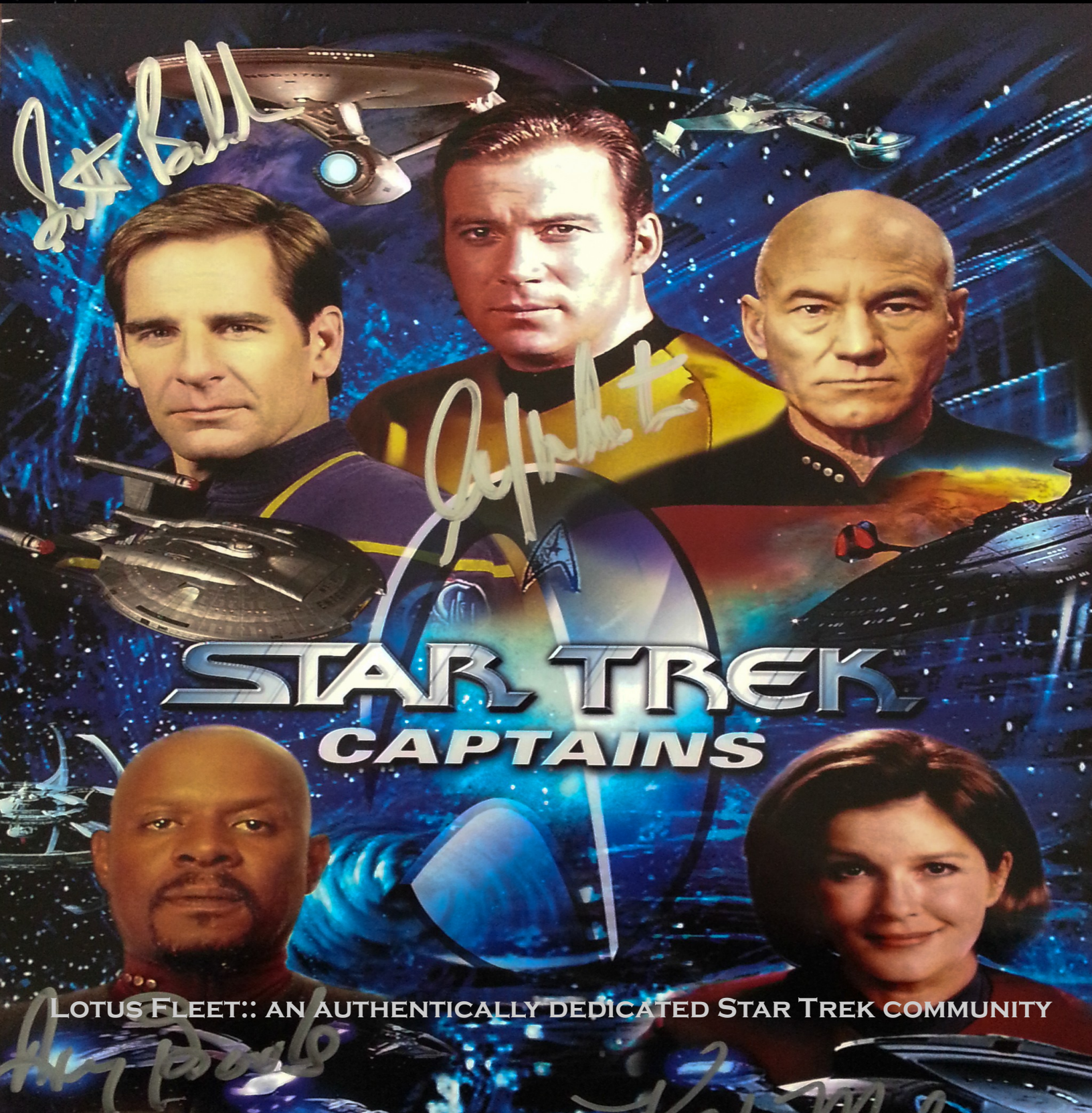


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## *At the Podium: Fleet Admiral Kheren*

### LOTUS FLEET WANTS YOU!

Lotus Fleet is more than a gaming guild for Star Trek Online; more than a Star Trek RP group; more than a Star Trek fan club. Lotus Fleet is all of that... and more.

As a community bringing together gamers, role-players, chatters, creators and enthusiasts around and inside the Star Trek universe from about every angle and horizon, Lotus Fleet is as good as its members. And in this regard, we are fortunate to have the liveliest, most dedicated, mature and friendly group of Star Trek fans any Fleet could hope for, from between the two poles of the planet to between sunrise and sunset.

But we need more than that.

Not just more members; being a welcoming haven for all those that want to share their passion for Star Trek is easy enough, especially with you people being here to do so. But once those new members join, how are they to do the sharing? Who will help them make the most of what Lotus Fleet could, should and would offer?

Could it not be you?

Yes, you!

We need you, dedicated and generous Fleetmates, to step up and give as much as you expect from the fleet; to help manage the website and the in-game fleet; to help others to have fun in-game and in RP; to make it possible to share comments, opinions, views and information about our beloved universe or even any other topic we happen to be enthusiastic about; to help build further this community for your own enjoyment and that of others, those present, those to come and those that will inherit the best of what you would leave behind.

Those that do so are our fleet officers. Yes, those pips and ranks you see under the names of some people on our website are not just pixel colors saying we like you or you've been with us long enough; in Lotus Fleet, rank come with position and position comes with work and responsibilities freely taken up for the benefit of the entire community.

Lotus Fleet, the website, the chatroom, the RP site, the in-game fleet, those are our starships of the 21st century. And those starships need officers to man them and command them so that we do reach that next star to the right... and go beyond. Graphic work, technical work, events planning, Academy tutoring, role-playing managing, game helping, promotional work, welcoming and guiding new members... We need dedicated and generous people to step up and assume those stations and work to make those ships reach the final frontier of our shared love for all things Trek.

As it was in the first day of our Fleet back in January 2008, now more than ever, Lotus Fleet wants you. We want you to be a Starfleet officer of the 21st Century.

Here's to seeing you on the bridge!

Fleet Admiral Kheren  
Commanding Officer  
Lotus Fleet



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# Command Division

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The following are the current positions within Command Division and a description of the duties and responsibilities of each. All candidates for each position must be graduates from Lotus Fleet Academy, and must be approved by the Commanding Officer of Command Division.

### Media Developer (Tier 3)

Takes direction from the Publications Director on which projects are to be completed and in what order.

Reports to the Publications Director as instructed on the progress of any outstanding media projects.

A candidate for this position should have experience with Media production including the use of Media software such as Photoshop along with web design programs, like Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Edge, Typekit, Google Web Fonts, MUSE, or Fireworks.... i.e. experience working with web-based design to create features for the fleet website; which we currently have ideas prepared for implementation.

### Newsletter Writer (Tier 2)

Responsible for producing stories for the fleet newsletter at the direction of the newsletter editor or senior newsletter writer.

A candidate for this position should be able to accept article assignments and meet deadlines as given by the Newsletter Editor, along with having initiative to come up with ideas as well.

### Recruitment and Retention Officer (Tier 2)

Assists with all recruitment and retention activities including but not limited to in-game recruitment, the STO forum thread, and threads on any other fan or community sites.

Candidates for this position should be friendly, outgoing, social and prepared to represent Lotus Fleet to the Star Trek community at large.

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## *An Interview With Vice Admiral Jett Ski*

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

Originally, Southern New Jersey just east of Philadelphia. Then, San Diego California. Currently Phoenix Arizona

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

Commanding Officer of the Command Division

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

February 2011

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

To begin to answer this, I first go back to Star Trek's creator.

Gene Roddenberry himself was more than merely a TV producer and the creator of Star Trek — he was a futurist who had a keen vision about the potential future of mankind in the midst of some very turbulent times in our society.

This thread below best explains my thoughts on this question to a further degree in regards to the fleet itself: <http://www.lotusfleet.org/viewtopic.php?f=64&t=429#p2276> (This was included in a previous issue of the Newsletter)

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

Star Trek (TOS)

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

The wrath of Khan, followed VERY closely by The Undiscovered Country.

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

James Tiberius Kirk

#### Resourceful:

In his one-on-one battle with the Gorn Captain, Kirk remembers an old formula for gunpowder and is able to construct a makeshift cannon: using sulfur, coal, potassium nitrate, diamonds, and a bamboo-like plant. Doing all of this while injured and being pursued.

#### Compassion/Mercy:

In the same episode, he refuses to deal a fatal blow to his opponent; realizing also that the Federation could have placed a colony where it didn't belong.

#### Intelligence/Always learning:

"You know the greatest danger facing us is ourselves, an irrational fear of the unknown. But there's no such thing as the unknown— only things temporarily hidden, temporarily not understood."

His best friend Gary Mitchell describe him as a walking stack of books, yet he had a high degree of common sense and could improvise when required.

#### Cunning/Risk-taker:

Many examples: like the Corbomite maneuver when facing death, or in tricking the Klingons to beam into a self-destructing Enterprise to even the odds in The Search for Spock. Outwitting the M-5 computer or Nomad, and the list goes on.





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Using advisors:

Sitting around the triangular table discussing missions, challenges, obstacles, options, dangers, etc.. listening to everyone's viewpoint and debates before reaching a decision.

Bravery:

Kirk had no fear to face adversaries, and had his boots to the ground to lead let alone be involved in most away missions.

Charm/likability:

Accept it or not, James T Kirk had charisma and knew how to employ this not just to gain favors with an attractive female, but to use this characteristic in conjunction with his savvy intelligence to be rather persuasive. He also exhibited a sense of humor that accompanied his sense of duty.

Perspective:

Kirk loved his Enterprise, there is no question about it. Yet he was willing to sacrifice it and if necessary himself along with the crew if deemed a necessity.

When Bele for example, was not satisfied with not being taken to his home world and commandeers the Enterprise by using his mental powers to direct the ship to Cheron, Kirk and under his directive also Spock and Scotty, are forced to activate the three-part self-destruct sequence in order to force Bele to relinquish control of the ship.

He knew when poker should prevail over chess in given situations and acted accordingly, and at times even unconventionally.

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

NCC 1701

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

TOS: Spock and McCoy

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

Wrath Of Khan

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

The Star Trek Philosophy that Gene Roddenberry envisioned... which could lead to a long and involved discussion in itself.

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

I suppose...but my main complaint is not related to a specific actor but this new "Reboot" of an already rich history of Star Trek.

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

As we have discussed among members of our fleet here, I am one to also see this as "Star Trek" in name only. No soul or heart...a commercialized version that rushed to have all of the main character meet quickly under forced circumstances and had them acting in manners inconsistent with what was known about them. The timeline and cannon were just thrown away... out of laziness and a selfish "I'll ignore everything out there and just do what I want to do... regardless."

Both movies so far were much more fantasy than true Science Fiction, more silly unbelievable and unnecessary Star Wars-like chase/action sequences and events... then the thought-provoking aspects that we as fans expect and hope for in a Star Trek film. It is like a adventure of glitzy and flashy form, with no real substance beyond the shallow facade. The pilfering from the Wrath of Khan alone was



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rather embarrassing and nauseating to witness.... as a long time fan.

However, I don't blame the actors for these atrocities, but rather the weak, superficial writing by Abram's team.

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

Seth MacFarlane: A true Star Trek fan who has the skills and desire to bring a more genuine approach and integrity back to this franchise.

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

By not being a lemming within a closed-minded, self-serving insensitive society. By not allowing insatiable greed to overtake common sense and fairness.

Things will not change in our world unless how we ourselves choose to interact with those around us differently. Like a pay-it-forward approach, we need to emulate in our words and deeds the type of world in which we would like to see exist. Those around you will eventually take notice in some capacity.

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

Yes... on and off

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

It is way more advanced and developed than when first launched. I like the episodes that are released. I've enjoyed many sessions of team STFs or PVEs over the years with other Lotus Team members. Having previously been an Events coordinator, I played and replayed many of those episodes time and time again.

Although I have to admit, I was not too keen on STO having gone to FTP after investing \$\$\$ into a Lifetime subscription. Especially since now they want you to continually purchase a slew of different things, which I usually choose not to do. I just allow my Zen to accrue and/or earn dilithium if I need to make any significant purchase.

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

Somewhat for a game. Although there is much more combat than diplomacy. But this is an action game so that is not a surprise. Nevertheless, there are trying to incorporate other aspects into the game besides ground or space battles. But then some people complain because they must then think or resolve problems.... which is ironic because this really an integral aspect of the Star Trek philosophy.

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

Music. Recording and releasing a series of original CDs. Also writing: both songs and stories, poems etc...

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

Prejudice and narrow-mindedness

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

Creative, Musical, Introspective, Writer, Intelligent

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

Refer to the answer for question #15.

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

Get involved with any aspect of the fleet in which you have some level of an aptitude. You may find yourself more engaged and invested in the fleet if you become an active part of it... just like in any aspect of life.



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#### 24. How would you define leadership?

- Lead by example.
- Allow those around you to shine and demonstrate their perspective and capabilities.
- Don't be power hungry and lead from the top down
- Listen to everyone involved
- Make the work enjoyable during all stages: from inception to completion
- Be willing and open to change
- Continue learning and growing

#### 25. Are there any other thoughts or information that you'd like to add?

Yes, the closest example of those truly striving to follow Roddenberry's vision is the team working on Star Trek Continues.

This is probably the most authentic re-creation of TOS that I have seen. The bridge, sickbay, hallways, Jeffries tube etc... have all been masterfully recreated in amazing detail. The filming, camera angles, music, color, tones, etc... are truly artistic and a real tribute to the original look, feel, sound, and atmosphere of TOS. More importantly, the story-telling aspect is spot on with its integrity, and true to the philosophy and interactions of the Star Trek characters.

Time-wise this series occurs at the start of the 4th season of TOS...had it continued on.

Note: Perhaps the main reason this project is so successful is that this is a project created from the heart and filled with integrity and passion. The positive reactions from hard-core fans to the more casual ones are similar...which is rather unusual but not surprising. People recognize, even if they cannot explain it, a level of quality and authenticity that has been lacking for a long time. Quality is not a fad...it doesn't go out of style. It is sustained now matter how many years, decades, or whatever passes.

It is why Star Trek goes on 50 years after its first pilot was created and will continue, in some form, long after we have perished.

They are streaming first two completed episodes:

<http://www.startrekcontinues.com/episodes/#.Uz72JfldXtt>

1. Pilgrim of Eternity
2. Lolani

They are amazing and stand up well to the best of the original series. The third episode which already finished filming is due to be aired in June. It will involve the Mirror Universe in the storyline.



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# Operations Division

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## Operations Division wants you!

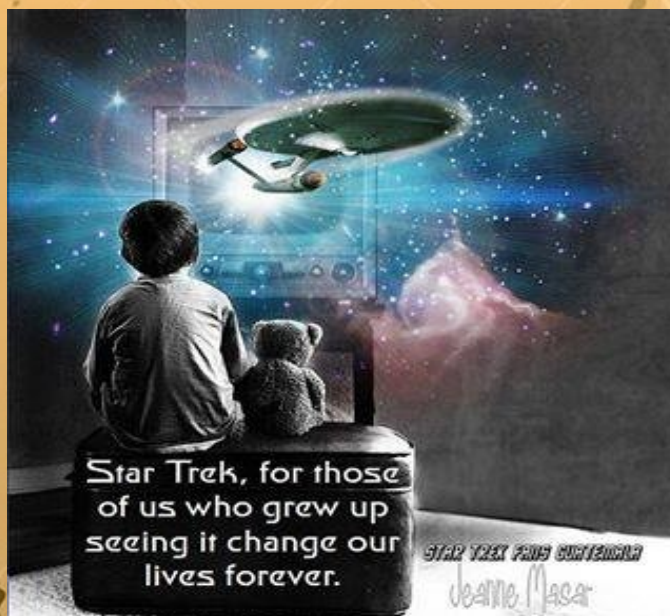
We have open positions, tier 2-4, in the Events, Role Playing, and Technical departments. The Events Department needs people who are dedicated to creating and running events for the rest of the Fleet to participate in. These events can be STO, trivia, or any kind of event you can think of. Be creative!

If you enjoy Lotus Fleet Role Playing, then a position in the RP Department is just for you! You would be working directly with Admiral Evshell who oversees Lotus Fleet's Role Playing at present. If role-playing is all you are interested in, then positions in this department are still for you as you would help guide the development of the Fleet's RP Ships and story lines.

Finally, if you have skill regarding website administration, programming, etc., consider a position with our Technical Department. A great deal of trust lies with these positions; applicants must be willing to demonstrate skills and possess patience working through the process.

Operations has many opportunities and we'd enjoy having you on board the team.

Contact Admiral Athos with any questions; apply today!



Star Trek, for those  
of us who grew up  
seeing it change our  
lives forever.

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Jeannie Masar





*It's called Role Play, Madam. I can assure you; having a glass of Romulan Ale will not and did not cloud my judgment. Therefore, I cannot under good conscience take responsibility for the inferior quality of Earthen products.*



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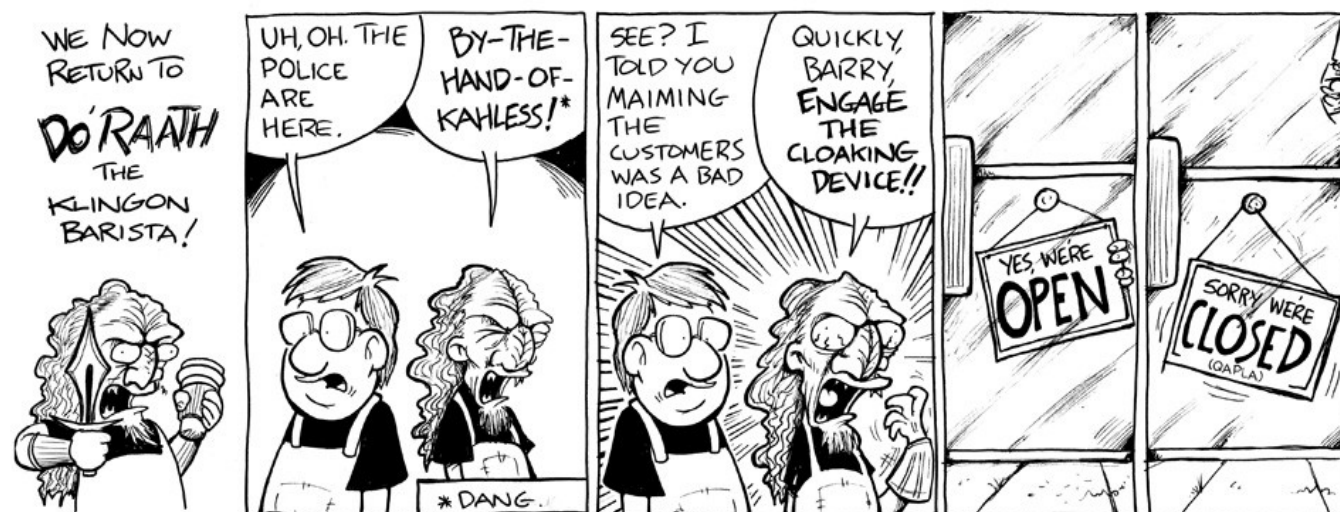


Follow the adventures of both the USS Horizon and the USS Phoenix as they continue their journeys throughout the cosmos.

The USS Phoenix is currently in the midst of concluding their maiden voyage far away from the Starbase while the USS Horizon is still docked while their gallant are in meetings preparing for their second mission.

Join them in their ongoing voyages on our RP site, and if you are up for the challenge, perhaps participate in the adventure as a valued crew member.

Follow these exciting stories thread-by-thread here: <http://www.lotusfleet.org/rp/>



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# USS PHOENIX



## Crew

Captain Syntron, portrayed by Jeff T

Executive Officer, Commander Joshua Riker portrayed by Sorripto

Chief Engineer, Commander David Rogers portrayed by BLZBUB

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

Geneticist Doctor Kathleen Friedman portrayed by Storm Windfall



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## USS PHOENIX

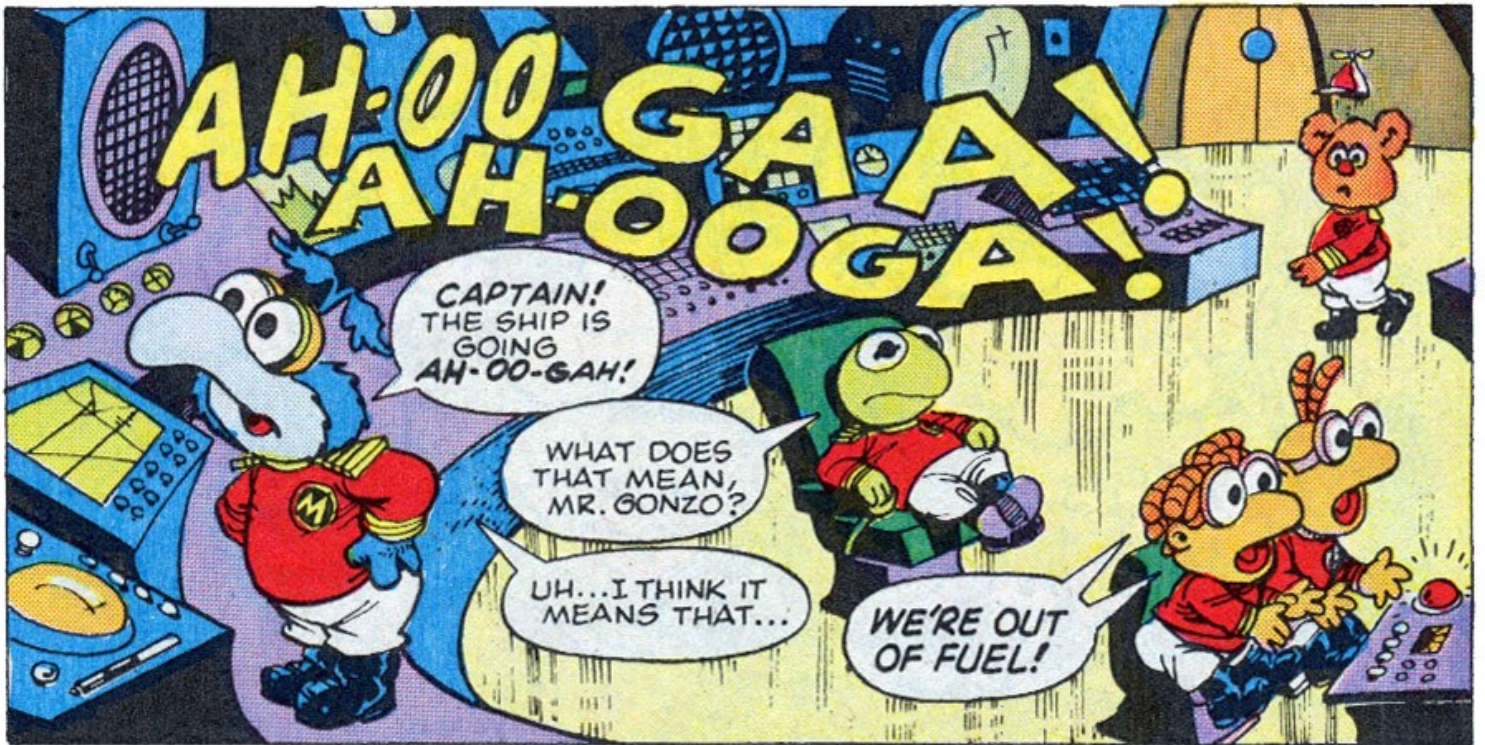
### *From the Ashes*

On the USS Phoenix, the crew aboard the shuttle Sagan was barely rescued from their entrapment within the bubble-verse.

Two weeks afterward, the Phoenix arrived to a newly discovered planetoid. After multiple attempts at scanning this object, both remotely by probes and by the ship itself had been deflected, a reconfigured type III planetary probe was sent to briefly scout the surface.

Afterward, an away team of ten crewmembers aboard the shuttle Wildfire were sent down to investigate this mysterious location.

Arriving to this frigid and inhospitable environment, they discovered a series of large ancient spires, but have not yet detected any signs of life. They are currently in search for entrance into a subterranean area discovered on a holographic spheroid illuminated within the interior of a spire.



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# USS HORIZON



## Crew

Captain Kheren

First Officer: Commander Neil Redding

Ops Officer: Commander Oseno Jureth

Science Chief: Lieutenant Commander Snowfire K'Leysa

Chief Engineer: Lieutenant Commander Joey Day Sisko

Chief Medical Officer: the Bynar pair 110 and 011

Ops Chief: Lieutenant Elisha Leone



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## USS Horizon Season 3 Episode 2

### *HAWKS & DOVES*

The flagship of Lotus Fleet is tasked with a critical diplomatic mission to the other side of the Beta Quadrant, where opens the only natural access to Fluidic Space. Her mission; establish a lasting peace and hopefully a formal alliance with the inhabitants of that other universe, the enigmatic Undines.

With her transwarp drive, integrated escort ship and state of the art capability to operate in all fields without any support for years if need be, the USS Horizon is the best starship to accomplish this task; but even more because of her unique crew:

Andorian Captain Kheren, (played by Kheren) veteran of both the Borg War and Operation Horizon; decorated as much for diplomatic accomplishment as for scientific discovery and military prowess, bewilderingly resourceful yet unshakeable faithful to Federation values and Starfleet directives.

Time-displaced Commander Neil S. Redding, (played by Redding); the equally resourceful and reliable first officer and the starship executive officer with the largest experience in Starfleet, way beyond his years, in both peaceful and critical situations.

Bajoran Commander Oseno Jureth, (played by Jureth) strategic ops officer and commander of the integrated escort vessel USS Polaris; a natural starship commander who during Operation Horizon was responsible for this unique opportunity for peace and knowledge with the Undines.

Commander Joseph D. Sisko, (played by Evshell) hero of the Borg War; theoretical engineer among the chief architects of the final demise of the Collective, the hated enemy of the Undines.

Lieutenant Commander Snowfire K'Leysha, (played by Snowfire) the mysterious Illithyrii chief of science who chiefly helped solve the Azimuth Horizon threat; her impressive telepathic powers will be invaluable in communicating with the Undines.

Lieutenants 011 and 110, (played by Evshell) the only Bynars acting as chief medical officers in Starfleet; best capable of all in understanding and dealing with the unknown organic technology of the Undines and their mysterious realm.

Orion Lieutenant Elisha Leône, (played by Jeff T) chief of operations; living proof of the value of equality, freedom and brotherhood of the Federation.

Romulan Lieutenant S'Tan Solius (Played by Niomo) chief engineer; also proving by his sole presence that Starfleet and the Federation can and do make peace and friendship even with former enemies.

Lieutenant First Class Alexandria Somers, (played by AlexSomers) Marines commander; with her combination of military and diplomatic skills and elite team of specially-trained soldiers, may best ensure that the Horizon and her crew will return home.

On this important mission, the perils match the promises. The USS Horizon and her crew are about to embark on their historical journey. Will they succeed?



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## STO UPDATE BY ADMIRAL ATHOS

Well done Lotus Fleet! Our efforts and the overall strategy are showing big results. First and foremost, our Dilithium Mine is now maximized at Tier 3; make certain to check out the now-open second level! Maxing out the Dilithium Mine Holding gives Lotus Fleet a 15% discount on Fleet Marks, Dilithium and Commodities required to complete all projects. We are also working on the Rich Dilithium Mining Daily Mission project; this allows each player to mine a large amount of ore. If it is like the Vlugta Asteroid Field Rich Dilithium VIP claim (5,000 dilithium in 1 minute), it will be quite worth your time.

Our Embassy is upgraded to Tier 2. After we finish the construction project that enables instant transport to the Embassy from any of the other Fleet facilities (Dilithium Mine, Starbase, Spire?), we will start to upgrade the Trade Facility to tier 2.

Our Starbase is at Tier 3; it takes quite a lot to get any of the facilities to upgrade to tier 4, but your hard work has our Comm Array at over half-way to Tier 4. We only need 21,000 more points, upgrade the Comm Array, then we can upgrade our Starbase to Tier 4. It is a slow process, but remember the ultimate goal is to provide Lotus Fleet members with access to the best ships and gear, both space and ground.

Finally, we have started our Fleet Spire. Progress will be quick at first as we build the Spire through Tier 1. Remember that there are cosmetic upgrades to all of our facilities, except the Starbase, which you can contribute towards. As recent events have shown, a team effort working under an overall strategy towards a specific purpose will yield results. Continue to keep tabs on the <http://www.lotusfleet.org/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=430> STO Fleet Holdings Current Strategy® post; it is updated as necessary.

Keep at it everyone; steady as she goes.

~Admiral Athos



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## RP Parody: The Misadventures of the USS Desperado

Captain's Log  
USS Desperado  
Stardate 87256.29

Things are really disconcerting aboard this RP starship. Key members of my senior staff are not reporting for duty. Other are missing for day or weeks on end. Apparently some have even mysteriously transported off to who knows where.

Our mission seems in jeopardy without their committed involvement on a consistent basis. I have therefore summoned all of these key officers in for a meeting in the conference room. This will commence in thirty minutes.

The fate of our fictional universe now hangs in the balance.

Moments later, Captain Taskmaster stepped into the conference room and took his seat at the head of the table as he gazed around the room. He sat quietly for the moment and waited for the stragglers to creep into the meeting and slither into their chair long after their appointed time. After they all were finally seated, he stood up to address them.

"Greetings crew. I have assembled all of you PCs and NPCs here today to discuss some issues we our having aboard our starship," the captain began with a troubled look plastered all over his stern face. "It would seem that we have too many gaps and pauses in the flow of our mission. Some officers that are suppose to be on duty are nowhere to be found. Even their NPCs are not being detected on our sensors. We have dialogue just hanging there...unanswered. We have departments unaccounted for. We have events begun and then aren't resolved in any capacity...and unfortunately, the list goes on."

The captain then looked around with grave concern as he continued.

"This starship cannot function without your help. Therefore, I want to open the floor up for a discussion about what is occurring and try to come up with some workable solutions." The captain then sat down and allowed the discussion to commence.

The officer sitting nearby was the first to chime in.

One-liner O'Neil: "Reporting as ordered, Captain!"

Grumbling Gretch: "Humph...why are we here on this mission anyway. We could just send a probe in, take a few scans, and then have time to do more productive things...like complain about other aspects of my life!"

Happy Hatty: "There is no fun in that! We may discover alien artifacts, like..shiny weapons...like...shiny jewelry...like shiny new technology...like diamonds...like the cure for aging..." She did a happy dance. "We can even meet new people!"

Bewildered Brenda "Oh...I don't know what the hell is going on here...I go off for a few weeks and now there are all of these things that have happened...and I'm supposed to read them all and understand what's going on? Are you serious?" she added with distain laced on every word. Looking exasperated, Brenda then mumbled, "I don't know if I can handle all of this pressure!"





Lazy Luke: "Oh whatever. Just say, reporting for duty! - or - This here nano's will fix our shield problem, Sir! Just need a few tweaks! ...and then stay away a few weeks to fix the problem."

Prima Donna: "I can do something maybe in a few hours, but I haven't had my nails done in ages!"

Waiting Willy "Well... I'm just sitting here waiting for someone to prompt me to respond. You aren't actually expecting me to take any initiative on my own are you?" he question with a befuddled expression etched upon his grim mug.

Annie Airhead: "You may," concentrating, she painted her lips blood red, smacked, pouted in the mirror, "it's all voluntary, after all." Poufs her hair. "It's not like you signed a contract or anything."

Techno Theodore: "Well Captain.... The gravity dampener burst seems to be contained. Auxiliary plasma must have been calibrated, because the auxiliary plasma is stumped. The contained gravity dampener core causes anomalies next to the another vacuum polarity capacitors. The critical burst is vaporizing - they must boost the energy before capacitors damages the another fluctuations to invert. There has to be weak fluctuations in the quantum contained vortex. You should calibrate the gravity dampener. Holding the weak gravity dampener catches anomalies next to the enhanced vacuum! The core polarity has not been aligned."

Migraine Mary: "Oh all that techno babble hurts my head! Do you even know what kind of drivel you just spouted?" Slump forward, groaning.

Busy Beaver: "Surly Captain...you realize just how busy I am in RL. I offer what tidbits I can when I can. If that doesn't suit you, well...I can always transfer off of the ship," he noted with a huff and a puff.

Sickly Sally: "I suffer greatly from pain. It starts at my toes and even my hair hurts. How can I write when I suffer so? I demand medical leave immediately!"

Pushy Pete: "Sorry, but all of you are wrong. I am the expert in everything in this universe, and you are all but lowly minions...lucky to just be present in my realm of total awesomeness!"

Pretty Penny: "Well then, Mr. Know-it-all! You won't need us to fill other roles. You can do it all!" Walked off in a snit because the handsome Captain still hasn't made a pass at her. "Nobody notices how awesome my writing skills are! Why should I even try?"

Arguing Abrams: "Well...no matter what you all see, say, hear or do, I will of course take the complete opposite position on it," he noted disdainfully as he brushed a piece of lint off of his uniform.

Hijack Harvey: "Muuhuuuaaaaa... I am going to take over this story see....and make it go the way I want it to go, regardless of what you all say and do," he exclaimed, pointing to everyone around the room. "I mean why should I even consider what you little inept minions think!" he taunted, rolling his eyes around with deliberate exaggeration.

The captain just sighed.

*What do we do for migraines in the 25th century?* he thought painfully to himself as he leaned back in his chair.

Will this crew get its act together?

Will the mission be complete?

Will they even survive?

Stay tuned for the next exciting episode of the USS Desperado!

## Fleetwide Meetings:

*(check the site Calendar for your local time)*

Occurs every: 1st and 3rd Sunday of month - every month 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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## Awards, Promotions and Organ Donations

### Longevity awards:

Ensign Adam Wilcox: 9 months  
Lieutenant Decatur: 9 months  
Lieutenant (j.g.) Hera: 12 months (1 year)  
Ensign Veela: 12 months (1 year)  
Commodore Josh Vincent: 36 months (3 years)  
Vice Admiral Jeff T: 36 months (3 years)  
Lieutenant Snowfire: 42 months (4 years, 6 months)  
Lieutenant (j.g.) JayeAektiv: 42 months (3 years, 6 months)  
Lieutenant Maurs: 42 months (3 years, 6 months)  
Provisional Rear Admiral Jureth: 42 months (3 years, 6 months)  
Retired Fleet Officer Jae Onasi: 45 months (3 years, 9 months)  
Lieutenant-Commander Jovani\_Picard: 45 months (3 years, 9 months)  
Lieutenant Maurs: 45 months (3 years, 9 months)  
Rear Admiral Brigham: 45 months (3 years, 9 months)  
Commander Sorripto: 48 months (4 years)  
Lieutenant (j.g.) mindblade: 48 months (4 years)  
Fleet Captain Vladan: 48 months (4 years)  
Admiral Evshell: 48 months (4 years)  
Commodore Sainthill: 48 months (4 years)  
Lieutenant (j.g.) Vimes: 48 months (4 years)  
Ensign Father Hensley: 48 months (4 years)  
Captain arma: 51 months (4 years, 3 months)  
Provisional Rear Admiral RossEllis1907: 51 months (4 years, 3 months)  
Ensign Jerik: 51 months (4 years, 3 months)  
Ensign Anders: 54 months (4 years, 6 months) Longevity  
Ensign Montgomery: 54 months (4 years, 6 months)  
Captain Kalten: 54 months (4 years, 6 months)  
Captain APagliaro: 54 months (4 years, 6 months)  
Provisional Commodore Battle Lion: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Ensign Scotlandyard: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Commodore Redding: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Fleet Captain Storm Windfall: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Fleet Captain BLZBUB: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Fleet Captain Teancum: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Fleet Admiral Kheren: 57 months (4 years, 9 months)  
Provisional Vice Admiral Spawner: 60 months (5 years)  
Provisional Fleet Admiral Jamie: 60 months (5 years)  
Provisional Rear Admiral Crist: 60 months (5 years)  
Rear Admiral Joester: 60 months (5 years)  
Ensign binhawkins: 60 months (5 years)  
Provisional Vice Admiral Niomo: 63 months (5 years, 3 months)  
Admiral Athos: 72 months (6 years)

.....Promotions on the next page!



## Awards, Promotions and Organ Donations

### Promotions:

Erex promoted to Cadet 1st class

Alex Somers promoted to Cadet 1st class

Marcus Butler promoted to Cadet 4th class

Cadet 4th Class Drake McKnight demoted to Unregistered Cadet

Captain Storm Windfall promoted to Fleet Captain.

### Role-Play Awards & Recognition:

Participated in the maiden voyage of the USS Horizon:

Evshell, Jeff T, Jureth, Kheren, Redding, Snowfire

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## Editor's Corner by Captain Storm Windfall

I guess you all have wondered where the Newsletters were the last couple of months. I guess it's time I come clean about a couple of things. It's rather personal, so you don't have to read further if you don't want to.

Today, exactly a year ago, I was diagnosed with an illness that's not...very nice. Suffice it to say that things progressed rather fast from that day on. Not even a week after that, I started months of surgeries and procedures that would have even had the biggest man crying on his knees for mercy.

Me?

Even though I felt horrendously not in the mood to prolong my life, my natural instincts kicked in and I decided, here, and no further! So I declined further treatments but I do take one small tablet every day on my family's insistence. It kept me going for a couple of months but...yeah, things got steadily worse, albeit at a very slow pace.

I had to give up attending university. With permission and a few conditions, the Dean granted me leave to write my thesis for my doctorate at home. Some of those conditions include that two professors keep me up to date and overseeing me when necessary when tests and exams were due as well as attending online classes. It paid off and I finished my degree. I regret though not being able to attend the graduation ceremony.

By that time I already rejoined Lotus Fleet and with the insistence of Vice Admiral Jeff T (not really, he's way too cool to use force :P ) took over the Newsletter again. I joined again because when my mortality were tested, I made up a bucket list of things I still want to do before...well, you know, my expiry day became due. Rejoining Lotus Fleet was on the top.

I enjoy the Newsletter immensely. Unfortunately, it's tough to get members to contribute towards it, but I am stubborn enough to at least try and make it work. I am really impressed with the quality of the Newsletter in the time I was not part of the Fleet. Without a Graphic Artist, it's even tougher when I have to rely heavily on the Internet to get nice enough stuff to include in each issue.

Anyway, as usual, I am digressing from the point I am trying to make.

Just before Christmas, I started to sleep more, eat less and generally didn't feel up to doing anything. It became a chore to even lift my hand because even that small action tired me out so much that, yeah, you guessed it! I slept again. For the first time in...years, I didn't open my laptop for days. And when I did, it was just to check my mail, maybe throw out a few answers, but mostly I left it for my Mom to open and reply.

January this year (2014), my doctor suggested I join up with a group that was under a new treatment for testing. It was a prolonged and a very painful procedure and an extremely trying period for me. But, with that behind me, I can honestly say that I am feeling better than I have in months, and I hope to keep feeling and getting better in the future.

I even joined the RP team! So... if I can do all of this despite these circumstances, why not you? Remember; don't ever take your life, your family, your friends and your environment for granted. It may just turn around and bite you in the a\$\$!

*(In addition, I am divulging this only to inform all of you of the circumstances regarding the Newsletter, not to elicit any sympathy or other unwanted reactions. So this will be the only discussion that will occur regarding my condition. Please respect this expectation.)*





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