



# Blue Alert

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## Letter from the Editor

by **CDR SF Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader / BA Editor

Integrity is a concept of consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations, and outcomes. In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions. Integrity can be regarded as the opposite of hypocrisy, in that it regards internal consistency as a virtue.\* I see integrity as a direct outgrowth of character.

Here at OSB, integrity means follow-through. The newly promoted LT JG who accepts assignment to a department promises by implication to perform the tasks assigned to him or her in the time allotted. For example, as editor of the Blue Alert, I am bound by integrity to put together and publish a coherent and enlightening newsletter once a month, preferably on time. To slack off and allow publication of the Blue Alert to fall behind or stop altogether wouldn't enter my mind. I follow through with the tasks I need to perform because I initially commit to doing so. When asked, "Why do you want to climb Mount Everest?" George Mallory replied, "Because it's there." So why am I so dedicated to publishing the BA? Because there's a need and because I can. Do I have integrity? I like to think so. Do you?

\*Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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## Breaking Trek News:

by **CDR Kira Marys**

Feature Writer

The sum of \$1.5 billion has been stacked for the creation of a Star Trek theme park. Among the investors is Jordan's King Abdullah II; a reknowned Trekkie that made a negligible appearance in the Voyager episode "Investigations". The park would be located in the coastal town of Aqaba, in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Where the heck is that?

"Jordan, officially the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a kingdom on the East Bank of the River Jordan. The country borders Saudi Arabia to the east and south-east, Iraq to the north-east, Syria to the north and the West Bank and Israel to the west, sharing control of the Dead Sea. Jordan's only port is at its south-western tip, at the Gulf of Aqaba, which is shared with Israel, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia."\*\*

The Rubicon Group Holding, based in Jordan's capital, is responsible for developing the park: the Red Sea Astrarium, scheduled to open in 2014.

"The Red Sea Astrarium will offer "immersive entertainment experiences" along with five-star accommodations, theatrical productions, nighttime spectacles and dining and shopping. The plan calls for various sections of the resort to be themed different parts of history of the surrounding area including Nabatean, Babylonian, British and Roman influences."\*\*\*

"The Star Trek section is to symbolize future history and is said to be "inspired by" the 2009 Star Trek movie and will be designed by Paramount Recreation.



The press release details the Star Trek center: [The Star Trek-themed center] will deliver a variety of multi-sensory 23rd-century experiences, culminating with a state-of-the art space-flight adventure that takes real-time immersive entertainment experiences to bold new heights. This exciting, world-class attraction will serve as the cornerstone of the TRSA sector's world of tomorrow."\*\*\*

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# Officer Profile

## **CPT Yu'Wanna**

*Deputy Chief, Public relations*

**Interviewed by CDR SF Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader, BA Editor



Name: Yu'Wanna

Age: 28

Position on the Starbase: Deputy Chief, Public Relations

Location: OSB (Romania, Eastern Europe)

Hobbies: Martial Arts, movies, drawing, reading, writing

Enjoys: life

Hates: hypocrisy, people who try to control everything and everybody, everything that is shallow.

Guilty Pleasures: chocolate of course! 😊

**CDR Warp:** How did your Star Trek Journey begin?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** I saw the very first episode of TNG when I was 11 and it was love at first sight.

**CDR Warp:** Please state the nature of your addiction to Star Trek.

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** I grew up watching TNG. It had deeply influenced my personality in a very positive manner. To me ST was never just a good sci-fi with aliens and sky battles and warships and futuristic technology, but rather, a story about people and situations and ethical dilemmas of the present. Even now, when I encounter certain experiences, people and situations in real life, I can always find a similar one in one of the many ST episodes I've seen. I could call ST a life-changing experience.

**CDR Warp:** In all the episodes of all the series, which Star Trek character is your favorite and why?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** Now that's a very difficult one. I can't choose only one character. I love most of them, because they are so different and complex. However, the first character I liked was Will Riker. I liked his passion for life and the fact that he used to be so open-minded, outspoken and so not perfect. And completely original in thinking. But the truth is that's not even one character in TNG that I didn't like. I also find Guinan fascinating. As for the other series, I liked most of the characters of all series. Capt. Janeway is one I appreciate a lot.

**CDR Warp:** Entering the wormhole to the Star Trek Universe, which race would you morph yourself into and why?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** You mean, other than human? Well, again, I can't choose only one, so I'd probably be a mix of races. Something Betazoid or/and El-Aurian because I always thought that you can learn many things about yourself and even develop yourself as a person by paying attention to other people, with the right attitude, of course. Getting in touch with other people's emotions can help you get a deeper understanding of human nature and can help you develop compassion. And I think I could also use a little Vulcan mental discipline (with or without the pointy ears). But to be honest, I believe that the humans can also develop the aforementioned qualities.

**CDR Warp:** Peering into the Orb of Philosophy, what is the most valuable lesson that the Prophets have taught you?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** Oh, I could fill in pages with what Star Trek has taught me over the years. I've learned tolerance, compassion and respect for life in all its forms (infinite diversity in infinite combinations). I've learned that, no matter how far you fly, you still have to deal with yourself, but the Universe loves you, no matter what. I've learned how important it is to keep an open mind and never lose the sense of humour. And I've also learned that there's still hope for humanity, after all.

**CDR Warp:** Resistance is futile. You will share one of your personal Star Trek experiences with the Collective!

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** When I first saw a few episodes of DS9, after watching TNG for several years, I was very disappointed that they'd given up the idea of peaceful exploration and dealing with politics and wars and stuff like that. I liked Roddenberry's vision so much that, for years, I had refused to watch other Trek. However, since TNG has taught me to keep an open mind, I decided to give the other series a chance, and I'm glad I did. The later creators of Trek got my respect with Voyager because they managed to do a decent show out of nothing.

**CDR Warp:** Under what circumstances did you join the omnipotent Online Starbase?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** I was exploring another forum, when someone PM'd me and invited me to OSB. I wanted to see what it was about and I liked it from the very beginning.

**CDR Warp:** What do you like most about Online Starbase?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** Murray! \*laughs\* I tried other forums which I didn't like because people were aggressive and disrespectful. I like OSB because here people really respect your opinions even if they do not agree. I also like the fact that OSB has not limited ST discussions to "Who's the best?" or "What's your favourite?" There are very interesting issues being discussed here, some of them quite intellectually challenging. And I like many of the people here. It's a very friendly environment.

**CDR Warp:** Why did you make the decision to join a Department?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** The former Admiral Dean sent me an invitation to join the Communication Department (now PR) so I said to myself, "Why not?"

**CDR Warp:** What is it like to be a Deputy Chief in the Public Relations Department?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** Interesting. And challenging.

**CDR Warp:** What was your childhood dream?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** To grow up! 😊

**CDR Warp:** What is your current situation?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** I'm working as a teacher and I'm also trying to complete a doctorate in English literature.

**CDR Warp:** What are your aspirations for the future?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** To boldly go where no one has gone before!

**CDR Warp:** Any other information or thoughts you'd like to share with us?

**CPT Yu'Wanna:** If you happen to see Murray, do not feed him! He's on a diet. 😊

**CDR Warp:** Somehow I just knew that Murray would enter this conversation. Nicely done and great interview! Thank you for your time, CPT Yu'Wanna. Live long and prosper! 🙏

## Planets of the Federation

### Vulcan

by **CDR SF Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader, BA Editor

Vulcan is a Class M planet in the Vulcan system, homeworld of the humanoid Vulcans, and a founding member of the United Federation of Planets.\*

The planet is located "a little over" 16 light years from Earth.

It has no moons, but appears to have close planetary companions. (ENT: "Home"; TOS: "The Man Trap"; TAS: "Yesteryear"; Star Trek: The Motion Picture)\*

Vulcan has a considerably higher gravity and thinner atmosphere than Earth. Its climate is generally harsh, with most of the surface consisting of large deserts or mountain ranges, along with scattered small seas. Desert areas are prone to large amounts of heat, light and electrical sand fire storms. (ENT: "The Forge", "Awakening", "Kir'Shara")\*

Vulcan was divided into provinces. There are several tourist attractions on Vulcan, including active volcanoes, ancient ruins, and lava fields. When Charles Tucker visited the planet in 2154, he didn't know which site he would look at first. (ENT: "Home")\*

Other points of interest include religious sites such as the Temple of Amonak, the Temple of T'Panit and the T'Karath Sanctuary.\*

Cities of note are Gol, Kir, Raal, Shi'Kahr, T'Paal and Vulcana Regar.\*

The more interesting land features are the Fire Plains, Lake Yuron, the L-langon Mountains, Mount Tar'Hana, Mount Seleya, the Osana Caverns, the Voroth Sea and Vulcan's Forge.\*

Fauna native to Vulcan include the le-matya, the sehlat, Vulcan marsupials and Vulcan sandworms.\*

The le-matya is a large predatory beast, bearing poisonous claws, native to the planet Vulcan. Le-matyas are known to live in the foothills of the L-langon Mountains along Vulcan's Forge.\*

The sehlat is a giant "teddy bear"-like beast, native to Vulcan. Sehlat have six-inch fangs and do not like to climb, preferring to remain on low ground. In 2154, Captain Jonathan Archer and Commander T'Pol were stalked by a wild sehlat in Vulcan's Forge.\*

Domesticated sehlat, which are only slightly smaller than wild sehlat, are a popular pet with Vulcan children. Sehlat, however, are very aggressive, so Vulcan children learn early never to be late with their dinner. T'Pol had a pet sehlat in her youth. (ENT: "The Forge") Spock had a pet sehlat in his youth as well.\*

Vulcan is not for the faint of heart. Its harsh climate and predatory creatures make it an ideal place for those who seek a challenge, while its religious sites will no doubt attract those who seek enlightenment. On a scale of 1 to 10, I give Vulcan a rating of 8.264557. ♦

\*Source: Memory Alpha

## Trek Tech

### The Brig - Part II

by **CDR SF Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader, BA Editor

24th century brigs were commonly covered on three sides by bulkheads with an electrostatic force field on the fourth side, which could be turned off and on as an entrance or exit way.\*

Roga Danar was held in a holding cell on board the Enterprise-D in 2366 after he attacked Miles O'Brien, two security officers, Lieutenant Worf, and Commander Riker. Minister Nayrok proposed to keep him unconscious because he doubted that the holding cell would stop him. Later, when an Angosian police shuttle attempted to beam him into the brig on board their ship, Danar was able to escape. (TNG: "The Hunted")\*

Later that same year, Jean-Luc Picard ordered Lt. Worf to take Q to the brig after being stripped of his powers. Though Q initially resisted, he relented after being threatened with forcibly being taken there. (TNG: "Deja Q")\*

In 2369 a Tosk was imprisoned and held in a holding cell behind the security office aboard Deep Space 9. (DS9: "Captive Pursuit")\*

The same year Doctor Julian Bashir and Major Kira Nerys rescued the Kobliad Ty Kajada and her prisoner Rao Vantika from the damaged Kobliad transport ship Reyab. The latter was imprisoned in a holding cell aboard the ship. (DS9: "The Passenger")\*

The Rakhari Croden was held in a holding cell aboard Deep Space 9 for the murder of the Miradom Ah-Kel. The holding cells aboard Deep Space 9 featured a restroom and a mirror. (DS9: "Vortex")\*

In 2369 one of Odo's imaginations became reality when Quark was kept inside a holding cell. (DS9: "If Wishes Were Horses")\*

In 2371 Crewman Kenneth Dalby suggested that Tuvok should bring him into the brig, after he made repairs without an order and caused malfunctions of several systems. (VOY: "Learning Curve")\*

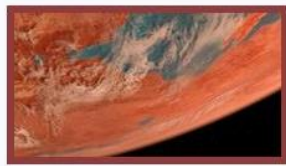
In 2372, Admiral Leyton placed Captain Benjamin Sisko in a Starfleet Headquarters holding cell to prevent Sisko from exposing Leyton's coup. (DS9: "Paradise Lost")\*

In 2373, when Gul Dukat assaulted Garak for spending time with his daughter, Ziyal, Quark convinced him that he should stand down or he would have Constable Odo take him to a holding cell. (DS9: "In Purgatory's Shadow")\*

Tom Paris had to spend thirty days in Voyager's brig in 2375 after violating the Prime Directive by attempting to destroy a Monean oxygen refinery. (VOY: "Thirty Days")\*

Most Cardassian brigs are not very comfortable. Starfleet brigs are less Spartan, as the Federation doesn't believe in cruel and unusual punishment.\* ♦

\*Source: Memory Alpha



Vulcan



Holding Cell in 2366

## CONGRATULATIONS

Hip, Hip HOORAY to all July OSB Promotees  
(Effective: Stardate 290711)

To COMMANDER  
Cottingham

To LIEUTENANT  
TKya Amaterasu-Wolfpaw

## CONGRATULATIONS ALSO

Grand HOOZAHs to July's OSB Position Assignee  
(Effective: Srtardate 240711)

To GAMEPLAY HOST  
Commander Benson

## Calendar of Events

### Article Submission for Blue Alert Newsletter

Place: PM to CDR SF Warp  
Time: 2359 OST, 8 August 2011

Anyone wanting to be published in our newsletter must submit their articles by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Recreations has a new staff member. Commander Benson is our new Gameplay host. The first game began on 5 August 2011. A new SIMM mission began on 9 August. Trivia will be returning to a board based game as before but we will still do some live trivia two or three times a year. So come and join the fun!

Commodore Joel

## A Nugget from CDR Logan Kale

A replica of the fertility idol from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" can be seen in Dax's quarters in the DS9 episode "Dax." Dax' version is not as shiny as the original, possibly in order to cover up its origin in another franchise. The prop from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" closely resembles a real pre-Columbian artifact. It depicts Tlazolteotl, the Aztec goddess of licentiousness.



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## I Drove All Night...

**Not by Celine Dion but by CDR Kira Marys**  
Feature Writer

Sixteen years old, my father's car and three bold Trekkies ready to accompany me accross the universe! Isn't that a darn good beginning for an adventure? ^ \_ ^

Friday evening, summer of 1995. Erin O'Connor, her sister and I park the rutilant (reddish) 1993 Buick Regal at the ice cream shop. Car is loaded, gas is full and we're ready to roll. We're just waiting for the waiter. When his shift ends at 2300 hours, Erin puts the pedal to the metal. Toronto, here we come! There's a brand new Star Trek convention within our reach and we intend to be there!

We'd figured that it would take all night to drive there and had planned a three way rotation shift at the helm: Erin, then the waiter and finally myself. Erin's sister wasn't old enough to pilot. Since it was my father's car, I wanted to be the one driving it in the megalopolis that is Toronto. Little did we sleep during the journey despite our best intentions. But the adrenaline kept us going nevertheless.

Towards the end of our trek, my mind was blown away by the beauty of Toronto city. "Woah! Did you see that?!! This is no highway, it's a spaceport! There are seven lanes with the same bearing and as many in the opposite direction! It's incredible! And all these tall illuminated skyscrapers!!! I'm in love!"

Then I panicked slightly over the itinerary but my copilot had a future beyond dairy waiter. He had an innate talent to read and apply computer maps hence he guided us safely to the convention's parking lot. It was 0730 hours. Doors were opening at ten. Oh wow. We were the first ones in line that Saturday morning! ^ \_ ^

We had the pleasure of meeting Robert Duncan McNeil alias Tom Paris in Star Trek Voyager and Claudia Christian alias Susan Ivanova in Babylon 5. Mister McNeil's arrival was tardy and he looked fazed; he definitely would have preferred to be somewhere else. On the other hand, Madam Christian was a gorgeous and funny energy ball and she made up for McNeil's lack of enthusiasm. The convention was a blast and I bought photos and collector's items from numerous kiosks.

By the end of the day, since we hadn't slept at all, we were utterly knocked out. As we began our search for a hotel/motel room, we were informed that there were absolutely no vacancies in the whole Toronto area! Blame the special event - whatever that was - happening this very same weekend... The closest available rooms were at least five kilometers outside the city. NO... KIDDING! @ \_ @

We drove off on the highway hoping we wouldn't crash into anything other than a pillow until we saw a cheezy motel by side of the road: "Trucker's fifth wheel". At this point, anything sounded good to me. At the reception desk I was relieved to hear that they still had rooms.

"We'll have a room for four."

"Forty-two dollars."

"You mean... total?"

(stupid Marys!!!! it was a cheezy motel... what did you expect?)

The hallways were smelling like rotten eggs and we were all like: "Oh... my... gosh! What did we get ourselves into?" But once we opened the door to our room, we felt better already! Aside from the air conditioning system that worked counterpole - heat being cold and cold being heat - we managed to get ourselves comfortable. Enough so that we had a heck of a pillow fight before getting a well-deserved rest before returning home!

End of memories. ♦

## Ships of the Line.

**USS Saratoga**

**By CDR Logan Kale**

**Senior Correspondent**

The USS Saratoga (NCC-1887) was a Miranda-class Federation starship active in the late 23rd century.\*

In 2286, while patrolling Sector 5, Neutral Zone, the Saratoga encountered a probe of unknown origin on a direct course to Earth. As the crew attempted to make contact, however, the ship was neutralized by the probe, the transmissions of which were being carried on an amplification wave of enormous power, impacting on all ship's systems. (Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home)\*

The Saratoga (NCC-1887) is notable in Star Trek history as it was the first ship to appear on screen with a female captain.\*

The USS Saratoga (NCC-31911) was a Miranda-class Federation starship active during the mid-24th century. Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Sisko served as the vessel's first officer during the mid-2360s.\*

In 2367, the Saratoga was part of a fleet of 40 starships massed at Wolf 359 in defense of Sector 001 during an incursion by a Borg cube.\*

During the battle, the cube locked the Saratoga in a tractor beam, draining her shields until they eventually failed. The Borg then fired a cutting beam at the Saratoga, scoring a direct hit on decks 1 through 4 as well as causing devastating damage. Most notably, the warp core suffered heavy damage that would lead to antimatter containment failure. Although some crewmembers and civilians escaped in lifepods, many died, including the Saratoga's Captain. Commander Sisko escaped with his son Jake, but his wife Jennifer perished during the attack. The ship was ultimately destroyed by a Borg cutting beam in combination with a warp core breach.\* ♦



**USS Saratoga**

\*Source: Memory Alpha.

## Little Known Facts

### About Captain Kirk - Part VII

...or Why Kirk is Better than Picard

Contributed by LCDR Andrew Conlan  
PR Correspondent

Picard's Enterprise was destroyed by a couple of Klingon chicks while he was stranded on a desert planet. Kirk's Enterprise was destroyed when he blew up a crew of Klingons, stole their ship, and resurrected Spock from the dead.

Kirk has caused computers to self-destruct by out-thinking them on three separate occasions.

When Sisko met Picard he told him he hated him. When Sisko met Kirk he got his autograph.

When Picard has a problem he talks to Guinan about it. When Kirk has a problem he shoots it.

When Kirk screams it echoes across the entire planet.

When Kirk blew up the Enterprise, Starfleet built him another one and had it ready by the time he got home.

Kirk once ordered Scotty to fire a photon torpedo on his position and then he dodged out of the way so it hit the alien he was fighting.

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## OSB Fiction Writing Contest

By: CDR SF Warp

Internal PR Section Leader, Blue Alert Editor

Created by: CAPT Marshall Crockett

OSB Vice Commander

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

**Maximum Length:** 800 Words

**Deadline:** 8th of the following month, 2359 OST; PM CDR Warp

**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? Cmon! Seriously?"

**August TOPIC:** The damaged shuttle set down hard on the planet's surface amid dense foliage. Of the four on board, three were injured, one seriously. "Report," barked the injured team leader. "Sir, we're in some sort of magnetic well, impervious to outside sensors. We're lost, sir!"

**THE WINNER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!**

## Breaking Trek News

(Continued from Page 1)

As feared and forewarned, Star Trek XII's world premiere will be delayed. The co-writers and producers Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman explain that when it comes to Star Trek movies, the pressure from the fans is enormous. They don't want to rush into things and disappoint them. But to satisfy those who can't wait, Roberto Orci collaborated with the IDW company to start a new comic book serie that takes place in the Star Trek alternate timeline. Fisrt issues are to be expected in September and October 2011.

The third season of Warehouse 13 began on July 11th, 2011. Couldn't be better for us Trekkers! Don't miss appearances by Voyager's lovely ladies Jeri Ryan (7 of 9) and Kate Mulgrew (Kathryn Janeway) and TNG's Wesley Crusher alias Wil Wheaton. The latter will also be starring in Eureka's fifth season as Dr Isaac Parrish.

September 2011 Conventions:

#### Conventions:

September 2 to 6: Dragon\*Con

Location: Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Guests: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, Christopher Lloyd, Brent Spiner, Gates McFadden, Wil Wheaton, Nana Visitor, Nicole de Boer, James Darren, Kate Mulgrew, Robert Duncan McNeill, Garrett Wang and A.C. Crispin (author)

September 24: the Rochester Sci-Fi & Anime Convention

Location: Main Street Armory in Rochester, N.Y., USA

Guests: J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

September 24 to 25: Wizard World Los

Angeles Comic Con

Location: Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Guests: Walter Koenig

September 30 to October 2: The Official Star Trek Convention

Location: Westin O'Hare Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, USA

Guests: Leonard Nimoy, Nichelle Nichols, Jonathan Frakes, John de Lancie, Nana Visitor, Rene Auberjonois, Connor Trinneer and Dominic Keating

#### Recent quotes:

Patrick Stewart at the July 2011 San Diego Comic Con: "I can remember shooting the [TNG] pilot and not knowing what I was doing. I didn't know how to walk. I didn't know how to wear my spacesuit, or anything. I didn't know what was going on. I am amazed they didn't fire me." ♦

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## Alien Species:

### Andorians – Part I

by **CDR SF Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader, BA Editor

The Andorians were a humanoid species from the moon Andoria, homeworld of the Andorian Empire, and one of the founding members of the United Federation of Planets.\*

#### Physiology

Most Andorians were blue-skinned with white or silver hair. An Andorian subspecies called the Aenar had white skin and, unlike blue Andorians, were blind and telepathic. Andorians and Aenar were genetically compatible and could produce offspring. (ENT: "These Are the Voyages...")\*

Andorians, with a higher metabolic rate than Terrans, were especially vulnerable to phase pulse infection; even minor phase injuries could prove fatal. (ENT: "United") However, they have demonstrated resistance to a wide range of environmental conditions. In a climate where the temperature is near the boiling point of water, an Andorian could still thrive, despite losing 10% of their body weight in two days. (ENT: "The Aenar")\*

Since Andorian physiology made intravenous injection impossible, physicians administered medication through intramuscular injection instead. (TOS: "Whom Gods Destroy")\*

#### Antennae

Andorians had two supercranial antennae that aided in balance. If one was lost – a humiliating experience – an Andorian became partially disabled in the short term, and unable to fight, but could adapt to its loss within a day. Antennae took up to nine months to regrow, though electrical stimulation and cranial massage therapy could cut regeneration time in half. (ENT: "United")\*

The twenty-second century Andorian Shran, reflecting on his own stub, demonstrated that antennae were moved by voluntary muscles that could be controlled separately from one another. (ENT: "United") Such movement could express feelings as well; Andorians could point their antennae at potential mates to signify attraction. (DS9: "The Sound of Her Voice")\*

The placement of Andorian antennae had at least four different variations. Shran and others of the 22nd century sprouted antennae from their frontal skullbones. (ENT: "The Andorian Incident")

Ambassador Shras and his delegation sported antennae which sprung further back, off their parietal bones. (TOS: "Journey to Babel") Yet others had longer and thinner antennae. (Star Trek: The Motion Picture; TNG: "Captain's Holiday", "The Offspring") \* ♦



\*Source: Memory Alpha

## Captains in Review

Kathryn Janeway

By **LCDR Shahrazod**

PR Correspondent

Finally after all of these years we get to see a female Starship Captain in action! Other than the brief glimpses we saw in movies, or read about in the Trek novels, they decided to give us a real live breathing woman/female Captain. What? They didn't think we or she could handle it?



Aside from being female, Captain Janeway did not have any ultra heroics in her career. No daring do except for two times. The first was while she was still a Lieutenant and was part of an away team defending an outpost, Janeway and an Ensign were ordered to rescue a wounded Cardassian soldier. (VOY "Prey") \*

The second time she was the Commander of the USS Billings and sent an away team in a shuttle to explore the volcanic atmosphere. Three crew members were severely injured. She rescued the crew and finished out the scientific exploration by herself, just to prove their pain was not in vain. (VOY "Night") \*

Unlike the other Captains, who seemed to gel automatically with their second in command, Janeway's first meeting with Tuvok netted her a good old fashioned Vulcan dressing down, in front of THREE Admirals! Subject? Failure to observe proper Starfleet tactical procedures during her command...(VOY: "Fury", "Revulsion") After that Janeway and Tuvok became the best of friends. I think I would've knocked him flat. Not when the Admiral were around, though.\*

Unlike her male counterparts, she did not have three names. She is just Captain Kathryn Janeway.

Her hallmark mission on Voyager was dealing with a ship that was thrown many thousands of light years off course, with several crew members dying as a result.

Captain Janeway was left with no other alternative but to have two polar opposites (her Starfleet crew and the Marquis) work together for a common goal: returning their home.

To me, the most interesting character in Janeway's partially rogue crew, was Seven of Nine. Janeway had a way of dealing with the rebellious half Borg half, Human woman, as if Seven were her own child. Bringing her to heal and teaching her the ways of Humanity, indeed, Seven looked up to Janeway as a substitute mother.

As a matter of fact all of the crew members looked to Captain Janeway in that light: as their leader and protector, and the one who would see them returned safely home.

AS Charles Dickens once said, "Adversity makes strange bedfellows..." It all could've gone very differently for Kathryn Janeway. Starfleet might have retrieved Voyager as a ghost ship, but she brought Voyager home. ♦

Source: Memory Alpha

## Command Relationships

### Captain Archer vs. Subcommander T'Pol - Part II Shadows of P'Jem

by **CDR SF Warp**

Internal PR Section Leader, BA Editor

Captain Archer mentions he's found an interesting place to visit in the Vulcan database: the Coridan system. One planet in the system is home to over 3 billion humanoids. He tells Trip over breakfast, but he is pulled away by a communiqué from Earth.\*

The communiqué is from Admiral Forrest who tells Captain Archer of the Vulcan High Command's displeasure over the destruction of the sanctuary at P'Jem along with a well hidden surveillance network used for spying on the Andorians. The destruction of the sanctuary by the Andorians is the result of Archer's interference according to the Vulcans. They call for an end of the joint Earth-Vulcan operations and request the transfer of T'Pol off of Enterprise.

Archer summons T'Pol to his ready room.

ARCHER: Come in. Have a seat. (T'Pol sits) I just spoke with Admiral Forrest. There's no easy way to say this. The Andorians destroyed the sanctuary at P'Jem.

T'POL: Were there any survivors?

ARCHER: Fortunately, the monks and the intelligence operatives were given advance warning. They're fine.

T'POL: Was there time to remove any of the relics?

ARCHER: I don't know. The High Command believes we're to blame for this. They're sending a ship to take you back to Vulcan. It'll be here in two days.

T'POL: I won't have time to complete my scans of this sector. I'll ask Ensign Mayweather to finish them.

ARCHER: Maybe I wasn't clear. This isn't a temporary transfer. They're reassigning you.

T'POL: I understand the situation, Captain. I'm certain the High Command will find you a suitable replacement.

ARCHER: Am I the only one who has a problem with this? Because you seem perfectly fine.

T'POL: My assignment to the Enterprise was only supposed to last eight days. It was unrealistic to expect it to continue indefinitely.

ARCHER: The High Command is looking for a scapegoat, someone to blame. They can't punish me so they're taking it out on my science officer. Sounds like an emotional reaction, if you ask me.

T'POL: I am largely responsible for what happened.

ARCHER: Don't give yourself too much credit. I was the one who found P'Jem in the database, and I led the landing party. I want you to know I'm filing a protest with the High Command.

T'POL: That won't make any difference.

ARCHER: You don't know that.

T'POL: Captain, I was assigned to Enterprise not simply as an observer, but to represent the interests of the Vulcan people. It's clear in the eyes of my superiors I haven't done that.

ARCHER: They have no right to do this to you. You're a part of my crew.

T'POL: For another forty eight hours. Was there anything else?

ARCHER: No.\*\*

Archer tells Trip that he'll be taking T'Pol down to the surface alone so he can have some final time with her before the transfer. He wants to try to convince her to fight the transfer and stay on Enterprise.\*

Archer and T'Pol head down to the capital city in a shuttlepod. On the way down, a fixed-wing aircraft approaches, attacks and shoots down the shuttlepod. Archer and T'Pol are both captured by the dissidents whose leader is named Traeg.

Although tied up, they manage to free themselves but are caught and bound again before they can effect an escape. When they are given food, Archer finds a com device in his dish and is able to contact the Ship.

Tucker and Reed now decide to mount a rescue mission, but a Vulcan ship carrying one Captain Sopek arrives early. Upon learning that T'Pol was captured along with Archer, Sopek states that since it involves a Vulcan citizen, they will take over the investigation and handle the rescue.

Reed and Tucker nevertheless shuttle to the surface. They inadvertently meet up with Andorians Thy'lek Shran and Tholos. Shran says he intends to rescue Archer because he owes Archer a debt and he wants the debt paid so he can sleep again.

Via that com device smuggled in by a guard working with the Andorians, Trip tells Archer about their plan to rescue him and T'Pol. The four of them then begin moving across the compound. Just as they are moving further into the compound, the Vulcans blow a hole in the fence and start shooting. The Andorian who was just about to free Archer and T'Pol is shot and the rescuers are forced to join the fire fight.

The dissidents are soon killed or wounded, and the captives are freed. Traeg, despite his wounds, aims his plasma pistol at Sopek and fires. T'Pol instinctively jumps in the way of the blast, saving him. She is wounded and unconscious. Archer orders her taken to sickbay.

Back on Enterprise, Archer convinces Sopek to intervene on T'Pol's behalf and entreat the Vulcan High Command to negate her transfer. Sopek agrees to try.

Back in sickbay:

T'POL: (revived by a hypospray and trying to sit up) What happened?

ARCHER: Whoa, whoa, whoa. You were shot. Don't you remember?

T'POL: Captain Sopek?

ARCHER: He's all right, thanks to you.

T'POL: I'd like to return to my quarters.

PHLOX: I'm afraid you're going to have to stay here at least another twenty four hours. (leaves them)

ARCHER: You made quite an impression on Sopek. I've got a feeling he's going to talk to the High Command about that transfer order. I'd say the odds are pretty good you're going to be with us for a while longer.

T'POL: You should have consulted me first.

ARCHER: It's probably not too late if you want to catch up to him.

T'POL: That won't be possible. Leaving Sickbay would violate my doctor's orders.\*\* ♦

\*Source: [Memory alpha](#)

\*\*Source: <http://www.chakoteya.net/>



# Fiction

## Fantasies

by CDR Kira Marys

Feature Writer

The ship achieved orbit above the uncharted class M planet. The weary crew needed some R and R and this seemed an ideal place. A survey team was first to beam down. The team leader soon reported back excitedly: "Captain! You're not going to believe..." He didn't finish.

"Believe what Chakotay?" demanded Janeway apprehensively. "Commander! Do you read me?!" she insisted. "Janeway to Tuvok... Janeway to Paris...B'Elanna?"

Kathryn Janeway sprang from the captain's chair and closed in on the ops console. "Harry! What's the communications' status?"

"No sign of interference, no equipment malfunction... Everything's working perfectly fine!"

"Janeway to transporter room."

"Lieutenant Ayala here."

"Do you have a lock on the away team?"

"Yes Ma'am!"

"Beam them aboard Lieutenant. Now!"

"I'm receiving their comm signal Captain but there's no matter stream attached to it, no DNA to store in the pattern buffer."

"Continue to monitor the signals and beam them up as soon as you can."

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"Did you hear that?" asked Tom Paris, attuning to the soft female voices chanting.

"A Klingon Warrior's Anthem?" wondered B'Elanna Torres.

"I did not hear anything," declared Tuvok.

The blond lieutenant avidly followed the melody, strolling barefoot on a sandy path lined with palm trees.

"Tom wait up!" called B'Elanna as she went after him on the steep rocky road.

"B'Elanna! Tom!" shouted Chakotay before something held his attention; a tokay gecko clutching to a tree trunk. The commander tapped his com-badge. "Captain! You're not going to believe..."

He didn't finish his sentence as a humanoid form materialized in front of him.

"...that my animal guide was waiting for me on this remote planet?" finished Janeway with a grin. "You won't need that anymore." she added before pulling his com-badge.

"Captain why..."

"Call me Kathryn." she murmured gleefully as she passed an arm underneath his. "Come. Let's make the most of this rest and recreation interlude."

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Tom made it to a beach crowded with Orion women. Upon his arrival, four green-skinned creatures approached him. "Hello ladies!" cheered Tom to the gorgeous party waltzing his way.

"Hi handsome! We've been waiting for you to complete our volleyball team. Care to join us?"

"Absolutely!" Acknowledged Tom, widening his smile. The pilot gladly took off his shirt. "B'Elanna, are you going to play?"

"I'm gonna play alright." she growled with clenched teeth, taking off her jacket as a pack of Klingons armed with bat'leths drew near. "qaStaH nuq?" ventured B'Elanna, trying to understand what this confrontation was all about.

"Hab SoSII' Quch!" insulted a bulky Klingon male.

"You are so going to regret insulting my mother!" boiled the Half-Klingon, anger twisting her features.

"Ke'chaw!" pressed a female Klingon tossing B'Elanna a bat'leth.

"Heghlu'meH QaQ jajvam!" she gnarled before swinging her weapon at her opponent, flamboyantly, ready to die.

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"Doctor to Voyager." reported the emergency medical hologram from the planet, his portable holo-emitter having allowed him to leave the ship for a few hours.

"Go ahead Doctor." answered Janeway.

"I've found them Captain. Five to beam to sickbay."

"Understood. Standard quarantine procedures Doctor. Ensign Kim, you have the con. Take us out of here!"

"Aye Captain!"

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Janeway stormed into sickbay. Inside a force field, the Doctor was treating B'Elanna for multiple cuts and bruises. Tuvok, Chakotay and Paris did not seem injured. "What happened to her?" rasped Kathryn.

"When I found her", began the EMH, "our brave engineer was fighting a horde of trees with a stick. I had to sedate her for our own good."

"The trees attacked her?"

"No Captain." intervened Chakotay. "We were subjected to severe hallucinations."

"Indeed." agreed Tuvok. "I thought I was on Mount Seleya, meditating in the katric ark."

"And I was playing volleyball with Orion women." added Tom sheepishly.

"What about you Chakotay?"

"It'll be in my report Captain."

"Could it be that the Iruhe also have roots in the Delta Quadrant?"

"If it had been the Iruhe Captain", stated Tuvok, "they most probably would have used their powerful telepathic abilities to crash the ship and feed on the crew's neural energy, as they did in the early days of Romulan history."

"Maybe it was simply something in the air..." suggested Tom.

"Well, whatever it was, I'm not going back to investigate."

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Chakotay stepped into the ready room. "You asked to see me Captain?"

"Yes...Chakotay... Since I read your report I've been wondering... How did you know that it wasn't me on the planet? And don't tell me that it's a gift from your people!"

The commander lowered his head with a boyish smile. "I've learned from our New Earth incident, Captain, that you're not an easy woman to seduce."

Janeway smiled back. "I may not be an easy woman Chakotay, but you may call me Kathryn when we're alone. ♠

# Recreations Department's Fortnightly Story Competitions

10-23 July 2011

## A Token of Gratitude

by CDR SF Warp

Chance Munro, recently of the Army of Northern Virginia, boarded his newfound friend, Brack's incredible machine. The machine began to rise and Munro watched in utter awe as the Earth receded beneath him. He'd seen the Earth from observation balloons on the great Civil War battlefield, but to see the Earth fall away so far so quickly was incomprehensible to him. Odder still, there was no sensation of motion. He turned to Brack, "Where [i]are[i] we and [i]where[i] are we going?"

"We are in outer space and we are going on a tour. You saved my life back there, a life that is very dear to me," Brack said, a smile lighting his face, "so I decided to try to repay you as best I can by showing you things you have never seen."

"I don't see that I did anything so grand," Munro responded. "I saw that something needed to be done and I did it. That's all."

"And I am indebted to you." Brack affirmed, speaking from the heart. Then, a broad grin lighting his face, "Next stop..."

"Next stop where?"

"Why, the moon of course."

"Of course! Where else!?"

They both looked at each for a moment, then burst out laughing.

Less than an hour after leaving the Earth, the moon's face filled the forward view screen. Munro carefully surveyed the image for several minutes, then he spoke. "Amazing! I've seen the craters of the moon through telescopes. It shouldn't surprise me then that there are even smaller craters when seen from up close. The mountains...the great flat expanses...all breathtaking to see!"

Brack then guided his craft around to the back side of the moon.

"Holy cow," Munro Exclaimed. "The two sides are so different! The back is just craters...and craters within craters! Unbelievable!"

"Gives one pause to wonder how, does it not?"

"Brack, I'm already becoming indebted to you!"

"Put this on." Brack handed Munro an encounter suit.

Within minutes, they had landed in Mare Imbrium and were literally bounding over the surface. Brack spoke through his com link, "You weigh but a sixth of what you weigh on Earth."

"This is great fun! I swear, I can almost fly!" Munro was exultant.

"Come, I will show you something."

Munro came and stood next to Brack as Brack pointed. Munro then saw the Earth from the moon for

first time. "Oh my," he said pensively. "I never imagined Earth could be so beautiful! She is truly a sight to behold!"

"I fell in love with your planet the first time I saw it. I was compelled to visit ever since. But now, let us go. There is so much more to see," Brack effused, "Or would you rather I simply return you to Earth?"

Munro thought for a moment. He remembered something. Then he spoke. "I'll be very happy to go, but there's something I'd like to do first. Can we return to earth for a brief visit?"

"We can. Why?"

"I need to do some stocking up."

"Very well then," Brack agreed.

Brack and Chance returned to the ship. Brack brought the ship to life and steered it toward Earth. Little did they know then that they had just embarked on the first of many great adventures. ♦

24 July – 6 August 2011

## Anybody Here?

by CDR Erin O'Connor

"ANYBODY HERE~~~~~?" The Commander's voice got lost into the void, echoing through the empty corridors of the eerily empty station. She was alone. The sound, broken into various metallic pitches, reverberated on the artificial walls, a mirror of her loneliness. If only she could contact someone, anyone...

Her chest tightened at the thought of the void surrounding her. The station, an empty object itself, was also lost in the cold vastness of space, its immensity making her feel even smaller, lonelier... Then, a fortuitous thought struck her, a lightning bolt that blinded the Commander for a few moments, where time seemed to stop to let her revel into its magnificence, its sheer existence a testament of how ingenious she could be.

"LET'S EAT SOME POPCORN!" she yelled at the top of her lungs, and ran to the food replicator with renewed energy, the temporary angst all but pushed back to the deepest recess of her mind.

Popcorn was awesome. It was light, fluffy, it tinged the lips with its saltiness, and its smell could infiltrate even the smallest nooks and crannies of the vastness surrounding its birthplace. In a way, popcorn was the Commander's friend. It called to all her senses and tickled them; it replaced the gaping hole of everyone's absence in her heart with a warmth in her stomach. ♦



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**ACROSS**

- 1. Virgo's brightest
- 6. \*XO of the 58th Squadron
- 10. Call's companion
- 14. "The Rifleman": \_\_\_ McCain
- 15. \_\_\_ Minor
- 16. The "O" in S.R.O.
- 17. To the left, at sea
- 18. Brass
- 19. Face shape
- 20. \*Leader of the Wildcards
- 22. Eye layer
- 24. Bonanza find
- 25. "-zoic" things
- 27. Stage that preceded the Hoxnian in the British Isles
- 29. Classical music period
- 33. Clavell's "\_\_\_-Pan"
- 34. Bypass
- 35. Real in Bonn
- 37. Further shorten, maybe
- 41. Arrange
- 42. Went downhill
- 44. Alias
- 45. Curl one's lip
- 48. Shrek, for one
- 49. Scrape, as the knee
- 50. Bon \_\_\_
- 52. Impressive on the one hand, devastating on the other
- 54. Devoid
- 58. Ancient gathering place

- 59. Tokyo, formerly
- 60. Cafeteria carrier
- 62. \*Marine who is an In Vitro
- 66. Part of the Hindu trinity
- 68. Bummed out
- 70. Jack
- 71. Angry, with "off"
- 72. October birthstone
- 73. À la King
- 74. Mercury, for one
- 75. \*Nipple-neck
- 76. Vales



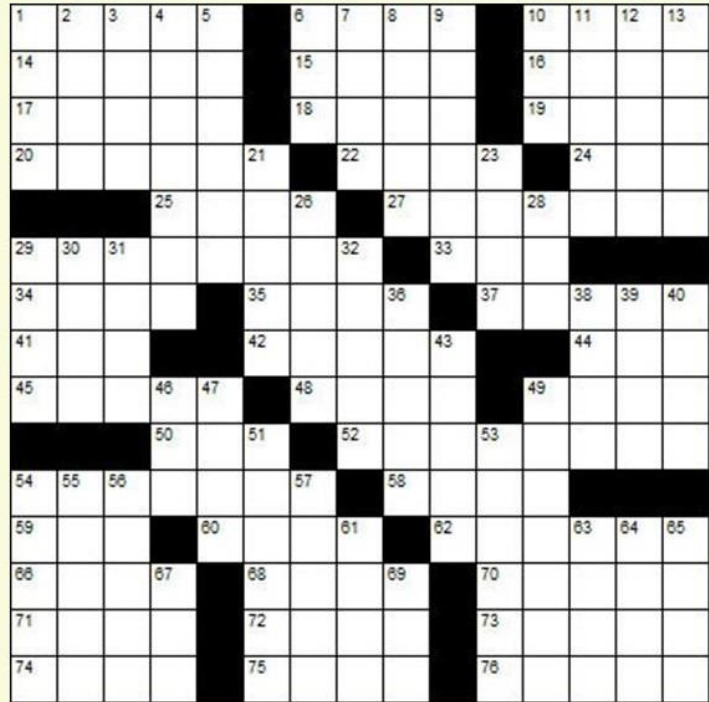
**DOWN**

- 1. Bohemian, e.g.
- 2. Insect stage
- 3. Computer image
- 4. For a kid to ride safely
- 5. Back
- 6. Card
- 7. Biblical birth-right seller
- 8. Villain portrayer, Henry
- 9. Ability
- 10. "You stink!"
- 11. Parcel, sent from Montreal, say
- 12. "The Nutcracker" lead
- 13. \*Fiancée of 6A
- 21. Glutes
- 23. Biology lab

- supply
- 26. Norman Bates type
- 28. Fabrication
- 29. \*Commander of the USS Saratoga
- 30. Black cat, maybe
- 31. Bit
- 32. \*Bad guy aliens, with "the"
- 36. Standing
- 38. "The Open Window" writer
- 39. Like, with "to"
- 40. \*Marine whose 58th squadron call sign is Joker
- 43. End
- 46. Australian runner
- 47. Carrot, e.g.
- 49. Algonquian-speaking North American native
- 51. North Atlantic flatfish
- 53. Drenched
- 54. \*Colony of humans destroyed by 32D
- 55. "Farewell, mon ami"
- 56. Desire
- 57. Salema porgy
- 61. 10 jiao
- 63. \_\_\_ Doenitz
- 64. "... there is no \_\_\_ angel but Love": Shakespeare
- 65. Attends
- 67. Big deal
- 69. Antlered animal

**Online Starbase's Blue Alert Crossword Puzzle**

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**Answers to Previous Puzzle**

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**USMC Hammerhead**



**58th Squadron**



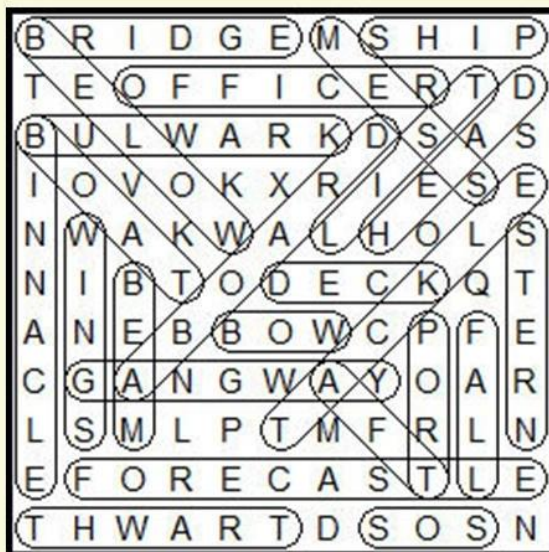
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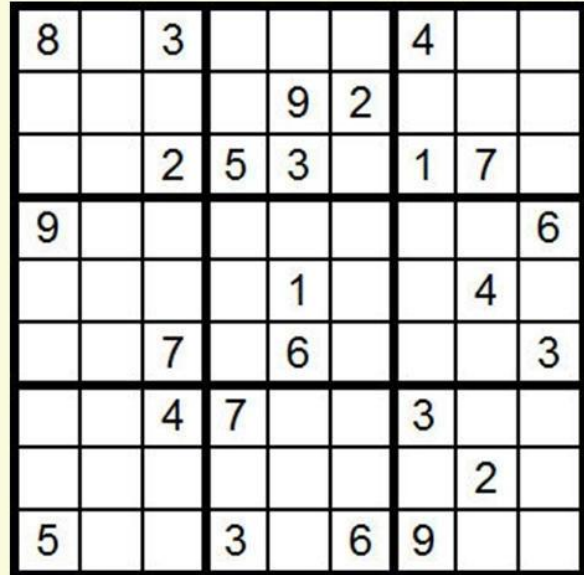


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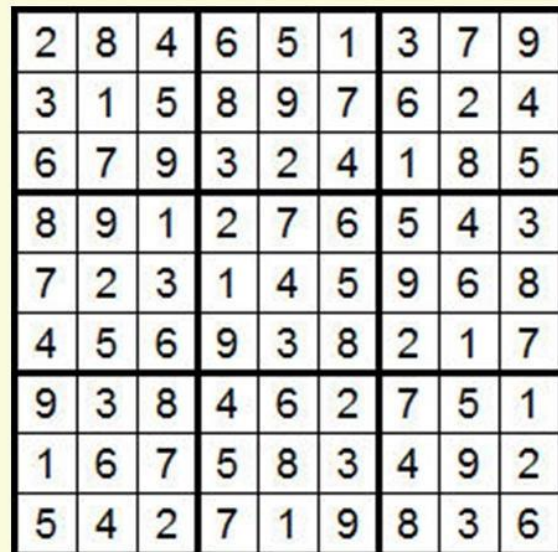


## SUDOKU PUZZLE

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Solution to July's Sudoku Puzzle



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## On Command

by: **CAPT Marshall Crockett**  
OSB Vice Commander

I have heard a great many stories, accounts and analogies in my time, many of which I hope to be true. However, today I heard Leonard Nimoy recount his ascension to stardom from his early days as a child actor in Boston where, in the local theater, he was presented with the philosophy: "To act well is to bring honor to your craft." From that day on he says he has endeavored to do exactly that. Well, I know that at this particular moment in time, I can think of no finer quote to impart upon you all than the one he used to guide his professional life.

Let us put it in OSB terms: "To serve well is to bring honor to your base." So, does this mean that you serve to gain accolades? According to Nimoy: No. He has received many Emmy nominations and 4 honorary doctorate degrees but is still humbled by that quote to this very day. To serve well is to bring honor to your base. As part of a team, we all have a part to play. From the base commander to the newest Ensign, this installation functions on the motivations of the members. We serve to make it a better place for all. As Nimoy said in *ST:II TWOK*, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." Service to OSB benefits everyone. Personal accolades may certainly follow.

Continue to serve as honorably on OSB as Mr. Nimoy did throughout his illustrious Hollywood career. We can only hope that when our final curtain lowers that we can say we lived and served with honor.

Until next time...

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