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Your monthly Holonewsletter
"Chartering New Frontiers"
Issue Number 1



As we push deeper into the unexplored regions of the Beta Quadrant, the crew of the USS Destiny and the Marines of the 521st Marine Strike Group stand united under a shared mission: exploration, duty, and community. This month's theme: "Charting New Frontiers", is more than stellar cartography or warp signatures. It's about boldly stepping into the unknown, whether that's deep space, a new SFI course, a personal project, or supporting your fellow sentient beings.

This issue marks the launch of our new monthly joint newsletter, a collaborative publication designed to spotlight the extraordinary efforts of both the Destiny's crew and the Marines aboard her decks. Whether you're just starting at STARFLEET Academy or a decorated veteran of multiple deployments onboard, your contributions are what bring to life this vessel and heart to our Corps.

In the spirit of volunteerism and comradery, I encourage every crewmember and Marine to step forward and share your story. Let's make this publication a chronicle not just of star charts and tactical reports, but of the people who dare to explore, serve, and dream.

Until next time-
In service and solidarity,
1LT. Sir William "Patchwork" King
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"The destination of discovery begins with a journey of exploration" - Mark Terry, Explorer

This is my first Captain's Log for the USS Destiny's new newsletter. I will do my best, writing is tough.

The next month's meeting will be focused on completing our new handbook, several promotions and coming up with new short, medium and long-range goals for this ship. We've come a good bit since COVID. That situation didn't do us and Starfleet any favors. Starfleet lost some ships, but I believe the ones that did survive showed great resilience and resolve to get through it. The Destiny could very well have gone under, but we didn't. We came back stronger than ever. The crew is different, but that has made the ship come together. There is still a fair amount to still do, like getting all the necessary positions filled and operating, but we will do it. It just takes time.

One of my goals I hope will happen again is for the Destiny to once again be the Flagship for 5th Fleet. I believe that it will happen in time. It's been an honor being the Captain of the Destiny for the last 10 years. A challenge to be sure, but one I have enjoyed doing. The Destiny is doing well and will continue to grow and prosper. It sounds like the Vulcan saying, "Live Long and Prosper."

We have more challenges ahead, but I have confidence in every member of this crew that we will tackle each one and conquer it. The crew of the Destiny and I believe in what Starfleet stands for and what it is trying to accomplish. If we didn't, we wouldn't be doing it. I hope I did a good job on my 1st Captain's log and look forward to doing an even better job with future ones.

Until next month's Captain's Log,

FtCapt. William R. Sowers

Vol. 1 Promotions & Advancements

As of 2025.06

The Command Staff of the USS Destiny and the 521st Marine Strike Group is proud to announce the following well-earned promotions that have taken place over the last month. These individuals have demonstrated dedication, professionalism, and a commitment to the values of STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marine Corps. Please join us in the congratulating the following personnel:

STARFLEET Promotions

USS Destiny Command Crew

Commander (CMDR) Rudy Guzman
First Officer, USS Destiny

Commander (CMDR) Jennifer Ward
Second Officer, USS Destiny

SFMC Promotions

521st Marine Strike Group,
2nd Battalion, 5th Brigade

1st Lieutenant (1LT) Sir William King
Flight Commander, 521st MSG

1st Lieutenant (1LT) Julaine Gallucci
521st MSG

1st Lieutenant (1LT) Uula
521st MSG

Promotions are a testament to the hard work and participation of our members across both STARFLEET and the SFMC. Marines and crewmembers are encouraged to continue their training participate in activities and pursue excellence in all assigned duties.

- Destiny Dispatch Editorial Staff

Vol. 1 Growing Superfoods in Space: A Leap Towards Sustainable Space Agriculture

Edited By: 1LT. Sir William King

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, an Indian Air Force test pilot and astronaut candidate, is set to embark on the Axiom Mission-4 [Ax-4] to the International Space Station (ISS) on June 8th, 2025. This mission, a collaborative effort involving NASA, ISRO and the ESA, marks a significant milestone in global space exploration endeavors.

A central focus of Shukla's mission is to conduct pioneering experiments on cultivating green gram (moong) and fenugreek (methi) seeds in the microgravity environment of the ISS. These nutrient-rich crops, staples in Indian cuisine, were selected for their potential to provide sustainable food sources for astronauts on long-duration missions.

Space based agriculture is no longer just a futuristic novelty; the groundwork is happening right now. Missions like Astronaut Shukla's demonstrate how real-world science is bridging the gap between science fiction and practical capability.

This experiment underscores the very essence of Starfleet's guiding principles, innovation, sustainability and the pursuit of knowledge for the betterment of all life. This experiment not only pushes the boundaries of our current knowledge on space agriculture but also reinforces our commitment to self-sufficiency on long duration missions. This achievement will bring us closer the Star Trek vision of peaceful exploration, where science and diplomacy go hand in hand. Where even the simplest act, growing food, becomes a symbol of unity, progress and the dream of exploring the stars.

For more information visit the Times of
India, where the article was originally
published.

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In Universe feature Echoes of Theta V

Edited By: 1LT. Sir William King

From the log of LTJG Saral Ayo, Science Officer, USS Destiny

Our assignment seemed straight forward; investigate a derelict Federation vessel transmitting a distress signal on repeat from the edge of a class 7 temporal rift. Designation: USS Hamilton, reported missing in 2292.

Upon approach, the Destiny's sensors detected a 17-minute looping energy pattern. With every cycle, the Hamilton reappeared intact, then fractured apart. A boarding team from the 521st MSG and Science Division was deployed during a reset window. The vessel was real; and the crew was caught in a temporal echo, reliving their final moments over and over again.

Environmental conditions inside the loop were stable. Systems functioned as intended. But the deeper we explored, the more we felt... watched. Logs indicated the crew had encountered an Iconian beacon before disappearing. Somehow, the Hamilton's proximity to the beacon, and now the rift, had locked it in a stuttered death spiral.

We managed to extract primary logs and a beacon fragment just before the next collapse. One Marine's recorder caught a shadowy figure appearing between deck reflections for 0.3 seconds. Science Division has no current explanation. Temporal Command has flagged this region as "Observation Only".

In Memoriam: Crew of the USS Hamilton, Lost but Not Forgotten.

Personal Log, Supplemental
LTJG Saral Ayo, Science Officer, USS Destiny

Three days after departing the Theta V rift, the Destiny experienced a near catastrophic systems failure. What began as a mild sensor interference escalated into a full shutdown of warp and primary life support. No known anomaly was present in space. No energy signature matched any log in the Starfleet database. Except one.

During the blackout, I reviewed our Theta V data. Frame by frame, in spectral sub-bands, the shadow figure from the Hamilton's deck flickered, faintly, on the Destiny's own bulkhead cameras. At first, we thought it was a software echo. But then the lights dimmed. A voice; genderless, amused, and terrifyingly curious. Spoke directly into our minds: "Why do you fear being watched when you spend so much of your lives doing the same?"

Captain Sowers ordered an immediate psi-scan. No results. No origin point. Just silence. Then, with a blink, everything returned to normal. Warp power, artificial gravity; restored as if nothing happened. Engineering found no faults. Tactical suggested it was a Q-like presence.

I have filed a sealed report with Starfleet Intelligence and the Department of Temporal Investigations. We are advised to not speak openly of it, even here.

Vol. 1 Away Mission: Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Tacoma, WA

By: CMDR Jennifer Ward

In May 2025, LTJG Patrick and CMDR Jen of the USS Destiny beamed down to the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium [PDZA] in Tacoma, Washington.

PDZA has the distinction of being the only combined zoo and aquarium in the Pacific Northwest. The 29-acre zoo was established in 1905, while the aquarium was founded in 1935 and relocated to the zoo in 1963. Although the original zoo and aquarium were less humane and reportedly unsafe, the PDZA of today is nationally accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA), dedicated to conservation and preservation of wildlife, upholding the highest standards of animal welfare and veterinary care, education and commitment to matters of environmental and social justice.



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There is something for everyone: areas to encourage children to play outdoors, and interact with some of the animals of the zoo. Zoo keepers are available to chat about the animals in their care, and visitors with zoo members can schedule behind-the-scenes tours (CMDR Jen is still trying to convince LTJG Patrick to join her on the shark dive experience).

Short on time, on this outing the duo opted to visit the two aquarium facilities located on the premises: the Tropical Reef Aquarium and the Pacific Seas Aquarium:

The renovated Tropical Reef Aquarium, previously known as the South Pacific Aquarium, was reopened to the public in mid-2024 after being closed in November 2021 for restoration and repair. The 25,000 square foot facility houses a number of shark species in the Outer Reef which mimics a sandy ocean-drop into a natural reef, a lagoon ecosystem, and the "Blue Hole" which represents deep caverns inhabited by tropical marine life. The fish of this aquarium are brightly colored and are absolutely mesmerizing to watch. Visitors can experience shark dives with the sharks in this exhibit, and the tropical shallows tide pools invite visitors to carefully touch some of the resident tropical sea stars, sea cucumbers, shim, crabs and tropical urchins.



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The Pacific Seas Aquarium, opened in September 2018 to replace the aging North Pacific Aquarium, is a 35,000 square foot aquarium that represents the varied ecosystems in the waters of the Pacific and contains an interactive tidal touch zone where visitors can interact with marine life typically found in Pacific Coast tidal pools.

The modern facility is home to a 100,000- gallon habitat full of Pacific Northwest marine life such as anemones, barnacles, rockfish, ratfish, salmon, sturgeon and lingcod; a Coastal Kelp Forest exhibit echoing the kelp forests of Southern California; colorful jellyfish displays and an amazing peek of the marine life that lives under the Tacoma Narrows Bridges. The aquarium also hosts a 280,000-gallon warm-water habitat called Baja Bay which is home to scalloped hammerhead sharks, green sea turtles, spotted eagle rays and various fish species.



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Community Contributions

New PETFLEET Officers

This last month, we welcomed three new registered PETFLEET Officers on board the USS Destiny.



Oliver "Ollie", PCC #940

Species: Feline, Domestic Shorthair

Birthday: 13 May 2014

Adopted: 13 December 2014

Department: Tactical

Current Assignment: USS Destiny NCC-97301

Specialization: Ornithology, Close-quarters Weapons
Combat

Favorite foods: Chicken kibble and broth

A charismatic, cuddly and affectionate crew member, Oliver is an agile warrior, skilled in combat and has successfully trained his younger sister and baby brother how to effectively use Paw-to-Paw combat and Kitty-Fu against combatants of all sizes and species.

Oliver begins his mornings signing opera and conducting strength training exercises. His hobbies include: Singing Klingon Opera in the key of Feline Major, playing soccer, throwing and retrieving soft cat ball toys, watching birds and squirrels from the window while trying to learn their languages.



Mia "Mimi", PCC #941

Species: Feline, Domestic Medium hair

Birthday: 6 October 2014

Adopted: 27 November 2015

Department: Command

Current Assignment: USS Destiny NCC-97301

Specialization: Ichthyology

Favorite foods: Tuna and Bonito Flakes

An aspiring leader, Mia watches Captains Janeway and Pike with a distinct interest. She was graced with a sharp tongue and a quick wit, and has become her older brother's top Kitty-Fu student. She is genuinely concerned about others, encourages her brothers and is fearless in the face of the unknown...as well as trips to the vet.

Hobbies: Hair styling, climbing, boxing, supervising, watching cooking shows and scientific shows featuring maritime creatures, keeping track of naptime and alerting of crew member's bedtime. She also ensures that quarters are comfortable, dining areas are stocked, and litter boxes pass inspection.

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Wesley "Wes", PCC #942

Species: Feline, Siamese

Birthday: 13 January 2019

Adopted 6 April 2019

Department: Science

Current Assignment: USS Destiny NCC-97301

Specialization: Rodentology

Favorite foods: Chicken and Fish

A curious boy, Wesley finds himself in the middle of everything, and never complains about it. While he prefers learning wrestling techniques from his older siblings, he is more concerned with how things work in the world around him and questions practically everything. No doors may be closed in his presence, which often tempts his older brother to slam doors in his face, and has resulted in taking polar bear plunges into freezing toilet water.

Hobbies: Nap time, racing around the house, observing the world from the window, watching birds and squirrels with his brother and trying to annoy his sister.

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Upcoming Events

Ship Meeting - Sunday, June 15th 1900 hrs
Discord - [Here](#)



MARINE GALLEY WEEKLY MENU

WEEK OF 2419.06.01

From the Galley of the 521st MSG |

Marine Mess Chief: GYSGT Crenshaw



Note: All food items certified replicator-safe, low radiation.

No Tribbles were harmed in the creation of this menu.

Monday

Main Ration: Breakfast Burritos

Lunch: Warp Core Chili (Indian/Thai Recipe [EXTREMELY SPICY])

Dinner: Beef Substitute Stroganoff (99.2% beef-adjacent)

Mess Note: If it jiggles and glows, it's dessert. If it bites back, it's Tactical's fault.

Tuesday

Main Ration: Synth-Bacon & Polenta Cubes

Lunch: Plomeek Stew with Mystery Meat

Dinner: Chicken Teriyaki MRE (Salt and Pepper to taste)

Mess Note: Ensign Hairy T'Ribble is still not our mystery meat. Checked by the Chaplain and the XO. Fight me.

Wednesday

Main Ration: Pancake Flap Discs

Lunch: Pulled Something Sandwiches (Found it in the walk-in with no label)

Dinner: Vegan Meatloaf

Mess Note: If you ask what's in it again, you get KP Duty for a month. You know who you are.

Thursday

Main Ration: "Eggs" - Definition pending

Lunch: Klingon Field Rations (Engineering is prepared for the toilet backups)

Dinner: "Mariner's Delight" (synthfish, lemon, maybe some further food poisoning)

Mess Note: Remember Marines, Enlisted eat first. For. A. Reason.

Friday

Main Ration: Donuts (Replicated with love, frosting is homemade)

Lunch: Burgers (Cooked via Phaser by PFC. Adreas)

Dinner: Chef's Choice (Yes, it's mac & cheese again.)

Mess Note: Shiniest trays get an extra portion. Yes, that's favoritism. Earn it.



HOLODECK MISHAP LOG

Compiled by: Petty Officer 2nd Class Recker
Deck 7 Systems Control



Entry 0382-D: "Chronological Contamination"

Date/Time: Stardate 87545.2 - 1300 hrs

Program: "Ambassadorial Banquet: Batazed Cultural Protocols"

Outcome: Partial cultural enlightenment, full gastrointestinal regret.

Summary:

Holodeck 3 was loaded with diplomatic etiquette training for Betazed nobility. Unfortunately, the environmental protocols cross-loaded with Klingon culinary modules. Halfway through instructions, all foodstuffs were replaced with live gagh, some.... enthusiastically mobile. A Betazoid ambassador simulation declared her passion for "texture" while a cadet panicked and tried to stun the buffet.

Damage Report:

- 1 dislocated jaw (attempt to "prove courage" via gagh consumption contest. Yes it was a Marine.)
- 4 uniforms ruined (upset stomach at sight of gagh)

Action Taken:

Holodeck scrubbed and sanitized. Cadet reassigned to quartermaster duty until further notice. Holodeck AI issued a formal apology to the SO for a "deeply traumatic dinner".

Entry 0385-F: "Redshirt Uprising"

Date/Time: Stardate 87547.82 - 0900 hrs

Program: "Security Tactics Refresher - 23rd Century Scenario"

Outcome: Simulated crew achieved sentence. Immediately unionized.

Summary:

During a simple security drill simulation aboard a Constitution-class vessel, program parameters glitched following a systems update pushed from Destiny's central core. The Redshirt NPCs (Non-Player Characters) formed a Milita, armed themselves with Bat'leths and Phasers, and stormed the bridge requesting hazard pay, personal shields, and "a name other than Ensign #4."

Damage Report:

- Holo-morale reached unprecedented levels.
- Security Chief personally requested a holo-mediator.

Action Taken:

Sim logs archived under "Utopian Labor Rebellion Scenarios." Simulation reclassified as "Historical Fiction." No action to be taken unless NPCs request STAARFLEET membership.

Thank you for reading our inaugural edition of the Destiny Dispatch. We hope you've found inspiration, intrigue, and perhaps even some humor within these pages. This newsletter thrives on your stories, experiences, contributions, and creativity. If you have any ideas, contributions or suggestions, please contact me through DM on Discord.

Next month's theme: "Strength in Unity", we look forward to your thoughts and submissions. Stay curious, stay brave, and stay connected.

Until next time-
In service and solidarity,
1LT. Sir William "Patchwork" King
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"They used to say if man was meant to fly, he'd have wings. But he did fly. He discovered he had to."
- Captain James T. Kirk
Commanding Officer, USS Enterprise (NCC-1701)