

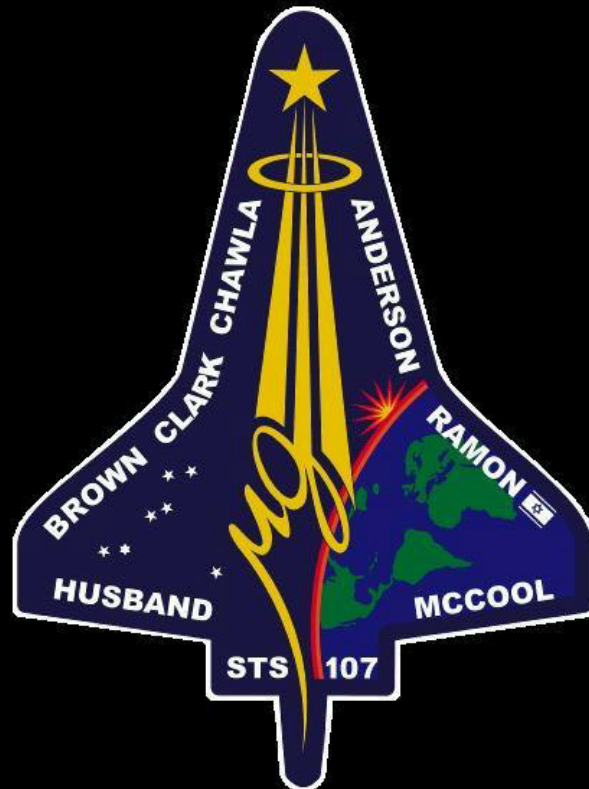
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Mission patches for *Apollo I*, *STS-51L*, and *STS-107* from various nasa.gov web sites.



A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher



As I write this there are two conventions going on this weekend; Far Point in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and Stellarcon in High Point, N.C. Several of our crew will be at

Stellarcon.

It used to be that a lot of us went to Star Trek conventions on a regular basis but not now. Part of this is probably due to the lack of exposure with no shows on TV and the lack of any merchandise. I think it would do all of us some good to try to go to one a year just to remember that what we do as trekkers is supposed to be fun. If you have an opportunity to go to a convention, try to make the time to go.

On the other side of our participation on Kitty Hawk is our upcoming schedule on UNC-TV's Festival. We are scheduled for D shift (6 pm to 11:30 pm) on Saturday, March 11, 2006 and March 25, 2006. We need twenty volunteers for

each shift. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Dress can be any Star Trek uniform, Kitty Hawk t-shirt or dress that is appropriate. Solid color shirts are preferred, no white or busy prints or plaids. Food will be provided as always, as well as training. Bring friends and family and be sure you bring a picture ID. Let's have some fun!

As you already know, it is time for your Kitty Hawk dues to be paid. A single person, couple or family living in the same residence have the one price of \$24.00 for the year of 2006. Please pay as soon as possible.

Our next meeting, March 4th, is at 4 pm at the Fisher home. Our April meeting may have to be moved one week to April 8th as I have a potential conflict the first Saturday in April.

Regards other projects: aluminum recycling is doing well as the price for aluminum is up to 50 cents per pound. So please save those cans and bring them to the meeting.

Also, while we don't contribute to the Duke Children's Hospital anymore, we still make monetary contributions to worthy persons and causes. To help support these endeavors, I am going to ask that every member save their pennies every month and bring them to the meetings and place them in the jar. Over the course of the year, this should help increase the treasury so that we can continue to help as needed.

I am looking into getting a stretch of road to restart the highway cleanup program as several members at the last meeting indicated that they would participate if restarted. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping.

I know I am asking a lot but I also know that you as a crew will respond as you always do because you have the Wright Stuff. Let's make this our best year so far.

Esse Quam Videri

Medical Report

By Amy DeJongh

While colds won't kill you, they can weaken your immune system to the point that other, more serious, germs can take hold in your body. Just think how many times your cold turned into bronchitis or a sinus infection. And given that the average American adult suffers two to three colds a year, that's a lot of opportunities for serious illness -- and just as many to prevent one! There's even more incentive to prevent the flu. Every year in the United States about 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 die from the flu or its complications.

Wash your hands and wash them often. The Naval Health Research Center conducted a study of 40,000 recruits who were ordered to wash their hands five times a day. The recruits cut their incidence of respiratory illnesses by 45 percent.

Wash your hands twice every time you wash them. When Columbia University researchers looked for germs on volunteers' hands, they found one handwashing had little effect, even when using antibacterial soap. So wash twice if you're serious about fending off colds.

Use this hand-drying strategy in public restrooms. Studies find a shockingly large percentage of people fail to wash their hands after using a public restroom. And every single one of them touches the door handle on the way out. So after washing your hands, use a paper towel to turn off the faucet. Use another paper towel to dry your hands, then open the door with that paper towel as a barrier between you and the handle. It sounds nuts, but it's an actual recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control to protect you from infectious diseases like cold and flu.

Carry hand sanitizer with you. Colds are typically passed not from coughing or kissing (although those are two modes of transmission) but from hand-to-hand or hand-to-object contact, since most cold viruses can live for hours on objects. You then put your hand in or near your mouth or nose, and voilà! You're sick. Carry hand sanitizer gel or sanitizing towelettes with you and you can clean your hands anytime, even if the closest water supply is 100 miles away. It works. One study of absenteeism due to

infection in elementary schools found schools using the gel sanitizer had absentee rates from infection nearly 20 percent lower than those using other hand-cleaning methods.

Use your knuckle to rub your eyes. It's less likely to be contaminated with viruses than your fingertip. This is particularly important given that the eye provides a perfect entry point for germs, and the average person rubs his eyes or nose or scratches his face 20-50 times a day, notes Jordan Rubin, Ph.D., author of the book *The Maker's Diet*.

Run your toothbrush through the microwave on high for 10 seconds to kill germs that can cause colds and other illnesses. You think it gets your teeth clean -- and it does. But once you're done brushing, your toothbrush is a breeding ground for germs. Sterilize it in the microwave before you use it, or store it in hydrogen peroxide (rinse well before using), or simply replace it every month when you change the page on your calendar and after you've had a cold.

DEEP SPACE NINE - "A Second Chance"

By Brad McDonald

ACT FIVE

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE - DEEP SPACE NINE
AND MORD'AN

INT. DEEP SPACE NINE - SISKO'S
OFFICE

All senior officers are present. Sisko is pacing his office while the others sit and listen intently.

SISKO
(moving)

Admiral Nechayev has promised six starships as a show of force, but they won't arrive until tomorrow. I'm under orders to 'stand by', so I need ideas, now. Any suggestions?

DAX
(to O'Brien)

Is the power realignment complete?

O'BRIEN
(apologetically)

Yes, but I don't think it will help much in a full scale attack.

KIRA

Bajoran Defense Forces will help us.

WORF

Against the Cardassian dreadnought, they wouldn't last long.

BASHIR

If we can't fight, do we surrender?

Kira jumps at the suggestion.

KIRA
(angry)

Absolutely not!

Sisko takes a seat behind his duty desk, then speaks. He is going way out on a limb, but decides to ignore Starfleet orders, but he's not very comfortable with it.

SISKO

Despite orders, I agree. Is the Defiant ready, Dax?

DAX

Yes, sir. It's been on standby since the red alert.

WORF

(thoughtfully)

The Defiant will help, but the most we can do is play cat and mouse. Once other Cardassian forces arrive...

ODO

Can we stall the departure of the Mord'an, by not releasing the docking clamps?

O'BRIEN

With their power, they can leave any time they want, which includes tearing the docking mechanisms loose.

There's a moments silence, then Sisko sighs and speaks.

SISKO
(resigned)

Starfleet may hang me, but I can't sit by and let this station fall back into Cardassian control.

(to Bashir)

Can the Arnen-Gul be evacuated?

BASHIR

In an emergency, yes. But if we do, I'll have to put him into stasis.

SISKO

Better get started, Julian. And make preparations for battle, too.

Bashir rises and heads to the door.

BASHIR
(rising)

I'll be ready in thirty minutes!

SISKO

Make it fifteen, a short fifteen!

Bashir moves to exit and Sisko thinks out loud.

SISKO
(to self)

I'd give anything not to have to fight. I'd even deal with the devil.

As Bashir heads out, Garak appears in the doorway. Sisko is surprised, but motions him in.

GARAK
(apologizing)

I hope I'm not interrupting, but I think I may be able to help you.

Everyone looks at each other, surprised.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACE -DEFIANT AND DEEP
SPACE NINE (OPTICAL)

Defiant is docked to the station.

INT. DEFIANT'S BRIDGE

Sisko, Worf, Dax, O'Brien and Garak, plus a few N.D. crew persons are visible. Sisko is in the command chair and Garak stands nearby, the rest are at duty stations.

SISKO
All stations ready?

WORF
All show ready, Sir

SISKO
(leaning forward)
Let's give the plan a try. Release docking clamps, away all umbilicals. Dax, tell Kira to hold down the fort.

(to Garek)
I sure hope this works.
(to O'Brien)

Impulse power, Chief, as soon as we are free and clear to navigate.

O'BRIEN
Aye, Sir. Impulse engines on standby.

EXT. DEEP SPACE NINE AND
DEFIANT (OPTICAL)

The Defiant pulls free from the station
and moves off.

INT. DEFIANT BRIDGE -AS
BEFORE

WORF
We've cleared the station,
Captain.

SISKO
Impulse power. Standby warp
drive, course, one oh nine,
mark two.

WORF
Aye, Sir!

SISKO
(to Garak)
Once they read Cardassian
life forms on this ship, it
shouldn't take them long to
react. I give them two
minutes, maximum.
(to Dax)
Any signs of movement?

DAX
Powering up now, Benjamin.

SISKO
(to no one in particular)
Better reaction time than I
thought.
(to O'Brien)
After they clear the station, go
to warp six. I don't want to get
too far ahead of them.

O'BRIEN
(smiling)
Understood, Sir.

EXT. SPACE - DEEP SPACE NINE
AND THE MORD'AN (OPTICAL)

The large ship begins to drift after
disengaging from the docking pylon.

EXT. SPACE - THE DEFIANT
(OPTICAL)

INT. DEFIANT BRIDGE - AS
BEFORE

DAX
(working)
They've cleared the station
and going to impulse power.

SISKO
All right, warp six, now, Chief.

O'BRIEN
Aye, Sir.

EXT. SPACE - THE DEFIANT
(OPTICAL)

The Defiant goes into warp speed

INT. DEFIANT BRIDGE - AS
BEFORE

SISKO
Worf? Are they in pursuit?
Worf checks his readings and smiles
with satisfaction.

WORF
In pursuit, engaging impulse
power.

SISKO
(to Garak)
So far, so good.

GARAK
(sly smile)
Don't worry, they have a
limited imagination, coupled
with a strong sense of
outrage.

SISKO
How about it, Dax?

DAX
(working)
Right on schedule, Benjamin.

GARAK
See? What did I tell you, total
predictability.

Sisko eyes Garak with a bit of
amusement.

SISKO
(to Garak)
What do you get out of this?

GARAK
Let's just say, I'm serving
Cardassia in my own way.

WORF
(working)
Sir, they are going to warp
speed, matching our course.

SISKO
Continue this course for ten
minutes. Then cloak and alter
to one one five, mark three.

(to Garak)
They'll continue on the
original course and wind up in
the middle of six starships
looking for trouble.

(beat)
Wonder how they'll talk their
way out of that?

Sisko and Garak share a smile at the
thought.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACE - THE CARDASSIAN
HOME WORLD (OPTICAL)

The Defiant is approaching Cardassia
Prime.

INT. DEFIANT - BRIDGE

Crew members are in the same
positions.

WORF
(working)
Entering Cardassian space,
Sir.

SISKO
Standard orbit. Remain
cloaked until we get this
straightened out.

WORF, DAX, O'BRIEN
(in unison)
Aye, Sir.

SISKO
(to Garak)
It's your show, now.

GARAK
Open a channel to Central
Command.

Sisko gives a nod of approval, in a
moment Dax is ready.

DAX
Channel open, Sir.

SISKO
Main viewer on Garak only,
for now.

Garak steps in front of Sisko and
moves closer to the main viewer.

ANGLE MAIN VIEWER (OPTICAL)

A Cardassian Official appears on
screen, bewildered.

KENLIK
Garak! Is that you? Where are you transmitting from.

GARAK
(smugly)
From a cloaked Federation ship.

He lets the implication set in and then speaks with a conviction and firmness so he will be believed.

GARAK
We've uncovered a plan to involve Cardassia in a war at the cost of our 'honored' Arnen-Gul.

KENLIK
We've heard, our forces are under way to deal with the Bajoran assassins.

GARAK
It was Gul Bakat. We have him in custody and we have the Arnen-Gul, his condition is 'guarded'.

KENLIK
(shocked)
Are you sure about Bakat?

GARAK
Yes! He deceived Torkin and planned to use the Mord'an to retake Terek Nor. All to promote his own house.

KENLIK
If you weren't telling me this, I would not believe it!

GARAK
That's why I am here. May we decloak without threat of attack?

KENLIK
Of course! Any ship firing on you would harm the Arnen-Gul. When can you transport him to us?

GARAK
The captain of this ship will decide.

NEW ANGLE - SISKO AND VIEWER (OPTICAL)

Garak steps back to a position just behind Sisko.

SISKO

Kenlik, I have a small favor to ask. Since we have Torkin and Bakat--

KENLIK
(disgusted)
For his part in this, you may keep Bakat. As for our honored Arnen-Gul, what do you require?

SISKO
A trade. You get Torkin, we get someone in return...

CUT TO:

DEFIANT - TRANSPORTER ROOM

O'Brien is at the control console, Sisko and Bashir are close by. On the transporter pad is the stasis unit with Torkin visible inside.

SISKO
Are we ready, Doctor?

BASHIR
Stasis unit is stable, Torkin's readings are low, but acceptable.

SISKO
(to O'Brien)
Chief? Ready?

O'BRIEN
Simultaneous transport lock, set. Waiting final signal from Cardassia.

SISKO
(tapping comm badge)
Sisko to Kenlik, we're ready!

KENLIK'S VOICE
Commence transport!

NEW ANGLE ON TRANSPORTER - CLOSE UP (OPTICAL)

The stasis chamber fades as another figure materializes in an adjacent position. It's Thomas Riker, a bit bewildered. It's obvious he's been physically abused.

TRANSPORTER ROOM - NEW ANGLE

Riker stands on the pad, getting his bearings.

RIKER
(to Sisko)
Glad to see you again, Sir.

Riker steps off the pad and approaches Sisko.

SISKO
I hope you are well.

RIKER
Barely. Thanks for the rescue. How did you manage --?

SISKO
Later. Right now you have a date with the Doctor. Julian?

Bashir moves closer and begins a preliminary scan.

RIKER
Probably not a bad idea.

(beat)
What is my 'official' status?

SISKO
Starfleet wants to question you, but they won't forget you exposed the Cardassian invasion plans. Or that you gave yourself up in order to preserve peace and save your fellow crew members. There's also the matter of a stolen starship...

RIKER
(quietly)
I'm ready to face the charges.

Bashir nods to Sisko and escorts Riker out of the room.

SISKO
(relaxed)
Signal the bridge, Chief. Tell Worf to head home, warp six.

CUT TO:

EXT. SPACE - DEEP SPACE NINE AND DEFIANT (OPTICAL)

The Defiant has returned to the station.

INT. DEEP SPACE NINE - QUARK'S BAR - TWO SHOT

Quark and Ram are reviewing the sales, Quark is happy.

QUARK
My profits are up forty per cent! How did you do that?

ROM
(nervous shrug)
Easy, I guess. Everyone was here for the hearing, they had to eat, I made the most of the opportunity..

QUARK
Rule of acquisition, forty-one. I guess I underestimated you, Rom.

ROM
(hopeful)
You think the Nagus will learn of your being the arbitrator?

QUARK
(sullen)
I hope not. The whole thing wound up a shooting match. Not an overwhelming success...

PROMENADE - RESTAURANT KIOSK

Garak is eating with Bashir. The conversation is quiet.

BASHIR
(eating)
So, the Arnen-Gul will live. I'm beginning to think I can work miracles.

GARAK
Don't, it's Cardassian physiology.
(beat, eating)
...we're a tough race, Doctor.

BASHIR
And he wasn't part of Bakat's plan?

GARAK
Not a willing part. He wasn't even aware of it, his advanced age. He's not much more than a figurehead.

BASHIR
(confidently)
At least I know the real reason you are here. Worf told me what you said at the hearing.

GARAK
Not at all, perhaps it's only the official cover story...
(beat)
...or maybe it's the unofficial one. So many lies...

An exasperated Bashir drops his fork and slumps.

CUT TO:

SISKO'S OFFICE

Present are Kira, Worf, Odo, Dax and Sisko. They are all seated informally in a circle.

SISKO
Everything Bakat did was to provoke a war. A fast, unannounced approach with a powerful ship, the presence of the Arnen-Gul and Bakat himself, even the claim on this station, all to further his career.

KIRA
Advocate Vanir says Bakat will be put on trial as soon as witnesses are located. I wish Torkin was --

WORF
(interrupting)
No. From what I have learned, he is no longer mentally competent. In fact, the invasion of Bajor may not have been his idea.

There's a pause, then Dax speaks quietly.

DAX
What happens to the would be Bajoran assassins?

SISKO
Since Bajor has Bakat, Starfleet gets them. When the negotiating team arrives, they will handle the extradition.

(beat, smiling)
An attempt at provoking war, and retaking this station is defeated. A war criminal brought to justice and we have recovered Thomas Riker from certain death.

ODO
What about the Mord'an?

SISKO
(satisfied)
Being 'escorted' safely to Cardassian space, not a shot fired.

KIRA
(smiling)
You keep this up and Starfleet may appoint you an 'Arnen Captain'!

Everyone gets a laugh at the suggestion.

Off their reactions...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT FIVE

THE END

Comp Ops Report By John Troan

I get a little more space this time around, but still not a lot.....

For this month's cover, I decided to memorialize *Apollo 1* and shuttles *Challenger* & *Columbia*. *Apollo 1's* three-man crew was lost Jan 27, 1967 during a flash fire in the fully-pressurized oxygen-filled capsule. Shuttle *Challenger* and her crew of seven were lost in an explosion during liftoff of mission *STS-51L* on Jan 28, 1986. Shuttle *Columbia* and her crew of seven were lost during reentry of mission *STS-107* on Feb 1, 2003.

In current news, NASA announced that *Atlantis* will be the first shuttle to be retired. It's scheduled for a normal maintenance period in 2008 and they decided to just retire it rather than spend several million and have it return for probably just one more flight. *Atlantis* is most likely to be used for parts to keep *Discovery* and *Endeavour* flying until they're both retired in 2010.

In preparation for the next shuttle flight, the solid boosters have been stacked and, as I write this, the external tank is about to be shipped from the Michoud facility in New Orleans to KSC. *STS-121* is still set for a launch no earlier than May. One mission objective is to return the space station to a three-man crew for the first time since May 2003.

On the unmanned front, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter should be entering Martian orbit in a couple of weeks. The critical first burn is on Mar 10, but it'll require hundreds of small adjustments over six months to set the final orbit. Eventually, the two-hour orbits will allow for highly detailed observations and provide more data than all previous Mars missions combined. (Thinking about how much *Spirit* and *Opportunity* have sent, MRO data might bury NASA.)

Upcoming Events

Mar.	4	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home
	11 & 25	6 p.m. UNC-TV Festival
Apr.	8	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home

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