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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	107	180	64	351
LCDR	Freeman, Elijah	38	130	14	182
CMDR	Sturgeon, William	5	140	26	171
LT	Gage, Floyd	69	85	12	166
LTJG	McFeron, Lance	34	110	2	146
CAPT	Fitch, Bryan	24	70	5	99
ENS	Quinn, Richard	27	55	8	90
LTJG	Mock, Rachel	12	25	9	46
CDT 1C	Freeman, Lucas	35	0	9	44
ENS	Quinn, Jessica	33	5	0	38
PO3	Freeman, Amber	19	0	3	22
CDT 3C	Freeman, Azrael	21	0	0	21
CDT	Danelz, Bailey	18	0	0	18
CRR	Danelz, John	18	0	0	18
PO3	Freeman, Serenity	13	0	3	16
ENS	Mock, Christopher	0	10	5	15
CRR	Sturgeon, Jodi	13	0	0	13
CRR	Danelz, Jay	10	0	0	10
CRA	Mock, Hannah	9	0	0	9
CDT	Darnell, Patrick	6	0	0	6
CDT	Freeman, Henry	4	0	0	4
CDT4	Quinn, Mace	3	0	0	3
CDT4	Quinn, Ella	3	0	0	3
CRA	Danelz, Jessica	2	0	0	2
CRA	Garneaux, Margaret	0	0	0	0
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 month was actually quite busy, in a way that I'm not complaining about it. The month kicked off strongly with the theatrical showing of Star Trek I-IV in theaters for the 60 Anniversary of Star Trek. I personally made it to the first 3 movies, thoroughly enjoying the experience on the silver screen, an opportunity I was denied on their original showing due to not yet being born.

We held our makeup Crew Game Day with much greater success than last month. We both had increased attendance and the Artemis system worked flawlessly. Nonetheless, while the crew in attendance learned how to work as a team, notes were taken leading to even more improvements to have been made to the game. I am looking forward to the next time we are able to play.

At this time, I would like to announce for those who are not aware LTJG Lance McFeron has taken the position of Chief Science Officer. He has largely been filling the roll unofficially through his advocating attendance for events and challenges put on by the Science Auxiliary and will now be officially responsible for doing so. I truly appreciate his stepping up into the role. Doing so will open up more opportunities for everyone to be engaged within STARFLEET.

For those of you who have been submitting your reading to the monthly STARFLEET Medical reading challenge, as of October 1st they have moved to using a fleet wide form for submitting reading. The new form does the calculations for page count like our former ship form did but even has page count calculations built in for reading fan fiction and audio books. Like our former ship reading submission form, it will submit your reading activity directly to COMPASS for you. I will be updating the quick link at the bottom of the crew dashboard for the benefit of the crew. If you haven't been logging your reading to the monthly reading challenge, then I would encourage you to start.

I would like to see more of you submit events to the calendar. If there is an event you think the crew would enjoy attending, through it in COMPASS. Attending a Renaissance Fair close by, put it on the calendar. The system is specifically designed for you to be able to submit the events, so don't be afraid to use it.

-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 will be a short! I'm going to beat the same dead horses. Mainly, because there wasn't a lot going on.

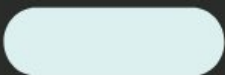
Ok on to the dead horse!

I'm 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 Captain. We'll help you as much as we can

Next, 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. 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



VERITAS VETERINARY - A.K.A. PETFLEET

AUXILIARY SPOTLIGHT PETFLEET

LCARS 74100-PF

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

VERITAS PETFLEET MEMBER OF THE MONTH

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

PCC #1742: Bella Lunita “Luna” Elizabeth
Caretaker: LTJG Lance E. McFeron



LTJG Lance McFeron rescued Luna as a kitten from the underside engine space of a parked car. This is a common place for cats to hide their kittens or to stay warm when temperatures drop. Luna immediately bonded with her human and took ownership of him, learning all of the tricks to train “her person” from other established cats within the home. Luna enjoys copious amounts of lap-time, rolling in catnip leaves, and sleeping on top of her human at night. Luna gets excited when she hears the music for *Strange New Worlds* and runs to jump into LTJG McFeron’s lap to watch every episode with him.

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

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/6DJf78CKeZZkUdUb7>

Nominate **YOUR PET** for VERITAS PETFLEET MEMBER OF THE MONTH!

Email LTJG Lance McFeron (mcferon.sfi@gmail.com) the following details by the **20th of each month**:

Pet’s Name
Petfleet PCC#
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 ☐

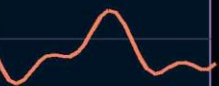


SILENT AMBASSADORS

FIRST CONTACT OUTREACH

PET STORY + PHOTO

SUBMIT BY THE 15TH



COMPANION SIGNAL
OPEN CHANNEL

COMPANION REGISTRY



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VERITAS VIRAL - MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

October is here, and a lot of change is in the air. The weather is turning crisp, football season is mid-stride, and school is helping educate our future leaders. There are also unwelcome changes. Throughout the month of October, pink will be everywhere as a reminder of the reality of breast cancer. All of us know someone who's been affected by cancer. In my family, my mother, sisters-in-law, and daughter-in-law have all fought breast cancer. Many kudos to the breast cancer community for their tireless promotion efforts regarding testing, treatment, surveillance, and survivorship, not to mention the support for those diagnosed with the disease, but for their families and caregivers as well. The color we see most often is pink, which symbolizes breast cancer awareness. But did you know other cancers also have awareness ribbons? As a cancer overcomer myself, I'm encouraged knowing God fully healed me, and I can commemorate His victory with a representative ribbon/colors for my battle. Take a moment and look at the chart below – and be aware – that many people are in the cancer fight - on many fronts.

To the researchers, scientists, and healthcare providers doing the impossible:

THANK YOU!

To the families, friends, caregivers, and support systems walking the path, too:

WE LOVE YOU!

To those on the front lines, in direct combat with the aggressor:

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Your battle scars are badges of honor, for you stand among true warriors.

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HUMAN ANATOMY SCAN

You ask, *"What can I do?"*

LCARS 33-3820

AN-72-2739

TH-02-4380

CV-24-2322

BD-02-3877

Cancer Awareness Ribbon Colors

All Cancers Lavender	Leukemia Orange
Anal Cancer Purple/Green	Liver Cancer Emerald
Appendix Cancer Amber	Lung Cancer White
Bladder Cancer Marigold/Blue/Purple	Lymphoma Lime
Brain Cancer Grey	Melanoma Black
Breast Cancer Pink	Metastatic Breast Cancer Green/Teal/Pink
Neuroendocrine Cancer Zebra Stripe	Multiple Myeloma Burgundy
Cervical Cancer Teal/White	Ovarian Cancer Teal
Childhood Cancer Gold	Pancreatic Cancer Purple
Colon Cancer Dark Blue	Prostate Cancer Light Blue
Esophageal Cancer Periwinkle	Sarcoma/Bone Cancer Yellow
Gallbladder/Bile Duct Cancer Kelly Green	Stomach Cancer Periwinkle
Head & Neck Cancer Burgundy/Ivory	Testicular Cancer Orchid
Hodgkins Lymphoma Violet	Thyroid Cancer Teal/Pink/Blue
Kidney Cancer Orange	Uterine Cancer Peach
Leiomyosarcoma Purple	Honors Caregivers Plum

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(317)-852-8956
www.choosehope.com

- Have regular physicals and check-ups. Your healthcare team can help you develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- If you notice something out of the ordinary, don't delay in getting it checked out. Early detection of disease is key to achieving optimal results.
- Get tested regularly, on time, and as doctors order.
- Be there for those struggling with illness, disease, and healthcare challenges.
- Educate yourself. STARFLEET Educational Services, Institute of Medical Arts (IOMA), has established the College of Cancer Studies to facilitate cancer awareness. The program includes 6 course groupings, totaling 32 courses.

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INJURY REPORT

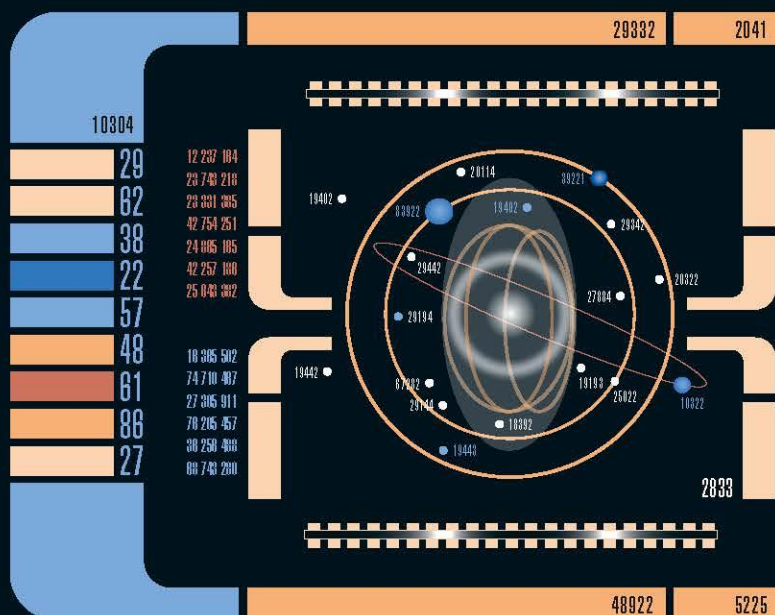
For additional information and resources, contact the American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org

I'm honored that FCPT Freeman selected me to serve as USS Veritas' Chief Science Officer. In this role, I hope to provide you with useful, helpful, and engaging information about happenings and opportunities within the STARFLEET Sciences and Petfleet communities. As an introduction, I'm a Navy veteran living in Houston with my wife, who runs a small cat rescue. At the end of June 2026, I retired from a 35-year career with a 3-letter federal agency and decided to go in a totally different direction, re-enrolling in university to get a degree in horticulture. My 5 kids and 9 grandkids live across Texas and in Louisiana, so I get to do a *little bit* of traveling. Enough about me...

What interests you and sparks your curiosity to learn?

Science is the systematic discipline that builds, organizes, and tests information and ideas to develop informed explanations about nature and society by using the scientific method. These are the 4 major categories of science and some of their sub-categories:

- Natural Sciences
 - Physical Sciences (Astronomy, Chemistry, Earth Science (Geology, Meteorology), Physics)
 - Life/Biological Sciences (Biology, Biochemistry, Ecology, Zoology)
- Formal Sciences
 - Logic
 - Mathematics
 - Theoretical Computer Science
- Applied Sciences
 - Agriculture
 - Engineering
 - Medicine
- Social Sciences
 - Economics
 - Geography
 - Sociology
 - Psychology



Email, text, Discord, or Facebook me, and let me know your interests and whether you'd like to join the Veritas Science Department.

Veritas wants to hear from you!



- LTJG Lance McFeron
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OTHER TREKS

The Ashes of Eden

Writers: William Shatner with Judith Reeves-Stevens & Garfield Reeves-Stevens

Artists: Steve Erwin (pencils) & Jimmy Palmiotti (inks)

Welcome to another edition of **Other Treks**. This month, I'm covering a comic that I have some very mixed feelings about.

The 1990s were arguably the Golden Age of *Star Trek*, at least in my opinion. In 1991, *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*, my personal favorite Trek movie, gave us the swan song of the TOS cast. Meanwhile, *The Next Generation* and *Deep Space Nine* were firing on all eight cylinders, with *Voyager* joining the lineup in the middle of the decade. The novels, comics, video games, and collectibles were all being cranked out at an incredible pace.

It was AWESOME!

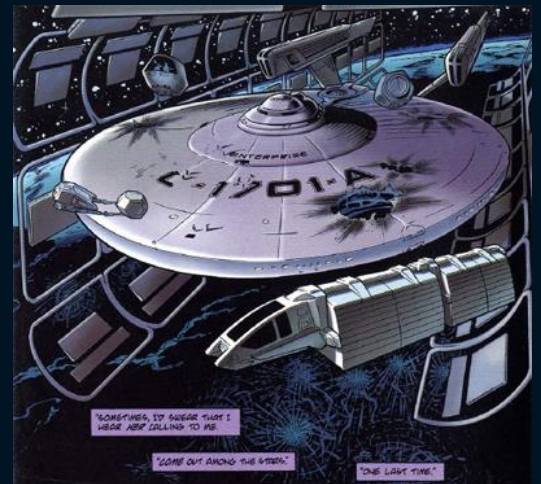
Then, in May of 1995, we got a comic book written by William Shatner, along with Judith and Garfield Reeves-Stevens. It tells the story of Captain Kirk after the events of *The Undiscovered Country* and serves as a final adventure for Kirk as he comes to terms with his new lot in life. Age is finally forcing him to gain a different perspective on his position in Starfleet and what his future should be.

And that is probably where some of my mixed feelings about the story come from.

I don't know if I'm qualified to argue with William Shatner about how Captain Kirk would handle retirement, but Kirk's reaction to the events and motivations of the story just never felt quite right to me.



Image from *Star Trek: Debt of Honor* Pacemille Edition by Chris Claremont, Adam T. Hughes and Karl C. Story used as part of a book review



The story picks up not too long after the events of *The Undiscovered Country*. The Enterprise-A has been ordered to return to Earth to be decommissioned, and Kirk's mindset is somewhat similar to what we saw in *Star Trek II*, only with the volume turned way up. Adding to his uneasiness is a Starfleet Academy rival in the vein of Finnegan, except this one isn't harmless. He is on his way to becoming the new Commander in Chief of Starfleet.

Kirk sees the writing on the wall and decides that he wants to retire. He doesn't want to become an instructor, and he doesn't want to be mothballed himself.

Enter the people of Chal, a planet that may possess the secret to extended life and has a history of military success against its enemies. Unfortunately for them, their location near Klingon space makes them a tempting target. The Klingons want what Chal has, as do the Romulans—and, of course, Kirk's old Starfleet Academy rival has his own interest in the situation.

On paper, this sounds like pretty standard *Star Trek* fare. And, for the most part, it is.

Going into the story, you pretty much know that Kirk is going to triumph, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. The problem I have is **how easily Kirk seems to retire**, and then how quickly he becomes involved with the young woman from Chal, who is clearly manipulating him and playing directly into his ego.

Even when I first read this in 1995, I found that relationship a little creepy. Spock, McCoy, and some of the other characters even comment on the fact that she could practically be Kirk's granddaughter. This is one of the first times that I can think of when Kirk's propensity to get the girl drifts into the realm of caricature. I understand that accusation about the character, but I've never felt that it was quite accurate. In this case, though, it's kinda "icky," like Roger Moore's last outing as James Bond.

This graphic novel is an adaptation of the much longer novel of the same name, also written by Shatner and the Reeves-Stevens team. I haven't read the original novel, so I can't say whether some of these things are explained or developed better there.

One thing that really bothered me, though, is how conveniently Kirk—and, spoiler alert, Scotty—end up with the Enterprise-A in a position to defend Chal. It feels as though they've essentially been handed this mission by Starfleet simply because the story needs them there, and I felt that it was just... eye-rolling.

The setup is so convenient that it takes me out of the story.

One of the more interesting aspects of the book, however, involves the rest of Kirk's former command crew hitching a ride on the Excelsior with Sulu. They are essentially being brought in to stop Kirk, and that was a fresh idea for me. It was also, in a strange way, a little sad.

I know *Star Trek* has been criticized by many writers over the years because of Roddenberry's famous rule about not having conflict between members of Starfleet. *Deep Space Nine* certainly demonstrated that allowing more conflict between characters could lead to some very interesting storytelling.

But there is something about seeing Kirk pitted against so many of his closest friends that just feels wrong.

Maybe that's because there is something naively sweet about the idea of the TOS crew all getting along. They respect each other. They're friends. They're almost an extended family. That's something many of us—including me—have taken some solace in over the years.

So seeing Kirk go up against those people is uncomfortable in a way that I think the story actually does a good job of making you feel, even if I'm not entirely sure that I like the direction.

The Art

For the most part, I really like the art in this comic. The cover in particular is gorgeous. It is one of those covers that would look fantastic as a poster or framed on the wall.

There is also a military-ball-type sequence in the story, where we get to see several characters in modified versions of the familiar Monster Maroon uniforms, adapted to look more like formal dress uniform. I actually like the look, although it isn't canon and can be a little jarring.

And considering that I was already having some issues with the motivations of some of the characters, the slightly unusual costumes can kick you out of the story.

Still, the artwork throughout the comic is good, and if nothing else, this is a book worth picking up just to thumb through the pages. The cover alone makes it worth a look.

Final Thoughts

So, where does that leave me with *The Ashes of Eden*?

It's not a bad *Star Trek* story. There are some genuinely interesting ideas here, particularly the idea of Kirk struggling with the end of his career and the TOS crew being forced into opposing him. But some of the character motivations and plot conveniences make it difficult for me to completely embrace the story.

Maybe some of those issues are handled better in the original novel. I haven't read it, so I can't make that comparison.

For me, this is one of those Trek stories where I appreciate what it is trying to do more than I actually enjoy the execution. The artwork, however, is another story. I really like it, and that beautiful cover alone makes this comic worth a gander.

Well, that's it for this month. I hope someone is reading this other than myself and/or Dustin as he formats it and puts it into the newsletter! As always, I welcome any thumbs-up, thumbs-down, input, or recommendations for something you'd like to see me look at and review.



LCDR. William A Sturgeon (Nadiak)
Chief Intelligence Officer
USS Veritas NX 74100
SCC 86449

Upcoming Events

- **Weekly Star Trek Online Fleet Gaming**

Saturdays @ 9pm-10pm

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.

- **Ship Trivia Night!**

Fri, Oct 16th, 2026 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

The Veritas Discord Server

We will host a Star Trek Trivia night over Discord using <https://kahoot.it/> It's a website that lets you pull up an answer pad from your phone and play from anywhere! This will be our first attempt doing it ship wide so plan to join in. You can join as a family team or individuals. I will provide the link that night for your phones over discord. RSVP on COMPASS!

- **Rucks On Main - Veterans Day Temple 10K Ruck March**

Sat, Nov 7th, 2026 @ 9am

301 Santa Fe Way, Temple, TX, 76501

Rucks on Main is BACK this Veterans Day to help raise funds for Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas (Kerrville), providing trained service dogs to disabled Texas veterans at no cost. And we're rucking for our community! Ruck for a cause. Grab your pack, bring your people, and sign up today!

SIGN UP: <https://bit.ly/4rj6XNN>

DONATE: <https://bit.ly/3V2BxPM>

JOIN THE ACTION: <https://bit.ly/4y0KXtz>

- **USS Veritas Awards & Promotions Ceremony**

Sat, Nov 21st, 2026 @ 1:00pm

Galaxy Burger, Killeen, TX

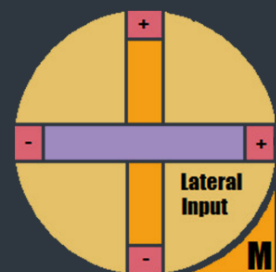
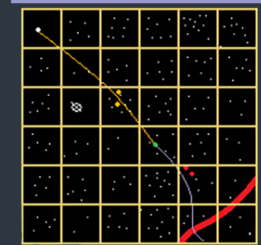
We will hold our Quarterly Awards and Promotions Ceremony and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

- **Wreaths for Vets**

Sat, Nov 28th, 2026 @ 9:30am

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery on SH 195

We will show up and help place wreaths on the Soldiers graves to honor their sacrifice.



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 - Strange Phenomena

Starfleet crews sometimes encounter things they do not understand: strange energy fields, time distortions, mysterious signals, and systems that seem to behave in impossible ways. A good cadet does not panic when something strange happens. They stay calm, gather information, work with the crew, and look for a logical explanation.

Before reacting to the unknown, a wise cadet asks:

1. What changed?
2. What do we know?
3. What should we check first?

ANOMALY INVESTIGATION CHALLENGE

The USS Veritas has recorded five unusual events.

Read each case file, study the clues, and choose the best explanation.



A Temporal Rift

Time behaves strangely



B PLASMA STORM

Charged energy disrupts ship systems.



C GRAVITY WELL

Strong gravity pulls objects off course



D SUBSPACE DISTORTION

Sensors show false positions



E SENSOR MALFUNCTION

Charged energy disrupts systems



SCIENCE TIP

Use the clues.
Do not choose based only on the title.

1

THE IMPOSSIBLE READING

Cargo-bay sensors report 900 degrees, but the crew feels normal. A second ship sensor agrees, while a handheld tricorder shows normal temperature.

BEST EXPLANATION _____

2

PULLED OFF COURSE

Helm reports the Veritas is drifting to port even though the engines maintain the correct heading. Sensors detect a very dense object nearby.

BEST EXPLANATION _____

3

SYSTEMS GOING WILD

The Veritas enters a glowing cloud. Lights flicker, communications fill with static, and several displays briefly shut down. Everything returns to normal after leaving the cloud.

BEST EXPLANATION _____

4

TWO SHIPS?

Sensors show the same shuttlecraft in two different locations at the same time. Visual contact confirms there is only one shuttle.

BEST EXPLANATION _____

5

THE MISSING MINUTES

Every clock aboard the Veritas suddenly jumps ahead seven minutes. The ship's position has barely changed, and Engineering says the clocks are working normally.

BEST EXPLANATION _____

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

Cadet Name: _____

CADET CORNER

Cadet Mission Page

Mission Briefing: Ten Minutes Missing

The USS Veritas is traveling through an unexplored region when the bridge suddenly loses power for less than a second. When systems return, everything appears normal - except the ship's computer says ten minutes have passed. Some crew members remember those ten minutes. Others do not. Engineering reports no power failure. Science detects a brief burst of unusual subspace energy. Medical finds nothing wrong with the crew. The captain asks the cadet training team what the Veritas should do next.

Cadet Decision: What Should the Crew Do First?

Choose the best response:

- A. Assume the computer is broken and continue the mission.
- B. Turn the ship around immediately without investigating.
- C. Compare the ship's logs, crew reports, sensor readings, and computer records to determine what happened.**
- D. Delete the strange computer records because they do not make sense.

Cadet Discussion

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

- 1. Why is it useful to compare several different kinds of evidence?
- 2. What might explain why some crew members remember the missing time and others do not?
- 3. Why shouldn't the captain immediately assume that the computer is malfunctioning?
- 4. How does staying calm help a crew solve unusual problems?

Cadet Trivia: Strange Phenomena Level

1. What is an anomaly?

- A. A shuttle landing pad
- B. A type of Starfleet rank
- C. Something unusual that does not fit what is normally expected

2. What part of the ship keeps records of events and sensor readings?

- A. The computer
- B. The replicator
- C. The transporter pad

3. If two crew members remember an event differently, what should the crew do?

- A. Compare their reports with other evidence
- B. Decide one of them must be lying
- C. Ignore both reports

4. What is the best response when something strange happens aboard ship?

- A. Panic immediately
- B. Stay calm and gather information
- C. Shut down every system

CADET RULE:

When something strange happens: stay calm, observe, and investigate.

CADET CORNER

Science Lab

Cadet Name: _____

STARFLEET SCIENCE SKILL: THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

1



ASK A QUESTION

What are we trying to learn?

2



MAKE A PREDICTION

What do you think will happen?

3



TEST YOUR IDEA

Perform the experiment carefully.

4



OBSERVE

Watch closely. What actually happens?

5



RECORD RESULTS

Write down what you see.

6



DRAW A CONCLUSION

What did the evidence show?

MAKE A "TEMPORAL RIFT" IN A GLASS

Sometimes something looks mysterious until we study it carefully. In this experiment, cadets will create a colorful "temporal rift," make a prediction, observe what happens, and use the Scientific Method to explain the results.

MISSION QUESTION: What will happen when an effervescent tablet is dropped into colored water and oil?

MY PREDICTION:

YOU NEED

- Clear glass or jar
- Water
- Vegetable oil
- Food coloring
- Effervescent tablet
- Tray or towel

MISSION STEPS

1. Place the glass on a tray or towel.
2. Fill it about 2/3 full with water.
3. Add several drops of food coloring.
4. Slowly add oil until nearly full; let the layers settle.
5. Break the tablet into pieces and drop in one piece.
6. Watch closely until the reaction slows.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Oil and water do not easily mix, and oil is less dense, so it floats. The tablet reacts with the water and makes carbon dioxide gas. Bubbles carry colored water upward through the oil. When the gas escapes, the water droplets sink again.

Before adding the tablet,
I observed:

After adding the tablet, I
observed:

My conclusion:

SAFETY FIRST: Adult supervision required. Do not drink the mixture.
Work over a tray or towel. Keep the container open while the tablet is reacting.



ADVANCED CADET CHALLENGE: Repeat the experiment with a larger or smaller tablet piece. Keep the water and oil amounts the same so tablet size is the only variable you change.

SEPTEMBER CADET CORNER ANSWERS

OBJECT IDENTIFICATION

1

COMET



2

NEBULA



3

STAR



4

SPACE PROBE



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PLANET



WHO GETS THE REPORT?

1

Unstable warp core temperature detected.

B



ENGINEERING

2

Unknown energy signature detected near a nebula.

A



SCIENCE

3

Crew member shows signs of radiation exposure.

C



MEDICAL

4

Hostile ship detected on long-range sensors.

D



TACTICAL

Cadet Mission Answer

The best Starfleet answer was:

C. Run additional scans, compare the readings, and investigate other explanations.

Why? One unusual reading is not enough to prove what happened. Repeating scans and checking other explanations is the best way to follow the evidence.

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

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