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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.

"At the end of the day, Trek is about the family you find along the way!" - LeVar Burton

Community Engagement

*"Change is the essential process of all existence."
– Spock from "Let That Be Your Last Battlefield"*

Theta Fleet Chain of Command

It goes without saying that Theta Fleet is a bit different than a lot of fleets from day to day operations to the amount of control and decision making that our COs have regarding their sims. Fleet administration present to keep the fleet up and running. With the recent changes in the fleet structure, here's a helpful breakdown of the 'chain of command' for the Fleet's administration.



- Fleet Commander (CTF) – Charlie (**NinjaDuck#8880**) is Theta Fleet's Commander. Her fleet character is Admiral Kathryn Burke.



- Deputy Commander (DCTF) – Ray (**StarDuster#3183**) is the senior most Deputy Commander of Theta Fleet. His fleet character is Vice Admiral Veruka Kitan.



- Deputy Commander (DCTF) – Ieuan (**Bachwr#2998**) is the most recent addition to fleet administration as the second Deputy Commander. His fleet character is Rear Admiral Curzon Bennett.



- Chief of Fleet Operations (CFO) – Snu'Pi is more of a mascot for the fleet. They are a placeholder for a position that is not actively sought. This allows more task force administrative duties for our Task Force Commanding Officers.

- Task Force Commanding Officer (TFCO) – Darrel (**Darrell#3581**) oversees Area 23. His fleet character is Landon Mabrade.

- Task Force Commanding Officer (TFCO) – Will (**Willvoy#4642**) oversees Task Force 51. His fleet character is Taiga Aisaka.

Judicial Branch

Theta Fleet's Judge Advocate General is not part of the direct chain of command; however, they are crucial to the fleet's operations. They evaluate evidence and make determinations on player bans. They ensure that the fleet is a safe place for all and that fleet administration follows protocols laid out in the fleet charter.



- Judge Advocate General (JAG) – Voz (**VozVanHelsing#6320**) is Judge Advocate General for the fleet. His fleet character is Admiral Max Hunter.

Updates & News

- Theta Fleet is pleased to announce the appointment of Ieuan Phillips (Rear Admiral Curzon Bennett) as a Deputy Commander of Theta Fleet.
- There are several exciting new Star Trek books slated to be released over the next coming months of 2022. Have a look through them and see if something strikes your fancy. April 23rd is World Book Day after all. [2022 Star Trek book list](#).
- For gamers out there, there is a new Star Trek game that is expected to be released in Spring of 2022. [Star Trek: Resurgence](#) is set in the year 2380 following events of the Star Trek: The Next Generation films. Players will play from the perspective of two officers during a large single story mission.



(Image credit: Dramatic Labs)

Fleet Command Office

Fleet Command Changes

There have been a number of changes in the fleet over the past two months.

Firstly, Phil, who was the inaugural JAG and later became the fleet's second Deputy Commander (After Charlie became Fleet Commander), is no longer part of the fleet due to work and family obligations. These obligations and responsibilities have taken him away from simming and the fleet. We continue to wish him the best!

Secondly, Josh, who had replaced Phil as JAG and held the position for several years has stopped simming because of his work schedule. Both of them have been around since the early days of Theta Fleet, and both will be dearly missed.

Voz is now the sole JAG for Theta Fleet; however, because we rarely need to call on him in this capacity, the fleet is not looking for a replacement for Josh and will therefore proceed onward with Voz as JAG.

Lastly, Fleet Administration is pleased to announce the addition of a new Deputy Commander who has been appointed to assist with the fleet working along side our other Deputy Commander, Ray.

Our new Deputy Commander is leuan who as a CO had brought his sim to Theta Fleet shortly after it was organized. He then became a TFCO. During this time, he was also getting a degree in history. After graduation, he got a job that required a great deal of his time and he had to quit simming for a time. He returned over a year ago and has since been an active writer on several sims. He presently commands one sim in Pegasus Fleet and will be opening a sim in Theta Fleet at some point next month. leu lives in Great Britain and has been a great help to the fleet so far, and we look forward to what he will bring to his new role as Deputy Commander.

Task Force Treasures

Starbase 400

Starbase 400 focuses on character development and realistic storytelling. They strive to work together to produce not only highly detailed stories for all to read, but also to grow together as a community and expand on their corner of the final frontier.

They sim in the year 2398 where the Alpha and Beta Quadrants are at peace once again. New technologies are being researched, exploration of the vast unknown has resumed, and it is a time of change for the Federation and the rest of the Galaxy.

The Spacedock orbits Kaleb IV in the Beta Quadrant, close to Klingon, Romulan, Gorn, Tholian, and Krizzle territories as well as the unclaimed 'Triangle', home to pirates and criminals.

Starbase 400 is a slow paced, highly detailed sim with a vast back-story covering 25 years of simming. It maintains an academy, a database, and a timeline of sim canon.

USS New Hampshire-B

The New Hampshire is a Sovereign class ship set in the later half of the 2390s during a time of change for the Federation. The starship is under the command of Commodore Jack Pike.

It is currently deployed in the Beta Quadrant and operates within the Ares Regional Theater. Recently upgraded with Slipstream Drive and Type-XIII phasers, this Dreadnought is ready to defend the Federation while exploring the final frontier.

The Galley

“Lamb. Lamb for cawl. Anything else is wrong.” – Ieuan Phillips, Deputy Commander of Theta Fleet



Featured dish: Lamb Cawl

Food for Thought Factoid: Straight out of the 14th Century, Cawl is a popularized dish in Wales and has been proclaimed by many as the National Welsh dish and often found at festivals and special occasions. This soup was historically prepared in an Iron pot on open fire with almost all kinds of seasonal vegetables and juicy meats. Traditionally, meats used would be: mutton, lamb, beef, and/or pork/bacon.

Disclaimer: The new Deputy Commander has *strong* opinions about these meat options.

Common Ingredients

- 1 onion
- 1 kg (About 2lbs) lamb neck , bone in, cut into 5cm chunks (ask your butcher)
- 1 kg swede (About 2lbs of rutabaga)
- 2 carrots
- 2 parsnips
- 500g Maris Piper potatoes (About 2lbs of Yukon Gold potatoes)
- 3 large leeks
- mature Caerphilly cheese , to serve (a young creamy English cheddar could be a decent substitute)

“Cawl” by Scottish poet Elin ap Hywel

Nid cerdd am gawl yw hon -
nid cerdd am ei sawr, ei flas na'i liw,
na'r sêrs o fraster yn gusanau poeth
ar dafod sy'n awchu ei hysu

Nid cerdd am gawl yw hon,
am frathiad o foron tyner,
am sudd yn sugnad safri, hallt
na'r persli'n gonffeti o grychau gwyrdd

Dim ond cawl oedd e wedi'r cyfan
- tatws a halen a chig a dŵr -
nid gazpacho na chowder na bouillbaisse,
bisque na velouté neu vichysoisse

Nid cerdd am gawl yw hon
ond cerdd am rywbeth oedd ar hanner ei ddysgu -
pinsaid o rywbeth fan hyn a fan draw,
mymryn yn fwy neu'n llai o'r llall
- y ddysgl iawn, llwy bren ddigon hir -
pob berwad yn gyfle o'r newydd
i hudo cyfrinach athrylith cawl.

Nid cerdd am gawl yw hon o gwbl
- nid cerdd am gawl, nac am ddiffyg cawl:
dim oll i'w wneud â goleuni a gwres
y radio'n canu mewn cegin gynnes
a lle wrth y bwrdd.

An [English translation may be found here](#)

Preparation & Cooking Instructions

1. Pour 2 litres of water into a large pan with 2 teaspoons of sea salt, then bring to the boil over a high heat. Peel and add the whole onion, along with the lamb.
2. Bring back to the boil, skimming away any scum from the surface. Simmer on a medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the lamb is cooked through.
3. Using a slotted spoon, remove the lamb to a plate and leave until cool enough to handle.
4. While it's cooling, peel the swede, chop into 1cm chunks, and add to the pan to get a headstart. Peel the carrots and parsnips, slice at a slight angle 1cm thick, and drop them into the pan. Now peel the potatoes and cut into 4cm chunks.
5. Strip all the lamb meat from the bone and return the meat to the pan with the potatoes. Bring back to the boil, then simmer it all for 15 to 20 minutes, or until almost tender, while you wash the leeks and cut them into 1cm-thick slices.
6. Now you can eat this straight away if you want to – simply stir the leeks into the pan, bring to the boil again, then simmer for 10 minutes with the lid on, or until tender. Taste and season to perfection.
7. For even tastier results, let it chill overnight. In which case, simply stir in the raw leeks, cover, and pop into the fridge, where it will keep for up to 3 days. When you're ready to serve, gently simmer the cawl until warm through, then season.
8. Either way, ladle into serving bowls and serve with lots of black pepper, a wedge of mature Caerphilly cheese and a slice of good bread and butter for dunking.

The Galley (continued)



Featured dish: Beef Cawl

Recipe from [The Spruce Eats](#)

Common Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon lard, or [bacon fat](#)
- 2 large onions, thickly sliced
- 1 medium [rutabaga](#), peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 large carrots, peeled and thickly sliced
- 4 [leeks](#), cleaned and sliced
- 1 pound (450 grams) [beef brisket](#)
- 1 pound (450 grams) smoked bacon, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 [bay leaf](#)
- 1 sprig fresh [thyme](#)
- 1 pound (450 grams) potatoes, peeled and quartered
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Servings and Variations

Bread and cheese are the best accompaniments for this Welsh broth that is often served as a one-course meal in many parts of Wales. The broth is particularly consumed as the first course with bread, and in the second course, the leftover meats and vegetables are eaten. However, meats and vegetables can also be consumed along with the broth.

Leek cawl or 'cawl cennin' is the variation of the traditional cawl recipe that includes all the ingredients similar to the traditional cawl but prepared with meat broth without meat pieces.

Preparation & Cooking Instructions

1. Gather your ingredients and bring them to your cooking or preparation space.
2. Melt the lard in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over high heat, taking care not to burn the fat. Add the onions, rutabaga, carrots, and leeks to the hot fat and brown for about 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Remove the vegetables with a slotted spoon to a bowl. Add the beef to the pot and brown on all sides.
4. Return the browned vegetables to the pot with the bacon pieces, bay leaf, and thyme.
5. Cover the meat and vegetables with cold water and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 2 hours, or until the beef is tender.
6. Remove the beef from the pot and reserve.
7. Add the potatoes, bring the stew back to a boil, and cook for 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.
8. Once the beef is cool enough to handle, cut it into 2-inch cubes. Add back to the pot and cook for 10 minutes more.
9. Season well with salt and pepper and serve while piping hot.
10. Enjoy!