



This Issue

Achievements

Pg 2



Promotion Points

Pg 3



Captains Log

Pg 4



First Officers Log

Pg 5



Petfleet: Report

Pg 6



Veritas Viral

P.7



Other Treks

P.8



Upcoming Events

P.13



Cadet Corner

P.14



USS VERITAS – CURRENT STATUS

CREW ASSIGNED:	26
OFFICERS:	10
ENLISTED:	9
CADETS:	7
CITIZENS:	0
EVENTS LAST MONTH:	11
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

100	– Lance McFeron –	
90	Distinguished: 23	
80	Honors: 15	
70		

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	76	180	57	313
LCDR	Sturgeon, William	60	140	26	226
ENS	McFeron, Lance	139	60	0	199
LCDR	Freeman, Elijah	33	130	14	177
LT	Gage, Floyd	47	85	9	141
CAPT	Fitch, Bryan	22	70	5	97
ENS	Quinn, Richard	26	55	8	89
LTJG	Mock, Rachel	10	25	7	42
CDT 1C	Freeman, Lucas	30	0	9	39
ENS	Quinn, Jessica	33	5	0	38
PO3	Freeman, Amber	19	0	3	22
CDT 3C	Freeman, Azrael	18	0	0	18
CRR	Danelz, Jessica	18	0	0	18
PO3	Freeman, Serenity	13	0	3	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
CRA	Mock, Hannah	9	0	0	9
CRR	Sturgeon, Jodi	8	0	0	8
CRR	Danelz, Jay	6	0	0	6
CDT	Darnell, Patrick	4	0	0	4
CDT	Freeman, Henry	4	0	0	4
CDT4	Quinn, Mace	3	0	0	3
CDT4	Quinn, Ella	3	0	0	3
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,

This last month was a bit slower than last month but by no means am I insinuating that it was a bad month. We started off with the Bell County Comicon with our XO and Chief Intel Officer leading the way representing the ship and providing us with visibility to the area.

Next, we held the Crew Game Day. I'll admit this one was a bit of a bust, not just in participation but in execution on my part. Artemis totally failed, and I didn't remember to bring backup board games for the very situation we encountered. The good news, I was able to go back to the drawing board and workout the bugs in Artemis Starship Bridge Simulator and even as some improvements for when we play next. I have conducted a live test since I fixed the bugs, and we are a go for our next attempt. Also, CDT 1C Lucas and I sat down and learned the rules for a new tabletop game secured by our Tactical Officer LT Floyd Gage and are ready in the face of future failure.

This month we also had scheduled a Lunar Eclipse Viewing event sponsored by our SFMC unit, The Truth Guard. Unfortunately, the weather thought it would be great to remind us that we were not in charge and a thunderstorm rolled in preventing us from seeing it. But we will keep you updated on future celestial events.

Our Quarterly Awards & Promotions Ceremony was thankfully a success in spite of the oppressive heat of the weekend. We had a show with over half of our members and a good number of awards we handed out. We look forward to our next Quarterly Awards Ceremony where we will also celebrate our third year since we completed shakedown and became a full chapter of STARFLEET!

As of the Writing of this I am preparing for the Star Trek 60th Anniversary showing of the Star Trek Movies 1-4 at theaters this first weekend of September. I look forward to seeing some of you at the theater and hope you get to experience Star Trek on the Big Screen!

Lastly, I'd like to thank the crew members who are taking the time to submit articles for the newsletter. You have no idea how it brightens my day and makes my life easier to have contributions made. Some of the articles this month call for action a participation. I would encourage you to follow up with things like the Petfleet challenge, Cadet Corner, and Other Treks.

Keep an eye out for events and updates as we are always trying to improve and increase opportunities for us to interact and have fun together. Until Next time, stay safe.

-FCAPT Freeman, Dustin
co.ussveritas@sfi.org
CO, USS Veritas

FIRST OFFICERS LOG

Hello Crew,

I hope everyone has been having a good month. This month's report will be short! I'm going to beat the same dead horses. Mainly, because there wasn't a lot going on.

I attended the Bell County comicon the first weekend of August with a couple of friends. We had a great time. I wore my uniform Saturday and a Star Trek t-shirt Sunday. There were several vendors that had Star Trek items. I purchased several items myself. Overall, it was a good time. Perhaps next year we can set up a booth.

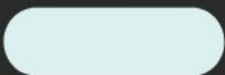
Ok on to the dead horse!

I know I keep saying 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. 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.

Next, I still want everyone to think about what kind of articles they would like to see in the newsletter! I'd also like to see crew members 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 Captain. We'll help you as much as we can.

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



VERITAS VETERINARY - A.K.A. PETFLEET

AUXILIARY SPOTLIGHT PETFLEET

LCARS 74100-PF

In last month's edition of Veritas Voyages, we discussed the wonderful world of STARFLEET Petfleet and the STARFLEET Academy training opportunities available to all members. Since publication, the Institute of Medical Arts (IOMA), College of Veterinary Medicine COVM) has created a new course that has not yet been listed in the Educational Services Course Catalog: COVM 103: *The Informed Small Pet Owner*. I recently had the pleasure of taking this course. COVM 103 is another high-quality addition to the COVM course family, focusing on a variety of non-dog or cat species and the unique considerations and concerns associated with owning them. I strongly encourage all past, current, and future pet owners to complete the COVM courses, *especially cadets* interested in pursuing careers in veterinary sciences.

Have you registered your pets as bona fide members of STARFLEET? Pets get their very own membership registration number (PCC), a *Welcome Aboard* letter with assignment orders to their caretaker's ship, and a beautiful membership certificate that can be hung on the wall of their crew quarters. This is a fun, free benefit for all STARFLEET members.

Use this link to sign up today! <https://forms.gle/6DJf78CKeZZkUdUb7>

VERITAS PETFLEET MEMBER OF THE MONTH

U.S.S. Veritas is proud to announce the Petfleet member of the month for August 2026:

PCC #1743: Jonathan "JonJon" Archer
Caretaker: ENS Lance E. McFeron



JonJon was rescued as a 6-week-old kitten earlier this year when he and his siblings were taken from their mother. JonJon was subsequently returned to the mother; however, she didn't accept him back, and he was left to fend for himself. ENS McFeron's wife rescued JonJon from certain tragedy and brought him home. JonJon and ENS McFeron developed a strong, deep relationship, and they are quite inseparable. After ENS McFeron socialized him, JonJon now makes regular trips to a local post-surgical rehabilitative facility and provides emotional pet therapy for patients. JonJon was named for his favorite Star Trek captain, Jonathan Archer.

If you would like to nominate your pet for VERITAS PETFLEET MEMBER OF THE MONTH, please email ENS Lance McFeron (mcferon.sfi@gmail.com) with the following details by the **20th of each month**:

Pet's Name
Pet's Petfleet PCC#
Pet's Species
Caretaker's Name
Pet's Unique Story
Photo(s)



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 ☐

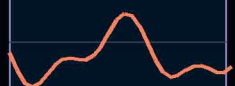


SILENT AMBASSADORS

FIRST CONTACT OUTREACH

PET STORY + PHOTO

SUBMIT BY THE 15TH



COMPANION SIGNAL

OPEN CHANNEL

COMPANION REGISTRY



PF-08-26 74100



VERITAS VIRAL - MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

"Please state the nature of your medical emergency."

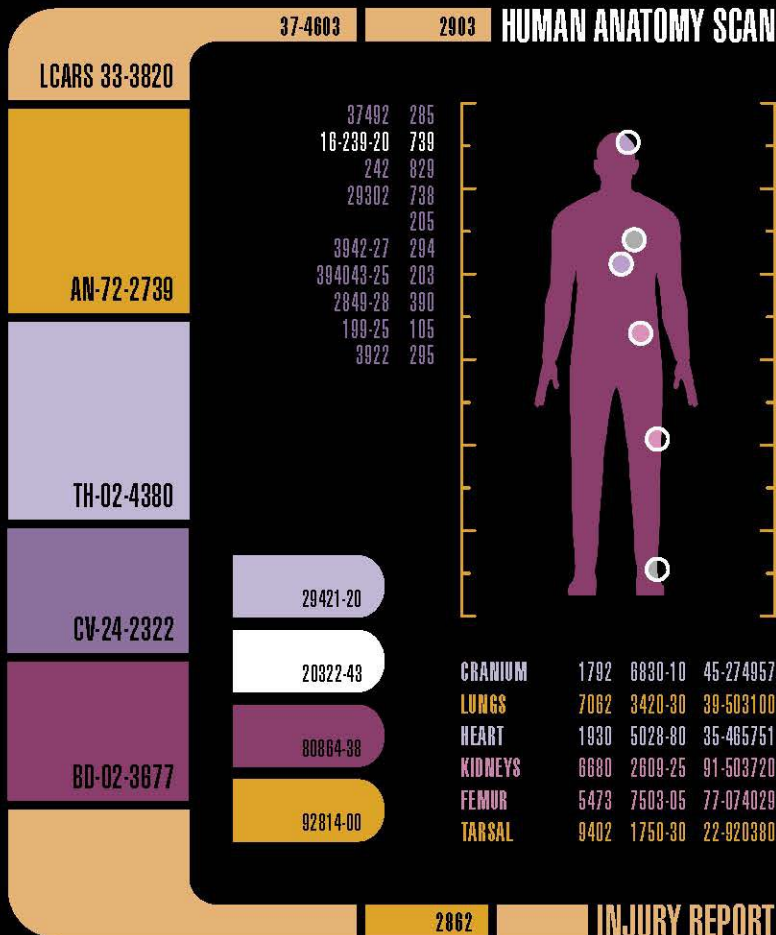
It's that time of year again when school and extracurricular activities ramp up, the weather starts changing, and we spend much more time indoors with many other people. As a result, we all risk exposure to communicable pathogens and becoming ill. However, we can take measures to strengthen our immune systems, adopt habits to reduce cross-contamination, and minimize recovery time if we do get sick. Here are some simple, practical applications we can all take to promote good health and wellness:

PROACTIVE COUNTERMEASURES

- Get plenty of rest/sleep.
- Eat nutritious, well-balanced meals.
- Optimize water consumption; limit caffeine and sugary drink intake.
- Engage in regular physical exercise activities.
- Have regular physical examinations, taking medications as directed.
- Take care of your mental, emotional, and spiritual health/well-being.
- Know your limitations.

ACTIVE DEFENSE SYSTEMS

- Wash hands regularly.
- Practice good personal hygiene.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of your elbow.
- Change and wash bedding regularly.
- Avoid/minimize exposure to others with active communicable illness.
- Dress accordingly for the weather.
- Laugh and cry.



RECOVERY PROTOCOLS

- Seek medical attention and follow provider's orders.
- Notify others of possible exposure; limit contact as necessary.
- Rest, hydrate, and maintain nutrition intake.
- Maintain personal hygiene standards.
- Do not return to work/school, drive/operate machinery while incapacitated or until allowed by a medical professional.
- Slowly reincorporate regular life activities once healing begins.
- Maintain a positive attitude.

OTHER TREKS

Greetings once again Veritas comrades & welcome to "Other Treks" I apologize for not having this column submitted last month but I was on a 30th anniversary cruise. I'm now attempting to figure out how to live in Alaska in the summers. I hope you enjoy the sequel/conclusion to the TOS story and was definitely a Star Trek 25th Anniversary Comic Celebration.

Star Trek: The Next Generation – The Modala Imperative Review

When DC Comics followed its four-issue *Star Trek: The Modala Imperative* miniseries with *Star Trek: The Next Generation – The Modala Imperative* in 1991, it completed one of the more ambitious Star Trek comic stories of the era. The first miniseries had followed Captain Kirk's Enterprise during its troubled return to the planet Modala. The TNG sequel moves the story forward one hundred years, bringing Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the Enterprise-D back to Modala for the centennial celebration of the planet's liberation.

Written by Peter David with artwork by Pablo Marcos, the four-issue miniseries succeeds not simply because it reunites two generations of Star Trek characters, but because it allows the consequences of the TOS story to become part of the TNG narrative. The result is a story about history, memory, political responsibility, and the unexpected consequences of decisions made generations earlier.

One Hundred Years Later

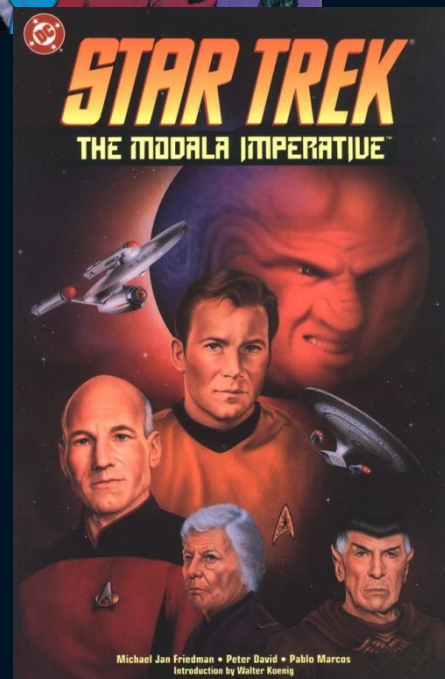
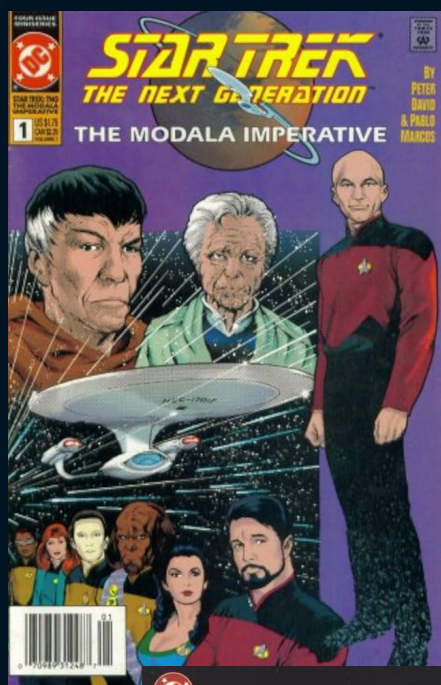
The premise immediately gives the TNG portion an advantage over a conventional sequel.

One hundred years have passed since Kirk's encounter with Modala. The planet is now celebrating the centennial of its liberation and is preparing to become a member of the Federation. The Enterprise-D has been invited to participate in the celebration, accompanied by a particularly important guest: Admiral Leonard McCoy.

The inclusion of McCoy is an inspired choice. He is not merely there as a nostalgic connection to the original series. He is a living witness to the events of a century earlier. His presence gives the story a sense that the events readers experienced in the TOS miniseries have become part of Modala's history.

Even more significant is the eventual arrival of Spock.

The sight of Spock and McCoy together with Picard's crew was a major attraction when this story was originally published. This was years before *Star Trek: Generations* and before *Star Trek: The Next Generation* had regularly incorporated characters from the original series. The comic therefore offered something that was still relatively unusual in 1991: a genuine meeting between the old and new generations of Star Trek.



Peter David Understands the Next Generation

The biggest difference between the two halves of *The Modala Imperative* is the writing.

Michael Jan Friedman approached the TOS portion by emphasizing the political and ethical qualities of the original series. Peter David takes a somewhat different approach with the TNG crew, placing greater emphasis on personality, humor, relationships, and character interaction.

That makes the TNG miniseries feel distinctly like *The Next Generation* rather than simply a continuation of the TOS story.

Picard is thoughtful and diplomatic, attempting to resolve the crisis through negotiation before resorting to force. His leadership is based on finding a solution that respects both Federation principles and the sovereignty of Modala.

Spock provides an intellectual connection to the past while simultaneously allowing the story to explore how much has changed during the intervening century.

McCoy, meanwhile, provides one of the strongest emotional connections to the original story. His presence reminds the reader that while Modala has changed, the people who experienced its history have not simply become footnotes in a history book.

The TNG regulars are also given room to participate rather than being pushed aside by the returning characters. Picard, Riker, Troi, Data, Worf, Geordi, and Crusher remain recognizable members of the Enterprise-D crew, while Spock and McCoy complement rather than completely dominate the story.

The Return of the Ferengi

The major conflict comes when the Ferengi arrive during Modala's centennial celebration.

They claim that a deal made one hundred years earlier gives them ownership of the planet. The original rulers of Modala had apparently made an agreement with the Ferengi, and the Ferengi now intend to collect on that agreement.

This provides an interesting contrast with the TOS storyline.

Kirk's Enterprise encountered a society being oppressed from within. Picard's Enterprise arrives at a society that believes it has finally escaped oppression, only to discover that an old agreement threatens to place it under outside control once again.

The story therefore revisits the central question of freedom from a different direction.

The issue is no longer simply whether the Federation should interfere with Modala's internal affairs. Instead, Picard must determine what the Federation can legitimately do when an outside power attempts to exploit an old agreement and impose its will upon a sovereign world.

That makes the sequel feel connected to the original story without simply repeating it.

The Ferengi as Villains

The Ferengi are particularly effective in this story because they are used in a way that fits their established role in *The Next Generation*.

Rather than presenting them as conventional military conquerors, Peter David makes their threat primarily economic and contractual. They believe they have a legitimate claim because they possess an agreement that, from their perspective, gives them ownership of Modala.

Of course, the legality and morality of that agreement are considerably more complicated.

This allows the story to play with one of the recurring themes of Star Trek: the difference between something being technically legal and something being morally right.

The Ferengi also provide an opportunity for Peter David's humor. Their greed and aggressive interpretation of commerce provide some lighter moments without completely undermining the seriousness of the situation.

The result is a conflict that feels appropriate for the Ferengi rather than simply turning them into generic space pirates.

Picard and the Question of Intervention

One of the strongest elements of the TNG portion is Picard's approach to the crisis.

Kirk's solution to the Modala situation a century earlier was heavily influenced by the Prime Directive. He could not simply overthrow the natives. Picard faces a different problem.

Modala is now an independent civilization that wants Federation membership. The people have already established their own government. This distinction allows Picard to act without simply repeating Kirk's dilemma.

Yet Picard still tries diplomacy first.

That is an important characteristic of the character, and Peter David understands it. Picard does not immediately reach for a phase of force. When diplomacy ultimately fails, the story moves toward a more unconventional solution.

Picard's Final Challenge

The climax is one of the more entertaining aspects of the miniseries.

Rather than ending with a massive space battle between the Enterprise-D and the Ferengi, Picard challenges the Ferengi daimon to a duel.

It is an unusual solution for Picard, but it works within the story because the Ferengi are willing to recognize the challenge.

The confrontation also reinforces one of the defining characteristics of Picard: his willingness to put himself at risk rather than sacrifice his principles.

Picard's victory resolves the immediate crisis while allowing the Enterprise to depart without turning the story into a conventional space opera.

It is a very comic-book solution, but it also has the advantage of giving the miniseries a memorable conclusion.

Spock and McCoy Meet the Next Generation

For longtime Star Trek fans, however, the real attraction is not necessarily the central plot.

It is seeing Spock and McCoy interact with the Enterprise-D crew.

This is where the miniseries becomes something more than simply a sequel.

McCoy's interactions with the younger crew provide a fascinating generational contrast. He represents the Star Trek of the 2260s, while Spock's presence is even more significant.

At the time this comic was published, fans had not yet seen Spock become a regular participant in the TNG era. His appearance here is a preview of things to come.

The story effectively asks what happens when the legends of one Enterprise step aboard another.

The answer is that the old characters remain recognizably themselves, but the new crew does not feel like a replacement for them.

That is exactly what the premise of *The Modala Imperative* should accomplish.

Pablo Marcos' Artwork

Pablo Marcos returns for the TNG portion, providing visual continuity between the two miniseries.

That decision was particularly important because the two stories were published as separate four-issue miniseries. Having the same artist work on both halves makes the eight-issue story feel like one continuous narrative rather than two unrelated adventures.

Marcos' artwork has the familiar strengths seen in the TOS portion. His characters are expressive, the action is easy to follow, and the Enterprise-D and alien environments are presented clearly.

His interpretations of the television characters are recognizable without becoming overly photographic.

The covers deserve special mention as well. Adam Hughes and Karl Story provided the covers, and they remain some of the most visually appealing Star Trek comic covers of the period.

The interior artwork may not have the polished realism of later Star Trek comics, but it has a consistency that helps bridge the two eras.

A True Generational Story

The greatest accomplishment of the TNG *Modala Imperative* is that it understands what makes the larger concept work.

This is not really a crossover in the conventional sense.

Kirk and Picard never meet.

Instead, Picard inherits a piece of history created by Kirk.

That is a much more interesting idea.

Kirk's decisions on Modala have consequences that continue for a century. The planet's eventual freedom, its relationship with the Federation, and the celebration attended by Picard's Enterprise all exist because of events that took place in the previous miniseries.

The TNG story therefore gives the TOS story additional significance in retrospect.

Kirk's adventure was not simply an isolated incident.

It became history.

And now Picard has to deal with the consequences of that history.

A Snapshot of Star Trek in 1991

There is also something historically interesting about this comic.

Published in 1991, *The Modala Imperative* arrived during one of the most significant periods in Star Trek history. *The Next Generation* was well established, *Deep Space Nine* was about to debut, and the franchise was approaching its 25th anniversary.

The comic reflects that transitional period.

It was now possible to look at Kirk and his crew as the legendary predecessors of Picard's generation rather than simply as another active Starfleet crew.

That makes the appearance of Spock and McCoy especially effective.

The story is essentially telling the reader that the Star Trek universe has developed a history of its own.

The 23rd-century characters have become the heroes of the 24th-century characters' past.

Final Verdict

Star Trek: The Next Generation – The Modala Imperative is a strong conclusion to DC Comics' ambitious eight-issue story.

While the TOS portion is built around the Prime Directive and the struggle against political oppression, the TNG portion is more complex. The Ferengi conflict is entertaining, if somewhat more straightforward than the political questions raised by the first miniseries. The Modala Imperative project set out to accomplish.

It connects two generations of *Star Trek* without requiring them to meet.

Kirk's story becomes Picard's history. Spock and McCoy become living links between two eras. Modala becomes the common ground. Peter David's writing, Pablo Marcos' consistent artwork, and the appearances of Leonard McCoy and Spock make the TNG portion a success. For fans of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, The Modala Imperative is an interesting piece of early-1990s Trek history and one of DC's best. It may not be as philosophically rich as the TOS portion, but it provides exactly what a sequel should provide: a new story that respects the past while moving forward. Remember please give me ideas for a Star Trek story that you want to either review yourself, for the crew or have me review it.



LCDR. William A Sturgeon (Nadiak)

Chief Intelligence Officer

USS Veritas NX 74100

SCC 86449

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, Sep 19th, 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.

- **60th Anniversary TOS Movie Nights**

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

Cinemark Harker Heights

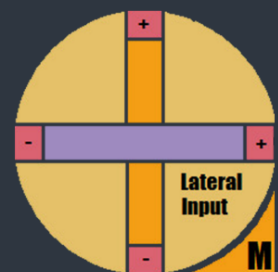
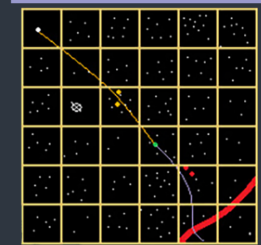
In the first of week of September the first four Original Series movies will be playing in select theaters and ours is one of them. Come to one or all of them an experience them in theatrical release!

- **USS Veritas Awards & Promotions Ceremony**

Sat, Nov 21st, 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 - Science & Discovery

Starfleet science officers explore strange new worlds, investigate unusual readings, and help the crew understand things they have never seen before. Good scientists do more than know facts—they observe carefully, ask questions, gather evidence, and change their ideas when new information is discovered.

Before making a conclusion, a wise cadet asks:

1. What did we observe?
2. What evidence do we have?
3. What else could explain it?

SENSOR ANALYSIS CHALLENGE: WHAT DID THE VERITAS DISCOVER?

Cadets identify five objects from sensor clues.

1



Mostly frozen material; develops a glowing tail near a star.

2



Huge cloud of gas and dust; stars may form inside it.

3



Produces enormous amounts of light and heat; planets may orbit it.

4



Artificial metal construction; no life signs; repeating radio signal.

5



Rocky surface; gravity; atmosphere; orbits a star.

WHO GETS THE REPORT?

Match each situation with the department that should receive the report.

- | | | |
|---|--|---------|
| 1 | Unstable warp core temperature detected. | • _____ |
| 2 | Unknown energy signature detected near a nebula. | • _____ |
| 3 | Crew member shows signs of radiation exposure. | • _____ |
| 4 | Hostile ship detected on long-range sensors. | • _____ |

A



SCIENCE

Analyzes space and lifeforms, performs scans and research.

B



ENGINEERING

Handles ship systems, power, and technical problems.

C



MEDICAL

Treats injuries and illnesses, monitors crew health.

D



TACTICAL

Handles threats, ship defense, and combat situations.

Cadet Name: _____

CADET CORNER

Cadet Mission Page

Mission Briefing: The Impossible Life Sign

The **USS Veritas** is surveying an apparently uninhabited, frozen world. Sensors suddenly detect a single life sign moving beneath the ice.

A second scan shows nothing.

A third scan detects the life sign again—but several kilometers away.

Science cannot explain the readings, while Engineering reports that the sensors appear to be functioning normally.

The captain asks the cadet training team what the crew should do next.

Cadet Decision: What Should the Crew Do First?

Choose the best response:

- A. Announce the discovery of a new alien species.
- B. Fire a phaser into the ice.
- C. Run additional scans, compare the readings, and investigate other explanations.
- D. Ignore the reading.

Cadet Discussion

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

- 1. Why shouldn't the crew immediately announce that alien life was discovered?
- 2. What else could cause a strange sensor reading?
- 3. Why is repeating an observation useful?
- 4. Why is changing your conclusion when new evidence appears a strength?

SCIENCE OFFICER'S RULE:

Observe first. Gather evidence. Then decide what it means.

Cadet Trivia: Science Officer Level

1. What do a starship's sensors help the crew do?

- A. Gather information about objects and conditions
- B. Cook meals for the crew
- C. Change the ship's uniforms

2. What is a nebula?

- A. A type of shuttlecraft
- B. A cloud of gas and dust in space
- C. A Starfleet rank

3. Why might a science officer repeat a sensor scan?

- A. To confirm the reading and make sure it is accurate
- B. Because the first scan never counts
- C. To use extra power for no reason

4. What should a good scientist do if new evidence does not match their first idea?

- A. Ignore the new evidence
- B. Reconsider or change the idea based on the evidence
- C. Hide the results

AUGUST CADET CORNER ANSWERS

Cadet Trivia: First Contact Level

1. A. Universal translator
2. A. The first meeting between two civilizations
3. A. Patience and respect
4. B. Observe carefully and ask respectful questions

Cadet Mission Answer

The best Starfleet answer was:

C. Continue studying the message, keep a safe distance, and send a peaceful greeting.

