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"XO MASH"

By Darrell Millner

I was working in Engineering late one night, when my eyes beheld an eerie sight
For my XO from a station began to rise, And suddenly to my surprise

*He did the mash, he did the XO mash, The XO mash, it was a Heimdal smash
He did the mash, it caught on in a flash He did the mash, he did the XO mash*

From my display panel in deflector control, To the master console where the tribbles hold,
The Med Techs all came from their humble abodes, To get a jolt from his electrodes

Security they were having fun, Oh yes the party had just begun,
The guests included the whole crew of 1793, let's not forget Linda, Carl, and his bride Bonnie

The scene was rockin', all were digging the sounds
Tim on drums, backed by the Science crowd, and the MACOs were just about to arrive
With their vocal group, 'The Marine Corp Five'

*They played the mash, they played the XO mash, The XO mash, it was a Heimdal smash
They played the mash, it caught on in a flash, They played the mash, they played the XO mash*

Out from his office, Carl's voice did ring, Seems he was troubled by just one thing
He opened the door and shook his phaser and said, "Whatever happened to my Trans-warp Twist?"

*It's now the mash, it's now the XO mash, The XO mash, and it's a Heimdal smash
It's now the mash, it caught on in a flash, It's now the mash, it's now the XO mash*



Now everything's cool, Carl's a part of the band, and the XO Mash is the hit of the land
For you, the Red Shirts, this mash was meant, too, When you get to my door, tell them Comms sent you



*Then you can mash, then you can XO mash, The XO mash, and do my Heimdal smash
Then you can mash, you will catch on in a flash, Then you can mash, then you can XO mash*

(Wah-ooh, argh, XO mash, wah-ooh... Now let's find Lassie!!!)

**FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Adm. Linda Smith - Starfleet SFDPP Certified**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN, almost! When I sent out the deadline for getting submissions to me for this issue of our newsletter, I suggested that we add stuff with a **Halloween** flavor. Darrell DID and sent me his original **Halloween** Heimdal poem that I thought was just cool and was exactly what I'd ask for. Because of that, I started off this issue of our newsletter with his poem. Enjoy!



So, this month's meeting is our Annual Halloween Party with a costume contest with prizes. That's ALWAYS fun and I always look forward to it. I LOVE seeing what/who we all are going to be on the one night a year we can be anything and anyone we want to be.

The auction is finally behind us and I'm finally getting everything from the event put back in closets and cabinets and catching up on all the many things that simply had to wait because of all the work that went into the auction. I'm glad that's behind me but I'm still very sad that this auction will be our last auction. After 16 years it seems like such a shame but we'll see what direction you, our members want to take the Heimdal in ... moving forward into unknown territory. Be thinking about that and we'll set aside some time to talk about it at the meeting.

In the meantime, keep working on your prize-winning costumes and DO plan to come to the party. It wouldn't be the same without you.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
XO, Chief Science Officer, Adm. Willy Smith – Starfleet SFDPP Certified**



Important stuff: Post-auction, Email addresses and Heimdal emails:

I last remember reporting that our bar room was full of auction items and that Bag & Tag would be soon. Well, the annual auction was a large success (I assume someone will report on it.) Bonnie and myself were out at the checkout table and other than a long line forming at the end of the auction (that is good actually,) things went smoothly. I am glad it's over and we move on to getting a middle school kid to Space Camp. Stay tuned for updates.



STARFLEET is asking everyone to have a working email address. If I am currently printing you a Rainbow Connection because you don't have e-mail, that will continue with no problem. The reason STARFLEET asks every member to have email is because you can view the Communique' ... even if you have a cell phone that has email capability, it's really simple. They send you an email such as: *Your STARFLEET Communique Q3 2023 Newsletter is Here!* I don't know how to set a phone up ... but people get email and the CQ with no problems. If you have a working email, please read the RainCon from e-mail. Thank you to those who supply stamps because ink, paper and envelopes have become expensive.

Last thing has to do with our Heimdal group email. Most do this anyway but if you want to reply to something or someone, along the lines of "Good Work," or "Thanks for the excellent idea." I'm not saying not to use it and sometimes an "attaboy" can be called for,





but what is happening is some mail servers are calling the email SPAM and when that happens, heimdal@io.groups removes that member and we must start all over again getting them back on. In the time they were gone the member may have missed a meeting date change, Phaser Simulation, Engineering newsletter and other creative things our members and departments put out there for our enjoyment to be informed of.

Thanks, **SMITH OUT!**

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECOND OFFICER

RAdm. Carl Davis, 2nd Officer's Report, September 2023



Like most of you I am thankful to have survived another auction and am pleased that it was a success. It was good to see the crew working together to pull off such a huge event.

In spite of the difficulties we encountered, through no fault of our own, we emerged victorious. I add my thanks to the crew who did what needed to be done. Special thanks to those who brought in the items to be auctioned. Never have so few done such a great job in the history of our auctions. To have faced rejection constantly in requesting the items took great stamina and patience. Not everyone can carry out that task but it is necessary for the success of the auction.

Thanks again to the brave few.



MEETINGS AND COMMITMENTS

OCTOBER MEETING

The October Heimdal meeting will be Saturday, October 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Heights Library and on ZOOM. This will be our Annual **Halloween** Party with Costume Contest and prizes. Being the inventive people we are, we found out a couple of years ago that we CAN have a Costume Contest AND include our members on ZOOM. It brings us all together for a night of fun.

There will be prizes for the MOST HUMOROUS costume, the BEST SCIENCE FICTION costume, the MOST ORIGINAL & the BEST IN SHOW costume. You'll be given an opportunity to give a brief presentation about who/what you are. SO, start working on that costume that will WOW us all AND win a prize in one of these categories. There are only 4 prizes so if you are presenting a 'group costume' you all will have to split the prize.

Please bring one item for refreshments WITH A **HALLOWEEN** THEME. That always makes refreshments even better.

Tim Hazlett will be our ZOOM Coordinator for the evening and our ZOOM coordinates are:

Tim Hazlett is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Heimdal Halloween Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 21, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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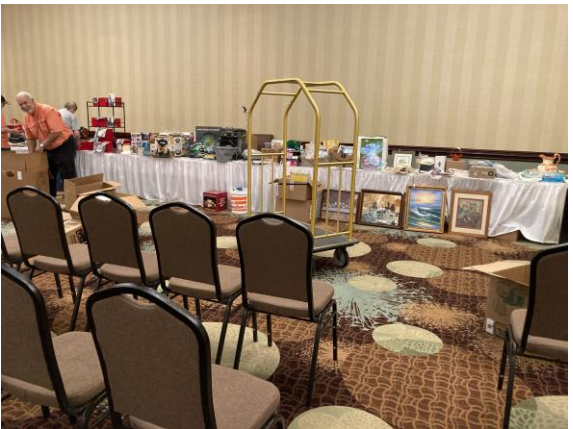
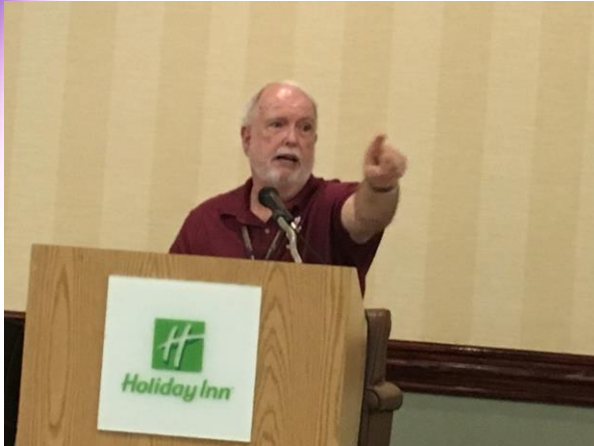
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SEPTEMBER ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

~ LAST AUCTION ~



After an entire summer of working on our Annual Charity Auction, we finally held the event on September 16. A very special THANK YOU to the 21 Heimdal members that came out on auction day and did such an amazing job making sure our guests were comfortable and that everything came off without a hitch. It was a beautiful display of teamwork that happened while everyone was having a good time. Of course, a SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Carl who acted as our auctioneer for the 16th. year in a row and delighted our guests with his humor AND by bringing the auction to an end ahead of time.

Because of circumstances beyond our control, which were stressful and mostly unnecessary, we only had 48 guests, our lowest number ever. BUT even with that low number we made the MOST money

we've made to date ... **\$4324.00 ... just WOW!** We were truly blessed, again.

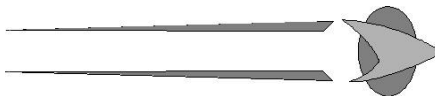
Because of difficulties we've encountered this year especially and last year we decided that this would be our final auction ... after 16 years. It is just too labor intensive for the number of people we had that volunteered to help canvas and we couldn't see our way clear to put everyone through that again.

I've always thought when something that was fun STOPS being fun, it's time to find another way to do it. So, we'll be looking into replacement fundraisers and welcome your suggestions. We should be able to continue running the Heimdal ... paying for postage, paying to renew our website and domain name > all the things that go on behind the scenes that most people don't think about ... AND send a student to

Space Camp while supporting our Christmas charities for about 2 years with the funds we have in the Heimdal's bank account. We really need to come up with some creative fundraising ideas as soon as possible. I have faith. We've ALWAYS been able to find the best way for us to do that and we will this time with everyone's help.

It was a great auction... one that will be remembered as a successful final event loaded with fun and teamwork and the best outcome imaginable.

From one of the Auction Guest Surveys returned at the end of the auction: *So sad to see this come to an end. But certainly understand. We started coming there with my uncle in the very beginning. Haven't missed many. Always enjoyed being with such nice people there. Will really miss it. ~ Kathy Burnette*



HEIMDAL PEOPLE



STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!

Willy Smith:

COCD101 - College of Chapter Development - Recruiting and Retention - Honors - 9/19/23

COCD102 - College of Chapter Development COCD - Understanding Technology & Social Media - Honors - 9/21/23.

COCD103 - College of Chapter Development -Introduction to Virtual Events - Pass - 9/29/23

COCD-104 - College of Chapter Development - Chapter Manuals and Documents - Honors - 9/29/23



CMDR Zachary Lyon (2 Courses)

IOSS - College of Space Equipment

DISTINCTION for SSE 201 - 22nd & 23rd C. Space Suits (Star Trek) on Aug 10, 2023

IOSTS - College of Starship Operations (IOMS:COO)

DISTINCTION for CSO-102 - Medical Operations from the School on Sep 16, 2023

a grade of **HONORS** for COCN-102 - Intro to Oceanography Pt 2 from the School of IOSC - College of Oceanography COCN completed on Oct 1, 2023.

a grade of **DISTINCTION** for COCN-101 Intro to Oceanography from the School of IOSC - College of Oceanography COCN completed on Sep 20, 2023



FCAPT Darrell Millner (26 Courses, 1 Awards)

SFA Awards

SFMC Awarded for International Service Award on Aug 13, 2023

IOSS - School of Planetary Identification & Discovery

HONORS for SPID 107 - Dwarf Planets Pt 1 on Sep 25, 2023

DISTINCTION for SPID 108 - Dwarf Planets Pt 2 on Sep 25, 2023

DISTINCTION for SPID 109 - Dwarf Planets Pt 3 on Sep 25, 2023

IOSS - College of Astronomy

PASS for AST 105 - Galaxies on Aug 30, 2023

DISTINCTION for AST 201 - Comets part 1 on Sep 14, 2023

DISTINCTION for AST 202 - Comets part 2 on Sep 25, 2023

IOSS - College of Rocketry and Propulsion

HONORS for COR 104 Modern Rocket Design Considerations part 1 on Sep 29, 2023

DISTINCTION for COR 105 Modern Rocket Design Considerations part 2 on Sep 29, 2023

IOSTS - College of Federation Studies (IOSF:COFS)

DISTINCTION for SFC 101 - Starfleet Captains – Archer on Sep 19, 2023

DISTINCTION for SFC 102 - Starfleet Captains - Pike on Sep 23, 2023

HONORS for SFC 114 - Starfleet Captains - Riker on Sep 26, 2023

HONORS for SFC 109 - Starfleet Captains - Calhoun on Sep 23, 2023

DISTINCTION for SFC 106 - Starfleet Captains - Sisko on Sep 23, 2023

IOIE - College of Intel in Movies (CIM)

PASS for CIM-117 - Hunt For Red October on Aug 22, 2023.

HONORS for CIM-130 - Under Siege on Sep 24, 2023

IOSFE - College of Battlestar Galactica (COBG)

DISTINCTION for BSG 102 - BatGalactica Technology on Sep 21, 2023

IOSC - College of Mathematics

HONORS for Math 102 - History from 1600 to Present on Sep 10, 2023

DISTINCTION for Math 103 - Math Refresher on Sep 10, 2023

IOSTS - College of Treknology (IOSF:COT)

DISTINCTION for ST2-103 - Technology on Sep 20, 2023

DISTINCTION for ST3-103 - Technology on Sep 21, 2023

DISTINCTION for ST4-101 - Characters on Sep 22, 2023

PASS for ST4-102 - Quotes on Sep 23, 2023

HONORS for ST4-103 - Technology on Sep 22, 2023

IOMA - College of Psychology





DISTINCTION for SCM 102 - Stress and Coping on Aug 27, 2023
 HONORS for SCM 103 - Stress and Coping Mechanisms on Aug 27, 2023

IOAE - College of Communications

HONORS for COM 104 - HTML on Aug 30, 2023

IOAE - College of Mythological Studies

DISTINCTION for CLA 101 - Classical Deities Pt 1 on Sep 26, 2023

DISTINCTION for CLA 102 - Classical Deities Pt 2 on Sep 26, 2023

DISTINCTION for CLA 103 - Classical Deities Pt 3 on Sep 26, 2023

HONORS for CLA 201 - Greek Creation Myths Pt 1 on Sep 26, 2023

HONORS for CLA 202 - Greek Creation Myths pt 2 on Sep 26, 2023

BUD WINS CQ PHOTO CONTEST

Rene' and Me

By Commander Bud Walker and Linda Smith



In late September we learned that Heimdal member, Bud Walker had entered Starfleet Communique's **Photos with Actors Contest** and was one of the 3 finalists, which was VERY exciting. Even MORE exciting was finding out shortly afterward that Bud WON the contest. There was a half-page write-up about the contest and about Bud with the accompanying winning photo in the most recent Starfleet Communique'. MANY congratulations to Bud.

Bud was kind enough to write the following for this newsletter about how he actually OBTAINED the winning photo. It's a lovely story. Enjoy

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The year was 2018 and I was attending AwesomeCon in Washington DC. This was only my second "Nerd Convention," as I had come to this aspect of fandom somewhat late in my life. Also, anyone who knows me also knows how much of a skin-

flint (i.e., penny-pincher) I am. I had decided beforehand that I was not going to spend any money on celebrity encounters unless they were from the TOS era of Star Trek. Since there were none present that year, I ended up only getting my photo taken with the late Neil Adams, renowned writer and artist for the Batman comic books.

It was the last day of the convention, and I was wondering around when I strolled through "celebrity alley," looking at all the various lines of fans waiting to meet their favorite star. I saw the booth for Rene' Auberjonois but had no intention of getting in his line. I thought to myself, **"I cannot even pronounce his last name correctly, why would I want his autograph?"** But then I saw a sign with his price list.

There was the usual listing for autographs and selfies, but at the bottom was the notice that for an additional amount, Rene' would personally draw a doodle for the fan, with the full amount going to "Doctors Without Borders." I thought that was a wonderful thing to do, so I decided to get a selfie with him and contribute to this worthy cause.

Anyone who has attended these types of conventions knows how brief these encounters with celebrities can be. A few polite words, a quick autograph or picture and you are on your way. However, when it was my turn, the handler told Rene' that I had contributed to "Doctors." He smiled at me, pulled out a clean piece of paper and began to draw.

We chatted for several minutes as he sketched a bucket. He was surprised that I remembered him from the sitcom, "Benson," and I was surprised at how warm and friendly he was. We talked about Deep Space Nine and the movie, "The Patriot." Rene' thanked me for contributing to "Doctors Without Borders," and said that he had friends who worked for them. He gave me the completed sketch and the handler took a quick photo of the two of us. It was very pleasant meeting him and I was glad I had broken my "only TOS" rule. His sketch hangs on my wall to this day.



BUD RECEIVES CERTIFICATION

On October 3, Bud Walker received his **Chief Weapon's Officer** certification from **Starfleet Academy**. **CONGRATULATIONS, BUD. Way to Go**



RYAN MADDOX – WHERE IS HE NOW?

Ryan Maddox was a Heimdal member from September 2009 until September 2011. As a member he was creative, forward-thinking and a very special individual. Because of all of those assets, we suggested he enter our Space Camp Contest because he was a high school student and extremely interested in space and space travel. In those 2010 days, 13 years ago, we were able to still consider Heimdal members for special perks like our Space Camp Contest without stepping on the toes of the IRS. Ryan entered an essay and WON the contest. He was the student we sent to Space Camp in 2010.



We have followed Ryan's progress through high school and after when he began showing his extreme talent as an amateur short film maker. He had a love of acting as well as film making and began appearing in local productions and plays. Graduating from college, he continued his involvement with theater arts and hoped to make a career in that field.

At the end of September Ryan began his journey towards his dream. He secured a part-time job at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood, CA, historically the oldest theater there, and he and a fellow acting friend packed up their belongings and, as the Beverly Hills title song says, *they loaded up the car and they moved to ... Hollywood.*

I spoke to Ryan's mom on October 5. She told me Ryan and his friend had arrived safely AND that Ryan had his first acting interview on October 6. I have no idea the outcome of the interview but we wish Ryan the very best for success in fulfilling his dreams in Hollywood.

Amazingly, it looks like the Heimdal may have given birth to two (and maybe more) future astronauts AND one budding film producer and actor. It

makes my heart happy that this will be part of the legacy of our chapter.

From Ryan: *Thank you so much, Linda! Yes, I am moving out to pursue my career in the film industry. Thank you for always being so kind, generous, and supportive to me through the years. I appreciate you and your magical love to give to others.*

Beam me Scotty, we're going to Hollywood! Love you!

RENEWALS

A special THANK YOU to Glenda & Dan Blanks & to Karen Delano for renewing and staying with our Heimdal "family" for another year.

Our Membership Coordinator (one of the many hats he wears), Willy Smith sends out email reminders to everyone a month in advance of your renewal date. THANK YOU, Willy! And he will renew for you with the Heimdal's PayPal account and you can pay us back if you'd rather do it that way. To pay the Heimdal back if we renew for you, please make your check out to Linda Smith and she will deposit it into the Heimdal's account. We ask that you reimburse the Heimdal in no less than 60 days following your renewal.

XXX PLEASE NOTE: When Willy sends you your renewal reminder, he includes in that email your SCC number and expiration date.

Remember, Starfleet suggests you renew a month before your expiration date so you won't risk being removed from the Heimdal's roster, which happens at the stroke of midnight on your expiration date if you haven't renewed.

Those needing to renew are



November – Tim Hazlett – November 18

December – No renewals in December – Merry Christmas!

January 2024 – Janice Lawson – January 4





Larry & Kathy Whately – January 18

Nikki Cole – January 24

(New cool bumper stickers are OUT and will be YOURS when you renew)

HEIMDAL STUFF



ANNIVERSARY PARTY 2024

The date for the 2024 Heimdal Anniversary Party will be **April 20**. Once again it will be held downtown at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel, entertainment has been lined up but the theme is still up in the air.

This will be the Heimdal's **40th** anniversary as a **Starfleet chapter** and that's a very special and significant milestone. **We've been doing some really cool stuff for a really long time and we NEED TO CELEBRATE!!!**

We will have a Southern Buffet and the price per person will be **\$28.95**. There's an increase of about a dollar each year but it is still cheaper than most restaurants and tax and tip are included in that amount.

Start saving your Heimdal Bucks for dinner and plan to invite a friend.

SPACE CAMP 2023



On October 4 we kicked off our 2023 Space Camp Contest by contacting local area middle schools and asking if they would be participating this year. By October 5 we had heard from 4 schools and the Director of Education for Lynchburg City Schools and all were excited about being included in the contest.

On October 5 I sent our contest information packet and flyer for distribution to interested students to the 5 people that responded. Still hoping to hear from the remaining schools.

The Space Camp Contest officially began October 10, interested students will write an essay in 500 words or less on ***Why I Want to Go to Space Camp***, our school liaison will return them to Heimdal's Space Camp Committee to be read and judged, and we should have a winner by November 10 and Space Camp registration for the winner made shortly after that.

This year's winner will be our 17th Space Camp Contest winner ... and that's just **AWESOME**.

Watch this space for details and updates.

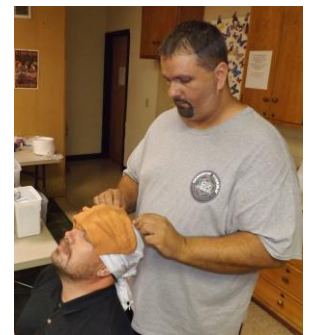
AGENDA 2023 – 24

Just a reminder that we still have 3 meeting dates for 2024 with no guest speaker scheduled. If you have someone you'd like to see as a guest speaker (within reason and the realm of possibility) or if you have a meeting topic you'd like to see presented, please let me (Linda) know ASAP. These are the available meeting dates. Let me hear from you.

May 18 – available

July 20 – available

September 19 – available



Meeting guest speaker, prosthetic maker, Alan Provo from several years ago

OCTOBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Question of the Month: What if you put on your **Halloween** costume for the evening and at the end of the evening when you took it off you were **STILL** that Halloween character and couldn't change back to **YOU**? What would you do and who are you likely to be?

Darrell Millner - Say "Oh Boy" and LEAP, Sam Becket (or Stawpah) from the 80's TV show Quantum Leap

Bud Walker - My costume is a Star Wars Imperial Admiral, with my personal droid nicknamed "Dark Brandon."





If I remained that character at the end of the evening, I would do my best to defeat all rebel scum.

Weston Webb- Hahaha!!! That would be a hard one... I like to dress up as Palpatine, Vader, stormtroopers and all that but I would HATE to be stuck as one! We all know what happened to them!!!

Janice Lawson - I've always wanted to dress like a flapper from the 1920s. I love the dress, the jewelry and everything about it. They really had style back then.

Beth Hopkins - Barbie. Explains itself. 😊

Gary Burley - It would have to be a werewolf, I love werewolf movies, and they are cool. American Werewolf in London being my favorites

Bonnie Davis - I would sit down and have a "good" cry if I remained the character I was dressed as. I have been a honey bee and with it would never be able to sit down again. So, as I think of this question, I will now always try to be someone/thing that I can live with lol. So maybe I'll dress as a little ole lady from now on ha ha!

Joe Arnold - For my Halloween costume I am going with Han Solo. He is the type of person I tend to be or envision myself to be. That is free spirited, come and goes as he pleases, doesn't care for government authority or regulations and the type, and an independent sort. It's really the way he acted and carried himself on Star Wars.

Tammy White - I would be an Alien in a green costume with big eyes. If I couldn't change out of it, I would probably end up in Area 51 with my friends.

Zak Lyon: The costume would be that of Doc Brown. In order to get "out of character," I would take the DeLorean back in time to before I bought the costume and just not buy it. But then I wouldn't have been able to go back in time...unless, of course, I created an alternative Halloween timeline...but then everything is changed. GREAT SCOT!

Jody Lyon : When I was a teenager, I really enjoyed being Jeannie from the TV show I Dream of Jeannie. If I took off my costume and I was still a genie. I would blink and have all my chores done in a split second! Then I would find my master who would wish me back to myself.

Carl Davis: I would be the apostle, Peter. He was such a courageous Christ Follower and at the end of the evening I would return to heaven and do heavenly stuff like eat angel food cake and heavenly hash ice cream. And, welcome newcomers. Imagine the relief on the faces of those who are just arriving.

Willy Smith: The first thing I thought of was that sissy looking cheerleader's outfit Linda put together for me. When I put the outfit on, I should have looked in the mirror because when she saw me, she laughed so hard she wet herself. ... THEN I looked in the mirror. If I couldn't change back to me, I could join a circus where they don't much care what you look like or join the Navy. Dammit Linda!

Richard Arnold: A Klingon of course and I would take over.

Linda Smith: Nurse Chappel. I like what she does for a living and especially where she works AND I already know the job ...



RILEY'S RAMBLINGS ...



A HALLOWEEN TIME PORTAL By Richard Riley

Hello everyone! I don't know about anyone else but I am loving this fall weather, my favorite time of the year!

Since it is October, I wanted to talk about my



latest **Halloween** piece. This one is a bit unusual so I need to explain it a bit. The client I have loves going all out for his **Halloween** displays, the bigger the better for him. He does not have a particular theme in mind but more along the lines of whatever he likes he puts outside. It may be a Wolfman standing beside Jason from Friday the 13th who is beside a zombie civil war soldier. He has quite an eclectic taste!

He came up with the idea of a large time portal which would explain all the various props in his yard. Originally it was going to have some video special effects shown on it of flashing lights but after talking to him about it we came up with the idea of a video representing different time periods that would then be projected onto it. We brainstormed on the idea and he kept coming back to a round portal similar to the one seen in the movie, Stargate but he did not want an exact representation of that one so we went with a more original style.

The pieces are over 11 feet tall and made of foam of course. It needed to break down for transporting it so it is in 4 sections. We went with Hieroglyphs on the outer edge to show that it was constructed thousands of years ago. I applied glow paint to the Hieroglyphs so under a black light they will glow as if



the ancient machine is operating.

The video shows numerous events throughout history such as the dinosaurs, Man discovering fire, airplanes, spaceships and the atomic bomb. The video will be edited every year to show other events or highlight other things such as a Viking ship or a western motif, then props appropriate to those themes can be added. A very interesting project to say the least!

In the pics provided I have some still images of the video to show it in action.

Until next month enjoy the changing colors of the leaves and Happy **Halloween!**

FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS





<<<SECURITY>>>



SECURITY REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2023

By RAdm. Carl Davis, Chief of Security

We managed to get in a phaser sim for September and while it was lightly attended, we had a good time. Team Security managed the most wins and that always makes for a good day.

These days there is much discussion about the justice system and its effectiveness. Law breakers are returned to society to often repeat their offences. Justice is necessary if we are to live together with any degree of peacefulness yet there is also a need for mercy and grace.



I read an easy to understand an example of how the three relate to each other:

A young boy told his dad a lie. The punishment for telling a lie in that home was five whacks with a belt to the backside. That was justice. The Dad took the son to the woodshed and applied the belt three times only. That was mercy. (not getting what he deserved). Then the dad hugged his son and took him out for ice cream. That was grace. (getting what he didn't deserve.) All three are important and are needed in the right situation.

We need to be forgiving to our crew mates as often as possible even when we perceive we have been wronged whether accidentally or on purpose.

I am so thankful I have been the recipient of mercy and grace so often. As the old country song says, why don't you try a little kindness!



PHASER SIMULATION FOR SEPTEMBER

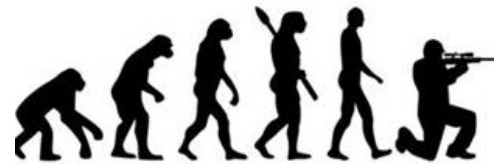
By Adm. Willy Smith, CSO

To me it was a perfect day for plowing around in the pine forest with a hopper full of paintballs and hundreds more in reserve. Bonnie was back in play so it was Science vs. Security again but we weren't taking any chances of ruining her new shoulder with a fall, so the plan was to attack *easy* (whatever that means.)

I found myself enjoying the smaller fields with less people and by the 3rd game I was taking chances and lucked out while Carl was making a move. We took out Joe and Sciences was on the board. We moved to the larger fields where there is plenty of cover and somehow Security lost a man by friendly fire and time ran out ... tie match.

We had played 5 games and those hundreds of rounds I had in reserve were dwindling by half and *usually* I could see Joe, but he was dug in. Carl on the other hand was sending me paintballs that made the most unique sound when they zipped by my head. Normally that would have told me to move but I was doing the same to Carl but he found an angle and I was out. They attacked Bonnie from 2 sides and she saw the logic in ending the day unharmed.

Security took the gold for the day but it was a fun day spent with friends and I hope we have more people next phaser sim.



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LOCAL COMPANY HAS STOCK IN THE FUTURE

By Adm. Willy Smith, Chief Science Officer, Starfleet SFDPP Certified
THANK YOU!

This article is different than what I normally send to the "Great Pumpkin" for consideration in our newsletter. I would like to acknowledge the Science members who have stayed with this department even though they aren't rewarded with anything other than a large thank you and knowledge that *science is everywhere*. As I move into watching Star Trek Discovery, I saw a younger iconic Star Trek Science officer remark, "*I like Science*". If you know the person I'm speaking of then it makes writing this even more worthwhile. You *will* see the episode in the future.





With that said I'd like to thank someone who has been with Heimdal Sciences since they were losing teeth (the mind reels doesn't it <G>.) I'd like to thank Cadet Allen Hatter who was more than happy, as a child, to miss other parts of MystiCon in order to see scientific demonstrations that I attended as well. Allen has evolved and is still working on Scouting to become an Eagle Scout. He now plays paintball when Scouting permits and is a worthy opponent ... an asset to the Science team (quick on his feet.)



Allen NOW



Allen at MystiCon just a few short years ago

I would also like to thank Ensign Tyler StClair, Cmdr. Bonnie Davis, Nikki Cole and Ensign Annette Overstreet for sending Science articles to the Rainbow Connection that were informative and



interesting. I hope Heimdal Sciences will continue to

be involved and show everyone that Science *indeed* is everywhere. It's an exciting time to be aware of new technology and what it reveals about discoveries being made almost daily.

Finally, I would like to welcome Cmdr. Dennis Henderson to Heimdal Sciences. He has always had an interest in astrophysics and followed Carl Sagan among others and has a passion about the understanding of our universe.

Thank you for your time this month. SMITH OUT



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MEDICAL MINUTE: SEPTEMBER 2023

Artificial Intelligence

By Commodore Tammy White, Chief Medical Officer

GhostStop is a ghost hunting equipment store that just opened in downtown Lynchburg. According to ABC News Station 13, **GhostStop** wants to make Lynchburg the ghost-hunting and paranormal data collection center of the world.

When you pass through the doors, you'll find a ghost hunter's paradise. From night vision cameras and lighting to footstep trackers and EMF meters, they've got it all. The owner, Shawn Porter, moved his business from Florida to right here in Lynchburg Va, our own backyard.

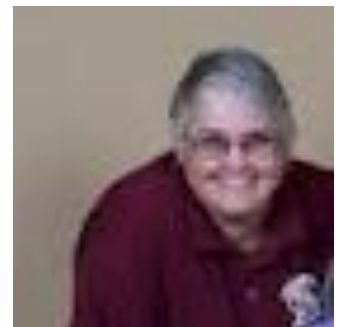
Possible paranormal encounters Porter had as a child sparked his interest in all of this. *"As you grow older you kind of really become more skeptical about that. What was it? You know, I try to put a logical explanation to those things that may have happened. So, I think that's what led me down the path to build equipment,"* Porter said. Porter wants to help others

who are having similar experiences.

The site says that Porter has been in the business of making and selling ghost-hunting equipment for close to 17 years. They make all the equipment they use for Ghost Hunter, Ghost Adventures, Kindred Spirits, a lot of the TV shows, but it's not just the TV



shows. There are teams around the world that are out there doing investigations. *"Now our team can go out and try and figure that out or they can use some of the equipment that we have here at GhostStop to try and explore that themselves,"* Porter said. In addition, Porter said this spot is also the home of Ghost HQ, a hub for paranormal



research. "The end goal here is to gather information from all these teams that are doing investigations all around the world and collect that here into one place," Porter said.

For anyone who wants to visit GhostStop it is located at 918 Commerce Street, Lynchburg Va. Their grand opening was on October 7 with a "Spooky Speakeasy." They are planning Ghost Tours in the area probably beginning in mid-October.



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ENGINEERING UPDATE, SEPTEMBER

ENGINEERING UPDATE

FCAPT Darrell Millner, Chief Engineering Officer
Starfleet SFDPP Certified, BOCPP Graduate, R1 RDC ENG.

Monthly ENG/OPS Report - SD: 202310.04

I'd like to start with a few notes on "BUD," yes, you CMDR Walker. It wasn't that long ago Bud joined our Engineering team and one has to wonder if he had a clue what he was getting into. From taking on paranormal investigations in room 3825, mirror galaxies, and shaking up things with the bridge stations - it is an adventure.

This month for Bud it's being featured in the STARFLEET Communique' (once again bringing the USS Heimdal to the forefront), awarded SFA BOCPP Security Officer Certification, and his writing prose finally being properly displayed in *SFI: Strange New Words* under his name (not mine). I just wanted to take this moment to raise a glass and say "Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah" - now *back to stations* Walker.

We've had another amazing month in this small department. The latest issue of The Engineering Link is hot off the presses, the monthly ZOOM was a stellar success, as a team we have created a department specific logo, tag line, and more in the pike. Jody has done an amazing job taking lead with the Heimdal's Interdepartmental Role Play Scenario, keeping us on track and with Johnathan, Kathy, Zak, Bud, Jody and me providing input and inspiration has taking what started as a simple storyline and helped develop an epic. Zak, Bud, and I continue to play TAG in the halls of SFA. But don't worry - we are NOT DONE yet.



Kenny, Linda & Darrell ... 1980-something

CMDR Dennis Henderson, Senior Engineering Officer and Legacy Engineering Department Head has elected to pursue opportunities in the Heimdal Science Department. He has been a cornerstone with nearly 40 years of influence and creativity here in Engineering. I know you will all join me in wishing him great success in this new adventure; a sad loss for the Engineering Department but a true advantage to Willy Smith and his Science team. He transferred effective SD: 202309.07

I find myself pressed this month having had in mind a more 'Friday the 13th' game plan in mind for this report. But allow me, if you will, a moment to recall some distant times instead, I remember songs, laughter, and tossing amazing silicon pouches back and forth with Kenny. A time when nibbling on ribs, sore backs and sun burn from car washes, climbing on the roof of schools in full uniform was

the norm. Packed basements with youth, wonder and snack foods divine.

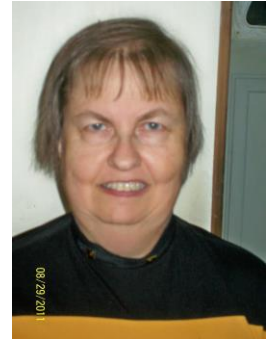
I hear the sounds - still ringing in my head from that basement in the Alpha sector, and that look in Linda's eye said "What the Heck Have I Gotten Myself Into", Linda this one's for you.....

*"It's astounding, time is fleeting, Madness takes its toll
But listen closely, not for very much longer, I've got to keep control
I remember - doing the Time Warp - Drinking those moments when,
The blackness would hit me and the void would be calling,,,
Let's do the time warp again... Let's do the time warp again!" - Millner Out*



OCTOBER COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FIVE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES THAT FOSTER LANGUAGE IN CHILDREN

By Vice Admiral Glenda Blanks, Communications Chief



1. Carve a Pumpkin

This is a great activity that many children enjoy. Change it up this year and have your child play a bigger role in the planning process. Have your child brainstorm what they want to carve on their pumpkin and the steps that they'll need to take in order to achieve their goal. Also think about having your child follow multi-step directions to get the supplies, prepare the work space, and carve the pumpkin.

2. Mystery Feel Box: Halloween Style

Now that you have scooped all the seeds and fibrous strands out of your pumpkin, you can use these materials as part of your Mystery Feel Box. Find different items around the home to put in your feel box, (toys, cooked spaghetti, seeds, pinecones, etc.) then have your child reach their hands into the box and try to describe what they feel. Make sure that they can't see what's in the box. This activity will require them to use their other senses and descriptive language skills to describe what they feel!

3. Halloween, I Spy Around the Neighborhood



Get outside and take a walk around the neighborhood searching for the best Halloween decorations. Take turns going back and forth providing clues for the decorations you see on your walk. Make sure to keep giving clues until the person has guessed what you were looking at. Taking turns allows your child to feel like they have a chance to be in charge and it gives them a fun way to work on their language too.

4. Indoor Trick-or-Treat

If you're still missing out on the door knocking and candy collecting then this is the activity for you! Each door in your house has suddenly become a new location to Trick-or-Treat. Have a parent or sibling go in each room and close the door. Then when your child comes knocking in their Halloween costume, they can say those magic words "*Trick-or-Treat*" and collect their candy reward. You can also change this up if your child wants to practice the role of the candy giver. This is a great activity for role playing, turn taking, and talking about expected vs unexpected behaviors.

5. Costume Party, Virtual Edition

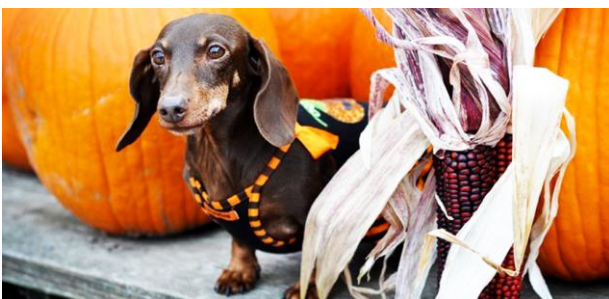
Another great way to get more use out of that Halloween costume is to put together a video call with your child's friends and encourage everyone to wear their costumes. This gives an opportunity for socialization without compromising safety. Kids can comment on each other's costumes, ask questions, and provide the opportunity for turn-taking.

HEIMDAL'S PET FLEET

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

From the ASPCA

Reported by Linda Smith



Halloween can be the spookiest night of the year, but keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. The ASPCA recommends taking these simple, common-sense precautions to keep your pet happy and healthy all the way to November 1.

Stash the Treats

The candy bowl is for trick-or-treaters, not Scruffy or Fluffy. Several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for cats and dogs, and sugar-free candies containing the sugar substitute xylitol can cause serious problems in pets. **If you**

suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the [ASPCA Poison Control Center](#) at (888) 426-4435 immediately.



Watch the Decorations and Keep Wires Out of Reach

While a carved jack-o-lantern certainly is festive, pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and start a fire. Curious kittens are especially at risk of getting burned or singed by candle flame. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic, but can produce stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them.

Be Careful with Costumes

For some pets, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. The ASPCA recommends that you don't put your dog or cat in a costume unless you know he or she loves it. If you do dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. Ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury.

Be sure to have your pet try on the costume before the big night. If he or she seems distressed or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting your pet wear his or her "birthday suit" or don a festive bandana instead.

Keep Pets Calm and Easily Identifiable

Halloween brings a flurry of activity with visitors arriving at the door, and too many strangers can often be scary and stressful for pets. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. While opening the door for guests, be sure that your dog or cat doesn't dart outside. And always make sure your pet is wearing proper identification—if for any reason he or she does escape, a collar with ID tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver for a lost pet.

STARFLEET STUFF and REGION ONE STUFF



As we all have known since January, Starfleet would be eventually raising membership rates. It's pretty definite that the increase will come in January 2024. The proposed increase is from the current \$5 for new and renewing memberships to \$10, with nothing tangible in the process to the members. The increase is being debated right now. Family memberships for each additional member will not change.

There has been a loud response from Region One's COs. All are in agreement that they would like to be more fully informed about why the increase is necessary and exactly what Starfleet's commitments are that necessitate the increase. All want to see a complete listing of Starfleet expenditures before voting to accept the membership rate increase.

At the most recent Region One CO/XO Meeting these concerns were brought to the R/1 RC, Phillip Cox. Phillip agreed to attempt to get an across-the-board list of Starfleet's expenditures so the topic may be discussed with a full understanding of the need for a fee increase.

We DO know that Starfleet has an attorney on retainer and costs have increased for the Database and website renewal. Otherwise, we know little else.

CS David Nottage did say that members may renew for **MULTIPLE** years but R/1 RC Cox is attempting to get clarification as to whether that can happen before or only after a membership increase.

Here is Phillip's most recent communication to the R/1 COs/XOs so you will know as much as Willy and I know at this point. We will share any further information with you on regular email.

Greetings Region One,

I sent out emails to Starfleet's Chief Financial Officer. One is for information that was requested at last week's CO/XO meeting regarding membership costs, and the other is regarding the suggestions made and presented to the AB for consideration. As the AB discusses those topics, I'll keep you all in the loop with how that goes. As soon as I receive the information requested from the Chief Financial Officer of SFI, I'll send it to both the R1 CO/XO email list and the individuals who have requested it separately.

Phillip Cox, Region One Regional Coordinator

STAR TREK STUFF

STAR TREK EXPERIENCE LETS YOU VIRTUALLY WALK AROUND EVERY STARSHIP BRIDGE

From Engadget. Reported by Glenda Blanks, Star Trek Editor

The USS Enterprise has gone through several iterations across TV shows and movies, and now Star Trek fans can explore them as much as they want online.



As Deadline reports, the latest update to the Roddenberry Archive adds 360-degree virtual recreations of the famous Starship Enterprise bridge as depicted in various Star Trek properties. It has the bridge from *Star Trek: The Original Series*, *Picard*, *Discovery* and *Strange New Worlds*, arranged according to timeline in the new web portal. Fans can click on the version of the Enterprise they want to see and then expand the virtual bridge, which they can drag around and explore to see its beeping panels and displays.



The Roddenberry Archive is a multi-decade collaboration between the estate of Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry and cloud graphics company OTOY. This is their largest set of digital archive works to date, and it was launched with accompanying videos, including a William Shatner interview with a holographic version of the 1979 USS Enterprise bridge as a background. John de Lancie, who has portrayed Q since 1987's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, also narrates the history of the Starship Enterprise bridge across decades of shows and movies.

The Roddenberry Archive team is working to add more virtual set recreations fans can explore in the future aside from the ones already available. One of the projects they're working on is a 1:1 scale recreation of the entire Starship Enterprise from the 1979 film *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*.



LITTLE KNOWN STAR TREK FACTS



HALLOWEEN

THE ZAK PERSPECTIVE

By Zak Lyon

WITCH CONVERSATIONS: A HALLOWEEN DISCOURSE



"Now for a dazzling display of magical mischief." This is a test. If anyone in this vast fleet recognizes this quote, you are one of my people! You see, I have a long and accurate memory and I am going to be writing from memory about a Halloween tradition that began when I could have been no more than five.

The Disney Channel was new and needed programming. So long before Jim Jinkins gave us Bluffington, the home of Doug's neighborhood of multicolored uniqueness, a Canadian animation studio offered their own rainbow of residents. Originally intended to be an animated segment on Sesame Street, it was a lucky break that it was turned down. Besides, Sesame Street would never have been able to get away with *Witches Night Out*.

A politician and constituent, Goodly and Nicely, who are holding back their interest in each other. Two malcontents named Malicious and Rotten (obviously related to Oscar the Grouch) who are truly delighted with the disgusting. These are four of the unconventional characters we meet early on in this Halloween special from 1978. But the real hero of this story lives at the top of the hill in an abandoned house. An eccentric witch who is a combination of Tallulah Bankhead and Norma Desmond as played by Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Blvd.* These influences are brought together stunningly by Gilda Radner years before I knew who Lisa Loopner or Emily Litella were.



This witch is despondent about the state of Halloween. It used to be a night of transformations but now it is a time for upscale Halloween parties with little Hors D'oeuvres. Insult to injury, the citizens of this town are about to throw one of these parties in her house with no invitation or recognition that she even exists. So, let's just say, the oddness of this town is about to be turned up to eleven.



As this yuppie party gets underway, two kids, Tender and Small, are being babysat by a red hippie guy named Bazooey. (Which should really be the name of all babysitters in perpetuity, shouldn't it?) The children are upset that their Halloween costumes didn't scare anyone and didn't even disguise their identity. In addition, they didn't get to go to the party. They audibly wish they could be the real versions of their costumes. Well, what do you think is going to happen on a Halloween with this much potential for mayhem.

As Bazooey reads a Cinderella-type story to sooth the kids, our dejected witch, having heard the wishes, drops by. She plays fairy-godmother turning Small, Tender and Bazooey into an orange wolfman, a wispy yellow ghost complete with eye holes, and a red Frankenstein's monster respectively. The children and their minder proceed to cavort freely in their new bodies with the knowledge that they can turn back anytime they want, then they make their way to the party on the hill.

The adults are scared, the kids are sorry they changed identities, and the witch's wand gets stolen by grouches, Malicious and Rotten. They used the nearly infinite power to make truly disgusting sandwiches, bags of garbage and a deflated fire hydrant while trying to "get rich." You don't want these two in charge of magical powers. And as if we needed proof that you can get a crazed mob in the late 70s, the adults quickly go from looking for their lost children to trying to get rid of monsters for - and I quote - *"the civilizations of the world."* It takes a witch to point out what is wrong with this town.



Halloween is not about mature "important parties," scaring people, getting candy or out-doing one another. Certainly not about hunting down those who don't conform. Halloween is about transformation.

The witch invites the adults to loosen up and for one night don't deny the part of them that believes in wishes. The lyrics of the theme song reinforce this idea: "When you are stuck inside and you can't get out, and you feel like being free. Grab a witch and make a switch and see what you can be."

This animated special with its minimal details and its stylized brightly colored characters placed in a realistic suburban setting is surreal. If nothing weird happened, it just wouldn't fit. The residents of the town come together as they wish and transform into alter-egos from cowboy to fairy princess to vampire. My idea of Halloween has been defined by this special.

So let loose, make a wish and have fun – perhaps get into some magical mischief. You might be helping a witch. Or she could be helping you.

NEXT STOP: WITCHES' JUNCTION

By Jody Lyon

When Linda asked us to contribute Halloween themed articles for the newsletter, I thought I did not have anything special to write about. Then it hit me. Witches' Junction. Jody ...

When Zak was in college, he joined an arts club. As his personal care attendant, I typically provided transportation and then made myself scarce. But when the club participated as actors for a Halloween community activity, I was drawn into the magic of the season.

The Ghost Train was a weekend event held the last two weeks of October each year at Burke Lake Park in Fairfax. The club transformed the park's train ride, carousel and trails into an adventure for children. Scenes from familiar stories, tv shows and Halloween displays are set up along the train track and skits are

acted out as the train passes. Because of accessibility issues, Zak was assigned to the Witches' Junction as it was the easiest scene to get to.





I helped Zak into his costume, and I was told to suit up as well. The skits were outlined and as the train whistle was heard one of the students yelled **“Train!”** We moved into place and entertained the train full of excited kids until the last car was out of sight. This was non-stop from 9-5 for four days and I couldn’t get enough of it once I got comfortable being a part of this group of young energetic actors. Theater people are always so inclusive regarding age. I never had so much fun on Halloween. And looked forward to it each year.

I love to take pictures and between scenes I got to explore the area for seasonal photo ops. One of my favorite memories was being part of the wedding pictures for a young couple who was using the park in all its fall glory as a backdrop. They asked if our supernatural group would take a picture with them. So, witches, wizards, werewolves, vampires and more posed with this beautiful couple in their traditional wedding garb for several professional shots. The couple will have quite a memory and a story to tell as they essentially became a “scene” on the Ghost Train.

I will never forget the fun I had performing for the children, joking around with the students and, as Zak talked about in his Rainbow Connection article, transforming myself into someone else for a little Halloween magic.

CONTINUING ROLE PLAY

Part 12 of *The Bound Dog Shall be Loosed:* **“Whispers in the Darkness”**

By Zak and Jody Lyon

Aboard the ISS Garmr...

Officer Jodi watched the security team as they exited. She could hear the derision in their voices as they spoke loudly so that she could experience their disdain for Bajorans. She waited until they were out of sight before turning her attention to the man who was described to her as “a weapon.”

“I am Council Enforcement Officer Jodi under direct orders from the Emperor to motivate your compliance with the Mongrel Initiative. I understand from the Garmr’s Captain that your behavior has not been as submissive as one would have hoped. I am here to ensure that your behavior will be modified and brought into alignment with the goals of the Empire. Do you understand?”

Doctor Lyon choked off a laugh which ended with an expulsion of fluid. A grimace flickered briefly across his face as he sighed and relaxed into the pool where he had been suspended for what seemed to have been eternity.

“See how you do yourself harm by not complying? Wouldn’t you want to make this easier on yourself? Or should I...help you complete your purpose?” Officer Jodi tilted her head and paused for the Doctor to respond.

“You think you can do better than that Vulcan that just left.” Poor thing still thinks her husband is alive. Alive and being held in a “secure facility” like so many others. I think I intuited more about her than she discovered about me. He paused. ***“Help? An interesting turn of phrase. I was told by coming here I would be helping the Empire and myself. Look how that turned out. No, I don’t need your help.”*** Doctor Lyon stopped talking and started listening, concentrating on his inquisitor’s face. Officer Jodi’s face didn’t speak of anything.

“Doctor, I need to first hear your reading of your mission objectives. Perhaps you have simply misunderstood what is required of you and a slight adjustment to your understanding will be all that is required of me. Do you understand? I need you to tell me what your purpose is.”

“Purpose? I am seeing what they want me to see. The other side is so interesting. You can’t blame me if I take a few side trips.”

“You can see into the prime ship?” Officer Jodi nodded her head. This is what she needed to know. But she needed him to say more.

The Doctor grew fatigued. ***“Of course, I can. Did you know I have even seen you? Walking the halls of the Heimdal, not a care in the world.”***

“You can see with that much detail?”

“Yes.”

“But what is your purpose?”

She doesn’t know, he thought. She is asking me for information. She is hiding something. Doctor Lyon concentrated focusing on any little tell.



"You know. You got something wrong. I am not the weapon. I am merely the key to finding it. The Empire is convinced that the answer to obtaining it lies with the Heimdal. That's why we are sitting out here. In this other world. Waiting on..."

Doctor Lyon abruptly stopped. Little do they know that the proximity to my "prime self" enhances my ability to resist. I must not let her find this out, but maybe just a little more. He continued. *"I am spying, projecting myself. I can only do it for a limited time. But the Empire has... chemically enhanced my ability. Not without some side effects."* He coughed again, teal blue spittle reaching the wall of his container.

"So, you are the lone source of current intelligence?"

"As far as I know." He was fading. *There is the traitor.* The chemicals began to pump into the hoses. He must hold out. *Maybe just maybe... the traitor...the idealist...maybe he would even have felt sorry for me. Being forced to spy...to peer into paradise,,, and rip the wings off of angels.*

Officer Jodi pulled a device from her pocket and spoke softly to it. It buzzed and the room seemed to shimmer.

"We can speak freely now."

But the Doctor, had drifted off to another place. She disengaged her scrambler and returned it to her pocket as she heard heavy footfalls coming toward her location. She turned to the doctor and whispered. *"Perhaps our alliance can further the greater alliance..."*

To be continued...

THAT'S IT - WE QUIT ...

We thank all of you for contributing to this newsletter and we hope you enjoy reading it. We'll see you at The **Halloween Party** ... whom/whatever you might decide to be.

Linda, Willy and our staff of THOUSANDS.



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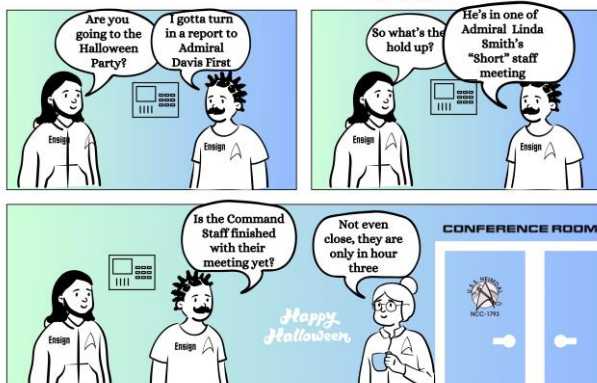
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We'll See You Around the Galaxy ...

HEIMDAL LOWER DECKS

BY BUD WALKER



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