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STAR WARS RECRUITING DRIVES AT LENNOX SUCCESSFUL FOR THE MAXIMILLIAN.

LENNOX (COLS) Members of the USS *Maximillian*, led by Commodore Matthew Morris and First Officer Elaine Jackson, set up a recruiting table at the Lennox Theater near the Ohio State University for the opening weekends of both *Star Wars* and the *Empire Strikes Back* (January 24th-25th and February 21st-22nd respectively).

Members of the *Maximillian* dressed in uniform for the event in *Star Trek* uniforms. During the recruiting drive, tickets were sold to raffle off some collectable *Star Wars* items, including some of the more recent series of figures in rare packaging, as well as some original *Star Wars* collectibles from the

1970's and 1980's.

Throughout both opening weekends, many *Star Wars* fans came in costume to see their favorite movie saga. Some were dressed as Darth Vader, Yoda, or Princess Leia. The most impressive of those who came in *Star Wars*

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WESTERVILLE AWAY MISSION FOR "SECOND CONTACT."

WESTERVILLE (OH) Members of the USS *Maximillian*, in uniform, set up a recruiting table the weekend of February 14th and 15th at the Glengary dollar theater in Westerville, Ohio to usher in the re-release of the latest installment of the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* feature films, *Star Trek: First Contact*. The show of members at the recruiting drive there at Glengary was outstanding.

Members shared their experiences in *Star Trek* fandom

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JOINT TASK FORCE ALPHA: PURPOSE AND PROCEDURES

As most members who have been active with the *Maximillian* for the last few months know, the IKV *Malevolent* has challenged the USS *Kitty Hawk* to a canned food drive, and are pretty much aware of the current situation.

For those of you who are not aware of the JTPA Articles, we felt that you, as members, should be aware of what they are, and how JTPA is supposed to operate. It is felt that our membership should be aware of procedures concerning

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY UNDERWAY

Last year's anniversary dinner at Danon's at the Continent for the USS *Maximillian* was an unprecedented success, despite logistic problems with food service. This year marks the fifth year for the *Maximillian*, and Commodore Matt Morris, First Officer Elaine Jackson, and Commissioner Robert Lyon are planning something very special for this event.

The exact nature of this event has been kept a close secret from

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CAPTAIN'S LOG:

COM MATT MORRIS

Greetings and salutations, bla,bla,bla... As you may have now noticed, there has been a slight change in the look of this newsletter due to a communication malfunction with the normal editor, which means it has fallen into the hands of the commanding officer and the commissioner (aka founding admiral) TAKE COVER NOW!!

First up, preparations for the Fifth Anniversary are coming along just dandy, set menu seven-bone rack of ribs, quarter chicken, baked potato, salad, bread, and refreshments all night. One trip for a grand total of \$14.00 per person.

Robin has said she's working on an anniversary cake, and I am working on choreographing and preparing a flag ceremony consisting of...well, I won't spoil it for you.

Other upcoming events, *Return of the Jedi* at Lennox, another recruiting drive. I would like to thank all of those who attended and worked the last three recruiting drives. Keep up the good work.

The chief engineer and I have come up with the idea of a dart team tournament. It will consist of two to three teams from each participating vessel. This event is to be held at the Billiard Club in the Shapter Center off of 161.

As you all know, there is also the MaxOlympics in June, the Kids-N-Kamp Bowl-a-thon in September, and whatever we can come up with in between.

On a final note, relations between JTFa and the Klingon Empire could get a bit hairy, so we are at Red Alert Status until further notice. Dover should be fun, if not, interesting.

Until next time... Same always! ♦♦♦▼
MatTime, same MattChannel.

FIRST OFFICER'S LOG:

CDR ELAINE JACKSON
LOST AT THE GOLDEN ARCHES. WILL BE BACK NEXT TIME WITH LUNCH.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

LCDR TERRY A. McPHERSON
Greetings to the crew of the *Maximillian*. I'm sorry that I cannot be here this time, however I am making a documentary on ancient twenty-first century Vulcan interstellar engineering technology at Starfleet Academy in San Francisco, on Earth, in the Sol System, in Sector 001 of the Alpha Quadrant of the Milky Way galaxy, and promise to bring back a few surprises...and yes, Admiral, I got your T-shirt, even though you are already at Starfleet Headquarters across the lawn! In any case, I will see you again next time. Live long and prosper.

SECURITY REPORT:

LT DARYL NELSON
Trying to find a way to scrub the target off my gold shirt while trying to rescue myself from the Golden Arches.

MEDICAL REPORT:

DR. NATHAN COBAUGH
▼♦♦♦ Hi, there. It's me, the Doc. Conducting experiments combining medicine with magic. Haven't quite figured out why the crew has cigarettes in their ears, especially if they don't smoke, or if they are a brand they don't smoke. Anyway, until the next time, the sickbay is ready as

COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS:

ADM ROBERT S. LYON
Hello, again. It's me, the guy who started all of this many many stardates ago. I apologize for not writing often in the newsletter, as I have been helping Commodore Morris with some of the planning for the fifth anniversary of the *Maximillian*. Five years? That's hard for me to believe it's been that long since Captain Dunn and I held our first very first meeting in Marion. This Organization has been through quite a bit over those years. The *Maximillian* had a lot of good times, and survived the bad. When a fan organization reaches its fifth year of existence, it is pretty much established.

Though it was the efforts of officers and chief petty officers like Clarence, Greg, Matt, Elaine, and myself, as well as all the others who had served in key positions organized and administrated the organization, it was you, the membership, who was the backbone of our success, and will continue to be vital to the organization. Without the membership's participation and input, the *Maximillian* would not be as successful as it is. I am very pleased at the turn-out for the recruiting drives at Westerville for "Second Contact," as well as the turn-out for the recruiting drives at Lennox for *Star Wars* and *The Empire Strikes Back*. Since I returned to active service with the *Maximillian* last summer, I have been very pleased to see an increased level of participation at meetings and functions.

As the *Maximillian* enters her second five-years, we have a well-established set of regulations and

members to express opinions about *Star Trek*, other science fiction genres, or even fandom itself. All members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this section to print an article or opinion on almost any fandom related topic.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

-NATT MORRIS.

The lovely Playmate Corporation is at it once again. As per the toy fair in New York this past month, upcoming releases are the original Romulan Bird-of-Prey from the original *Star Trek* series---*WooHoooo!!* About Freakin' Time! Also on this new line is a light-and-sound USS *Defiant* from *DS9*, the laser pistol from the original 1964 pilot "The Cage," A new assortment of figures, including the nine-inch line depicting *Voyager* crewmembers.

Speaking of nine-inch figures, Playmates, being the nutty individuals they are, have come up with a nine-inch Kirk and Spock figures from the original episode "A Piece of the Action" limited to five thousand pieces per figure, making them extremely rare and expensive. They are exclusive to Kaybee Stores. No one knew this until they have hit the secondary market, and has been seen at \$250 for the set. This is outrageous, and could be avoided if Playmates would ask the collectors' opinion, as not all of us have a lot of money to spare.

Skybox International, which is a non-sports and sports card company, has planned at least five more sets of cards to be released during and after the summer, so look for them at your local stores.

To learn more, I will be conducting a *Star Trek* collectable

panel at MarCon in May.

Commodore Matt Morris.

MAX-CLASSIFIEDS

This section is reserved for any member of the *Maximillian* who has something to sell, or for any member to request information on an item or information. This section may also be used to advertise a special-interest activity, conventions, functions, etc.

...AND IN CONCLUSION...

The *Mighty Max* newsletter is published bimonthly for the members of the USS *Maximillian* Star Trek Fan Association. Everyone may submit art, photos, and articles to our newsletter.

All submissions can be sent to:

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The USS *Maximillian* meets the second Saturday at 5:00PM of each month in the front meeting room of the Kari Road branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Meetings usually last an hour or two followed by a POST-MEETING ACTIVITY.

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by-laws, a complete history of each fictional starship named Maximillian, and even ActionWear is in the final stages of development.

Concerning ActionWear. I have been asked about this on a few occasions. I have mentioned it to the general membership late last year, November or December, if I recall. It has not been forgotten, rather put on hold until our fifth anniversary dinner for reasons most of you are aware of. I will be taking orders for the ActionWear items at the April general membership meeting, so those orders will hopefully be filled by the anniversary dinner. I hope you will be pleased with their design.

I am very excited for the Maximillian this year, and I hope that this year will be one of the most exciting we've had to date. The commanding officer, command staff, and the general membership as a whole, have done an excellent job with the Maximillian. With each passing month, this organization grows stronger and more viable. Keep up the good work. As experience has shown over the past several months, each and every member's input and participation regardless of rate, rank, or position, plays a vital role in the quality and efficiency of the program offered by the Maximillian. I encourage everyone to write editorials, regular articles, create puzzles, and artwork for the Mighty Max Newsletter whether it be Star Trek related or having something to do with other science fiction related genres. I encourage everyone to participate in as many meetings and functions as possible. Everyone has special talents and/or resources they can contribute, and every member has something they can add to allow further growth for the

Maximillian.

Well, I've shot my mouth off enough for this article, so, until next time "reach for the stars, and grab the future."

CREW RECOGNITIONS

Credit should be given where credit is due. This has been one of the strongest beliefs of the command staff of the Maximillian from the very beginning. Consequently, the command staff takes this time to recognize new members who have recently joined and the achievements of members who are active with the Organization. It is our pleasure to recognize the following members:

WP3 BEN AYERS

Promoted to the rate and position of COMMAND CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.

CAPT GREG DUNN

Lateral promotion to Chief of Staff, USS Maximillian commissioner.

LT ADELYN UPP

New member appointed as logistics support officer and ship's nurse. Welcome aboard.

LT JOHN UPP

Appointment as Tactical Officer; Recipient of U.S. Military Service Ribbon, Veteran Recognition.

LCDR TERRY McPHERSON

Appointment as Chief Engineer, and Public Relations Officer.

SCTX CHRIS STEPHENSON

New member appointed as a transporter chief. Welcome aboard.

We do have others to recognize, but since we are still compiling the information, and this newsletter was written within a day, we regrettably have to wait until the May issue.

LENNOX

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costume were a squad of stormtroopers who patrolled the Lennox theater throughout the weekend.

It wasn't always fun and games for the crew of the Maximillian at the opening of the release of the Star Wars Trilogy. Some fans of the Star Wars saga rudely reminded them that 'this is Star Wars, not Star Trek.' One or two have even went as far as to ask if the Maximillian was present to protest the release of Star Wars.

"This is never the case for the Maximillian", as Commodore Matt Morris commented. "While it is true that the Maximillian is a Star Trek fan organization, it's membership is open to individuals who are interested in science fiction in general. If you are a fan of Babylon 5, Star Wars, Battlestar: Galactica, or any other science fiction series, you will have a place among the ranks of the Maximillian, in fact, most members of the Maximillian, like those of other fan organizations, are fans of more than just Star Trek. Star Trek has perhaps the most complex detail concerning Starfleet and how it is organized, making it easier to formulate a rank and position structure around. Star Trek is the genre the Maximillian uses to have fun while doing its work for charity."

The Lennox Theater proved to be very beneficial for the Maximillian. Unlike many others in the area, the Lennox has been able to provide the command staff on times, availability, and logistics well in advance to any event in question, and they have been very accommodating towards the membership.

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Over a period of the four days' recruiting at the Lennox, the Maximillian gained at least four new members raised significant funds in the raffle, making the Lennox recruiting drives among the most successful for the Maximillian.

The busiest weekend was the opening of the first Star Wars film in January. During the first week since its release, the updated version of Star Wars: A New Hope broke the record in box-office sales set by Stephen Spielberg's E.T. (on its second try) by the end of the second week.

Most of the people who saw the updated Star Wars were individuals at or younger than their early twenties, which meant that this was perhaps the first time they have seen it other than on their televisions.

It is one thing to see it on television, even in its letter-box format, and quite another to see it on the big screen. It is a movie-going experience for this new generation of Star Wars fans that won't soon be forgotten, and an opportunity for those who saw Star Wars during its initial release in 1977 to relive their first experience with this trilogy once again.

The Star Wars trilogy are among those few movies where television and video tape doesn't do it any justice. Star Wars must be seen in the theater to get the full effect of these films, and to gain a better appreciation for George Lucas' work.

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patrons of the theater, and had an opportunity to view First Contact during the last showing of each

night.

Though all Star Trek fan organizations have been invited to participate in the "Second Contact" event, the Maximillian was the only ship to make an appearance. The invitation was at the last minute, giving very little preparation time. Despite this, the membership of the Maximillian was able to mobilize en masse for this event even with last-minute notice with final information. Well done!

Star Trek: First Contact was originally released on November 22nd, 1996. It is the second installment of feature films for the Next Generation cast.

First Contact introduces fans to the new starship Enterprise-E, one of the most advanced starships in Starfleet. The story has a strong emphasis on time travel, taking Picard and company back to the mid-twenty-first century post-atomic horror to prevent the Borg from destroying the Federation before it had a chance to even be established. In a nutshell, First Contact deals with the rebirth of mankind, and Earth's first "official" first contact with beings of extraterrestrial origin.

JTFA

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challenges that are issued to the Maximillian, and how challenges for charity drives should be issued in regards to the JTFA. In light of this, the JTFA articles, as written by Commander Mike Walters, JTFA chairman, have been made available to you, the member, for your own reference. They are currently as follows:

JOINT TASK FORCE ALPHA ARTICLES

1. The purpose of Joint Task Force

Alpha (JTFA) is mutual defense and support. This stops the 3 challenges to 1 ship routine that has happened in the past and not have 1 ship trying to handle 3 challenges at once thereby being overwhelmed. It also provides help to each member of the Task Force and to show other enemy or allied organizations the solidarity and unity that JTFA ships enjoy. The ships of JTFA currently are: USS Columbus, USS Maximillian, USS Kitty Hawk, USS Sundance, USS Perseus, IKV Justice Hunter, IKV Pagh, and IKV Doomslayer.

2. The Task Force will be ran like this:

a. One ship in the Task Force may receive by and accept 1 challenge only from 1 local ship (Local meaning central Ohio area). Each challenging ship must issue it's own challenge.

b. The other ships in the Task Force are then put on alert.

c. If only one challenge is received, only the challenged ship will fight the challenger.

d. If a 2nd challenge is received by the already challenged ship then this 2nd challenge will be turned over to one of the other ship in the Task Force to deal with.

e. This pass on policy will continue until all ships in the Task Force have one challenge to handle. After this a list of all ships included in the challenges with JTFA will be kept by each JTFA Captain. If any letters certified mail, E-mail, or

other form from any other ships not on the challenger list are received, then all mail will be returned to the sender unopened & unanswered. If a ship's crewman, officer or representative not on the challenger list tries to verbally challenge an already known challenged ship from JTFA that challenging ship & challenge will be considered defeated immediately. All challenges must be in writing and sent through the U.S. mail before verbal contact is made with the front outside plainly marked challenge.

f. No ship that is already involved in a challenge with JTFA can send or verbally issue a challenge for another ship (even with that ship's approval). If this occurs both challenging ships will be considered defeated immediately.

3. Should another organization issue a fleet action challenge that challenge must be sent to the parent organization they are trying to reach not JTFA. We are not authorized to accept it, since several of the current members of JTFA also belong to different parent organizations.

4. Should another organization from a local only Task Force to challenge JTFA this is legal provided its still 1 ship per 1 ship in each Task Force.

a. Example foreign ship #1 challenges #1 JTFA ship, foreign ship #2 will fight #2 JTFA ship, and #3 will fight 3rd JTFA ship, etc. This is the only way a challenge from any other Task Force will be handled. If you refuse to

fight 1 to 1 odds your Task Force will be considered defeated immediately. Again as was stated in the beginning of this outline, this Task Force prevents the 3 challenges to 1 ship routine we've experienced in the past, and would not do ourselves.

5. Places and time of the local challenges showdown must be mutually acceptable and agreed to by both parties. The decision should be made by the 2 opposing ship's Captains in a reasonable amount of time. It can be done over the phone or in person and then announced at the very next ship's meeting. At least 1 regular monthly ship meeting (for both ships) must be allowed to happen after the time & place decision is made to allow the entire crew to be told and respond. The showdown then can happen within a minimum of 1 month after that monthly ship meeting.

6. The type of articles to be collected by both ships must be mutually acceptable and accepted by both ships. Blood Drives, Food, Clothing, Aluminum Cans, Pop Tabs, money for charitable organizations, are all within reason. Blankets & sheets, furniture, glass ware or other oddball items are not. If oddball items are demanded by either side, the other side automatically wins. Lets try to keep it reasonable.

a. The highest amount wins is acceptable, example by weight, amount of money, by count of item, etc.

7. At no time will a person from 1 aligned ship give items to another aligned or non-aligned ship that is in a challenge. If this happens and is discovered then or later

that ship which received the illegal goods will immediately lose that challenge present or past and be announced as destroyed. This is cheating and will not be tolerated. Members who belong to both ships involved in the same challenge may give items of equal amounts to both ships or declare themselves neutral for the challenge.

8. We the membership state that JTFA is bound by the same restrictions stated in this outline as is other organizations. JTFA is growing fast and is interested in having good relations with all other organizations.

9. Mutual calls to aid other local organizations or representatives of larger organizations are allowed. However, all JTFA members must be informed as soon as possible to provide the maximum amount of time to prepare their ships and crews. Three months is an allowable time (normally) also try to make the event local area.

10. To the members of JTFA your membership will in no way interfere with your loyalty to you parent organization. Your parent organization comes first. If any doubt ever comes up your ship is more then welcome to leave JTFA with all honor. Should parent organizations go to war or have a crisis, those ships belonging to those organizations may temporarily leave JTFA until hostilities or crisis ceases to exist. You may then resume your membership in JTFA at your first convenience.

11. Chapters or individuals of any hostile parent organization wishing membership in JTFA must sign an "Oath of Honor and Allegiance to the JTFA stating they will not join JTFA with the purpose either in

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whole or part of undermining the smooth operations of JTFA through infiltration, invasion, breach of intelligence or any other action that undermines the smooth operations of JTFA is expressly forbidden; and grounds for immediate expulsion from JTFA. All expelled ships shall be considered destroyed.

12. In closing, we the membership state that Joint Task Force Alpha will never be used to attack, harass, or otherwise interfere with other fan organizations. We also affirm that although this Task Force is based on the Star Trek universe we mean no infraction or copyright infringement upon Viacom, Paramount, or their related organizations.

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members of other Star Trek fan organizations throughout the Columbus, Ohio area. It is hoped by the command staff that the secrecy will be worth the effort in the end, and that participants at the anniversary dinner will enjoy the event.

As it is planned now, the Maximillian Fifth Anniversary Banquet will take place at Damon's at the Continent on May 24th 1997. Dinner will begin at 8:00 PM, so attendees and members may begin arriving at 6:45 on. Active participants in ceremonies for the Maximillian should be at Damon's at 5PM. The cost will be \$14.00, which will cover the cost of the meal and drinks for the evening.

Awards, recognitions, and any promotions made in May will be presented at this dinner to members who have earned them. Anyone who is a member at the time of this

banquet shall be authorized to wear the Five-Year Mission Recognition Decoration. Uniforms shall be worn by members who have them. Individuals from visiting Star Trek fan associations are also welcome to wear Starfleet uniforms for this occasion. Family members and guests are also welcome to join in the festivities.

STAR TREK: MAXIMILLIAN

-ROBERT S. LYON

Beginning in May, 1997, a new story series will be released for the Maximillian, called Star Trek: Maximillian. This series will deal with the missions of the Maximillian and her crew. This series will also serve as the basis of the "official" fictional history of the starship.

Members wishing to own copies of Star Trek: Maximillian stories shall only have to pay the cost of printing. They are written only for the enjoyment of the membership of the Maximillian, and shall not be sold for profit or any monetary gain.

A Star Trek: Maximillian story bible will also become available soon to help with the continuity for these stories, for any member who wishes to submit a story for the series, and I certainly do not wish to be the only writer for it. Any submissions or ideas for this series shall be sent to:

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The first two stories, and possibly a third, will be available for release by May 20, 1997. Orders may be taken at the Anniversary Dinner, and should be

delivered by the following general membership meeting. Anyone who wants to take a try at amateur writing is strongly encouraged to make submissions. Each story averages in final form to about thirty pages. They are generally longer than a short story, but shorter than a novel, and are very good for building ideas for persona and ship history. I hope you enjoy the first two stories as I enjoyed writing them.

HISTORIC FEDERATION STARSHIPS NAMED MAXIMILLIAN

-ROBERT S. LYON

The following is an abbreviated history of ships named Maximillian. It is intended as an informative guide for members of this Organization, and to give a vague, very basic framework of the "historic" starships named Maximillian story-writers within the Organization to use as a guide, and may wish to expand upon the information provided with their stories. Some of these articles, particularly Part 3, will be somewhat longer. My thanks to CAPT Greg "Blobbin" Dunn and COM Matt Morris for their input.

PART 1 OF 5: THE FIRST SHIP NAMED MAXIMILLIAN.

The first starship named Maximillian was a Soyuz class science ship, Starfleet registry NCC-1945. She was commissioned at the San Francisco Fleet Yards on February 20, 2250 (Stardate 5047.5).

The Maximillian was named for St. Maximillian Mary Kolbyn, who, at the outbreak of World War II,

was in Poland. Upon the capture of his country, he was arrested by the Germans. He was freed shortly afterwards, but in February 1941 Maximillian was rearrested and, eventually, sent to Auschwitz. He was housed in Block 14, and when a group escaped from that block, ten men were selected by the Germans for execution. One was a Polish sergeant, the father of a family. Maximillian, who had not been chosen, offered himself in the sergeant's place. He died on 14 August 1941, and was canonized on 10 December 1982.

As of the 2261-2262 upgrade, she was 250 meters long, 142 meters wide, and 61 meters tall with a standard mass of 235,100 metric tons, with a cargo capacity of 17,500 metric tons. Her complement consisted of an average of a total of 429 personnel (64 officers, and 315 enlisted personnel), and had an emergency capacity of 500. She was capable of attaining a normal cruising speed of Warp 4, and a maximum cruising speed of Warp 7.

On February 20, 2250 (Stardate 5047.5), The *Maximillian* was commissioned by Starfleet Command, and Captain Isaac Bennett assumes command. The ship embarked on a five-year mission of military operations in the disputed territories between the United Federation of Planets and the Klingon Empire. The ship returned to Earth from her first five year mission in 2255, and underwent minor systems upgrade and crew rotation. The following year, the *Maximillian*, still under the command of Captain Bennett, embarked on her second five-year mission of military operations in the disputed territories.

In 2261, the *Maximillian* once again returns to Earth from her second five-year mission for

systems upgrade and refit. Captain Bennet was promoted to the rank of commodore and transferred to Starfleet Command. Captain Helen Roters oversaw the refit.

Over the last ten years, new technologies had been developed. As a result, the starship has been upgraded to include these new systems. One such system was the new phaser weapons, which were far more powerful than the laser emitters originally installed during her initial construction a decade earlier. In addition, more sophisticated weapons tracking systems had been installed. Enhanced and improved sensor turrets had been installed on the aft portion of the vehicle to replace the older, original units.

In 2262, the *Maximillian*, under the command of Captain Helen Roters, embarked on a five-year mission of deep-space exploration in the Omicron Echelondra sector of the Alpha Quadrant. There, *Maximillian* charted 25 habitable worlds, three of which were first-contact situations. With tensions building even further along the Klingon/Federation Disputed Area, *Maximillian* was once again assigned to military operations in that area.

In 2266, the *Maximillian* was recalled to Starbase 27 for a minor layover. During this two-week layover, the crew of the *Maximillian* were issued the new-style uniforms, which were more colorful and included more defined rank insignia. The ship's interior was made somewhat more colorful in contrast to the dull tones previously used aboard starships. This was done to make life somewhat easier for crews on long missions. Minor layovers of this type were ordered for most starships serving in Starfleet between 2266 and 2268.

With the Romulans appearing for the first time since the establishment of the Federation, Starfleet now not only had to contend with the Klingons, but the Romulans as well. As a result, the patrol area for the *Maximillian* expanded to include the Romulan Neutral Zone until such time Starfleet could construct enough starships to handle the task.

Life was a little more complicated in 2267. By Stardate 3198.4, tensions between the Klingons and the Federation came to the brink of a full-scale war. Several starships, including the *Maximillian*, were deployed to planet Orgonia to assist starship *Enterprise* for possible combat against Klingon forces massing there. Just as the two Starfleets prepared to engage in battle, all ships involved, including the *Maximillian*, were temporarily neutralized by the Organians to prevent interstellar war. The end result was a forced cease fire between the Federation and the Klingons, and a Neutral Zone which separated both powers.

Later that year, the *Maximillian* returned to Earth. Captain Roters was offered and accepted command of the *Constitution* class starship *Endeavour*, a new starship under construction at the San Francisco Fleet Yards which would soon be commissioned. Captain Howard McKnight assumed command for the next three years, during which time the *Maximillian* would participate in further border patrol along the Romulan and Klingon Neutral Zones.

In 2268, the *Maximillian*, under McKnight's command, along with several other starships patrolling the area bordering Klingon and Romulan territories, uncover evidence where Klingons had

exchanged advanced starship technology for cloaking capabilities from the Romulans.

Within a year's time, the *Maximillian* herself uncovered evidence of a new, more powerful and heavily armed Klingon battlecruiser, the *K'T'Inga* class, which recently entered service for the Klingon Defense Force. Subsequent intelligence reports indicated that these new warships could easily outgun and out-perform the top-of-the-line *Constitution* class starships currently in service for Starfleet. As a result, Starfleet Command began a development program for more advanced warp drive and weapons systems to be incorporated into starship design over the next decade. The remainder of the *Maximillian's* mission under McKnight's command consisted mainly of military patrol and reconnaissance on Klingon and Romulan fleet movements.

In 2270, the *Maximillian*, again returns to Earth for refit, resupply, crew rotation, and upgrade. Captain McKnight was promoted to rear admiral to serve as an advisor in military operations at Starfleet Command. As *Constitution* class starships took high priority for major refit to new technology specifications, the *Maximillian* underwent several upgrades in computer systems and sensors modification. Captain Christopher Ryan assumed command and oversaw the upgrades.

In 2272, during the initial phase of her first mission under the command of Captain Ryan, the *Maximillian* assisted in the final phase in the establishment of the Epsilon series monitoring stations (including the replacement of Epsilon 9, destroyed in 2271) placed along the Klingon Neutral

Zone. Though the balance of power had shifted due to the Klingons' introduction of the new *K'T'Inga* class battlecruisers, much of *Maximillian's* mission was relatively quiet.

On March 12, 2275, the *Maximillian* was recalled to Earth where she received a major systems upgrade to newer technology specifications required of all major Starfleet vessels. Captain Ryan was promoted to commodore, and given command of Starbase 10. Captain Jeremiah Tolbert was assigned as *Maximillian's* new commanding officer.

As of the 2275-2278 upgrade, the *Maximillian* was 254.5 meters long, 147.5 meters wide, and 63.9 meters tall with a standard mass of 240,998 metric tons, with a cargo capacity of 20,500 metric tons. Her complement consisted of an average of a total of 429 personnel (64 officers, and 315 enlisted personnel), and had an emergency capacity of 600. She was capable of attaining a normal cruising speed of Warp 6.1 and a maximum cruising speed of Warp 8.3.

On October 31, 2278, the *Maximillian*, under Captain Tolbert's command, embarked on a five-year mission of deep-space exploration. At this time, only three or four percent of the galaxy had been charted, and the *Maximillian* had been assigned to explore some of the uncharted regions of the Alpha Quadrant. Politically, the 2270's and early 2280's had been relatively quiet, therefore, the *Maximillian* did not see too much military action. During Tolbert's five-year mission of deep-space exploration, the *Maximillian* charted 26 star systems, making first contact with some five previously unknown civilizations.

In 2283, the *Maximillian* returns to Earth. Captain Tolbert receives command of the starship *Eagle*, and Captain Nathan Wilcox assumed command.

After a year of overhaul, the *Maximillian* under Wilcox's command, embarked on another five-year mission of deep-space exploration in the Delmara region of the Beta Quadrant. There, *Maximillian* charted some 31 star systems, making first contact with four previously unknown civilizations.

With the political tensions heating up with the Genesis Incident in late 2285 and early 2286, the *Maximillian* encountered some Klingon insurgents, most of which were on a less-than-friendly basis with a few minor skirmishes, but none leading up to full-scale war.

In 2288, the *Maximillian* was returned to Earth, and was subsequently retired way before her time when Starfleet concluded that *Soyuz* class starships be removed from active service in favor of continuing the use of the more popular and versatile *Miranda* class design as a mainstream Starfleet vessel. The starship *Maximillian* currently resides as a relic at the Fleet Museum in orbit of Earth. Though her service life was comparatively short for a Federation starship, *Maximillian* did make significant advances in current Federation scientific, cultural, and military knowledge.

The preceding was a brief history of the first starship *Maximillian*. Next issue: a brief history of Federation starship USS *Maximillian* (Federation class, Starfleet registry NCC-2105). Until then, as the ship's dedication motto reads, "Reach for the stars, and grab the future." Until then...

THE MAX-ADVENTURE CONTINUES...

PERSONA FOR THE ISSUE

As part of the fictional aspect of the Maximillian, members are able to create their own "persona" to fit into the Star Trek universe. Said personas do not necessarily have to be restricted to being human or even being the same age as the individual who created it, thus allowing a member to create an officer serving aboard the fictional Maximillian. Without further adieu, this issue's persona is...

Turok T'Kill.

(MATT MORRIS) Turok T'Kill is a Romulan/human hybrid born on Romulus on May 30, 2320. He is the son of Starfleet officer Matthew T. Morris and a former Romulan Commander who had fallen from grace after an incident with Federation starship Enterprise in 2268. T'Kill is currently serving as commanding officer of exploration of the starship Maximillian, assigned as flagship to Admiral Lyon on a reconnaissance and patrol mission in the Gamma Quadrant.

One of Commodore T'Kill's interests is watching or listening to old twentieth and twenty-first century Pittsburgh Steelers football games, an interest he had acquired while attending Starfleet Academy.

ORIGINS AND EARLY LIFE.

Turok T'Kill was the offspring of Starfleet officer Captain Michael T. Morris, commanding officer of Federation starship USS Endeavour and a Romulan officer who had once been a high ranking officer in the Romulan fleet and fell from grace during an incident dealing with the Federation starship USS Enterprise involving an espionage mission

conducted by the Federation to obtain cloaking technology in 2268.

On May 7, 2311, Captain Morris was ordered to the Toned system with four other starships to engage Romulan forces. His ship was severely damaged and boarded by the Romulans. The dreadnought Maximillian was destroyed and the four remaining vessels were severely damaged, and it was generally believed by the Federation that there were no survivors among the five starships.

Before Captain Morris could set the auto-destruct on the Endeavour, the Romulans had already captured main engineering, the main bridge, and several key sections of the vessel. The Endeavour took heavy casualties, but Morris was among the some 27 survivors left alive after the battle. The survivors were taken to Romulus for interrogation, most of which were executed. Turok's mother, the commander of the prison camp in which Captain Morris was held, was still extremely bitter from her experience with Enterprise some forty-three years ago, and her subsequent fall from grace with the Romulan Praetor, mated with Morris to spite the Federation. Approximately a year later, she gave birth to young Turok in the capital city of Romulus.

Turok had a standard Romulan upbringing, learning much about Romulan culture, civilization, history, and military tactics. He did exceptionally well in school, and, despite his lineage, was accepted into the Romulan Military Academy upon his twelfth birthday. Because he was half human, he had to work exceptionally hard to prove his worth to his instructors and his classmates, and eventually became one of the best officer candidates in his class, ranking

third upon his graduation at eighteen years of age. He spent many years aboard various Romulan warships, ranging from Birds-of-Prey to the Klingon D-7 starships traded many years ago during the ill-fated Romulan/Klingon Alliance to early Romulan warbirds. His service career was exceptional until one day in 2344, when prisoners of Federation starship Enterprise-C, captured at Narendra III, were brought to Romulus to be interrogated. Captain Morris, though a reluctant citizen of Romulus, is still loyal to the Federation, had attempted to help the Enterprise-C prisoners escape from Romulus, and was caught in the act. Charged with treason for his actions, he was publicly executed. Among the witnesses was the 24-year old Turok, who, while witnessing the execution of his father, felt betrayed by the very government for which he served. After a great deal of thought and consideration, Turok decided to defect from the Romulan fleet, and stowed away on board a Corvallen freighter bound for worlds within Federation territory. Once within Federation space, he found transport to Starfleet Headquarters on Earth, where he requested and was granted asylum in exchange for intelligence on Romulan strength and activity. He had expressed interest in joining Starfleet to follow in his late father's footsteps. Though his initial request met with resistance, his conviction was eventually proven to be genuine, and as a result, was granted entrance into the Starfleet Academy the following year.

STARFLEET CAREER.

T'Kill's entrance into the Academy in 2345 was only part of the battle. During his first year at the Academy, he met a Starfleet

officer named Robert Lyon, then a lieutenant commander serving as an instructor in starfighter and starship combat strategy and tactics, gave a lecture on the maneuverability and capabilities on what was then the top-of-the-line Warbird, first encountered at Toned. T'Kill blatantly countered him in class, saying that his assessment on the Warbird was inaccurate. Commander Lyon did not like being contradicted in class, especially by a first-year cadet. It was simply never done. When the lecture was over, Lyon asked T'Kill to report to his office. Lyon found the cadet curious, and for hours they talked about the Romulans and their starship tactics and capabilities as well as T'Kill's own background. Lyon was truly fascinated by the cadet, and recommended him for a position as his assistant. Due to his heritage, many Starfleet officers and cadets serving at the Academy were suspicious of T'Kill's heritage. Lyon had been convinced that he was not a spy, and pushed hard to support the cadet throughout his career.

Another individual among T'Kill's few friends at the Academy was a an unusual being he called "Blobbin," since he could not pronounce his real name "Klaosdkif." Cadet Blobbin had befriended him when he had few or no friends. Blobbin did not know much about the Romulans, but then again, Blobbin didn't really care, either. Though these two never really served much together until 2369, they always kept in touch.

T'Kill graduated from Starfleet Academy with the class of '51, ranking second in his class. Upon commissioning as an ensign, T'Kill was assigned to the fleet aboard starship *Excalibur* as

tactical officer. The *Excalibur* was on Neutral Zone patrol along the Romulan/Federation border. T'Kill's knowledge of the Romulan's deployment proved to be invaluable to *Excalibur* captain Emerson. In 2351, T'Kill was promoted to lieutenant, junior grade.

T'Kill served on board *Excalibur* until 2355, when he was transferred to a ground assignment as a Starfleet consultant with the Starfleet Advisory Staff at the Federation Embassy, on Betazed. With this assignment, T'Kill was made a full lieutenant.

On Betazed, T'Kill learned Federation diplomacy, which would open the doors to a possible command later on in his career. T'Kill didn't necessarily prefer ground assignments, but he did feel that his experience on Betazed would further his career.

After three years on Betazed, it was time for T'Kill to return to the fleet. He was assigned to the starship *Quasar* as tactical officer, where he served in combat against the Tarellians and the Cardassians.

In 2363, he received a request from his old friends from the Academy, Captain Lyon and Lieutenant Commander Blobbin for a transfer to their staff at Helium Ship Yards on Mars. He accepted the offer and the transfer to Mars without hesitation. He was finally able to work with the development of Federation weapons and tactical systems, something he had wanted to do since his days at the Academy.

He worked at Helium Ship Yards until shortly after the Borg attack on Earth in 2367, where experienced officers were needed throughout the decimated fleet. T'Kill's experience at tactical, his experience at Betazed, and at Helium Ship Yards all paid off when

he received a promotion to the rank of lieutenant commander and a posting as operations manager aboard starship *Columbus*.

The mid-sixties proved to be an era for rapid promotion of good, experienced officers, mainly because of the lack thereof resulting from the heavy casualties suffered during the battle of Wolf 359. In 2368, T'Kill was ordered to assume the posting of first officer aboard starship *Endeavour* as a full commander.

T'Kill found it ironic that he was serving aboard a starship which bore the name of the vessel commanded by his father. He was also surprised by the fact that he was being promoted so quickly through the ranks. As the fleet continued to grow, new starship postings became available. Experienced senior officers were often selected for captaincy whether they wanted it or not. When T'Kill received orders to command the starship *Maximillian* in 2369 at the request of Commander Blobbin, he did not complain. The *Maximillian* was the very ship he worked on while stationed at Helium Ship Yards two years earlier.

Captain T'Kill assumed command of the *Maximillian*, and in 2372, after a vicious battle in the Gamma Quadrant where he almost lost his ship, he was promoted to the flag rank of commodore, and the *Maximillian* served as flagship to Admiral Robert Lyon. The *Maximillian* has since returned to the Gamma Quadrant as flagship to Task Force Gamma-Two, on a mission of patrol and reconnaissance.

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