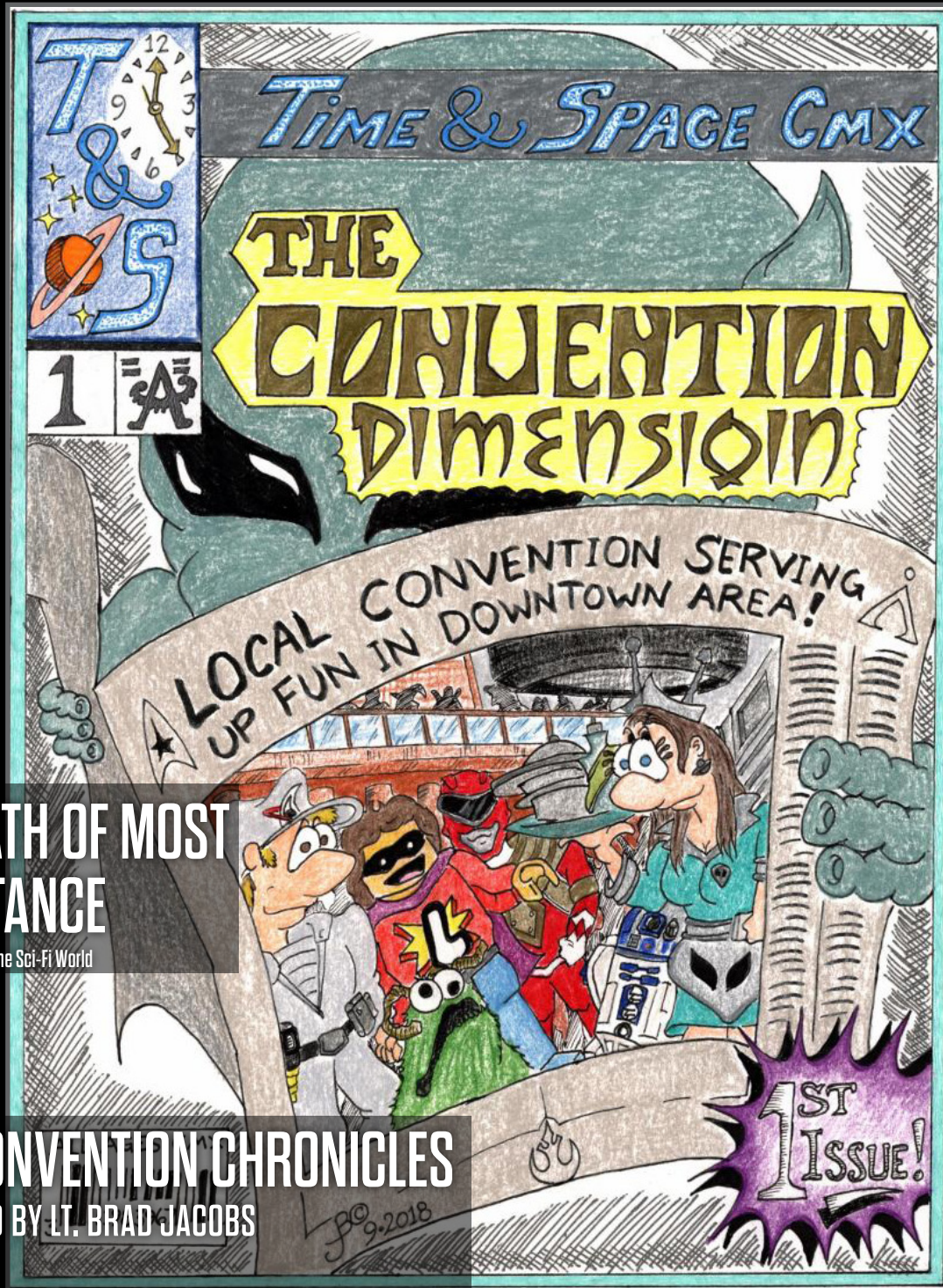


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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *yI'e!* Welcome to Fall 2018 and the KHAAAAAAAAANNNN issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. (Wait, wrong Khan) Let's begin again, shall we? Welcome to the Fall issue featuring the sites, sounds and fortunately not smells of the Conventions, or as we know them, CONNNNN!!!

Your newsletter crew has been Scouring the region, pounding the pavement, and donning our best Cosplays in a wide variety, Starfleet uniforms, and Klingon paraphernalia as we attended several major convention. We saw some of our favorite celebrities, picked up autographs, artwork, T-Shirts and swag from across multiple Galaxies.

The U.S.S Ticonderoga and her crew, alongside many other members of the Seventh Fleet put on a marvelous photo opportunity area, while taking the time to meet and greet hundreds of visitors and introduce them to the club. Actors, Writers, and crew from the variety of Star Trek series were in attendance and were made available at panels and meet and greet, photo ops, and autograph areas.

We have the opportunity to see so much that is not a regular part of the day to day existence at the conventions. To have the chance to spend some time in a world that traditional thinking tells us can never actually become our reality.

*"It isn't all over. Everything has not been invented. The Human adventure is just beginning."*—Gene Roddenberry

We want to encourage every member of the Ticonderoga to look beyond what we are and continue to strive to become more, seeing anything as possible, even when those around us only see the impossible! As always... *QaQ jaj laD* "It is a good day...to read"

The Newsletter Staff



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## HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION



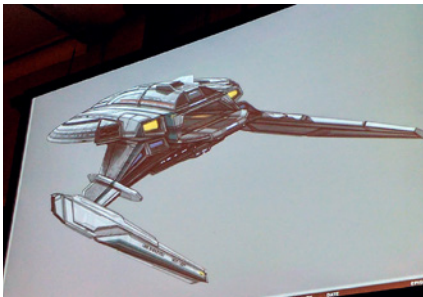
### MAKE IT SO! *STAR TREK*'S CAPT. PICARD RETURNS IN NEW CBS SERIES

As a famous *Star Trek* captain once said, things are only impossible until they're not. An incredible 24 years after *The Next Generation* (TNG) finished its television run, star Patrick Stewart announced he will reprise his role as Captain Jean-Luc Picard in a new CBS series. Stewart, 78, will return to the role via CBS All Access, the same online platform on which new series *Star Trek: Discovery* debuted last year. Discovery co-creator Alex Kurtzman is working on a number of rumored *Star Trek* series, with this Picard-focused one first mentioned publicly in June.



### *STAR TREK DISCOVERY* RETURNS (DATE CHANGE) WINTER 2019

Production is under way now on season two of *Star Trek: Discovery*, with series executive producer and co-creator Alex Kurtzman directing the season premiere. Although an official release date has yet to be announced, the original 2018 release date has been moved to Winter 2019.



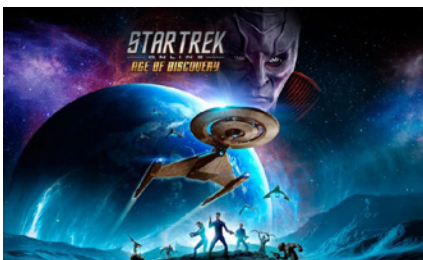
### THE ART OF JOHN EAVES COMING SOON IN 2018!

John Eaves, over the past several decades, has had a major impact on the look of the *Star Trek* universe and played a pivotal role in shaping Gene Roddenberry's vision. Eaves has worked as a production designer, illustrator and modelmaker across the franchise, from *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier* to *Star Trek: Discovery*, and he has been responsible for creating many of the props and ships, and helping develop the Federation design, from the U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701-E to the U.S.S. Discovery NCC-1031. And soon he will get his due, as, this fall, Titan Books will publish *Star Trek: The Art of John Eaves*.



### *STAR TREK* — LAS VEGAS CONVENTION RELEASE DATE

We have been given the dates for the 2019 release date for the upcoming Las Vegas *Star Trek* convention. Book your flights and hotels for July 31st–August 4th.



### INTERACT WITH TILLY, FACE OFF AGAINST THE JU'LA

A new voyage of discovery is about to begin, Captains, and we're proud to share it with you. Interact with Cadet Sylvia Tilly, face off against the sinister Ju'la, and take your first steps into a new era when *Star Trek Online: Age of Discovery* launches on October 9th. You'll be able to bring your reputations to a new tier, compete in random Task Force Operations, and experience the beginnings of a fresh story that will have ramifications for all of *Star Trek Online*. *The Age of Discovery* is coming, very soon.



## AMAZON HAS SELECTED ITS SHOWRUNNERS FOR ITS *LORD OF THE RINGS* SHOW

Amazon's big Middle-earth-set show based on the works of J.R.R. Tolkien is slowly moving forward. The two writers are relative newcomers: both worked on the original script for *Star Trek: Beyond*, were part of the writer's room for *Godzilla vs. Kong*, and are writing the upcoming sequel to *Star Trek: Beyond*, which will be helmed by S.J. Clarkson. Deadline says that the duo will help manage a writer's room for the project, and that Amazon Studios head Jennifer Salke said during a panel they will now work on continued development for the show. She also indicated that the studio had gone through a number of pitches before selecting Payne and McKay. The Middle-earth show reportedly won't be a straight-up adaptation of The Lord of the Rings trilogy, but it will "explore new storylines preceding J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Fellowship of the Ring*," with a possible spinoff series also part of the deal.



## DISNEY'S *STAR WARS* EXPANSION LAND WILL OPEN AT DISNEYLAND NEXT SUMMER

Anticipation has been high for the *Star Wars*-themed expansion lands being built at Disneyland and Disney World, but it hasn't been clear when fans will actually be able to venture into the new parks. Today, that got a little clearer: Disney officially announced *Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge* will open at Disneyland in summer 2019, with the Disney World version of the park following suit in late fall. Disney parks have incorporated *Star Wars* rides and other elements for years, but Galaxy's Edge promises to be a more ambitious project than anything the company has attempted before. Rather than being a one-off ride or themed area, Galaxy's Edge is intended to be an entire immersive world, giving guests the experience of actually stepping into the *Star Wars* universe itself. There will be no Disney employees in the cantinas and shops of the park, for example. Instead, there will be locals and smugglers that inhabit Batuu, the planet the park is set on, while guests find themselves wrapped up in a battle between the Resistance and the First Order. Not only that, but the rides themselves are designed to be part of a larger interactive adventure that guests can go on. Do a poor job flying the Millennium Falcon in the park's flagship attraction, for example, and a guest may find themselves called out — or celebrated — by a character later in their visit.



## RELEASE DATE FOR *DOCTOR WHO* REVEALED (FOR REALS THIS TIME)!!

*Dr Who* is scheduled to return for the 1st time with a Female lead as the Dr. Although no specific release day has been identified, it has been confirmed for this Fall, and all indications are showing a release date for sometime in October. One more reason to get excited for the greatest month of the year. (editor may be biased towards October, but that in no way changes the fact that October rules!)

....."Edit"..... The official release date for the new season is set for October 7th 2018. The official site has been updated with the trailers and dates for the entire season. So as of this printing, get caught up and enjoy the remaining episodes throughout the fall!

### **USS TICONDEROGA — HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 27TH 7PM TO 10PM**

Where: 2238 North 400 East, North Ogden UT. 84414

Description: The members of the USS Toconderoga along wth Friends will be gathering at the home of Crew Chief Ricks for Eats, Games and general spooktacular fun!

### **USS KELLY — SATURDAY NOV 3RD**

Where: 6221 S 700 W, Murray, UT 84123, USA (map)

Description: The USS Kelly Tactical Department invites you to join us for an RPG night the first Saturday of every month.

### **USS TICONDEROGA MOGATU MEETING & GIFT EXCHANGE WED. DECEMBER 12TH**

Where: TBD

Description: The USS Ticonderoga combines its monthly meeting with an annual event that has fast become a favorite, the Mogatu Gift exchange. Come with a gift, but be prepared to have it swiped as the fun “exchange” begins!

### **SALT LAKE FANX SPRING EVENT — APRIL 19 & 20TH, 2019**

Where: The Salt Palace Convention Center – 100 South Temple, SLC Utah

Description: The Bi-Annual convention is the largest pop culture event in Utah, with cosplay, autographs & pictures with attending celebrities, vendor booths and best of all, The Seventh Fleet! Attending this year with be announced soon, along with other actors, authors and artists.

### **USS TICONDEROGA - SOUTH DAVIS AQUATIC CENTER**

Where: 550 N 200 W, Bountiful UT. 84010

Description: Join the crew of the Ticonderoga as we embark on an away mission for a bit of aquatic R & R.

### **ADMIRALS BANQUET — SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH 2019**

Where: It is time for the Annual Seventh Fleet Admiral's Banquet. Details TBA.

Description: The Admirals Banquet is held annually and includes dinner and an awards ceremony. Arrive early for activities and socializing with other crewmembers.

# THE PATH OF MOST RESISTANCE

BY SEAN O'KEEFE 2014©

**Captain's Personal Log, U.S.S. Billings, Stardate 48305.3.** As I draw near to my retirement I find my choice of successor aboard ship to be a simple matter. Kate Janeway has been an excellent XO and Starfleet would be mad to pass her up to command the old girl. However, I've just received a communique that will muddy the waters a bit. I wonder how she will take it? Captain Seamus McBride looked up as the door chime to his ready room sounded. Kate was nothing if not punctual, he thought. A glance at the wall chronometer confirmed it. Oheight hundred hours precisely. "Come in," he commanded. For all his years in space surrounded by people of all sorts, Seamus had never lost his native, Irish accent; nor his taste for Guinness. That was one thing he was looking forward to in retirement. Plenty of time for fishing in the river near his family home and chin-wags with the boys back home. The door whooshed aside and Kate stepped into the room. She was all business with her red hair tied up in the bun he had always detested, but the woman was a stickler for regulations

"What can I do for you, Captain?" She stood at ease before his desk.

Given they had served together for four years, she still did so regardless of how many times he had asked her not to. For a split second Seamus wondered if Janeway was truly ready for the job. Her all-business attitude could be a problem for his crew – a group he had come to think of as family. However, he was not a man given to second-guessing himself. No, his mind was made, but what Kate would choose to do was yet to be seen.

"Take a seat, Commander," McBride said with a flourish.

Kate seemed almost hesitant, but quickly took the offered chair and sat expectantly, back ram-rod straight. Not wanting to waste time, Seamus said: "I'll get right to it, Kate. As you're probably aware, I'm approaching retirement age and I've decided to go out on a high. With our recent successes regarding the Tholian treaty, I think it would be a great time to put myself out to pasture before I start going off like old milk." Janeway seemed as if she was going to disagree with him, but decided instead to hold her silence. She wanted to hear what he had to say.

"I've already communicated with Starfleet my intention to retire tomorrow when we get back to Earth." Janeway started. The Ambassador-class ship they commanded was due for a re-fit; she was going to be in dry-dock for six weeks while several systems were upgraded. Kate had considered going home to visit her family.

However, if the Captain was about to say next what she expected those plans just went straight out the window.

McBride was silent for a moment and she felt compelled to ask: "Have you considered a successor, Sir?"

Polite as always, he thought. Lead someone to the desired answer. Don't bludgeon it out of them if you don't have to.

"I have, Commander. Starfleet still has the final say, but I've put my recommendation in for you to take over the centre seat of the Billings." Kate was delighted. Her eyes sparkled and she could not help but break out in a broad grin. Her dream of a ship of her own was soon becoming a reality! Her train of thought was interrupted by the last word people want to hear at moments like these.

"However," Seamus said, pausing to collect his thoughts. "You've been given a rare opportunity most Commanders never get."

Confused, Janeway uttered an uncertain: "At that is?"

McBride broke out into a wide grin. "A choice, Commander."

He pushed a padd across his desk for her to read. He summarised its contents.

"You've been offered the new Intrepid-class U.S.S. Voyager. She's small, fast and highly manoeuvrable with a crew of about 140." In his mind there was very little choice. The Billings was by far the more impressive with a crew five times the size along with five times the bulk.

Kate was stunned. This was the last thing she expected. Even considering the odd conversation she had with Mark that morning. Her mind went back to the subspace call she had received shortly after she got out of the shower. Dressed in one of her favourite silk gowns, Kathryn had answered the call from her fiancé on her private comm panel in her quarters. He usually called every other day after breakfast when she was within real-time communication range. He had started the conversation with the usual banter about life on Earth without her and what their dogs had been up to. He had mentioned one of them was probably pregnant.

"You'll have to take her to the Vet to confirm that," she said, delighted their family was about to be extended. Mark nodded. Then his face changed as he added: "You know, the strangest thing happened this morning. I was having breakfast with my mother" – their time zones were out by five hours – "and, well, you know how she reads tea leaves."



Kate rolled her eyes. She didn't believe in superstitions, but she didn't try to make people who did uncomfortable, either. Janeway was a pure scientist and didn't have much time for the supernatural.

"What did the all-powerful English Breakfast tea leaves reveal?" she asked with a cheeky smile.

At that, her fiancé took on a haunted look. "Actually, what she said was creepy. She told me that you're going to face a choice today. She said, and I quote: If you choose ambition you'll be a happy at home mother. If you choose loyalty, you'll lose everyone you love but change the world as we know it."

As much as she didn't want to admit it, Kate was a little shaken. She had given him a nice smile, blown him a kiss and wished him well for the day before signing off. Yet, as the day went on, she couldn't keep the conversation out of her mind. Now, here she was, two hours later, remembering the same conversation and suddenly wanting more information. Did taking command of the *Billings* represent ambition? How did loyalty fit into this? Why was she worrying about this stupid prophecy at all? Seamus could see she was considering the situation, checking all the options in her head. It was clear to him that she wanted to know more. Was she seriously considering taking command of the *Voyager*?

"Just so you know, I've been read in on the *Voyager*'s first mission. Starfleet Command called me and asked me if you were ready for it, as it's a little delicate."

"How so?" McBride thought she deserved the whole truth.

"As you know, Mister Tuvok is currently under cover for Starfleet Intelligence since we loaned him to them three months ago."

Seamus was well aware the Vulcan and Kate were good friends.

"He's been transferred to the *Voyager* crew since she's been tasked with supporting his mission and I hear his contact has let him know. Anyhow, the *Maquis* ship he was serving on went missing in the Badlands yesterday. They need someone to take command of her to mount a rescue mission."

Janeway's blood went cold. She had personal experience in the Badlands. It was not a place you wanted to take a ship into – any ship. She looked down at the padd in her hands and brought up the specs on the *Intrepid* class. Bio-neural circuitry? She did some quick arithmetic and realised the ship had the capability of navigating the dangerous plasma storms and eddies. Whatever mess Tuvok had gotten himself into, this ship was just the one to get him out of it. She sat back and blew a lock of hair out of her eyes that had come loose. It was always happening to her, even though she tried to keep her unruly hair in check.

"I see why they chose *Voyager* for this mission," she said cryptically.

Seamus noted she didn't ask why her. "They need someone fast. You're available and up for promotion. You're familiar with Tuvok and his situation. It's an ideal fit – as far as Starfleet is concerned."

Kathryn narrowed her eyes a little at his unspoken message. "But you think I'd be better suited here," she said slowly. The Captain was glad she was beginning to see things his way.

"That's right. You might be familiar with Tuvok, but you also know the entire crew of the *Billings*. They know you. They look up to you. They trust you." His XO was beginning to see where this was going. It wasn't just her career he was thinking of. For the crew to lose both the Captain and XO in one fell swoop could be devastating for morale. Regardless of her feelings of loyalty for Tuvok, as he would remind her, the needs of the many outweighed the needs of the one. Never mind the extra prestige that came from commanding an Ambassador-class ship. They were only one step short of a Galaxy-class, like the *Enterprise*. Indeed, the previous ship to bear that name had been an Ambassador. She looked down at the padd once more and touched the tab for the orders regarding *Voyager*'s mission. They seem pretty clear cut, but there had been an addendum that caught her attention. There was the suggestion that one Tom Paris, a convicted criminal serving time at the New Zealand Penal Colony, could be of some assistance as he knew the commander of the *Maquis* vessel. Instinctively, she knew this Paris was Admiral Owen Paris' wayward son. She had heard the stories – that he had joined the *Maquis*. Sure enough, the notes had him serving time for just such an offence. Her mind went back to the first ship she served on, the *Albatani*. Owen Paris had been her captain and she had come on board as a lowly Lieutenant JG. However, he had seen promise in her (he had revealed to her one day over a beer) and taken her under his wing. Under his tutelage, she had gone through trial after trial, but each mission she had succeeded in had only made her a better officer. When the opportunity had come for her to advance her career off the ship he had selflessly written a reference giving her his highest recommendation. She wouldn't be where she was in Starfleet if it hadn't been for him. Now she saw a chance to repay that debt by trying trying to rehabilitate his son. It was a longshot, but she had learned that few things were impossible to a determined mind. She also owed her friend, Tuvok, many times over.

Kathryn looked up, her choice clear, the path obvious. While the *Billings* and all that came with it were a beautiful enticement, there was a huge streak of loyalty within her that would not let her rest otherwise. Looking across the desk at her, Captain Seamus McBride realised she had made her mind up and, judging from the look on her face, he was going to be disappointed. All the same, a part of him

was glad. She was the type of person who was willing to sacrifice her own career for the sake of a friend. Perhaps she really was ready for command after all. He stood up and offered her his hand.

“Congratulations, Captain,” he said in all sincerity.

Janeway stood and took it gratefully.

“Thank you, sir. It has been an honour serving with you.”

Seamus smiled. “That honour was all mine, Kate. You’ll make a fine Captain and Voyager couldn’t do better. I’ll let Starfleet know your decision.”

As her mind started whirling on what to do next, McBride shooed her out of his ready room.

“Go and start packing. You’re going to need to leave as soon as we arrive at Starbase One. I happen to know Voyager is waiting for you there.”

Kate walked out of his office, feeling like she was floating on air. Thirty hours later Captain Kathryn Janeway of the U.S.S. Voyager was cruising at high warp en route for Deep Space Nine where she would meet the last of this ship’s new crew and to meet Tom Paris, who hadn’t been ready for transport before she had to leave orbit. She had been delighted to hear he would join them on the mission, but she could see she had her work cut out with him. A rebel at heart, maybe, but so much like his father in many ways. Of course, she would never say that to his face. The last two days had gone by in such a blur that only now did she have a chance to stop and think. She remembered the conversation she’d had with Mark and she realised there may have been some truth to his mother’s prophecy after all. She had chosen loyalty over ambition for sure, and the thought of it possibly taking her away from all that she loved stabbed at her heart. However, for Kathryn Elizabeth Janeway, it was the only choice to make.





## CREW DATABASE



### TINA TORRES

**Where are you from and where are you now?**—From Sacramento, California and I'm in Clearfield, Utah now.

**Married/Single?**—Single

**Family?**—I have two grown children, A Son and a Daughter. My Daughter is married, has two Sons and lives in Colorado.

**Hobbies outside of Star Trek?**—I do like to collect Antiques and Vintage things, Nesting Dolls, Noah's Ark, I like doing crafts, I'm trying to learn to have a green thumb for my poor plants.

**Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?**—The Away Mission up to Thiokol, Golden Spike and the spiral jetty just recently it was fun! (May 2018). I like the booth last September (2017) at Salt Lake Comic Con and got my picture taken with the transporter—that was my first introduction of the Club.

**Favorite Fan Encounter?**—Went to the 50th Anniversary *Star Trek* Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2016, Robert O'Reily and J.G. Hertzler were there and they were going to be dressed up as their Klingon characters. 1st day of the convention they did the panel and the photo op in their Klingon characters. I had a photo op with them wearing my Klingon costume. I was in-between the two in the photo op. Robert looked at me and said "Oh Klingon Good! Cleavage Very Good!" and everyone within earshot including me laughed! Another one was Henry Winkler at the first Salt lake comic con in 2013. Having him give me a big bear hug, I just about died! Johnathan Frakes I asked him if I could get a hug and he said "Of Course!" this was at the photo shoot.

**Worst Fan Encounter?**—This was about 1977 (I think) Walter Koenig at a convention in Sacramento, California at Sacramento's city college. He was walking down the hallway, I asked to take his picture, I held up my little 110 camera to take the picture, it wouldn't take because I didn't slide the lens cover open and Walter sighed and continued down the hall....I never got a picture of him there at that convention.

**When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?**—When I was 10 years old with the *Star Trek The Original Series* reruns back in 1971.

**Favorite series, Episodes, and Films in Star Trek?**—Favorite series is *Star Trek The Next Generation* and STTNG episode "The Inner Light"

**Favorite series outside of Star Trek?**—I love *Orphan Black*, *Once upon a Time* and *the Big Bang Theory*.

**What are some of your Dreams and Goals?**—I've pretty much accomplished this in my life. Id love to travel to Ticonderoga, New York to the *Star Trek* Museum, to travel and attend conventions in other places, My bucket list trip is to go to on a Mediterranean cruise and to visit Italy and Greece.



## CREW DATABASE



### RICHARD LUKE

**Where are you from and where are you now?**—I was born in Austin, Texas. Lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, Moved to Utah when I was 13 years old and have been in Utah on and off since.

**Married/Single?**—Married for 37 years in October (2018).

**Family?**—Yes, I have two Step Children, I have three Sisters, one Sister is still living, two Sisters that have passed away.

**Hobbies outside of Star Trek?**—I do leather work, etc., I teach leatherworking, play *World of Warcraft*, ran a couple of Mountain Man rendezvous, I've been in charge of the Mountain Man Rendezvous security for almost 20 years. I've been the incident commander for FyreCon for the past two years. I enjoy cooking and have taught cooking classes.

**Favorite Ticonderoga activity?**—Oh Boy! There's so many.....um....one of them is the midwinters BBQ (that one is always fun) The Admiral's Banquet, the outdoor activities too. Also the Fleet games

**Favorite Fan Encounter?**—At FantasyCon in 2014 (in Salt Lake City), I had the opportunity to chat with Sylvester McCoy...one of the Doctors from Dr. Who and Ragast the Brown from the Hobbit movies, Really a gracious man.

**When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?**—In the early 1960's with J.R.R. Tolkien and his works, the Isaac Asimov books as well.

**Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?**—The favorite series has to be the Original Series, Favorite episode is *Star Trek TNG's* "The Inner Light" with Picard living another life in a span of a few hours. For the films, *Star Trek IV The Voyage Home*. I really truly liked *Star Trek: Into Darkness*.

**Favorite series outside of Star Trek?**—M\*A\*S\*H, The original *Dark Shadows* that ran from 1966 to 1971, *The Wild, Wild, West* (From the 1960's)

**What are some of your Dreams and Goals?**—A goal of mine is to fully reestablish tribal ties to the Chickasaw Nation with my Ancestry, I am 1/8 Chickasaw.



# THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



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*What is Commander Rikers favorite hobby?*—Sewing, because the captain says "Make it so".

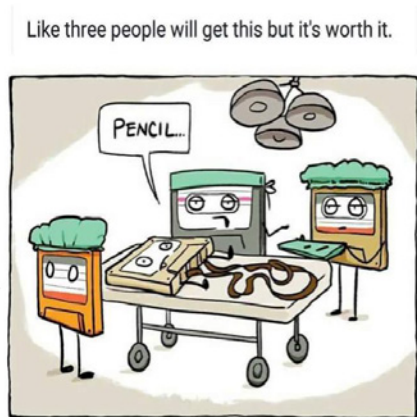
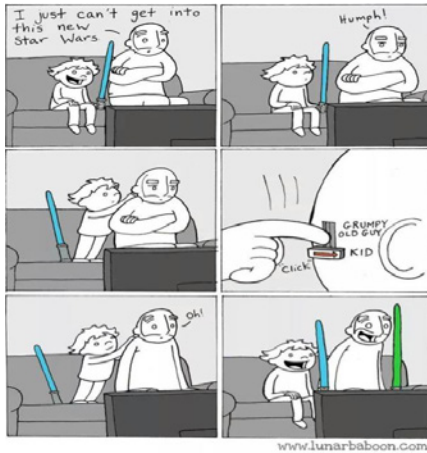
*Have you read the book "The Positronic Brain"?*—It's by: Anne Droid

*Have you read the book "Damn it Jim"?*—It's by: Ima Doctor and Nada Bricklayer.

*Have you read the book "Chekov: The Navigator"?*—It's by: I. Kiptin



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*Why can't Klingon kids play in sandboxes?—Cats keep trying to cover them up.*

*What did Worf say when small ice asteroids began hitting the Enterprise hull? —"Captain, we are being hailed."*

*Did you hear about the Federation weapons expert? —He never forgets a phaser.*

*What are eyeglasses called on Vulcan? —Spocktacle*







## AN ASTRONOMY REPORT BY CREW-MEMBER ANNIE STEPHENS—BETELGEUSE

### The Lure of Orion

Orion the Might Hunter, but who is he really? Hero or Villain? We can find him in the winter night sky, but why did Zeus really put him there? Was he being saved or punished? He is easy to find but complicated to figure out.

So many rumors and translations of rumors. There does seem to be one aspect that all agree on and this is he was very handsome and very strong...oh and that he was a great hunter...and that he will be hunting in the sky for a very long time.

However, for those of us in the know a.k.a. Trekkies, we know Orion is the home of alluring green bodies...those Orion women, like the Sirens in Greek land, and those green 'hulks' of Orion men. T'Pol sure knows of their hulkiness but not in the alluring way.

And while thoughts are mind melding with the green, mind melding itself was perfected in this same group of stars on Keid, home world of the Vulcans. (Keid is also associated with the constellation Eridanus, a river of stars flowing by the stars of Orion.) Keid is a trinary star system in the Trek world and in the world of earth bound mortals. One star is a glow of gas, another a red dwarf that shoots out deadly x-rays and another brighter than our sun that could host M-class planets.

You can find Keid by looking below the belt of Orion at the stars that make up his knees. Start with Saiph, knee star on the left then move over to Rigel on the right, Hold up two fists at arms length starting at Rigel, slightly curve the fists and Keid will be one of the faint stars just past your right fist. Very cool!

Now back track to Rigel. In the 10 or it could be 12 Trek planets ( and an asteroid belt) around this star there is a lot happening. The voyages of the U.S.S. Enterprise start at Rigel VII where Capt. Pike gets to save Vina from the Kolar. And then he gets to go back and get the girl. We are quite happy for him... and Vina.

Harry Mudd was in peril from an asteroid, most likely from this asteroid belt when he was rescued by the Enterprise. This same ship also intercepted and destroyed 'The Planet Killer' before it could get to it's destination of Rigel. It was also on board this same starship that Mr. Hengist was conveniently disposed of thus preventing him a.k.a Jack the Ripper, from committing further dastardly deeds. Rigel owes a lot to the Enterprise and it's fine crew.

Rigel X was the first and last planet Capt. Archer visited.

We are going to end this voyage at M42, possibly the answer to everything. This is the the very famous and very beautiful and very captivating Orion Nebula, the same visible to the naked eye fuzzy spot in the belt of our famous hunter. Have you seen it?

The answer to pretty much all we know about star formation, solar system formation, even planet formation started here. At 1,300 light years away it is the closest star forming region to earth. Just a field trip away for the Enterprise. And this nebula (nebula=cloud of gas and dust) emits and reflects light.

The star formation has so much nuclear reactivity going on these new stars can emit light we can see with the naked eye. The star shine reflects off the dust particles creating a spectacular view for anyone wanting to just look up. Let's board the Enterprise soon and warp ourselves to the the magnificent beauty of Orion and all the other nebula we can get to before we get beamed up.



# QUANTUM LEAP

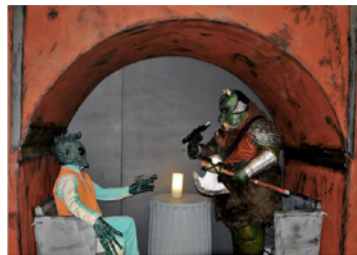
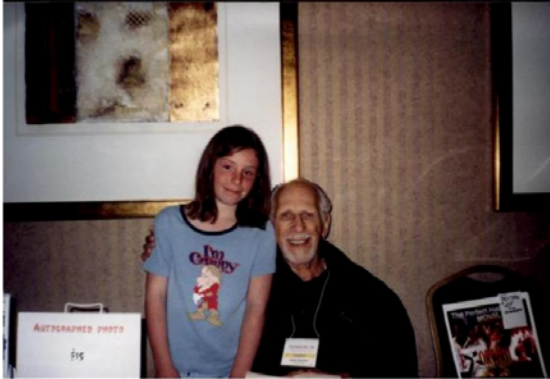
## FALL ISSUE CONVENTION SPECTACULAR!!

(Or at the very least, rather entertaining)





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## THE CONVENTION CHRONICLES—SUBMITTED BY LT. BRAD JACOBS

Here is some highlights of the conventions I have been to over the years and will be touching on just a few of my experiences attending. Let's take a time trip back to the beginning of my path on the journey of attending conventions starting with the first one.....

It all started in the year 1989 on Stardate 48911.18 when it was announced that there was a Star Trek convention was coming to Salt Lake City and the guest was Michael Dorn, aka: Klingon Starfleet Officer Lt. Worf from STTNG. So I purchased tickets to attend.

I was excited to attend and at the same time was not sure what to expect at this convention since I have never attended any like this before and at the time I did not know that the fans could go in uniform, etc., to events such as these so I showed up as myself. Although I do remember observing a fan that was dressed in a TOS Klingon uniform with the imperial head ridges on and was greeting convention goers. My first thoughts were 'that's odd but cool.' Later I came to know this fan who was dressed as the Klingon that day. I now call him more than a friend, he is a Trek Brother.

This convention was small and was the first time I saw the famous TOS blooper reel, too. I can remember there was Trek trivia and at the time I was not a participant since I did not know I could participate. That has changed as time went on and now I'm a huge Trek trivia buff.

It was really cool to see Michael Dorn in person and since this was a small convention I had a good view from where I was of the front of the room and of Mr. Dorn. He answered questions and one I recalled in particular was a child that asked him about how long his makeup took to transform him into Worf and he answered around 2 hours. Michael Dorn also recited a poem or a short story in the voice he uses as Worf and when he was done everyone clapped and cheered afterwards.

At this same convention, I bought my first Star Trek pin it was the delta shield with the science department emblem. I still have the pin. Unfortunately I did not bring a camera so I do not have any photos of this convention. Also at the time I was not apart of any Star Trek fan organization, the following year that changed.

When I joined the local Star Trek club, the U.S.S. Dominion....there were opportunities to attend more conventions both in the area and out of state and an added bonus was going to these conventions with others that shared a similar interests. It was an experience traveling to and attending out of state conventions like Colorado and Nevada with club member and got to meet members from other clubs in those areas too.

In Denver, I was able to see a lot of Trek and non Trek actors that were guests. Got to have a sneak peek at new episodes of STTNG at the time before they aired on Television across the country, loved to check out the models and artwork the fans set up for display, the fans in all the really cool uniforms and costumes and let's not forget the dealers room, ah yes the dealers room.....this is where I learned to not just jump in and buy anything at first sight, take a look around first and 'window shop' per say before committing to purchasing something. With these conventions it was great fun as well as a learning curve for future events.

When CONduit the Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Literary con was organized, I attended the very first one back in



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the day, have attended several of them off and on throughout the years when this particular event was in operation. CONduit was a joy to attend due to the large variety of interests under one umbrella. I was able to interact with artists, authors, cosplayers, actors, and fans of a large community.

A few favorites of CONduit that I attended of mine come to mind was I met and talked with Jack Donner (aka; Sub commander Tal from the TOS episode 'The Enterprise incident') for an extended period of time all the while he was at the con, a very lovely guy to talk with. The other was that I got to meet and also briefly talk with Time Russ (aka; Lt Tuvok of STVGR), He also was a great down to earth guy and I had no idea he sang until I met him.

Another one that comes to mind I attended was a Star Wars/Star Trek convention back in 2003, Now as a fan of both Wars and Trek I loved it! It was a very memorable one for both myself and my Family. The Convention was small which made it even better! The Awesome thing about the convention was I got to see and interact with 2 actors from STVGR, Robert Picardo and Ethan Phillips, a real Astronaut, and the Wookiee himself...Peter Mayhew!

The 501st Alpine Garrison and Starfleet Seventh Fleet were in full uniforms from Jedi Knights, Stormtroopers, to Starfleet officers and the Borg. In addition to these two universes coming together for this convention a Timelord with a hat and a long multicolored scarf just happened to pop in for some fun too. This added more Awesomeness to the whole atmosphere having a Timelord in the mist! Peter Mayhew interacted with the fans actually tickled my Son, Issac and gave him a high five how Fantastic is that! When Robert and Ethan got on stage they were hilarious, was cracking jokes and just having a ball!

I have attended more and more throughout the years and have had positive experiences with both the guests and fans I have met alike at these conventions I have attended whether it be small conventions such as the early Star Trek ones, CONdiut, Snake River Fandom con, or Fyrecon to the much more larger ones such as FanX and Salt Lake Comic Con that have made it to the State in more recent years. It has been a very cool journey and will continue I am sure of it.





## LEGO MASTER BOY — A REPORT BY ISSAC JACOBS

One guarantee that comes with conventions is won't come home empty handed here is some of my favorite merchandise over the years. A 2006 IG-88 action figure IG 12 inch, Sauron Funko Pop the fantasy-con hand bag sokkas boomerang and a custom made infinity gauntlet.

Meeting celebrities can be the most exciting part of the day here is just a handful of celebrities I've met Grant Imahara, Sean Astin, Femi Taylor, Adam West, John DiMaggio, Manu Bennett, Lou Ferrigno and the legend himself Stan Lee and many more.

In 2014 me my brother and mother were gold and my mother had no clue until she when to get our wristbands. Later I'm exploring alone and I come up to the comic con merchandise booth and ask for the gold shirts for me my brother and mother the volunteer didn't question me just asked "what size" 'Larges' he hands them to me later I find them again and find out they had already gotten them so we got 2 extra gold shirts.

Every year I also go to a lego convention called brickslopes in 2016 I rode every public vehicle from the roy frontrunner station to murry trax to the sandy expo where I th

talked to security and he printed out directions and a map to orem for me so I get back to the murry station and wait 50 minutes then i take the UTA bus and arrive at brickslopes

At brickslopes I got team avatar made up of aang, sokka and kataru and lots of lego pieces. I leave and hit the uta bus get to the orem station with only 4 minutes left to wait then the ride home it was empty for most of the ride. Someone I know came on at north temple so we talked until his stop at Layton. I finally get home after being on the train for 2 and half hours.

I've been to every convention in salt lake but I rarely buy any autographs or photo ops. Here is the list in order of person Stan lee, Sean astin Greg Cipes, Christopher Daniel Barnes, Femi Taylor, and John DiMaggio. Now the only two photo ops first is my mother myself and weird al yankovic the second is just me and Daniel panabaker.

My uncle, cousin, father, and myself went to the 2017 brickslopes in orem that year I had a great time seeing the builds bonding with my family and getting awesome minifigures like a moria orc and anbi's guard and prince zuko then we ate lunch at a nearby burger king then headed home

I was 6 years old (2003) at a small convention in salt lake city and I can't remember everything but I remember Peter Mayhew came and greeted us I was super shy so he ticked me to get my attention and that all I remember about meeting one of my first celebrities





## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN FOR ME..... DAMON RICKS (YOUR HUMBLE NEWSLETTER EDITOR)

I have been a huge fan of Science Fiction / Fantasy since I was a kid. Star Wars, Star Trek, Battlestar Galactica, Buck Rogers, I loved them all. Additionally, Dungeons and Dragons, The Forgotten Realms, and basically anything with Elves, Dragons, Wizards and the like were all a huge part of my imagination as I grew up. But, being from a small town in Idaho does not lean much toward being able to go to attend the fan events as at the time most of them were in California, Nevada, Washington and other even further locations.

Flash forward to the year 2005. Star Wars was in full swing with the 3rd film in the new trilogy set for release and a massive event, the Star Wars Celebration, was set for an April date. The only problem was that it was in Indianapolis, IN. Once again it seemed that the coolest events were beyond me. But this time we had a group of us who all wanted to go and were not going to be denied. So we flew to Indy for the very first convention of what was going to become many that I would attend. And this one would serve to cement my love of them forever.

As we had arrived the day prior to the convention, we went down to the center to see what was going on and it was there that I saw my very first real life Stormtrooper. All the trading cards, action figures and movies could not have even prepared me for the thrill of seeing my movies in reality. So, I did what any man in his late 30's fanatic would do....ran right up to him squealing like a schoolgirl and begged a picture. The trooper complied by shoving me to the knees and placing the blaster to my head. I would not have minded if he ended my run on this planet at that moment, I was that overjoyed.

What followed was 4 days of interaction with the stars of the films I had grew up loving, more swag than I could possibly buy (and I tried to get it all!), and on top of that, this was where my love of costuming began and now sits at 14 movie quality costume characters from Star Wars and Star Trek. (Not to mention I was able to meet for the 1st of many times, Dave Dorman, a truly great artist. The aforementioned squealing was once again brought to bear upon meeting him.)

Since that time, Utah has bloomed as a massive convention hub being lead by the Salt Lake Comic Con, now known as Salt Lake FanX. We have had others as well, most notably for me being the Fantasy Con. This brought all the other loves for me, the dragons, wizards, magic and more. Although it has not repeated as of printing, hope continues to thrive for a Fantasy Con 2!

However, we cannot forget the smaller conventions that were the predecessors. Although many have gone now as the larger cons take precedence, favorite to many locals was the "ConDUIT" held in a Salt Lake City hotel. These smaller cons gave attendees a more intimate opportunity to meet authors, comic artists, and actors that might not have had the recognition on a larger platform. Although these Cons are not as prevalent, we are seeing many smaller events begin to come back to life.

To sum it all up, We've been able to attend conventions from the Midwest to the southern states and many right here in Utah. I have gone from simply attending to being a part of the show. We assist the local fan clubs by attending in character, and now I regularly speak on panels at Fan X regarding the topics that I have loved since I was young. Our family plans vacations around them and they are truly a high point in each year.

So whatever your reasons for going to conventions all across the country, keep on keeping on so that the cons will keep on keeping on for years and years to come!!



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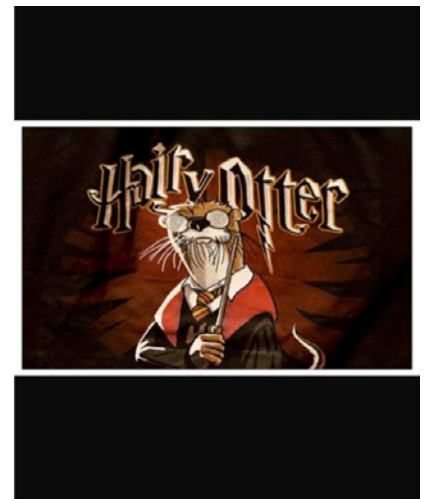


## THE COLLECTIVES COLLECTIBLES



### A LOOK INSIDE WHAT THE TICO COLLECTIVE COLLECTS.

Due to a Techno error, we have misplaced the pictures of the nesting Dolls. Pics will be in a future issue! Meanwhile, enjoy these Otters)



Here are a few bits of History and wisdom, past and present, from the office of the Admiral!

## THE ORVILLE

Season 1 (2017) 12 episodes aired on The Fox Broadcasting Company (FOX)

Created by: Seth MacFarlane

Executive Producers: Seth MacFarlane, Brannon Braga, David A. Goodman, Jason Clark, Liz Heldens and Lili Fuller

Title: Airdate: Director: Writer(s):

Old Wounds 09-10-17 Jon Favreau Seth MacFarlane

Command Performance 09-17-17 Robert Duncan McNeill Seth MacFarlane

About a Girl 09-21-17 Brannon Braga Seth MacFarlane

If the Stars Should Appear 09-28-17 James L. Conway Seth MacFarlane

Pria 10-15-17 Jonathan Frakes Seth MacFarlane

Krill 10-12-17 Jon Cassar David A. Goodman

Majority Rule 10-26-17 Tucker Gates Seth MacFarlane

Into the Fold 11-02-17 Brannon Braga Brannon Braga & Andre Bormanis

Cupid's Dagger 11-09-17 Jamie Babbit Liz Heldens

Firestorm 11-16-17 Brannon Braga Cherry Chevapravatdumrong

New Dimensions 11-30-17 Kelly Cronin Seth MacFarlane

Mad Idolatry 12-07-17 Brannon Braga Seth MacFarlane

### NOTES:

Originally there was 13 episodes planned for the first season. Due to a long Christmas schedule, the episode was bumped to the second season. The unaired episode was titled "Primal Urges" and was originally scheduled to air after New Dimensions and before Mad Idolatry. It was directed by Kevin Hooks and written by Seth MacFarlane.

### CAST:

Seth MacFarlane as Captain Ed Mercer

Adrianne Palicki as Commander Kelly Grayson

Penny Johnson Jerald as Doctor Claire Finn

Scott Grimes as Lieutenant Gordon Malloy

Peter Macon as Lt Commander Bortus

Halston Sage as Lieutenant Alara Kitan

J. Lee as Lieutenant John LaMarr

Mark Jackson as Isaac



## STAR TREK: DISCOVERY

Season 1 (2017-2018) 15 episodes aired on CBS All Access.

Based upon Star Trek created by Gene Roddenberry

Created by: Bryan Fuller and Alex Kurtzman

Executive Producers: Bryan Fuller, Eugene Roddenberry, Trevor Roth, Akiva Goldsman, Heather Kadin, Gretchen J. Berg, Aaron Harberts & Alex Kurtzman

Title: Stardate: Airdate: Director: Writer(s):

The Vulcan Hello 1207.3 09-24-17 David Semel Bryan Fuller & Akiva Goldsman

Battle at the Binary Stars 1207.6 09-24-17 Adam Kane Gretchen J. Berg & Aaron Harberts

Context is for Kings Unkwn 10-01-17 Akiva Goldsman Gretchen J. Berg, Aaron Harberts & Craig Sweeny

The Butcher's Knife Cares Not for the Lamb's Cry Unkwn 10-08-17 Olatunde Osunanmi Jesse Alexander & Aron Eli Coleite

Choose Your Pain Unkwn 10-15-17 Lee Rose Kemp Powers

Lethe Unkwn 10-22-17 Douglas Aarniokoski Joe Menosky & Ted Sullivan

Magic to Make the Sanest Man Go

Mad 2136.8 10-29-17 David M. Barrett Aron Eli Coleite & Jesse Alexander

Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum 1308.9 11-05-17 John S. Scott Kirsten Beyer

Into the Forest I Go Unkwn 11-12-17 Chris Byrne Bo Yeon Kim & Erika Lippoldt

Despite Yourself Unkwn 01-07-18 Jonathan Frakes Sean Cochran

The Wolf Inside Unkwn 01-14-18 TJ Scott Lisa Randolph

Vaulting Ambition Unkwn 01-21-18 Hanelle M. Culpepper Jordon Nardino

What's Past Is Prologue 1834.2 01-28-18 Olatunde Osunsanmi Ted Sullivan

The War Without, The War Within Unkwn 02-04-18 David Solomon Lisa Randolph

Will You Take My Hand? Unkwn 02-11-18 Akiva Goldsman Gretchen J. Berg & Aaron Harberts

### NOTES:

Unkwn = Stardate Unknown

The Vulcan Hello was also aired on the CBS network on 9-24-17

### CAST:

Sonequa Martin-Green as Michael Burnham

Doug Jones as Saru

Shazad Latif as Ash Tyler

Anthony Rapp as Paul Stamets

Mary Wiseman as Silvia Tilly

Jason Isaacs as Gabriel Lorca

# CAPTAINS LOG

## WORDS OF WISDOM (OR OTHERWISE) FROM THE CAPTAINS READY ROOM.

Greetings, Crew, and Happy Autumn!

The year is winding down, and we start looking back at what's gone, and forward to what's coming in the new year. What have we accomplished? What is left still to do? What fun new goals and plans are beginning to surface?

It's easy to get caught up in negativity looking back - "I should be farther along than this"; "I could have done that better"; "I'm so far behind, I'll never catch up".

Remember that life is an ever-changing journey that never conforms to your plans.

Even if you've only taken a couple steps forward, you're farther than you've ever been before. Take things at your own pace, celebrate your victories, and don't be afraid to try something new. This is the oldest you've ever been before, and you'll never be this young again. What are you grateful for?

I'm grateful for all of you. Your presence in my life is one of my greatest blessings.

Thank you, and may you be blessed!

Captain Erica Stark

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