

# TICONDEROGA

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## TRANSMISSIONS

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *y/ee!* Welcome to the Summer/Fall 2022 issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. Since the beginning of time, kids, youth and adults have dreamt of joining and becoming a part of the impossible places. Egyptians wished to enter the Stargate, those in search for the Holy Grail wished for actual horses (dig deep kids!), and since 1966, kids and adults have wished to join Starfleet!

Although we cannot yet fly to the stars, fight Klingons or relax with green skinned beauties, we have done the next best thing with Cosplay!

In this episode of the Ticonderoga newsletter, we will be sharing our passion for, and experiences with creating and wearing the costumes that let us live, if only for a short while, in the worlds we love.

Star Trek will most definitely be featured in great detail. But let's face the facts.....we have other franchises that we all can't get enough of! Star Wars, Stargate, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Marvel & DC.

**“From Trials and Tribblations: Sisko: In the old days, operations officers wore red, command officers wore gold... Dax: And women wore less”**

As humorous as this statement from Dax was, keeping as close to the actual characteristics of the costumes has also been an essential part of the hobby, and we will be looking at the details, fun and excitement of all different aspects from several members and franchises.

So sit back, put on your favorite wig, makeup or headpiece and explore the fun of Cosplay with the members of the USS Ticonderoga!

As always... *QaQjajlaD* “It is a good day...to read”

The Newsletter Staff



# THE FERENGI TRADER



HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME OF THE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL COSTUMES AND PROPS THAT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE OVER THE YEARS.



# THE FERengi TRADER



# Star Trek Costumes

### **SALT LAKE FANX COMIC CONVENTION — SEPTEMBER 22ND THRU 24TH**

Where: Salt Palace Convention Center – Salt Lake City Utah.

Description - Come and join the fleet as we embark on the greatest comic event in the region! See the celebrities, attend the panels and cosplay, cosplay, cosplay!

### **USS TICONDEROGA — OCT 29TH — HALLOWEEN WITH THE TICO!**

Where: Starkiller Base (2238 North 400 East, North Ogden Utah)

Description: The members of the USS Ticonderoga, along with friends, will be gathering together to enjoy time playing games, eating good food and admiring some most excellent costumes!!

### **USS KELLY — MONTHLY MEETING**

Where: TBD

Description: The USS Kelly invites you to join them also for a great time together!

### **USS WHITE BUFFALO — MONTHLY MEETING**

Where: Planet Earth — Utah

Description: The intrepid members of the USS White Buffalo will be joining together for activities and fellowship at the predetermined coordinates.

### **USS DELAWARE, RENDEVOUS, PULSAR & VALKYRIE — MONTHLY MEETING**

Where: TBD We are all excited to be meeting in person and enjoy one another in mutual comradeship!

Description: See above planning sessions for similar details.....

For a list of all the activities in the 7th fleet, look for us at  
<http://www.seventhfleet.org/> OR <https://www.ussticonderoga.org>





## HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION

### STAR TREK — 2022 CONTINUES TO BE FULL OF NEW SERIES AND NEW SEASONS!



#### STAR TREK — LOWER DECKS SEASON 3

The third season of the American animated television series *Star Trek: Lower Decks* follows the various missions and adventures of the "lower deckers" on the USS *Cerritos*, one of Starfleet's least important starships.



#### STAR TREK PICARD SEASON 3

The third and final season of the American television series *Star Trek: Picard* features the character Jean-Luc Picard as he is reunited with the former crew of the USS *Enterprise*. The season is produced by CBS Studios in association with Secret Hideout, Weed Road Pictures, and Roddenberry Entertainment, with Terry Matalas serving as showrunner.

Patrick Stewart stars as Picard, reprising his role from the series *Star Trek: The Next Generation* as well as other *Star Trek* media. Also returning from *The Next Generation* are LeVar Burton, Michael Dorn, Jonathan Frakes, Gates McFadden, Marina Sirtis, and Brent Spiner, with Jeri Ryan and Michelle Hurd also starring.



#### STAR TREK: STRANGE NEW WORLDS SEASON 2

The *Strange New Worlds* team is already hyping up Season Two. Co-showrunner Akiva Goldsman promises that it will be "bigger and better" than Season One, while his fellow co-showrunner Henry Alonso Meyers describes it as "Season One on steroids." Mount teases that Season Two will take "bigger swings" and explore even more genres than Season One did. "When you have a new story every week or a new planet every week, you can also change the mode and the tone," he told Collider. "We've been really pushing the boundaries with that in the second season, and seeing how many different kinds of genres and things we can get away with, and being able to invite many different kinds of directors with many different kinds of styles. It's just been a joy." Remember Season One's unforgettable fantasy episode? According to Chong, "that will be topped" in this genre-hopping Season Two.



#### STAR TREK DISCOVERY SEASON 5

The fifth season of the American television series *Star Trek: Discovery* follows the crew of the USS *Discovery* exploring the future, more than 900 years after the events of *Star Trek: The Original Series*. The season is being produced by CBS Studios in association with Secret Hideout and Roddenberry Entertainment, with Alex Kurtzman and Michelle Paradise serving as showrunners.

Sonequa Martin-Green stars as Michael Burnham, captain of the *Discovery*. Development on the season had begun by March 2020 to allow it to be filmed back-to-back with the fourth season in Toronto, Canada, but these plans were altered by the COVID-19 pandemic. The season was officially ordered in January 2022, and filming is expected to begin in Toronto, Canada, in June.

The season is expected to premiere on the streaming service Paramount+ in early 2023, and run for 10 episodes.



## ANDOR

Andor is an upcoming American television series created by Tony Gilroy for the streaming service Disney+. A prequel to the Star Wars spin-off film Rogue One (2016), the series follows thief-turned-Rebel spy Cassian Andor during the five years before the events of the film.

Diego Luna executive produces and reprises his Rogue One role as Cassian Andor. Genevieve O'Reilly, Stellan Skarsgård, Adria Arjona, Denise Gough, Kyle Soller, and Fiona Shaw also star. Lucasfilm announced a series focused on Andor in November 2018, with Luna attached and Stephen Schiff hired as showrunner. Schiff was replaced by Rogue One co-writer Gilroy as creator and showrunner in April 2020. Filming began at the end of November 2020, with Gilroy unable to direct as planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Filming took place at Pinewood Studios in London, and on location around the United Kingdom, and wrapped by September 2021.

The first 12-episode season of Andor is scheduled to premiere on Disney+ on September 21, 2022, with its first three episodes. The rest of the episodes will be released weekly until November 23. A second 12-episode season is in development, which will conclude the series and lead into the events of Rogue One.



## THE BAD BATCH SEASON 2

The Clone Wars may be over but Clone Troopers still have a major role to play in that galaxy far, far away. The Bad Batch season 2 will continue the adventures of Clone Force 99, a ragtag group of unique troopers genetically engineered to possess traits that make them superior soldiers.

While the first run of 16 episodes took a while finding its reason to exist, the show eventually carved out its niche in Star Wars canon, with potentially significant implications for The Mandalorian. The Bad Batch season 2 seems set to expand the mythology further, as Hunter, Tech, Wrecker, Echo, Crosshair and their young sidekick Omega try to find their place in a universe where the newly formed Empire is starting to throw its weight around.



## THE LORD OF THE RINGS — THE RINGS OF POWER

The Lord of the Rings – The Rings of Power - is an upcoming American fantasy television series based on the novel The Lord of the Rings and its appendices by J. R. R. Tolkien. Developed by showrunners J. D. Payne and Patrick McKay for the streaming service Prime Video, the series is set in the Second Age of Middle-earth, thousands of years before Tolkien's The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. It is produced by Amazon Studios with the Tolkien Estate, the Tolkien Trust, HarperCollins, and New Line Cinema.

The season is scheduled to premiere on Prime Video on September 1, 2022.

# A JOURNEY ACROSS THE STARS THROUGH COSTUMING AND COSPLAY! A SHORT STORY REPORT BY DAMON RICKS

A long time ago, in a galaxy....well, actually it was right here in the good ol state of Utah, a family of folks who had a deep love for all things science fiction began their journey towards becoming one with the costuming community.

Let's take a journey back in time to the year 2005. The world was waiting in anticipation of the finale to the newest Star Wars trilogy, The Revenge of the Sith! Toy stores were filled with collectibles, television was showing previews and the excitement was in the air for every fan of the series.

In preparation, and to bring in the movie with a bang, a massive convention was planned called "Star /Wars Celebration III". It was to be held in Indianapolis IN, and Amanda, a small group of scruffy nerf herders and myself were heading out to attend.

Upon our arrival, we had flown in on the Wednesday prior to the thursday opening day, and with the excitement that we all felt, it was deemed a good decision to head down to the convention center and see if there were any early events going on.

As we turned the corner towards the entrance to the convention center, I beheld in all his amazing glory a real life, honest to goodness Stormtrooper! Now to put this moment in perspective, since I was 7 years old, Star Wars had been a part of my life and the stormtroopers were so iconic, providing an instant path to the galaxy far far away whenever an image of one would appear in the media or on TV. So seeing one in real life....difficult to describe my feelings were! (but I'll try)

Imagine if you will the character Tigger from Winnie the Pooh, bouncing around hollering "hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo! That would give you an approximation of how I may have appeared to anyone watching me approach the Trooper.

As soon as I was close enough, I asked....nay, begged for a picture. He kindly spun me around, demanded that I take a knee, put the blaster to my ear and click .... I was hooked. It did not matter that I was not able to be a Stormtrooper

(except the Peter Griffin Version), I needed to be a part of this group.

Flash forward a few months and we were back in St George trolling the Walmart toy isle for the latest and greatest action figures when lo and behold I met another fan who was a member of the 501st and Rebel Legion costuming clubs which I so dearly wished to join.

He kindly took me under his wing and we began creating our first of many costumes, Jedi and Tusken Raider.

Since those days, we have now got 24 movie grade costumes in not only Star Wars, but Star Trek and Dr Who. Our children have grown up (and grown out of) many costumes only to have the next in line take over the character. We are continuing to create new costumes (2 in development as of the writing of this letter) and as our oldest have married, even brought their wives into the community.

As fun as the creation and wearing of these costumes continues to be, the greatest aspect of cosplay has been the friends that we've made on the way. The events themselves have definitely been a tremendous and rewarding part, allowing us to meet celebrities, speak at comic conventions and help kids in need, however doing so with others who love it as we do will always be the gold trim on the cape!





# THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



*Q: Why did the Klingon cross the road?*

*A: To conquer the other side.*

*Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?*

*A: James T. Kirk: To boldly go where no chicken has gone before.*





*Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?*

*A: Mr. Scott: 'Cos ma wee transporter beam was na functioning properly. Ah canna work miracles, Captain.*





## PARTICULAR PARTICLES IN STAR TREK

### A test of knowledge

By Annie Stephens

One definition of particle is 'a body having finite mass and internal structure but negligible dimensions.' While the 'dimensions' of these particles may be 'negligible' their impact on the voyages of star ships made for some harrowing incidents and ingenious solutions to these incidents.

Read through the list below and match each particle to the it's description. Maybe you could be the next Star Trek Federation astrophysicist.

"May we never find space so vast, planets so cold, heart and mind so empty that, that we cannot fill them with love and warmth." Adams- Dagger of the Mind, Stardate: 2715.1

"One day soon, man is going to be able to harness incredible energies, maybe even the atom... energies that could ultimately hurl us to other worlds in... in some sort of spaceship. And the men that reach out into space will be able to find ways to feed the hungry millions of the world and to cure their diseases. They will be able to find a way to give each man hope and a common future. And those are the days worth living for." Edith Keeler, The City on the Edge of Forever.

alpha particle   baryon   chroniton   dekyon   graviton

metreon   omicron radiation   positron   tachyon   Z particle

Just a note...while the Federation has advanced science to bring about the technology we use for world stability and galactic exploration, some of these particles are 22nd century technology used by many scientists with the same goal in mind. This science is italicized.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sub-atomic particle with temporal qualities. Although not harmful to humanoids, it could be fatal to lifeforms that exist outside of time such the 'Prophets' and 'Pah-wraiths.

These are also produced by the normal production of Romulan cloaking devices, and are associated with time travel, including the Orb of Time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Scientists have a mathematical formula for these faster-than-light particles, but they haven't been discovered...yet.

Star Trek gets this handled.

A detection grid of these can detect cloaked vessels. This comes in quite handy for Capts. Picard and Janeway. And for the Dominion...and for the Klingons... and yes for the Borg. They use these to open trans warp conduits.

But...eddies of these also propel light sails through the Bajoran system.



----- A sub-atomic particle that can be both naturally and artificially generated.

In the form of a beam, they can be used to widen a breach in an event horizon which proves fortuitous for Voyager and enables her escape from falling into a black hole.

As an emission they can message Data's positronic subprocessor enabling him to avert a temporal causality loop (a.k.a. time loop) that Enterprise D was falling into.

----- Energy form that can only be created by certain forms of matter-antimatter reactions, so it's not surprising it is toxic to certain kinds of humanoid life.

Com. Tucker needed an inoculation of this to visit the Vissians engineering section.

This caused cells of the Xindi-Reptilian race to produce at an accelerated rate. Most likely not a good thing.

Voyager entered a nebula that wasn't a nebula at all, but rather a creature that utilized this stuff in its circulatory system. It's probably a good thing they made friends with it.

----- A real particle that consists of two protons and two neutrons.

A type of particle found in solar winds and Gorgamaders feed on these. These space whales a.k.a. cosmozoan a.k.a. non-atmospheric organism were endangered not only because they were hunted (Orion's served them up at their feasts.) but they seemed to be more interested in feeding on these than reproducing.

----- A particle that can take the form of both radiation and gas.

Vulcan scientists used this to excite small quantities of dark matter.

Capt. Archer and T'Pol expanded this use with spatial charges spreading into and exciting a larger area of dark matter. It was beautiful.

Sylvia Tilly had high hopes that a dark matter asteroid charged with these would be a new navigational interface for the spore drive.

----- Mathematically they exist but they have not been discovered yet. They act as a particle and a wave and are thought to make up quanta (packets) of gravity.

Enterprise was trapped in a polarized field of these. Of course it escaped.

Lt. Barclay generated a charged field of these creating a subspace distortion that took Enterprise to the center of the galaxy and there they met the Cyntherians and had a lovely visit.

Dr. Kila Marr, not inclined to lovely visits, used a beam of these to destroy the Crystalline Entity. They were not inclined to lovely visits either, but the Crystalline Entity may not have been all bad, it just seemed to be if one was its food source.

----- Subatomic particle that has a zero electrical charge and it's own antiparticle which could explain why it has such a quick decay rate.

This was a challenge for Com. La Forge when he noticed a spike in these as Ardra was making the Enterprise 'disappear.' But despite the quick decay rate La Forge observed this particle's 'wavelength stretch-out' that disclosed the cons of con artist Ardra.

These particles also spiked when Armus, a great skin of evil, ended the 'hailing frequencies' of our and Data's beloved, Security Officer Tasha Yar.

----- Another subatomic particle, and of course it contains protons and neutrons, however, almost all normal matter is made of of this class of particles. If they were eliminated, not much would be left behind.

Despite this, they do accumulate onboard star ships as a by product of warp drive. They have to be removed at facilities that do these 'sweeps.'

Kasidy Yates 'offered to flood her cargo hold with ( same as above) ----- radiation to eliminate the Temeklian virus rather than wait through a class 2 inspection.'

----- Antimatter partner of an electron with a positive charge.

Star Trek made good use of these. The Enterprise NX-01 sent a burst using these through it's navigational deflector along a towing cable that successfully disabled the Orion's power system.

And hey, Voyager fired a modulated beam of these at the Azure Nebula which ignited it's sirillium gases which then disabled Kang's cruiser. Go Voyager!

Geordi's VISOR used these for scanning a Romulan ship that had crashed and once again...disaster averted.

The answers to these will be disclosed at the September Ticonderoga monthly meeting. So you have some time to search your inner particle physicist and Memory Alpha. Or you might just know the answers because of your inner Star Trek nerd. Anyway come join us online or in person in September for the answers and prizes.





# THE COLLECTIVES COLLECTIBLES



## A LOOK INSIDE WHAT THE TICO COLLECTIVE COLLECTS.

In this edition of the Collective Collectibles, instead of highlighting one specific crewmember's collectibles, we are going to take a journey through the many members wonderful collection of costumes and adventures with cosplay! So, let's begin our journey!!







## COSPLAY

BY TINA TORRES

Cosplay - the act of dressing in costume and playing! How fun does that sound! I have grown to love cosplay and have put together quite a few fun costumes over the past 10 years or so! When I went to the first Salt Lake Comic Con (now known as FanX), I didn't really know what to expect and I didn't dress in costume. My daughter said to me, "Mom, this is great! We need to dress up!" At the time, I was pretty much saying, "No, I don't think I could do that." Then we went to a Renaissance Faire and I loved it and bought an overdress, and I was hooked! That was the beginning of my costumes! Star Trek is my first love and I planned on going to the 50th Anniversary convention in Las Vegas in 2016. Well, I had to have costumes for that and I made my first Klingon costume (I now have 2!) and bought a TOS scant and a TNG top. Since the first convention, I have put together numerous costumes, including a pirate costume, Steampunk outfit, Medusa, a little Dutch girl - complete with wooden shoes (which I have had for many years!), and a couple fun ones from the world of Harry Potter: Professor Trelawny and Professor Umbridge - the most hated villain from Harry Potter, even more so than Voldemort himself! I have a 1920's style flapper dress, like from *Fantastic Beasts*, last year I made a Queen of the Fairies costume. I am currently working on a new costume, which is the most hated villain in the entire Star Trek franchise, also known as Kai Winn! It's so much fun playing the bad guy! I have grown to love playing dress-up and don't plan on stopping any time soon!



## NOT ALL WHO WANDER, ARE LOST.

BY FRANK BUCK

Ever since I was a teenager, I've enjoyed running around. Usually by myself. Back in the 80's I started going on road trips in between fire seasons. In the 90's when my son and nephew were young we went on road trips in between school years. Therefore I'm no stranger to road trips. One of my bucket list things was to drive across the country for no real reason but to sight see. I recently was given the opportunity to do just that. This is a synopsis of that trip.

On July 10 the Thermians from Utah called me with the news that we were requested to go the Michigan for a special viewing of Galaxy Quest, with the special guest Tim Allen. After a couple of phone conversations with the Thermians it was decided that I was going to drive, and they would fly. Every aspect of this trip excited me. Meeting Tim Allen, checking something off my bucket list, and just the opportunity to go sightseeing across this beautiful Country that we live in.

The trip started on the evening of July 17. I left the house and made the biggest push of the trip. I drove 1044 miles from Layton to Des Moines Iowa. I was going to stop in Omaha, but I hated the city, so I pushed on for about another 100 miles, to Des Moines. The next day I drove from Des Moines to Kalamazoo Michigan. about 600 miles. With one notable stop at Riverside Iowa. The future birth place of James T. Kirk. It was a great little town that had embraced the notion of Kirk being born there. There is a great Star Trek museum there and some of the businesses have incorporated some kind of Star Trek reference.

Day 3 was to drive from Kalamazoo to Yes believe it or not Romulus. It's a suburb of Detroit Michigan. There I would wait for the Thermians to arrive. While waiting for them I did a bunch of driving around Romulus and taking pictures of things that said Romulus. There was a lot. Ford builds the new Bronco's there and Chevrolet builds powertrains there.

Day 4 After gathering up the Thermians we headed for a beautiful community in northern Michigan called Suttuns Bay. A 4 hour and 30-minute drive from Romulus. We went to the theater setup some props and had a job briefing with the theater manager. We then went to the Air bnb and relaxed for a bit. That evening we suited up and headed back to the theater to interact with the guests. We were very well received had a lot of fun and had lots of pictures taken of us. One thing that surprised me about this activity was the age group of this crowd. Most of the group had grey hair. then it dawned on me that this was a retirement community.

Once the theater was full. It was time to go inside and work the crowd in there. We made a few laps around and entertained for a bit longer then it was time to sit and watch. Just before things got going on stage one of the employees came and grabbed us and ushered us behind stage to meet Tim. It was a blast he seemed genuinely pleased to see us. The Thernians mugged him. He dealt with it very well. Then we lined up for a couple of photos. T old him that I had been telling the guests that he





was an imposter and I was the real Commander Taggart. He laughed. We then went back out to our reserved front row seats, and the show got going. They raffled off some things and Tim did a very nice stand-up routine about Galaxy Quest. Then they played the movie after the movie we hurried out front to harass the guests as they were leaving. After wards we gathered up our props, said our good buys and headed for the Air bnb for as good night's sleep.

The next day we did some sightseeing around Suttuns Bay. including a hill that led down to the shore line of Lake Michigan. with a sign at the top that said if you go down there and can't get back on your own. It costs \$3000 to be rescued. We then headed back to Romulus to get into position to put the Thermians on their flight home. The next day I dropped off the Thermians at the airport and headed towards New York state. I drove down below Lake Erie. through, Cleveland and Buffalo (and Niagara Falls) I'll see that on the way back.

First stop in New York is Ticonderoga New York. I had two missions there. One was to see Fort Ticonderoga, and the other was to Tour the Star Trek TOS set built by James Cowley. (thanks for the information Tina). The fort was amazing. Lots of people in traditional clothing for the period. On the way out of the fort I was told that they were getting ready to do a big battle reenactment. (that they only do twice a year). I decided to miss it, so I could do the set tour because the set was closed the next day.



The set tour was amazing as well. While we were on the tour James Cowley just happened to walk in so I quickly grabbed a picture with him. Turns out none of the other people that were on the tour knew who he was. Once done with the tour. it was time to sadly begin my trip back home. My first stop on the way back was Herkimer New York to try to find some Herkimer Diamonds. no luck. then the next stop was Niagara Falls. It was amazing I spent about three hours there and walked around until my feet hurt. I accidentally got there early enough to basically have the place to myself. The parking lot was empty. After an hour or so it turned into a mad house and the parking lot was full. Quick note by this time in my trip I had lost all track of what day it was so it's all a blur from this point on.

I left Niagara Falls and headed around back towards Cleveland, past Detroit and on towards the top of Michigan. I went out the top of Michigan via the Mackinaw Bridge before I hit the bridge I stopped and toured a light house. (very nice and well restored). Once across the bridge I turned left and followed the coast of whatever lake that was and on into Wisconsin. I plowed through Wisconsin and on into Minnesota. for the Largest ball of Twine built by one man. It was cool. After that I continued west to Fargo North Dakota I went all the way through North Dakota then turned south and into South Dakota towards Mount Rushmore. It was very nice and just what I expected. along the way I stopped at Deadwood and the Crazy Horse monument. Crazy Horse was cool but Deadwood was a bust. (too much of a tourist trap, and there was a big parade going on, the place was packed I left from there and made a final big push for home.

That's the synopsis. now for some observations and statistics.

I stopped at about a million small towns and purposely drove on a lot of two-lane roads. I feel you get a much better experience getting off the freeways. The nicest small town I stopped in was Tony Minnesota. I talked to 5 people there and they were all wonderful. The toughest city to drive through was Minneapolis Minn. There freeway system was a white-knuckle ride. The best freeway system was in Michigan. The most beautiful city I drove through based solely on what I saw was







Des Moines Iowa. I had an epiphany at Niagara Falls. turns out the water is flowing the wrong direction. I always thought the water was flowing towards the South. It's not it's flowing to the North.

Statistics. I started this trip on 07/17 and finished on 07/30. I touched 13 states. Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota I stayed in 1 Air BnB, 4 Hotel rooms and slept in my car 7 times. I drove 6.370 miles. I spent \$1.081 for fuel I got 28.7 miles per gallon all together the trip cost about \$2.500 and was worth every penny. Oh, and only one speeding ticket. 88 mph in a 70. cost \$180

On a side note I don't know what it is and I don't know if anyone else has the same response. but while I'm traveling like this. I regularly go through the full cycle of emotions from happy to sad to concerned to depression to wandering just what the hell I'm doing. I'm good with it. I think it's just part of the process and It won't stop me. We live in the most beautiful amazing country on earth. I think everyone should take every opportunity to see as much of it as they can.

Ticonderoga. He smiled and told me when Star Trek VI was made, they borrowed some things from his museum for use in the production of the film and they put in the USS Ticonderoga in it as a nod to him and this set tour! Very cool indeed!





## GWEN NELSON

Cosplay is an expression of who you are and who you wish to be.

An opportunity to explore oneself within a safe harbor and an outlet for one's true soul while also keeping hidden.

This is the experience I've had with cosplay. As a Trans woman growing up in a place not famous for Tolerance it became a vital lifeline for me. It allowed me to experiment to be bold and to learn both about myself and more physical aspects in a more socially acceptable context.

A pick with which I could chip my way out of my shell.

I doubt I'd be anywhere near as good with beauty makeup now if I hadn't gotten so much practice with costume makeup.

But even after coming out cosplay has been a constant source of comfort and an outlet for expression. It's even been a source of income from time to time.

But cosplay isn't just an outlet for those like myself. Anyone can learn from it, anyone can enjoy it and anyone can be a part of it for any reason. Whether you're a fan wanting to show your pride in your fandom. Someone looking to show off their skills or someone with the simple drive to create cosplay offers limitless potential.



Cosplay is not as difficult to learn as some would imagine. Yes there are expensive schools or online courses you can take from professionals or expensive makeup you can buy, but one can learn a great deal about cosplay for free from YouTube tutorials. YouTuber pinkstylist is a wonderful resource for new cosplayers to learn the basics. Also the expensive makeup that many say you must use can easily be substituted with cheaper alternatives depending on your budget. You just need to be creative and don't be afraid to experiment. Remember great things are rarely accomplished on the first attempt.

Regardless of why or how you start cosplaying.

You may quickly develop a taste for it and find you are far more creative and capable than you previously thought. It can open up new worlds and no possibilities and is something that I believe everyone should try at some point.

So in conclusion, be creative, try new things and never stop learning cosplay is about possibilities not limitations.







## USS TICONDEROGA KLINGON BBQ 2022

In July 2022, the crew joined forces to celebrate their love for all things Klingon (including costumes).







## JUST A FEW PICS OF SOME FUN COSTUMES



# THE FINAL CUTS

HERE ARE A FEW BITS OF HISTORY AND WISDOM, PAST AND PRESENT, FROM THE CREW OF THE TICONDEROGA!









# CAPTAINS LOG

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

Greetings, Crew!

They say a picture is worth a thousand words...soooooo...once again here is a 1000 words worth of wisdom in an image! (We know how wonderful our Captain is and this image is just one example of her humor and love for her crew :) !!)



Captain Erica Stark

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