



Blue Alert



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Letter From the Editor

By: CAPT Marshall Crockett

Chief, Dept of Public Relations

After a two-month layoff, it is great to have the Blue Alert ready to go for you. Thank you very much for your readership and your understanding as unforeseen circumstances required the cancellation of Issue 7. Out of ashes will be born new life and such is the case here. We have an excellent edition for you and a few opportunities that I hope you are all excited about.

I know the retirement announcement by Admiral Dean took everyone by surprise, but what this has also done is open up some very unique leadership opportunities with enough leeway to afford many officers a chance they may not have otherwise been given. I would advise all officers to keep a watchful eye on the job announcement boards in the coming weeks as high-level leadership positions may be forthcoming.

The base will undergo a change; that much is certain. And we will be counting on each and every one of you to give his/her best as we climb this mountain and go forward into 2011 with the same vigor as we have witnessed over the past two years under ADM Dean. It is time to step up...who's up for the challenge? ✦

The Captain / First Officer Relationship

Captain Kathryn Janeway & Commander Chakotay:

Part II: The Possible Romance

By: CDR Yu'wanna

Internal PR Section Leader / Feature Writer

In spite of the harsh beginning, Janeway and Chakotay got to know one another quite well, but this did not make their relationship less complicated. In the first seasons, their relationship tended to become romantic. Actually, the romance seemed to emerge at the end of the second season, in the episode "Resolutions", when they were marooned together on a deserted planet due to being infected by a deadly virus with no cure. However, this situation troubled Janeway, making her very uncomfortable and confused. But, in spite of the tension, she decided to bring the topic out for discussion, probably because she was not the person to tolerate unclear situations:

JANEWAY: I think we need to define some parameters about us.

CHAKOTAY: I'm not sure I can define parameters. But I can tell you a story, an ancient legend among my people. It's about an angry warrior who lived his life in conflict with the rest of his tribe, a man who couldn't find peace, even with the help of his spirit guide. For years, he struggled with his discontent. But the only satisfaction he ever got came when he was in battle. This made him a hero among his tribe, but the warrior still longed for peace within himself. One day he and his war party were captured by a neighboring tribe led by a woman warrior. She called on him to join her because her tribe was too small and weak to defend itself from all its enemies. The woman warrior was brave and beautiful and very wise. The angry warrior swore to himself that he would stay by her side, doing

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Officer Profile

CDRE Jade, Deputy Chief –Dept of Recreations

By: CDR Yu'wanna

Internal PR Section Leader / Feature Writer



Name: Jade

Age: 30's

Position on the Starbase: Deputy Chief of Recreations,
Graphic Contest Team Leader

Location: Lost somewhere in the Lone Star State

Hobbies: Reading, Writing, Simming, Art, Video
Games, American Karate, Graphics, Web page design

Enjoys: Stargate, Star Wars, Star Trek, (the 3 stars of
Sci-Fi) Firefly, Babylon 5, MacGyver, and NCIS.

Hates: Reality TV, Drinking water

Guilty Pleasures: Chocolate and watching Stargate

First Encountered Star Trek: As a child

Other Interesting Facts: I earned a Black Belt in
American Karate and collect swords & starship models

How did you and Star Trek meet?

I attribute my love of Sci-Fi to my dad.

Which is the most valuable thing you have learned
from Star Trek?

You can excel at anything if you put your mind to it. I
enjoy the story arc where Counselor Deanna Troi
struggles to pass her Bridge Officer Exam, but she
hangs in there and achieves her goal.

What is your favorite Star Trek race and why?

I find the Trills to be a fascinating race, especially the
joined ones. To have all the wisdom and experience at
your disposal would be a great resource.

Your favorite ST character and why?

It's hard to name just one. I like several including the

good ol' southern boys, Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy,
and Commander Charles "Trip" Tucker III. There's just
something chivalrous about their mannerisms. I also
liked Julian Bashir for his humor. Both Dr. Beverly
Crusher and Ezri Dax are also favorites because they
sometimes remind me of myself.

Any plans for the future you wish to share with us?

I'd like to get back into college and finish my Bachelors
Degree in some computer related field.

The things you like and dislike most about yourself and
about other people?

Sometimes I'm too much of a perfectionist.

How long have you been on the OSB? On what
circumstances did you join the Starbase?

I joined the Starbase in August of 2007, when at the
time; Captain Ryan W. Dean invited me to the
community. When he told me about it, I knew that
Online Starbase was going to be something extra
special.

What do you like most about Online Starbase?

I like being part of a group that has similar interest. I've
met some great members here and have had great
conversations. If you're not involved in a project on the
base you're missing out on all the fun

As the Deputy Chief of the Recreation Department and
Leader of the weekly Caption Contest, what are some
of your most critical responsibilities and what
challenges have you faced so far? How about as a
member of the Engineering team?

My responsibilities right now include posting the
weekly "Caption This!" contest and now the new
"Scene This!" contest. Its fun searching for an
appropriate graphic and I always enjoy the creative
submissions from the participants each week. I also
help Captain Christian in the Recreations Department
keeping all of us in the department organized. My
greatest enemy and challenge is always time. I always
wish I had more time to contribute to the base, but I do
what I can.

What words of wisdom do you have for new member
to OSB that would help them get integrated?

New members should not be afraid to try and find their
niche. ♣

Chakotay: Part II

By: LT Khan Noonien Singh

Correspondent

Chakotay joined the Maquis, spurred on 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 became a Maquis leader and was commanding the Maquis ship, the *Val Jean* when it was lost in the Badlands.

When Chakotay finally realized that his ship was lost in an uncharted part of the Galaxy, he agreed to cooperate with Captain Janeway, in order to get home. He realized that Janeway was the Captain, so he embraced the Starfleet ways and tried to command his crew to do the same thing. Janeway made him the XO and gave him the rank of Provisional commander.

During his first year on Voyager Commander Chakotay did many admirable things. To mention a few of them: During one of Voyagers first away missions, he discovered a species called the Viddians, who had taken one of Neelix's lungs. He managed to kidnap one of the Viddians, who in turn used their advanced medical technology to adapt Kes's lungs for Neelix.

When Harry Kim became trapped in the Holographic simulation of Beowulf, he led the rescue. Confronted by many characters he ended up being taken by an energy being. (Although he did later end up being rescued by the Doctor.)

Chakotay was a man of great moral conviction and courage and served well as Janeway's First officer, and his loyalty never wavered. He also helped keep the peace and establish cooperation and a positive rapport between his Maquis crew and the Starfleet crew; he even threatened to throw Seska and Jarvin into the brig when they said they would support him in a mutiny.

During 2373 Voyager encountered the Nyrians, a race that used a translocation system that transported them on Voyager while sending the crew to a prison environment system on their planet. After Janeway was captured, Chakotay took command and tried to stop the aliens. They were able to escape when they accessed the translocation device.

In 2377, the last year of Voyager's return home from the Delta Quadrant, Chakotay attempted to hijack Voyager with a Maquis crewman due to a brainwash suggestion

implanted by a Bajoran named Teero Anaydis. He also restored Voyager to the proper timeline when it was hit by the gravimetric force of a spatial rift. Assuming an identity of Amal Kotay, Chakotay rescued the crew from the Quarren workforce when the crew's memories were wiped out in order to solve the workforce shortage on the planet. In the Quarren Power Plant, Chakotay displayed expertise in thermionic conversion, but it was revealed he had only moderate knowledge of microkinetics.

Near the end of Voyager's time in the Delta Quadrant, he became romantically involved with Seven of Nine. They became very close during an away mission when they were stranded on a planet due to a shuttle crash. They discovered a primitive tribe that helped them repair their ship. Voyager returned home using a Borg conduit. Admiral Janeway had returned to the past to help her counterpart, Captain Janeway, defeat the Borg and return the ship sooner than the twenty-three years it took her. This saved the life of Seven, who had been killed on the original journey home, and helped Tuvok avoid a mental breakdown due to a neural disease.

Chakotay didn't use the Holodeck very often, but he instead enjoyed reading. He was also a vegetarian and his favorite food was mushroom soup, however he didn't enjoy carrots and fried food, saying they upset his stomach. He preferred to stay away from alcoholic beverages, saying he preferred to be in control. However he was known to keep a stash of Antarian cider hidden among the salvaged Borg components in cargo bay 2. ❖



CONGRATULATIONS

Hip, Hip HOORAY to all OSB Promotees (eff. 30 July 10):

Foard to COMMANDER

Khan Noonien Singh to LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

Erin O'Connor, Hana Diosas, Kira Marys and Nyla Anasazi to LIEUTENANT JG

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORY SECTION LEADER (Dept of PR)

- LT or higher for applications please

HISTORY TECHNICIAN (Dept of PR)

- LTJG or higher

CORRESPONDENT (Dept of PR)

- LTJG or higher

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ARTICLE SUBMISSION FOR BLUE ALERT NEWSLETTER

PLACE: PM TO CDR CROCKETT

TIME: 8 SEPT 2010, 2359 OST

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

whatever he could to make her burden lighter. From that point on, her needs would come first. And in that way, the warrior began to know the true meaning of peace.

JANEWAY: Is that really an ancient legend?

CHAKOTAY: No. But that made it easier to say." However, before anything would happen, they were rescued by their crew, after a cure had been obtained by a Vidiian doctor. When they returned to the ship, Janeway backed away from her feelings because she was his superior officer and considered a romantic relationship between them would not be appropriate and would complicate things even more than they had already been. Although Chakotay may have not thought the same, he respected her decision, anyway, and when Q started to show an interest in Janeway, Chakotay couldn't help feeling jealous:

CHAKOTAY: I was wondering just what just what you meant when you said he made a personal request.

JANEWAY: He wants to mate with me.

CHAKOTAY: I see.

JANEWAY: Obviously, it's out of the question. And I suspect it's a smoke screen. Knowing Q, he's probably got some hidden agenda.

CHAKOTAY: Maybe.

JANEWAY: Chakotay.

CHAKOTAY: I know I don't have any right to feel this way, but this bothers the hell out of me.

Q: I do believe you're jealous."

However, by the end of the third season, a romantic relationship between them had become more and more improbable. Nevertheless, the friendship that had developed between Janeway and Chakotay would be explored throughout the whole series. ❖



Trek Tech: Cloaking Device

From: Memory-Alpha

Accessed 12 Aug 2010

A **cloaking device** is a form of stealth technology that uses selective bending of light (and other forms of energy) to render a starship or other object completely invisible to the electromagnetic spectrum and most sensors. It has been encountered in varying forms over the centuries.

Humanity's earliest-known encounter with cloaking technology came in the year 1986 in San Francisco. Admiral James T. Kirk decloaked the Klingon Bird-of-Prey he was commanding to waylay and frighten some whale hunters from killing two humpback whales. (*Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*)

One of humanity's earliest exposures to cloaking technology was in April of 2151, when agents of the Suliban Cabal approached the starship *Enterprise* undetected and kidnapped a Klingon national named Klaang from the ship's sickbay. The Suliban used cloaking devices on many of their ships, including the cell ships, stealth-cruisers and salvage ships. The Suliban's cloaking technology had been given to them by their mysterious benefactor from the 29th century. (ENT: "Broken Bow", "Shockwave", "Future Tense")

During a battle near a Suliban helix in a class seven gas giant, *Enterprise* managed to capture a cell ship. Chief engineer Charles Tucker III studied the device in his spare time, and in 2152 the ship was used to mount a rescue mission. Unfortunately, Tucker's experience with cloaking technology was somewhat limited and he accidentally doused his hand with the particles the ship used to generate the cloaking effect, temporarily rendering it invisible. (ENT: "Broken Bow", "The Communicator")

Enterprise learned how to penetrate a Suliban cloaking device in March 2152, when the temporal agent Daniels explained how to construct a quantum beacon so that *Enterprise* could reveal the location of the cloaked stealth-cruiser responsible for the destruction of Paraagan II. (ENT: "Shockwave")

Enterprise was also responsible for an encounter with another organization that used stealth technology, the Romulan Star Empire. In April 2152, the ship accidentally entered a cloaked minefield protecting a



Klingon Bird-of-Prey firing while cloaked (Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country)

Romulan-claimed planet. The quantum beacons proved effective against the minefield, but when two birds-of-prey suddenly arrived, *Enterprise* was not able to penetrate their more advanced cloaks. (ENT: "Minefield")

In 2268, the Federation learned that the Romulans had developed a new and improved cloaking device; one that even tracking sensors could not pick up and that posed a threat to the security of the Federation. On stardate 5027.3, Starfleet Intelligence sent the *Enterprise* on a covert mission across the Romulan Neutral Zone to acquire the new cloak. The mission was a success, and Starfleet was able to procure an intact, modern Romulan cloaking device for study. The Federation also acquired a cloaking device from a captured Klingon bird-of-prey, dubbed the "HMS *Bounty*", in 2286. (TOS: "The Enterprise Incident"; *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*)

In 2311, with the signing of the Treaty of Algeron, the Federation explicitly agreed not to develop cloaking technology. The Bajoran Provisional Government also outlawed cloaking devices, stating that the possession of such a device is highly illegal. (TNG: "The Pegasus"; DS9: "Profit and Loss") ❖

The crux of this article was taken from the memory-alpha website at memory-alpha.org.

Recreations is Hiring!!

By: CDRE Jade

Deputy Chief, Dept of Recreations

The Department of Recreations is hiring two creative individuals to help out in the department. See the announcement below and if you think you are right for this job, apply now!!

Do you think that Jeopardy should feature more Star Trek and Science Fiction questions?

If you answered "YES" to this question, then, joining the Department of Recreations Trivia Team could be in your future.

Are you an avid book reader who can't wait until that next Star Trek book comes across your hands?

If you answered "YES" to this question, our Book Club Team is looking for such a member to help with book discussions.

So what are you waiting for? Send a PM to Commodore Jade if you are interested. ❖

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

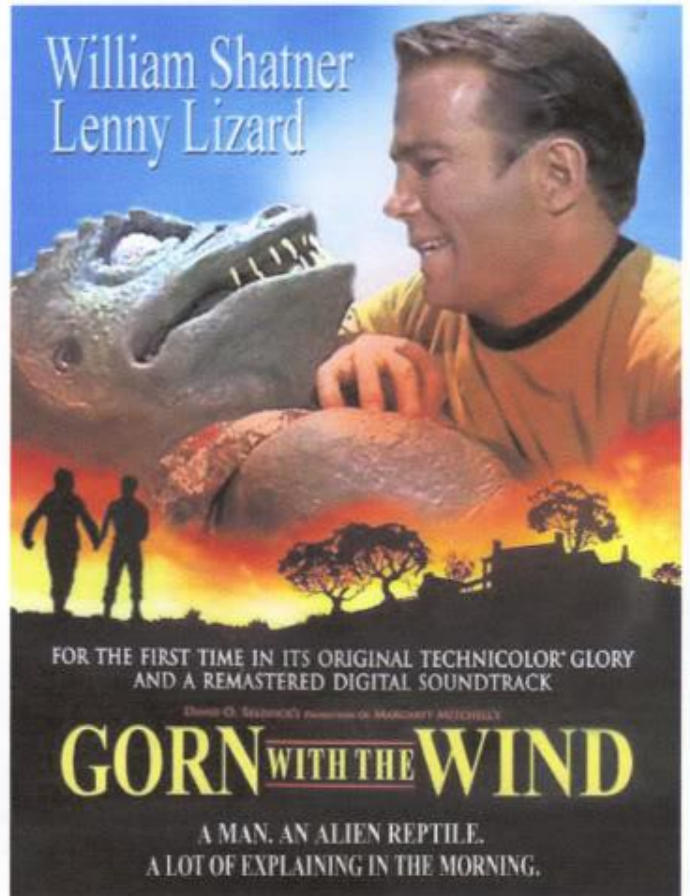
Topic: Finish the starter at the bottom of this section

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?"

AUG TOPIC: The Captain sat in his ready room, staring at a delicately wrapped package on his lap. It was his birthday and he reflected on his life; a life that began as a 17 year-old enlistee and progressed to the captaincy. He remembered that first assignment aboard the USS Eclipse. He.....

WINNER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!



Hails and Farewells

By: CAPT Marshall Crockett

Chief, Dept of Public Relations

It is my honor to welcome three new officers to the Department of Public Relations: LTJG Sara Marshall, LTJG Kira Marys and LTJG Hana Diosas. These three will all be working on the newsletter team to bring you the best articles covering the best base in the "web sector" of the Federation.

The base also welcomes CDR Richard Boudreau back into the departmental mix as he took a job with Forum Security. We all have felt the pain of real life conflicts and how those hinder our OSB participation. It's great to have him back and wish him all the best.

Finally, the most recent farewell is more of a 'heads-up' for what is the culmination of an outstanding career: the retirement of Admiral Ryan Dean. While we will cover the retirement proceedings and the changes that will follow with personnel moves and the like, it is never too early to say thanks and, as is stated in the US Navy: May you have fair winds and following seas! ❖

Fiction

"Trips"

By: LT S.F. Warp

The visions were almost paralyzing. Each crew member who had been exposed to the gaseous anomaly stood entranced before the warp core. It took only a few minutes before the Chief Engineer collapsed. The rest would soon follow suit.

Several away teams had visited the Class M planet below on a much needed and well deserved shore leave. After a few hours, all had returned. Only the six who had gone spelunking with Commander Divak, Chief of Engineering, had been afflicted. And their symptoms did not manifest themselves until after their return.

Zoologist, Lieutenant d'Garo, had not heard from his mate who had been exploring the great cavern with the Vulcan, Divak. And he could not raise her on any com channel. So the muscular Orion went to Engineering to see if she was there. What he saw, stopped him in his tracks! S'Lira was staring at the warp core, transfixed, as were those still on their feet. He took her by the shoulders trying to establish eye contact, "What has happened to you, my s'Lira? Where is your mind?"

S'Lira only mumbled incoherently, but d'Garo thought he could discern a word or two. He released his wife and tapped his com badge. "D'garo to Sick Bay! "

"Carr here...do you need assistance?"

"You're needed in Engineering right away, doctor!"

"On my way!"

Then, to d'Garo's horror, s'Lira collapsed at his feet.

Dr. Carr arrived, took medical tricorder readings of those affected, then shook his head. "I get nothing," he said. "Did anyone say anything that might shed some light on this?"

"I tried to get my mate to tell me something, anything! But, I couldn't understand her. I think I heard her mention the word cloud, maybe rainbow, but that's all. I'm not even sure about that."

Carr tapped his com badge and relayed what he knew to Captain Draco. Draco, in turn, gave the doctor explicit instructions.

Carr then said to d'Garo, "I need you to go down to the planet and search that cave for anything that might explain this! I can't go because my only medical assistant is one of those afflicted. I need to

keep my senses intact. Wear an encounter suit, even though there's no guarantee it will protect you. Take a samples kit and sample everything you can. Then go straight to Sick Bay."

"I Will, sir! For my s'Lira!"

D'Garo transported straight into the cavern. He took samples of the air, water from a small stream, soil from the floor, samples of various substances aligning the walls and even from the ceiling. He was about to call to be transported back up. Then he saw it! A translucent cloud, slightly aglow in gentle pastel colors with tiny, sparkling facets of light. It was mesmerizing. Nevertheless, d'Garo went straight to work filling several sample containers from within the cloud. Soon, satisfied, he tapped his com badge. "One to beam up!"

Dr. Carr focused on the cloud samples. For hours he analyzed, researched, analyzed some more, tested, calculated and concocted. By this time, all those afflicted were unconscious and their vital signs were rapidly degrading. Even d'Garo had, by this time, lapsed into unconsciousness.

When Doctor Carr felt he had an effective antidote, he wasted no time. He injected everyone with a hypo spray and waited. More hours passed. Then, finally, they all began, ever so slowly, to respond.

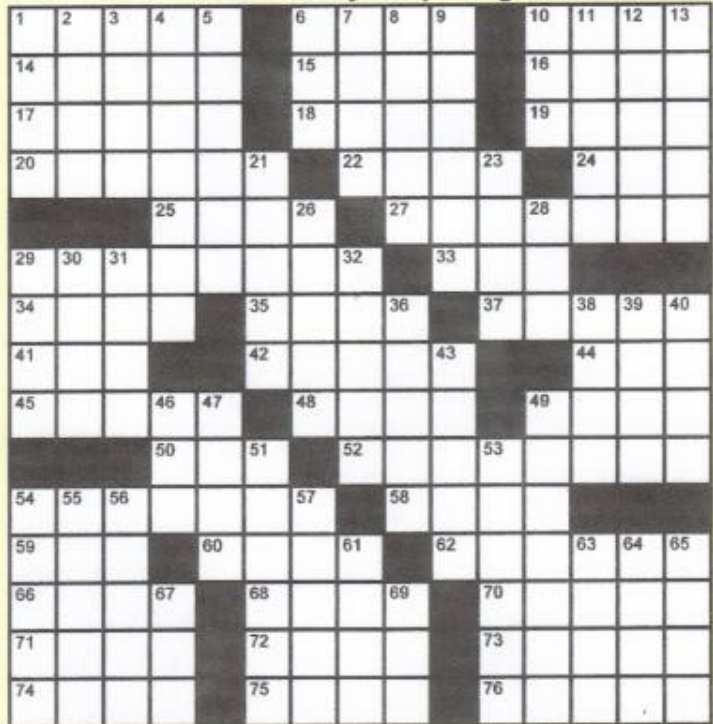
Later, at dinner, Doctor Carr, described what he'd found to Captain Draco, d'Garo and s'Lira. "My first thought was of the Tsiolkovsky Syndrome where water had changed into a complex molecular chain that, acted like alcohol in the bloodstream. Our cloud, however, is not H2O based. It's a very rare acidic substance capable of penetrating skin and even encounter suits. Being acidic, it acted like an hallucinogen, like a bad twentieth century LSD trip. Moreover, it was strong enough to shut down immune systems and organs. I simply concocted a basic solution that neutralized the acid."

Captain Draco followed with, "Nicely done, Ben!" Then, to d'Garo, "Your bravery saved lives today!" Beaming at her d'Garo, teary eyed, s'Lira squeezed his hand (Orions never kiss in front of others). ♦



Entertainment

Online Starbase's Blue Alert Crossword Puzzle Next Trek - Edited by Warp - August 2010



Answers to the Previous Puzzle

S	P	O	C	K	U	F	P	S	U	L	U		
C	O	V	E	R	C	I	A	C	A	L	I	F	
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D	I	L	E	M	M	A	R	E	E	L	E	R	S
					S	E	C	S	E	E	K		
B	A	T	R	C	M	P	L	O	J	A	C	K	
A	N	O	D	O	I	L	S	V	I	D	O	R	
L	O	R	I	Y	E	A	T	S	L	O	R	A	
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K	I	R	K		T	O	S		U	H	U	R	A

ACROSS

- 1 Pilgrim's Destination
- 6 Bucket of bolts
- 10 Mister in Mannheim
- 14 Beautify
- 15 Ornamental needle case
- 16 Purple berry of the Amazon rainforest
- 17 Any "Trek" episode, now
- 18 Snorter buster
- 19 Fifties era nerd
- 20 Finishes
- 22 Pinocchio at times
- 24 "Malcom X" director
- 25 Acclaim
- 27 Pastoral staff
- 29 Filbert
- 33 ___ To, Vietnam battle site
- 34 Culturing medium
- 35 Empath
- 37 M-1, for one
- 41 Barbie's beau
- 42 Indications
- 44 Charged particle
- 45 Ancient temple's innermost sanctuary
- 48 Man of measure?
- 49 Go through
- 50 ___ roll
- 52 Bon voyage

- party
- 54 One way to think
- 58 "Get ___!"
- 59 Filbert
- 60 Copter's forerunner
- 62 Burundi neighbor
- 66 Well
- 68 Finger, in a way
- 70 Sag
- 71 Corduroy feature
- 72 Like, with "to"
- 73 Straus' pants
- 74 ___ 51
- 75 Brings home
- 76 Related maternally



NOMAD

DOWN

- 1 Filly's Mother
- 2 Garden spot
- 3 128 cubic feet
- 4 Young conn officer
- 5 Marigold, for example
- 6 Bidly
- 7 And others, for short
- 8 Gold-like
- 9 Sits in the main chair
- 10 "Hee ___"
- 11 Bacteria discovered by Theodor Escherich
- 12 Hindu queen
- 13 Sits next to 9-down
- 21 Pub orders
- 23 Big laugh
- 26 Sensational
- 28 Schuss, e.g.
- 29 Maori dance form
- 30 Ancient
- 31 Buffoon
- 32 Caesar's attire
- 36 ___ alia
- 38 Feudal estate
- 39 Maori dance form
- 40 Aims
- 43 More rational
- 46 ___ Aviv
- 47 All excited
- 49 Bajoran rebel
- 51 Bartending sage
- 53 Dilly-dally
- 54 Nurse ___
- 55 Open, in a way
- 56 Gown fabric
- 57 Golden Hind captain
- 61 Bypass
- 63 ___ Scotia
- 64 "Go ahead!"
- 65 Church recess
- 67 Assent
- 69 "Star Trek" rank: abbr.



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By: RADM Ryan Dean



I'd like to first state my sincerest appreciation to the members of this community for the continued membership - that which is the foundation of our overall success. It is only through the consistent participation of our officers that Online Starbase continues to prosper. While promotions mean to recognize members for service, I also find it important to thank you through my words and actions for all you contribute to our ever-growing community. It's important to also realize the importance of each member division on board. Whether one serves in a security position or is a non-department affiliated member, each membership division contributes in a very specified nature helping to continually shape our community.

We have welcomed several new members to OSB in the past couple of months and it has been my pleasure to see such enthusiasm come aboard adding to our already enthusiastic and driven crew. It is a blessing to me to have such a dedicated, driven, and ethical group of members aboard.

Participate. Promote. Get Involved. ❖

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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