

# LOTUS STARBASE

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*"Second star to the right...  
and straight on 'til morning."*

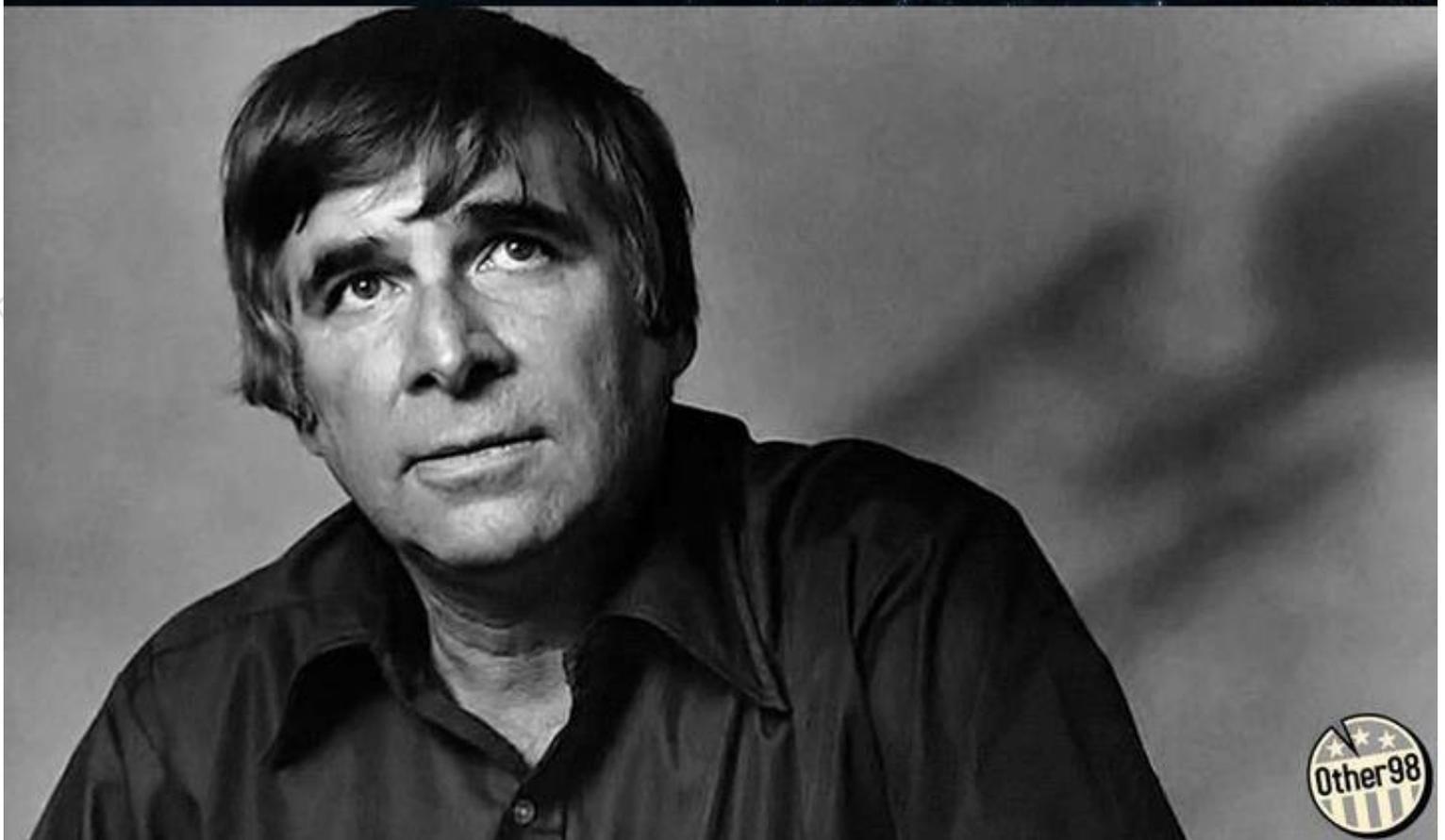


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The strength of a civilization  
is not measured by its ability  
to fight wars, but rather by  
its ability to prevent them.

*-Gene Roddenberry*



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## *Interview With a Vampi...Admiral Evshell!*



### **1. Where are you from?**

I grew up in the Central Pennsylvania area, and am still there to this day, in Harrisburg. I recently bought a house, so will definitely be here for the next 5-10 years at least.

### **2. What is your position in the Fleet?**

Fleet Executive Officer

### **3. When did you join Lotus Fleet?**

February 2010 (shortly after the launch of STO)

### **4. Lotus Fleet has often been described as more than just a gaming fleet, what does that mean to you?**

Roleplay! Among other things, I am most passionate about our Role play department and I have invested a lot of time into building it into what you see today, hopefully with more improvements to come. In addition to that, simply talking, joking, and commiserating with fellow Star Trek fans, on a daily or weekly basis, is quite a reward in of itself.

### **5. What is your favorite Star Trek series?**

The Next Generation

### **6. What is your favorite Star Trek movie?**

First Contact

### **7. Who is favorite Star Trek captain and why?**

Captain Jean Luc Picard. He is TNG and TNG is Picard. They go hand in hand, and since I love the show the most, I also love the character of Picard the most. In his own right, he represents the pinnacle of moral steadfastness when comparing him to all the other captains, excepting perhaps Jonathan Archer. However, Picard had a certain likeable mannerism that is hard to put into words, and Jonathan Archer sometimes got on my nerves (again hard to put into words).

### **8. What is your favorite Star Trek ship?**

The Galaxy-class made famous in The Next Generation as the majestic USS Enterprise-D. As you can see, I have a theme here...

### **9. Other than a captain do you have another favorite Star Trek character?**

I guess if I were to choose just one, I would have to go with Lieutenant Commander Data. He has



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**10. What is your favorite Star Trek uniform?**

The Next Generation Movie uniform is the best uniform I've seen. It is simple and very functional, yet elegantly designed. The color designation of profession does not stand out in an extreme way like the other uniforms, and the pullover jacket emphasizes authority, but is not overly bulky like the Wrath of Khan uniform.

**11. What keeps you interested in Star Trek despite the lack of a current episodic series?**

The hope for a new series, I suppose; that and my participation in Lotus Fleet. STO helped as well. But truly, were none of these things a factor, I would still be interested in Star Trek, simply because it will always be part of who I am as a person and I will continue to re-watch the series and movies for the rest of my life.

**12. Is there a character or actor you wish had never appeared in Star Trek?**

Sybok. Without him, the Final Frontier may have been about something meaningful, instead of a ridiculous search for God in a day and age when people should understand that even the most powerful of aliens are just beings with extraordinary gifts that we can't understand the science of. Besides that, despite not being religious myself, I am quite familiar with Christian theology, so I am aware that if he actually believed in God, then he would've known that proof of the existence of God completely defeats the purpose. The whole thing is just the silliest thing I've ever seen in Star Trek... and that includes the Voyager lizard episode!

**13. What are your thoughts on J.J. Abrams Star Trek movies?**

They're fun sci-fi movies for sure, but I don't believe they portray at all what Star Trek is really about. The first one had many scientific inaccuracies, which is something the shows generally tried to avoid whenever possible. The second one was at least less outright wrong, but it copied so much from Wrath of Khan, I didn't really see the point. They were both certainly action-packed and entertaining, but beyond that, I'm not sure what to say.

**14. Is there someone else you'd like to see direct a Star Trek film?**

Either Seth MacFarlane or Joss Whedon would do a spectacular job. Mr. MacFarlane has hinted at possibly wanting to take it on. I do not know if Mr. Whedon has indicated a desire to do it, but I know a lot of fans have him at the top of their lists. He obviously knows how to put together a starship crew. Both gentlemen would also be a great choice to write the series, as well as direct. I think in either case, I'd prefer they invest time into creating a brand new series, with a new cast, a new time period, and new adventures, rather than redoing what has already been done.



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**15. How do you think we can best apply Gene Roddenberry's vision today?**

I think we need to use Star Trek to show people what could become of our world if we all work together and innovate. Stop defunding NASA and scientific research with excuses about being in an economic slump. Only innovation and new technology will bring us out, and save us from the current threats we face like global climate change, world hunger, the growing economic divide, war, and violence. I think if everyone grew up watching Star Trek and The Next Generation, and really understand it, they might have more empathy and hope and the world would be a lot better. That's why with things like Netflix, with everything including Star Trek becoming more accessible online, I am more hopeful that things may improve.

**16. Are you active in Star Trek Online?**

Not really. It became too much of a grind game for me. With the same dozen or so end-game missions, the insane amount of time you have to invest just to get the tiniest amount of dilithium and other assets, and then the multitude of things you need to spend those assets on, it has become more like a job. I already have a job and at the end of the day, I just want to have fun when I game. However, I have a lifetime subscription, so if I happen to be available for a Fleet event, I will make every effort to join in.

**17. What is your impression of the game today vice when it launched?**

There is a huge improvement. Besides the grind aspect, they have definitely added a lot of content and made the game easier to use. However, when compared to the estimated 2000+ quests in Lord of the Rings Online, they have a lot further to go when it comes to adding content. The Foundry has helped, since it provides players with new and unique missions to play daily, however, that does not help to improve your equipment as much as the standard end-game grind.

**18. Do you believe Cryptic stays mostly true to Star Trek's vision?**

Not really, but it's not entirely their fault. It would be difficult to create an entire MMO centered on peaceful exploration. Most people would find it boring. I wouldn't, but I am not the typical gamer. I personally think it would be quite interesting to have your actions greatly influence how you are perceived by other characters in the game, and be rewarded as a Starfleet Captain for using the stun setting or expertly executed diplomacy.

**19. What is your passion in life or your biggest aspiration?**

Beyond Star Trek, of course, I am a computer programmer by trade, but a creative one, and I think my ultimate achievement would be to create something unique that a lot of people would be interested in, whether it is a video game, a useful app like Facebook or Twitter, or even a novel or TV show.

**20. What is your biggest peeve?**

I get quite annoyed by incorrect spelling and grammar. After saying that, I hope there are no mistakes in this written interview!



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**21. What would you say is the highlight in your life to this point?**

I don't think I really have a highlight necessarily. I suppose the closest thing would be my recent house purchase, because it is the culmination of long hours of study and investment in my career, so far, but it is really nothing extraordinary. Wow that makes me sound boring! For me, the little joys in life are what make it interesting, not astounding achievements or thrills.

**22. What is one thing nobody in the Fleet knows about you?**

One time, at band camp... err, nothing I would probably want to say publicly! Otherwise, I'm pretty open about everything. I guess most people probably don't know that I like to dance, since there's never really been a reason to talk about it. International Folk Dancing is one of my favorite hobbies that I grew up with and stopped doing around 16 because it wasn't 'cool'. But in the last few years, I recently picked it back up.

**23. Could you describe yourself in 5 words?**

Friendly, Intelligent, Geeky, Familial, Loyal

**24. Do you have a personal motto?**

No... do people usually have those? I thought those things only existed in movies and books! I guess if I were forced to come up with one, it would be "When in doubt, seek out logic and science."

**25. What advice would you give new members?**

Try out everything! It will make your experience much better to be as involved as you can. Try Role-play. Try joining events. Try putting up random posts or reply to other posts. Try volunteering your time and talents within a Fleet Position. Try to do or create something that no one else in the Fleet has yet done!

**26. How would you define leadership?**

Providing the structure and boundaries to allow people to achieve their goals and then getting out of the way and letting them do it.



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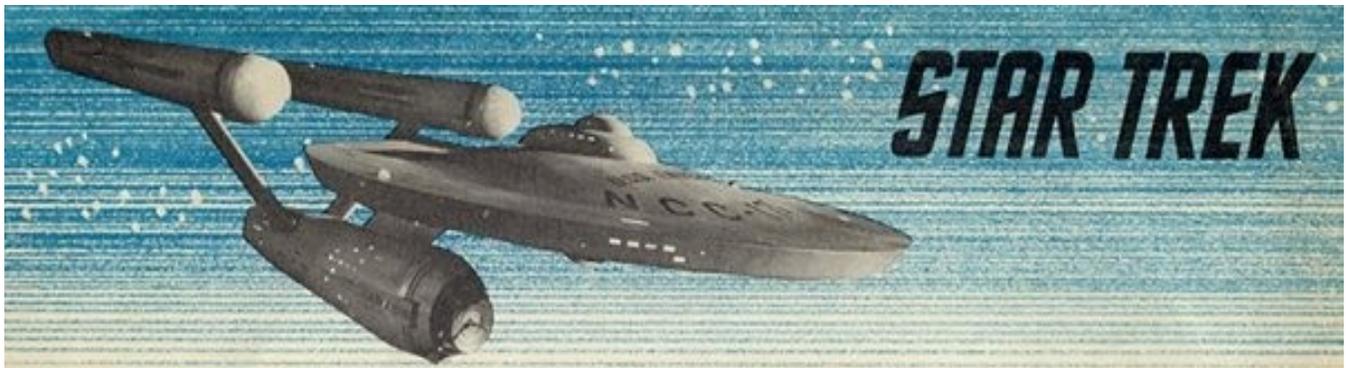
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FROM THE LOG OF THE STARSHIP ENTERPRISE

Dear STAR TREK Fan:

Welcome to STAR TREK intersteller!

This is the direct line to STAR TREK. We value you, not only as a fan, but as an active participant and contributor to our programs. We want your comments, your questions, your support -- and earnestly solicit you to write to "INSIDE STAR TREK," our official fan newsletter.

We also may all be actively involved later this year in "Twisting The Peacocks Tail." More about that later.

In the meantime, whatever your color, creed, or shape of ear, welcome aboard!

Most sincerely yours,

Gene Roddenberry  
Executive Producer  
STAR TREK

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**CHOOSE YOUR ANIMAL**



**LET YOUR INNER BEAST RUN FREE  
WITH LOTUS FLEET EVENTS AND RP**

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# USS PHOENIX



Excerpts modified and condensed from the RP story about the main crew of the USS Phoenix

*Captain Syntron: portrayed by Jeff T*

*Intro to the captain from Fleet Captain Samji during the dedication ceremony:*

"If it weren't for his tenacity and ingenuity, this ship would be merely another Avenger-class starship, impressive in its own right, but an equal to a half-dozen others currently in service in Starfleet. Of course it is due to one of the best scientific minds in Starfleet that Lotus Fleet now has this ship that I stated earlier may deserve its own class distinction."

"This five-time decorated Captain has served faithfully up to this point on the USS Artemis, first as her science officer, and then as her first officer. In the Azimuth Horizon Operation, he distinguished himself from all other Starfleet Officers and joined the likes of Neil Armstrong, Zephram Cochrane, and Tom Paris when he became the first in Federation history to successfully break the Warp barrier without a Warp Drive. This kind of thinking and a mind geared toward exploration and science is exactly who we need to pilot this groundbreaking vessel and lead her crew forward."



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The other senior officers of the USS Phoenix were then introduced by Captain Syntron:

*Executive Officer, Commander Joshua Riker portrayed by Sorripto:*

"First... my Executive Officer, Commander Joshua Riker. A Terran born on Lazon II and descended from a renowned Starfleet ancestry. He will be a key component on this ship as my first officer and the individual on which I will undoubtedly rely on throughout numerous occasions."

*Chief Engineer, Commander David Rogers portrayed by BLZBUB:*

"Next is our experienced Chief Engineer Commander David Rogers of mixed Human and Romulan heritage... born on a Romulus Facility. To our benefit, this 3 times decorated veteran comes to us with many years of experience and an impressive list of accomplishments within Lotus fleet itself."

*Chief Medical Officer Lieutenant Commander Elliago Nasaro-Myth portrayed by Kheren:*

"Our Chief Medical Officer Lieutenant Commander Elliago Nasaro-Myth M.D., a Deltan born on a Galaxy-class starship and my former colleague aboard the USS Artemis through many perilous but successful missions."

*Chief Science Officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade Stephanie Decatur portrayed by Decatur:*

"Next is Chief Science officer Lieutenant Junior Grade Stephanie Decatur, a Nanotechnologist... a joined-Trill that was on loan to us from this Starbase to oversee an intriguing nanite project aboard the ship but is now serving as our chief science officer."

*Operations Officer Lieutenant Junior Grade B'Zinga Decatur portrayed by Veela:*

"And lastly, our newly arrived Chief Operations Officer Lieutenant Junior Grade B'Zinga Decatur, fresh from Starfleet academy, born of Klingon heritage within Federation lands and eager to handle the enormous responsibilities associated with her new appointment."



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## Starfleet: Warriors or Explorers?

By Ashlyn Scott

Like everyone else growing up on Earth in the late 2300s I used to hear stories of the days when Humans bravely explored the unknown vastness of our galaxy. The most famous ship, the Enterprise crewed by the very best people that the Federation had to offer were less interested in making war and more interested in the path to discovering the answer most maddeningly endless question: Why? These intrepid men and women of many different species, including humans, sought out new life and new civilizations as well as answers to scientific questions that could only be answered by space travel and discovery.

Also like the rest of my generation I have watched as some of those new civilizations we discovered in the glory days came about to be unfriendly. I mourned the loss of life from the countless wars that the Federation has been dragged into. I was sure that we civilians weren't the only ones missing the peace and discovery, a concept that was confirmed in my recent meeting with Admiral Vega of Starfleet Command. But that wasn't all she told me.

Those glory days that seemed to be over by the time my generation entered into existence may have a chance of coming back: The USS Phoenix has been assigned a deep space assignment. Though this one is different from what we've seen in the last thirty years. The mission of the Phoenix is akin to those of the old Enterprise, Enterprise -A, Enterprise-B, Enterprise-D, and Excelsior. She will be on an extended mission to explore the unknown, to seek out new life and new civilizations....To boldly go where no one has gone before.

Admiral Vega assured me that Starfleet Command is indeed attempting to rekindle the exploratory spirit that is the driving force behind what Starfleet was, is, and what is shall be again. She and Starfleet Command offered to put me on board the Phoenix to be your eyes and ears. To show the galaxy, earth included, that Humanity and its allies will not be kept away from our passion: To peacefully explore the galaxy and to learn.

Under the command of Captain Syntron, a Vulcan, the USS Phoenix was re-named from its previous designation: USS Avenger. I recently had a chance to interview him and he explained that the rechristening of the ship was because he was not running



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a battleship, but a heavily modified and highly advanced exploration cruiser.

The Phoenix is a symbolic name on many counts. It signifies rebirth. The Phoenix has been modified with highly advanced systems that are classified, but largely are made from recycled materials from another ship, the USS Artemis, that was recently badly damaged during a largely classified science mission and decommissioned. In the same significance of rebirth the Phoenix gives us all hope that the glory of peaceful exploration may once again be the primary role of our beloved United Federation of Planets.

My first time aboard the ship was while it was still in dry-dock for my interview with Captain Syntron. At that time I had the chance to meet some of the senior officers which I assumed would be beneficial during my mission. Unfortunately, I was unprepared when greeted in the transporter room by the new chief of ship security. I reacted as most of us would upon seeing a cybernetic man in a lieutenant's security uniform. Mr. Argyle quickly laid my fears to rest though, and gave me a tour of some of the crew decks.

Due to deadlines I was unable to accept his offer of the full tour. It was just as well, apparently shortly before my arrival there had been some ship systems issue. There had been no casualties, but there were engineering and science crews working on repairs throughout the areas of the ship I had seen thus-far.



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# USS HORIZON



## USS HORIZON: Episode 1: The Forgotten

The largest, most advanced starship in Federation History, the Lotus Class USS Horizon, is being commissioned as the new flagship of Lotus Fleet under the Command of decorated Captain Kheren of the late USS Artemis. With him, a mixed crew of veteran and novice elite officers, including as a first officer time-displaced Commander Neil Redding, command prodigy strategic ops officer Commander Oseno Jureth, Operation Horizon star science chief Lieutenant Commander Snowfire K'Leysa, war hero Lieutenant Commander Joey Day Sisko as the chief engineer, the Bynar pair 110 and 011 as chief medical officer and Orion ops chief Lieutenant Elisha Leone.

Upon testing the new revolutionary transwarp drive of the Horizon, ship and crew are suddenly caught in an uncharted subspace eddy that hurls them at the edge of the galaxy, saving themselves in-extremis with the expert work of her crew and the courageous support of the Horizon's integrated escort starship, the USS Polaris. But now, The Horizon is stranded at the edge of a Mutara class nebula near the great galactic barrier, the Polaris nowhere to be found and a strange impulse trail leading deep into the nebula... while the crew of the Polaris awakes in a stone walled cell...



From the Drex Files—Doug Drexler.

When the second campaign failed to save Star Trek failed in 1969, this was the letter he received.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

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Dear Viewer:

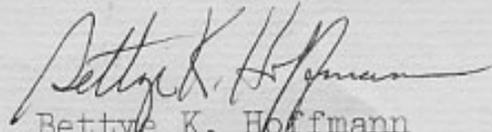
We appreciate your loyalty to STAR TREK, and want you to know that we too are disappointed that the program failed to develop the broad appeal necessary for maintaining it on our schedule.

A national network like NBC, as a program supplier for hundreds of stations around the country, must take into account nationwide program preferences, especially in its entertainment offerings. To ignore these preferences, as indicated to us by continuous research studies, would be unresponsive to millions of our viewers.

We are also obliged to refresh our schedule with program innovations, which we will do in replacing STAR TREK in the fall. It was through this process, of course, that STAR TREK itself came to our schedule.

Although we realize that a letter probably will not ease your displeasure, we do want to thank you for writing and giving us this chance to explain our point of view.

Sincerely yours,



Bettye K. Hoffmann  
Manager  
Department of Information



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## STO UPDATE BY ADMIRAL ATHOS

Lotus Fleet is coming along, sure and steady. We've got a Tier 3 Starbase, and by that I mean that the Starbase and all facilities (Comm Array, Transwarp Gate, Shipyard, and Fabrication Facility) are all Tier 3. We've also got a Tier 1 Embassy that the Fleet is working towards upgrading to Tier 2, but the main focus is actually on the Dilithium Mine.

When this Fleet decides that it wants something, we go after it pretty quickly even with our small numbers. The Dilithium Mine is a huge benefit in that it provides discounts on the requirements for building other holdings. Right now we have a Tier 1 Dilithium Mine, Tier 1 Trade Facility and Tier 2 Development Facility. But wait, Lotus Fleet members just donated enough materials to upgrade the Dilithium Mine to Tier 2 and it is currently counting down. We also have enough credit to immediately start upgrading the Trade Facility.

What does the Dilithium Mine provide Fleet Members? As stated, the Dilithium mine provides various discounts; at Tier 1 we get a 4% discount, at Tier 2 a 9% discount and at Tier 3 a 15% discount on the requirement of Fleet Marks, Dilithium, and Commodities. So the cost of building the remaining facilities will cost the Fleet 15% less once we have the Di Mine at Tier 3. The Di Mine also provides Ultra-Rare Type XII Warp Cores and Consoles. In order to get those items, we must have provisions so that is why you will see those projects loaded.

Unfortunately our House of Lotus Klingon Fleet is suffering from merely a lack of players. At last check, there are 3 members who sometimes play and therefore the House of Lotus is at Tier 0 for all holdings. So, if you have the time and want to play as a Klingon (or Romulan aligned with the Klingons), House of Lotus could use your help.

Operations Division is looking to have at least one (1) STO Fleet event per week. These events are so much more fun with the more people that show up. For the smaller missions, teams of 5 are ideal. However, if we get an odd number, (6-9) we can join larger missions. Note, with 5 people, we can have our own private missions!

Finally, Cryptic has starting talking about Season 8. We all know that the Voth and a Dyson Sphere is involved; but did you know there is talk about adding the player rank of Admiral? More to come on that but it promises to be a game changer.



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## 1. STO Event: Crystalline Catastrophe

**Oct 03, 2013** (*check the site Calendar for your local time*)

Because of the special event going on now, and the great rewards, let's team up and knock this out. It'll likely only take 15 min, but anyone that wants to stay on and play other PvE for Fleet Marks would be fantastic.

Meet on TS3 and in STO.

Invited: Everyone

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## 2. Fleetwide Meeting

**Oct 06, 2013** (*check the site Calendar for your local time*)

Occurs every: 1st Sunday of month - every 1 Month(s) UTC - 5 hours [ DST ]

This is our Fleet meeting to discuss Lotus Fleet business, events, and other important information.

The meeting will commence at 5 PM EST and be recorded.

Afterward, the meeting goes "unofficial" and unrecorded into a round table, where anyone may have a chance to speak; i.e. ask questions, present ideas, etc... This is the social aspect of our meeting and provides an opportunity to get to know everyone involved in the Fleet even better.

Think of it as our Fleet's Ten Forward

Each meeting will be held on TeamSpeak 3. Please download and install TS3 following this guide:

<http://www.lotusfleet.org/viewtopic.php?f=34&t=55>

Also, please RSVP so that we know who is planning to attend, and indicate if you will be bringing a guest.

Invited: Everyone

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### 3. Trivia Contest: Audio Quiz

Oct 06, 2013 after Fleet Meeting *(check the site Calendar for your local time)*

Following our October meeting join your Cardassian Quizmaster for the return of our famous Lotus Fleet Star Trek Audio Quiz. Test your knowledge and ears against your fellow fleetmates as you try and identify audio clips from the Star Trek universe.

Invited: Everyone



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## Awards, Promotions and Organ Donations

### Longevity awards:

- Ensign binhawkins: 54 months
- Fleet Admiral Kheren: 51 months
- Fleet Captain Teancum: 51 months
- Lieutenant Maurs: 36 months
- Ensign Veela: 3 months
- Admiral Evshell: 42 months
- Rear Admiral Jeff T: 30 months
- Provisional Rear Admiral Crist: 54 months
- Provisional Rear Admiral Joester: 54 months
- Fleet Captain Vladan: 42 months
- Captain Josh Vincent: 30 months
- Captain Storm Windfall: 51 months
- Lieutenant-Commander MichaelJTritter: 30 months
- Lieutenant Snowfire: 36 months
- Lieutenant (J.G.) mindblade: 42 months
- Ensign Anders: 45 months
- Fleet Captain BLZBUB: 54 months
- Lietenant corocoran: 9 months
- Retired Fleet Officer Jae Onasi: 42 months
- Ensign Jerik: 48 months
- Provisional Rear Admiral Spawner: 57 months

### Promotions:

- Josh Vincent promoted to the rank of Commodore;
- arma promoted to the rank of Captain.



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## Editor's Corner by Captain Storm Windfall

Good Day to you all!

Me again, having fun with something I am very nearly good at. The past...how long is it? My brain can't compute that I ever was gone from the Fleet. Yeah, My first laptop decided to give up the ghost, but even before that, it had problems loading even the simplest of graphics. Now how can anyone work (or play) in such circumstances?

Not me, for sure! So, I visited the sites, tried to read some of subjects in the Forums, once or twice I was quite lucky and man! I enjoyed being part of the Fleet again even in such indirect way. Then my laptop decided to finally go to the place where all circuits and chips go, dumping me in the darkest depression.

I mean...really! I have real life social phobias that will scare every one but the most dedicated shrink. Being connected is my life. It's how I connect with my friends, real life and otherwise and school. Most of my books, casual and texts, was on that darn laptop. Photos, graphics, assignments, you name it, it was there.

You know when it decided to finally die? While I was busy backing my files up! Oi. It just died. The fan gave a last whir before everything went black with a loud click. Let's just say...Hurricane Katrina was a soft breeze in comparison with my wrath. LOL. My own fault for letting things slide when I knew it was on it's last legs!

Now I have this new laptop with one humongous memory and I decided just then and there to go back to the Fleet! I am having a great time!

Being a curious individual, I was wondering...what are the reason that members are drawn to the Lotus Fleet site and then what keeps them here? So, I posed these questions in my grand spanking new office, crossed my fingers and hoped for great results.

Here are the responses thus far:



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## Admiral Jeff T, CO of Command Division, responded:

I've divided my response to Storm's inquiry into seven key reasons of why I am a member of Lotus Fleet.

1. Lotus Fleet is first and foremost an authentically dedicated Star Trek community. This is what brought me here in the first place. It has a structure that lends itself to membership that is genuinely without drama or trolls and this all began with the application process itself.
2. Signing/agreeing to the Code of Conduct. It is the fundamental guideline that maps out the expectations, responsibilities, duties, etc... within this community. It is also a "living document" that can be revised when a need arises, as it was a few months back to reflect changes as the fleet matures and re-evaluates the language and content of expectations and phrasing.
3. Our Academy itself in which by design, allows true fans of Star Trek to enjoyably glide through the structure and selection of courses and thus demonstrate their primary tier of commitment, while also serving as a true filter to others that could potentially bring a range of negative aspects into the fleet.
4. Our Chain of Command, which was inspired by the Star Trek Starfleet structure, provides a means of leadership that is earned through demonstration of service rather than capriciously given unjustifiably. Any member is welcome to apply for a position and work their way up through the ranks via dedicated service to the fleet in any capacity in which they are interested. We have our divisions of Command, the Academy, and Operations for members to choose in which division and position they would like to serve the fleet. I, as an example, started as a cadet along with mostly everyone else currently present on the fleet, and worked my way through each of the three divisions and the ranks by this very method. Dedication and commitment are not overlooked here, but are instead acknowledged; at times even with heartfelt Medals and Commendations or other means of appreciation. There is not an assumption present of expecting a reward every time a contribution is made by a member. However, these accolades are available when the work, effort, and commitment by a member truly stand out.
5. We are survivors! Despite the loss of our original fleet site, we banded together and regrouped on a temporary site while eventually rebuilding a new site from the ground up. It was a team effort and was about 5 months in the making, and is still being modified and improved as the need arises. This process was not an easy one, but it was a testament to the endurance of the fleet and its dedicated membership. We are not a large fleet by any means, but we are a tight-knit and talented group of Star Trek enthusiasts!
6. Roleplay: Our RP department has been among the most rewarding aspect of the fleet for me personally because it has allowed me over the years of not only participating in these Star Trek oriented stories, but more recently, the opportunity to lead stories as well. The teamwork and creativity involved throughout this process is unparalleled in my experience to anywhere else out there attempting to do something similar. In many aspects our stories show a level of Star Trek detail, creativity and sophistication that are lacking even in the majority of published novels. I really believe that given the opportunity as a complete full-time team, we could become the actual writers for a next Star Trek TV series... and we would do an amazing job of it!
7. The camaraderie present in the fleet is unique. There may be times when "real life" work, obligations, relationships, etc... strain the availability of members to be steadily and actively involved in the fleet, but they know that their home here on the Lotus Fleet site will be there when the opportunity is available. Some members have even drifted away and eventually found their way back into the fold. Why? Because of the interactions and camaraderie that exists here. It doesn't matter where in the world you are located, or what your favorite Star Trek series or movies are... through meetings, games like STO, contests and such, we get to know each other and discover that the core values expressed through the best of Star Trek serve as a positive binding force keeping this fleet united and continuous.

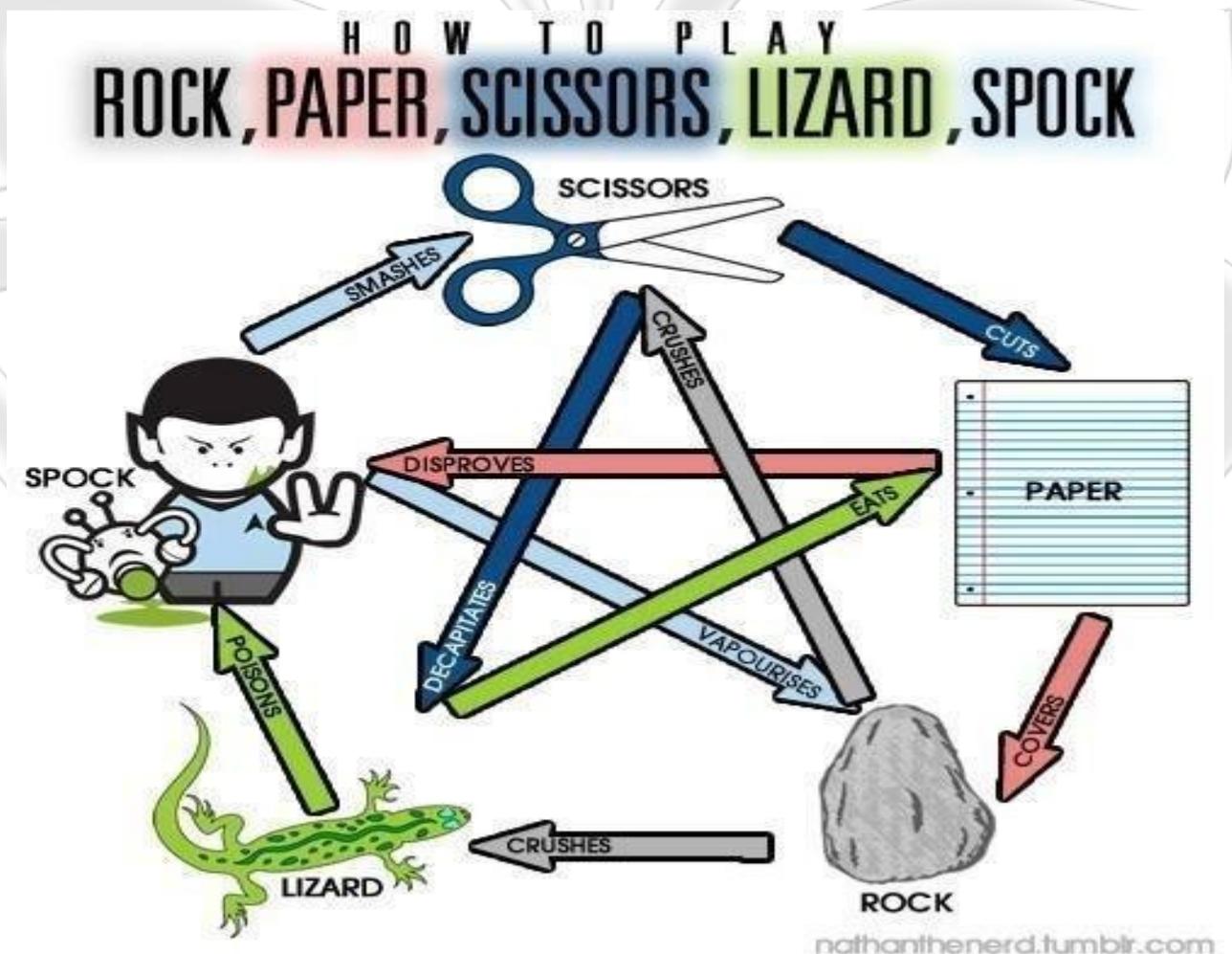


Fleet Captain BLZBUB, R&R Director, Command Division, responded:

Before I came to Lotus Fleet, I was a high ranking officer of another fleet. Unfortunately, due to the usual lack of interest or real life issues, this fleet started a rapid decline in attendance, eventually folding up and closing it's base of operations. (Read: Web site).

However, previous to this happening, I had the good fortune to have attended the Lotus Fleet Academy, as a guest, and had received my diploma upon graduating engineering. With this diploma in hand, I approached the Lotus Fleet staff and joined this happy group after our fleet site shut down. I have been much blessed with being able to participate in the continued growth of Lotus Fleet since that time, even after my old fleet re-emerged and took up the Star Trek Online game.

Although my old fleet mates have repeatedly asked me to return, I have commitments here with Lotus Fleet that I could not, in good conscience, walk away from. Thus I have remained here, turning down the proffered Fleet Admiralty back at my old fleet. I have not regretted this decision yet.



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