



Letter From the Editor

By: CAPT Marshall Crockett

Chief, Dept of Public Relations

I would have never thought that a base-specific uniform idea would catch on like it has. I thank all of you for your comments, feedback and suggestions as we actually take this idea forward to the Star Trek Convention. I received only one T-shirt design emailed to me in the allotted contest time and it will, by default, be the winning design. I suppose it is fitting that the design was by our starbase commander! I am soliciting quotes from T-shirt makers as we speak.

It is my hope that this community can come together at the Star Trek Convention this year. I will be present for the entirety and I hope that a few of you will be able to make it as well. Tickets are not too expensive. For example, a general admission weekend ticket is \$119. I know, the travel and accommodations are much more for you. It is fortunate that I live in Las Vegas.

Whether in T-shirt or uniform, OSB will be represented this year and I'll have "recruiting" material available for anyone who inquires about the base. I hope that everyone who attends can write up an article about their experience. What a great read that would be. ✦

The Captain / First Officer Relationship

*Captain Kathryn Janeway & Commander Chakotay:
The Harsh Beginning*

By: CDR Yu'wanna

Internal PR Section Leader / Feature Writer

I personally believe this was the most difficult to build captain-first officer relationship in the Trek history. Why do I think that? Well, let's see: for one thing, compared to the other captains, Janeway did not have the luxury of choosing her first officer. Kirk and Picard made their own choice and they had plenty of possibilities. Archer had to bear with T'Pol for one mission only, her remaining there after the first mission being upon his request and her agreement. As for Sisko, though Major Kira was not his choice, still he had Federation to support him if necessary and, furthermore, the Bajorans and the federation were allies. And he also had the possibility to ask for another assignment within the Federation Space.

But Janeway had none of the chances mentioned above. She found herself alone, far away from any Federation support, trying to accomplish mission impossible: returning home from 70,000 light years away, while being under attack from hostile species. As if it hasn't been bad enough, she literally "got stuck" with Chakotay and his rebellious Maquis group, for whom the Federation was the enemy.

So, how do you mix two different crews who literally see each other as 'enemies' and make them trust one another and work together efficiently? This is the challenge Janeway has to face from the very beginning.

The Maquis did not care at all about Starfleet rules and discipline or any Federation principles and they were reluctant in adopting such rules: "Janeway: Why did

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Officer Profile

RADM Ryan Dean, OSB Commanding Officer

By: CDR Yu'wanna

Internal PR Section Leader / Feature Writer



Name: Ryan W. Dean

Age: N/A

Position on the Starbase: Starbase Commander & Head of Internal Development

Location: USA

Hobbies: Graphic design, running on the treadmill, writing, acting, and directing

Enjoys: I love spending time with my wife. As far as food, I love pizza. In terms of other things, I love movies and any chance I get to act in or work on independent productions. My TV shows I can't do without - Star Trek, Stargate, NCIS, Hell's Kitchen, and anything dealing with political commentary. I love wearing a uniform, whether it is military with medals or a civilian suit with a tie.

Hates: I can't stand people who go through life not respecting others.

Guilty Pleasures: Some reality TV (The Apprentice and Hell's Kitchen mostly)

First Encountered Star Trek: I think the first time I was ever exposed to Star Trek was one of the TOS movies, and I think it was Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home when it was shown on TV.

Other Interesting Facts: My independent film work has been featured in magazines; I've published poetry and scholarly work, and am currently earning a Master's Degree.

How did you and Star Trek meet? We met because my older brother is also a Star Trek fan so I became enthralled in the series when I was very young. We watched a lot of Star Trek!

Which is the most valuable thing you have learned from Star Trek? The most valuable thing has been that we should, as a people, always have hope and strive to better ourselves whenever possible. We don't have to wait for the 24th century for peace if we can find that serenity now.

What is your favorite Star Trek race and why? My favorite would be the BORG (mostly the TNG versions). I say this because, as many of us have discussed in the OSB forums, the BORG presented an insurmountable threat to the galaxy, seemingly unstoppable in their first appearances. This was a good story arc and something that gave us TNG's "The Best of Both Worlds," for example, and took the Star Trek villain to a new level.

What is your favorite ST character and why? James T. Kirk. He walked cool, always knew what to do, and took the initiative to do what was right, even if it wasn't the popular decision.

How long have you been on the OSB? On what circumstances did you join the Starbase? I've been with OSB dating back to 2003 and was invited to join by a colleague of mine who was a member.

What do you like most about Online Starbase? I like most the ability to communicate with people around the world.

As CO of the OSB, what are some of your most critical responsibilities and what challenges have you faced so far? Critical responsibilities include keeping the community heading in the right direction with every decision made, staying up-to-date on new Internet browser changes for users, managing a large senior and support staff, providing equitable opportunities to members, and seeing to daily operations of the community (to name a few). We have a very operational chain of command so challenges are met head-on and dealt with through experience and knowledge.

What future plans do you have for the Starbase? The staff and I are continuously working to add new features and developments to the community. Specifically, the Internal Development task force is beginning to work on new design projects. With OSB, there's always something new in development.

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Chakotay: Part I

By: **LT Khan Noonien Singh**

Correspondent

We have all heard of Chakotay. A Starfleet officer turned Maquis, turned back to Starfleet, best known for his Seven years of extraordinary service to Captain Kathryn Janeway in the Delta Quadrant. But, how much did of his life did we really know? This month I'm going to bring you what I hope to be an eye opening article on this brilliant man.

Chakotay was born in 2329 on a Native American Federation colony near the Cardassian Demilitarized Zone. He was raised there by his Father Kolopak. He had a mother, who used to get relatively sore necks, which he massaged. He also had a sister and a cousin who lived in Ohio.

When Chakotay was fifteen years old, and already had his sights set on joining Starfleet, he shocked his father by telling him that he wanted to leave and join Starfleet Academy. He believed that their tribe lived in a past world of fantasy and myth, which he didn't want to be a part. He had decided that he wanted to be like the other tribes that had already embraced the 24th Century ways. His father was disappointed with his son's decision, but could not convince him otherwise; a loss for his tribe but a great gain for Starfleet, for the time being.

When Chakotay entered Starfleet academy he was sponsored by CAPT Sulu. Chakotay possessed great piloting skills and in his first year he went to north America to train as a pilot. Later he went to Venus for a couple of months to learn how to handle atmospheric storms, and later dodged asteroids for a semester in the Sol system asteroid belt.

Chakotay also became a proficient boxer at the light heavyweight level, with a record of 23 wins and one loss. The loss was to a Nausicaan with "a mean right hook." According to B'Elanna Torres, *"legend has it that 'The Tattooed Terror' has put more men in sickbay than the Ankaron flu."* His personal trainer was Academy groundsman Boothby.

Chakotay joined the Maquis, spurred on the by the death of his father. On March 3rd, 2368 he gave his resignation to Admiral Naminby and left to fight in the Maquis. He quickly became a Maquis leader. ❖

History of the Federation

Part V: *Unleash the Dogs of War*

By: **LCDR Matt Foard**

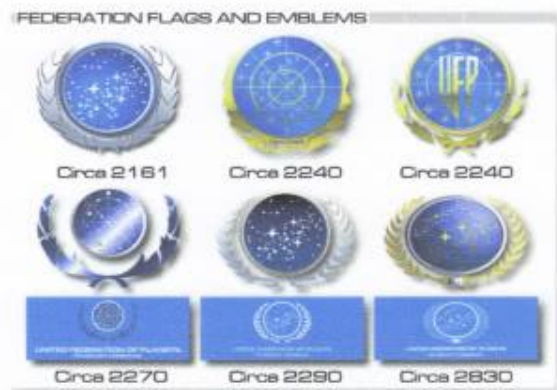
History Section Leader

The build-up of the Dominion in the Cardassian Union grew stronger and stronger. Convoys poured through from the Gamma quadrant at an alarming rate and the whole Alpha quadrant watched with worried eyes. The Klingon empire was badly weakened by its skirmishing with both the Federation and Cardassian forces, the Romulans were also badly weakened by losses to the Dominion and was cornered into signing a non-aggression pact with the Dominion.

The line was drawn at DS9 where Starfleet made the decision to mine the entrance to the Wormhole. The Dominion attacked with full force and total war broke out between these two super powers. Federation planets fell like a run of dominos as the Dominion forces cut through the heart of the Alpha quadrant with the skill of a surgeon's scalpel. The fall of Betaziod was the darkest hour and with shortages of ships and personnel the tide had to be turned and it was with the Romulan Star Empire finally being brought into the war to support the Federation and Klingon forces and finally the fight could be taken to the enemy.

This alliance was able to turn the tide and force the Dominion back into Cardassian territory. In 2375 at the battle of Circassia (the largest space battle in known history) the Dominion finally agreed to stop the war and the Treaty of Bajor was signed to officially end the largest space war of all time.

The Federation may have won the war but its casualties were immense and it would take a long time to restore itself to its former glory. But with the hard work of new friends and alliances the future looked brighter than ever. ❖



CONGRATULATIONS

Hip, Hip HOORAY to all OSB Promotees (eff. 28 May 10):

Kal-El and Yu'wanna to COMMANDER

Warp to LIEUTENANT

Andrewlee and Sara Marshall to LIEUTENANT JG

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

The promotion to Captain doesn't happen every day, though it has now occurred twice in two months. Congratulations to the newest recipient of the Richardson Award:

Captain Marshall Crockett

Congrats! Well Deserved!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please continue to check the job announcements for departmental openings. It's the single best way to get

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST:

Thank you to the entry-winner of the design contest, RADM Dean. The design was great and I look forward to having a shirt produced for the 2010 Star Trek Convention in Vegas.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ARTICLE SUBMISSION FOR BLUE ALERT NEWSLETTER

PLACE: PM TO CDR CROCKETT

TIME: 8 JULY 2010, 2359 OST

Anyone who wants to get published in our next newsletter must have their articles submitted by the 8th of every month.

you quit the Academy, B'Elanna? Torres: I didn't want to have anything to do with Starfleet then and I'm sorry I have to now!"

Unlike the rest of the Maquis crew, Chakotay, the Maquis leader, a former Starfleet commander, had never literally disdained the Federation Principles, his reasons for joining the Maquis being rather personal.

But in spite of the lack of trust that marked the beginning of the relationship between Janeway and Chakotay, they both know they need each other. Janeway is aware that Chakotay is the key element in the whole situation: as a Starfleet commander, he had been an outstanding officer, and as a Maquis leader, he was the only one who could keep his people temper under control and help them integrate. Chakotay proves to have an open mind a broad vision, maybe due to his Mayan heritage and to the fact that he had been on both "sides".

Janeway needed Chakotay's support, in spite of the lack of trust between them. Fortunately, Chakotay proved to be quite a reasonable man and, understanding the gravity of the situation, he was the first to defend Janeway, when his angry people blamed Janeway for being stuck there, in the Delta Quadrant and for destroying the array that might have brought them back home: "Torres: Who is she to be making this decision for all of us? Chakotay: She's the captain!" ❖



Trek Tech: Warp Drive, Pt II

By: **LCDR Tre'gok of Mirtak**

Senior Correspondent

In the previous issue, we discussed the beginnings of Warp Drive through "First Contact." Now, let us continue the discussion through the 24th century.

During the 22nd Century, development of warp technology proceeded slowly over the next 80 years—due in no small part to the cautious advice of the Vulcans— and it wasn't until the 2140's that a warp engine developed by Henry Archer at the Warp 5 complex could exceed warp 2.

This engine was successfully tested in the second NX Prototype by Commanders A.G. Robinson and Jonathon Archer to a speed of 2.5, breaking the so called "Warp 2 barrier"

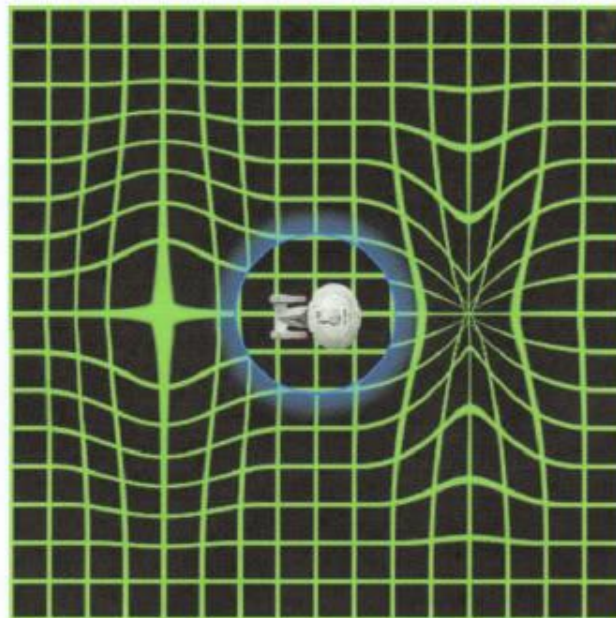
By the year 2151 warp technology was sufficiently advanced to allow a vessel to travel a warp 5 and the first human starship, Enterprise, built with this capability. Although at first, Enterprise was unable to fully realize this potential (maxing out at warp 4.7), the starship finally reached warp 5 on February 9th, 2152.

By 2161, Starfleet warp drive technology had achieved the capability to reach warp 7, and these engines were being built into the latest class of Starfleet vessels.

During the 23rd century Development and improvement of warp drive continued apace, and by the 2240s, Starfleet vessels of the Constitution-class had standard cruising speeds of warp 6 and emergency speeds as high as warp 8 (although under the right conditions the engines could reach warp 9).

These ships took advantage of a major breakthrough in warp technology that took place between 2236 and 2254, the breaking of the so-called "time barrier". Higher warp factors continued to be reached, mostly through alien intervention, or dangerous malfunction. The USS Enterprise was modified by the Kelvans to maintain a speed of Warp 11 in 2268. Later that year, the Enterprise achieved a speed of Warp 14.1 after being sabotaged by a Kalandan planetary defense system, though at that velocity the ship came within moments of destroying itself.

At around the same time, warp engines were being redesigned to allow standard speeds of warp 8 and



above. During the refit of the Constitution-class, the cylindrical shaped nacelles were replaced with a new flattened design. Warp theory continued to advance with the development of the first transwarp drive engines in the mid-2280s, which would have theoretically allowed greater efficiency and any warp speed to be available for a ship. However, the transwarp experiment of USS Excelsior ended in failure, and the technology was abandoned at that time. The Excelsior itself was deemed spaceworthy, retrofitted with conventional warp drive and commissioned as NCC-2000 under the command of Captain Hikaru Sulu.

During the 24th Century a new warp factor scale came into use, which placed warp 10 as a theoretical maximum. By the time the Galaxy-class starship was being designed in the 2360s, warp technology had progressed to the point where speeds of warp 9.6 could be sustained for up to twelve hours, although warp 9.2 was considered the "red line".

The USS Voyager is capable of warp 9.975 and the USS Prometheus is capable of warp 9.9. In 2370, the Hekaran scientist Serova discovered that the use of conventional warp engines caused damage to the fabric of space-time. The Federation Council imposed a speed limit of warp factor 5 on all Federation vessels in all but extreme emergency cases, such as medical emergencies.

And then, in an alternative future glimpsed by Captain Picard, speeds of at least warp 13 was used. ❖

Ships of the Line

By: LCDR Tre'gok of Mirtak
Senior Correspondent

The USS Enterprise NCC-1701-D is a Galaxy-class extended duration Starship and the flagship of Starfleet. The 5th Starship to be named Enterprise, she is commanded by Captain Jean-Luc Picard.

With a total of 42 decks the USS Enterprise-D is twice the length and has eight times the interior space of the Constitution-Class ships of over a century earlier; she carries a combined crew and passenger load of 1,012.

Defensive systems include 10 phaser banks, 250 Photon Torpedoes, and a high capability Shield; there are 4,000 power systems in all aboard this ship. Full acceleration time from reverse sub-light impulse through nominal top Warp speed was 0.03 milliseconds. The ship achieved a maximum speed of Warp 9.5 when pursued by the entity know as 'Q' though at Warp 9.3, its engines had passed the red line.

By Stardate 43205, she had logged tens-of-thousands of light years since setting out around Stardate 41153.7, after Jean-Luc Picard formally became her Captain on Stardate 41124. Some 13 planets were represented among the Ships completion as of Stardate 44247.

During the Borg incursion of 2366, Decks 23-25 were sliced open by the enemy during the final battle over Earth, requiring a refit at Earth Station McKinley, which lasted 5-6 weeks. It was far less damage than the Kamikaze warp-drive collision, Commander Riker had readied as a last resort. During the refit the Enterprise-D received a Phaser upgrade as well as damage repair and a dilithium articulation frame.

She offloaded the original three Runabouts and the first arriving officers at Deep Space Nine. The USS Enterprise-D was originally destroyed in 2371 after an attack by renegade Klingons breached her warp core; although the Saucer section separated before the breach, the force of the explosion forced the Saucer to crash on the Planet Veridian III. Fortunately, losses were minimal.

She was found by the USS Olympia and repaired at Federation Spacestation 256. ❖

OSB Writing Contest

By: CAPT Marshall Crockett
Chief, Dept of Public Relations

The Public Relations Department is always looking for creative writers. Contest Submission Guidelines are:

Length: 725 words maximum

Deadline: 8th of the following month, 2359 OST; PM CAPT Crockett

Topic: Finish the starter at the bottom of this section

Genre: Any Star Trek genre is acceptable

Don'ts: Don't kill off any main characters, have relations between any characters beyond the ones established in ST canon, use foul language, overt sexual innuendo or verbiage, or any other distasteful item not covered here but would make you go, "What? Seriously?"

JUN TOPIC: The visions were almost paralyzing. Each crew member who had been exposed to the gaseous anomaly stood entranced before the warp core. It only took a few minutes before the Chief Engineer collapsed.

WINNER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!

New Recruiting Team Ldr

By: CAPT Marshall Crockett
Chief, Dept of Public Relations

I want to extend an invitation to everyone on OSB to contact Commander Melissa O'Connell, our new External Public Relations Section Leader and head of the recruiting team, with any ideas related to recruiting and retention.

We have made significant headway over the past year across the base, but one element that has had continual difficulty gaining momentum has been in recruiting. Thankfully, we are making progress and having an appointed section leader, and senior officer at that, will be a significant improvement.

Our department deputy chief, Commander Kal-EI, took on this mission and initiated the first-ever retention emails to current and previous members. Now, we're looking to take recruiting to the next level. And, it will be a base-wide effort to do exactly that. ❖

May Writing Contest Winner

"Food for Thought"

By: LT S.F. Warp

It felt like he was being stung by thousands of tiny mosquitoes. When the medical officer looked down at his arm, he saw nothing. But the pain was still there. He quickly took out a hypo and injected an antihistamine into his bloodstream. Just then, the rest of the landing party started feeling it...so Dr. Benjamin Carr hurriedly injected them. His tricorder readings showed nothing unusual. Then he said, "Away mission's over!" We're beaming back to the ship until I can get a fix on this and then fix it!" He then touched his comm-badge. "Carr to Keppler! We have a medical problem!"

"Draco here. Do you have an emergency?"

"No, Captain. At least not yet. But I want all five of us beamed directly to Sick Bay and once we're on board, I want a level ten force field surrounding Sick Bay. I'll fill you in later."

"Consider it done, Doc!"

Carr turned to the others and said, "I need you to bring whatever samples you gathered with you."

Once in Sick Bay, Carr asked, "How's the pain?" He already knew the answer.

Commander Karen Ziegler, zoologist, answered first, "It's only in the arms and legs, but it really hurts, Doc!" The others said much the same. Cmdr. Jim Stakely, botanist, said "Ben, I think it's getting worse." Carr looked at the others quizzically. They shook their heads.

"I'm going to take blood and skin cell samples," the doctor said. He then took blood from the four, from himself, and he followed by taking skin scrapings.

"Now, who brought what from the planet?"

Lt. Cmdr. Karen Ziegler responded, "I brought some very nice vid-recs of animal tracks I'd never seen before."

Cmdr. Rudy Flores, geologist, said, "I picked up a few good mineral samples, but nothing exotic."

Lt. Domenic Didonato said that his archeological search was a bust. "I found no signs of civilized habitation whatsoever, Doctor, so I brought nothing back."

Cmdr. Stakely, starting to grimace from the worsening pain, said that he had uprooted and potted half a dozen unique looking plant specimens and pointed to them.

Dr. Carr examined the minerals first, looking

closely at every millimeter of each with a magnifier. "Hmmm," he muttered. He put the minerals back and then began looking over the plant specimens. They were either sumac, Ivy or fern. All were lush green. None had flowers or seed pods. They were cool to the touch. They exhibited nothing unusual. Very carefully, he took scrapings from the leaves and stalks of each plant. Then, one by one, he tested blood, skin cells, minerals, plant leaf cells and, plant stalk cells.

"Any ideas?" he asked the group. Shrugs and shaken heads were their only response. "Well, I have a hunch," he said. "Let's see if the mass spectroanalyzer bears me out." He looked at the data he had accumulated.

The pain, Carr said, is caused by a simple molecule that enters the bloodstream through the skin and clamps itself onto a pain generating nerve. Its size makes it extremely difficult to detect and nearly impossible to combat. It's harder to cure than a virus. These molecules are a defense mechanism of one or more of the plant species. When pestered by an animal...or, in our case, a human, the plant emits the molecules which attack the pest. And it appears," he told Stakely, "that you are still being attacked. To be on the safe side, We are returning all minerals and plants to the surface. Jim, I'll take your notes. You're in no condition to go anywhere."

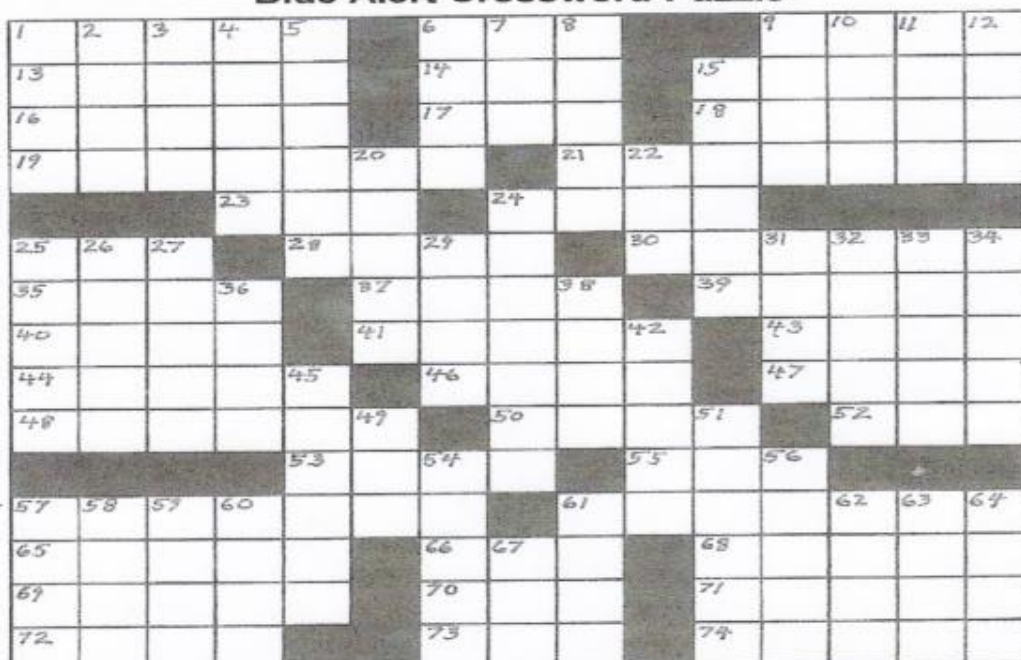
Dr. Carr and Cmdr. Flores returned to the planet's surface. Rudy returned each mineral to the exact spot where he had found it. Dr. Carr, using Cmdr. Stakely's notes, replanted every floral specimen in its original location. The two then returned to the ship.

Capt. Draco, Dr. Carr and the other away team members met for a debriefing an hour later. All symptoms of pain had vanished. Dr. Carr Briefed Capt. Draco on what had occurred. Then he added, "Sam, I believe the plant that fires the molecules also communicates with them. Once the plants were returned to their habitat, the molecules released their grip...but not until then."

Capt. Draco spoke. "Telepathic plants...Interesting concept. Warrants further study. Let's look into it...carefully!" ❖

Entertainment

Blue Alert Crossword Puzzle



Early Trek - Edited by Warp - May 2010

ACROSS

- 1 He's not from around here
 6 It's bigger than the UN
 9 Fencing helmsman
 13 Blanket
 14 OSS once
 15 West. st.
 16 Roasted, as meat in Cadiz
 17 Hippy acid, briefly
 18 _____glyphics
 19 On the horns of a _____
 21 Many old time westerns are two of these
 23 Dry (wine use)
 24 How ye shall find
 25 One flies by night
 28 Nat'l. cops of Canada
 30 Stolen car recovery system
 35 _____ and a wink
 37 Castor and cod liver
 39 Director King _____
 40 Actress Laughlin
 41 1923 Nobelist in Literature
 43 Up and coming singer
 44 Ancient Mexican civilization
 46 Organized 1st US box. championships
 47 Arduous journey
 48 Actress Sharp
 50 Organic compound
 52 _____ Beso, Paul Anka hit
 53 Desert dry
 55 Vietnamese New Year
 57 _____ Complete Shmoo
 61 Canonized third century Theban Legion martyr
 65 Brand of telescope
 66 London privy
 68 Make law
 69 Shaquille
 70 Tolkien race
 71 Ready to swing
 72 He sat in *the* chair
 73 1st of many, briefly
 74 Stellar communicator

DOWN

- 1 Western atlantic fish
 2 _____tron
 3 Egg shape
 4 Yield
 5 Make of guitar
 6 Pac-10 Conf. sch.
 7 Wi and re followers
 8 San Diego player
 9 Wind catcher
 10 Title character in a 1997 film
 11 Famous NY train
 12 ETs drive them
 15 Russian navigator
 20 Bones
 22 Conger
 24 Sloped
 25 He got the corbomite ultimatum
 26 Carolina reptile
 27 Mel, "The Velvet Fog"
 29 Demeanor
 31 Dump
 32 Worship
 33 Centers
 34 He had a piece of the action
 36 Machining tools
 38 Mister Laurel
 42 Stellar engineer
 45 Assistant to 20D
 49 Dada artist
 51 Madeleine who was in "Casa-blanca"
 54 A spit of land in a lake, say
 56 A dime to a dollar (with one)
 57 Berserk
 58 Director Riefenstahl
 59 A Welsh fortress
 60 Aleutian island
 61 Winos
 62 He played Ramdar in "Song of India"
 63 Acne remnant, say
 64 James of jazz

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ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS!!!!

If you were a staff officer in OSB's past, please contact LCDR Foard with your office, dates and historical recollections.

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If someone wanted to become a Staff member, what type of person are you looking for and what process would they undergo to apply? First, most web communities only have a few positions beyond the "member" role. Due to our unique structure, OSB has numerous departmental positions along with staff positions so members have many opportunities besides serving on staff to contribute and become more involved. In terms of staff, members should know that serving in such a capacity is reserved for those who serve as a commander of a department (department chief), in a command-level administrative position, or a similar type of executive assignment. Members seeking a staff position should 1) be very active on the starbase, 2) work in a departmental capacity with success - gaining a resume of work, 3) advance your rank as best as possible, and 4) be driven. Staff-level assignments require a lot of involvement so only those members who are mature, ethical, driven, and able to handle responsibility are considered.

What words of wisdom do you have for new members to OSB that would help them get integrated? Participate. Promote. Get Involved. New members may be overwhelmed upon joining, but we have numerous to help with questions and integration.

Anything else you wish to add? We have a great community here that many have stated is the type of place they've been searching for on the Internet for years. Members who want to get involved simply need to do so. It's easy. Members desiring to become more involved and promote further in the ranks need to take ownership over their membership and take a proactive approach in being recognized. Don't slip under the radar, and in whatever departmental assignment you may take on - do your absolute best. If you're someone who doesn't wish to get involved in a department, then be the most active member you can, set an example for new ensigns, and strive for excellence. ❖

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