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USS VERITAS – CURRENT STATUS

CREW ASSIGNED:	24
OFFICERS:	8
ENLISTED:	7
CADETS:	4
CITIZENS:	0
EVENTS LAST MONTH:	13
COURSES COMPLETED:	2
MORALE STATUS:	NOMINAL

ACHIEVEMENTS

When a member of the crew achieves a score of 90 or better (Honors) or a perfect score of 100 (Distinction) in a course, they will be acknowledged here.



Academic Achievement

000 010 020 030 040 050 060 070	– Floyd Gage – Distinguished: 2	– Lance McFeron – Distinguished: 5	
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Challenge Takers

Rachel Mock – Reading Challenge
William Sturgeon – Reading Challenge
Floyd Gage – Reading Challenge
Lance McFeron – Reading Challenge

Awards

–Serenity Freeman - Photon Torpedo Accuracy – Silver (SFTA)–
–Floyd Gage - Photon Torpedo Accuracy – Gold (SFTA)–
–Dustin Freeman - Photon Torpedo Accuracy – Gold (SFTA)–

Promotions

- Dustin Freeman PROMOTED TO Fleet Captain (FCAPT) O-7 –
 - Bryan Fitch PROMOTED TO Captain (CAPT) O-6 –
- Elijah Freeman PROMOTED TO Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) O-4 –
 - Floyd Gage PROMOTED TO Lieutenant (LT) O-3 –
 - Israel Daly PROMOTED TO Crewman Recruit (CRR) E-1 –
 - Bailey Danelz PROMOTED TO Cadet (CDT) C-1 –
 - Jay Danelz PROMOTED TO Crewman Recruit (CRR) E-1 –
- Jessica Danelz PROMOTED TO Crewman Recruit (CRR) E-1 –
 - John Danelz PROMOTED TO Crewman Recruit (CRR) E-1 –

STATUS: PROMOTION TRACKING

RANK	NAME	TEMPORARY POINTS	PERMANENT POINTS	AWARDS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
FCAPT	Freeman, Dustin	36	160	46	242
LCDR	Sturgeon, William	54	120	13	187
LCDR	Freeman, Elijah	10	110	4	124
LT	Gage, Floyd	16	85	4	105
CAPT	Fitch, Bryan	14	70	0	84
CRMN	Quinn, Richard	58	0	3	61
CRMN	Freeman, Amber	46	0	3	49
CRMN	Freeman, Serenity	36	0	3	39
LTJG	Mock, Rachel	6	25	6	37
ENS	McFeron, Lance	0	20	0	20
CDT 1C	Freeman, Lucas	12	0	4	16
CRR	Garneaux, Margaret	15	0	0	15
ENS	Quinn, Jessica	10	5	0	15
CDT 3C	Freeman, Azrael	14	0	0	14
CDT	Quinn, Mace	13	0	0	13
CDT	Quinn, Ella	13	0	0	13
ENS	Mock, Christopher	0	10	0	10
CRR	Sturgeon, Jodi	8	0	0	8
CRA	Mock, Hannah	7	0	0	7
CRR	Danelz, Jessica	2	0	0	2
CDT	Danelz, Bailey	2	0	0	2
CRR	Danelz, John	2	0	0	2
CRR	Danelz, Jay	2	0	0	2
CRR	Daly, Israel	0	0	0	0

Points Breakdown:

Temporary Points: Event participation + Academy courses - Points spent on promotions

Permanent Points: Special achievements and milestones

Awards Points: Points from received awards

Total Points: Sum of all point categories

CREW PROMOTION POINTS

CAPTAINS LOG

Hello crew,

What a month for both activities and promotions. I'm excited for everyone who has advanced in rank this month. Truly well earned! We had promotions all the way from our lower enlisted up to a Flag promotion. It's sincerely a testament to the health of this ship and y'all's engagement.

Some of those promotions came way of new members to our ship. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our newest members. First is **CRR Israel Daly**, who found us from another chapter while at a convention. We look forward to meeting you soon at some of our upcoming events. Next was a family of four, the Danelz family. We have **CRR Jessica** and **CRR Jay Danelz** leading the crew with their children **CRR John** and **CDT Bailey**. They were recruited by our very own ENS Jessica Quinn (an action worth 5 promotion points).

Also, this month our ship hosted the Region 3 Summit. It was a great time spent with members from all over Texas and Louisiana. We started with a dinner at Rudy's BBQ with the STARFLEET Marine Corps Friday evening followed by a trip through the Mounted Warrior Museum just behind the Visitor Center of Fort Hood Saturday morning. If any of you have never visited the museum before, I would encourage a visit some time. After the museum the main event began with a catered lunch then into business, classes, awards and promotions. The Veritas was honored on multiple occasions, for excellence in performance, perfect reporting, and recruiting. Additionally, **LCDR Elijah Freeman** won the **Junior Member of the Year** at the region level and is currently in the running for Fleet level, and I was awarded the **Commanding Officer of the Year** at region level and am also in the running for Fleet level.

We also had a watch party this last month for Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan. We had a healthy level of participation with more than half of the crew roster present and a few attending online through the Discord server. Our next event is to be our range day at Mountain Creek Gun Range led by our Chief Weapons Officer. It's recommended to bring your own weapon, but the range has some for rental and I bet if you ask very nicely the Chief Weapons Officer might let you fire some of his.

Lastly, I would like to announce that **LT Floyd Gage** has taken on the Chief Tactical Officer role on the ship. As such he is now in charge of gaming which includes planning and leading crew game nights. So be on the lookout for events and activities coming out of the tactical department

This truly was a great month for the ship and I look forward to out continues growth and increased activities among and with the ship.

-FCAPT Freeman, Dustin
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CO, USS Veritas

FIRST OFFICERS LOG

Hello Crew,

I hope everyone has been having a good month. This month we had the region 3 summit in Killeen. There were several crewmembers in attendance. It was great to see everyone.

There were several promotions during the summit. Dustin Freeman was promoted to Fleet Captain. Elijah Freeman was promoted to Lt Commander. Congratulations on the promotions. Lastly, I was also promoted to Captain. There were several members of the crew who received awards as well. So, Congratulations to all of them as well.

The command staff had a small meeting to discuss the ships operations and crew. We had a good meeting.

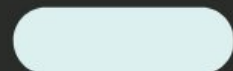
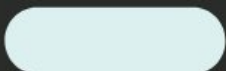
I would like everyone to think about what kind of articles they would like to see in the newsletter! I'd also like to see crewmembers writing and submitting articles. The more you put into the newsletter, the more you'll get out of it. So, get to writing.

If I've said it once I've said it a dozen times. We need to be recruiting for the crew. I know you are getting tired of repeating myself on this subject. However, I can't stress it enough! If this ship and crew are to survive, we need to be recruiting people. I've recently been chatting with a mother and her daughter that love Trek. They will be joining the crew soon. So, when you are out and about chatting with people ask about their interest in Star Trek. It can't hurt to ask them and tell them about the group.

One last thing, I was thinking about perhaps hosting an evening at a local bookstore/ speakeasy/pub once a quarter to just have a drink, talk about Star Trek or any other topic (except politics or religion). How many of the crew would be interested in do that? Let me know.

Well, in closing, if anyone has any questions, concerns, requests, or comments. Please feel free to contact the CO or myself. We'll be happy to assist you with anything SFI we can! I hope everyone has a great next month ahead of them.

XO, OUT
CAPT Bryan Fitch



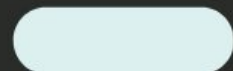
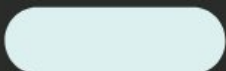
STAR TREK WINE REVIEW

This month's wine is the Andorian Blue Special Reserve.

The Andorian Blue is a blue white chardonnay that is semi dry. It has a natural blue color and has a nice acidity with a long finish on your palette. When I first opened the bottle and poured the first glass it had a wonderful aroma and it didn't disappoint my palette. I got hints of fruits like peaches and apricots. With a hit of citrus at the end. Overall, a very nice wine. I'd definitely buy another bottle. If you can get a bottle, I recommend getting one. As with all of the Star Trek wines it has a very nice bottle as well. If you have any questions about any of the star trek wines let me know.

My next adventure is I'm planning on getting some of the Star Trek spirits that have come out over the past few years. So, stay tuned for those reviews.

CAPT Bryan Fitch
XO, USS Veritas



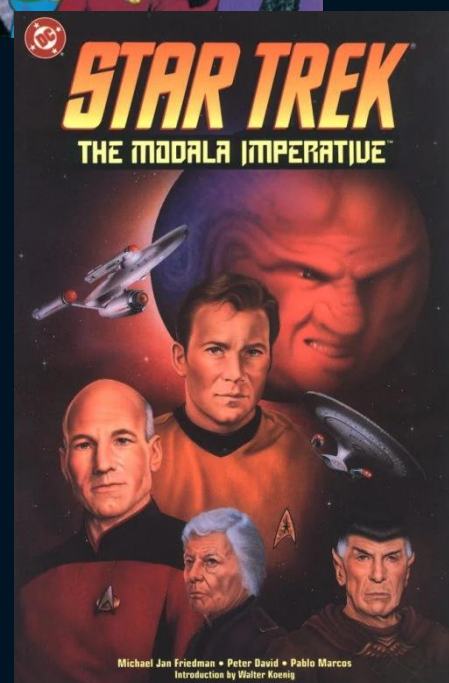
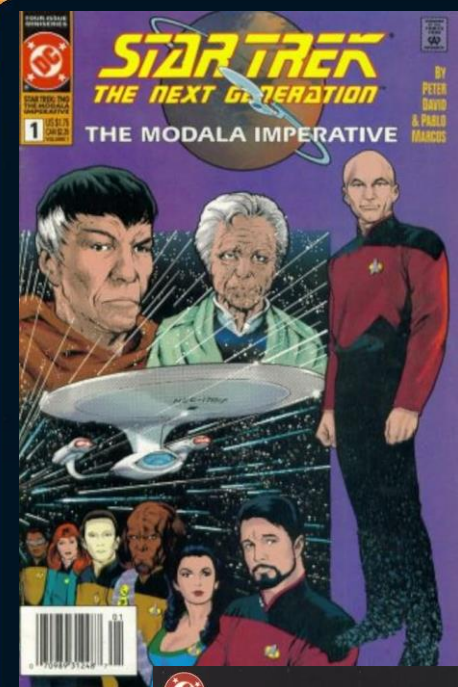
OTHER TREKS

Greetings once again Veritas comrades. Before I delve into another Other Treks column, I want to public congratulate the crew on their promotions, our very own CO & XO becoming a Fleet Captain and Captain respectively and to the newly minted Lieutenant Commander Elijah Freeman, I hear he may be taking a Regional Position, due to his ability to speak to the youths. I myself have just accepted a position with Starfleet Intelligence, for the entire organization, so the Veritas crew is doing GREAT things!!

When DC Comics published **Star Trek: The Modala Imperative** in 1991, it attempted something that had rarely been done in licensed comics: tell a story that would begin during Captain Kirk's era and conclude a century later with Captain Picard. Written by Michael Jan Friedman with artwork by Pablo Marcos, the four-issue Original Series miniseries lays the groundwork for that ambitious concept, delivering a story that feels remarkably faithful to the spirit of 1960s *Star Trek* while embracing the larger storytelling canvas that comics provide.

A Classic Prime Directive Story

The premise begins with Captain James T Kirk returning to the planet 10 years after he conducted the first planetary survey of the planet. The Federation is evaluating the planet's readiness for membership, only to discover that what should have been a peaceful society has transformed into a technologically advanced police state. Captain Kirk and Ensign Pavel Chekov quickly find themselves imprisoned, forcing the Enterprise crew into a difficult balancing act between respecting the Prime Directive and confronting an obvious injustice.



This setup feels like an episode that could comfortably fit into the 3rd season but it also depicts Chekov meeting Sulu for the first time so I'd place it between the 1st and 2nd seasons of TOS. The story combines political oppression, ethical dilemmas, and questions about outside intervention—subjects that were front and center in TOS.

Strong Characterization

One of the miniseries' greatest strengths is how naturally it captures the personalities of the original crew.

Kirk remains decisive without becoming reckless. His leadership comes not through force but by inspiring hope among fellow prisoners. Rather than simply escaping captivity, he works to encourage resistance against tyranny, demonstrating the moral leadership that defines the character.

Spock serves as the logical counterbalance, carefully piecing together the larger mystery behind Modala's sudden technological leap. His analytical approach complements Kirk's instinctive leadership, recreating the familiar dynamic that longtime fans expect.

McCoy provides the emotional conscience of the story. His frustration with the suffering around him reinforces the humanitarian themes that have always distinguished Star Trek from more conventional science-fiction adventures.

Even Chekov receives meaningful participation beyond comic relief, functioning as both Kirk's trusted partner and an active contributor throughout the crisis.

Themes Above Action

Although the miniseries includes prison escapes, firefights, and large-scale conflict, its emphasis remains on ideas rather than spectacle.

The central question is not whether Kirk can defeat the authoritarian regime—it is whether freedom imposed from outside is genuine freedom at all. Kirk repeatedly attempts to empower the people of Modala rather than simply liberate them himself, reflecting the franchise's long-standing belief that lasting change must ultimately come from within a society.

The comic also explores how advanced technology can become an instrument of oppression when placed in the wrong hands, another familiar Star Trek concept that remains relevant today.



Pablo Marcos' Artwork

Pablo Marcos delivers artwork that prioritizes storytelling over flashy visuals. His likenesses of the television cast are recognizable without becoming photorealistic, allowing readers to hear the actors' voices while reading the dialogue.

The prison environments, alien architecture, and action sequences are all clearly staged, making the narrative easy to follow. While some pages show the limitations of early-1990s comic coloring, Marcos' expressive characters and consistent visual storytelling keep the focus on the drama.

Connections to the Larger Story

Unlike many Star Trek comics of the era, The Modala Imperative is intentionally only half of a larger narrative. The Original Series chapters establish the historical events that shape Modala's future, leaving important questions unresolved for the companion Star Trek: The Next Generation miniseries. Rather than feeling incomplete, however, the TOS storyline succeeds as its own adventure while creating anticipation for the century-later conclusion.

Final Verdict

The Original Series portion of The Modala Imperative stands among DC Comics' strongest Star Trek stories. It succeeds because it understands that Star Trek is not simply about starships and phasers—it is about moral choices, political complexity, and ordinary people struggling toward freedom.

Michael Jan Friedman's script captures the voices of Kirk, Spock, and McCoy with confidence, while Pablo Marcos' artwork gives the story a timeless, television-like quality. The result is a comic that reads less like licensed merchandise and more like an unproduced episode of the original series with the benefit of comic books' unlimited visual scope.

For fans of Star Trek: The Original Series, The Modala Imperative is an overlooked gem that deserves recognition alongside the franchise's better-known novels and television episodes. It delivers thoughtful science fiction, memorable character work, and an ending that naturally invites readers to continue the story into the Next Generation era.

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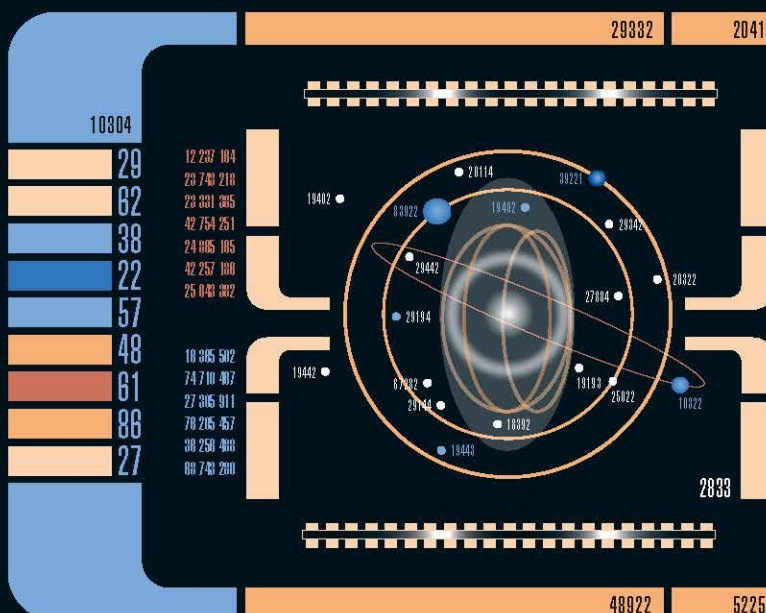


New World Screwworm – An Emerging Bio-Threat – What You Should Know

Texas has been invaded by a dangerous entomological enemy that poses a very real threat to wildlife resources, domesticated flocks and herds, pet populations, and even humans. Texas A&M Agrilife Extension (Agrilife) explains that since May 2025, the New World Screwworm (NWS) is a parasitic fly native to the Western Hemisphere that was eradicated in the U.S. in the 1960s and has gained renewed attention from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Resurgences of U.S. infestations of NWS generally occur when the flies migrate from infected areas in Central America and Mexico. The hazard to animals comes from the adult flies, which lay eggs in the living tissue of fresh wounds in warm-blooded animals. The eggs develop into larvae (maggots) which feed on the host's flesh, causing severe wounds and often death if untreated. The only viable pest control method is through the release of sterile males, known as the sterile insect technique (SIT). This approach, along with regular active surveillance and livestock inspections, has proven highly successful.

TDA had dedicated an entire web-presence to the NWS. The site states that while the threat to animals is obvious, human infections are uncommon but possible when a person with an untreated wound spends a lot of time outdoors in an affected area, especially those working in close proximity to animals. The flies' eggs are deposited in wounds or body openings and hatch into larvae that burrow into living tissue, resulting in pain, swelling, drainage, and tissue damage. Personal protection emphasizes keeping wounds clean, covered, and properly treated, practicing good hygiene, and regularly inspecting wounds. Anyone who shows signs of possible infection is advised to seek medical attention.

- CRR Lance McFeron



Resources

Agrilife offers a New World Screwworm Preparedness and Response Education continuing education course, free of charge. <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/new-world-screwworm-preparedness-and-response-education/01tQn00000H7J5IIAF>

Additional references are available from the following resources:

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Screwworm Web Page
<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/new-world-screwworm/>

USDA-APHIS New World Screwworm Web Page
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cattle/ticks/screwworm>

Texas Animal Health Commission New World Screwworm Emergency Management Guide
https://www.tahc.texas.gov/animal_health/feverticks-pests/EMGuideNewWorldScrewworm.pdf

Upcoming Events

- **Weekly Star Trek Online Fleet Gaming**

Saturdays @ 9pm

We meet up on Star Trek Online with members across the fleet and complete missions together. It's an easy and fun way to earn points.

- **Verity Vanguard - Range Day**

Sat, July 11th 1pm-4pm

@ Mountain Creek Gun Range

Bring your own weapons or rent theirs. Don't forget to fill out the [hold harmless forms](#).

- **Bell County Comic Con**

Aug 1st -2nd

CADENCE BANK CENTER

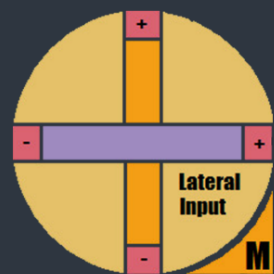
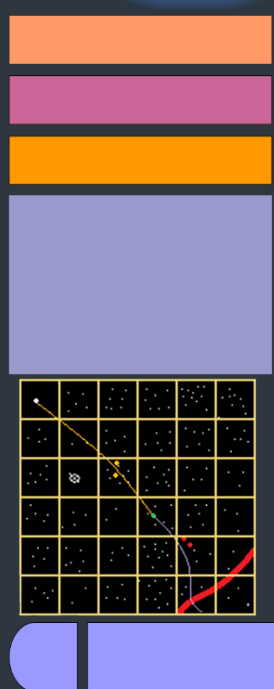
<https://www.bellcountycomiccon.com/>

- **USS Veritas Awards & Promotions Ceremony**

Sat, Aug 29th, 2026 @ 1:00pm

Galaxy Burger, Killeen, TX

We will hold our Quarterly Awards and Promotions Ceremony and enjoy some great food and fellowship!



CADET CORNER

Cadet Name: _____

Training the Next Generation of Explorers

Welcome to **Cadet Corner**, a special section of *Veritas Voyages* for our younger STARFLEET members and future explorers. Each month, cadets can test their knowledge, sharpen their observation skills, and take on a few fun Starfleet-style challenges.

This Month's Theme: Starfleet Academy — Away Team Readiness

Away teams must be prepared before leaving the ship. They need the right equipment, clear communication, careful observation, and good teamwork.

Before every mission, a wise cadet asks: What do we know? What do we need? How do we stay safe?

SCRAMBLE ALERT: AWAY TEAM GEAR CHECK

The *USS VERITAS* is preparing an away team.
Unscramble each Starfleet word before the shuttle departs!

SCRAMBLED WORD	ANSWER
RODETRICR	
RORMUCATMCO	
RASEPH	
HSLDAFGLIT	
EMD-CAKP	



CADET MATCHING CHALLENGE: WHO SHOULD HANDLE IT?

Draw a line or write the correct letter.

SITUATION

1. A crew member is injured.
2. The shuttle engine is malfunctioning.
3. A strange life sign is detected.
4. The away team needs protection.
5. The captain needs a report sent to the ship.

DEPARTMENT

- A. Engineering
- B. Medical
- C. Security
- D. Science
- E. Communications

ANSWERS:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



*Completing and turning in Cadet Corner sheets count for promotion points for Cadets!

CADET CORNER

Cadet Mission Page

Mission Briefing: Trouble on Shuttlecraft

The **USS Veritas** is preparing to send an away team to survey a nearby moon. The mission seems simple: scan the surface, collect soil samples, and return to the ship.

But during the preflight check, the cadet team notices three problems:

The shuttle's communication system is weak.

One med-kit is missing supplies.

Sensors show possible storms near the landing zone.

The captain asks the cadet training team to recommend what should happen next.

Cadet Decision: What Should the Team Do First?

Choose the best response:

- A. Launch immediately because the mission sounds easy.**
- B. Ignore the missing supplies and hope they are not needed.**
- C. Report the problems, restock the med-kit, repair communications, and scan for safer landing options.**
- D. Cancel all future away missions forever.**

Cadet Discussion

Talk with a parent, fellow cadet, or chapter member:

1. Why is preparation important before a mission?
2. What could happen if the away team ignores equipment problems?
3. How can different departments work together?
4. Why is safety part of good exploration?

Cadet Trivia: Away Team Level

1. What tool is often used to scan unknown objects or life signs?
A. Tricorder
B. Replicator
C. Turbolift
2. Which department helps treat injuries?
A. Engineering
B. Medical
C. Helm
3. Why should an away team keep communication open with the ship?
A. So the ship can help if something goes wrong
B. So they can order snacks
C. So they can avoid doing reports
4. What is the best attitude for an away team cadet?
A. Careless and rushed
B. Prepared and observant
C. Loud and bossy

JUNE CADET CORNER ANSWERS

Cadet Trivia: Ensign Level

1. A. Engineering
2. B. Tractor Beam
3. A. Run sensor scans
4. A. Service

Cadet Mission Answer

The best Starfleet answer was:

C. Scan the area, contact the freighter, and prepare a rescue plan.

CADET CODEBREAKER:

DECODE THE CAPTAIN'S ORDERS

The *USS VERITAS* has received an encoded message from Starfleet Command. Use the code chart below to decode the message.

CODE CHART												
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Z	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	26	

ENCRIPTED MESSAGE

19 - 3 - 1 - 14 20 - 8 - 5 1 - 18 - 5 - 1

Decoded Message: SCAN THE AREA

12 - 9 - 19 - 20 - 5 - 14 20 - 15 20 - 8 - 5

Decoded Message: LISTEN TO THE

3 - 18 - 5 - 23

Decoded Message: CREW

BONUS DECODE

3 - 8 - 15 - 15 - 19 - 5 23 - 9 - 19 - 5 - 12 - 25

Decoded Message: CHOOSE WISELY

