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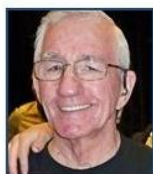
Farewell Edition

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A Letter from the Editor

by **CDR SF Warp**

Deputy Chief, Public Relations / BA Editor



I am very sad today. I must say goodbye to Online Starbase which has been my home for nearly two years. I came here in early March of 2010 not knowing what to expect. But when I looked around, I liked very much what I found. There were myriad threads with posts I could read, enjoy and comment on. There was a chat box where I could talk to my fellow officers. Better still, I found a community...a community of friends.

I was not here a month when I was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade and granted a position as correspondent with the Blue Alert under the auspices of Public Relations Department Chief, Captain Marshall Crockett. I soon wrote my first article which was published in the special edition Blood Red Alert. I was off to a great start writing and, before long, I was soon creating crossword, word search and Sudoku puzzles.

In October, Captain Crockett offered me the position of Editor, which I gratefully accepted. With this issue, I will have published fifteen issues of the Blue Alert, a task I have thoroughly enjoyed.

In all this time, I have received nothing but praise from you, my readers, and I have come to appreciate very much each and every one of you. You have made the Blue Alert the great newsletter that it is today.

I want to thank Rear Admiral Jade for her wisdom, understanding and so much more; Captain Crockett for Giving me the Blue Alert and the confidence to publish it; and all of you for being my friends. **I love you all!**

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Battle of the Omarion Nebula Part II

by **CDR Tre'gok of Mirtak**

Senior PR Correspondent

As the Fleet entered the Orbit of the Founders Home world, they found the planet completely undefended. They had apparently achieved the element of surprise. Tain confidently ordered the fleet to de-cloak and fire. Thirty percent of the Planets



Cardassians and Romulans open fire

crust was destroyed before Tain realized something was amiss. There was no change in the planets life-form readings. They soon realized that the Founders had already evacuated the planet, leaving behind only an automated transponder to send out false sensor readings. The entire operation had been a trap.

Mere moments later, a massive fleet of 150 Jem'Hadar attack ships emerged from the nebula, completely surrounding Tain's fleet. The Jem'Hadar's phased polaron beam weapons tore through the shields of the Cardassian and Romulan ships just as they had the Odyssey less than a year before, inflicting heavy damage in a matter of minutes. Amidst the chaos, Lovok helped Odo and Garak escape, telling them, "no Changeling has ever harmed another." Garak tried to convince Tain to come with him, but Tain chose to remain on the bridge, remarking that he must have lost his touch over the years. Odo and Garak fled the warbird in the runabout USS Mekong just before it exploded, and were picked up shortly after by the Defiant.

Outgunned with no hope of retreat, the remnants of the Cardassian-Romulan fleet fought to their annihilation. As the Jem'Hadar ships continued to focus on the fleet, the Defiant fought its way out of the battle zone and escaped back to Deep Space 9. A few members of the fleet, including Tain, survived the battle and were detained at Internment Camp 371 until their rescue by Garak and Lieutenant Commander Worf in 2373. Cardassian prisoners were released when Gul Dukat secretly agreed to an alliance with the Dominion. (DS9: "The Die is Cast", "By Inferno's Light")

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Officer Profile

LT Dennis Howard

Junior Officer

Interviewed by CDR SF Warp

Interior PR Section Leader, BA Editor



Name: Dennis Howard
(I'm @DennisHoward on Twitter)

Age: 65

Position on the Starbase: crew member

Location: Traverse City, Michigan USA

Hobbies: Reading, watching TV, computers.

Enjoys: I've become quite an ebook and Kindle fan (I have two Kindles!).

Hates: Dishonesty, people who just outright lie to your face.

Guilty Pleasures: Cheesy, old, low-budget horror films.

CDR Warp: How did your Star Trek Journey begin?

LT Howard: I was in college when ST:TOS first aired. I remember watching it with friends in the dorm's "TV Lounge". I guess Star Trek has always had a community aspect for me.

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

LT Howard: I'm a big fan of TOS and DS9, those are definitely my favorites. I recently bought the DS9 series DVD set and I'm watching it all from the beginning in order.

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

LT Howard: Scotty, without a doubt. He was flawed and human, and the Enterprise couldn't have flown without him.

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

LT Howard: I think the humans were the best characters of all, so I think I'd stay human.

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

LT Howard: For me, Gene Roddenberry's positive vision of humankind's future is the central core of Star Trek and the valuable lesson is that it's not just a few of us but many, many people who have been moved and inspired by that vision.

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

LT Howard: I'm always trying to find other people who enjoy what I enjoy.

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

LT Howard: I like the civility, the respect people show for each other. I've been on other forums that, uh, aren't like that!

CDR Warp: Have you decided to join a Department?

LT Howard: Not yet.

CDR Warp: What was your childhood dream?

LT Howard: Space travel of course!

CDR Warp: What is your current situation?

LT Howard: I'm retired and trying to find more time to read books and watch DVDs -- TV shows on DVD, more than films. I prefer the long-form storytelling of series television over most movies.

CDR Warp: What are your aspirations for the future?

LT Howard: That we are not actually living in the science fictional near-dystopian world that this sometimes seems, that we can still hope for a positive Roddenberrian future.

CDR Warp: Thank you for your time, **LT Howard**. Live long and prosper!

Battle of the Omarion Nebula—Part II

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By any measure the Battle of the Omarion Nebula was a catastrophe for the Romulan and Cardassian forces resulting in destruction not seen since the Battle of Wolf 359; the Tal Shiar suffered a severe setback from which it would not recover for some time, and the Obsidian Order ceased to exist altogether. The Founders had identified both organizations as a definite threat due to their efficient and ruthless natures, and had exploited Tain's plan to wipe out both of them in a single stroke. Their victory had been so overwhelming that the Dominion had essentially eliminated two of the major powers in the Alpha and Beta Quadrants from challenging them in the short-term; after their losses neither the Cardassians nor the Romulans would be very willing to wage war against the Dominion. (DS9: "The Die is Cast")

The destruction of the Obsidian Order also had more far-reaching consequences, which in time the Founders would also exploit to their advantage. Without the constant presence of the Order ensuring loyalty amongst the population, the Cardassian Underground was finally able to topple the Central Command and restore power to the civilian Detapa Council. This in turn led to the Klingon-Cardassian War and the Federation-Klingon War of 2372-2373. These conflicts weakened the Alpha and Beta Quadrants as a whole and nearly destroyed the Federation-Klingon alliance, the last remaining bulwark against the Dominion. (DS9: "The Way of the Warrior", "Broken Link")

The humiliation and damage suffered by the Cardassians as a result of their war with the Klingons would ultimately lead them to their alliance with the Dominion, sowing the seeds for the most devastating conflict in modern history, the Dominion War. (DS9: "In Purgatory's Shadow", "By Inferno's Light")

Source: Memory Alpha

From Klingon Week's Blood Red Alert (07 APR 2010):

Kinda Sorta Klingon...

By LTJG Starfinder Warp

Eh'Eet was no ordinary Klingon. In fact, Eh'Eet was no Klingon at all. Eh'Eet was an Earther. Abandoned as an infant, he was taken in by a Klingon couple who had no young of their own. Their names were Teh'Ehst and Ku'Uk. They were of the house of Gagh. Teh'Ehst was a pretty good warrior, as warriors go. Eh'Eet was a good son. He wanted to be a warrior too...sort of.

Being an Earther was troublesome for Eh'Eet, so his parents got him an operation to make him look like a Klingon. This made Eh'Eet very happy. Eh'Eet didn't have a pet targ like the other Klingon boys. He had pet tribbles. He was allowed keep the tribbles, but he had to keep them in his room, away from his parents. This made Eh'Eet very happy too.

Eh'Eet was schooled and trained as all Klingon boys are. He learned well enough and he could hold his own in a fight. But he preferred to dream and scheme. And he liked to sneak his tribbles onto the training grounds with him. He kept them enclosed in orbs to keep them from being discovered. He loved his tribbles.

As a true Klingon (heh heh), Eh'Eet sought honor. His chance came, not on the battlefield, but in the annual, Empire wide Ka'Det War Games where two great armies of young warriors-to-be compete in mock battle. Eh'Eet was in Red Army. The enemy was Black Army. Both armies were well concealed. The first Army to discover the location of the other could vanquish its foe and emerge victorious. The trick was how to find them first.

Eh'Eet, the dreamer and schemer, thought and thought. Then he got an idea! He began throwing tribbled orbs in every direction. When the orbs hit the ground, they popped open and tribbles popped out. Sure enough, screeching tribbles betrayed Black Army and Red Army vanquished them. Of course, Eh'Eet was the hero of the day.

Eh'Eet never became a warrior. For his "Klingon initiative" he was made curator of the Tribble Exhibit at Qa'Pla Na'Mahl Zoo. And the Empire wide Ka'Det War Games had a new official motto and battle cry: "Eh'Eet Gagh!"

A Nugget from CDR Logan Kale

When Janice Rand brings him his plate of food, Sulu says to her, "May the great bird of the galaxy bless your planet." This is a reference to series creator Gene Roddenberry, whose nickname was "The Great Bird of the Galaxy." (TOS: "The Man Trap")

Source: <http://www.themovietimeline.com/>

Why Captain Janeway is Better than Captains Picard and Sisko, Part II

Contributed by LCDR Andrew Conlan
Senior Officer

1. Janeway knew better than to let a kid save the day. Picard had to keep calling on Wesley.
2. Gives MUCH better 'heart to heart' talks. I mean, when you're on a ship away from home and missing your mommy, would you really rather chat with Sisko, Picard or Kirk?
3. Doesn't let the counselor fly the ship into a planet.
4. Promoted happiness in the center of command. Sometimes we'd see the officers actually having *fun* on the bridge for more than one second!
5. (From "63 Reasons Why Janeway is Better than Picard"): "Acknowledges freely when she breaks the Prime Directive instead of trying to weasel her way out of it with philosophical ramblings."
6. Picard, Sisko and Kirk never got VanGogh's flying machine to work.
7. Janeway never had a holodeck character take over the ship.

Source: <http://www.lacarlotta.com/stl13.html>





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Solution to December's Crossword - Klingons*

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Solution to Decembers Sudoku Puzzle

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**Solution to December's Word Search
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