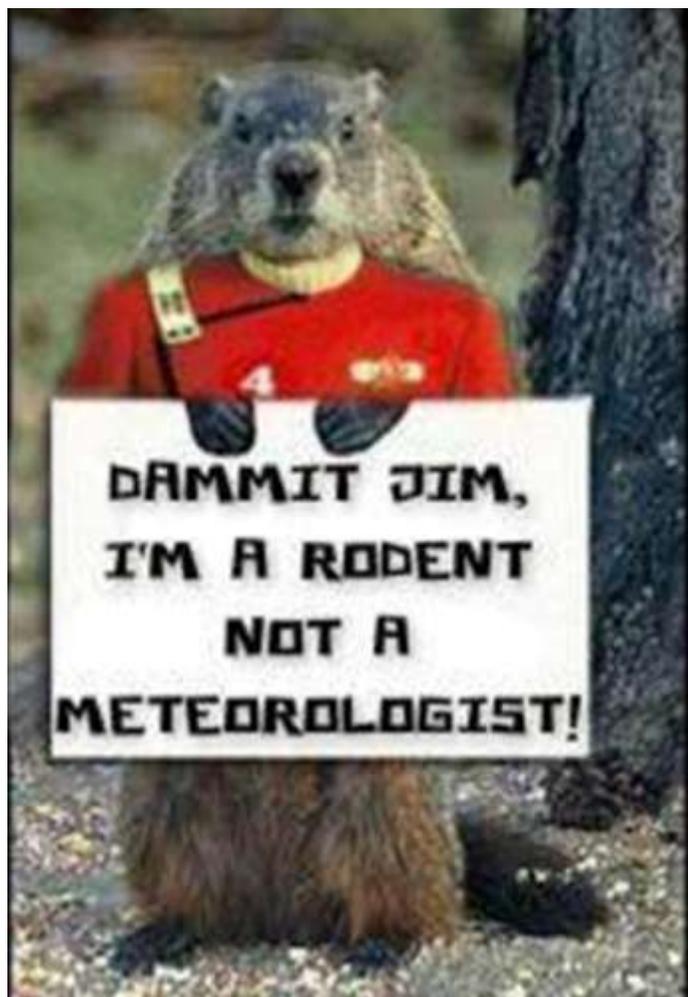




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# Welcome to the New Layout



## From the First Officer

Hi and welcome to another edition of the StarLight, where anything and everything is fit to print. If you haven't notices already, we have changed our layout. We have also gone to a smaller type font to accommodate the number of articles that goes into the newsletter. If hadn't notice the last two newsletter were over sixteen pages. That's a lot of paper and ink and neither one are cheap.

Now were not cutting back on how many articles go into the newsletter, we will still have our regular articles "The Tales of the Defiant", "Journey of the Brightstar", "Miss Violet Recipes Files" and others. I know that there are those of you who are wondering how "The tales of the Defiant" and the "Journey of the Brightstar" will turn out. Between you and me, I'm wondering that myself. And I'm the one who's doing the writing.

As you can see on the front page we have change the layout also. No longer will there be a full page photo. This was done so that we can also include a table of content. Also starting in this issue, we will be including section reports from the various sections i.e. command, operation, communication and such.

Will I guess that it for now, See you next issue.

Miss Violet, I'll take that Coke Cola on the rocks. And I mean ice this time.

Captain James "T'sikes" Webb  
First Officer/Chief Science Officer



## Up Coming Events

Bowling Fun Time

March 24, 2012

2p.m. – 5p.m.

Beech Grove Bowling Alleys

95 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Beech Grove, In

For further information contact

U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS

T. A. B.

Trekkers Against Bullies

Friday March 30, 2012

11:30 a.m. – 2:30p.m.

Everywhere

Star Trek Day

Thursday April 5, 2012

All Day

Everywhere

Creation Conventions

Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Star Trek: The Next Generation

June 9-10, 2012

Gaylord Opryland Hotel

2800 Opryland Drive

Nashville, TN 37214

615-883-2211

1-866-972-6779

InConJunction

July 6-8, 2012

Marriott East

7202 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Indianapolis, In 46219

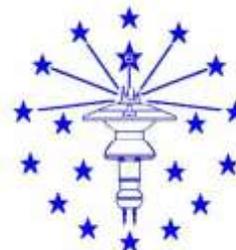
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Dana Dougan Memorial Olympics

Saturday July 21, 2012

10a.m.



## Calling all ships U.S.S. BISMARCK

The U.S.S. BISMARCK will be celebrating its twentieth anniversary in March 2012. They are holding the festivities at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. The time and date for the party is from noon on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>.

They will be having a buffet dinner and award ceremony later in the day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For further information about room rates and other activities contact VADM Lisa Johnson at [kljohnson@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kljohnson@cinci.rr.com) or at 937-514-7658.

## Bowling Fun Time

The U.S.S. Indianapolis is once again holding its annual Bowling Fun Time. The date and time for this event is set for March 24, 2012 at 2p.m and will run until 5p.m. The place is the Beech Grove Bowling Alleys 95 North 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue Beech Grove. The Indianapolis is paying for the pizzas. Bowlers will have to cover the cost of the shoe rental and for three games, minimum.

Anyone who attends will be eligible for a door prize. There will also be an awards ceremony afterwards.

## Saying good-bye to a Friend

I'm sure by now, you and everyone in Starfleet Command has received an email from or has heard from Admiral Gary Bartle of Starbase Six, about his beloved dog Sisko. Sisko passed away at the age 16,

I remember when I first met Sisko for the first time when I was Chief of Security onboard the Defiant. I personally know what Gary is going through right now having gone through it myself when Merrick passed away in 2009. During that time one of my Trekspace friend sent me a poem title "Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge".

Gary I hope you find comfort in reading this poem as I have.

Jim

## Just this of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to place called the Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; They each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain down upon your face; hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

Author unknown





## Miss Violet's Recipe Files

### Galaxy Grilled Cheese

#### Ingredients

4 slices whole-wheat bread

4 teaspoons butter, at room temperature

8 thin slices Cheddar cheese

8 pickle slices

1. Lay 1 slice of bread on a work surface. Spread one side with 1 teaspoon of the butter. Repeat with the remaining bread slices and butter.
2. Turn 2 bread slices over so the buttered sides are down. Top the slices with the cheese slices, dividing them evenly.
3. Lay 4 pickle slices on top of each stack of cheese. Top with the other 2 bread slices, buttered sides up.
4. Place the sandwiches in a skillet. Set the skillet on the stove and switch on the heat to medium. Cook the sandwiches until golden brown on the underside and the cheese begins to melt, about 3 minutes. To check, lift up a corner of a sandwich with a spatula and peek underneath. Using the spatula, flip over both sandwiches. Cook until golden brown on the second side and the cheese has melted, about 3 minutes longer.
5. Use the spatula to transfer the sandwiches to a cutting board. You can cut your sandwiches into stars or planets if you have a star shaped or round cookie cutter. Press the cookie cutter straight down into the sandwich. Be careful not burn your fingers on the hot cheese. Lift the cutter gently. Repeat with other sandwich. Serve the sandwiches immediately.

**Makes 2 sandwiches.**

## Star Trek: Journey of the Brightstar

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First Officer Log

Stardate: 52283.3

I have beamed over to the U.S.S. TELEK with an away team of six. My self, Second Lieutenant Micheal Charron Chief of Marines, CMO Paula McCullough, Chief Engineering Officer Ensign Kenny Charron and two additional Marines.

Our first priority is to make contact with the crew or the captain of the TELEK. Second is to stabilize the ship. And lastly to help in the care of wounded crew members of the TELEK.

With the ship's artificial gravity turned off, we have to wear gravity boots. I have sent Ensign Charron along with a marine to Engineering to assess the damage. The rest of the away team will proceed to the bridge.

Captain T'sikes recording

As the familiar sound of the transporter beam increase in volume, six figures began to take shape. At the height of the beaming the six bodies solidified.

The First officer motioned for two marines to secure the intersection of the airlock on port side of Deck E.

Both marines signal that area was secure. The First Officer reaches up and taps communicator.

"Away team to Brightstar?" Sikes called out.

"Brightstar to away team, Deora here go ahead away team."

"Beam in successful. No sign of the crew as of yet." The first officer reported.

"Understood number one. What next?" The captain asked.

"I'm sending Ensign Kenny Charron along with one marine to Engineering to see about the gravity and the stabilization of the ship. The rest of the away team will start heading to the bridge to begin our search from there." The First Officer relayed.

"Understood Sikes. Keep me informed." The captain ordered. But she was not done yet.

"Aye, sir." Sikes responded.

"Number One?" She asked.

"Yes sir?"

"Remember keep the contact to minimum. We have to return these people to their proper time." Deora reminded her first officer.

"Understood sir. We're making our way towards one of the turbo-lifts now. If it is working, we will start from the bridge." Sikes told his Captain.

"Precede number one. We will be standing by Brightstar out." Captain Deora finished.

"Doctor hand me that padd will you?" Sikes asked the CMO.

Doctor McCullough reaches inside her bag and pulls out the padd and hands it to the First Officer.

"Thank you doctor. Let see here, according to this since we are on the port side of the ship..." The First Officer said as he was talking to himself.

"Sir, if I may?" Lt. Charron interrupted.

"Yes lieutenant what is it?" Sikes asked as he continued to study the ship layout on his padd.

"Sir, I think he may be able to help us." The Chief of Marines commented.

"What are you talking about?" T'sikes asked again as he looked up to see what the Second Lieutenant was talking about.

"I believe he is talking about me." Captain S'tol said non- emotionally.

"Permission to come aboard sir?" The First Officer requested.

"Permission granted.... Mr.?"

"Captain T'sikes first officer of the ..... A Federation Starship. He finished half of he couldn't say.

"Captain T'sikes there no need to edit yourself. We have seen your ship. And I must say your ship is unlike anything we have or seen. So the only logical answer, however illogical it may sound is we have somehow time travel some two centuries into the future." Captain S'tol finished.

"We figure near two hundred and fifty years sir. And the ship you saw is the U.S.S. BRIGHTSTAR of which I am the First officer and Chief Science Officer.

We're here to help repair your ship and find a way of getting you and your crew back to your proper time, sir." Sikes said as finally realized that hiding the truth would not work in this situation.

"If you will follow me, I am most curious on how you plan to accomplish this task." S'tol said with raised eyebrows.

"Thank you sir. And sir?"

"Yes Captain?" S'tol asked.

"Sir; Welcome to the Twenty-fourth century." Captain T'sikes finished.

Captain S'tol nods his head in the typical Vulcan fashion of acknowledgement. Everyone followed the Vulcan Captain as he led everyone to the turbo-lift.

### Trek in the news

Paramount announced in January that principal shooting for the next Star Trek movies as begun. All the actors from the 2009 trek movie are back. From Chris Pine as Captain Kirk to Anton Yelchin as Chekov, with two new cast members Alice Eve and Peter Weller. If Peter Weller sounds familiar, Peter starred in both Buckaroo Bonzai and Robocop.

Now rumor on the internet has it that Abrams is planning to bring back Kirk's nemesis, Khan. A rumor also has it that the actor pick to play Khan, is British actor Benedict Cumberbatch who stars in the BBC's Sherlock. He also starred in Amazing Grace, War Horse and Tinker, Tailor, Solder, Spy. Benedict is also lending his voice as Smaug the dragon in Peter Jackson's The Hobbit.

The role of Khan was first offered to Benicio Del Toro, but he turned it down. Paramount has high hopes that this latest Trek movie will do as well as the last Trek movie. Which grossed \$385 million in worldwide ticket sales. The propose release date for the movie is set for May 17, 2013 and will be going where no Trek movie has ever gone... 3-D.

### Captain Sisko arrested for DUI

Actor Avery Brooks who played Captain Benjamin Sisko on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine was arrested on January 30, 2012 for DUI in Connecticut. The Wilton Police Department Who confirmed that they received reports of a person driving erratically near the intersection of Belden

and Seir hill road.

He was arrested, booked and released with a court date set for February 9, 2012.

### Starfleet Command welcomes three new ships

Starfleet Command is welcoming three new ships into the fold. Two of three ships will be based out of Dayton, Ohio. The first ship the U.S.S. ARMSTRONG will launch on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The second hasn't picked a name yet but is expected to launch later in March. That ship will be commanded by Captain Debbie Barker. Both ship will fall under Starbase 5.

The last ship which was recently launched February in Atlanta, Ga. The U.S.S. CHURCHILL is commanded by Commander Joe Campbell. The Churchill will fall under Starbase 4.

The Brightstar wishes all three ships the best of luck and smooth sailing.

### Section Reports

Command  
No reports

Operation  
No reports

Communication  
No reports

Engineering  
No reports

Medical  
No reports

Sciences  
No report

Marines  
No report

Security  
No report

Chaplin  
No report

## Star Trek: Tales of the Defiant

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Security Chief Log Stardate 47335.2

I have finally narrowed my list down to the five people that will make up my command team. They are Chief O'Brien, Odo, Ensign Ellsworth, Commander Sisko and Major Kira.

I'm getting ready to brief them on what our target will be. We must reach our target in order for the whole thing to go off like clockwork.

Lieutenant Keller and Ensign Ilk have reported that all the holo-projectors will be installed and will be ready to test by the end of the day. And Commander O'Brien has just informed me that the five stolen Empire ship's got underway early this morning.

On a personal matter, I've noticed hear lately a sudden shift in Ensign Ellsworth's mood and mental attitude ever since we've been contacted by the Alliance. It may be nothing...but it may be something. I may have to talk with the Captain about this.

Lieutenant James Webb recording.

I was in the ready room preparing for the briefing I was about to give, when I heard the swoosh of the doors open and close. As I turned around to see who it was, he spoke and by the sound of the voice I knew who it was.

"Ah...Lieutenant?"

"Yes, Commander O'Brien. Can I help you with anything?"

"Ah, Lieutenant, I know that I can't order you to do this, but I would like to know why you did not include me on your team."

"Can I speak quite frankly with you?" I asked with all honesty in my voice.

"Yes, you may Lieutenant."

"In all honesty, you are too dangerous to have on my team, especially since the death of Keiko and Molly." I raised my hand to forestall the protest I knew would be forthcoming.

"And in my judgment, that makes you a danger to the mission."

A moment went by before Miles responded and when he did, it was without anger or grief that one would expect to find in a man who had just lost his family. And that worried me even more.

"Well, I asked for an honest answer and I got it. I will agree that my wife and my little girl death have hit me hard but it has not in any way affected how I do my job. I want to be on this team! I have to be on this team! I want to pay them back not only for my wife and daughter," he swallowed hard, "but for all of those who stood up against the Empire and died for it!" Miles slumped down into a chair, a single tear slowly trailing down his cheek.

I sat down heavily. I knew the real reason why O'Brien wanted to be on this team. "You mean that you want to pay them back for Jim and the crew of the Bloodfire."

Miles jerked his head up, a stunned expression on his face.

"How do you know me so well?" He asked hoarsely.

"I don't. I don't know you at all. In fact, we just met a few days ago, but I know my Miles O'Brien and I suspect that he would be giving me the same arguments." I lifted my head and addressed the ceiling, "Computer, what time is it?"

"The time will be 0850 hundred hours," the computer promptly replied.

"About ten minutes before my briefing starts," I mumbled to myself. I walked over to the computer screen and touched a button and the schematic of Starbase One came on the screen.

"How well do you know Starbase One?" I asked Miles as I turned around from the computer screen to face him.

"Not very well at all," he responded, his brows knit together.

"Damn, I was hoping that you did. Okay, let me ask you this, where would you think the computer core is?"

"Oh, I would say that it would be on deck's fifty-one through seventy-one. Why do you ask?" O'Brien asked still puzzled by the questions.

"Where do you think they would put the main access terminal?"

"I think it would be on deck 51. Is there a reason you're asking me these questions?"

"All right Miles, you can come on this mission but if you give the slightest hint of making this a personal vendetta, I'll shoot you myself. Understood?" I said menacingly, leaning across the conference table.

Miles shook his head and left it at that.

I turned back toward the screen and stared. Something kept nagging at me. Something I had read somewhere. Then it came to me. Miles walked up beside me and asked, "Is there something wrong?"

Miles looked at me with both puzzlement and concern written all over his face.

"Nanites." I stated.

"Nanites?" Miles questioned.

"Nano-technology is programmable robots built small enough that they can enter a living cell or in this case, computer circuitry," I explained as I pointed to the screen.

Miles eyes lit up with unholy glee, a large grin spreading across his face. "Are you thinking about letting these um...nanites loose in the computer core?" he asked with a mischievous tone.

"Yup!" I answered.

"Why that's sheer genius, Jim" Miles said slapping me on the back. He then began to mumble figures to himself, his eyes taking on that inward look when visualizing a problem. Then his expression changed again and he turned to me and said "Ah-oh."

I turned my head and said, "What do you mean, Ah-oh?"

"Well...one, how are we going to get these nanites...and two, how are we going to get them over there undetected and past the computer safeguards?"

"Don't worry. I have that under control."

Behind me I heard the doors of the briefing room open and the muffled sounds of footsteps on carpet coming in. I turned around and beheld my command team.

"All right. Is everyone here? Good. Then please be seated." Everyone found a seat and sat down. Miles looked at me and I invited him to sit down with the group.

"What you see on the screen is the diagram of Starbase One." I stopped for a moment to touch a button. The screen magnified the section that Miles had indicated as the computer core of the Starbase.

"With Commander Miles' help, we have highlighted this area you see on the screen. This is where we think the computer core is. It is located on decks fifty-one through seventy-one. This is our target area people." I stopped for a moment and sat down at the table.

"Starting tomorrow at 0900 hours we'll meet at holo-deck four where we'll begin training on what I'm about to brief you on today. After this briefing we'll walk through the exercise. People, we have just two weeks to get this right."

Odo spoke and asked a question. "Lieutenant, what is the plan?"

"Odo, the plan is this. We will split into two teams. I will command one team and Commander Sisko will command the other team. Now both teams will be beamed out at the same time. Team one, my team, will be beamed to deck fifty-one. Team two, Commander Sisko's team, will be beamed to deck seventy-one. And the rest of the assault troops will be deployed between these decks. At first, we were to set explosives and blow up the computer core, but that can be averted and the information on the Empire strengths and weaknesses can be retrieved and pieced together."

"Lieutenant, if we're not going to blow up the computer, then how are we going to destroy the files for the crossover project? Major Kira asked angrily, her palms flat against the table, leaning forward her eyes boring into mine.

"Nanites," I answered offhandedly.

"Nanites?" Commander Sisko and Major Kira echoed.

"Robots, Commander. Small enough to enter a living cell or computer circuitry. The Enterprise had a run-in with them when acting Ensign Crusher fell asleep during an experiment and they escaped from their containers and got into the computer," Miles explained giving a little shiver as he remembered the incident from his tour of duty on the Enterprise.

"Commander, your team will insert the nanites at your location while my team will be doing the same thing at my location. You, Odo, will be our ace in the hole. Since you have the ability to assume any shape we'll scan the area on deck sixty-one first, then you can take the shape of anything in that area. Once there, you'll release your nanites. You are to disable any and all security systems and defenses as well. Commander Sisko and I will both do the same thing at each of our locations."

Once released, the nanites will infiltrate the main computer. There they will disable gravity, lights, computers, etc. Their main objective is to wipe out all the information on the Crossover file. Are there any questions?" I asked as I finished my briefing.

Miles had cleared his throat when the door chimed and I gave Miles a brief look before giving permission to enter. Everyone waited while a young ensign walked quietly across to me and handed me a padd. I sat there and scanned the padd's contents. I placed the padd face down on the table and dismissed the ensign and tried to regain my focus.

"Chief O'Brien, go ahead with your question."

"Um...I was wondering have you taken into account that they might have safeguards in place for the nanites? And why can't we start training for this attack now?"

"Those are good questions Chief. One, I don't know if they do or don't have safeguards. That is what Odo has to find out. Two, engineering has all but one holo-deck shut down and that holo-deck will be shut down as soon as we are done with the walk through. The reason they are shutting down to begin with is so that they can hook the holo-projectors into the system."

"That clears that up," Miles commented.

"Are there any more questions?" I asked, but no one made a move.

"This briefing is over. We meet at holo-deck 3 in half an hour. You are dismissed. Chief Odo, Commander Sisko and Major Kira, please remain behind."

Everyone else got up from the table and left the room. I tapped my comm-badge and spoke. "Commander Friel, could you please come into the briefing room."

"I'm on my way, Lieutenant."

Moments later the doors opened and Commander Friel entered carrying another computer padd. She handed the padd to me as she took a seat. I looked at it and looked back at the Commander and said, "Are you sure about this, Commander?"

"Yes, Lieutenant, I'm positive. Ever since we made this crossover, somebody has been receiving and sending a signal. But the signals are so short and not directly aimed at us that we can't get a fix on it either way."

"At first, I didn't catch it. If it wasn't for that run-in with the Cardassian's ships, I would never have noticed." She stopped and took back the padd I handed her. We all sat there a moment taking the information in.

"You all know what this means don't you?" I asked of everyone there.

"It means only one thing," Commander Sisko said authoritatively, his eyes narrowing.

"It means that we have a spy onboard the Defiant!" Major Kira exclaimed combatively.

"Commander Friel, I want this reported to the Captain and the First Office immediately and this does not leave this room. I repeat this is top secret. No one other than the Captain, First Officer and the five of us are to know about this. Understood?"

"Understood, Lieutenant," they chorused.

We got up from the table and with the opening of the doors we left the room with suspicious minds.



WHAT IF WONDER WOMAN MET A DISNEY PRINCESS?





**"And the Romulans would have gotten away with it too,  
if it hadn't been for those meddling Starfleet kids."**

**Night of the Living Trekkies**

To all the Scooby-Doo  
fans out there  
See you all next issue  
Rooby-Roo