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Welcome to the June edition of the PADD, the USF's cyber-magazine written by it's members. This month, we are pleased to be able to bring to you a real variety of articles for your perusal. Our *Counselor's Column* is now the home to four talented USF counselors who would like nothing better than to share their thoughts and help you solve any problems you may be having. If you've been feeling the need to attack the Borg lately, you might want to check out Captain Winger's article, *The Armory*, about a new weapon you might find helpful. And have you felt satisfied with the sims your captain has been running? Be sure to see how others in the USF feel on this subject in the *Ballot Box*.

Remember, The PADD is your magazine and we rely on input from you, its readers, to make it the

fantastic magazine that it is. If you have a rebuttal to something, feel free to send it in. Letters to the editor are always welcome, and we will do our best to publish any comments in their entirety.

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Dear PADD People,

Welcome to the latest installment of the TRIVIA!!! Ta da!!!!

:: Leaning against her red mail box, Jan frowns and shakes her head sadly. :: Last month's replies were kinda lame, people! |:(

::perks up:: Come on! Feed my shiney red mailbox!!

Congrats to Ensign Lucy for coming in First Place for May!! Nice job, Lucy! Congrats to Fleet Captain Shodan for coming in Second Place! Let's hope we have more contestants in June!

=====AND A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT=====

The NEW Brilliant Wonderful Amazing Trivia Staff IS:

USFKJanar, CptNanaimo, LtCdrKyleH, SaintDuiex, LtVistar

::claps::

Now on to the questions!!

JUNE's TRIVIA

TNG:

- 1) Dr Katherine Pulaski replaced Doctor Beverly Crusher on the USS Enterprise-D because Crusher was given the post of?*
- 2) In the episode "The Best of Both Worlds, Part 1" what officers make up the Away Team that went over to the Borg ship to find Captain Picard?*

DS9:

- 1) In the episode "Shattered Mirror" in the mirror universe, who served as Terok Nor's first officer?*
- 2) In the episode "The Assent" what two old foes have to work together to survive and*

escape from a freezing Class-L planet?

VOY:

- 1) *Who serves as Tactical Officer and Security Chief on the USS Voyager?*
- 2) *Before Chakotay joins the USS Voyager which is thrown some 70,000 light-years across the galaxy, he was a what?*

MOVIES:

- 1) *In First Contact what was the name of the holodeck program Picard and Lily go into to trap the Borg?*
- 2) *In First Contact what was the name of Cochrane's warp ship?*

TOS:

- 1) *Who was Kirk's Helmsman on the Enterprise?*
- 2) *Who once said, " Logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end."?*

Send your answers to USFKJanar@aol.com.



BALLOT BOX

by LCdrO'Brien

Well, I'm glad that such a simple idea has turned into something so great, a monthly article in the PADD. I don't want to slow down all you eager readers, so here are the results of last month's ballot box question <don't forget, if you'd like to ask everyone out there a question, don't hesitate to email me a suggestion>.

Do you believe your commanding officers design fun and detailed sims?

YES: 66% (6)

NO: 34% (3)

Next month's question: Do you find log writing fun and enjoyable?

To answer the question, send an email to LCdrO'Brien@aol.com. In the subject line, type "YES VOTE" or "NO VOTE". If you wish to make a brief comment, then type it in the text area. If any comments are given for the yes vote or no vote, they will be given under the vote count, without the person's name. Please have these votes in by the 20th of the month. The vote count will be in June's edition of the PADD, as well as the next question. If you have a question suggestion, send it to LCdrO'Brien@aol.com.

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USF Survey

The following is a survey to check the interest in USF expanding beyond the Star Trek realm. It was sent to all of the USF ships but because not all the mailstrings were accurate, it is believed that many people were left out. If you haven't seen this survey before, please take a few moments to fill out the survey and send it to "USF ElizH@aol.com".

1. Do you think the USF should expand past the Star Trek realm? Yes/no?
2. Do you think the USF should expand into the Fantasy realm? Yes/no?
3. Do you think the USF should expand into the Medieval realm? Yes/no?
4. Would you be interested in joining a sim that was set in the Fantasy realm? Yes/no?
5. Would you be interested in joining a sim that was set in the Medieval realm? Yes/no?
6. Comments?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your opinion is important to us. Remember to send it back to: USF ElizH@aol.com.

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The Counselor's Office

~The Dream Team~

by LCPSierra1, LCdrValdyr, MavelleMD, & PLe857

The Counselor's Office is back! After missing one USFPADD issue, the Counselor's Office is now filled with four talented counselors who don't mind answering questions that you need answered! If you need any advice at all ... don't be afraid to contact LCPSierra1@aol.com, LCdrValdyr@aol.com, MavelleMD@aol.com, PLe857@aol.com.

Dear Counselors,

(OOC) How do you deal with subordinates who do not realize their place, and act (a) inappropriately, (b) insubordinately, and/or (c) without a clue?

-- Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

A lot of ensigns (and sometimes ltjg's) are new to simming and over-excited about their posts. [On the other hand, there are some obnoxious people out there]. The most important thing is to remember: this is all just a game, and we're in it to have fun. Have a bit of patience. :) But, to answer the parts of your question:

*A> If a simmer is acting inappropriately in a sim, if you are the person in question's DH (Dept. Head), then you should privately pull them aside, either through email, IM, or private chat, and firmly but *politely* let them know that their behavior is disruptive and/or offensive to the other simmers. If they do not listen to you, then direct the problem to your XO and CO.*

B> For insubordination, you should let your command crew (CO/XO) know of the problem. Just like real life, those of the lower ranks need to follow the direction of their command officers -- and if the person doesn't follow the command crew's word, then it is likely your insubordinate fellow simmer will not last long. Command staff takes problems like these very seriously, and will let them know their standing within the chain of command.

C> Without a clue? Let's face it, we've all had those days -- if not our very first day out as ensign, then some other time. "Let he who is without sin be the first to throw stones on this one" -- and remember the last time you drove down the street for five miles with your turn signal still on. ~=:)

If you're their department head, I recommend first having an email or IM conversation establishing the rules of conduct for your department, and the behavior you expect from your subordinates. Some people, especially those who are very new to simming, need to be reminded that the whole point of simming is to act as though we are *really in Starfleet*, and that includes following orders from those above you in the chain of command, even if you don't like them personally or think the orders are stupid. If you're not willing to do this, you shouldn't be simming.

If you're in the command team of your ship, and the person in question is a department head, follow the same procedure, especially stressing that they should know better by now. If this fails, remove them from their post and appoint another head for that department.

In both cases, if nothing happens after you have taken action, refer the case to your CO, XO, or SO.

If the person's behavior is the result of a personal conflict with you, recommend that they either transfer to another department or another ship. This solution will stop any kind of conflict, but it should only be used as a last resort.

You should also reflect upon your own behavior: are you being nitpicky? Unusually hostile towards this person? Are you a stricter style simmer, while they prefer a more relaxed style? Are they a creative type person, while you prefer to go "by the book"? If this is the case, try to be more understanding. While their behavior may be annoying to you personally, it is probably not generally inappropriate and you should try to accept their differences. If you can't, again, recommend transfer.

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Dear Counselors,

**IRL I am a middle school student going on to high school next year. My sim character in the past month has been involved with another character. The other day he mentioned marriage, and I am not sure what to say. My sim is late, and it might conflict with high school (The sim ends at 10 pm and I have to get up at 5:30 am). I might have to transfer. What do I do about the character my character is involved with? I wasn't planning on a relationship beginning, so high school wasn't an issue, now it is.
-- Undecided**

Dear Undecided,

Real life priorities -- in this case, high school -- definitely need to come first. If you feel your sim is too late in the night to allow you the proper rest, then you obviously need to think about changing sims! Starbase Orlando and the Federation are both earlier sims, starting at 8:00 and 8:30 respectively, on Sunday nights -- they are the earliest ones the USF currently offers on school nights; or you may want to consider the Lothlorien, Integrity, Darmok (all Fridays) or the Odyssey (Saturday). Perhaps your character's significant other will want to transfer with you. You might also consider a long-distance relationship, although obviously it won't be as easy as if you were

on the same ship.

*But, in the meantime, you still have the entire summer before you! Enjoy your relationship for now. If marriage is something that your character isn't ready for, then don't rush it! Relationships, whether online or RL, need to proceed at a pace that *you* are comfortable with, and you shouldn't try to second-guess what four or five months down the road might bring. Do what you feel is best for your character, and for yourself. ~=:)*

Simmers and sim relationships come and go. By the time high school rolls around, you or the other person may not even be simming anymore, and if you are, your relationship may have broken up. A lot can happen in four or five months. But if you think you will both still be around, make your decision now, to prevent problems later.

I would step back and evaluate how I feel (IC and OOC) towards this person. [Nothing is worse than getting into a sim relationship with someone you hardly know or end up not liking OOC] Is a relationship something I want, with them (or with anyone)? If not, I would try to gently, but firmly end the relationship. It is much easier to remain close friends than to have to divorce or attempt to maintain a marriage while on different ships.

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Dear Counselors,

There is this guy on my ship who is a pervert. His logs are full of his ... feelings for women. And ... well, I am very uncomfortable dealing with him. I'd really rather not having anything to do with him. I don't like knowing his intimate feelings about women, nor how far he goes. Being nice is one thing, but not everyone wants to participate in a full-fledged flirt fest (although he goes beyond flirting to the ridiculous). I am really uncomfortable, and I just don't know what to do, so I do nothing.

-- Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Lots of people have fun flirting online, but when a fellow simmer is making you uncomfortable, whether through their logs or direct suggestion, then it is necessary to ask the offender to politely tone it down or stop altogether. Unfortunately, there are a few people who go for "shock value" in their logs, whether through physical or mental violence or cruelty, extreme sexual content, etc. Logs of that content are NOT supposed to be sent to minors, AND they are supposed to be labelled with the appropriate warnings necessary to forewarn readers of possibly offensive materials contained within.

Some people do not realize how far they've gone until somebody speaks up against it and lets them know. You should speak with your CO and/or XO, letting them clearly know the problem. There may be others who are also offended that the command staff knows about. The hosts will respect your privacy and anonymity when they contact the offender, and request that the person either tones down their logs and/or actions, or has them appropriately labelled. If the person's offensive behavior continues, the hosts do have the right to dismiss the person from that vessel.

There's nothing worse than having to deal with a fellow simmer whose conduct makes you uncomfortable ... it degrades the quality of the sim for everyone. If this guy's behavior is as bad as you say, I wouldn't be surprised if there were other people (especially other women) who feel the same way. Contact some of them and ask how they feel about this, and try to present a united case to your CO and XO. While it is acceptable to write about romances among the crew, and about past sexual experiences (both good and bad), it is not okay to do so in an blatantly offensive manner, especially using explicit language and details. Most of the time, just alluding to something that happened will suffice. The person should label any logs with explicit content, or

just refrain from sending them. There's really no need for X-rated logs ... IMO, they don't serve any purpose that a more tastefully done log wouldn't.

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Dear Counselors,

I'm a Vulcan multiple personality in need of help. Every time I make new friends the other three personalities get in the way. No, I don't. Yes, you do. Quiet down! What should I do?

-- The Four Commanders

Dear Four Commanders,

It sounds as if you have enough for a round of doubles tennis! But seriously, you should try working things through with your ship's counselor. There may be a problem hidden in your past that has split your thinking into these four separate entities. By resolving that mystery, the problem may resolve itself.

And, if worse comes to worst, well.... ever since Herman's Head left the airwaves, TV has been lacking that "I'm crazy so am I" element. ~=:)

I know where you're coming from...I've dealt with multiple personalities (from multiple universes, even) during the course of my career in Starfleet. I definitely recommend some sessions with your counselor to work out these conflict issues you seem to be having within yourself. You may find that, once the conflicts are worked out, that the personalities can work in concert to enrich your life, work and relationships. And if they don't ... at least you have someone to talk to when you're lonely.

If you need any advice at all ... don't be afraid to contact LCPSierra1, LCdrValdyr, MavelleMD, & PLe857 (all @aol.com). All questions will remain anonymous.



Spock Vs Q (An Alien Voices Production)

By: FCptAriell

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Spock and Q ever met? On April 25 at 8 pm Eastern in Dearborn, Michigan, hundreds of fans found out. The title of the event, oddly enough, was "Spock vs. Q", and it was an Alien Voices Production.

The topic of this joining of two greats in Star Trek? What would happen if a comet was heading towards the Earth? Spock couldn't break the prime directive and tell us that the comet was coming, but when Q showed up, Spock expertly steered him into revealing all. Even better still they had a "Battle of Wits" competition to see if Q would have to help out the people or Earth or simply leave. I won't tell you how it ended, nor will I tell you how it began. That my friends you will have to find out for yourselves as they tour the country this summer. Check out Creation Entertainments web site at <http://www.creationent.com> for more information on when they will be appearing near you.

After Leonard Nimoy and John de Lancie finished their performance, the crowd erupted in cheers. They both informed us that we were the first ones to see this production. YIPPEE !!! We got to see a Star Trek premiere. That is probably the only time

we in Michigan will get to see something before those in California. ::Winks::

For those of you that aren't familiar with the "Alien Voices" production company, it is a company run by John de Lancie and Leonard Nimoy. They take the classic novels and radio plays and turn them into audio materpieces. The characters of famous H.G. Wells and Jules Verne novels have already come alive through their voices and those of many fellow actors. Many of the Star Trek actors have also helped out with the voices of the characters in these novels. You will find them on tape or CD by Simon and Schuster at your local bookstore.

Earlier this year "Alien Voices" productions performed LIVE on the Sci-Fi channel with their "The First Men In the Moon" adaptation. Leonard and John informed us that there are plans in the works for other live performances on the Sci-Fi channel this summer and this coming fall.



Hey there, readers. This is Capt. Jay Winger, of the Lothlorien, to take you on a another little trip to ...

The Armory

Today, the prime piece of choice is none-other than the exoframe field-tested by the USF's *Marquesas* . . . Hoo, boy, is this a fine piece o' machinery. Yes, folks, it's the:

PROJECT: PROTEUS-BETA
PROTEUS METAMORPHIC BIOGENETIC ARMOR-
SERIES: BETA

PROJECT NUMBER: BPMBA/02/SD9804/22/47
NAME: PROTEUS METAMORPHIC BIO-ARMOR SERIES BETA
PROJECT DIRECTORS: Prof. Judy Robinson, Prof. John Robinson, Rear
Admiral Toran Dracal
SPECIFICATIONS:
HEIGHT: WEARER + 10 CM (4 INCHES)
WEIGHT: WEARER + 40KGS (88 POUNDS)

BASE COMPOSITION:
BIOGENETIC POLYCARBON-SILICATE WITH NANOTECH INTERFEED MATRIX

APPEARANCE: HULKING, BLACK ONYX, FULL BODY BATTLESUIT WITH ORGANIC
GREY, SILVER AND BLUE TREADING.

FEATURES:

A...POWER SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES:
Primary Source:
5 grams (0.18 ounces) of Cultured Protomatter in Flux Fusion
Martix
Secondary Source:
Series of Type Beta Micropolyphotosensitive (Solar) Cells
Tertiary Source:
Host Internal Systems
Expected Lifetime: 10 years
Average Time between Recharging : 84 hours
Recharging Mode Time: 8 hours

B...SENSOR SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES:
Tactical Sensor: Sensitivity: 100%

Effective Range: 2,000 meters (1.24 miles)
Active (Search Mode): Sensitivity: 75%
Effective Range: 10,000 meters (6.2 miles)
Passive (Listening Mode): Sensitivity: 50%
Effective Range: 20,000 meters (12.4 miles)
Maximum Range: NTW (Nap of the World)

DESCRIPTION: Sensor Package for the BPMBA is a series of hypersensitive sub-units which provide the wearer/host with Full Spectrum Vision from Infrared to Ultraviolet and X-Ray, Gamma Ray, and Cosmic Ray Detection Grid. Visual Package includes Microscopic Sight within 100 nanometers (1/billionth of a meter). Full Audio Package ranges from Subsonic to Ultrasonic Frequencies. Sensor Package also contains Standard Starfleet Subspace Frequencies.

C...DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES:

1...Armor: Reactive Polymetamorphic Carbon-silicate Ablative Matrix.

DESCRIPTION: The RPC Ablative Matrix Armor reduced physical and energy attacks by 70%. Generally, the wearer/host can survive against most attacks by small units, energy or physical.

2...Exoframe: Microcybernetics Exodermal Frame

With Neurotransmitter Enhancer and Epinephrine Doublers.

DESCRIPTION: Exodermal Frame provides 70% of the physical enhancers to wear/host for the BPMBA. The Neurotransmitter Enhancer provide 10% and the Epinephrine Doublers 15%.

Overall performance rates Wearer/Host's STRENGTH increased 250%, SPEED increased 150%, and ENDURANCED increased 200%.

3...Bioscreen: Nanite Biohazard Screening Seal.

DESCRIPTION: Finally, the NBSS Bioscreen is a unique property of the Proteus which allows No Harmful microorganism to invade the wearer/host. In theory, the Bioscreen also defenses against BORG ASSIMILATION Nanites as well.

D...OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES:

4...Bio-Cloak: Advanced Angosian Polymetamorphic Stealth System

DESCRIPTION: The Bio-Cloak allows the Proteus to blend in with any environment physically and electronically which even under the most sophisticated scrutiny would appear as background radiation or natural occuring phenomena.

5...Beta Series Optional Weapons: Variable Length Vibroblades

DESCRIPTION: Features four edged weapons variable length from .01 cm to 100 cm (.0039 of an inch to 39.37 inches). Each blade possessing a tiny ultrasonic generator which vibrates the blade thousands of times per second. The vibroblades can slice through 12.7cm (5 inches) of pure duranium plating. Another feature of the vibroblades is that it allows the wearer/host to adhere to almost any surface leaving only microscopic scarring behind.

6...Beta Series Optional Weapons: Microphasers

DESCRIPTION: The Proteus possess four micro phasers units each equivalent to Phaser 2.3 (Hand Phasers) with an effective range of 100 meters (328 feet). Other limitations of the Micro-phasers system are currently untested.

7...Beta Series Option Weapons: Concentrated Photonic Energy Burst

DESCRIPTION: An unexpected feature of the BPMBA is the its ability to channel all available power into a focused beam of photons.

This potent burst of tremendous energy can melt through about 152 cm (5 feet) of duranium effectively breaching the hull of any starship. After the burst is released, many of the Proteus systems, mainly Offensive Sub-systems, shut down for 30-50 minutes.

8...Beta Series Option Weapons: Transporter Scrambling Field
DESCRIPTION: Based on Angosian Biowear, this system actively floods the area around a 5 meter radius with low level hyperonic radiation which randomizes the targeting beams most Transporter System and allows the wearer/host to complete one's mission without interruption. Further note that the Proteus BioCloak is impeded by 60% with the Scrambling field is active.

E...OTHER SYSTEM CAPABILITIES:

9...Waste Management Sub-system: Slush Pockets
DESCRIPTION: Even with the Proteus Polymetamorphic properties it only recycles 70% of waste material including wearer/host waste, unused nanites, radiation particle slush, and damaged microcells. The waste material is stored in the lower appendages of the BioArmor for up to 84 hours. After this time, the wearer/host and the Proteus will be backwashed with harmful waste products. Regular maintenance requires the Proteus to be shut down for 2-3 hours after the slush pockets reach maximum capacity.

10...Programmable Clothing Feature.
DESCRIPTION: In Recharging Mode, the Proteus possesses the ability to morph into any piece of full body clothing ie, Starfleet Uniform, coveralls, etc. This ability allows the Proteus to be worn virtually anywhere.

11...Autodestruct: Biogenetic Meltdown
DESCRIPTION: Either on command or death of wearer/host the Proteus quickly degenerates into a pool of gelatinuos goo of amno acids, spent nanites, and other postmetagenetic and trace compounds effectively destroying it.

CRITIQUE

The festible of the Proteus Metamorphic Biogenetic Armor was never unfathomable since the earlier Federation scientists were able to construct whole planets with functional biospheres. The major concern was never with the bio-hardware but with the wearer/host.

Possible ill effects include but does not excude: a 10% chance of Chemical Dependence on the Neurotransmitter Enhancer or Epinephrine Doublor; a 10% chance of Psychotramatic Episodes; a 5% chance of Both Chemical Dependence and Psychotramatic Episodes; a 5% chance of Acute Allergic Reaction, and even a 5% possiblity of permanant Acute Mineral Deficiency. Only 6 out of 10 wearer/hosts are able to successfully utilize the Proteus without difficulty.

Once the neuronet is installed, a wearer/host should be under special scrutiny of local Medical Personal until the neuronet is removed.

Even with the risk, the Proteus is still the finest personal weapon in any arsenal. 10 Proteus Infused Troopers could lay siege on almost any stronghold. Even theory suggest that a team of ProInTroops could survive a mission inside a BORG CUBE.

Currently, the Proteus Metamorphic Biogenetic Armors are being field tested on the intrepid crew of USS Marquesas NCC-606719, Refitted Colorado Class Starship.

END REPORT

This is Jay Winger wishing you a nice day and a full clip!

If you or someone you know has a weapon that is anything but run-of-the-mill, send the specs over to USFWinger@aol.com.



The Book Review

By USFArronax

Make It So:
Leadership Lessons From Star Trek: The Next Generation
By Wess Roberts, Ph.D. and Bill Ross
=^= =^= (Two stars out of six)

Wow! My fifth book review already! Since December, I've reviewed for you four great books- technical, funny, and just plain good. They were all great books worthy of =^= =^= =^= =^= =^= from Lt Nvek1's six star system in his [Episode Review](#), but this month I'm very disappointed to bring you a two-star review: [Make It So](#) by Wess Roberts and Bill Ross. (This is a "sequel" to [Leadership Secrets of Attila the Hun](#). That should have been my first warning.)

In this book, the narrator takes the role of Captain Picard retelling some of his memorable missions to be presented to cadets in Star Fleet Academy. At the end of each chapter Picard recalls what leadership qualities made the mission a success or failure. All in all it does provide some good lessons on leadership: one must keep focused, take initiative, etc. But I had two main problems with this book...

[Make It So](#) was designed "for the Trekker and non-Trekker alike," but it was written more for the non-Trekkie (the word is Trekkie, not Trekker!) than for people like us. Each chapter takes a theme (e.g. focus, initiative, resilience) and has a one page introduction to the theme written by the "superintendent of Star Fleet Academy" (Which is more or less pointless). The next ten pages describe every last detail of the selected (and well known) TNG episode. Following that, four pages reflect on how the theme influenced the episode and what can be learned from it.

Does a Trekkie need ten pages to describe an episode that he/she has already seen? No. Does a Trekkie need someone to explain that Lieutenant Commander Shelby is ambitious ("Best of Both Worlds")? Nope. Is it not obvious that communication without the help of a Universal Translator was crucial in "Darmok"? Of course it's obvious! (Nothing like a Ph.D. for pointing out the obvious.) I can see that a page refresher on an episode would be helpful, but 10!?!

::calming down:: My other problem was the writing style. Granted, it is difficult to write as if you were Captain Picard, but the author used "make no mistake about it" ten times too many. (Has anyone ever heard Picard say that??) Furthermore, every chapter ends with "Make it so," which I thought was altogether unnecessary. There was no flare in the book, and I could barely read it for more than fifteen minutes at a time before I got bored of it.

So, unless you're not familiar with [Star Trek](#) and wouldn't mind reading all about the episodes (but learning little about leadership), this book just may possibly interest you. Otherwise, stay away from [Make It So](#). (Even if there is a \$15 discount from Barnes and Noble. That's what tempted me.)

Questions, comments, suggestions- you can reach me at USFArronax.

-Commander Arronax



DS9 EPISODE REVIEW

by Lt Nvek1

For this issue's review, I decided to do an older, yet still enjoyable, Deep Space Nine episode. This was one of the first episodes with the new uniforms from First Contact. Another "first" is that this episode takes place almost entirely on the Defiant (it isn't really a first, but episodes like this were scarce until the sixth season). It was not the best space action episode for DS9, but there were some good shots of Maquis raiders and the Defiant phaser locked in battle. One more first is the new holo-communicator installed on the Defiant, DS9, and apparently on several other Federation ships. Now, if you haven't figured out which one I'm reviewing this month, I'll give you another clue. Here's a quote from the episode: "Ah...everyone's favorite traitor." Still can't figure it out? This episode is "For the Uniform," detailing Captain Sisko's hunt for the traitorous ex-Security Chief, Michael Eddington: everyone's favorite traitor.

Deep Space Nine
"For the Uniform"
Season Five

SUMMARY

The episode begins with Captain Sisko, decked in civilian clothing, walking through a cave set up for Maquis refugees. The good captain is looking for a Star Fleet contact, within the Maquis, who will apparently give him information on the whereabouts of Michael Eddington. Instead of his informant, however, he is met by the business end of a Klingon disruptor with Eddington's finger on the trigger. Before Eddington beams out, he informs the Captain that he marooned the informant on a "...particularly nasty planet in the bad lands." When Sisko transports back to the Defiant, they begin the chase of the fleeing Maquis ship. Sisko contacts the nearby starship Melinche, with his brand new communicator, asking them to intercept the Maquis. The Maquis ship, however, drops out of warp and activates a hidden virus on the Defiant planted by Eddington back in his days of Star Fleet service. The Defiant is helpless when the virus wipes their computer and disables all their systems leaving them to be towed home by the Melinche. Once on DS9, Captain Sanders of the Melinche receives orders to take over Sisko's mission of capturing Eddington, and sets out on the hunt. Several days into the Defiant's repairs, DS9 receives reports of the Maquis attacking a Cardassian colony using biogenic weapons. With the Melinche too far away to do any good, the crew readies the half repaired Defiant for departure. The Defiant heads for the bad lands, the Maquis raider's last know position, and picks up a supposed Maquis ship. However, it turns out to be a probe emitting a false warp signature. The probe diverts the Defiant long enough to ambush the Melinche outside of the plasma fields of the bad lands. While the Defiant renders aid to the fallen Excelsior class starship, Captain Sanders gives Sisko an intercepted Maquis transmission. Sisko immediately sends it to DS9 for Odo to examine. Odo tells Sisko that it is a simple Breen nursery rhyme with no underlying code. The two believe that Eddington is using this message as a signal to rendezvous in a nearby Breen colony. Star Fleet intelligence probes near the colony pick up a Maquis raider heading for the Cardassian colony Quatal, probably carrying more biogenic weapons. The Defiant heads for Quatal, finding two Maquis ships, but must call off the chase to help save the colonists. Sisko decides to lure Eddington out by threatening to poison Maquis colonies using similar bio weapons. Eddington eventually surrenders, only after Sisko renders one colony uninhabitable to human life. The episode ends with Dax asking Sisko if he cleared his plan, for poisoning Maquis colonies, with Star Fleet. Sisko replies with, "I knew I forgot something." ;>)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Now if that summary didn't leave your head spinning, then I don't know what will. But I guarantee you that it is an accurate play by play. This was my favorite DS9 episode until the sixth season's Dominion war came along. I loved the scenes with the rarely seen Maquis ships and the Bad Lands. My favorite scene, however, is when the crew is piloting the ship out of space dock manually, and Dax barely clears a lower pylon. The new holo-communicator was also cool, but I suppose what I liked best about this episode is that it takes place almost entirely on the Defiant. I wanted to point out the underlying theme to this episode. After he disables the Defiant with his virus, Eddington gives Sisko a copy of Les Miserables by Victor Hugo (Dax's least favorite Earth

author). He compares Sisko with the villain in the story, Javere, a police officer who hunts down a man for 20 years because he stole a loaf of bread. Sisko and Dax assume that Eddington is living out his fantasy of being a dashing hero who puts all on the line for the good of the people, fighting the evil villain at every turn. Sisko reasons that since most villains create a situation where the hero must lay down his life for the good of the people, he should do the same by playing the role of the villain that Eddington has cast upon him. He threatens to poison the Maquis colonies in hope that Eddington will turn himself in. In the end Sisko wins, but only after he destroys an entire colony. As for mishaps, I really couldn't find any, technical or otherwise. Like most of the fifth and sixth season episodes, this one was well scripted with hardly any oversights that I could find. In contrast, it actually paves the road for a new episode down the road when the imprisoned Eddington is called upon to help Star Fleet with a Maquis related Dominion incident.

A MORAL ISSUE

At the end of the episode, Sisko gives the order to spread trillithium resin into the atmosphere of a Maquis planet. I had to pick my jaw up off the floor after that one. Sure, Captain Picard may have violated the Prime Directive by time travel, or accidentally interfered with a pre-warp species (which he always did out of the good of his heart), but this little stunt of Sisko's had to have violated every article in the book. Not only did it make the planet uninhabitable, but if there was any natural life it was probably wiped out completely. And all for what? Was Eddington really that much of a threat? This guy must be more than just a traitor. It's almost like launching a nuke at an Iraqi city just to catch Saddam Husein. I think that Sisko is lucky not to have been court martialled. Even Worf, the fearless Klingon warrior, hesitated to fire when the order was given. You know something's up when Worf hesitates.

COOL TECHNO STUFF

As I already mentioned, the new holo-communicator in this episode was innovative and just plain cool. Instead of looking at a flat screen, you get to talk to a person "face to face." It's too bad that we haven't seen this more often; I think it only appears in one or two other episodes to my knowledge. Sisko really gets his money's worth out of it in this episode as he uses it a total of six times on this mission.

OVERALL

With a great plot, lots of action, a little bit of detective work, and some new technology, this episode is one of the best of season five. The fact that it has no goof ups or oversights is a definite plus. Before the sixth season came along, I would watch this one over and over. The battle scenes with the Maquis Raiders are rare. I don't think there is a more detailed look at that particular ship other than Voyager's "Caretaker." Add to all this, an underlying theme of duty and obligation, and you have a great episode. I would have to give "For the Uniform" a rank of five stars out of six. =\= =\= =\= =\= =\=

IN CONCLUSION

Well.....I hope you enjoyed this issue's review. I'm sure some of you out there would disagree on at least one of the points I made, so send in the feedback. I haven't decided which episode to do next month, but I'm planning to do a Voyager. Email me and give me some suggestions for your favorite Voyager episode, and I'll pick the easiest (:>P.



Wouldn't you like to know...

Lieutenant David Cobachk (ljgcobachk@aol.com)
USS Excelsior NCC-3214

Did you ever want to know anything about Star Trek? Anything at all? Ask me anything about the Star Trek Universe and I'll do my best to find the answer. It could be anything from what does Captain Kirk do in his spare time to what is the difference from a Ops station and a Engineering Station. Hope to here from you soon. E-Mail me at ljgcobachk@aol.com and send your questions.

-Thank You

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The USF's Bit of Gossip (The Dirt)

edited by Fleet Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker

ATTENTION READER'S

HAS EVERYONE STOPPED HAVING CLOWNING ON THE SHIPS?? I haven't heard from hardly anyone this month with gossip from your ships. :-(This month's edition is very small. It can only keep blooming with your help. Without it, I have nothing.

Please let me hear from you. I know you want to spill your sim's dirt. E-Mail FCptAriell@aol.com with your bit of dirt. You can even remain anonymous, just let me know that in the e-mail. Please place the ship name and then DIRT in the subject of the e-mail. This will help me to find it more easily.

I would like to keep this section, but I can't do it without your help. Yes that's right. **I NEED YOU ALL !!** Is someone getting married on your ship, perhaps people are just pairing off, or maybe you just know more about the "Men in White". (he he)

Whatever the news is on your ship, we want to hear about it. Send your news, gossip, and good ole fashion dirt on the crew to me at FCptAriell@aol.com

I can't wait to hear from you. --Ariell--

Integrity Gossip

Anonymous

Has one of the Integrity's most flirtatious females finally been tied down? Well after May 29th **Doctor Mavelle Rand** will be off the available list. Onboard the USS Integrity, and a ceremony performed by **Captain Killian, Mavelle Rand** will wed **Quint Kivo**. Friends, family, and crew members will all be in attendance. Hopefully this roving Dirt reporter will be able to have some juicy tidbits for next month's edition.

Federation gossip

Fleet Captain Ariell Johannson Riker

Crazy things abound for our USS Federation crew.

What do a Ferengi, a Human married couple, and a single female human have in common? Well for two weeks their memories were all transferred into the bodies of Federation crew members. Their energies and memories caught 30 years ago inside a nebulous cloud, near the original humanoids deaths, each of them was preserved until the ship reappeared on sensors. When the Federation picked up on the distress call, she hurriedly dispatched a rescue mission in the hopes that somebody might still be alive.

The Away Team's own thoughts and personalities were driven to the back of the mind, while the other energy beings took over. This was quite disturbing especially since two of the team members were married, and the married couple's lives were transferred into the very unmarried **Doctor Serena Shrader**, wife of **Jason Shrader**, and **Lieutenant Commander Haven**. Havoc also abounded as **Jack StDuiex**, signifigant other of **Ariell Johannson-Riker**, was taken over by the greedy and scheming Ferengi.

By the time the crew had figured out what had happened, **Jason** had **Serena** committed

to sickbay, after seeing her passionately kissing **Haven**, **Counselor Ky Akerio**, taken over by a female, was unconscious in sickbay, **Haven** was in the brig, and **Jack** was trying to take apart Federation panels for the profitable parts.

A HUGE welcome to **Ensigns Sean, Peg, Taz** and **Drakken** who have joined the ranks of the Federation crew. Also a WARM welcome to **Andrew Roan** who has joined the Federation as a civilian science consultant.

Aldrin gossip

Anonymous

Things are picking up for **Commander Quint Kivo**, right? Or are they? This roving Dirt reporter doesn't think so. On his own wedding invitation to **Mavelle Rand** of the Integrity, **Quint** gave the wrong date that they were to be married on. ::Eyes go wide and mouth forms in an O:: Already getting the anniversary date wrong. Hmm ... I think **Quint** is going to spend many of years in the dog house. ::puts a nice pillow and a bowl of food out for Quint:: Good luck buddy.

USF Hosts gossip

Anonymous

Captain Killian is at it again, and her First Officer Quint Kivo is right behind her. On a recent absence from the host string, Kivo took the chance to hint at redecorating the USS Aldrin. Now this wouldn't be such a bad thing if he hadn't decided that things were going to be painted pink, a color that Killian absolutely hates.

All of the hosts figured that Kivo was toast when Killian returned. Instead he only received a mild scolding. Oh No !!! Is Killian getting soft? Could it be that she is starting to relent and just accept that pink is a fact of life?? Killian promptly denied any insinuations of getting a little soft and lax, but wouldn't you? We'll have to keep an eye on her.

SOG/Hermes gossip

SCPO Alexandra Jean Kelly

Have you ever wondered what your favorite officer would go for in an open auction bid between the ships for a date? Well the Hermes and SOG crew just happen to know what some crew members are going for. After a very good joint sim, the two groups shared each other on the mail strings, and a warm comraderie and natural kidding occurred. Below are some of the comments and results of those letters. Don't see your favorite SOGgie on the bidding list, or you think a date with someone is going for too little or too high ... Let me know. I'd love to hear from you at SOGAlex@aol.com

::looks around at her fellow Hermians::: Anybody interested in a big ol' Cardassian? ::motions thumb towards Khaz::: <g> -- (Mads)

::smirks, motions to Tav Cunane::: I also have a Romulan....:looks around and sees the growling Klingon:::And a Klingon...and of course, there's Striker.... <g> We'll start the auction at one dollar....:grins wickedly::: J/K boys! (Eliz)

Hmmm ... I bid 20 strips of latinum on the Romulan Tav, and if Khaz will get his priorities straight 20 on him too and As for Striker I think that the only throats that would be slit would be whoever won because he is hers. LOL !! (Alexandra K)

Um...if Striker's the Striker I remember, you'd have to pay someone to take him. (Grant)

Here's a dollar! Can I pay you to keep him? <eg> :) ~(Mads)

::rolls eyes:::The point was to get rid of him! NOT KEEP HIM! <eg> (Eliz)

:::waves 2 dollars in the air:::I bid 2 dollars for the Klingon!! (Dr."I just LOVE Klingons" Teena)

:::nods to Teena:::I have two dollars...do I hear three dollars? Three dollars for the big, angry, snarling....:backs away:::Now, Jatlyn...remember who you vowed to protect with your

life....Do I have three dollars for the nice snarling Klingon? (Eliz)

Auctioning ones vows is not honorable in Klingon society. ::Reaches in pocket:: But, since I am in your society, I'll bid \$50 for Eliz. ;) Oh, and I almost forgot. Here is another \$50 for an unnamed female member of the crew. Since there are no bids that high. ;) (Jatlyn)

ROFLMAO okay you wanna go there? 50 on Mads and 75 on Eliz!<g> ::thinks this is perfectly honorable:: Right Jatlyn? (Rav)

Just 50? ::laughs:: Baby, *if* I was for sale, you couldn't afford me. ;) Which I'm not, so dream on, babe. ;) (Mads)

::looks at Rav and shakes her head::75? Oh my dear man....you are in a lot of trouble....::pushes him over to Teena::you can have the nice little lizard for free. ::smirks:: (Eliz)

I bid 35 for Tav and 50 for Max. They can come over and clean up my quarters. After that, they can join Mr. Dragon down in the arsenal to complete inventory and finish polishing the photon tubes. ;) (Mads)

I will now bid one hundred bars gold pressed latinum for the Stunning Elizabeth. (Max)

Ya know as long as were biddin around on everybody, I think I'll set one down for Eliz... Hows 1000 sound?... Going once going twice, three times... SOLD... Alright then, now Eliz, I need ya to get started on the room for me, Maybe start with the area around the parrot cage... then ::hands her a bottle of windex:: start work on my windows, and try and get a look under the bed... I haven't cleaned under there since... (Striker)

::rolls her eyes, feels his forehead::You're delisional again, Striker, baby... You'd better get to sick bay, I think Alex has a hypo with your name alllll over it. <g> Poor pookie! (Eliz)

RESULTS:

Eliz -- 1000 credits, Mads -- \$50, Unnamed female -- \$50, Max -- \$50, Tav -- \$35, Khaz 20 latinum strips, Striker -- paying 3.00 to keep him away from everyone, Jatlyn -- 2.00.

****REMEMBER**** -- I'm right here, just an email away at FCptAriell@aol.com.

Your *Dirt* is always welcome. Please submit those juicy morsels of gossip from your ships! I invite *all* of you who are reading this to send something to *The Dirt*. Requests for anonymity are respected.

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Interview With Jade

By KitraMight

Lieutenant Commander Jade: ::smiles::

Kitra Might: ::sits at the table:: Please, have a seat.

Jade: Thank you. ::pulls the chair out and sits down::

Kitra: So, Donna, may I call you that?

Jade: Most people call me Jade, I actually find that more 'familiar' than Donna.

Kitra: You're a Trill would you explain that to help some of us that don't know what a Trill is?

Jade: A Trill is a humanoid with a very special responsibility -- not only do we have our own lives to live, but those of us fortunate to be joined, carry within us an organism- we call it a symbiont.

Kitra: So let us get this straight ... The Trill is the humanoid that carries around the creature called a symbiont, and you both use the body, and you both share the memories?

Jade: Almost ... ::leans back, crossing her long legs comfortably:: My body belongs to Donna. The symbiont contains the memories and knowledge of every Trill Jade has ever been joined with.

Kitra: OKay.

Jade: But my body is completely under my own control.

Kitra: All right.

Jade: :)

Kitra: What's it like to go from a Male to a Female and back and forth? And would you like something to drink?

Jade: Please, I'd like a Cherry Del'sum. ::smiles::

Kitra: ::walks to the replicator still listening to Jade:: Cherry Del'sum please.

Jade: Right now, I am Jade's 7th host. I am the first woman to carry the symbiont.

Kitra: ::pulls the glass from the replicator and walks back to Jade, hands her the drink::

Jade: So, it's very strange to have lived 6 lives as a man, and now I'm a woman. ::takes the glass:: Thank you :)

Kitra: It must be strange, to marry a woman, then to become a woman.

Jade: ::laughs:: Ooooh yes.

Kitra: and visa versa

Jade: It's led to me being more cautious with men - I know how they think. ::wink::

Kitra: ::chuckles:: Are people very prejudiced against Trill?

Jade: ::sips her drink:: I haven't found that. People often mistake our self confidence and love for life as arrogance.

Kitra: I see. Have you ever gone from one race to another? Say Klingon to Human?

Jade: No, most symbionts never join with anyone other than a Trill. You see, only a third of the Trill population is able to be safely joined with the symbiont to begin with.

Kitra: I see

Jade: It's a physiology thing. A Klingon could never be compatible.

Kitra: Well, when you have children, will they be Symbionts? Or Trill, or what? I mean, how is the Symbiont created?

Jade: The host is a Trill, the symbionts are reproduced on their own. ::smiles:: On Trill, there is a special place the symbionts return to, but they don't reproduce often. That's why there aren't enough symbionts for everyone on Trill.

Kitra: Oh ... Is there anything you would like to say to everybody about the Trill and/or Symbionts?

Jade: It's an honor to be accepted for joining; it's a huge responsibility. I feel lucky in particular, carrying such an old symbiont.

Kitra: Thank you every much for you time Jade, this has been an honor.

USF Thoughts...

Written by Davian Drk

I was wandering about AOL and decided to check in on the NAGF. I managed to wander into the File Library and found the new issue of the PADD. Normally, I bypass such newsletters, however, curiosity got me and I DL'd and started to read. After getting done reading, I decided to write and let you know my feelings on the USF and give you some of my memories.

It was the third week in April, 1995. My father had just given me my first Screen Name, ScooterB1, and I was loving every minute of my America Online Time (and running up a hefty bill every month).

Then, on April 22nd, while playing around in a Star Trek Chat room, an announcement scrolled across the screen for an open sim in a Private Room. I ran upstairs and asked my father if the "sim" was in reference to a simulation. And sure enough, he said yup. He, however, was just as in the dark as the nature of this "Star Trek Sim" as I was, but seeing it as something productive to do on AOL besides waste my time, he said I could attend. The feeling was incredible as I entered the Private Room entitled "EXCEL" for the first time. CdrABC1701 began the sim and assigned me to Assistant Tactical Officer. Man, I had fun!

The next day, on April 23rd, I signed on and got my first piece of mail from someone other than the AOL "You've got a new screen name" auto mailing. The subject read "STAR TREK ADVANCED SIM!" and was from CdrABC1701. I opened it without haste and began reading as fast as my 15 year old eyes could read. To this day I don't think I can fully describe the feelings of awe and joy I felt when I opened that application. I quickly printed it out and filled it in, and the next day I re-typed it and sent it to CdrABC1701.

CdrABC1701's reply came on April 27th. I had gotten a position on the USS Excelsior NX-2000-B as the Assistant Security/Transporter Chief. Simming was amazing. I eagerly posted my mission and personal logs religiously at the end of every mission. To this day I can remember the very first official USF simulation night onboard the first ship of the USF, the Excelsior. As time went on, my character went through many stages of development, and I quickly formed a bond with "EnsMRD" the Chief Security Officer and my immediate commanding officer. We both had our play toys (personal security weapons), and we enjoyed defending the ship against Cardassians, Romulans and many, many more. EnsMRD got promoted, as did I, and we continued up the ranks on the Excelsior. The people were great and I continued to grow in my simming skills. (This is all long before we had the NAGF Message Boards and were posting on the RPG Forum boards.)

Eventually, as the USF grew, I decided to make a career decision. Most of my friends on the Excelsior had left, including MRD. I put in for a transfer to the newly commissioned USS Stealth. There, I made new friends, including EnsSpockJ. Julia was, or so I thought, a friend for life. Not just in character and in the USF, but out of character and in real life. We wrote to each other, however, we fell out of touch. I have failed to locate her address here and cannot find her on AOL. So, if you're reading this Julia, this is Bradd. Get in touch. =)

The Stealth was a lot of fun, and I made it to Lieutenant. After the Stealth, I transferred to the Lothlorien (when it first was started), however, certain events led to my eventual leaving of the USF. My character had been through so much, but it was decided it was best for him to be killed off. It happened, and I actually cried. I got over it, and my leaving of the USF basically turned me off of Star Trek. I turned to Star Wars just as the Simming Fever was hitting there.

Through my experience I had recieved in the USF and the skills I had obtained, I became a

fore-runner in the SWSF, co-founding the first non-AOL sponsored Simming Universe, a universe still copied again and again today. I was the leader of the second largest Star Wars "Rebel" Sim on America Online, and my accomplishments are too many to list. And I gained all of my skills from the USF.

In conclusion, I want to say Thank You to all of the members of the original USS Excelsior and to all those who befriended me. You helped make me.

I have included at the bottom of this, the original roster to the USS Excelsior. If any of the original crew members read it and see their old screen names, and you remember who I am, please, get in touch with me. It would mean a lot to just say Hello. Additionally, anyone who remembers me, please, get in touch, if not just an E-Mail / IM saying "Hi". =)

Thank you all, and may you all have a wonderful time in your sims...

~Bradd Notestine
"EnsBradd"
USS Excelsior
USS Stealth
USS Lothlorian

USS Excelsior NX-2000-B CREW ROSTER

BRIDGE CREW

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Captain - CdrABC1701
Executive Officer - Lt Donal
2nd Officer - OPEN
Counselor - EnsRik
Ops - LtJrGdPort
Helm - EnsPharo

ENGINEERING SECTION

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Chief Engineer - LtJg2Sharp
Chief Engineer - EnsBoss1 <--- **PADD Person Note.... This WRBOSS1**
Asst Chief Engineer - EnsJDax
Engineering Asst./Mission Specialist - Ens Balsac
Warp Nacelle Specialist - EnsDavid
(EnsIr007 --- leave)

SCIENCE DIVISION

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Science Dept Head - LtJgFelson
Science Assist 1 - LtJrGrQ14
Science Assist 2 - EnsTourian
Science Assist 3 - EnsMattD

MEDICAL DIVISION

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Chief Medical Officer - EnsNareik
Assistant Chief Medical Officer - TNG300
Assistant Medical Officer - OPEN

TACTICAL DIVISION

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Chief Tactical Officer - EnsThomas

Asst. Tactical/Covert Operation Chief - EnsShrum
Asst. Tactical - EnsToby

SECURITY DIVISION

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Security Chief - LtJg MRD
Asst. Chief of Security/Transporter Chief - LtJrBradd
Asst. Security - Ens Jerry

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Episode Reviews for the Week of 5-3-98

Written by KitraMight

Voyager: "Demon"

The U.S.S. Voyager, running low on fuel, visits a Class-Y planet in the hopes of finding fuel. With the ship's power running low, they must shut down a few levels, forcing many crew members to sleep in crowded cargo bays. Yet Neelix and a few others get room service in the Sickbay.

Harry and Tom volunteer to go down to the planet's surface to search for fuel, but when they arrive there, discover a metallic liquid. They become cloned by the planet. One set of Harry and Kim are on the planet, their suits running solely off of the backup systems, and the other two on Voyager, only able to breathe the planet's air. This was one of the better episodes, and this journalist rates this episode a Warp 9!

DS9: "Valiant"

Nog is ordered to fly a shuttle to the Ferengi home planet, something not many people do, to deliver a diplomatic message to the Grand Nagus. With his best pal Jake Sisko assisting him, they start on their journey. As they leave a base they must visit on the way, they are ambushed by Dominion ships. As they try to escape and outrun them, they are stopped. Just before their ship explodes, they are beamed aboard a ship that is similar to the Defiant. That ship is the U.S.S. Valiant, commanded by the Red Squad, thought to have been lost eight months before. Nog and Sisko learn that all the "real" officers on the ship were killed in a fight with the Dominion, and the ship is left with only Red Squad members. The captain feels that Nog, with his knowledge of the ship's warp engine, should be promoted to Lt. Commander and Chief Engineer. The crew must go on to learn about a new Dominion ship. When they discover it, they decide to attack it! This Journalist rates this DS9 a Warp 10!

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Ambassador Symon Locke



Lieutenant Commander Nalavia Valdyr

Interview with Ambassador Symon Locke

by LtCdrValdyr

Ambassador Symon Locke: ::wanders in:: Hello Val::gives her a big hug::

Lieutenant Commander Valdyr: ::slips into interviewer's chair::

Symon: ::gets comfy behind his bar::

Valdyr: First of all, tell us about yourself: name, rank, job, race, gender, age...basic specs.

Symon: My name is Symon Locke. I am a Half breed - Vulcan and Human. I am 190 Earth years old. I joined Starfleet when Constitution Class Starships were new and served aboard the USS Intrepid.

Valdyr: Was that the all-Vulcan ship?

Symon: Yes, it was designated a science vessel.

Valdyr: How long did you serve there?

Symon: About six months as CMO.

Valdyr: Why did you leave?

Symon: The ship was destroyed by a giant space borne amoeba.

Valdyr: That's a good reason for leaving. ;)

Symon: I survived in a life pod, only to be picked up by an Orion Pirate vessel, the SS Felinzi.

Valdyr: Really? What happened to you there?

Symon: I was enslaved by the Captain and made to perform Medical duties to the crew.

Valdyr: Sounds like fun. How long did you stay there?

Symon: A really long time, I saw the ship through Four Captains, and Orions acquire captiancy by the death of the current Captain, the accedence is familial.

Valdyr: So, four generations? Wow.

Symon: Yes.

Valdyr: Why did you leave the Felinzi?

Symon: It was under Lessata Valdyr's command when it came upon a Federation ship in distress. I was dispatched to give medical attention to the Starfleet officers on board. Unbeknownst to the rest of our crew, the ship was from the future. Soon, the portal through which it came began to close, and I was stranded aboard the ship.

Valdyr: Which ship would this be?

Symon: The USS Eclipse, under Fleet Captain Shodan.

Valdyr: Aha! The ship on which you currently serve.

Symon: Yes, indeed.

Valdyr: How did you come to take your rather unusual post aboard the Eclipse?

Symon: As a doctor, I had never lost a patient until the mission to the Eclipse to render aid. I lost my first patient in the transporter room on board the Eclipse. I could no longer be a doctor. Unlike some physicians, I get personal with my charges.

Valdyr: Never? ::amazed::

Symon: No, never. Orions are easy to treat. I gave up the medical profession for the honorable post as Barkeeper.

Valdyr: I guess four generations gives you time to get used to treating them.

Symon: Yes, it did at that.

Valdyr: So, you're now a 190-year old Vulcan bartender on the Eclipse.

Symon: That's correct. I also serve in various other capacities, wherever needed.

Valdyr: Tell me about your relationship with Lt. Commander Valdyr. How did that get started?
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Symon: Nalavia was Lessata Valdyr's Daughter. I had helped raise her, and when she had little Nalavia, I did likewise with her.

Valdyr: How old was Nalavia when you disappeared?

Symon: She was eight years old.

Valdyr: And when you saw her the next day, she was 28.

Symon: Yes, the shock was very heavy indeed.

Valdyr: I assume you wanted to catch up on her life since you left.

Symon: Yes. I cared very much about her then. We became friends on the Eclipse.

Valdyr: She has been known to frequent bars...

Symon: Yes, she has a thing for Drake's Dark Rum. And I know the manufacturer.

Valdyr: So, let's get back to your past. What were your relationships with the Felinzi captains? I know you were a slave, but often trusted family slaves acquire a special status.

Symon: Under the first three, I was an enslaved Doctor - forced to do my work. Under Lessata, I was freed, but I stayed on because I had grown used to the ship, and I was in love with Lessata Valdyr. I was given the post of CMO and First mate on the Felinzi from her.

Valdyr: In love with her?

Symon: Yes, I had brought her up as a child, seen her grow into a beautiful woman with a mind as sharp as a laser scalpel. But it never amounted to anything; she wasn't the type who settled down.

Valdyr: Her daughter is obviously of a different bent.

Symon: Slightly different, yes. Nalavia has had a rough go at it. She lost her "father" when she was eight, and her mother two years later. She became a Pirate captain at the age of ten.

Since this interview took place, Nalavia and Symon announced their engagement and were married by Fleet Captain Eileen Shodan (see A Vulcan Wedding, by USFShodan, in the April issue of the USF PADD) aboard the USS Eclipse.

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Lothlorien Wedding

by USFShodan

There have been many weddings in the USF. The most recent one happened aboard the USS Lothlorien. On Stardate 9805.15, Miles Nerys wed his fiance, Allison Dorin. Captain Jay Winger, commanding officer of the USS Lothlorien, was the officiator, a job he held for the first time. Fleet Captain Eileen Shodan was the Matron of Honor, and Lieutenant Robert A. Clemans II was the Best Man.

The wedded couple met during their duty hours, and "hit it off" right away. Miles Nerys is the Counselor and Chief Medical Officer for the Lothlorien, and he was more than delighted to have such a beautiful assistant as Allison Dorin. Friendship progressed to romance, romance progressed to love, and love progressed to marriage.

The day of the wedding arrived. Allison, a bit shy and nervous, looked splendid in her very light blue satin wedding gown of expensively simple design that featured flowers on the straps. Eileen, the matron of honor, also wore a dress of light blue satin (without the flowers). Miles looked quite elegant and stunning in his wedding tuxedo. Robb, the best man, wore his dress uniform.

The wedding started with only a minor mishap. Somehow, the bride and groom walked down the aisle before the matron of honor and the best man did. But after that, things went quite smoothly. Redshirt was quite adept at playing the organ music, starting with the ever-popular, "Here Comes The Bride" rendition. The vows were brief. Miles and Allison both said, "I do." Captain Winger then pronounced them married. He then instructed the newly wedded couple to kiss. During this kiss, Shodan pulled out her secret holo-recorder to capture the event on film (with the intention of presenting the recording as a gift to the young couple at a more opportune time). Redshirt played a happy march as everyone walked back up the aisle, this time, in the correct order.

Captain Winger opened the reception with a bottle of Dom Perignon '85. The bride and groom shared the traditional first dance. Captain Winger then shared a dance with the bride, while the groom shared a dance with the matron of honor (doing the Macarena!). The rest of the crew was invited to join in the dancing. At some point, Captain Winger and Fleet Captain Shodan were seen dancing together. During the dancing, a scrumptious buffet table was available to all of the

guests. There was quite a variety of plentiful food-stuffs from various cultures.

Captain Winger interrupted the dancing to propose a toast. "This is one of the happiest days a couple can have. I was glad I could do the honors, Mr. and Mrs. Nerys. I've never participated in a wedding in my career, but I was glad my first was so glorious." He then raised his glass. "Therefore, a toast! To the newlyweds, may all their troubles be, uh ... brief and private." As everyone raised their glasses in agreement, the newly wedded couple kissed. Winger, glancing at Shodan, then continued, "To the alreadyweds, may their own marriages be lengthy and happy." He then referred to other people when he said, "And ... to Bachelorism, and all the advantages thereof!" With a mischievous grin on his face, he then consumed his ale.

Before the festivities got too out of hand, Captain Winger had some announcements. Miles Nerys was promoted to First Lieutenant and his new wife, Allison, was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade. This was a lovely wedding present. There was then much celebrating while everyone danced the night away.



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By CdrKivo

Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's humor. Funny stuff. Get over it.

This is some chicken-stuff that Shodan has been bothering me incessantly about. (Now you can leave me alone about it! ;^)

"Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?" as interpreted by Star Trek characters

Spock: The question is most illogical. I fail to see why any rational being would take the time and energy necessary to ponder this question.

Kirk: But Spock, ... you see ... that chicken ... that chicken HAD to cross that road. It was inevitable. It's that ... that desire to explore new worlds... to face one's destiny ... to look to the future ... it's that spirit that binds all creatures of this universe into one ... one living, breathing organism that will continue to grow, to ... change ... from now to eternity.

McCoy: How in the hell should I know why some damn chicken would want to cross some damn road! I'm a doctor, not an animal psychologist! But I'll tell you this: if that chicken did cross that road, she didn't make it. No, she's dead, Jim.

Scotty: Well, you see, Cap'n, that wee chicken was giving it all she's got. She couldn't go any faster across that road!

Data: I do not have enough information to accurately predict why a chicken would want to cross a road. I can only calculate that the probability of a chicken crossing a road as opposed to remaining in one place or moving in a different direction would be approximately 57.4738498%.

However, I can give approximate responses as others might have answered this question in the past. For example, Plato would have said it was for the greater good, whereas Karl Marx would have considered it an historical inevitability. Machievelli would have responded it was so that its subjects would view it with admiration, as a chicken which had the daring and courage to boldly cross the road, but also with fear, for who among them had the strength to contend with such a paragon of avian virtue? In such a manner is the princely chicken's dominion maintained. Thomas de Torquemada would have stipulated, "Give me ten minutes with the chicken, and I'll find out." Timothy Leary would have slowly said, "Because that's the only kind of trip the Establishment will let it take ... "

Picard: Enough, Data. The chicken crossed the road because I told her to make it so.

Riker: Well, I'd say that the chicken probably crossed the road because it saw a male, a rooster, on the other side that looked mighty appealing.

Crusher: I can't determine any medical reason the chicken would cross the road, but perhaps it had family on the other side. There are many reasons for an animal to behave this way. Perhaps we could talk about it over a cup of tea, Jean-Luc.

Troi: I sensed no fear in the chicken as he crossed the road, only a sense of purpose as he tried to get to the other side.

Lwaxana: To meet the handsome rooster on the other side.

Worf: The chicken had to cross the road to avoid shame. It would be dishonorable for it to remain when it could confront life like a warrior.

Odo: I don't know, but if the chicken crossed the road, it was up to no good. I'd better investigate.

Janeway: I know it's weird for a chicken to cross a road with no reason, but for a chicken, weird is just part of the job.

Chakotay: I don't know, but I can tell you an ancient legend of my people about a similar bird who crossed a deep chasm between two rocky, snow-covered mountains. This warrior bird was very angry, and the only way it thought it could obtain peace was to cross that chasm. It was captured by a very wise, very beautiful female bird who ...

Janeway: Enough, Chakotay. Your bird is not crossing my chasm!

Doc: I am your Emergency Medical Holographic doctor. Please state the nature of the medical emergency. What? You activate me to ask me this insane question about a chicken? You waste my time, not to mention the energy supplies of this ship, to ask something so ridiculous? Of course, I might have expected it. You do seem to have a problem with the most mundane of issues.

Neelix: Chicken, chicken? (Grabs his ax.) Here, chickie, chick, chick. I have a nice pot of hot water and some leola root for you ...

Seven of Nine--Chickens are irrelevant. Roads are irrelevant. And so, I fail to understand why it is important to know why the chicken crossed the road. Explain this phenomenon.

(Sent in by FCptShodan)

Send in your own stuff, and I won't have to resort to talking about chickens!! ;^)

Have a good month. :^)
~~~~Commander Quint Kivo



# Trek Gossip and News

By: FCptAriell

## STATIONS BLACKOUT !!

Have you been blocked out of receiving Start Trek Voyager and other UPN shows?? Well help is on the way. Check out <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Dimension/9644/voylounge.html> for more information. Deals are being worked out to get Voyager and other shows back on in your area.

## Voyager Thoughts and News

The 4th season of Voyager has come to a successful close. This year has seen more and more fans and previous non-Trek fans join in watching Voyager each week. We have seen some nice character development, and some very awesome storylines. Unfortunately we are now in the rerun time of Star Trek. We have to wait until September before we get any more new episodes, but after this year, I am sure that they are worth the wait. What did you think of this years episodes? What did you think of the season ender?? Send your thoughts to me at [FCptAriell@aol.com](mailto:FCptAriell@aol.com)

Do you have a question about Voyager that you would like answered? Send it to me, and I will do my best to get the answer for you. Haven't gotten enough of your favorite actors on Voyager? Check out Betharill's Convention Listing in this edition of the PADD or at <http://members.aol.com/fcptariell/convention.html> to find out when your favorite actor will be coming near you.

At a convention in April, Richard Arnold dispelled any rumors that stated that Kate Mulgrew was leaving the show or that she was asked to step down for Seven of Nine to be the star. They are all totally untrue. This season's cast will all be back next season.

## Deep Space Nine News

Arnold on April 25th at the Dearborn Star Trek convention that Terry Farrell is leaving the show and that her character Jadzia will be killed. Terry had been hoping that they would not kill of the character. The Dax symbioant will survive though.

Yes there will be a 7th season for Star Trek Deep Space Nine. The plan though is for everything to be totally done with DS9 at the end of that year.

## Movie News

::Sighs:: Yes the next Star Trek: The Next Generation movie is filming, but it is way behind schedule. The release date has been pushed back to at least December at this time. This was confirmed by several sources.

*Did you know about an e-mail magazine called On Screen? It contains updates and news about Star Trek at least once a week. E-Mail [startrek.f@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:startrek.f@ukonline.co.uk) if you would like to join that list.*

## Given any thought to writing and submitting a script for Voyager or Deep Space Nine?

In my time here I have met some very talented individuals. Here is the information that you will need to get their script writing guidelines. Who knows, maybe we could someday see a written by fellow USF'er in the credits. :-)

Send a 9" X 11" self-addressed stapled envelope (55 cents) to

Lolita Fatjo  
C/O Paramount Pictures  
Hart Building 105  
5555 Melrose Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90038

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# Babylon 5 Updates

By Fleet Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker

We've made it through the first four years of reruns on TNT. I hope that all of you were able to catch those episodes that you missed when they originally aired in the last 4 years. Did you miss some?? Never fear ... TNT is here to help you out.

They started rerunning the old episodes again on May 21st. So set your alarms, or set your VCR's, but make sure that you don't miss a single beat in the Babylon 5 saga. Catch those episodes you missed, and enjoy the new ones that are coming out for Year 5.

Please send in your comments and thoughts of the different episodes. I would like to begin an editorial section for Babylon 5. I know that there are enough of us out there that could keep such a section alive. Let me know your favorite episode, your favorite character, which season you like the best. Send your thoughts to FCptAriell@aol.com

Take care, and if I don't see you in the next edition of the PADD ... "We will meet again in a place where no shadows fall."

## **Scheduling News !!**

### **YES !! Babylon 5 (YEAR 5) will resume May 27th @ 8 pm**

That's right. After a long dry spell, due to the NBA playoff, Babylon 5 fans can once again enjoy ALL NEW episodes of their favorite show. TNT will resume with episode #515 "Meditations on the Abyss" on May 27 at 8 pm ET.

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June 24

Babylon 5 will be pre-empted on this date by a live NBA Draft Special.

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July 1

Beginning Wednesday July 1 at 8 pm ET, we will begin an encore run of the fifth season of Babylon 5 starting in order with episode #502. These Wednesday showings will also repeat every Saturday morning at 11 am ET.

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July 19

Bruce Boxleitner, Shari Belafonte Star in TNT Original Film BABYLON 5: Thirdspace

Turner Network Television (TNT) discovers the gateway to a forgotten dimension when the TNT Original film BABYLON 5: Thirdspace premieres Sunday, July 19, at 8 p.m. (ET/PT). Series stars Bruce Boxleitner, Jeff Conaway, Mira Furlan, Claudia Christian, Richard Biggs, Stephen Furst and Patricia Tallman headline the next full-length Babylon 5 movie, which co-stars Shari Belafonte. Douglas Netter and series creator J. Michael Straczynski executive-produced the two-hour film, and Straczynski wrote the script. The film is a production of Babylonian Productions.

Here is a brief synopsis of BABYLON 5: Thirdspace: Returning to Babylon 5 after a mission, Commander Susan Ivanova (CLAUDIA CHRISTIAN) picks up an irregular scanner reading from somewhere in hyperspace. The mysterious object seems to be enormous and Ivanova and her starfury squadron move deep into hyperspace, where they find an ancient alien relic, part platform and part strange geometric design.

Captain Sheridan (BRUCE BOXLEITNER) quickly orders the investigation of the bizarre wreckage. As soon as the artifact arrives on Babylon 5, Interplanetary Expeditions sends Dr. Elizabeth Trent (SHARI BELAFONTE), a xenoarchaeologist, to supervise the find. Headstrong and intense, Dr. Trent is immediately at odds with Captain Sheridan.

As the investigation of the artifact continues, people throughout Babylon 5, including Dr. Trent, have frightening dreams of surreal towering structures and massive ships. The dreams intensify and soon become a kind of mental compulsion. Dr. Trent suddenly becomes intensely determined to make the artifact work.

Dr. Franklin (RICHARD BIGGS) and Zack Allen (JEFF CONAWAY) begin dealing with outbreaks of violence on the station as humans and aliens continue to have disturbing dreams.

Delenn (MIRA FURLAN), and Sheridan try to retrace the artifact's origin. Lyta (PATRICIA TALLMAN) begins to suspect a telepathic component within artifact, a signal that is drawing people toward it and forcing them to repair it. Finally, it's discovered that the device is a gateway to another kind of space, a third space. Residing in this dimension are ancient living things looking to occupy other places.

Under its powerful telepathic control, Dr. Trent activates the artifact, which begins to launch alien ships that attack Babylon 5. But, the invasion has only started: a massive, ten mile-long alien ship is about to come through the artifact's gateway. Faced with devastation, Sheridan must figure out how to destroy the implacable device before it's too late.

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Date to be determined

Martin Sheen to Star in TNT's Original Film BABYLON 5: The River of Souls

An ancient vault filled with relics believed to hold the secret to eternal life is the centerpiece of the Turner Network Television (TNT) Original Film BABYLON 5: The River of Souls. Julie Weitz, executive vice president of original programming for TNT, confirmed that Martin Sheen (Talk Of The Town, The American President, Apocalypse Now) and Ian McShane join series stars Tracy Scoggins, Jerry Doyle, Richard Biggs and Jeff Conaway in TNT's next BABYLON 5 full-length movie. Douglas Netter and series creator J. Michael Straczynski will executive-produce the two-hour film from the script by Straczynski. The film is a production of Babylonian Productions.

After a brief absence from Babylon 5, Michael Garibaldi (Doyle) returns to the station as a harbinger of doom. An archeologist in his employ has stolen an ancient relic he believes to be the key to eternal life from the Soul Hunters, immortal creatures who capture and preserve souls throughout the galaxy. With the station under siege from the Soul Hunters, the explorer releases thousands of enraged souls from the relic who merge with others, attempting to taste life one more time. Captain Elizabeth Lochley (Scoggins) must save Babylon 5 from an impending attack of the Soul Hunters and the wrathful entities looking for retribution.

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*Be sure to check out <http://tnt.turner.com/babylon5/calendar.html> each week for updated Babylon 5 schedules. You can get a per day listing of what episode will be playing on TNT as well. As always <http://tnt.turner.com/babylon5> is the source of all of this information, and it is a worthwhile site to check out. There is so much more available there than I can go into here.*



## **-Λ- USF TRIVIA ANSWERS-Λ-**

### **May Edition**

#### **=Λ=THE NEXT GENERATION=Λ=**

- 1) Who was the Ensign who helped to expose a plot to falsely implicate Bajorian refugees in terrorist activity?  
Ensign Ro Larren
- 2) In what episode is the crew in a different quantum universe where Worf is the First Officer of Captain Riker and husband of Counselor Troi  
Parallels

#### **=Λ=VOYAGER =Λ=**

- 1) In what episode did Seven of Nine order Harry Kim, "Take off your clothes."?  
Revulsion.
- 2) How many shuttles have been destroyed in the show over the course of its run?  
8

#### **=Λ= DEEP SPACE NINE =Λ=**

- 1) In what famous episode did Sisko and Dax masquerade as 23rd-century Starfleet officers to save the life of Captain James T. Kirk?  
Trials and Tribble-ations
- 2) Fill in the blank.  
Captain Benjamin Lafayette Sisko is not only the Commanding Officer of DS9, he is also the \_Emmisary\_ of the Prophets of Bajor.

**=Λ= MOVIES =Λ=**

- 1) Which Enterprise was caught in the Nexus during the movie "Star Trek Generations"?
  - a) USS Enterprise, NCC-1701-A
  - b) USS Enterprise, NCC-1701-B
  - c) USS Enterprise, NCC-1701-C
  - d) USS Enterprise, NCC-1701-D

None, the 1701-B was hit by it, but no Enterprise was caught in it.
- 2) What is the significance of the date April 5th, 2063 in the movie "Star Trek: First Contact"
 

It was the date of the first warp speed flight, and first contact.

**=Λ= The Original Series =Λ=**

- 1) What is the actor's name who was actually the first "Number One"?
 

M. Leif Hudec AKA Majel Berret Roddenberry
- 2) Who played the legendary Chief of Engineering, Scotty, on the Enterprise?
 

James Doohan.



**BIRTHDAY LIST FOR THE CASTS OF STAR TREKS**

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Don't forget to mark your calendars folks. Do you share the same birthday with your favorite character? Check this section out each PADD to find out if you do.

**JUNE**

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- 1st- Rene Auberjnois (ODO, DS9)
- 2nd- Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner, TOS)
- 13th- Malcom McDowell (Dr. Soran, TNG [Generations])
- 21st- Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth, TOS)
- 22nd- Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok, VOY/and more on the other series')

JULY

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- 13th- Patrick Stewart (Picard, TNG)
- 26th- Nana Visitor (Kira, DS9)
- 29th- Wil Wheaton (Wesley, TNG)
- 29th- David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon STVI and so much more)

Know of anyone that I missed let me know at FCptAriell@aol.com.

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE USF SIM GROUP MEMBERS**

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~~If you don't tell me I don't know~~

NOTE #1 -- If you transfer your character to another ship or you get promoted please let me know. I will note it here on our birthday list. Otherwise I will just leave your old rank and ship listed.

~~Please make sure all correspondence goes to FCptAriell@aol.com~~

NOTE # 2 -- As always please be sure to put PADD BIRTHDAY in the subject line. Thank you.

~~Make up a birthday or use your own~~

NOTE # 3 -- Remember that if you haven't made a birthday for your character just use your own birthday for your character. Years are not necessary.

FINAL NOTE: If you have sent me your birthday and you do not see it listed here PLEASE TELL ME. Again thank you for all of the responses. ~~FCptAriell~~

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**ALDRIN (USS)**

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Jan. 22nd- Commander Quint Kivo (CdrKivo)

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**AGAMEMNON (USS)**

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Sept. 15th- Ensign Austian Jacobs

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**DARMOK (USS)**

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Jan. 8th- Lieutenant Commander Sarvok Cha'Tavek (LCmrSarvok)

Feb. 10th- Commander Damara (CdrDamara)

May 16th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Morgane (retired)

July 1st- Lieutenant (Doctor) James Huston (DrJHuston)

Nov. 9th- Captain Ahrele Johannson (CaptAhrele)

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**DARKPATH (USS)**

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May 23rd- Commander Ektor (USFLDEktor)

June 1st- First Lieutenant Chelsea Austin (Lt1Chelsea)

Dec. 4th- First Lieutenant Iron (FstLtIron)

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**ECLIPSE (USS)**

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Jan. 30th- Lieutenant Kaiyana Latuur (LtKaiyana)

Feb. 20th- Lieutenant (JG) Lyra Rose

April 29th- Lieutenant Don Maylott

June 17th- Lieutenant Commander Ambassador Nalavia Jalilar Valdyr, M.D. (LCdrVadyr)

July 26th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Nveid Khaesl tr'Khnialmnea

Aug. 2nd- Fleet Captain Eileen Shodan-O'Brien (USFShodan)

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**EVEREST (STARBASE)**

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Jan. 11th- Lieutenant Commander Mel'Zhon Obrien (LCdrObrien)

May 16th- Lieutenant Commander Ashley Mars (retired)

June 1st- First Lieutenant Stacey Kassmar (retired)

Oct. 7th- Commander Tage Baxter (CdrTage)

Nov. 8th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Miles Robert-Nerys (LtJGNerys)

Nov. 13th- Lieutenant Commander Wes C' Rusher (retired)

Nov. 15th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Mike W (retired)  
Dec. 23rd- Commander Koric Hawkins (USFHawk)

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**FEDERATION (USS)**

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Jan. 5th- Lieutenant Anne Farnah Molari (retired)  
Jan. 22nd- Lieutenant James Michael Riker (LtJimRiker)  
Feb. 4th- First Lieutenant Serena Powell-Shrader (DrSShrader)  
Feb. 10th- Commander Tamara Zekad (CdrTamara)  
March 24th -- First Lieutenant Kyrax Joven Akerio (CnslAkerio)  
April 5th- Ensign James Paul Wolfe (retired)  
April 9th- Commander Joval (CmdrJoval)  
June 15th- Lieutenant Kevin, X (retired)  
July 28th- Lieutenant Commander Michael Form (retired)  
Sept. 23rd- First Lieutenant Micklach (retired) (RawlMick)  
Oct. 27th- Lieutenant Commander Rogue Quodlibet-Chid (retired)  
Oct. 27th- Lieutenant Edenic Quodlibet (retired)  
Nov. 9th- Fleet Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker (FCptAriell)  
Dec. 27th - Lieutenant Commander JAW (LtCmdrJAW)

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**HALIFAX (USS)**

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Mar. 15th- First Lieutenant Julia Mellitus (FstLtJulia)  
May 22nd- Lieutenant Commander Shane Kew-El Booker  
(LCmrBooker)  
July 2nd- Commander Kell (USFKell)  
Sept. 7th- Captain Aarek Dakor (USFDakor)

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**HERMES (USS)**

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Feb. 28th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Bo Duster (BoDuster)  
Feb. 29th- Lieutenant Bonnie Duster (LtBonnie)  
Mar. 5th - First Lieutenant Sydney T'Nemelt (retired)  
May 16th- Captain Grant-Storm (USFGrant)  
May 19th- Captain Richard Semino, retired (USFRSemino)  
May 19th- Commander Bethany Semino (retired)  
Oct. 27th- Madison Javaro (MadsJavaro)  
Dec. 8th- Lieutenant Commander Sabrina Tearin DuCant (LCmrDuCant)

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**INTEGRITY**

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May 1st- Lieutenant Commander Ryan (LtCmdrRyan)  
Nov. 22nd- Lieutenant Aeon X (retired)  
Dec. 13th- Lt. Mavelle Katara Rand, M.D (MavelleMD)

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**KEMO SABAY (USS)**

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April 25th- Lieutenant Alidar (LtAlidar)  
May 3rd- Fleet Captain Ultimo (USFUltimoH)  
May16th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Amber Fox (DoctorAFox)  
Aug. 14th- Captain Tristaoncia Habrandona (CaptTrista)

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**KHAZARA (Romulan)**

July 27th- Commander Sela (retired)

**LOTHLORIEN (USS)**

May 12th- Commander Josh (USFJosh)  
Aug. 4th- First Lieutenant B Hobbes (LtHobbes1)  
Sept. 12th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Miles Robert-Nerys (LtJGNerys)

**MARQUESAS (USS)**

Mar. 14th- Captain Maarek Steele (CptMaarek)

**NIGALA (STATION)**

May 16th- Lieutenant Commander Donna Jade (LtCdrJade)  
Nov. 19th- Charrlette Sandrine (Civillian)

**ODYSSEY (USS)**

Nov. 19th- Meelix Robert Nerys (LtJGNerys)  
Nov. 25th- Ensign Doug (EnsDoug465)

**POTEMKIN (USS)**

Jan. 17th- Commander Robert Mason (retired)  
Jan. 30th- Lieutenant Commander Arsieah Raptor (LcdrRaptor)  
July 4th- First Lieutenant Back (retired)  
Aug. 20th- Ensign Vladimir Pertovka (EnsignVlad)  
Sept 4th- First Lieutenant Jackie Alkar (retired)  
Oct. 27th- Captain Sierra Rhydarr (CptnSierra)  
Dec. 1st - Commander Katarina Janar (CdrKJanar)  
Dec. 18th- Captain Putty (CaptPutty)  
Dec. 23rd- Ensign Kathrine O'Dell (retired)

**RODDENBERRY (USS)**

April 23rd- Lieutenant Commander Edward Darign (LtCdr Ed)  
April 25th- Lieutenant Katarina Axe-O'Meara (LtnKitty)  
July 9th- Lieutenant Jon Harwood (Lt Jonny)  
July 12th- Lieutenant Commander Ellen Yuch-Qorgh (LtCmdrEllen)  
Oct. 31st- First Lieutenant Ray  
Dec13th- Lt. Mavelle Katara Rand, M.D (MavelleMD)

**SOG**

Oct. 29th- Alexandra Jean Kelly (SOGAlex)

## STEALTH (USS)

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Aug. 14th- Lieutenant Commander Jantak  
Dec. 30th- Lieutenant Commander Stacy Bones Harris (LtCdrBones)  
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## SUNDANCER

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Jan. 9th - Lieutenant Commander Bargeil Leen  
Oct. 10th- Commander Hughes (USFHughes)  
Oct. 26th- Captain Karral (Kari) (CaptKarral)



## BETHARILL'S CONVENTION LISTING (Updated 5/27/98) by FCptAriell

**Make sure that you have the new web page address bookmarked. There is still something at the old page to guide you to the new one, but it would be easiest if you just mark the new one at <http://members.aol.com/fcptariell/fanclubs/convention.html>**

*I began doing the convention listing for the USF PADD almost 2 years ago. In May of 97, I began an even more up to date convention listing on the web. It is there for those of you who want to remain more current than once a month, or want to recheck some information. For all those of you who have read the listing in this publication and visited my web listing, I would like to say thank you.*

*During this past month we have had almost 200 more visitors to the web page. That brings us just shy of 2000 visitors since May of 1997. YEAH !!! Due to the nominating from a convention web site member we have won the IFT web link of the month of January 1998. ::claps and smiles::*

*This month I have added a LARGE amount of International Conventions both in England/United Kingdom and Australia. Be sure to pass on to your friends that I do have an International listing on the web site.*

*It takes a lot of effort to keep both of these lists current, and knowing that you are visiting, and enjoying, the site makes it all worthwhile to me. Thank you again.*

PLEASE CHECK OUT ALL CONVENTIONS IN YOUR AREA BECAUSE GUEST LISTS AND DATES DO CHANGE. This site is maintained to help you find the conventions in your area, but I am not responsible when some conventions change their guest lists and dates. Please check the web site or e-mail address for each site so that you can find out if there are any changes to the convention that you wish to attend. Thank You. :-)

### Star Trek/Science Fiction Cruises

Check out either <http://members.aol.com/cruisetrek/cruisek.html> or <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/seatrek/seatrek.htm> for CruiseTrek and SeaTrek information on cruise conventions. Safe sailing !!

### International Listings

Our INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LISTING will be growing by leaps and bounds as I have found a wonderful place on the net listing conventions in England, Germany, Scotland, and more. As soon as I can get them all typed up there will will a page dedicated solely to the international conventions. Until then why not check out this great

site, where I found the majority of the international convention listings,  
<http://alethea.ukc.ac.uk/SU/Societies/StarTrek/Conventions/>

Another fine source of International Convention is <http://www.snof.com/conlist.htm> This site was just recently submitted to me, but I am sure that those of you overseas will want to check it out. I just want to make sure that all of you are able to find the conventions nearest to you. :-)

This is the one stop that you should make to find out if anyone will be in your area soon. There are two main convention lists. One is a list of the Conventions in the United States (listed by state). The other list contains the international conventions (including England, Austria, Australia, Ireland, Germany and Canada). If you see a ( ) around the name of a company like (Creation Entertainment) then that means to look at the end of the page for the address to that web site.

The Conventions are listed under the city and state that they are going to take place in. I apologize if any of the information is incorrect. The people that run and schedule these conventions change their minds frequently. We will continue to try to get the most accurate information that we can to you.

Please forward all comments, questions, and information to [FCptAriell@aol.com](mailto:FCptAriell@aol.com). If you know of a convention coming to your area, please send the information to me. Try to send me as much of the information as possible , as this will help me to pass it on to other readers. In the subject area please put CONVENTION. This will help me to answer you faster. Thank you.

~Fleet Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker~ CO, USS Federation

NOTE: As always if you have any information on where to get convention information from then please let me know. I am constantly searching for more web site and e-mail sources. If you know of any convention web sites or e-mail addresses please send it to me. I am trying to get on as many mailing lists as I can to bring the best convention listing to you.

PERSONAL NOTE: I am looking for any conventions that have the FOREVER KNIGHT cast or crew at them. I liked the show, and I would like to see Nigel Bennett or Geraint Wyn Davies in a convention setting. I know that there are others who would be interested in this information as well.

LOOKING FOR .... I have someone who has contacted me looking for any Bond conventions. If you have any information on this type of convention please let me know. I am a fan of Bond myself as well. :-)

### **United States Conventions Listing**

#### ALABAMA

July 24-26, 1998 Birmingham, AL (Temporal Disturbance, Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center and Sheraton Civic Center Hotel)

Guests include several people from the creative, illustrative and visionary aspects of science fiction and fantasy shows and comics: David Duncan, Lee Eric Shackleford, Scooter Tidwell, Marcus Lusk, C.B. Smith, Matt Murray, Stephen Bennett, Jeff Tatarek, and Hal Jones. {For more information please check out <http://www.geocities.com/area51/chamber/4780/> }

#### ARIZONA

1. May 30, 1998 Phoenix, AZ (Star Trek Convention: Civic Plaza)

Leonard Nimoy is the esteemed guest of honor for this convention. Mr. Nimoy will only be signing 300 autographs per the instructions on Creation's site. Contact them ASAP if you want to purchase the autograph tickets. (Creation Entertainment)

2. May 31, 1998 Phoenix, AZ (Hercules/Xena Convention: Civic Plaza)  
Guest Scheduled: Robert Trebor. (Creation Entertainment)

3. June 6-7, 1998 Tucson, AZ (The Original Series Fab Four)  
Come see the Fab Four of Star Trek: The Original Series: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, and Walter Koenig. Also attending will be Chase Masterson, Beverly Washburn, and Stephen Furst (Babylon 5). (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

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#### CALIFORNIA

1. July 2-5, 1998 San Diego, CA (Westercon 51)

Scheduled to appear are: Katherine Kurtz, Scott MacMillan, Sue Dawe, Forrest J. Ackerman, Kary Mullis, and Special Guest J. Michael Straczynski. {For more information check out <http://www.westercon.org/sandiego/>}

2. July 24-26, 1998 San Jose, CA (StarQuest '98: San Jose DoubleTree Inn)

Guests Include: Claudia Christian, Chase Masterson (DS9), Bob May (Lost in Space), and Lolita Fatjo {Check out <http://www.starquest.org/> for more information.}

3. August 1-2, 1998 San Francisco, CA (Star Trek Convention: Masonic Center)

Guests Include: Leonard Nimoy, Garrett Wang and Marc Alaimo. (Creation Entertainment)

4. August 7-9, 1998 Los Angeles, CA (Airport Hilton)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL'S FANTASTICON: William Campbell has played Trelane, Koloth and other Star Trek characters. He puts on this show once a year, and is an all out BLOWOUT of Star Trek, Babylon5, and other science fiction actors. Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/fantast/fantast98.htm> for more information and updates as they are available.

5. September 4-6, 1998 Universal City, CA (Universal City Hilton and Towers, Battlestar Galactica 20 Yahren Reunion)

Guests Include: Richard Hatch, Dirk Benedict, Terry Carter, Herb Jefferson, Anne Lockhart, Jack Stauffer, Terrence McDonnell, Jim Carlson, and Stu Phillips. {Check out <http://www.wcos.com/cerebus/> or E-Mail [RainyDazer@aol.com](mailto:RainyDazer@aol.com) for more information and updates as they are available.}

6. October 16-18, 1998 Los Angeles, CA (Voice of the Resistance)

This is a Babylon 5 BLOWOUT convention. Guests Include: Bruce Boxleitner, Claudia Christian, Jerry Doyle, Richard Biggs, Peter Jurasik, Stephen Furst, Mira Furlan, Patricia Tallman, Bull Mummy, Wayne Alexander, Jason Carter, Ed Wasser, Robin Downes (Byron), Wortham Krimmer (Cartagia), Tim Chodate (Zathras), Denise Gentile (Lisa Hampton), Johnny Sekka (Dr Kyle), Joshua Cox (Lt Corwin), Walter Koenig (Bester), and many many more to be announced. {Check out <http://members.aol.com/vorcon1/> for more information.}

7. October 18, 1998 San Francisco, CA (Hercules/Xena: Masonic Center)

Guests Already Confirmed: Hudson Leick (Callisto). (Creation Entertainment)

8. November 21-22, 1998 Burbank, CA (Salute to Star Trek and Sci-Fi TV: Airport Hilton)

Guests Already Confirmed: Marina Sirtis. (Creation Entertainment)

9. November 27-29, 1998 Burbank, CA (Loscon 25: Burbank Airport Hilton)

Guests Already Confirmed: David Brin, Sue Dawe, Marjii Ellers, plus usually about 50-70 authors and other guests. {Check out <http://www.lasfs.org/> or E-Mail [Loscon25@lasfs.org](mailto:Loscon25@lasfs.org) for more information}

10. January 23-24, 1999 Los Angeles, CA (Annual Hercules/Xena Convention: Santa Monica Civic Auditorium)

More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

11. January 30, 1999 Sacramento, CA (Star Trek Salute: Convention Center)  
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

12. February 12-15, 1999 Van Nuys, CA (Gallifrey 1999: Airtel Plaza Hotel)  
Guests Include: Elisabeth Sladen, Nicholas Courtney, Gary Russell, Paul Cornell, Keith Topping, and David McIntee. {Check out <http://www.concentric.net/~Jslyon/> or E-Mail [GallyOne@aol.com](mailto:GallyOne@aol.com) for more information.}

13. April 23-25, 1999 Pasadena, CA (Star Trek Grand Slam: Pasadena Center)  
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

14. August 26-29, 1999 Anaheim, CA (ConuCopla: Anaheim Marriott Hotel)  
Guests Include: Jerry Pournelle (guest of honor), Ellen Datlow (Editor), Dick & Nicki Lynch.  
{Check out <http://www.99.nasfic.org> for more information.}

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#### COLORADO

August 28-30, 1998 Denver, CO (Starcon 98: )  
Guests Include: Roxann Dawson, Chase Masterson, Max Godenichik, Richard Hatch, Dave McDonnell, Jeff Walker, and more guests to be announced. {Check out <http://www.starland.com> for more information.}

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#### FLORIDA

1. May 28-30, 1998 Cape Canaveral, FL  
Guests Include: J. Michael Straczynski, Mira Furlan, Richard Biggs, Julie Caitlin Brown, Jason Carter, Larry DiTillio, Harlan Ellison, Patricia Tallman, Peter David, Jim Lockett, David Gerrold, Arne Starr, SM Stirling, and John Vornholt {I am looking for where you can receive more information on this convention}

2. May 29-31, 1998 Fort Lauderdale, FL (South Florida Sci-Fi Festival, Fort Lauderdale Marriott North)  
Guests Include: Gary Lockwood, Paul Carr, Josh Clark (Voyager and Babylon 5), and Mary Kay Adams (DS9 and Babylon 5). {E-Mail [trekintime@aol.com](mailto:trekintime@aol.com) for more information.}

3. June 5-7, 1998 Orlando, FL (Adam's Mark Hotel)  
Guests Include: Jerry Doyle (Babylon 5) . More guests will be listed as soon as they are available. Check out <http://www.ao.net/~tachycon/event.htm> for more information on this convention or check out <http://www.ao.net/~tachycon/> for information on previous conventions and the site map of everything they have to offer.

4. July 23-25, 1998 Tampa, FL (VidCon 98, Camberley Inn)  
This is a Media Fanzine and Fan Fiction convention. Check out [http://www.stonehill.org/html/vidcon\\_\\_98.html](http://www.stonehill.org/html/vidcon__98.html) for more information.

5. July 25-26, 1998 Tampa, FL (ConGames 98, Radisson Inn)  
This is a Gaming convention. All realms of science fiction and fantasy games will be here. Check out <http://home.att.net/~kasumi.tendo/> for more information.

6. July 31 - August 2, 1998 Fort Myers, FL (Florida ConQuest, Radisson Inn)  
This is a Gaming Convention. All variations of Science Fiction and Fantasy gaming will be going on. Please check out <http://www.angelfire.com/fl/FloridaConQuest/> for more information.

7. August 28-30, 1998 Orlando, FL (Vulkon Orlando)  
Guests Include: Robert Beltran and Henry Darrow (Both Confirmed). {Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions}

8. October 1998 Tampa, FL (Necronomicon '98: Camberley Inn)  
Scheduled Guest: C.J. Cherryh. {Check out <http://www.milieux.com/stonehill/sh.html> or  
E-Mail [74273.1607@compuserve.com](mailto:74273.1607@compuserve.com) for more information.}

9. October 2-4, 1998 St. Petersburg, FL (Vulkon St. Petersburg)  
Guests Include: Marina Sirtis and (Invited) Anne Lockhart & Herb Anderson Jr. {Check out  
<http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions}

10. November 8, 1998 Orlando, FL (Third Annual Orlando Autograph Show, The Forbidden  
Planet Reunion)  
{Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions for  
more information}

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#### GEORGIA

1. June 5-7, 1998 Atlanta, GA (JurassiCon, Howard Johnson Midtown)  
Guests Include: Ray Harryhausen, Dr. David Schwimmer, Rick C. Spears, J. Cameron  
Thyme, and Craig Hamilton. This convention is to help benefit dinosaur research.

2. September 3-6, 1998 Atlanta, GA (DragonCon Hyatt Regency Atlanta)  
Guests Include: Anthony Daniels (C3-PO), Patricia Tallman, Stephen Furst, Harlan Ellison,  
and many more guests and writers. Check out <http://www.dragoncon.org> for more information and  
a complete guest list.

3. November 27-29, 1998 Atlanta, GA (Vulkon Atlanta)  
Guests Include: (Invited) Tim Russ & Joshua Cox. {Check out  
<http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions for more information.}

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#### IDAHO

November 20-22, 1998 Boise, ID (The Original Series Fab Four)  
Come see the Fab Four of Star Trek: The Original Series: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei,  
Nichelle Nichols, and Walter Koenig. (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek  
Productions.)

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#### ILLINOIS

1. October 2-4, 1998 Collinsville, IL (Archon 22: Collinsville Gateway Center and Holiday Inn)  
Guests already include Lester Smith. {For more information you can check out  
<http://www.stlf.org/archon>}

2. November 13-15, 1998 Schumburg, IL (Windy Con XXV: Hyatt Regency Woodfield)  
Guests Include: Allen Steele, Phil Foglio, Barry & Marcy Lyn-Waitsman, Christian Ready,  
Joe Haldeman, Frederik Pohl, and more to be announced as they are available. {Check out  
<http://www.windycon.org> for more information.}

3. November 27-29, 1998 Rosemont (Chicago), IL (Visions 98': Hyatt Regency O'Hare)  
Invited Guests: Sylvester McCoy (Doctor Who), Gareth Thomas, Sheelagh Wells, Jerry  
Doyle, Robert Llewellyn, Craig Charles, Anthony Stewart Head (Buffy: The Vampire Slayer), Nigel  
Bennett (Forever Knight). {Check out <http://www.hme-visions.com/> for more information.}

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#### INDIANA

1. September 26, 1998 Hammond, IN (Summertrek '98', Purdue University-Calumet Athletic  
Building)  
The guest list will be coming soon. Please check out  
<http://www.garrisonent.com/ainsworth/summertrek/> or E-Mail [ainsworth@iftcommand.com](mailto:ainsworth@iftcommand.com) for more  
information as it is available.

2. October 2-4, 1998 Portage, IN (Maquis Gras '98)

Guests Include: Jack Donner and Paul Carr (The Original Series, Star Trek), Mark Kay Adams (Babylon 5, Na'Toth, and Deep Space Nine, Grilka), and Margaret Bonanno. {For more information please E-mail [bejen@maquis.com](mailto:bejen@maquis.com) or check out <http://www.maquis.com/mfa> and click on Maquis Gras}

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MARYLAND

1. June 26-28, 1998 Hunt Valley, MD

Guests Include: Bill Mumy (Babylon 5/Lost In Space), Robert Duncan McNeill (Star Trek), J.G. Hertzler (Star Trek), Erin Gray (Buck Rogers), Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Tim DeHaas, Michael Jan Freidman, Bob Greenberger, Jaqueline Lichtenberg, Howard Weinstein, Joan Winston, Kirk Borne, Helen Hart, Phil Plait, Christian Ready, Eric Smith, and Ray Villard. {For more information check out <http://members.aol.com/shoreleave/> to get the updates hot off the presses. :-)}

2. August 5 - 9 1998 Baltimore, MD (Baltimore Convention Center/Inner Harbors Hotels)

Guests Include: C.J. Cherryh, Milt Rothman, Stanley Schmidt, Michael Whelan, and Special Guest: J. Michael Straczynski. {For more information E-mail [bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org](mailto:bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org) (place subscribe in the subject) or check out <http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org/>}

3. March 5-7, 1999 Baltimore, MD (Vulkon Maryland)

Guests Include: Marina Sirtis, and more guests to be announced later. {Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions for more information.}

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MASSACUSETTS

1. July 11-12, 1998 Boston, MA (Visions '98' Boston's Premier Sci Fi and Comic Gaming: Bayside Expo Center)

Guests Includes: Jeri Ryan, Alexander Siddig, June Lockhart, Angela Cartwright, Marta Kristen, Mark Goddard, Erin Murphy Eden, Andrew Prine, Richard Herd, Gary Wolf, and Inge Heyer. (Contact [ivisions@cape.com](mailto:ivisions@cape.com) or check out <http://www.digiflicks.com/visions.htm> for more information.)

2. July 31 - August 2, 1998 Taunton, MA (RebelCon '98' Taunton Holiday Inn)

The guest list already includes J. Michael Straczynski, the creator of Babylon 5. You can find more information about this convention at <http://www.rebelcon.com/>

3. November 20-22, 1998 Springfield, MA (United Fan Con 8, Marriott)

Guests Already Confirmed: Tim Russ and Louise Jameson (Dr. Who). A Babylon 5 guest will be announced at a later date. {Check out <http://members.xoom.com/unitedfancon/> or E-Mail [ufancon@aol.com](mailto:ufancon@aol.com) for more information.}

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MICHIGAN

August 22-23, 1998 Dearborn, MI (Star Trek Convention: Dearborn Civic Center)

More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

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MINNESOTA

1. August 8, 1998 Minneapolis, MN (Star Trek: Convention Center)

More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

2. August 9, 1998 Minneapolis, MN (Hercules/Xena: Convention Center)

Guests Include: Hudson Leick, and more to be announced at a later date. (Creation Entertainment)

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## NEW JERSEY

1. August 29-30, 1998 Cherry Hill, NJ (Hercules/Xena: Hilton)  
Guests Include: (Saturday) Hudson Leick & Bruce Campbell, and (Sunday) Karl Urban & Alexandra Tydings. (Creation Entertainment)
  2. September 17-20, 1998 Cherry Hill, NJ (ShoreCon '98: Hilton)  
Scheduled Guest: R. Wayt Smith. This is also a Science Fiction and Fantasy Gaming Convention. Check out <http://www.multigenre.com/page2.html> for more information.
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## NEVADA

1. June 14-18, 1998 Las Vegas, NV (Crossroads '98: The Tropicana Hotel)  
Guests Include: Mira Furlan, Stephen Furst, Clancy Brown, Jessica Steen, Nigel Bennett, Jim Byrnes, Robert Trebor, Patricia Tallman, John Gegenhuber, Joshua Cox, Mary Kay Adams, Gary Lockwood, Stewart Moss, Linda Campanelli, Ritch Brinkley, David Greenlee, Aron Eisenberg, Steven L. Sears, P.N. Elrod, Jeff Pittarelli, Jamie "Myrh" Murray, and more to be announced. {Check out <http://www.fans-of-fantasy.com> for more information.}
  2. November 14, 1998 Las Vegas, NV (Star Trek: Union Plaza Hotel)  
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)
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## NEW YORK

1. November 28-29, 1998 New York Area, NY (Annual Thanksgiving Star Trek Convention: Meadowlands Hilton)  
Guests Already Confirmed: Jonathan Frakes and Marina Sirtis. (Creation Entertainment)
  2. January 16-17, 1999 Manhattan, NY (Fangoria's Weekend)  
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)
  3. April 16-18, 1999 Niagra Falls, NY (EerieCon I: Fallsview Resort)  
Guests Already Include: Brian Lumley, and Josepha Sherman (Author: Vulcan's Forge). {Write to Buffalo Fantasy League, Box 412, Buffalo, NY 14226 for more information. A web site for this convention is in the works.}
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## OHIO

1. June 13-14, 1998 Cleveland, OH (Vulkon Cleveland)  
Guests Include: Robert Duncan McNeill, Anne Lockhart (Battlestar Galactica), and Dave McDonnell (Starlog Magazine Editor). {Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions for more information}
  2. July 17-19, 1998 Cincinnati, OH (New PacifiCon '98: Holiday Inn-Cincinnati Airport Hotel)  
Guests Include: Kirk Trutner, Bill Traeta, Jana Marie Bonar and more to be announced as they are confirmed. {Check out <http://www.voicenet.com/~heckercw/pacificon/pacificon.html> for more information.}
  3. October 30-November 1, 1998 Cleveland, OH (Vulkon Cleveland)  
More details to come. {Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkon Conventions for more information}
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## PENNSYLVANIA

1. June 6-7, 1998 Valley Forge, PA (Star Trek: Fort Expo Center)  
Guests Already Confirmed: Leonard Nimoy. (Creation Entertainment)



2. July 22-26, 1998 Bensalem, PA (The 5th Annual Klingon Language Institute, Comfort Inn just outside of Philadelphia)

For more information on this please check out <http://www.kli.org>

3. August 1-2, 1998 Valley Forge, PA (The Fab Four Tour)

Guests Include: James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, and Walter Koenig. Also attending will be Chase Masterson, Beverly Washburn, and Stephen Furst (Babylon 5). {Slanted Fedora}

4. September 4-6, 1998 Mars, PA (ConFluence '98: Sheraton Inn)

Guests Include: Nancy Kress, Michael Swanwick, Charles Sheffield, William Tenn, Sarah Zettel, Joe Mayhew, Catherine Asaro, Brenda Clough, David Hartwell, Kathryn Cramer, Bud Sparhawk, Mary Soon Lee, Karen Taylor, Tim Esias, Joe Clifford Faust, Thomas Gressman, James Morrow, Tamora Pierce, Susan Dexter, Hal Clement, Grant Carrington, William H. Keith, John DeChancie. {Check out <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/roboman/confluence.html> for more information.}

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#### TEXAS

1. May 29-31, 1998 Irving, TX (Project: A-Kon 9, Harvey Hotel)

Guests Include: Will Allison, Dean Hsieh, Steve Bennett, Shawn "The Touched", Pat Duke, Elin Winkler, Tavi Cat Comics, Robert Woodhead, Newton Ewell, Scott Frazier, Any Howard, Mitsuhsa Ishikawa, Kuni Kimura, Lee Madison, Neil Nadelman, Nene', and Lance Pope. {For more information please check out <http://www.cyberramp.net/~phoenix/akon.html>}

2. June 26-28, 1998 Houston, TX (I Think Therefore I Con 98, Houston Airport Marriott)

Guests Include: Gary Gygax, C.S. Freidman, Susan Van Camp, and Steve Jackson. This is a gaming convention. {Check out <http://www.runes-law.com/ittic.html> for more information.}

3. September 18-20, 1998 Dallas, TX (Stellar Occassion V, Sheraton Dallas-Brookhollow)

Guest: Stephen Furst (Babylon 5, Vir Cotto). {For more information check out <http://www.cyberramp.net/~phoenix/stellar.html>}

4. January 2, 1999 Dallas Area, TX (Star Trek: Plano Center)

More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

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#### VIRGINIA

1. June 6, 1998 McGaheysville, VA (Cardassian Con '98', Massanutten Four-Season Resort)

Special Guest: Casey Biggs (Gul Damar, Deep Space 9). There will also be a Charity Auction and Luncheon. Contact Chris Heinemann at PO Box 322, McGaheysville, VA 22840 or E-Mail [ridgemechl@aol.com](mailto:ridgemechl@aol.com)

2. July 25-26, 1998 Tysons Corner, VA (Novacon 8: Westpark Hotel)

Guests Include: Roxann Dawson, Marc Alaimo, Dave McDonnel, Dennis Russell Bailey, and a SURPRISE Babylon 5 guest. {Check out <http://members.aol.com/onetrek/> or E-Mail [novacon@juno.com](mailto:novacon@juno.com) for more information.}

3. October 9-11, 1998 Salem, VA

Guest list already includes: Gil Gerrard and Erin Gray (Buck Rogers), Richard Biggs (Babylon 5), Hal Clement, Deanna Lund, Beverly McDermott, David MacIntee, Michele Matheson, Joyce Meadows, and France Nuyen (Contact [oakman@roanoke.infi.net](mailto:oakman@roanoke.infi.net) for more information)

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#### WASHINGTON

June 12-14, 1998 Bellevue, WA (The Once and Future Con: Fairfield Inn)

Guests Include: John Gegenhuber (Earth 2), Marc Gomes (Roar), Marie DelPrete, and Tom Dietz. {Check out <http://www.mindwell.com/~anubis/oafc/index.html> for more information.}

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## WEST VIRGINIA

June 27-28, 1998 Charleston, WV (The Fab Four Tour)

Guests Include: James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, George Takei, and Walter Koenig. Also attending will be Chase Masterson, Beverly Washburn, and Stephen Furst (Babylon 5). {Slanted Fedora}

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## WISCONSIN

September 25-27, 1998 Madison, WI (Mad Media 5, Captial Conference Center)

Guests Include: Harlan Ellison, Stephen Furst (Vir, Babylon 5), Peter David, Timothy Zahn, Neil Gaiman, Joan Vinge, Donald R. Scmitt, Mike Baron and mroe to come. {Check out <http://www.madmedia.org>}

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LIST

Don't forget to send me information on the International Conventions that you know about.

Remember that you can check out ----  
<http://alethea.ukc.ac.uk/SU/Societies/StarTrek/Conventions/> for the latest in International Convention listings. A great thanks to those that are maintaining that page. Drop them a line to let them know if you like the site.

Another fine source of International Convention is <http://www.smaf.com/conlist.htm> This site was just recently submitted to me, but I am sure that those of you overseas will want to check it out. I just want to make sure that all of you are able to find the conventions nearest to you. :-)

## AUSTRALIA

1. June 5-8 1998 Hobart (Hadley's Hotel Hobart)

Guests Include: Leanne Frahm, Neil Gaiman, George RR Martin, and Sara Douglass. {Check out [http://www.trump.net.au/~s\\_newman/thylacon2/](http://www.trump.net.au/~s_newman/thylacon2/) or write P.O. Box 55 Battery Point Tas 7004 for more information}

2. July 11-12, 1998 Parramatta (Phancon '98: Gazebo Hotel)

Guests Include: Terry Pratchett, David Gemmell, and Sara Douglass. {Check out <http://www.fandom.net/Phantasia/> for more information.}

3. October 9-11, 1998 Brisbane (Conquest '98: Mercure Hotel)

Guests Include: Peter Jurasik, Walter Koenig, and Richard Arnold. {Write CONQUEST '98, GPO Box, 13676 Brisbane. QLD 4001 for more information.}

4. November 21-22, 1998 Sydney (Best of Both World's 4: Southern Cross Hotel)

Guests Include: Jerry Doyle, Jason Carter, Dwight Schultz, and Tim Chaote. {Check out <http://www.bobw.com.au/BOBW4/index.htm> for more information.}

5. September 2-6, 1999 (Yes that's 1999) Melbourne (Aussiecon 3: Melbourne Convention Center)

Guests Include: Gregory Benford and Bruce Gillespie. {For more information E-Mail [info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org](mailto:info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org) or check out <http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org/> for more information}

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## AUSTRIA

October 16-18, 1998 Vienna, Austria (Austrotel, Vienna Con 98')

Guests Already Included: Richard Arnold. {For more information and updates on the guest list please write to Galactic Friendship, c/o Karin Embacher, Kummerngasse 7/5 1A, 1210 Vienna, Austria.}

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## CANADA

1. June 5-7, 1998 Toronto, Ontario (Radisson Hotel, Ad Astra 98')

Canada's Premier Literary Science Fiction Convention. Guests Include: Josepha Sherman (Editor), Bob Eggleton (Artist), and Glen Cook (Writer). {Check out <http://terra.phys.yorku.ca/~white/adastra.html> for more information.}

2. July 10-12, 1998 Toronto, Ontario (Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto Trek 12)

Guest Include: (Star Trek) Robert Beltran and Richard Arnold, (Battlestar Galactica) Richard Hatch and Anne Lockhart, (Babylon 5) Jason Carter and Jeff Conaway, (Comic Book Artists) Leonard Kirk, Terry Pallot, Ron Boyd, and Tom Wegrzyn, and (Other Special Guests) Julie E. Czerneda, Larry Stewart and NovaD. {Check out <http://www.icomm.ca/tcon/> for more information.}

3. August 6-9, 1998 Toronto, Ontario (RCW 139 - A Cop, A Mountie & A Convention)

Guest Include: Tony Craig, Paul Gross, David Marciano, Tom Melissis, Ramona Milano, Gordon Pinsent, Dean McDermott, Anne Marie Loder. {Check out <http://www.rcw139.ca/> for more information.}

4. November 6-8, 1998 Toronto, Ontario (Radisson East Don Valley, Primedia)

Guests Include: Walter Koenig, Rick Green and Ty Templeton. {Check out <http://www.interlog.com/~kcozens/primedia/> for more information.}

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## ENGLAND/UNITED KINGDOM

1. June 12-14, 1998 London, England (Big Red: Heathrow Park Hotel)

Guests include: Camilla Scott, and Geoff Tidballs. {Check out <http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/mlrichardson> or E-Mail [catherine@mlrichardson.prestel.co.uk](mailto:catherine@mlrichardson.prestel.co.uk) for more information.}

2. July 10-12, 1998 Cardiff, Wales (Angel Hotel)

Guests include: Colin Baker (Doctor Who), Michael Sheard and Dave Prowse (Star Wars) {Other Science fiction actors and complete convention details can be found at Infinity's web site, <http://www.cf.ac.uk/ccin/main/ents/sffc/infinity.html>.}

3. July 17-19, 1998 Bristol, England (Nexus 98, Hilton National Hotel, Bristol)

Guests Include: Peter Jurasik, Richard Arnold, Jim Mortimore, and Stephen Furst. {For more information on this convention please E-Mail [nexus@cosham.demon.co.uk](mailto:nexus@cosham.demon.co.uk) or check out <http://www.cosham.demon.co.uk>}

4. July 25-26, 1998 Heathrow, London, England (Radisson Edwardian Hotel)

Guests Include: Bruce Boxleitner and Jerry Doyle. (Check out <http://www.dynamite.co.uk/wolf359/crusade.htm> for more information)

5. July 31-August 2, 1998 Bristol (WestCon: Hilton National Hotel)

Guests Include: Richard Arnold, and more to be announced later. {E-Mail [WestCon@nexcon.demon.co.uk](mailto:WestCon@nexcon.demon.co.uk) for more information}

6. August 1-2, 1998 Exeter (Battlefield)

Guests Include: Sylvester McCoy, Sophie Aldred, Nicholas Courtney, Michael Craze, and

Michael Sheard. {Check out <http://www.eclipse.co.uk/~battlefield> or E-Mail [battlefield@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:battlefield@eclipse.co.uk) for more information.}

7. August 21-24, 1998 London (The Wrap Party)

Guests Include: J. Michael Straczynski, Harlan Ellison, James White, Bryan Talbot, Dr. Jack Cohen, Mike Collins, Peter David, John Matthews, and John Ridgeway. {Check out <http://www.steamradio.com/TheWrapParty/> for more information.}

8. August 28-30, 1998 Southport (L.L.A.P.1)

Guests Include: Nichelle Nichols, and Robert Picardo. {Check out <http://www.henry.oaktree.co.uk/llap1> for more information.}

9. September 4-7, 1998 Telford, Shropshire, UK (Cult TV 1998: Telford Moat House)

Guests Include: Robert Trebor, Mary Tamm, Terrence Hardiman, Bill Pertwee, Spencer Banks, Graeme Harper, Steve Nallon, Dick Vosburgh, Frank Maher, Jon Culshaw, Michael Sheard, Esta Charkham, Johnny Call, Graham Brown, and Nicholas Briggs. {Check out <http://culttv.base.org/> for more information.}

10. September 11-13, 1998 Warwick, UK (AKFT:Hi Ho Silver Label: Warwick Arms Hotel)

E-Mail <mailto:akft@ziggy.skynet.co.uk> for more information.

11. September 12-13, 1998 Egham, Surrey, England (Hercules The Legendary Journey's UK Symposium 1998)

Guests Include: Robert Trebor, and more to be announced at a later date. {E-Mail <mailto:Josphine@sunwolf.demon.co.uk> for more information}

12. September 18-21, 1998 Liverpool (The Second Discworld Convention: The Britannia Adelphi Hotel)

Guests Include: Terry Pratchett, Stephen Briggs, Dave Langford, Bernard & Isobel Pearson, Paul Kidby, Stephen Player, and Josh Kirby. {Check out <http://www.ac.uk.lspace.org/fandom/cons/dwcon98/index.html> for more information.}

13. September 26-27, 1998 Blackpool, Lancashire, UK (Norbeck Castle, MultiCon 98')

Guests Include: Richard Arnold, Lou Ferringo, Julie Caitlin Brown, Mark Goddard, Dave Prowse, Gary Kurtz, Jeremy Bulloch, Peter Mayhew, Kenny Baker, Warwick Davis, Femi Taylor, Michael Sheard, Barry Morse, Caroline Munro, John Hollis, Phil Brown, Shelagh Fraser, Doug Bradley, and more guests to be announced as they are confirmed. {For more information check out <http://www.eventsinc.demon.co.uk>, E-Mail [multicon@eventsinc.demon.co.uk](mailto:multicon@eventsinc.demon.co.uk), Call 0181-928-0800, or Write Muiltcon 98 (W), 12 Marshalsea Road, London, SE1 1HL, UK}

14. October 9-11, 1998 Sheffield (Voyage in Person)

Guests Include: Del Munroe, Terry Becker, and Alan Hunt. {Check out <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tvnfilm/vip.htm> for more information.}

15. October 30-November 1, 1998 Startford-on-Avon (BardCon: Levi Fox Hall KES)

Guests Include: Andrew Robinson, Marc Alaimo, Rachel Robinson, and John Bennett. {Check out <http://www.elimsboutique.demon.co.uk/StarXd> for more information.}

16. Febraury 26-28, 1999 Kent, UK (Redemption '99', Ashford International Hotel)

Guests already include: Gareth Thomas, Jane Killick, Sheelagh Wells, and Joe Nazzaro. For more information please check out <http://www.smof.com/redemption/> or E-Mail [STEVE.ROGERSON@MCR1.poptel.org.uk](mailto:STEVE.ROGERSON@MCR1.poptel.org.uk)

17. February 26-28, 1999 Birmingham (Fal Tor Pan: Britannia Hotel)

E-Mail [ftpcon@aol.com](mailto:ftpcon@aol.com) for more information.

18. August 27-30, 1999 London, England (Galileo Convention IV: Heathrow Park Hotel)

Guests already include: Richard Arnold. For more information E-Mail [galileo@mlrichardson.prestel.co.uk](mailto:galileo@mlrichardson.prestel.co.uk) or check out web site <http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/mlrichardson/galcon.htm>

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GERMANY

1. June 20 - July 25, 1998 Duesseldorf, Germany (Messegelaende, Star Trek World Tour)  
William Shatner introduced this event on December 12 together with Herman Zimmerman, designer on all current Star Trek series. The complete set of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" is going to be rebuild in a huge hall, so we fans will be able to (finally) take a walk on the Enterprise-D (including the bridge, transporter room, ten-forward... everything!!!). 180,000 - 250,000 visitors are expected! (As soon as a contact person is available I will list it here)
2. July 10-12, 1998 Willingen, Germany (Sternhotel, Zha'Dum)  
Guests Include: Peter Jurasik, Jerry Doyle, Stephen Furst, and Mira Furlan. {Write to FedCon GmbH, Schisslerstrasse 4, 86154 Augsburg, Germany or call 0049-821-2190932 for more information.}
3. August 28-30, 1998 Berlin, Germany (Nexus '98', Hotel Estrel)  
Guests Include: (Babylon 5) Michael O'Hare and Patricia Tallman and John de Lancie. (For more information check out <http://www.snafu.de/~agents> or E-Mail [agents@berlin.snafu.de](mailto:agents@berlin.snafu.de))
4. October 9-11, 1998 Hagen, Germany (Encounters '98' -- Stadthalle)  
Guests Include: Larry and Janet Nemecek. (E-Mail [office@factandact.com](mailto:office@factandact.com) or check out <http://www.factandact.com/Starlight/> for more information)
5. January 8-10, 1999 Bremen, Germany (Galileo II)  
Guests Already Include: James Doohan, Walter Koenig, Gates McFadden, Robert O'Reilly, Richard Arnold and Spock Double. (For more information and updates as they are available check out <http://www.convention.de/> for more information.)

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NEW ZEALAND

May 30 - June 1 1998 Wellington, New Zealand (West Plaza Hotel Wellington)  
Guests Include: Neil Gaiman {For more information write P.O. Box 11559 Manners St Wellington New Zealand}

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For all conventions that are listed as Galactic Entertainment, further information can be found at <http://www.GalacticEntertainment.com/> OR EMAIL [GalEnter@aol.com](mailto:GalEnter@aol.com)

For all conventions that are listed as Wolfe 359 please check out website <http://www.dynamite.co.uk/wolf359/> The Wolfe 359 Web Site is sanctioned by Julia Catalin Brown (Na'Tooth of Babylon 5)

Trek Productions has changed to Slanted Fedora. For their conventions check out web site <http://www.sfedora.com> You can also send an E-Mail to [sfedora2@aol.com](mailto:sfedora2@aol.com)

Vulkon Conventions can be found at <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/vulkon.htm> Please bookmark this NEW site as they have upgraded and the old site is no longer available.

Thanks and see you next time in the USF PADD or USF Log Book !!!

# USF SIM SCHEDULE

| Day       | Sim Name         | Time<br><small>Eastern</small> | Location         | C.O.<br><small>Commanding<br/>Officer</small> | X.O.<br><small>Executive<br/>Officer</small> |
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| Sunday    | Starbase Everest | 8:00                           | Orbital Velocity | USF Tefa                                      | USF Tage                                     |
| Sunday    | USS Federation   | 8:30                           | Private Room     | USFAriell                                     | USF Akerio                                   |
| Sunday    | USS Excelsior    | 9:00                           | Orbital Velocity | USFABC1701                                    | USFArronax                                   |
| Sunday    | USS Marquesas    | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USF Maarek                                    | =OPEN=                                       |
| Sunday    | Outpost Cousteau | 10:00                          | Java Chat Room   | USFSierra                                     | USFSurak                                     |
| Monday    | USS Columbia     | 9:00                           | Private Room     | CptDTorres                                    | =OPEN=                                       |
| Monday    | USS Eclipse      | 9:00                           | Private Room     | USFShodan                                     | USFDylan                                     |
| Monday    | SS Nigala        | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USFCaitlin                                    | =OPEN=                                       |
| Tuesday   | USS Roddenberry  | 9:00                           | Private Room     | USF Scully                                    | USFKurn                                      |
| Tuesday   | Atlantis (SOG)   | 9:00                           | Private Room     | USFELiz H                                     | USFCaitlin                                   |
| Tuesday   | USS Hermes       | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USFGrant                                      | USFAkarn                                     |
| Tuesday   | USS Aldrin       | 11:00                          | Private Room     | USFKillian                                    | USFKivo                                      |
| Wednesday | USS Stealth      | 9:00                           | Orbital Velocity | USFTarjoto                                    | USFThrevor                                   |
| Wednesday | USS Halifax      | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USFDakor                                      | =OPEN=                                       |
| Wednesday | USS Kemo Sabay   | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USFAhrele                                     | USFAkarn                                     |
| Thursday  | USS DarkPath     | 9:00                           | Private Room     | USFMstrad                                     | USFLDEktor                                   |
| Thursday  | USS Potemkin     | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USF Sierra                                    | USFKJanar                                    |
| Thursday  | USS Agamemnon    | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USF Hayes                                     | USF Jaren                                    |
| Thursday  | USS Sundancer    | 11:00                          | Java Chat Room   | USFDamara                                     | USFHughes                                    |
| Friday    | USS Lothlorien   | 9:00                           | Private Room     | USFWinger                                     | USFJosh                                      |
| Friday    | USS Integrity    | 10:00                          | Private Room     | USFRigel                                      | USFGorkon                                    |
| Friday    | USS Darmok       | 11:00                          | Private Room     | USFAhrele                                     | USFDamara                                    |
| Saturday  | USS Odyssey      | 9:00                           | Orbital Velocity | USFCaitlin                                    | USFGill                                      |
| Saturday  | IKC Hegh'ta      | 8:00                           | Private Room     | USFABC1701                                    | USFKurn                                      |

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