

# SET TO STUN

USS TANASI NCC-81893

We Rise By Lifting Others... We Are **VOLUNTEERS**



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## Welcome Our Newest Crewmembers

Ensign Trish "T'coll" Collins

Commander Patrick "SLin" Litton

Captain Paul Hodge

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July – August





## VIEW FROM THE CENTER SEAT

August is already gone. How fast time goes by nowadays.

On a personal note, it was a quiet month with only our Family Reunion on the 12th, and then my birthday meal with my wife and other crew members on the 19th. We really enjoyed good food and the comradery with each other, nothing better than a great meal with great friends, especially the ones that are more like family.

On the chapter side, we had watch parties of the fantastic season of Strange New Worlds. We participated in the step challenge going on until the end of the month I believe.

Several members are participating in the academy challenge also, they are a super crew with a lot of interest in the items in the Academy.

Until next month, hope the sun is always shining and the wind is at your back.

Vice Admiral Ben C Redding  
Commanding Officer USS TANASI



**COMMAND**



## THRU THE LOOKING GLASS

Bruce Horak  
[AKA Hemer]

[HTTPS://MEMORY-ALPHA.FANDOM.COM/WIKI/BRUCE\\_HORAK](https://memory-alpha.fandom.com/wiki/Bruce_Horak)



Bruce Horak (born 5 August 1974; age 48) is a Canadian actor and artist, who played Hemmer in the first season of *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*. He reprised the role in an episode of the second season, where he also made a guest appearance as Garkog.

He is legally blind, having lost over 90% of his eyesight to childhood cancer.

Horak has been performing on stage for over 25 years, having appeared in numerous productions in Canada, the United States, and Europe. His stage credits include an award-winning role in *Evil Dead: the Musical* and his original one-man show, *Assassinating Thomson*, in which he creates a painting live on stage.

He has also been active as a painter since 2011, exhibiting his work in various venues.

His only screen credits prior to his role in *Strange New Worlds* were the 2009 short film *Glitch* and a guest appearance in a 2010 episode of *Warehouse 13*, which starred Saul Rubinek and featured Mark A. Sheppard and Dana Jones.

In 2022, Horak also guested in two episodes of the mystery series *In the Dark*, alongside Billy MacLellan and Thameela Mpumwana. In 2023, he co-starred in the Canadian TV movie *Family History Mysteries: Buried Past*.



SYSTEM READY



## *COMMODORE ANTHONY LEOPARD*

### *EXECUTIVE OFFICER*

July was both happy and sad. We lost CPO M. Holden, SCPO J. Ziegler and SCPO B. Ziegler as crewmembers, but added Commander P. Litton and Captain P. Hodge. Commander Litton transferred to the Tanasi from the USS Liberator and is serving as the Tanasi Senior Chief Science Officer. We are honored to have him join our crew and family, and look forward to seeing Science department evolve under his guidance. Captain Hodge in the other hand is a returning member to the chapter and is currently serving as the Chief Weapons Officer aboard the Tanasi. Words cannot express my joy in having Captain Hodge back, he along with our CO is one on my oldest and bestest friends.

The month of August saw the continuation of the Strange New World weekend watch parties on the 5th and the 12th. In addition, several crewmembers participated in a birthday celebration for our Commanding Officer Ben Redding.

Also, I would be lacking if I did not say something about Ensign Trish T'coll Collins. Since joining on 6/14/2023, T'coll has taken 62 SFA Academy courses and by doing such inspired the rest of the crew to participate in the academy. I can foresee her doing great things in the chapter and STARFLEET as whole.

Finally, within the last few days Captain Paul Hodge, has graciously agreed create and lead a USS Tanasi Marine Strike Group in "Glorius Battle". Being a former STARFLEET Marine myself, I look forward to dusting off my boots and getting into hands a little dirty again. Well that is for this report, and as always...

**BE BOLD, BE BRAVE, BE COURAGEOUS**



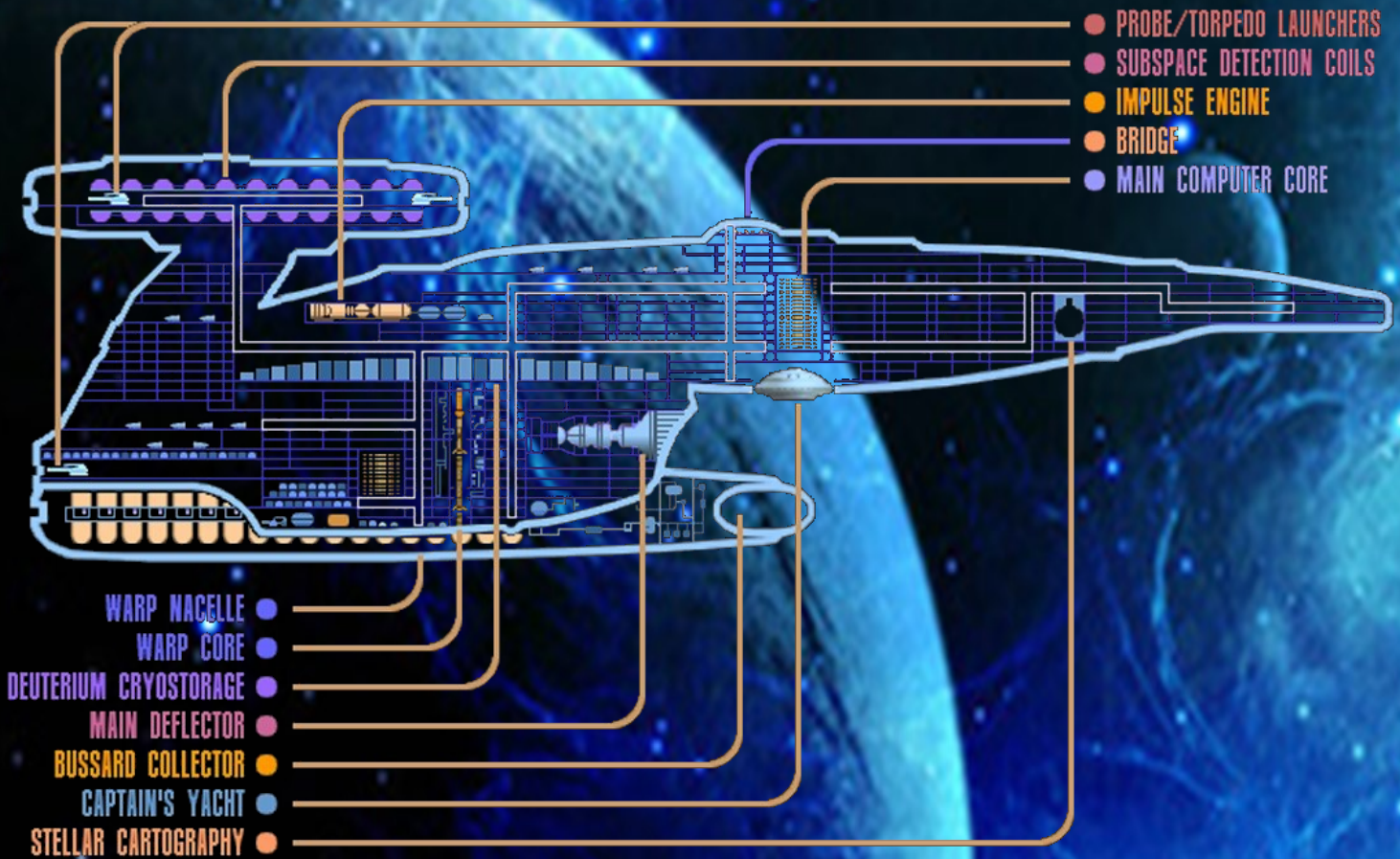
**COMMAND**





# SHIPS of the FLEET

## NEBULA CLASS



LENGTH: 444 M

BEAM: 464 M

HEIGHT: 133 M

MASS: 4,047,000 M.T.

Affiliation: Federation Starfleet

Type: Explorer, Science Vessel

Service period 2357 – 2410

### Dimensions

Length: 444 meters

Width: 464 meters

Height: 133 meters

Mass: 4,047,000 metric tons

### Specifications

Decks: 21

Crew:

750 (standard)

130 (visiting)

9,800 (evac. limit)

### Speed:

Maximum:

Warp 9.6 for 12 hours;

Warp 9.9 for 12 hours (refit)

Cruising:

Warp 6

### Armaments:

8 type-X phaser arrays

2 torpedo launchers

### Defences:

Deflector Shields

### Auxiliary craft:

12 Federation Shuttlecraft

4 Work Bees

6 Shuttlepods



*COMMANDER PATRICK "SLIN" LITTON*  
*SENIOR CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER*

Greetings everyone,

My name is Commander Patrick Litton. I am the new Senior Chief Science Officer on the USS Tanasi. I am honored to serve aboard our ship. Usually, I use my Vulcan name, so if you see CMDR SLIN, you will know it's me.

The USS Tanasi Science Department's crew is small at the moment. Still, we are very curious about the space we explore, and the other natural phenomena in our universe. And worlds beyond our universe. Our department team consists of myself, Ensign Trish Collins (a.k.a. T'Coll). Trish is the Assistant Chief Science Officer. Our third member is Lieutenant Char Hughes.

We will be working to bring you relative science news from the many branches and fields of science Both current and from the past. We will endeavor to bring science to you that you will find interesting.

As we bring aspects of science to you, if you have an idea for us to explore, a question, or comment, please feel free to contact me. You may reach me at [uss.tanasi.sciences@gmail.com](mailto:uss.tanasi.sciences@gmail.com). We would very much like to hear from you!

In the future, the science members will be thinking of science projects to do, and whatever other ideas we think of. Or perhaps from someone who has an interest in science from another department.

Ensign Trish(T'Coll), Lieutenant Char, and myself look forward to sharing science with you. Enjoy the rest of summer. And if you would like to visit us in the Sciences on your off-duty time, feel free and drop by.

Ad Astra



SCIENCES



## ST Episode Review: Borderland (ENT)

<https://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Recap/StarTrekEnterpriseS04E04Borderland>

A Klingon Bird-of-Prey is on patrol in the eponymous Borderland, an area of space between the Klingon Empire and the Orion Syndicate. It discovers a transport shuttle with two human bio-signs, so they arrest the humans... who attack and kill the whole crew.

Back on Earth, Dr. Arik Soong sits in prison working on plans for his genetic engineering, when Archer visits and tells him about the Bird-of-Prey. Apparently, its attackers were both augments whose DNA matched that of some embryos that Soong stole from a medical facility twenty years ago. He raised the children in secret as his own, but left them alone when they were ten. Soong is freed from prison so he can help the *Enterprise* crew find the Augments, and fitted with a transponder to track him. Soong tells Archer to search the Borderland, so he heads there.

On the Bird-of-Prey, the Augments' leader, Raakin, scolds Malik for stealing the ship, causing a power struggle when Malik disagrees. Meanwhile, in sickbay on the *Enterprise*, Phlox and Soong discuss genetic engineering and the Eugenics Wars. Phlox says that his people use genetic engineering in medicine, but it's quite different from Soong's doing, which he disapproves of.

The *Enterprise* enters the Borderland, but is attacked by Orions, who kidnap nine crew members (including T'Pol) and are taken to a planet called Verex III and auctioned into slavery. Soong guides Archer to this planet, since he used to get supplies from there, while the slaves are fitted with "neurolytic restraints", which will kill them if they try to escape. On the Bird-of-Prey, Malik stages a mutiny against Raakin, believing himself to be a better leader as he thinks he's stronger and more intelligent.

The *Enterprise* arrives at Verex III and uses one of Soong's old codes to



enter the auction. They can't beam anyone back due to the restraints, and T'Pol is being sold to a Tellarite. Archer and Soong beam down and Archer finds most of the missing crew. When Ensign Pierce is put up for sale, Archer buys him and convinces the Orions to deactivate his restraint.

On the Bird-of-Prey, Persis (an Augment woman who Malik told his plans to) tells Raakin about Malik's plan to take over. She tells Raakin that Malik believes he is weak and weakening the other Augments, and that if their "father" were present, he'd choose Malik as leader. Raakin says that he will betray their "father's" principles by killing Malik. Ensign Pierce is returned to *Enterprise* and his (inactive) restraint is analysed by Trip. Meanwhile, on the Bird-of-Prey, Raakin tries to kill Malik, but everyone else fights back, leading to Malik killing Raakin. Malik becomes the new leader, with Persis as his next-in-command.

*Enterprise* discovers a code to deactivate all of the restraints, and Archer and Soong return to the auction. Archer deactivates all the restraints, leading to a riot, and the *Enterprise* crew is beamed back five at a time. Soong stuns Archer and escapes, then deactivates his transponder, but Archer finds him and activates his arm restraints. Soong

climbs the wall, but then Archer deactivates the restraints, causing Soong to fall and get taken back to *Enterprise*.

Soong is locked in the brig, where Archer accuses him of having planned for the whole ordeal. Soong begs Archer to leave the Augments be, since they're "the future of mankind" and are stronger, faster, and live longer than most people. Archer insists that the Augments must be stopped because they're dangerous, even when Soong points out that genetic engineering could have saved Archer's father, and leaves.

In sickbay, Trip asks T'Pol how her honeymoon was, and she reveals that she spent all of her time meditating. The *Enterprise* resumes its search for the Bird-of-Prey, only to be attacked by Orion Interceptors again, claiming that they "stole" Orion "property". A Bird-of-Prey chases off the Interceptors, then docks with the *Enterprise*, revealing it to be the Augments.

Malik tells Archer that Soong contacted them and they came to the rescue. Archer shares his plan to take the Augments back to Earth, but Malik says that Earth hates Augments and that Augments are "superior". He grabs Archer's neck, threatening to kill him if anyone intervenes. He brags about the abilities of Augments, then goes to the bridge and into a turbolift with Archer as a hostage.

At the docking port, the other Augments, led by Persis, hack into the door controls and raid the dock, stunning the guards. They go to the brig and release Soong, then Malik arrives with Archer. Soong tells the Augments he is proud of them, then tells Archer to go home and learn Klingon. The Augments leave, with the *Enterprise* too damaged to give chase, and Soong tells the Augments that they are going to retrieve thousands of their "brothers" and "sisters".



*COMMANDER ANGELA LEOPARD*  
*SENIOR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER*

Helpful Tips for Staying Healthy as Fall Approaches

That wonderful time of year is almost here. Next month we will welcome some cooler weather. Starbucks begins offering it's Pumpkin Spice Latte, and it is a sure sign that the holidays will be here soon. But along with the wonder aspects of autumn, there is also the toll the weather changes and being in close quarters takes on our health. I found some helpful tips to try to stay healthy during this upcoming season.

Wash your hands regularly and often especially when handling food.

It can be difficult, especially if your nose is itching or you have a tickle, but try to avoid touching your face.

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze

Make sure your immunizations are up to date.

Try to incorporate health foods into your meals such as oranges, broccoli, and kale. These are rich in Vitamin C.

Stay active if you can. It is recommended for adults to get 30 minutes of exercise a day.

As the weather gets cooler, we may find that we are cooped up indoors, but finding a hobby to help express yourself, trying yoga or meditation, and enjoying activities with family and friends helps boost your mood and can help your mental wellbeing.

Going outdoors can also lift your spirits. Taking a nice walk in the cooler weather can be an added health benefits.

These are just a few suggestions for a wonderful start to autumn. For more details about this subject visit this website: <https://www.nih.org/nihd-news/2022/august/fall-health-tips-for-the-entire-family/>. Until next time, have a wonderful month!



MEDICAL





## ASTRONAUT SPOTLIGHT

### STEPHEN G. BOWEN (CAPTAIN, USN, RET.)

<https://www.nasa.gov/astroauts/biographies/stephen-g-bowen/biography>

#### Summary:

Stephen G. Bowen (Captain, U.S. Navy, Ret.) was the first Submarine Officer to be selected as an astronaut by NASA. Bowen is a veteran of STS-126, STS-132, and STS-133. STS-126 mission was the 27th International Space Station (ISS) assembly mission. The crew delivered equipment and supplies as well as expanded the living quarters to house six-member crews aboard ISS. STS-132 delivered an Integrated Cargo Carrier and a Russian Mini Research Module. STS-133 delivered the Permanent Multipurpose Module (PMM) and the fourth Express Logistics Carrier (ELC) to the station. He has logged more than 40 days in space including 47 hours and 18 minutes in seven spacewalks. Bowen launched to the International Space Station as Commander of NASA's SpaceX Crew-6 mission aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft on March 2, 2023 and successfully docked on March 3, 2023.



#### Personal Data:

Born on February 13, 1964 in Cohasset, Massachusetts. Married to the former Deborah Alden; they have three children.

#### Education:

Graduated from Cohasset High School, Cohasset, Massachusetts, 1982. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, United States Naval Academy, 1986. Master of Science in Ocean Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Program, 1993.

#### Experience:

Upon completion of the submarine training pipeline Bowen spent three years attached to USS PARCHE (SSN 683) and completed qualification in Submarines on USS POGY (SSN 647). After attending the MIT/WHOI Joint Program in Ocean Engineering he reported to USS AUGUSTA (SSN 710) for duty as the Engineering Officer. During this tour Bowen qualified for command of nuclear powered submarines. In 1997, he reported to the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) in the Office of Plans and Policy and worked on the USSOCOM Future Concepts Working Group. For nine months in 1999, Bowen

was the Reactor and Propulsion inspector for the Navy's Submarine Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). In May 2000, he became the first Executive Officer of the Pre-Commissioning Unit VIRGINIA (SSN 774), the first of the new VIRGINIA Class submarines.

#### NASA Experience:

In July 2000, Bowen was the first Submarine Officer selected by NASA as a Mission Specialist. He reported for training at the Johnson Space Center in August 2000. Following the completion of two years of training and evaluation, he was initially assigned technical duties in the Astronaut Office Station Operations Branch. A veteran of three spaceflights, STS-126 in 2008, STS-132 in 2010, and STS-133 in 2011, Bowen has logged a total of 47 days, 10 hours, 4 minutes and 37 seconds in space, including 47 hours and 18 minutes in seven spacewalks. Bowen launched to the International Space Station as Commander of NASA's SpaceX Crew-6 mission aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft on March 2, 2023 and successfully docked on March 3, 2023.

#### Spaceflight Experience:

STS-126 (November 14 to November 30, 2008). Endeavour launched at night from

the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, and returned to land at Edwards Air Force Base, California. It was NASA's fourth shuttle flight in 2008 and the 27th International Space Station assembly mission. Highlights of the almost 16-day mission included expanding the living quarters of the space station to eventually house six-member crews by delivering a new bathroom, kitchen, two bedrooms, an exercise machine, and a water recycling system. During the mission, Bowen performed three spacewalks. STS-126 also delivered a new resident to the station, replacing Greg Chamitoff, Expedition 17-18 with Sandy Magnus, Expedition 18. STS 126 returned to Earth after completing 250 orbits in more than 6 million miles.

STS-132 (May 14 to May 26, 2010). This was the 132nd space shuttle flight, and the 32nd shuttle flight to the International Space Station. The Atlantis orbiter was launched from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, and docked with the space station on May 16 to deliver an Integrated Cargo Carrier and a Russian-build Mini Research Module. During seven days of docked operations, three spacewalks were conducted and Bowen logged 14 hours and 34 minutes in two spacewalks. During the first spacewalk, Garrett Reisman and Bowen installed a spare antenna and a stowage platform. On the second spacewalk, Bowen and Michael Good replaced batteries on the P6 Truss that stores solar energy. On the final spacewalk, Good and Reisman replaced the last of the P6 Truss batteries and retrieved a power data grapple fixture for installation at a later date. The STS-132 mission was completed in 186 orbits, traveling 4,879,978 miles in 11 days, 18 hours, 28 minutes and 2 seconds.

STS-133 (February 24 to March 9, 2011). This was the 39th and final mission for space shuttle Discovery. During the 13-day flight, the Discovery crew delivered the Permanent Multipurpose Module and the fourth Express Logistics Carrier to the station. The mission's two space walks assisted in outfitting the truss of the station and completed a variety of other tasks designed to upgrade station systems. The mission was accomplished in 202 Earth orbits, traveling 5.3 million miles in 307 hours and 3 minutes.





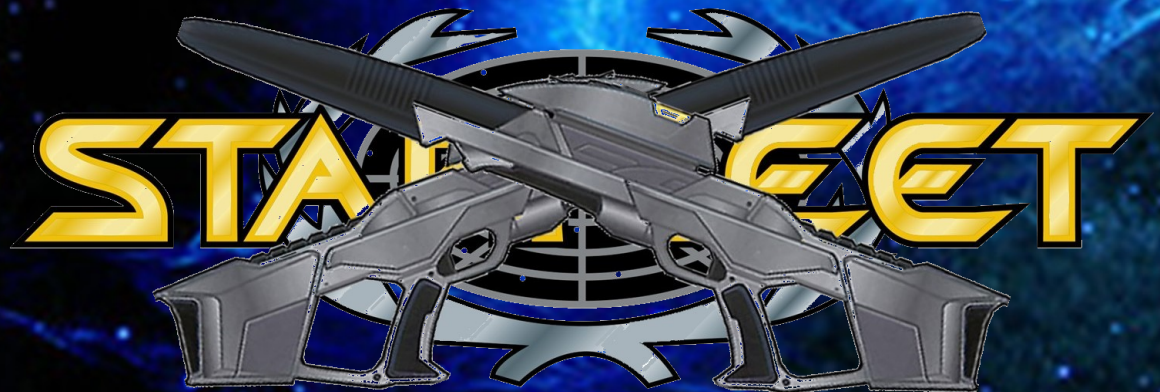
*CAPTAIN PAUL HODGE*  
*SENIOR CHIEF TACTICAL OFFICER*

Tactical Approach

After a several year hiatus from SFI, I chose to return to the USS Tanasi and serve as Tactical/Weapons Officer. I'm excited to return to the chapter, and be a part of a great organization again. So, what have I been doing while away? Strap in, it's a lot! I put in fifteen years as an Inspector General with the USAF Auxiliary, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. Short summary of that is I took a LOT of complaints over hurt feelings, investigated a few real dangerous situations, and get to be buried in my Air Force blues when I pass. That's about it for that role. I have a Private Investigation business that specializes in missing persons and cold case homicides, and put it into deep freeze two years ago when I took a job with the Knox County Sheriff as a Reserve Deputy, serving my State primarily in mental health patient custody and transportation.

What does ANY of this have to do with tactics or weapons? Well, to be honest, not a lot in Starfleet, anyway. But I'm excited to develop into this role and bring you all some great articles on tactics and weapons as Starfleet is concerned. Each month I want to bring you an interesting analysis of a battle from Trek, or do some weapon analysis for those of you who are into that side of the technology of Trek. If you have a suggestion for topics, feel free to email me at [paulihodge@yahoo.com](mailto:paulihodge@yahoo.com) or catch me on the chat. Until then, keep an ear out for alerts, and when battle stations get called, be sure you get to your post quickly!

Run and gun!



TACTICAL



# STAR TREK PICARD: THE DARK VEIL

by

John Swallow

<https://blog.trekcore.com/2021/01/review-star-trek-picard-the-dark-veil/>

Set about one year after Admiral Jean-Luc Picard resigned from Starfleet — around a year past the conclusion of *The Last Best Hope* and about 13 years prior to “*Nepenthe*” — the events of *The Dark Veil* focus on Captain William Riker and Commander Deanna Troi on the USS *Titan*.

“*Nepenthe*” is widely considered to be the standout highlight episode of *Star Trek: Picard*’s uneven first season, and *The Dark Veil* provides new backstory that will deepen your appreciation for the episode.

Most notably, the book introduces us to the character of Thaddeus Riker, the son of Will and Deanna who had passed away by the time of “*Nepenthe*.”

The boy, who has a gift for languages and an active imagination, is a full and vibrant character in this novel — and he’s a young child who is already developing the Ardani language and cultures that would be his legacy.

Getting to know the character in his earlier years makes his death — and the Rikers’ mourning of his life — all the more poignant. The depiction of Thaddeus Troi-Riker in this novel is pretty well aligned with the notes released last week by Season 1 showrunner Michael Chabon; I wonder if Chabon releasing those notes was just a coincidence, given how well everything fits together.

Our introduction to the pre-Kestra Riker family is set in 2386, amid the backdrop of ongoing intrigue with the Romulans. By the time of this book, the supernova that would destroy the Romulan homeworld is close but has not yet happened. The Federation has abandoned its rescue efforts, Mars has been attacked, and synths have been banned by the Federation.

The story begins as the USS *Titan* is on assignment to deliver several members of the mysterious Jazari species back to their homeworld, set near the Federation-Romulan border. When the *Titan* arrives, they discover that the Jazari are in the process of



leaving their homeworld (and local space) behind entirely. However, they are set back by a catastrophic accident which requires the help of both the *Titan* and a nearby Romulan warbird.

As the story unfolds, the *Titan* assists the Jazari in completing their mission, while aboard the Romulan warbird a power struggle ensues between the principled Romulan commander and his Tal Shiar executive officer who may have additional loyalties.

James Swallow is an accomplished *Star Trek* author, who has written a gripping book that fits very comfortably into the *Picard* aesthetic, but also feels like a comfortable bridge between *The Next Generation* movies and *Picard*. He renders Riker and Troi as the accomplished, confident officers that they are at this point in the timeline, with Riker having been in command of the *Titan* for a number of years at this point.

For *Picard* fans who might have been disappointed not to get more *Starfleet* based action in the series, *The Dark Veil* is a nice accompaniment that deepens the *Picard* story through

a very typical *Star Trek* tale. It is difficult to go into too much detail without getting into spoiler territory, but there are a lot of themes from *Picard* — and not just the characters — that get explored in this book. There are also two deeply surprising tie-ins to *The Original Series*; one is fun, and one is extremely poignant.

Fans of the previous *Star Trek* novel continuity will find some surprising similarities between the *Titan* crew in *The Dark Veil* and the crew of the *Titan* from the novel continuity; two of the primary characters from the ‘old’ *Star Trek*: *Titan* books have moved into the new continuity.

And though the new characters introduced to fill out the remainder of the *Titan*’s senior staff are not quite as imaginative as in the previous novels, they are still interesting characters in their own right.

*The Dark Veil* also has a strong Romulan subplot that continues to explore the race’s predicament, now very close to the supernova that we know will ultimately destroy their homeworld. The two main Romulan officers lean a little too hard into the archetypes of the stereotypical evil Romulan and the noble commander who stands by his principles, but both have several layers that elaborate further on things that we saw in *Picard*, particularly as it relates to the Romulan stance on artificial intelligence.

Overall, *The Dark Veil* is another great addition to the backstory for *Picard*. As last February’s *The Last Best Hope* gave much more backstory to what *Picard* had been doing between *Star Trek: Nemesis* and “*Remembrance*,” *The Dark Veil* gives us more backstory on the Riker family and gives us the opportunity to see them all in happier times.

I doubt we’ll get anything as ambitious as the eleven books of the previous *Star Trek*: *Titan* series, but I would love to read some more *Titan* stories about the Riker family before they moved to *Nepenthe*.



*COMMODORE ANTHONY LEOPARD*  
*SENIOR CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER*

**Standard Communicator: Specifications**

*<https://memory-alpha.fandom.com/wiki/Communicator>*

Portable communicators were used by Starfleet landing parties and away teams; occasionally, communicators were used in situations where normal intra-ship communications were inaccessible (or inadvisable), during the 22nd and 23rd centuries.

Employing a flip-top design, a member of Starfleet spoke directly into the device to give commands and speak with other personnel. Once it was flipped open, it locked onto the originating ship's communications system. The communicator also had a gain control.

In some cases, communicators served purposes beyond basic communication. By 2152, for instance, the power signature of a Starfleet communicator could be amplified by an inverse carrier wave, making the communicator detectable by sensors. For another example, when accessing a computer, the communicator of the person at the terminal logged in the user information, thereby making it possible to trace back who accessed the computer. Communicators were also often used to allow transporter locks for beaming, thus acting as homing transponders. When used in tandem, two communicators could produce a sonic disruption by using sound beams to create a sympathetic vibration in an unstable object, such as a cliff face. Usage of a communicator, while receiving and outputting a signal, could be hidden from sensors by triaxilating the signal. Communicators could be jammed by a security screen, the like of which was employed at the Tantalus Colony. When the screen was deactivated, the communicator signal was enabled.

By the 24th century, these communication devices were integrated into the standard uniform badges and became known as combadges. Users no longer had to speak directly into the communicator, but rather could activate and deactivate them with the touch of a finger.

By the 32nd century, the technology for the communicator had been miniaturized to the point where it could be included with other functions in the tricombadge. Activation and deactivation of the communicator was by hand gestures.

Other species also possessed similar communicator devices. An Enolian communicator, for instance, could double as a remote control for handcuffs.

In the alternate reality, Starfleet communicators could also receive text messages.



COMMUNICATIONS



# September / October Happenings

- 9/1 Pioneer 11 reaches Saturn (1979)
- 9/4 Patricia Tallman's Birthday (Babylon 5's Lyta Alexander)
- 9/6 Robin Atkin Downes Birthday (Babylon 5's Byron)
- 9/7 Battle of the Line (On the verge of victory the Minbari forces surrender, ending the Earth-Minbari war...year 2248)
- 9/7 Cliff Simon's Birthday (SG1's Ba'al)
- 9/7 Mira Furlan's Birthday ((Babylon 5's Deleen)
- 9/8 Anniversary of Star Trek (1966)
- 9/10 Anniversary of The X-Files (1993)
- 9/10 Elyse Levesque's Birthday (Stargate Univers's Chloe Armstrong)
- 9/15 Blu del Barrio's Birthday (Star Trek Discovery's Adira Tal)
- 9/22 Billie Piper's Birthday (Doctor Who's Rose Tyler)
- 9/23 Jason Carter's Birthday (Babylon 5's Marcus Cole)
- 9/24 Jim Henson's Birthday
- 9/26 Anniversary of Star Trek Enterprise (2001)
- 9/27 Tom Braidwood's Birthday (The X-Files' Melvin Frohike)
- 9/28 Star Trek TNG Anniversary (1987)
- 10/1 NASA is founded (1958)
- 10/4 Sputnik launched (1957)
- 10/10 Scott Bakula's Birthday (Star Trek Enterprise's Jonathan Archer and Quantum Leap's Sam Beckett)
- 10/11 Claudia Black's Birthday (Farscape's Aeryn Sun and Stargate SG-1's Vala Mal Doran)
- 10/12 Brian J. Smith's Birthday (Stargate Universe's Matthew Scott)
- 10/13 Christopher Judge's Birthday (Stargate SG-1's Teal'c)
- 10/13 Wayne Pygram's Birthday (Farscape's Scorpius)
- 10/16 Joseph Mallozzi's Birthday (Stargate Director)
- 10/21 Back to the Future day
- 10/24 Raelee Hill's Birthday (Farscape's Sikoze)
- 10/26 Anthony Rapp's Birthday (Star Trek Discovery's Lieutenant Commander Paul Stamets)
- 10/27 Carmen Argenziano's Birthday (Stargate SG1's Jacob Carter / Selmak)
- 10/28 Matt Smith's Birthday (Doctor Who's Eleventh Doctor)
- 10/28 Stargate Anniversary (1994 movie release)



*ENSIGN TRISH "T'Col" COLLINS*  
*ASSISTANT SENIOR CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICER*

Why do we get so attached to cats?? well one thing most people may not know is that cats share 90% of our DNA. So they are very similar to us in many ways, which allows us to "read" them, relate to them in how they move and do things. They are like fluffy little humans on four paws. Now for cat ladies like myself they may actually be "purrrferred on many instances to the larger Human counterparts."

There are other reasons even non-cat ladies relate to cats one is unlike most other animals, their eyes are at the front of their heads, giving them a face that seems more human than that of many other creatures. And they have expressive, beautiful eyes, which further enables us to communicate with them non-verbally.

They adapt much to us, using meows to "speak human", which indicates that they are aware of us and our characteristics. Perhaps you've noticed it, adult cats don't meow at each other, just at us, in an attempt to communicate. They are also with us for much longer than most other pets. Most cats live to at least 16, but I've had one live to 20, and there are cats in their 30s out there.

If all that does not explain our rare attachment to cats there are many other reasons as well besides their adorable looks and awesome companionship.

They are creatures of habit who enjoy following a routine, and they will often adapt theirs to that of their owners. So we can live with our cats in a wonderfully regular sort of way, knowing that they will sleep on a certain chair nearby while we work, or come to sit on the couch with us when we turn on our favorite TV show, which is how one of my cats got her name on my re-watch of Enterprise she would sleep in my shirt pocket and being a gray tabbie her name is Enterprise.

And they are individuals. No cat is ever the same as another. You learn that when you spend time with them. I can definitely attest to this fact as I have 10 and no 2 are alike even siblings they are all individuals. This is of course true for every creature in the universe, but in the case of cats, it comes with a set of characteristics that are very easy to integrate into a modern household. It's much easier to accommodate a cat in a city apartment than, say, a cow or a horse (unfortunately).

We bond with individuals, and so we also bond with cats.

And finally, they are incredibly beautiful and inviting to the touch. And they like being touched and cuddled. They make great targets for being loved, and reward us by being dignified, amusing, hedonistic little sociopaths you can't help but adore. Which I also have proof of why else would I type a row of Gs or Zs in my online chat if it were not for cats laying on my keyboard. And the trail of things I pick up each morning on my way to the kitchen very much proof they can be quite the little sociopath.



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So enough about the modern day cats and why we are so attached to them and on to the more scientific purpose of my article, which is about a new paleontological discovery about you guessed it cats, or some very distant ancestors of the big cats of today.

Saber tooth cats make up a diverse group of long-toothed predators that roamed Africa around 6-7 million years ago, around the time that hominids -- the group that includes modern humans -- began to evolve. By examining one of the largest global Pliocene collections of fossils north of Cape Town in South Africa. And researchers present two new saber tooth species and the first family tree of the region's ancient saber tooth species. Paleontologists have discovered that the distribution of saber tooth throughout ancient Africa might have been different than previously assumed, and the study provides important information about Africa's paleo environment.

The resulting population composition of Langebaanweg saber tooth (Machairodontini, Metailurini, and Feline) reflects the increasing global temperatures and environmental changes of the Pliocene Epoch. For instance, the presence of Machairodontini cats, which are larger in size and more adapted to running at high speeds, suggests that there were open grassland environments at Langebaanweg. However, the presence of the Metailurini cats suggests that there were also more covered environments, such as forests. While the fact that researchers found both Metailurine and Machairodonti species suggests that Langebaanweg contained a mixture of forest and grassland 5.2 million years ago, the high proportion of Machairodonti species compared with other fossil from Eurasia and Africa confirm that southern Africa was transitioning toward more open grasslands during this period.

"The continuous changes throughout the Mio-Pliocene, with the spread of open environments, could be an important trigger on the development of bipedal of hominids, "The saber tooth in Langebaanweg and its environmental and paleo-bio geographic implications provide background for hominid origination and evolution."

Interestingly, the researchers also note that the composition of saber tooth in Langebaanweg closely mirrors that of Yuanmou, China.

This suggests that the ancient environment of the two regions was similar or that there was a potential migration route between the Langebaanweg and Yuanmou.

More fossil evidence could help paleontologists understand exactly how these two sites are related. "The two new saber tooth are only an example of the numerous unpublished fossils from Langebaanweg housed at Iziko in the Cenozoic Collections"

So the cat is not only adaptive in our modern day lives and fits into our current environment, but also may have had an effect on how we developed and evolved as our Earth went through all of its major changes throughout evolution.

The history of how the cat came to live among us modern day humans has



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history dating back to 6000 years or now is believed to be even further back than that.

Until recently, Egypt was thought to be the place where cats originated but archaeological discoveries have shed light on the domestication of cats. The oldest known evidence comes from Cyprus in the form of a grave where a human and a cat were buried together 9500 years ago. Cats are not native to Cyprus so the human population must have brought them with them when they migrated there. This predates Egyptian depictions of cats by 4000 years.

The modern history of cats living among us was seen in times of villages where cats were welcome to control the rodent populations in the food stores.

And among early sailors where they would have cats aboard their ships to catch the rodents which carried diseases that could not be tended during the long voyages on the sea. Cats on ships remained a common practice even during World War II as there were many cats aboard aircraft carriers and other war ships even the Enterprise herself. There is a famous World War II cat known as Unsinkable Sam he was a crew member of several wartime ships and survived 3 different ship sinkings during the war with some of his human crew mates.

Cats have been a part of sharing human lives since humans and cats have evolved and will continue to enrich our lives currently there are estimated to be between 600 million to 1 billion cats in the world. This range includes pets, strays and feral cats and they are on every continent except Antarctica.



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# TEN FORWARD DELIGHTS

## DR. M'BENGA'S ENCHILADA PIE



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1lb lean ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 8 ounces tomato sauce
- 1 package taco seasoning mix
- 1 (10 3/4 ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 26-inch corn tortillas, size cut in half
- 8 ounces shredded cheddar cheese or 1 Mexican blend cheese

### DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In large skillet, brown ground beef and chopped onion.
- Drain off fat.
- Stir in tomato sauce and taco seasoning.
- Bring mixture to boil; reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 5 min.
- Remove from heat.
- Stir together soup and milk.
- Spoon half of soup mixture into a 9 x 13" baking dish.
- Use 12 tortilla halves to place over the soup in dish, covering the bottom of the dish with no spaces.
- Spoon meat mixture over tortillas.
- Top with remaining tortillas.
- Spoon remaining soup mixture over tortillas.
- Top with cheese.
- Bake for 30 minutes or until heated through.

### TO GET THE WAITER'S ATTENTION



### Restaurant of the Month

Sullivan's Fine Food at Rocky Hill  
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 Knoxville, TN 37919  
 (865) 694-9696  
 "tell 'em Paul sent ya"





*LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BRYAN BUCKNER*  
*SENIOR CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER*

**In Theory...**

A few days ago, while doing some research, I ran across an interesting picture of the NX-01 from the Star Trek Enterprise tv show. In the fore-mentioned picture, this NX-01 Enterprise had an Engineering hull. This picture was an actual still from Picard, season 3, episode 6. Digging deeper, I discovered the story behind the picture. If Star Trek: Enterprise would have continued on to the fifth season, the NX-01 would have been refitted to include the Engineering hull.

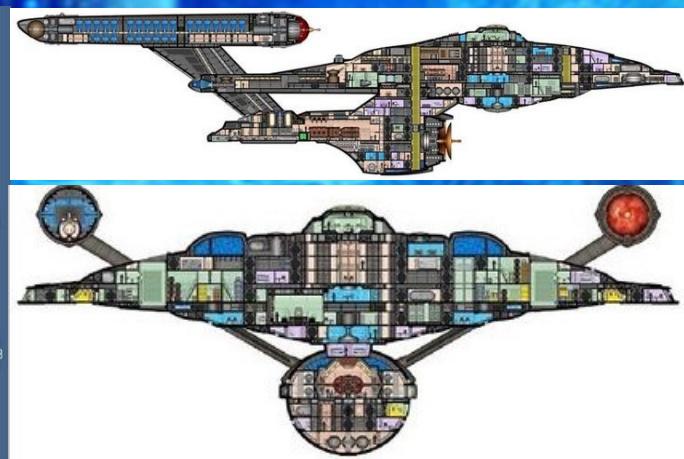
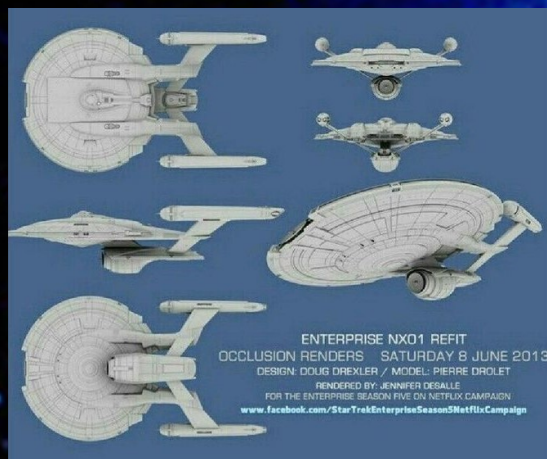
Now here comes my theory; Could this refit be the very start of the Constitution class starships? or more like the start of the New Constitution Class starships?

The NX-01 Enterprise was launched April 16, 2151 under the command of Captain Jonathan Archer. On the other hand, the USS NCC 1701 Enterprise was built and launched April 11, 2245 under the command of Captain Robert April. If you do the math, that makes a 94 years difference. There were a lot of changes in those 94 years.

I've got one final thought, during construction of the NCC 1701, the ship was originally called "Yorktown" but was later changed to "Enterprise." Wouldn't it have been awesome if Tiberius Kirk himself had suggested the change!



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# STELLAR CARTOGRAPHY



## BAJOR

**Overview:**  
**Class:** M

**Satellites (5):** 4 (Derna), 5 (Jeraddo)  
**Native Species:** Bajoran

**Location:** B'hava'el system, Alpha Quadrant  
**Affiliation:** Federation of Planets Member

Bajor is the M-class homeworld of the Bajorans, located near the Bajoran wormhole. Bajor is the homeworld of one of the oldest civilizations in the Alpha Quadrant, about half a million years old when the first Bajoran interstellar flight was made around the 16th century.

Following the Cardassian withdrawal from Bajor, a Provisional Government was established in attempt to reorganize and rebuild Bajor. Bajor is also further divided into different Provinces, which might carry political competences, too.

There are some nationlike factions on Bajor, prominent examples are the Paqu and the Navot. One major faction that opposed the Provisional government, and nearly succeeded in overthrowing it in 2370 was the Alliance for Global Unity.

Bajor first vied for Federation membership in 2373, however this was delayed due to Benjamin Sisko's visions of the impending Dominion invasion of the Alpha Quadrant. Later that year, Bajor signed a nonaggression pact with the Dominion prior to inception of the Dominion War following an endorsement by the Emissary of the Prophets.

Following the defeat of the Dominion in 2375, Bajor was once again in the process of gaining membership into the Federation. Bajor officially joined the Federation in September of 2376.

### Provinces:

Dahkur Province  
Eastern Province  
Hedrikspool Province  
Hill Province  
Kendra Province  
Lonar Province  
Musilla Province  
Rakantha Province  
Tozhat Province

### Settlements:

B'hala  
Hathon  
Ilvia  
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Janir  
Jo'Kala  
Kran-Tobol  
Lasuma  
Relliketh  
Tamulna  
Tempasa

### Geographical:

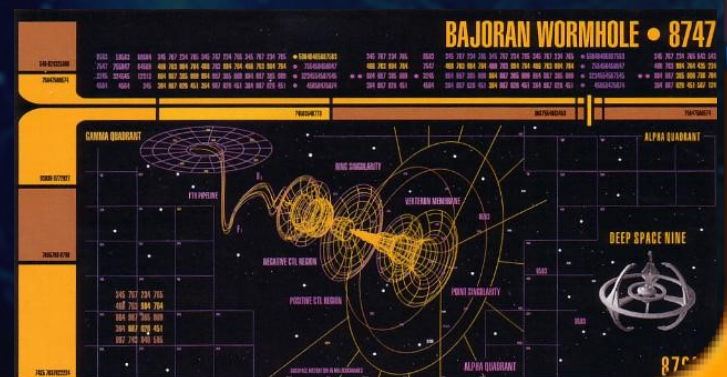
Bestri Woods  
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Fire Caves  
Janitza Mountains  
Kendra Valley  
Kola Mountain  
Perikian Peninsula  
Ratosha Pass  
Sahving Valley  
Southern islands  
Tanis Canyon

### Botanical:

Alvas  
Boton  
Feloran bromeliad  
Jumja tree  
Katterpod  
Kava  
Makara herb  
Moba tree  
Moreka  
Salam grass  
Spiny basil

### Zoological:

Barrowbug  
Bat  
Dal'Rok  
Hara cat  
Palukoo  
Shrimp  
Sinoraptor  
Snakes



## DATABASE





*LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JEFF CRUMPLE*  
*SENIOR CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER*

I went to Walter State and got certified as a storm spotter and can be in contact with the National Weather Service. I have also recuperating from another shoulder surgery and will have to go through more physical therapy and me and me wife Heather and Anthony and Angela Leopard attended Fanboy Expo and me and my wife and son met Lee Majors from the Six Million Dollar Man.



*LIEUTENANT SARAH ZIEGLER*  
*SHIPS'S COUNSELOR*



**What is Labor Day and Why Do We Celebrate It?**

As a child, I always looked forward to Labor Day because I knew that it meant that I would have a day off from school. As an adult of course I looked forward to it as for a similar reason as I would have the day off from work, but recently, I began wondering where the holiday originated from.

During the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was not uncommon for the work force to work seven days a week. People would often work 12 hour shifts and children as young as 5 were participating in hard labor. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law-making Labor Day an official holiday to be observed on the first Monday of September. Labor day was initially celebrated with a parade and parties. Some areas celebrated Labor Day with family friendly festivals.

Although we still celebrate Labor Day with parades, cookouts, and parties, the holiday has gained notoriety with the focus being on economic and civil acknowledgement for America's workers. Labor Day also noted to be the last "official day" of summer break.

**MISC DEPARTMENTS**





# UPCOMING TREK BIRTHDAYS

September 2, 1931	Michael	TOS - Maab
September 3, 1959	Merritt Butrick	WOK - Dr. David Marcus
September 4, 1911	Reggie Nalder	TOS - Andrian Ambassador Shras
September 9, 1954	Jeffrey Combs	DSN - Tiron/Brunt/Weyoun
September 11, 1963	Virginia Madsen	VOY - Kellin
Sep 11, 196?	Roxann Biggs-Dawson	VOY - B'Ellana Torres
Sep 12, 19??	Mary Kay Adams	DSN - Grilka
September 14, 1936	Walter Koenig	TOS - Pavel Chekov
Sep 14, 19??	Bruce Hyde	TOS - Kevin Riley
September 15, 1922	Joseph Pevney	TOS - Director
September 16, 1925	Morgan Woodward	TOS - Simon Van Gelder / Capt. Tracey
September 16, 1949	Ed Begley, Jr.	VOY - "Henry Starling"
September 19, 1939	Kathie Browne	TOS - Deela
September 23, 1949	Rosalind Chao	TNG/DSN - Keiko O'Brien
September 23, 1959	Jason Alexander	VOY - Kurros
September 26, 1927	Charles Macaulay	TOS - Landru / Jaris
September 26, 1932	Richard Herd	TNG - L'Kor / VOY - Admiral Owen Paris
September 27, 1932	Roger Carmel	TOS - Harry Mudd
September 28, 1923	William Windom	TOS - Commodore Decker
September 30, 1932	Antoinette Bower	TOS - Sylvia
October 1, 1949	Stephen Collins	TMP - Capt. Willard Decker
October 2, 1950	Persis Khambatta	TMP - Lt. Ilia
October 3, 1934	Madlyn Rhue	TOS - Lt. Marla McGivers
October 5, 1930	Skip Homeier	TOS - Dr. Sevrin
October 5, 1952	Duncan Regehr	TNG - Ronin : DSN - Shakaar
October 10, 1946	Ben Vereen	TNG - Cmdr. Edward M. LaForge
October 12, 1969	Todd Babcock	VOY - Lt. Mulchaey
October 15, 1924	Mark Lenard	TOS/TNG - Sarek
October 17, 1947	Michael McKean	VOY - The Clown
October 20, 1887	John Warburton	TOS - Romulan Centurian
October 21, 1933	Georgia Brown	TNG - Helena Rozhenko
October 22, 1938	Christopher Lloyd	SFS - Kruge
October 23, 1918	James Daly	TOS - Flint
Oct 23, 19??	Ira Steven Behr	TNG/DSN - Executive Producer
Oct 24, 19??	John Winston	TOS - Lt. Kyle
October 27, 1955	Robert Picardo	VOY - Holographic Doctor
October 30, 1926	William Campbell	TOS/DSN - Trelane/Koloth





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Total 6		

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# Report to the Holodeck

## MEG 2: THE TRENCH

[HTTPS://WWW.ROGEREBERT.COM/REVIEWS/MEG-2-THE-TRENCH-MOVIE-REVIEW-2023](https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/meg-2-the-trench-movie-review-2023)

Anyone hoping that Ben Wheatley might bring some of the exuberant personality and boundary-pushing creativity on display in films like "Kill List" and "In the Earth" to his for-hire gig directing the dismally boring "Meg 2: The Trench" should find different cinematic waters to swim in. Much as in his atrocious remake of "Rebecca" in 2020, Wheatley mostly phones it in here, and he does so with a rotary landline. At least until the final half-hour, when he's finally free to unleash some monstrous chaos, this is one of the duller films of the year, a plodding, poorly made giant shark movie that inexplicably lets the giant shark take a backseat to an evil underwater drilling operation. This thing just has no teeth.

Never really allowed to have the winking fun he gets from his best action parts, Jason Statham looks visibly bored this time as Jonas, the deep-sea diver employee of the Zhang Institute, the facility that discovered the continued existence of a prehistoric predator known as the Megalodon in the first film. The sequel reveals that the research facility has even kept one in captivity to continue to study it. Jiuming (an inconsistent Wu Jing), the head of the institute, is even convinced that he can train the megalodon, but everything goes wrong when it escapes, and ... no, this is not just a shark-escape-attack movie, although you'll wish it was as simple as that.

Instead of focusing on the fugitive meg—who escapes hysterically easily while the crew is focused on something else—the script by Jon Hoeber, Erich Hoeber, and Dean Georgaris sends Jonas and his crew deep into the ocean to the trench that the megalodons have called home for centuries. On their way into the murky, poorly shot ocean—seriously, Wheatley's answer to recreating underwater photography is just to turn the lighting



down—they discover other megalodons, but that's nothing compared to the evil humans who also happen to be in the trench, mining it for resources. Yes, Jonas and his team stumble upon an illegal operation in the middle of the ocean, which leads to their vessels being destroyed. A sequence in which they're forced to walk the ocean floor to a facility is one of the most poorly executed in years. It almost felt real-time.

A few personality-less characters get chomped or blown up, but most of the faux tension is saved for Meiying (Sophia Cai), who survived the first film and becomes the main creature Jonas tries to keep alive. It's barely a spoiler to say that Jonas, Jiuming, Meiying, and a few others eventually make it back above the

surface, fleeing the facility now overrun with soldiers for reasons I couldn't possibly care enough to explain. They head to a resort called Fun Island, and almost 90 minutes into this mess, "The Trench" finally gets a little fun. You see, the underwater explosions destroyed the temperature shield that had kept things like a giant octopus away from tourists. Finally, Wheatley and his team get to have a little fun, but it's far too little and far too late.

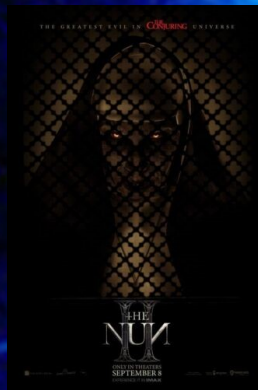
Even the action-heavy final section of "The Trench" barely seems like a production trying to have a good time. How do you make a movie about jet-skiing Jason Statham throwing harpoons at giant sharks and do it with such little joy? This is a bizarrely inert film with none of Wheatley's dark humor or vicious skill with horror. It's almost like he just gave up on doing anything interesting when he found out he couldn't make it R-rated. Cliff Curtis and Page Kennedy develop a strange buddy-comedy-action vibe later on that almost works, but it feels a different movie from the rest of the action. Absolutely nothing here has stakes—so many people in Jonas' world die with barely a nod to the fact they ever existed—and anyone who has ever seen a movie knows who will make it to the final scene.

Of course, that's not always a problem. We go to giant shark movies knowing Jason Statham will save the day. So it becomes about execution instead of originality, and maybe that's why Wheatley falls so flat here. It seems like he needs to be able to play with narrative to be effective, and when he's forced into a traditional structure like he is here, he can't put his heart into it. He just checks out and goes through the motions.

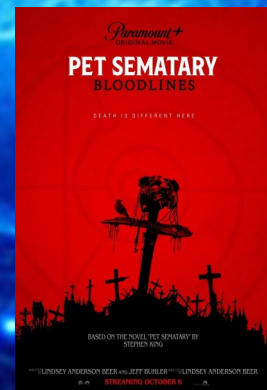
## UPCOMING RELEASES



**The Equalizer 3**  
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**The Nun 2**  
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**Pet Sematary 3: Bloodlines**  
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## The Redemption of Skyler Timmons by Commander Angela Leopard

### Episode 3

Skyler slowly emerged from a groggy cloud of sleep, waking to what sounded like the voices of several children.

"Who is that?" a tiny impish voice asked to her left.

"That's the lady they found hurt near the creek," A second child-like voice answered.

"Is she still asleep?" the first voice wondered aloud.

Waves of pain ebbed through her body as the cloud of sleepiness faded. Her body felt stiff and sore in places she hadn't known existed. She could sense one of the children standing over her. "Wake her up," The second child prodded.

Involuntarily, a mischievous grin spread across Skyler's face, and she whispered. "Boo!" Her eyes opened, and she saw a young human child with a mop of curly red hair that framed a rosy freckled face. The girl jumped back and squealed with delight. A second human child, a tall thin boy stood to her left. They wore clothes that would have been deemed old-fashioned on Deep Space 9.

"Mom," the boy cried out. "She's awake!"

As her eyes adjusted to the light in the room, she realized she was in a living room on a couch. A beautifully knitted Afghan in bright yellows and oranges covered her, and pile of pillows fell to the floor when she had sat up so quickly. A beige recliner with a reading lamp beside it was to her right. In the middle of the room a heavy wooden



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coffee table was covered with old-fashioned paperback books and what looked like a large mug of coffee.

"I'm Ruby," the red-haired girl declared. "What's your name?"

"Skyler," she answered.

"That's a neat name. His name is Billy," Ruby pointed to the boy.

"Where am I?" Skyler asked. Memories of the shuttle buckling and being thrown to the floor flooded her mind. The last thing she could remember was falling to the floor in her quarters.

Before Ruby could answer, a large shiny black dog with brown shining eyes pounced onto the couch and onto her lap. The dog's cold wet tongue began licking Skyler's face as she wrinkled her nose in protest. "Yuck!" Skyler bellowed.

Ruby's cherubic laughter serenaded the room as she giggled. "Stop that Brody," The young girl ordered without much authority.

The dog's fluffy tail swished quickly back and forth, and Brody finally leapt from the couch. The dog ran to a plump woman that had entered the room. She wore a simple, comfortable-looking blue dress and matching blue loafers.

"Oh, thank goodness you are awake," the woman spoke in a pleasant, soft voice. "The doctor said it might take you a while to wake up. Brody and Ruby found you near the creek. The neighbors up the road said there was some sort of shuttle crash. That's nearly unheard of here in Tennessee."

What? Skyler thought in horror. She was supposed to enter Star Fleet Academy in California. How did she wind up in Tennessee? What had happened on that shuttle?



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"Are you thirsty? The doctor said you can start with liquids, but you must take slow sips to avoid overloading your system. What can i get you?" The woman asked kindly.

"Oh, just whatever the replicator can spit out will be fine." Skyler replied.

A confused expression crossed the woman's face. "Replicator? We don't have one of those."

Who doesn't have a replicator these days? Skyler thought to herself. Where had she crashed into? A parallel universe? "But how do you get your food or clean your dishes?" Skyler wondered aloud.

The woman replied humorously. "You are looking at the dishwashers," She pointed to herself and the two children.

No replicator and they had to wash the dishes themselves? Skyler was in disbelief.

"Where are you from, dear," The woman asked gently. "My name is Gabby by the way."

"Deep Space 9." Skyler replied. "I was on my way to the academy. I don't know what happened. There was a code red, and the ship felt like it was coming apart."

"We'll get you home. Don't worry. My husband's been in touch with some Federation authorities, and they've been looking into the crash. Don't worry." Gabby reassured Skyler.

Brody nuzzled Skyler's hand, and she found herself scratching the dog's fluffy ears for comfort. She found the action soothed her as she again thought to herself. What happened to me?

To be continued...



# BORDERLAND



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