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USS MAXIMILLIAN HONOR AWARD RECIPIENT FEATURED IN THE MARION STAR: "HOBBY HIS BUSINESS NOW, COLLECTING COMICS PROFITABLE"



COMIC COLLECTOR - Clarence Bradley, owner of Brad's Bookstore, 219 N. Main St., has made a business out of his childhood hobby of collecting and selling comic books and other books.

Without this member, the *Maximillian* would never have been possible. The article reads as follows: Hobby his business, now: Collecting comics profitable. By MATT CURTIS, STAFF WRITER FOR THE MARION STAR.

MARION (OH) Talk about your wise investments.

More than 50 years ago, Clarence Bradley, si-fi buff and fantasy enthusiast, spent 10 cents on a first-issue copy of King Feature's

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Captain Greg Dunn has found an article on one of founding members in the *Marion Star* around the time of our fifth

Anniversary. This member is to date the sole recipient of our highest commendation, the Honor Award.

MAXIMILLIAN TO HELP AT CON IN SEPTEMBER

COLUMBUS (OH) Because of budgetary concerns expressed by some *Maximillian* members, considering climate at the time, and considering off-season costs, the *Maximillian* will be delaying their

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USED VIDEOS, GOOD PRICES

-EMS Debbie Ouellette

COLUMBUS (OH) Just a little information for the crew of the *Maximillian*. When I was browsing at Half Price Books on Lane Avenue a few weeks ago, I saw, in the used video department at the front of the store quite a number of used VCR tapes of *Star Trek*: the original series, the movies, and possibly a few other titles.

Anyway, the prices were from \$4.98 (GASP) to \$7.98. Pretty good values when you consider how much they are going for at the video stores and Media Play. So if anyone is looking to update their tape collection (you may have worn out a favorite episode by watching it so many times) I would suggest stopping at the Half Price Books nearest you and snatching up a few titles at these decent (VCR of course) at decent prices.

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CAPTAIN'S LOG:

COM MATT MORRIS

Summer is here, and with it brings a plethora of different opportunities. First off, the convention scene gets quite busy during the summer, which means the stars don't only come out at night. As you all are aware of, a small away team was dispatched to Akron to see the ever lovely, always entertaining Marina Sirtis (insert Tim Allen grunt here). Though this was the fifth or sixth time of seeing her--I've lost count by this time--she always comes up with something different--and boy did she look GREAT!!! By the way, that pilot dude from *Battlestar: Galactica* was there--Apollo, I think.

This day also brought a great opportunity to our vessel. I was passing out our ship's cards promoting us as much as I can. One found its way back to the person that ran the convention....and....aw, heck! I'll let Tamak tell you about it in his report.

Back to the business at hand, due to a slight communication problem with the Lennox Theater, we did not do a recruiting drive for *Men In Black*. I've been assured that the movie theater will be available to us for all future incarnations of *Star Trek* feature films yet to come, and we have been invited to come for *Starship Troopers*, a *Jarhead* movie for those like you, Korjac.

Last and final update on King's Island: Still July 19th, as you know, if you haven't given your money to Robin by this meeting, yooze outta luck! We will be meeting at the Karl Road Library at 7AM--yes Admiral, 0700 hours--and if you're coming but not driving,

you'll have to park your cars, trucks, busses, and shuttlecraft waaaaay in back. We will be leaving no later than, but including 7:15 AM, so set your alarm clock, sir.

Okay! Kudos, and not the candy--wake up Admiral--goes out to Robin Kulas for her recent promotion to lieutenant commander, a well-earned promotion.

And make new members feel welcome including the Ubercat, Blobbin's pet. Special thanks to Captain Spellchecker Blobbin for keeping the Admiral in line during this report. Until next time...Insane MATT time, Insane MATT channel. That's it.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

LCDR JOHN UPP

Greetings, one and all, UFO fans! As to the current operation of the United States Air Force issuing their latest debunk to say that it was just a weather balloon at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, some fifty years ago. The incident at Roswell, New Mexico, USA is being covered up again with more "bull."

The United States Air Force is trying to say that they were using the facility to drop test dummies. If you know anything about the U.S. Government, this is just the latest attempt to explain away what may have crashed in Roswell, New Mexico. The incident in question is, if it isn't a UFO what was it? Weather balloons do not leave a trail of debris three-quarters of a mile long and two-hundred feet wide. As before, and now again, why the cover up?

I still have questions, and I want answers.

SINCERELY YOURS,
-LCDR JOHN C. UPP.
OPERATIONS MANAGER USS MAXIWILLIAN.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

LCDR TERRY A. MCPHERSON

Greetings to the crew of the *Maximillian*! On June 15, 1997, at about 9:15:23.237 AM, Commodore Morris, Lieutenant Commander John Upp, Lieutenant Adelyn Upp, and I, traveled to Starbase Akron (Ohio, that is)! We went up to see Marina Sirtis. It was the first time for me to meet her. She's a very beautiful woman, and very funny. I was thoroughly impressed with her. And now, I've got her autographed picture.

I have some very good news to report to the crew of the *Maximillian*. Commodore Morris picked up some literature from an organization known as One Trek Wind Productions. They will be here on September 20, 1997. Their two guests will be *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*'s Nana Visitor who plays the station first officer Major Kira Nerys, and *Babylon 5*'s Jason Carter. I spoke to Dennis Winslow, liaison for One Trek Wind Productions. We were the first and only ship to contact them to assist in running security and manning a recruiting table. We are limited to six people only, because there were only six slots left available.

Three of the four positions for security have been filled. One position remains for security, and two are available for manning the recruiting table. We will draw names.

These six people will be admitted to the convention free of charge, autographed picture included. Here's the trick: Those that get in free will HAVE TO BE AT THE CONVENTION FROM 9AM - 6PM. Any additional members of the *Maximillian* will get 5% off admission. More on this at the meeting. Until then, this is

to identify and separate Ensign Bob from the rest of the blubberous mass. While we were mourning the untimely demise of Ensign Bob, the real Ensign Bob was living out the life of Korben Dallas.

After saving the world from certain death from the big evil thing, he was whisked away back into his own time and space. Unfortunately the ship was gone. But a floating oxygen tent sustained him long enough until another ship came along and saved him.

As soon as he realized he was on board the *DelStar*, he hung himself, drawn and quartered himself, and tried a warp-core breach, but all of this failed. Now Ensign Bob happily serves on the new *USS Maximillian* in waste management.

Ensign Bob is quoted in saying about his ordeal "Damn, this sucks! I could have been with a girl in some alternate universe, but instead, what did I get out of all of this? Nuttin!"

That was the second segment in the continuing saga of Ensign Bob.

NOTE: If offended by this story, don't bug the Admiral OR the Commodore, Bug Capt Greg "Blobbin" Dunn.

...AND IN CONCLUSION...

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

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

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

Members from other chapters and Organizations are welcome to submit material for this newsletter.

COMMANDING OFFICER

COM Matt Morris.

FIRST OFFICER

CDR Elaine Jackson.

COMMISSIONER

ADM Robert Lyon.

ALL SUBMISSIONS, ARTICLES, AND REPORTS ARE DUE ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

01 AUGUST 1997

Lietutenant Commander Tanak the Vulcan signing off. Live long and prosper.

STARFLEET INTELLIGENCE:

LTJG BETH WALTERS

Hi! It's Beth once again with another strange story, but this time I found it in one of the weekly tabloids while trying to get my giggles for the week. Those magazines would be the *Weekly World* and the other would be the *Sun*.

I found this in June 17th issue of the *Sun* and the headline read "Candy of the Future Has a High Price for Safety." The brain behind this one is Eric Begleiter who is the owner of a company called Livingston Confections. The location of this company is unknown but apparently its first futuristic candy comes from the series of *Star Trek*, in the shape of lollipops featuring pictures of spaceships, Klingons and other items from the series.

According to the *Sun* reporter who wrote the story, Lou Porter, states that they are not cheap and sell in packages of four for \$15.95 and that they are 100 percent safe since there is no ink or dye in them. The pictures are micro-grooved pattern that are etched into the candy's surface. The color comes from light bouncing off the surface just like light passing through a prism. Eric admits he cannot wait for Halloween, when he features ghosts in haunted houses. He also says that holograms have ghost-like qualities.

Nathan! Get your mice out of my office. They are driving me crazy! As you all can see, Pinky and the Brain have escaped once again and I have been finding them in my files again. I just may have to get the Godpidgeon after them.

Well, I guess that is all for now, but you can never tell when something strange will happen again.

Report from the 18 June 1997 meeting of the USS *Starrunner* of the First Fleet Club.

The main topic of discussion was on how to get members motivated. Some of the ideas are as follows:

1. Kings Island Trip.
2. Car Wash-at the Lincoln Village Pizza Hut.
3. Candy sales, however it has to be determined whether or not a vendor's license is needed for doing that type of sales as a fundraiser since they would be dealing with food. Capt Smith brought up the idea for getting some of the other ships to give them a hand.
4. Every other Tuesday at the Big Western Lanes on Georgesville Road has their lanes open from 9PM to 12MID for \$15.00. The number of people for each team is five. This one would help the *Maximillian* get into practice for the upcoming bowl-a-thon in September.

5. Zap-Zone in Hilliard has an event every Wednesday night from 5PM to 10PM. For \$15.00 you can play an unlimited number of games.

6. Another idea that came to mind was a Putt-Putt challenge. The *Starrunner* may challenge us, but I'll keep my ears peeled for any information about that.

7. Admiral Smith brought up the idea that with the help of the other ships to bring George Takei and Walter Koenig in for a charity booksign and whoever brought the books and had them signed, a percentage of that would go to charity.

I did find out from one of the members of our Security team that there is a new series of books out.

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It is called *Star Trek: New Frontier*. I haven't read the first two books that are out but when I do, I will be able to fill you in on some of the details. The first book is called *House of Cards* and book number two is called *Into the Void*.

That is pretty much the gist of the meeting for the month of June, but I will keep everyone posted as to what is going with the First Fleet Club. Until next month.

MUSINGS FROM THE PUDDLE

CAPT GREG "BLOBBIN" DUNN



Hi all!

My first function once being back here in Columbus was to attend the MaxOlympics. Even though we did not take the gold, I had a great time and was glad to see everyone there. At the MaxOlympics we added two new members, Susan and Sarah Moran. They are both from pittsburgh (not capitalized for a reason). Many of you met Susan at the Max function. She said she had a great time and is looking forward to being able to stop in again.

Well until next time have fun and see you soon. All Blobbin, All the time!

COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS:

ADM ROBERT S. LYON

Hello once again, it's my turn to talk in this month's newsletter.

First off, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Max Olympics event last month, as well as those who attended the picnic which followed. Congratulations to the participating members of the USS Columbus for winning the events of the Max Olympics. Overall, I feel that the event was successful. The weather could not have been better for this event, and everyone who attended the Max Olympics and/or the subsequent picnic seemed to have a good time. As always, I look forward to times where we could sit back and enjoy ourselves as a crew.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate one of our veteran members on her recent promotion to lieutenant commander. Commander Robin Kulas has done a lot for this Organization, and her promotion is well deserved.

The Command Staff and I have been trying to reconstruct the ship's records between our projects and events. I realize that there are some other veteran members who have been with this ship for some time. It is my intention to review these cases to determine where award and promotions are in order. By the time I'm finished, I hope to have a fairly accurate record for each member. I do not wish to cheat anyone out of points or possible promotions when they are warranted. More on this later.

I would also like to welcome aboard two new members from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to our ranks: Our new stellar cartographer, Lieutenant, Junior Grade Susan Moran, and her daughter Crewman Sarah Moran. Lieutenant

Moran had really enjoyed the Max Olympics, and feels that the members of the *Maximillian* are good people who made her feel welcome.

After due consideration, the Las Vegas trip for the *Maximillian* will be moved up to October or November. See the related article for details. On the weekend of September 21, 1997, we will be assisting with the Nana Visitor convention sponsored by One Trek Mind. Again, see related article for details.

In addition, we will be playing a role in supporting SeaCon 1998. The commodore and I will be provided with details on this as they become available. The SeaCon convention staff, headed by Admiral Rod Hannon, will detail our current role in the near future.

This summer, thus far, is filled with activity, something I like to see. Activity has always, and will always play a major role in the success of this Organization. I encourage each and every member to recruit outside designated recruiting drives. Bring your friends and family members to meetings and activities. After all, having a good time is one of our primary objectives.

Community service also plays a major role with our Organization. Commander Jackson, Doctor Cobaugh, and Ensign Hilton all expressed interest in arranging advanced First Aid/CPR courses for the members of the *Maximillian* through the American Red Cross. Other ships will also be invited to participate as well. This activity is in the early stages of development, however for further details, consult Commander Elaine Jackson if you are interested. Learning these skills is something I personally consider very important, for this knowledge and

skill may one day serve to save someone's life.

All members are encouraged to participate in some form of community service on a ship related or non-ship related basis; whether it's with your church, your school, or with some other organization within the community. Remember, 20 hours towards community service is sufficient to earn the Community Service Medallion, which is worth twelve promotion points towards your next rate or rank. Be active in keeping your community a nice place to live. As Commodore Morris, Lieutenant Ayers, Command Chief Ayers, Commander Jackson, Commander Kulas, Commander Deviel, Commander Pollock and I can tell you, a few hours of your time is always needed and welcome somewhere to make a difference.

Anyone who has ideas for future service projects, fundraisers, activities, etc., don't hesitate to contact your chain of command with your suggestions.

By the way, Greg "Blobbin" Dunn is back in the newsletters! You'll see what I mean. B Afraid---B Very Afraid.

Lastly, a note to the galley, NO Romulan Ale to be served on diplomatic functions. That is all. Until next month.

TRANSPORTER LOG.

SCTX CHRIS STEPHENSON

Hello, everybody. Let's get this thing underway, shall we?

MOVIE NEWS:

JULY

2 *Men in Black*: Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith star as the notorious "Men in Black." ILM special effects.

AUGUST

1-6 *Spawn*: Michael Jai White stars

as the dead superhero who must save the world from the evil violator, played by John Legizamo. More ILW.
 8 **Steel:** Shaquille O'Neal as the DC comics hero against evil gunrunners.

29 **Kull The Conquerer:** Marvel Comics '30s hero. Like Conan, with better effects. Hercules' Kevin Sorbo stars, as does Tia Carrere.

NOVEMBER

7 **Starship Troopers:** From the Heinlein novel, Michael Ironside fight evil "bug" aliens who want the Earth.

2 **Alien: Resurrection:** Sigourney Weaver, even though she died in *Alien*, returns as her clone. Winona Ryder stars as an android and the xenomorph returns as the xenomorph.

Also... Tim Burton is directing the next Superman movie, due July 4th of next year. Nicolas Cage stars as the man of steel, and nobody else has been cast yet. *Lost In Space* will come out on April 20, 1998, starring Gary Oldman and Matthew Perry. Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin (*Stargate, Independence Day*) go behind the cameras one more time for *GODZILLA!* May 20th is the start date, and it stars Matthew Broderick, and the big green machine. That's all, folks. Stephenson out.

CREW RECOGNITIONS

LT Robin Kulas.

• Promotion to the senior grade commissioned officer rank of LIEUTENANT COMMANDER. Congratulations, commander, for a job well done!

LTJG Beth Walters.

• Promotion to the senior grade commissioned officer rank of LIEUTENANT in recognition for

posting as Chief Intelligence Officer. Congratulations!

LTJG Susan Moran.

• Assigned as active duty member to the junior grade commissioned officer rank of LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE. Assigned as ship's stellar cartographer. Congratulations, lieutenant, and welcome aboard!

CA Sarah Moran.

• Assigned as active duty member to the junior enlisted rate of CREWMAN APPRENTICE. Congratulations, crewman, and welcome aboard!

BRADLEY

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comic book, "Popeye." A childhood whim that now has the potential to rake in some big money.

Industry magazines list that comic, put out in 1939, at \$3,200.

Not that Bradley would ever sell it. But it's an example of how the owner of Brad's Bookstore, 219 N. Main St., has been able to survive off a lifelong hobby.

Bradley, 67, has been into comics since he was 12. A passion for titles like "Popeye" and "Buck Rogers" drove him to open his first business when he was 14.

The store, housed in his Delaware home's basement, failed after only two weeks. The problem wasn't finding customers, according to Bradley. He just didn't know how to price his merchandise.

"I sold things so cheap I sold out everything I had and put myself out of business," he says. "I was getting rid of comics for a nickel, and books for a dime. That was before the introduction of the paperback."

Today, Bradley knows better. Brad's Bookstore, started in the 1970s, has been around for more than 25 years. While customers can

still pick up a Louis L'Amour novel for 60 cents, some of the shop's more valuable items are worth a few thousand dollars.

The store's prized possession is an issue 4 copie of "The Fantastic Four." Anybody lookint to add it to their collection better be ready to part with \$960.

"I've got some that are worth more than that," Bradley says.

During his early days, Brad's Bookstore was little more than a way to kill time, according to Bradley, who used to work in the composing room of The Marion Star.

That changed in the 1970s, when he and other union members lost their jobs as part of a failed strike.

"After that, it was the only way I really had to make any money," he said. "I really started to get into it after that."

Business was good enough to support two locations up until this year. Bradley recently closed a second store formerly based in Delaware. Despite the loss, he feels happy with how he's done.

"Normally, the life of a used bookstore is three to four years," he says. "If we're not the oldest used bookstore in Ohio, we have to be close."

Bradley hasn't forgotten his roots, either. As a kid, he and friends traded comics they bought at Delaware's Allen Hotel.

Customers today are free to pick up books at the store on an exchange basis. Bradley uses a credit system with people who trade in old paperbacks and magazines.

"It's a fun business," he says. "I've seen children grow up. They came in here as little fellas, and now several of them are policemen, or lawyers or doctors."

"And that's the best thing about comics. Anybody who reads them as a youth seems to keep on

reading all the way through life."

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Brad's Bookstore was the original home of the *Maximillian* during its first two years. Without the help and support of Clarence Bradley, the *Maximillian* would not exist today, and we would not be together as a group. For his support of the *Maximillian* during its infancy, we all owe him a great deal of thanks. Brad, if you are reading this, we all thank you for everything you have done for us.

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trip to Las Vegas. Another date has not been rescheduled to date, however it will be targeted for the latter part of 1997.

Commodore Morris and Commander McPherson were in Akron, Ohio to see the Marina Sirtis Convention, when they came across information on a *Star Trek* convention scheduled for September 20, 1997. A total of three free memberships are available for the membership. It will be decided who in this Organization will receive these three free passes at the July 12, 1997 General Membership Meeting. All additional members will get a 5% discount on admission. For further details, see the Engineer's Report.

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 COW Matt Morris for their input.

PART 4 OF 5: THE FOURTH SHIP NAMED MAXIMILLIAN.

The fourth Federation starship to bear the name *Maximillian* was a *Nebula* class science ship, Starfleet registry NCC-72016. The *Maximillian* was named for Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbe, and for Federation starships USS *Maximillian* (*Soyuz* class science ship, Starfleet registry NCC-1945 and Federation class dreadnought, Starfleet registry NCC-2105, *Excelsior* class explorer, Starfleet registry NCC-14238).

The *Maximillian* was commissioned at the Helium Ship Yards orbiting Mars on May 24, 2368 (Stardate 45382.5). Her first commanding officer was Captain Robert S. Lyon III. On February 20, 2367, the Starship 72016 was declared spaceworthy, and was launched for trial tests on propulsion, SIF and IDF systems. On December 5, 2367, Starship 72016 was officially named *Maximillian* in honor of Lyon's last command, making her the fourth Federation starship to bear the name.

On May 24, 2368 (Stardate 45382.5) the *Maximillian*, under the command of Captain Lyon, is commissioned. During her first year, the *Maximillian* patrolled the Federation/Cardassian border while conducting tests on weapons and

tactical systems intended for use against a potential second Borg invasion.

2368 was, overall, an uneventful year for the ship, however a few minor incidents occurred to break the monotony of the ship's initial assignment. On Stardate 45554.5 (July 18, 2368), while on routine patrol near the Cardassian border, the *Maximillian* visited planet Sigma Taurus II. Shortly after this mission, the ship's first officer, Commander Blobbin, threw a surprise birthday party for Captain Lyon. Days later, Lyon was verbally reprimanded by Rear Admiral Masters for going against Starfleet bridge protocol. Later that year, the *Maximillian* conducted a cultural surveillance update on planet Neural. While on the surface, Commander Blobbin shape-shifted into a mugato, frightening Communications Officer Vaughn. While on layover at the Narcon Outpost, Ensign Wilcox was cornered by a woman of a vampire-like race, and couldn't find a way to lose her until the ship left orbit. While on layover at the Arkaria base, Captain Lyon, Lieutenant Commander Monk, and Captain Motter of the starship *Inchon* got lost on the local horsetrails on the planet's surface. This was an incident that neither Monk nor Motter let Lyon live down.

By 2369, the shakedown of the *Maximillian* was complete, and the ship returned to Earth. On June 1, 2369, Captain Lyon was promoted to the rank of rear admiral for posting as Co-Director, Bureau of Ships at Starfleet Command. Captain Turok T'Kill assumed command, and, for the next three years, the *Maximillian* returned to the Federation/Cardassian disputed territories.

In 2371, the ship's first officer Commander Blobbin conducted an advance intelligence mission on planet Argent Prime. The information he collected served in aiding the mission of the *Maximillian* when she arrived.

On February 4, 2372, the *Maximillian* was assigned to perform a reconnaissance mission in the Gamma Quadrant. For the next several months, the ship maintained a constant yellow alert, in anticipation of possible Dominion attacks. The mission was uneventful until on June 12, 2372 when she was attacked by two Jen'Hadar warships. Though badly damaged, and taking considerable casualties, *Maximillian* was able to defeat and neutralize their attackers with the weapons and defense systems designed to fight the Borg. Captain T'Kill managed to bring his ship through the Bajoran Wormhole before Jen'Hadar reinforcements could arrive.

On June 15, 2372, the *Maximillian* docked at station Deep Space Nine to stabilize some of the more critical systems before moving on to a nearby repair facility. While at DS9, *Maximillian's* Captain T'Kill received orders to proceed to Starbase 161 for mission debriefing and crew rotation. The ship docked at the starbase, and on July 20, 2372, all minor systems upgrade and structural repair to the hull were completed. Captain T'Kill received a promotion to the rank of commodore in recognition for his overall Starfleet service and for his actions in the Gamma Quadrant.

The *Maximillian* was then assigned to TacFleet, Starship Group 3, and served as flagship to Admiral Robert Lyon. In the fall of 2372, Commander Blobbin receives a promotion to the rank of captain

and was assigned to TacFleet intelligence. Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to a critical and top-secret intelligence mission.

On December 12, 2372, the *Maximillian*, while on routine patrol and escort duty in the Gamma Quadrant as flagship of Task Force Gamma-Two, with Federation starships *Chicago*, *Mariner*, and *Atlantis*, the scout ship *Atlantis* detected seven Jen'Hadar warships on attack approach for planet Sentar III, a previously uncharted world which had an indigenous civilization with a socio-technological equivalent of Earth during the late twentieth century. Due to Sentar III's proximity to the Bajoran Wormhole, and due to the nature of the situation, Task Force Commander Robert Lyon felt the Prime Directive did not apply, as another advanced, spacefaring race was making an unprovoked attack on a primitive society. Lyon ordered Task Force Gamma-Two into combat. The battle resulted in stopping the Jen'Hadar attack, but at the cost of over a thousand Starfleet lives and two starships, the *Maximillian* and the *Chicago*. Of the crew of 645, only 327 survive. Most of the survivors, however, suffered various injuries.

The *Maximillian*, like the previous ship to bear the name, lived up to her namesake, making the ultimate sacrifice for the interests and countless lives of not only Sentar III, but also those in the Federation.

The preceding was a brief history of the fourth starship *Maximillian*. Next issue: a brief history of the current Federation starship USS *Maximillian* (Sovereign class, Starfleet registry NCC-74997). 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...

Robert S. Lyon III.

(ROB LYON) <<STARFIGHTER CALL-NAME: KRUNK>> Robert Stephen Lyon III was born in Columbus, Ohio on Earth on July 18, 2306. He is the son of Starfleet officer Robert Stephen Lyon II and Kathryn Lyon. Lyon is currently serving as expedition commander for the exploration of the Menkare region of the Alpha Quadrant, coordinating with the starships assigned to explore that region of space. His flagship is the starship *Maximillian*, a Sovereign class starship.

Among Admiral Lyon's varied interests is the old twentieth century insanely stupid cartoon series, twentieth century science fiction television and movie series, Star Trek, history, genealogy, and archaeology.

STARFLEET CAREER: Lyon was eighteen when he joined Starfleet. Much to his father's despair, Lyon was impatient to get into space, so in 2323, he enrolled into the Starfleet Enlisted Training Program in San Francisco. Upon completion of his basic training, he was promoted to crewman apprentice, and

enrolled into the Warp Field Technology Enlisted Training School on Earth. During his training, his class was required to witness the commissioning ceremonies of starship *Trafalgar*. When he graduated, he was immediately assigned to starship duty aboard the science vessel *Oberth* where he served as a warp propulsion specialist. During his tour aboard the *Oberth*, he was promoted to crewman in 2324.

In 2325, Lyon transferred to a larger starship, the *Cyane*, a *Miranda* class science ship. His commanding officer, 32-year-old Captain Parish, had a high regard for Lyon and his talents. Lyon rapidly moved to Warp Field Specialist Third Class in 2325, and again to Warp Field Specialist Second Class in 2326. In 2327, when Lyon's enlistment in Starfleet was up, Captain Parish sponsored Lyon in his application to Starfleet Academy.

Lyon's experience in Starfleet Academy was very difficult at times, particularly when the cadets were in the hands of the ever-caring drill instructors. One drill instructor in particular, Drill Instructor First Class Sonak, was extra hard on Cadet Lyon, and his friend Cadet Richard Kilgore. Both cadets found the Vulcan drill instructor cold, uncaring, and very demanding. Over time, they had found Sonak very capable, very efficient, and very precise. Though they hated Sonak during their training, they eventually admired their drill instructor, and were grateful for all that they had learned from him. Lyon graduated with honors in the class of '31 from Starfleet Academy, and gave D11 Sonak his silver dollar for the first salute ceremony.

After graduation, Lyon

volunteered for the Starfighter Training School on Earth when he earned his commission as an ensign. As with all starfighter pilot candidates, a call-name was chosen for Ensign Lyon by his peers and his instructors. Lyon had a tendency to never try to avoid a situation, he would just plow his way through it. Because of this, and because of his sense of humor, he was called "Krunk." Ensign Richard Kilgore, Lyon's academy classmate, and best friend at the time, was likewise called "Valhallen." During their training, they were also teamed up with a young Ensign named Myers, who was given the call name of "Major Glory" (although Lyon often called him "Flag Man," and Kilgore called him "Glory Boy").

The three were virtually inseparable, becoming the *Seattle's* most efficient starfighter team. The team was broken with the death of Ensign Myers in 2332 while engaged in heavy combat with hostile Orion fighter craft.

In 2335, the *Seattle* returned to Earth Spacedock for the first time in four years. In 2336, the *Seattle* returned to deep-space, and Lyon was promoted to squadron leader, earning the rank of full Lieutenant.

In 2337, Lieutenant Lyon was ordered to Starbase 74 to serve as a squadron leader, filling a vacancy resulting from the tragic death of his predecessor. This new assignment was not without cost. Lyon remained at Starbase 74 until 2340, when he was transferred back to starship duty aboard the *Hood* as wing commander.

Lyon remained aboard the *Hood* until 2345, when he was given the opportunity by Starfleet Academy Superintendent, Admiral Parish, his

former commanding officer from the *Cyane* to become an instructor.

At the Academy, Lyon received a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, serving in two capacities: the first being an instructor in starship and starfighter strategy and tactics, and the other being a starship and starfighter simulator instructor.

Lyon's was a close friend to Parish and his family, and in 2346, The admiral had a son, Steven. Lyon would later serve with young Steve aboard the *Maximillian* in 2372.

During his tour at the Academy, Lieutenant Commander Lyon would meet three officers who would be key individuals later on in his career: Cadet Turok T'Kill, a Romulan/Human hybrid whose trust he had earned in the fact alone that Lyon could see past the racial suspicions held by his T'Kill's fellow cadets and the faculty; the second was an Errsedorian cadet whose name was unpronounceable, but was referred to simply as "Blobbin," and the third was an orphaned Bajoran named Teela Amor.

In 2347, Lyon transferred back into the fleet, serving as second officer and operations manager for starship *Horatio*, the largest starship he had served aboard to date. Though Lyon enjoyed serving aboard these huge *Ambassador* class cruisers, he felt they were too luxurious. Despite this, Lyon was not one to complain.

In 2351, after serving four years aboard the *Horatio*, Lyon was selected to become the senior aide to the Commander-in-Chief of Starfleet and promoted to the rank of full Commander. Duty as an aide was generally not coveted by Starfleet officers, as they often preferred to remain on starship duty. It was this duty alone that

prepared him for the rest of his career. He saw Starfleet operating first-hand. He learned fleet strategies and policies from the admiralty, and he had learned diplomacy.

When his two-year tour was complete in 2353, he returned to the fleet aboard the starship *Maximillian* to replace Captain Johnathan Nighthawk's first officer, who was killed in battle.

In 2355, the *Maximillian* returned to Earth for major systems repair, crew rotation, and tactical systems upgrade. Nighthawk was promoted to rear admiral to command Starfleet Battle Group 7 of the 43rd Fleet in the Cardassian Theater. First officer Commander Robert Lyon was promoted to captain, assumed command, and oversaw the refit of *Maximillian*.

In 2356, the *Maximillian* returned to service, rejoining Starfleet Battle Group 7 in the Cardassian/Federation Conflict. CAPT Lyon, valiantly led the vessel through over 25 skirmishes with Cardassian warships, and 12 battles, defending several outlying Federation colonies in their sector of operation. During a battle with a Cardassian warship in 2359, Lyon's first officer was killed. He appointed his old friend and shipmate Lieutenant Blobbin to replace his former first officer, granting him a promotion to the rank of lieutenant commander.

In 2363, the worst thing that could happen to a starship commander happened to Captain Lyon. While patrolling the Beta Rendala system, the *Maximillian* was attacked by three Cardassian Galor class cruisers. The Beta Rendala system had four major Federation colonies with a total population of over 4.2 billion Federation citizens. The *Maximillian* took

severe damage and high casualties in the ambush, but was successful in neutralizing her attackers. While en-route to Starbase 211, a warp core breach was in progress. The core was successfully ejected, however the resulting explosion caused further damage to the wounded starship. With multiple hull breaches, and failing life support systems, CAPT Lyon was forced to order abandon ship. The officers and crew were rescued four days later by Federation starship USS *Detroit* (*Excelsior* class explorer, Starfleet registry NCC-42287). The hulk of the *Maximillian* was recovered two weeks later and towed to Starbase 211 where she was deemed to have suffered too much structural damage to salvage. Though the *Maximillian* had been lost, and the casualty rate was approximately 20 percent of the crew, four Federation colonies had been saved (over 4 billion lives), and the captain, officers and crew of the *Maximillian* had been commended for their actions.

Despite the findings of a court-martial in Lyon's favor, he still blamed himself for the loss of his ship. In 2363, Captain Lyon was given a ground assignment at the Helium Ship Yards orbiting Mars as the construction director of a new, and as-yet unnamed *Nebula* class starship, known at this time only as NCC-72016.

When the starship was complete on May 20, 2368, Starfleet Command named her *Maximillian*, and placed him in command for her first year of service. Some of his original bridge crew from the old *Maximillian* served aboard this new starship under his command. Commander Blobbin served as first officer; Lieutenant Commander Brian Monk as operations manager before

his promotion to become first officer of starship *Chicago*, Lieutenant Commander Matt Pollock who served as Monk's replacement in October, 2368; Doctor Mark Dewiel, chief medical officer; Lieutenant Bob Brown as chief engineer; and Command Master Chief Bradley as Chief Petty Officer of the Command to name a few.

In May of 2369, Lyon was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral, serving at Starfleet Command as Co-Director for Bureau of Ships. In January of 2372, he was again promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral, where he served temporarily as Commander, Starfleet Training Command. In April, 2372, he received a promotion to full admiral with an assignment as first officer to TacFleet. In July, 2372, he was once again promoted to Senior Admiral, where he was given full command of TacFleet when his commanding officer, Senior Admiral Daniel Atkins, retired. He chose starship *Maximillian* as his flagship, and promoted Captain Turok T'Kill to the rank of commodore for his exemplary performance in starship command.

In late 2372, Because of his extensive combat experience in three theaters of warfare, Lyon was ordered by Fleet Admiral Thomas Henry to personally assume command of a small four-ship fleet, dubbed Task Force Gamma-Two by Starfleet Command, consisting of starships *Maximillian*, *Chicago*, *Mariner*, and *Atlantis* for a routine, but extensive and potentially dangerous reconnaissance mission into the Gamma Quadrant. On December 12, 2372, *Atlantis* detected seven Jen'Hadar warships on attack approach for planet Sentar III, a previously uncharted world which had an indigenous civilization with a socio-technological equivalent of

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Earth during the late twentieth century. Due to Sentar III's proximity to the Bajoran Wormhole, and due to the nature of the situation, Task Force Commander Robert Lyon felt the Prime Directive did not apply, as another advanced, spacefaring race was making an unprovoked attack on a primitive society. Lyon ordered Task Force Gamma-Two into combat. The battle resulted in stopping the Jen'Hadar attack, but at the cost of over a thousand Starfleet lives and two starships, the *Maximillian* and the *Chicago*. Of the crew of 645, only 327 survive. Most of the survivors, however, suffered various injuries.

Lyon himself is severely injured, requiring four months of hospitalization. When he was fully recovered, Starfleet Commander Thomas Henry assigned him, partly at the repeated requests of Commodore T'Kill and Captain Blobbin, to head the Menkare region expedition in the outer-most reaches of the Alpha Quadrant, with the new Sovereign class *Maximillian* as his flagship. Planet Kafre Prime serves as his command base.

COLLECTORS' CORNER

-CON MATT MORRIS.

♪ Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Rock! ♪ Yeah, I know it's six months away, but as of September, the new *Star Trek* ornaments will be sliding into a Hallmark store near you. But first, let's review the past.

1991 brought us the USS *Enterprise*, Constitution class starship, retailed at \$24.00, is now worth \$380.00. Now keep in mind, all these prices I'm giving are all mint and in package.

1992 brought us the Shuttlecraft *Galileo*, which is now

worth \$55.00.

1993 we have *Enterprise-D*, which is worth \$67.00.

1994 the Klingons get in the gain with the Klingon Bird-of-Prey, which is now \$40.00.

1995 is the first year that they started the multiple ornaments per year. Starting off with the Romulan (GRUUNTT) Warbird, which is now \$40.00; Captains Kirk and Picard, booking for \$30.00 each; and last, but not least in '95, we have the three miniturized version ornaments of the previous releases consisting of *Enterprise*, *Enterprise-D*, and Shuttle *Galileo*, which is also booking for \$30.00.

And in 1996, we've got four more ornaments, starting with the USS *Voyager*, now jumping to \$30.00; Commander Riker, not doing much at \$18.00; Mister Spock, coming in strong for \$30.00; and the Thirty-year two-piece pewter set holding strong at \$65.00.

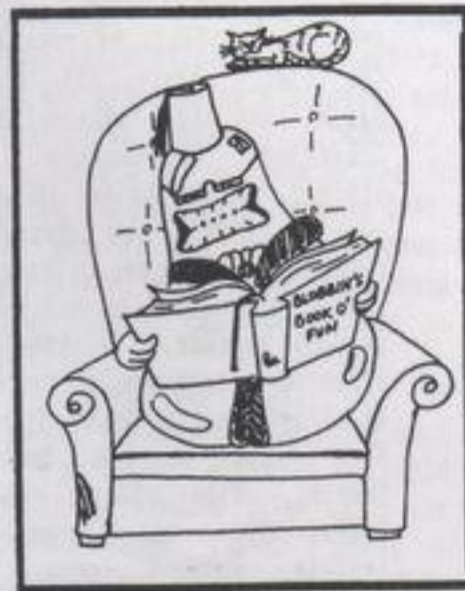
This brings us to the '97 releases, consisting of USS *Reliant*, Commander Data sitting at his console, and Doctor McCoy standing on a transporter (believe it or not). As you can see, these ornaments are a very good investment for any type of collector.

This will bring us to books. The only books that do a whole lot are the hard-covers, and there's a few coming out this year. First one is Jimmy Doohan's (a.k.a. Scotty), *The Rising*; Roxanne Dawson's (a.k.a. B'Elanna Torres) *Entering Tenebrea*; Armin Shimmerman's (a.k.a. Quark) *Merchant Prince*; and last but not least, John De Lancie's (a.k.a. Q) *Children of the Light*. These are put out by a company called Starline. All of these beaming into a Bookstore near you. Until next time, where I bring you an

update on the evil money mongers at Playmates...

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BLOBBIN'S STORY TIME



Featuring:
The Amazing and Somewhat
True Adventures of
Ensign Bob: A Spoof.
BY CAPTAIN GREG "BLOBBIN" DUNN

PART II: HE RETURNS.

Ensign Bob, who died in the great Blubberfest of '96, was really a temporal clone of the real Ensign Bob. It was amazing! What really happened was, that Ensign Bob was sitting there sipping his whiskey when the *Sundance* exploded, a huuuge bit of blubber flew toward his window.

Amazingly enough, at that exact moment in time, somebody on board their ship started up their weedwacker which whisked Ensign Bob into the future, replacing him with a temporal copy which no one really understands. This temporal copy of Ensign Bob was sadly enough, when its life had just begun, was squished in the great blubberfest of '96.

It took twelve surgeons, three transporters, and twenty-four hours