



**THETA FLEET**  
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*Established in 2009, Theta Fleet prides itself in its “Mayberry” like community and continues to be a beacon of hope for Commanding Officers and writers in search of greener pastures, an alternative to high-pressure and polarizing fleet atmospheres.*

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# About Us - More Than Words

Theta Fleet has long history of fostering a simming community that serves as refuge for those looking for something different – a place that cares about who *you* are, not what rank you hold or how many posts you can produce in a month. It will always be quality over quantity in Theta Fleet.

Whether you are just starting out and completely new to simming, or whether you have decades of experience, our doors are open to *everyone*. The foundation in which the fleet was built upon remains the same – people above politics. This is *your* fleet, and Admiralty just keeps the lights on.

This fleet was created to be different than the fleets of its time, and even more than a decade later, it still is. We are a community where strangers become neighbors, neighbors become friends, and friends become the family you find along the way. We aren't perfect, but we hope to be a beacon of hope for those looking for a safe and creative place to call home.

## **What We Do?**

We collect things...things to make us go. This is somewhat true, but really what we do is provide a home for wonderfully creative writers within the broader simming community.

## **Why Do We Do It?**

Theta Fleet stands as "The Other Sim Choice," and is an alternative to the high-octane politics of other fleets. We offer shelter from the storm and you and welcome to stay indefinitely.

## **Won't You Be My Neighbor?**

We are the "Mayberry" of the simming community which means you can always knock on a neighbor's door for help or to burrow some sugar.

## **Services Offered?**

Theta Fleet offers hosting services to all sims in the fleet completely free of charge. Alternatively, Split-World Alliance provides their hosting and additional support services to any sim regardless of fleet affiliation or independence. There is also Anime Trek Avatars at your service.

*"I intend to live life, not just exists!" – George Takei*

# Community Engagement



## Babel Conference 2023 - January 14, 2023

For its third consecutive year, Babel Conference will once again be held and all are welcome to participate in this exciting opportunity to meet other writers within the simming community and read or listen to presentations covering an abundance of simming topics. Whether you love writing Star Trek or another fandom or even using original source content, you may find yourself walking away from Babel Conference with useful information or a new enlightening perspective.

The Babel Conference is for *all simmers* (text-based roleplaying gamers) to come together to meet others, learn about playing different character types, positions, and games, or to simply learn a few tips and tricks you can use to be a better cooperative role-player.

Level up your game play. We've all had opportunities to learn something new, or to find a way to play our characters that gives them more depth and more playability. Or how you can help tell a better story or be a better gamemaster.

Basically, it's all about having fun writing with others. BaCon wants to help you add a little more to your game because we want to support simmers and simming.

### Community Organized & Creatively Passionate

Since its inception, The Babel Conference has been committed to collaboration, placing an emphasis in *all* coming together to partake and enjoy. Theta Fleet is just one of several simming groups, organizations, or fleets that work to put Babel Conference together each year. It's a 'drop your fleet at the door' occasion as Babel Conference endeavors to bring the broader simming community together.

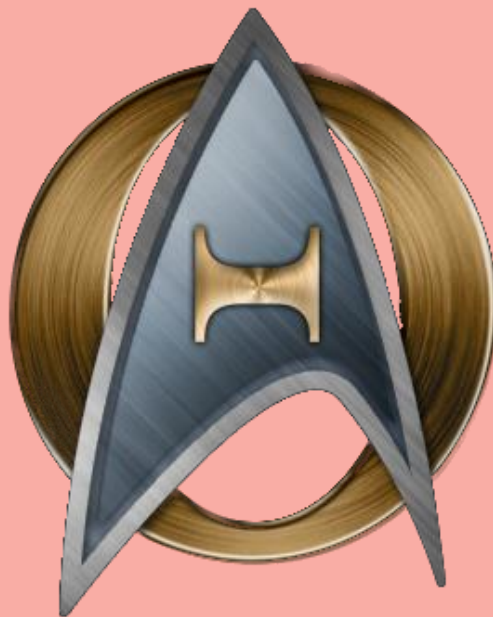
There are no fleet affiliations at Babel Conference, but everyone who joins the event be they a presenter or a attendee come from various simming backgrounds. They may be independent simmers, they may be from one or more fleets, or they may be looking to make a return to simming. *Everyone is welcome at Babel Conference.* It's a universe of possibilities and *you* are invited!

*" One day soon,  
man is going to be  
able to harness  
incredible  
energies, maybe  
even the atom...  
energies that could  
ultimately hurl us  
to other worlds in...  
in some sort of  
spaceship. And the  
men that reach out  
into space will be  
able to find ways to  
feed the hungry  
millions of the  
world and to cure  
their diseases.  
They will be able to  
find a way to give  
each man hope  
and a common  
future. And those  
are the days' worth  
living for."  
— Edith Keeler from  
"The City on the  
Edge of Forever"*

[Babel Conference Website](#) | [Babel Discord 2023](#)

# Updates & News

- Theta Fleet wishes the broader simming community a Happy New Year as we welcome in 2023 as the New Year!
- The USS Tokyo celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.
- 2023 has also marked a slight change in Theta Fleet's logo. Featured on this newsletter is our new logo which we will begin using. This version of our logo was supplied by Liam aka James Arnhem.



# Fleet Command Office

## Theta Fleet Discord Etiquette

The Theta Fleet Discord channel is a place for members of the fleet, potential players, and friends to socialize or just hang out. It is important to remember that though *your* sim may be 18+, the fleet as a whole is accepting (and some sims) of players under this age. We want *everyone* to feel welcome. To that end, we ask that you follow these simple rules:

- 1) Be polite. Treat everyone kindly. Be civil. Respect the beliefs, races, and cultures of others. Theta Fleet has members and friends around the world. This should be a safe place for all.
- 2) While teasing among friends happens from time to time, if someone asks you to stop, please stop. The request should be polite, as should the response. This is not a place for arguing. Harassment and bullying will not be tolerated.
- 3) Please do not use vulgarity and strong profanity (mild profanity, as long as it is not excessive, is fine). They do not belong in an open chat where anyone can read them. If you slip up, please edit your comment.
- 4) Avatars and nicknames should not be vulgar, obscene, or overtly offensive. (Basically, if it's offensive to the majority, don't use it. Please don't use nudity in your avatars and graphics.)
- 5) Everyone is equal in the chat rooms. Staff or command positions do not get special treatment. They may have administrative privileges, but that is for managing the channel and enforcing rules.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# 2022 Fleet Additions

Theta Fleet has been home to dozens of sims since the fleet's inception in 2009 and continues to be a home of many new creations and a new second or third home to long established sims that are seeking a new place to be a part of. Old and new, Theta Fleet is proud to have some wonderful opportunities for simming writers. 2022 brought us some fantastic sims that we'd love to spotlight!

USS MISSOURI

USS GRACELAND

USS TRIDENT

USS FITZGERALD

DEEP SPACE 12-9

USS CYGNUS

STARBASE MERCURY

VALHALLA FLEET YARDS

USS HECATE

USS NEW HAMPSHIRE-B

STARBASE 400



# Voices From the Fleet

Since it was founded in 2009, Theta Fleet has gone through some changes over the years, but a few things have remained the same. The concentration on building and maintaining a friendly sense of community is at the heart of Theta Fleet. Though sims have come and gone over the years, some of the sims, writers, and COs in the fleet have been with it for many years. We sought to hear from some of the individuals who have been with Theta Fleet over the years to answer a simple question: Why Theta Fleet?

I joined Theta Fleet a long time ago, at the time I commanded an Intrepid Class Starship, the USS Relentless. I brought over the ship from another fleet back in 2010/2011. Since then, I have always had a command in Theta Fleet, my oldest running ship now being the USS Tokyo, which originally started in a different fleet, but has called Theta Fleet home for over 7 years. The Tokyo replaced the Relentless when a change was needed. Tokyo will proudly celebrate her 8th birthday on January 3rd of 2023, something I am proud to be celebrating in Theta.

To me, as a long time CO, I feel that Theta Fleet is more of a family than a fleet. I have been in other fleets which demand reports from their CO's, restrict them on what they can and can't do and take it far too seriously. Theta is different, CO's have more freedom to run their games how they want, be creative and get back to having fun.

A fleet is a community in my opinion, and I find the relaxed, approachable, and friendly atmosphere appealing. We may sim mainly in Star Trek, but in the end we're all human beings; other fleets seem to forget that sometimes whereas Theta doesn't.

I am proud to call Theta Fleet my home and will do so for many more years to come.

Will (Area 51 Task Force Commanding Officer | Commanding Officer of USS Tokyo)

The original Co of the USS Wolff bought the sim into Theta Fleet a few years before I took over and it has been the sim's home ever since. I like theta fleet mainly because they allow sims to run at their own pace placing no demands on their CO's. I also like that while politics and drama rear their ugly heads wherever they can; the fleet tries to remain out of any drama that occurs within the simming community. The other CO's and players that I have met on the Discord server have been a great help to a first time CO like myself and I now count several of them as friends even though I have never met any of them in person and that is one of the main reasons I remain with Theta Fleet.

Jamie (51-A Task Group Commanding Officer | Commanding Officer of USS Wolff)

Having began my Star Trek simming adventure on the independent scene, not with a fleet, I avoided them completely for several years until I dipped my toes into those murky and sometimes treacherous waters filled with political piranha, and a mucky sludge that stuck to you. Poor communication and individuals of 'power' with ulterior motives sent me looking for a new home for my sim at the time (USS Katana) as my writers (crew) were not pleased with the toxicity of the current fleet.

We came to Theta Fleet in 2013 and as a CO in Theta Fleet, I've had my go at a handful of sim commands of games that found their stride and had a good go. Some of which I passed the captain's chair over to a successor while my life took me on a leave of absence from simming, and though I have given some other fleets an opportunity, becoming a TFCO for them, Theta Fleet always remained my home. I have always been involved in at least a few sims here since my first days and I'll be involved in some until I hang up my simming jacket.

I became Deputy Commander of the fleet in 2021 and I'm proud to be a part of Theta Fleet as after all these years, it is still doing what the founding members intended. A lot of places were built and continue to operate with a structure of 'admiralty' and a wall separation that keeps them disconnected from the COs and general population of writers. Theta Fleet is a community where 'Admiralty' doesn't use their fictitious and fantastical ranks, and the Fleet Commander and her Deputy Commanders not only actually run sims of their own, but they also dive in and get involved as members, as writers on other sims and don't want to be seen for their fleet position.

Ray (Deputy Commander of Theta Fleet | Commanding Officer of USS Standing Bear, USS Fitzgerald, and Bellwether Station)