guiding the specific elements of his transformation such as Human physical makeup based on their expert knowledge of Humans. While part of the Link, Odo unwittingly infected his entire race with Section 31's bioweapon. Also, owing to information Odo had gleaned in the Link, he was convinced that Chancellor Gowron, the leader of the Klingon Empire, was actually a Founder. (DS9: "Broken Link", "Extreme Measures")

Life as a solid

Permanently locked into his solid state, Odo became extremely

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depressed. He found some comfort in the new sensations of eating and drinking, but this gave him little solace. Odo's frustration was exacerbated when Captain Sisko decided to bring him on an undercover mission to expose Gowron as being a Changeling infiltrator. If Odo had still been a Changeling, he could have simply changed into Gowron's pet targ. Instead, he, Sisko, O'Brien, and Worf disguised themselves as recipients for the Order of the Bat'leth and attempted to use polaron radiation to expose Gowron as a Changeling.

Odo, using the alias "Kodrak", proved to be a less than intimidating Klingon, but the mission went as planned until someone recognized their true faces. The Starfleet officers were exposed and nearly executed, but General Martok helped them escape to complete their mission in the name of the Empire. Although Worf almost killed Gowron in honorable combat, Odo had deduced, by this time, that "Martok" was the true Changeling and Odo's information about the infiltrator had been deliberately falsified by the Founders to provoke further unrest between the Federation and the Klingons, weakening them and paving the way for a Dominion invasion of the Alpha Quadrant. The mission was ultimately a success and the Martok Changeling, having been identified by Odo, was killed by a barrage of disruptor fire. Before undoing Odo's Klingon alterations, Bashir mentioned that he could surgically alter Odo's face to realistically resemble any humanoid; Odo declined the offer as he preferred his face the way it was. (DS9: "Apocalypse Rising")

It was during Odo's time as a solid that the USS Defiant, through the treachery of an undercover Klingon named Arne Darvin, was

sent back in time to the year 2268. The ship found itself near space station K-7 at a crucial moment when Darvin had been exposed as a spy and subsequently disowned by his people. Odo helped search for an explosive tribble to prevent Darvin from killing James T. Kirk, and even acquired one as a pet.



He found Worf's recounting of the Klingons' "war" against the tribbles rather amusing, finding it hard to believe that a cute ball of fur was a "mortal enemy" of the Klingon Empire. (DS9: "Trials and Tribble-ations")

Apparently, the Founders' attempt to force Odo to remain a solid took some time, as a plasma storm later reacted with leftover morphogenic enzymes and therefore caused his mind to telepathically reach out to link with other Changelings. At the time, he was returning from a conference with Sisko, Garak, and Dax, when the four of them were suddenly trapped in a dream-like but utterly realistic recreation of the Cardassian Occupation based on Odo's memories. The people in the dream believed them to be a group of Bajoran terrorists who had been executed during the Occupation, but instead of Odo, his predecessor Thrax was in charge. Odo did not realize (or did not want to admit to himself) that Thrax's actions in the dream were in fact a recreation of his own, and their personae there were a group of innocent Bajorans who had been executed because Odo had

sided with "justice" rather than his sense of right and wrong. The experience, a product of Odo's guilt, persuaded him to admit the truth to himself and others. (DS9: "Things Past")

In 2373, Quark found an infant Changeling among some salvage he had purchased and sold the infant to Odo. He, in collaboration with Dr. Mora, made attempts to teach the infant, which was very ill, to change form, just as Mora had done with Odo himself. Though their attempts did result in making the infant form a face to look at Odo (along with various other shapes, assuming them seemingly at a much faster rate than Odo had when in Mora's care), its morphogenic matrix began to destabilize. As it died in Odo's hands, it linked with Odo and restored his morphogenic matrix, allowing him to change form once again. This was done as a means of thanking its mentor for all that he had tried to do. As Dr. Mora departed the station, he encouraged Odo to think of his restored abilities as a gift the Changeling had wanted him to have, and Odo, in return, told Mora that he now had a better understanding of what Mora had done for him years ago. (DS9: "The Begotten")

The Dominion War

After the Dominion captured Deep Space 9, Odo was one of a few crewmembers who remained on the station, retaining his old role as constable, only with Dukat in charge. Odo joined the Ruling Council at the invitation of Weyoun. After the Female Changeling arrived on the station, his loyalties were questioned. The Female Changeling realized that the reason Odo remained with the solids was his love for Kira. She linked with Odo, hoping to manipulate

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him. While Kira led a resistance cell, Odo did nothing to help. Rom was arrested, but Odo again did nothing, stating that he was at peace after his linking. His inaction directly led to thousands of deaths as Starfleet was forced to accelerate their plans to retake DS9, going without an entire fleet to meet an enemy who outnumbered them two to one. Kira was later put into the brig and when the Female Changeling explained her plans for the solids, including the execution of Kira, Odo's eyes were opened. During a subsequent battle to retake Deep Space 9, he helped Kira and Rom escape from custody. Odo and his security forces attacked the station's guards, allowing Kira and Rom to disable the station's weapons system, helping the Defiant to retake the station. (DS9: "A Time to Stand", "Behind the Lines", "Favor the Bold", "Sacrifice of Angels")

In 2375, Odo tried to help Weyoun 6 defect to the Federation, as Weyoun 6 believed that the Dominion War was a mistake, but his programming meant that he still saw the Founders as gods; contacting Odo was as close to a compromise as he could come. Due to an attack perpetrated by Weyoun 7 and four Jem'Hadar ships, the attempt failed and ended with Weyoun 6's death; he triggered a termination implant in his brain that killed him in a matter of minutes. At this time, Weyoun also revealed that the Founders were all dying of a strange disease, and Odo was the only one who seemed unaffected by the disease. (DS9: "Treachery, Faith and the Great River")

Some time after this, it was revealed that Odo was the original source of the morphogenic virus that was killing the Founders, having been infected by Section 31 during his brief visit to Earth, (DS9: "Extreme Measures", "Homefront", "Paradise Lost") in an attempt by

Section 31 to end the threat of the Founders by committing genocide. Odo was beginning to die of the disease himself, but after tricking Section 31 agent Luther Sloan into coming to DS9, Bashir was able to discover a cure for the virus, although it necessitated him and O'Brien each using a neural interface to enter Sloan's dying mind when the agent tried to kill himself rather than reveal the cure. (DS9: "Extreme Measures")

Odo was instrumental in ending the war with the Dominion. He and Colonel Kira joined a Cardassian resistance group led by Damar. As such, Odo provided valuable help in Damar's fight against the Dominion. When the Female Changeling refused to order Jem'Hadar and Breen forces to stand down, Odo linked with her, curing her of the virus and convincing her that she was wrong about solids and to stand trial after ending the war. In exchange, Odo agreed to return to the Great Link permanently to help build a new Dominion, and to cure his people. This meant the end of his relationship with Kira, though he was accompanied on his return to the Great Link by Kira. As he merged into the Link, he changed into a tuxedo, which Kira liked him in. (DS9: "What You Leave Behind")

Beliefs

Odo had a deep sense of justice, which he valued above all other things. As he told Sisko at one point, "Laws change depending on who's making them, but justice is justice." (DS9: "A Man Alone") Because of this, Odo enjoyed "thumbing his nose" at authority and going by his rules rather than those of Starfleet. (DS9: "The Search, Part I") He once speculated that his belief in justice was an innate part of his racial makeup, and thus a link to his lost people. (DS9: "Necessary Evil")

When his people revealed themselves to be the Founders of the Dominion, they claimed that what they desired was order, not justice. (DS9: "The Search, Part II")

Odo's service during the Occupation changed his attitudes about justice significantly. When he began working for Gul Dukat, he believed he was on neither the Bajoran nor Cardassian side, an impartial investigator whose only goal was to find the truth. Experience during the Occupation and being forced to choose sides when the truth would not lead to justice caused him to realize that, contrary to a Human axiom, justice is not blind. (DS9: "Necessary Evil")

As late as 2369, Odo had never "coupled", claiming he chose not to do so. He saw too many compromises involved in humanoid relationships and failed to understand the humanoid obsession with coupling. (DS9: "A Man Alone") Odo also believed in punctuality. His daily patrols of the Promenade were so routine that shopkeepers could set their watch to him. (DS9: "Crossfire", "Broken Link")

Shapeshifting nature and ability

Odo did not have the benefit of connection with the Great Link while he matured, and as a result, he was relatively unskilled in the use of his shapeshifting abilities when compared to most other Changelings. Unlike Odo, other Changelings, such as the Female Changeling, showed little difficulty in mimicking the faces of Kira Nerys and others. (DS9: "Heart of Stone", "Paradise Lost")

Nonetheless, Odo was able to improve his abilities with time and practice. By shapeshifting into an object, not only was he able to create a visual representation of the

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object; he was able to duplicate the object to such degree that if he was scanned with a tricorder while he was in the shape of a bird, the tricorder would detect a bird. (DS9: "Paradise Lost")

Odo did not have a sense of smell, or a sense of taste either, which is part of the reason he disliked eating; he noted once that he had actually attempted to eat shortly after he first mastered the ability to assume a humanoid form, but commented that the lack of a digestive system had made the whole process very messy, without elaborating further. (DS9: "If Wishes Were Horses", "Meridian", "Improbable Cause") When the situation was appropriate, Odo was able to use his shapeshifting ability to create a visage of a table setting with a meal which he could "consume," and in doing so be a part of the dining experience. (DS9: "The Way of the Warrior")

Odo did not wear real clothes, instead creating his uniform from his body. Despite his difficulties imitating certain humanoid features, he was skilled enough as a shapeshifter to imitate some technological devices well enough for them to be functional, including his combadge on his uniform. But on at least one occasion Odo elected to wear a "real" combadge. (DS9: "Invasive Procedures")

Odo could not hold a form permanently, and had to regenerate on a regular basis, generally every sixteen hours. During this time, he returned to his natural state for a period of several hours. Nevertheless, in 2369, while trapped in a turbolift for several hours, Odo showed signs of distress when approaching the fifteenth hour mark since the time of his last regeneration; physical changes in his appearance were already beginning



to show. (DS9: "The Forsaken") Several years later, while bunk mates with Quark during a mission on the Defiant, Odo appeared fine physically, even if highly agitated, when – interrupting multiple attempts Quark made to engage in conversation – Odo explained he had been holding his shape for a full sixteen hours. (DS9: "The Search, Part I") In one case, Garak tortured Odo by preventing him from regenerating, using an Obsidian Order device that prevented Changelings from changing form. The inability to regenerate appeared to cause Odo great distress and pain, as well as causing his physical appearance to begin to fall apart. (DS9: "The Die is Cast")

Personal interests

Odo employed a number of tactics in his attempts to integrate with solids; for instance, he would often sit for quiet drinks with friends, and would create the illusion of drinking by forming part of his body into a cup of coffee and then drinking himself. (DS9: "The Way of the Warrior")

Thanks to the instruction of his people, Odo began to take a great interest in his abilities as a shapeshifter, and to explore the various forms and sensations he

could experience while in his liquid state. He outfitted his personal quarters to this end. (DS9: "The Search, Part II", "The Abandoned")

When he was used as a host for the memories of Curzon Dax during Jadzia Dax's zhian'tara, Odo, after Curzon left his body, admitted to Dax that he had found Curzon's memories of various Human activities such as eating, drinking, and playing tongo quite enjoyable, to the extent that he was amazed that Curzon had ever been able to get any work done. (DS9: "Facets") Even prior to this, he noted that he was intrigued by the preparation efforts solids put into food, participating in Sisko's efforts to prepare a meal for the senior staff (DS9: "Equilibrium"). During his time as a solid, Odo learned to appreciate the simpler things in life. When Captain Sisko found Odo in Quark's, Sisko was surprised to find the constable was not on duty for once; he was instead studying a glass of sparkling wine. Odo observed how soothing the sound of the bubbles was. Although he had found ingestion a disgusting process at first, Odo told Sisko he had come to enjoy it. (DS9: "Apocalypse Rising")

Other aspects of monofom life proved less than comforting to Odo. In one embarrassing folly, he instinctively attempted to turn into a Vorian pterodactyl while chasing a criminal on the Promenade, but instead fell and injured himself. Additionally, he suffered from poor posture because he carried himself too rigidly for a normal humanoid. (DS9: "The Ascent", "The Begotten")

Odo also had a penchant for the Earth sport of kayaking. He and O'Brien occasionally used a kayaking holoprogram, which O'Brien brought with him from the

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USS Enterprise-D. Odo found the experience "quite enjoyable," although he refrained from singing sea shanties while they paddled. (DS9: "Heart of Stone")

Odo found humanoid death rituals fascinating, particularly the Ferengi tradition of vacuum desiccation. When Quark was selling discs of recently deceased Ferengi entrepreneur Plegg, Odo sarcastically informed Quark of his interest in the subject and offered to buy a disc, much to Quark's surprise. It turned out that Plegg was very much alive and that Quark had been cheated. Plegg found this very amusing, although Quark and Odo did not. (DS9: "The Alternate") During a baseball game between the Niners and the Logicians, Odo served as umpire, a position he found fascinating. He took his duties as umpire very seriously, to the point that he threw Benjamin Sisko out of the game for breaking the appropriate rule. Later, Odo also ejected Vulcan captain Solok from the game, for the very same reason. (DS9: "Take Me Out to the Hologame")

Personal relationships

Family

The Link



Although Odo was ostensibly an "orphan" from his beginnings of life in the Alpha Quadrant, Dr. Mora liked to think of himself as Odo's father and referred to himself as such on several occasions. Odo resented this presumption and preferred to forget his time in Mora's laboratory, mainly due to the various shock treatments he had been subjected to before it was realized that he was a sentient being. (DS9: "The Alternate") When Mora helped Odo care for an infant changeling, the two of them bonded better, Odo realizing what Mora went through while "raising" him, and understanding how hard it must have been for Mora when he left. (DS9: "The Begotten")

In a manner of speaking, all Changelings, and particularly the Great Link, were his family. He felt an irreconcilable estrangement from the Link when he discovered their hatred of the solids and that they were the leaders of the ruthless Dominion. (DS9: "The Search, Part I", "The Search, Part II")

When arguing with a few Klingons, one asked in his language if his mother let him talk to men. Elim Garak responded that he wasn't sure if Odo even had a mother. (DS9: "The Way of the Warrior")

Friendships

Quark

From the time Quark opened his bar on DS9, he and Odo were constant antagonists. Regardless, they maintained a mutual respect for one another, and Quark once observed that as Odo's worst enemy, he was the closest thing the shapeshifter had to a friend. (DS9: "A Man Alone") Odo always kept a vigilant eye on Quark's illicit activities, but in many cases, he was



able to use Quark's underground contacts to infiltrate criminal organizations to which he would not otherwise have access. (DS9: "Indiscretion")

The two often had idle conversations at Quark's Bar while Odo was on duty and Quark was working. They maintained their rivalry, yet were fond of each other's company and their regular exchange of insults. For example, Odo simply "hrmphed" when Quark, in his momentary capacity as Grand Nagus of the Ferengi Alliance, told him to kiss the Nagal staff, yet he was confounded by a sudden burst of cooperation in 2370, which was actually Quark's interpretation of the 76th Rule of Acquisition: "Every once in a while, declare peace. It confuses the hell out of your enemies". (DS9: "The Nagus", "The Homecoming") During a temporary crisis in which a group of non-corporeal beings caused people's wishes to come true, Odo amusingly wished Quark into a holding cell without thinking about it. (DS9: "If Wishes Were Horses")

More than anyone else, Quark knew about Odo's secret feelings for Kira and confronted him about them several times. It was Quark who told Odo that Odo was in love with Kira, breaking through the defenses Odo had carefully erected to keep his personal life private. Odo did not want Quark's sympathy, but when Kira officially began

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dating First Minister Shakaar, it was Quark who came to his quarters to check on him. There, he set Odo straight, although with the usual facade; Quark ran a regular betting pool on how long it would take Odo to catch a perpetrator, and he claimed his profits would suffer if Odo did not rectify things and get back to work.

By choice, Odo's quarters were directly above Quark's, and at times he took perverse (albeit secret) pleasure in annoying the Ferengi by practicing his shapeshifting skills during the night. Whether it was a Takaran wildebeest or a Rafalian mouse, Odo was able to annoy Quark whenever he felt like it. Once he set aside his feelings for Kira and got on with his life, Odo conveniently had his floor reinforced. As this would also soundproof the floor, Quark saw that his advice had helped and thanked Odo. (DS9: "Crossfire")

In a mental recreation of Terok Nor during the occupation, Odo (seen as a Bajoran) had to do subsidiary work at Quark's Bar which he felt quite humiliating. He asked Captain Sisko "How much damage would it do to the timeline if Quark were to suffer a mysterious... accident?" (DS9: "Things Past")

Quark and Odo managed to get along briefly while trapped on an inhospitable planet and under dire circumstances; they resumed their old rivalry as soon as they returned to DS9. (DS9: "The Ascent")

When Laas visited the station and was detained for "the fog episode" on the promenade, Quark later came to Odo to explain to him "You're smart enough to know that people don't want to be reminded that you're different", in a seemingly friendly way. (DS9: "Chimera")

When Odo left DS9, he attempted to do so without anyone noticing, but Quark caught up with him in the airlock. Odo claimed to have nothing to say to the Ferengi, but while he did not say so, it was clear Odo would miss his long-time adversary. When Kira tried to apologize for Odo's coldness, Quark said "That man loves me - you can see it written on his back". He later admitted to Kira before entering the Great Link that he would miss everyone aboard DS9, even Quark. (DS9: "What You Leave Behind")

Worf



Worf and Odo both enjoyed their privacy, and they shared a dislike of unexpected visitors. Although the two of them did not become close friends (as was the case with most of Odo's friendships), Worf and Odo respected and understood each other, as in many ways they had similar personalities.

The two of them clashed while Worf was attempting to acclimate himself to life aboard DS9. Worf observed that Quark was conducting smuggling activities and informed Odo about it only to find that Odo already knew of the transactions. Unknown to Worf, Odo was conducting an undercover operation and planned to use Quark's clandestine connections to infiltrate a large smuggling ring. When Worf placed Quark and

Quark's contact under arrest, he discovered that the container in which the payment for the illicit goods were located was actually Odo in disguise. (DS9: "Hippocratic Oath")

Once the two learned each other's ways, they found they could relate to one another far more than they realized. Odo offered Worf advice on how to keep people from simply "dropping by" his quarters. (DS9: "Crossfire")

Miles O'Brien



Miles O'Brien and Odo had a good working relationship. Odo volunteered to represent O'Brien when he was tried in a Cardassian court, successfully proving O'Brien's innocence despite the Cardassian legal structure regarding the trial as a mere formality for a pre-determined sentence. This trial gave Odo the opportunity to get to know O'Brien better and develop an admiration for his strong sense of duty when he proclaimed that he had always tried to be somebody his children could be proud of. A couple of years later, he allowed the O'Briens to return the temporally-displaced Molly O'Brien to Golana, even though they broke her out of a holding cell. He joked that he was actually disappointed as he expected O'Brien to succeed in

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breaking someone out of the station without being discovered. (DS9: "Tribunal", "Time's Orphan")

At one point, Garak made mention that O'Brien shared "Human crime novels" with Odo; he stated that they may have been influencing Odo's thinking. (DS9: "The Die is Cast")

O'Brien and Odo went kayaking in a holosuite several times; an activity Odo found "quite enjoyable". (DS9: "Heart of Stone") Odo (or the impostor Changeling trying to pass as him) tried to use knowledge of details from their most recent trip to prove he was the real Odo. (DS9: "The Adversary")

Garak



Garak and Odo were forced to work together during the events leading up to the joint Tal Shiar-Obsidian Order strike on the Founders' homeworld. What began as a decidedly unwilling partnership, evolved into a mutual respect as Garak began to understand that, unlike his other erstwhile sparring partner Doctor Julian Bashir, Odo truly understood who Garak was. Strangely, Garak's attempt to torture Odo while trapped on the Tal Shiar ship created a mutual understanding and a peculiar bond between them. Garak recognized that he no longer had the will to torture those he was close to, and Odo empathized with Garak's willing-

ness to do anything to return to his own people. They later had many quiet "drinks" together. (DS9: "Improbable Cause", "The Die is Cast", "The Way of the Warrior")

Garak once attempted to set Odo up with a date with Chalan Aroya, but was ultimately unsuccessful. (DS9: "Broken Link")

Benjamin Sisko

Although Odo noted that he didn't think he would like Benjamin Sisko when he first met him, the two formed a keen respect for each other over the years. When Sisko was promoted to captain, Odo noted that, while he didn't personally see the relevance of such titles, he could think of nobody who deserved this ritual more than Sisko. Sisko reciprocated this admiration more than once. When Odo's life was at stake following his capture by the Obsidian Order and later his illness, Sisko took the Defiant into Dominion territory to save Odo, despite the risks of conflict with the Dominion. Odo also accompanied Sisko back to Earth when they received news that the Changelings had reached Earth. He helped him develop means of detecting Changelings on the planet. On another occasion he helped Sisko, who was falsely accused of being a Changeling by Admiral Leyton, escape. (DS9: "Emissary", "The Adversary", "The Die is Cast", "Paradise Lost", "Broken Link")

Laas

While on a routine mission in the Alpha Quadrant, Odo and Chief O'Brien happened upon another Changeling named Laas. Odo was fascinated, as Laas too was one of the hundred infant Changelings the Founders had sent out to learn about other civilizations. The two of them bonded quickly, and Odo was able to tell that Laas' inten-

tions were good despite the chief's concerns.

Laas did not integrate well when they returned to the station. He openly stated his dislike of "solids," much to Odo's chagrin.

Laas believed Odo had been brainwashed into acting and thinking like a solid, making excessive and disruptive use of his own shapeshifting abilities to prove his point. Ultimately, Laas left in search of other Changelings in order to form a second Great Link. (DS9: "Chimera")

Odo likely unwittingly infected Laas with the morphogenic virus. Laas' fate is unknown.

Romance

Kira Nerys



Over the years, Odo began to fall in love with Kira Nerys. He kept this a secret from her, and stood by as she entered into and ended other romantic relationships, including the death of Vedek Bareil Antos. After Bareil's death, Kira took up a relationship with Shakaar, the head of the Bajoran government. Although she eventually learned his true feelings after an encounter with an alternate future version of him, Kira and Odo were left reluctant to pursue a relationship at the time, due in no small part to the future Odo having erased over eight thousand people from existence simply to prevent Kira's death

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in his original timeline and give his younger self another chance with her. Eventually, with the help of Vic Fontaine, he finally revealed his feelings for her in 2374, Kira reciprocating his feelings. Despite this, Odo left Deep Space 9 at the end of the Dominion War to heal the Great Link of a virus that was killing the Changelings and showing them positive aspects of the solids. (DS9: "Children of Time", "His Way", "What You Leave Behind")

Lwaxana Troi

Ambassador Lwaxana Troi was infatuated with Odo from the moment she saw him. As she put it, "I've never been with a Changeling before!" Odo found Lwaxana's advances annoying and even complained to Commander Sisko that Ambassador Troi wouldn't leave him alone. An accident later trapped the two of them together in a turbolift shortly before Odo was set to revert to his gelatinous state. Over the course of several hours, the two of them finally began to understand each other.

They were stuck in the turbolift so long that Odo could barely hold his shape and was literally "melting." Lwaxana offered to carry Odo in her dress, but he was too proud as no one had ever seen him in his liquid form. Finally, she removed her wig and admitted that no one had ever seen her in her natural state either. Odo felt more at ease after this revelation and allowed Lwaxana to carry him. (DS9: "The Forsaken")

During Ambassador Troi's next visit to DS9, her persistent feelings for Odo combined with her case of zanthi fever to cause strange love triangles to form among the occupants of DS9, such as Jake Sisko and Doctor Bashir both becoming fixated with Kira. (DS9:

"Fascination")

Lwaxana's final visit with Odo was under duress, as her Tavnian husband was intent on taking her unborn child when it was born. In Tavnian culture, boys and girls were raised under strict gender separation, something Lwaxana's husband had initially promised would not be the case for their child (he later declared his intention to take her male child as soon as it was born, disregarding his previous assurances to her). Odo protected her long enough to keep her husband at bay and ultimately

married her in Tavnian tradition in order to end the biological father's legal claim to their offspring under Tavnian law (which specified the mother's husband as the legal guardian for male children). This required a public profession of his love for her, which although forced (and not of a genuinely romantic nature), came across as incredibly candid. (DS9: "The Muse")

Arissa



An Idanian woman named Arissa once fell for Odo while he was protecting her from the group who were trying to kill her, the two even spending the night together (a first for Odo, outside of a single pseudo-sexual encounter during his brief time on the Founder homeworld). Later, he found out that she was an agent sent into deep cover to infiltrate the Orion Syndicate. She was married and, due to her mind having been al-

tered to escape telepathic examination, she did not know this while she was undercover. As she departed, she assured Odo that she had genuinely cared for him in their time together. (DS9: "A Simple Investigation")

Female Changeling

During the Dominion's occupation of Deep Space 9, Odo became involved with the Female Changeling. Initially, his only intent was to learn more about his own people and perhaps influence her towards a peaceful resolution of the current conflict. However, she was able to manipulate him and his desire for control over his own emotions regarding Kira. Eventually she was able to almost completely turn Odo away from his former friends and allies, but the revelation that she intended "to break" the Alpha Quadrant peoples of their desire for freedom shocked him into re-considering his new "perspective". He effectively ended their personal relationship by siding once again with the Federation against the Dominion. (DS9: "Sacrifice of Angels") Later, at the end of the war, he was able to save her life from the morphogenic virus and convince her to give the stand-down order to the remaining Dominion forces by promising to return to the Great Link with the cure. (DS9: "What You Leave Behind")

Chronology

circa 2337: Found adrift and in his gelatinous state in the Denorios belt, Odo is brought to the Bajoran Institute for Science to be studied by Doctor Mora Pol

2363: Guls Dukat and Hadar attend a reception at the Bajoran Center for Science to view Odo and his abilities. The Changeling performs the Cardassian neck

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trick, to wide acclaim

2365: Becomes an investigator on the Cardassian space station Terok Nor

2366: Is designated an officer of the Cardassian court, in order to testify in criminal cases

2369: Becomes chief of security when Terok Nor is transferred to Federation control as Deep Space 9. He learns he originated in the Gamma Quadrant

2371: Discovers the Great Link, and later becomes the first Changeling to kill another

2372: The Great Link sit in judgment of him, and render him "solid"

2373: The dying act of an infant Changeling is to make him a Changeling once more

2375: Leaves DS9 to rejoin his people in the Great Link

Alternate realities and timelines

In an alternate timeline in which Harry Kim was never assigned to the USS Voyager, Odo arrested Tom

Paris in 2371, after Paris attacked Quark in Quark's bar. Odo's actions during this incident resulted in Paris still sitting in a holding cell on DS9 when Voyager was thrown into the Delta Quadrant. Odo was later mentioned by Paris, in conversation with Kim, at which point Paris described him as "a very unpleasant shapeshifter." (VOY: "Non Sequitur")

In an alternate timeline in which the Defiant was sent back in time to the 22nd century, Odo was the

only member of the crew (besides Dax) who lived to see the Defiant arriving in the 24th century. In two hundred years, he had grown more proficient in shapeshifting and was able to assume a more humanoid face. Odo, during the Defiant's visit in the 24th century, admitted his romantic feelings to Kira, and subsequently linked with his younger self. He sabotaged the Defiant and caused it to avoid crashing on Gaia, wishing to give his younger self and Kira a second chance at love. By doing so, the inhabitants of Gaia ceased to exist. (DS9: "Children of Time")



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