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USS VERITAS – CURRENT STATUS

CREW ASSIGNED:	26
OFFICERS:	10
ENLISTED:	9
CADETS:	7
CITIZENS:	0
EVENTS LAST MONTH:	5
COURSES COMPLETED:	43
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	– Lance McFeron –	
010	Distinguished: 23	
020	Honors: 15	
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Challenge Takers

Rachel Mock – Reading Challenge

Floyd Gage – Reading Challenge

Lance McFeron – Reading Challenge

Awards

- Lance McFeron - **BOCP - Chief Navigation Officer Certification** –
- Lance McFeron - **BOCP - Commanding Officer Certification** –
- Lance McFeron - **BOCP - Executive Officer Certification** –
- Lance McFeron - **BOCP - Second Officer Certification** –
- Lance McFeron - **BOCP - Chief Science Officer Certification** –
- Elijah Freeman – **Annual Award – Junior Member of the Year (2025)** –
- Dustin Freeman – **Annual Award – Commanding Officer of the Year (2025)** –

Promotions

- Amber Freeman PROMOTED TO Petty Officer 3rd Class (PO3) E-4 –
- Serenity Freeman PROMOTED TO Petty Officer 3rd Class (PO3) E-4 –
 - Mace Quinn PROMOTED TO Cadet 4th Class (CDT4) C-2 –
 - Ella Quinn PROMOTED TO Cadet 4th Class (CDT4) C-2 –

STATUS: PROMOTION TRACKING

RANK	NAME	TEMPORARY POINTS	PERMANENT POINTS	AWARDS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
FCAPT	Freeman, Dustin	58	180	54	292
LCDR	Sturgeon, William	54	140	18	212
LCDR	Freeman, Elijah	27	130	14	171
LT	Gage, Floyd	37	85	9	131
ENS	McFeron, Lance	71	60	0	131
CAPT	Fitch, Bryan	14	70	5	89
ENS	Quinn, Richard	24	55	8	87
LTJG	Mock, Rachel	8	25	6	39
CDT 1C	Freeman, Lucas	26	0	9	35
ENS	Quinn, Jessica	29	5	0	34
CDT 3C	Freeman, Azrael	16	0	0	16
CRR	Danelz, Jessica	16	0	0	16
CDT	Danelz, Bailey	16	0	0	16
CRR	Danelz, John	16	0	0	16
ENS	Mock, Christopher	0	10	5	15
CRR	Garneaux, Margaret	15	0	0	15
PO3	Freeman, Amber	11	0	3	14
PO3	Freeman, Serenity	9	0	3	12
CRR	Sturgeon, Jodi	8	0	0	8
CRA	Mock, Hannah	7	0	0	7
CRR	Danelz, Jay	6	0	0	6
CDT4	Quinn, Mace	0	0	0	0
CDT4	Quinn, Ella	0	0	0	0
CRR	Daly, Israel	0	0	0	0
CDT	Darnell, Patrick	0	0	0	0
CDT	Freeman, Henry	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,

Yet another month of great participation and growth on the USS Veritas! I would like to begin by welcoming my grandchild **CDT Henry Freeman** and nephew **CDT Patrick Darnell** to the crew. Many of you have seen them around at different events, but now they are official. We are all glad to have you!

Next, we have several promotions this month. We have **CDT4 Mace Quinn** and **CDT4 Ella Quinn** moving up from basic Cadet up to Cadet 4th Class. Then we have **PO3 Amber Freeman** and **PO3 Serenity Freeman** moving up the enlisted ranks. They are both leaving the lower deck ranks of crewmen up to the middle grades of Petty Officers. They are both the first two to hold those ranks on our ship and I am excited to see their continued advancement in time to come.

Some big news from fleet. For those of you who didn't know, this month on August 1st was the Virtual International Conference held online for free. During the VIC they announced the fleet level winners of the Annual Awards. For Junior Member of the Year 2026 the winner was **Elijah Freeman**. He was selected out of all submitted members under the age of 18 literally across the world. For Commanding Officer of the Year 2026 the winner was myself, **FCAPT Dustin Freeman**. It is truly an honor to have been selected and it's largely a reflection of you all as my crew. By participating and being a part of our ship, you encourage and motivate me to push and improve things for this crew, the region, and fleet as a whole. The entire driving force of building COMPASS was to make information and advancement easier for you the crew, so thank you all.

This month a sizeable percent of the crew volunteered your time towards Vacation Bible School as leaders, directors, and teachers. Together the crew volunteered 358 hours of service! That is a great reflection of you heart for the community and in this case children. Thank you all who put in time and effort this last month to that.

Lastly the Chief of Weapons put on a Range Day for us at one of the local gun ranges. It was a great time and I got to see many of you fire a weapon for the first time. And for those of us who have been firing for a long while, you know what they say, "Practice makes Perfect". This wasn't the first time we have done this and I'm certain it won't be the last.

We have a lot of events coming down the calendar so make sure you attend as many as you can as a crew that spends time together is a crew that works well together.

-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's report is kind of short! I'm going to beat the same dead horses. Mainly, because there wasn't a lot going on.

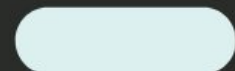
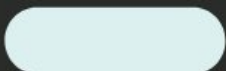
I hope the crew will be attending the Bell County Comicon. It's going to be happening the 1 and 2 of August. I'll be there Saturday. I hope to see some of you there.

Ok on to the dead horses! I still wanting 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. If the crew doesn't contribute, the less likely you will get anything out of it. So, get to writing. If you need help reach out to me or the CO. We'll help you as much as we can.

I know I keep say it; however, it doesn't mean we don't need to be recruiting. Because we do 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 plan on talking to anyone that might be interested in Trek at the Comicon. 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.

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



PETFLEET: Aux Spotlight

AUXILIARY SPOTLIGHT PETFLEET

LCARS 74100-PF

Greetings, Crewmates!

Okay, put on your thinking cap for a second. STARFLEET Medical and STARFLEET Sciences are divisions identified by their **BLUE** uniform colors. Can you name the STARFLEET *auxiliary* that is also identified by its **BLUE** colors?

Yes! ... *STARFLEET Petfleet!*

Petfleet is one of the logical interspecies links that connects STARFLEET Medical and STARFLEET Sciences. As a matter of fact, STARFLEET Educational Services offers (3) courses within the Institute of Medical Arts, the College of Veterinary Medicine:

COVM 100: Introduction to Veterinary Medicine
COVM 101: The Informed Dog Owner
COVM 102: The Informed Cat Owner

And (1) course within the Institute of Leadership Studies, STARFLEET Officer's Leadership College:
SOLC 115: Petfleet

These are great courses for any pet owner (past, present, or future) to take. Not only will you possibly gain knowledge and insight to become a better pet-parent, but you can also earn promotion points for completing these courses. Best yet, did you know that you can register your pets as bona fide members of Petfleet for free? In the spirit of diversity, STARFLEET has given the term "pet" a very broad definition.

So why am I highlighting Petfleet?

- **Firstly**, our pets are some of the dearest members of our families. They love us, comfort us, make us laugh, teach us life lessons, and show us something of God's character that we may not have learned otherwise.
- **Secondly**, nearly everyone we know has some experience with pets. This is a fun way for each of us as crewmates to get to know each other a little better.
- **Thirdly**, Petfleet makes a great recruiting platform and outreach tool. Everyone has stories to tell about their pets, which makes them great silent ambassadors for STARFLEET. If our pets are the conduit through which we can make First Contact with family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances, then it is possible we can recruit them as new members of STARFLEET and U.S.S. Veritas.

If you would like to tell your pet's story, I encourage you to reach out to me with a brief write-up and photo of your pet by the 15th of each month. Let's shine a bright light on those other-species members of our families who add so much color to our lives.

ENS Lance McFeron

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PETFLEET AUXILIARY

BLUE SERVICE ID

MEDICAL + SCIENCES

COVM

100 INTRO VET MED

101 DOG OWNER

102 CAT OWNER

SOLC 115

PETFLEET

SPECIES REGISTRY

CANINE

FELINE

AVIAN

EXOTIC

OTHER

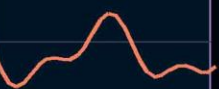


SILENT AMBASSADORS

FIRST CONTACT OUTREACH

PET STORY + PHOTO

SUBMIT BY THE 15TH



COMPANION SIGNAL

OPEN CHANNEL

COMPANION REGISTRY



Send the Demons Back!

LCARS 2-1025

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104-28499



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The Iconian War may be history, but its demons are far from gone. **Star Trek Online** is bringing back the **Demon Hunting Event**, beginning **August 11, 2026** on **PC** and running for three weeks. The event is the **fourth installment of STO's 2026 Event Campaign VIII**, giving Captains another opportunity to earn both event-specific rewards and progress toward the larger annual campaign.

Demon Hunting sends players back into some familiar battles from the Iconian conflict, with four Task Force Operations available for daily progress. In **Herald Sphere**, players take the offensive against the Iconians and their gateway network, while **Gateway to Gre'thor** and **Brotherhood of the Sword** bring the fight directly to Qo'noS. Joining those returning missions is the **new ground TFO, Devil's Heart**, where the Control Borg have invaded the Jouret System Dyson Sphere in an attempt to seize Iconian gateway technology and steal a Devil's Heart kida shard. Players will fight alongside Iconian Alliance engineer N'Vala to stop them.

Captains can earn **one Daily Progress every 20 hours** by completing any of the eligible TFOs. A total of **14 days of progress** is required to unlock the event's Grand Prize.

The centerpiece of that reward is the account-wide **Universal Kit Module – Transphasic Shift**. Its passive ability replicates a Herald Construct that joins its owner in combat, while the active ability uses Herald teleportation technology to rapidly shift the player away from danger, briefly granting Stealth followed by increased damage.

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Players will also unlock **two account-wide space vanity sets**: the **Baleful Herald Vanity Space Set** and **Radiant Herald Vanity Space Set**, allowing ships to take on either the ominous appearance of traditional Herald vessels or their brighter Radiant counterpart. The Grand Prize additionally includes **three Featured TFO Reward Boxes**, each offering a choice between a Specialization Point or Enhanced Universal Tech Upgrade, plus **25,000 Dilithium Ore** for the character that first claims the reward.

Captains who complete the event early can keep going. Additional daily completions after earning the Grand Prize begin awarding **8,000 Dilithium Ore**, with the amount increasing with subsequent completions.

Demon Hunting also contributes to **Event Campaign VIII**, awarding **50 Campaign Progress for each qualifying day**. Players short on time can use a prorated Zen buyout beginning at **2,500 Zen**, while players with unused legacy event tokens will again have the option to convert them through the Event UI.

So ready your ground gear, bring your best starship, and prepare to face the Heralds—and the Borg—once again. **The demons are back, Captains. Time to send them packing.**

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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.

- **Crew Game Night!**

Sat, Aug 15th, 2026 @ 2:00pm

East Side Baptist Church, Killeen, TX

We will have Artemis Starship Bridge Simulator set up for a fun co-operative time. It is strongly encouraged to bring a laptop with you if you have one. If there are enough people that attend, we can play board/card games in between team turns on Artemis.

- **USS Veritas Awards & Promotions Ceremony**

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

Galaxy Burger, Killeen, TX

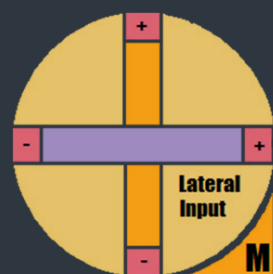
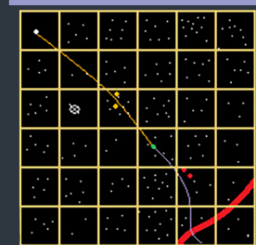
We will hold our Quarterly Awards and Promotions Ceremony and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

- **60th Anniversary TOS Movie Nights**

Fri, Sep 4th- Monday Sep 7th 6:30pm-9:30pm

Cinemark Harker Heights

In the first of week of September the first four Original Series movies will be playing in select theaters and ours is one of them. Come to one or all of them an experience them in theatrical release!



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 — First Contact

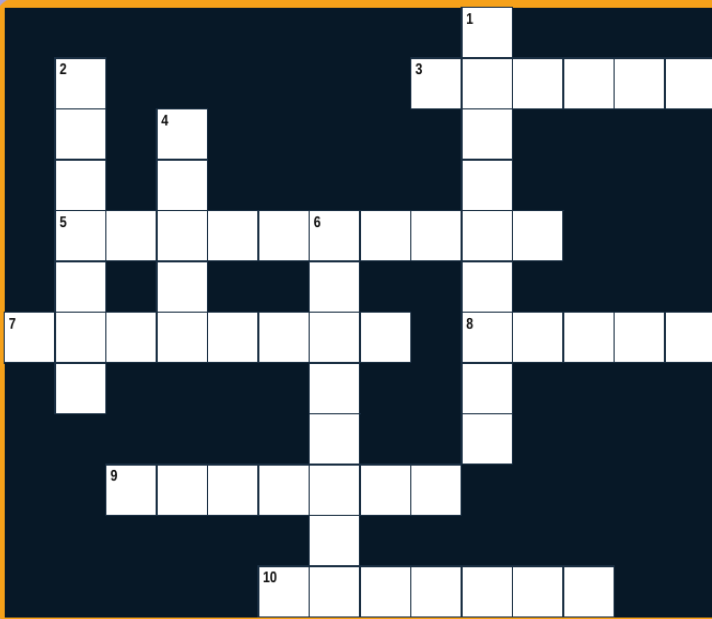
First contact occurs when Starfleet meets a civilization for the first time. A successful first contact requires patience, respect, careful observation, and good communication. A wise cadet remembers that unfamiliar customs are not necessarily wrong—they may simply be different.

Before speaking for Starfleet, a cadet should ask: What have we learned? Are we showing respect? Are we ready to listen?

FIRST CONTACT CROSSWORD

CADET TRAINING ACTIVITY - AGES 8-15

Use the clues to fill the white squares. Every answer relates to meeting a new civilization.



ACROSS

3. A message sent across space.
5. A device that helps two languages understand each other.
7. Friendly words used when meeting someone.
8. A living being from another world.
9. Communication or a meeting between two groups.
10. Treating others with care and consideration.

DOWN

1. Solving disagreements through peaceful discussion.
2. A group's customs, beliefs, art, and way of life.
4. A condition without fighting or war.
6. Words, signs, or sounds used to communicate.

Complete and turn in your Cadet Corner sheet to earn Cadet promotion points!

CADET CORNER

Cadet Mission Page

Mission Briefing: The Silent Greeting

The **USS Veritas** enters orbit around a planet that has never communicated with the Federation.

Sensors detect cities, energy systems, and several spacecraft. Soon after the Veritas arrives, one of the planet's ships approaches and sends a repeating transmission.

The universal translator can only understand part of the message:

"Visitors... remain... wait... peaceful..."

The alien ship raises a glowing field around itself. Tactical reports that the field might be a shield, but Science says it could also be part of a traditional greeting.

The alien crew has not fired weapons or made any threatening moves. The captain asks the cadet training team to recommend the next step.

Cadet Decision: What Should the Crew Do First?

Choose the best response:

- A. Raise weapons and demand that the alien ship lower its field.**
- B. Leave the planet immediately without responding.**
- C. Continue studying the message, keep a safe distance, and send a peaceful greeting.**
- D. Beam aboard the alien ship without permission.**

Cadet Discussion

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

1. Why should the crew avoid assuming that the glowing field is a weapon?
2. Why is listening important during first contact?
3. How can the crew show respect for customs they do not understand?
4. What could happen if the Veritas responds too quickly or aggressively?

Cadet Trivia: First Contact Level

1. What device helps people who speak different languages understand one another?
A. Universal translator
B. Tractor beam
C. Warp core
2. What does "first contact" mean?
A. The first meeting between two civilizations
B. The first time a ship reaches warp speed
C. The first officer's daily report
3. Which Starfleet quality is most important during first contact?
A. Patience and respect
B. Speaking louder than everyone else
C. Showing off the ship's weapons
4. What should the crew do if they do not understand an alien custom?
A. Assume it is dangerous
B. Observe carefully and ask respectful questions
C. Laugh at it

JUNE CADET CORNER ANSWERS

Cadet Trivia: Away Team Level

1. A. Tricorder
2. B. Medical
3. A. So the ship can help if something goes wrong
4. B. Prepared and observant

Cadet Mission Answer

The best Starfleet answer was:

C. Report the problems, restock the medkit, repair communications, and scan for safer landing options.

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	Tricorder
RORMUCATMCO	Communicator
RASEPH	Phaser
HSLDAFGLIT	Flashlight
EMD-CAKP	Med-Pack



CADET MATCHING CHALLENGE: WHO SHOULD HANDLE IT?

Draw a line or write the correct letter.

SITUATION	DEPARTMENT
1. A crew member is injured.	A. Engineering
2. The shuttle engine is malfunctioning.	B. Medical
3. A strange life sign is detected.	C. Security
4. The away team needs protection.	D. Science
5. The captain needs a report sent to the ship.	E. Communications
ANSWERS: 1. <u>B</u> 2. <u>A</u> 3. <u>D</u> 4. <u>C</u> 5. <u>E</u>	

