# Ten Forward The Theta Fleet Newsletter

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#### OUR LITTLE PIECE OF PIE

Since 2009, Theta Fleet has opened its doors to the downtrodden folk who had a rough go elsewhere, and to new writers seeking a more "Mayberry" like community, where having fun matters and respecting one's *neighbor* is the law of the land. When you choose Theta Fleet, you are choosing to be part of something bigger than all of us.



#### Our Roots?

Theta Fleet was established in 2009 as more than simply a simming fleet; Theta Fleet was built upon and prides itself in being a community, fostering creativity and providing a neighborhood feel to writers and game managers (Commanding Officers).

#### Why It Matters?

We playfully label ourselves as the "Other" sim choice out there but hope to be right choice for many. With fleets shifting gears away from classic Trek simming and writing, or becoming embroiled in power struggles, we stick to what matters: having fun and building upon collaborative creativity. We do it because we care.

#### **Building a Better Neighborhood?**

We are the "Mayberry" of the simming community which means we are open and accepting to anyone looking to settle down, or to someone who just needs a fresh start, an escape from high octane fleet politics.

#### How Can We Assist?

Theta Fleet accepts general players and COs (old and new) with any level of prior experience. We offer 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. Worried about your intellectual property and creative rights? Fear not, we <u>do not</u> believe in claiming anything that is not ours. What is yours and yours whether you stay with Theta Fleet or decide to set sail one day, but we will certainly leave the light on for you should you wish to return in the future.

#### From the Office of Admiral Kathryn Burke

#### Theta Fleet's Judge Advocate General

Josh first joined Theta Fleet as CO of the USS Blackhawk in January, 2010. When Phil became Deputy Commander in July of 2011, Josh took over as JAG and has remained in that position ever since. His attitude is one that suits the fleet well. He loves having nothing to do. In fact, he's proud of the small number of JAG cases he's had to deal with over the years. The command staff is pleased with the job he's done, too.

His attitude toward JAG is that if it's not a big deal, let the CO take care of it. Or if it's a sim matter, let the CO take care of it. And if it's just someone who doesn't like the CO's decision, let the CO take care of it. There have been a few times he needed to ban someone, but they are few and far between. He doesn't feel like he has to step in if it's a matter of a disagreement, or someone getting upset over what someone else said. He listens to all sides, then looks at the evidence. He's even-handed and fair-minded. Exactly what you want in a fleet JAG.

Outside of the fleet, Josh works in the hotel industry. He's been everything from shuttle driver to front desk manager to night auditor. Currently, he works full time as a front desk supervisor, rotating between shifts depending on where he's needed most. He loves playing Dungeons and Dragons online and video games like The Sims and Mass Effect. He's not around Discord much, but you can occasionally catch him on Skype.

#### From the Office of Recruitment & Community Engagement

- Take leap forward into the late 2750s with the Discord based sim the USS Hermes
- The Cardassians need your help as they rebuild, protect them today by joining the <u>USS</u> <u>Saratoga</u>
- Howling at the stars, the <u>USS Wolff</u> is waiting for fellow lunatics to for Helm and Engineering!
- Looking for a sim with a long history? Check out the <u>USS Pandora</u> with its loyal crew.



### Task Force Treasures Highlighted Sims of the Month

### Task Force 23

The USS Endeavour is one of the first of the second-generation Intrepid class explorer cruisers. Named for the ship Lieutenant James Cook commanded on his first voyage of discovery, to Australia and New Zealand, from 1768 to 1771, the Endeavour is the third Starfleet star ship to bear the name. Equipped with the most advanced technology and equipment systems available to a Federation starship, the Endeavour was first launched in 2381 under the command of Captain Alistar McKeon and assigned to independent exploration operations in deep space beyond the Federation's borders.

She vanished while investigating an unknown spatial anomaly. Starfleet launched an extensive search for the missing star ship and after nearly a year with no results, the Endeavour and her crew were declared as Missing In Action.

The Endeavour later appeared in a parallel universal dimension nearly fourteen years in the future. Badly damaged from her trip through the spatial anomaly and with over half of her crew dead or severely wounded, the Endeavour faced an uncertain future. After making contact with the Starfleet of the parallel universe, the crew mounted an investigation and discovered that the anomaly that had brought them to this new dimension had completely dissipated and disappeared, leaving the Endeavour and her remaining crew stranded in the new timeline. After talking to his surviving crew, Captain McKeon made a formal request for their Starfleet commissions to be honored and their ship entered into service in their new home timeline. Starfleet Command agreed and welcomed the Endeavour crew.

After being towed to the nearest shipyard, the Endeavour crew was brought up to date on the history of their new timeline while their ship was repaired. The ship continues to follow Starfleet's oldest mandate: "To boldly go where none have gone before."

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#### <u>Area 51</u>

The SS Boreas is a civilian merchant ship that came to Theta as a refugee from Bravo Fleet. Her crew roams the stars and planets in search of profit.

The Boreas believes it has a 'broad view' of 'the big picture' in the universe. Some call them mercenaries, others privateers, and a majority call them the 'Go To people.'

They are legitimate merchants out to make a buck; sometimes even honest ones, and the space lanes are their home.

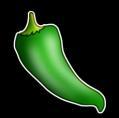
Their new mission will take them to an alternate reality where the economy is based on Latinum and dilithium crystals. As a "for profit" venture, this might just be the perfect environment for them. As long as nothing goes wrong.

If you can live life on your own terms and are willing to work with them to make some profit, then you are welcome aboard the SS Boreas.

### 55 Boreas



#### FROM THE GALLEY



Looking for yummy low carb dish for dinner that is Keto friendly? Try Captain Stillwater's Green Chile Chicken!

#### Captain Stillwater's Green Chile Chicken by Raymond Dale

Life on Prairie was not always that easy for Captain Stillwater as he tended his ranch, dealing with all the mishaps and mayhem that occurred, brokering wild west peace between Klingon and Romulan settlers. Some nights, he would make this dish and now you can too with ease!

#### SERVINGS

Approximately 8 servings



#### **INGREDIENTS**

4 boneless and skinless chicken breasts
One 8oz package of cream cheese (softened a bit)
One 14oz can of chopped green chiles (mild or hot depending on your preference)
1 cup shredded monterey jack cheese
1 tsp garlic powder
½ tsp Cumin powder
¼ tsp salt
¼ tsp ground black pepper

#### **RAYMOND DALE**

With nearly twenty years of simming experience, Ray has been with Theta Fleet since 2015 in various capacities including a Task Group CO and the Theta Fleet Director of Recruitment & Community Engagement.

With accolades from several fleets over the years, Ray loves helping other COs & writers. You may email him at <u>stardustercreative@gmail.com</u> or on Discord as StarDuster#3183

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Heat the oven to 375F.

2. In a medium bowl, mix the cream cheese, garlic powder, cumin, salt and pepper until combined. Then stir in the green chilis and stir until evenly mixed.

3. Lay the chicken breasts flat in a baking dish. Cover the chicken breasts with the green chili mixture. Then top with the monterey jack cheese.

4. Bake on the middle rack for 35-45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and the juices run clear.

5. Serve hot over sautéed spinach or cauliflower rice. Enjoy!

#### AZMARIA DE POST SPLIT WORLD ALLIANCE

A recipient of Theta Fleet's Dedication Cross, TGCO of 51-A, CO of the USS Hera, and owner of Split World Alliance!

Need Sim hosting? Try the Split World Alliance. With our uptime and support, we've got you covered. <u>https://split-world.com</u>



#### **Recreation Room: The Talented Crews**

Not only do we have some fantastic simming writers in the fleet, but their abilities do not end with writing their characters. Here, we will highlight some talents, passions, or other hobbies that people have.

"Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work." – Stephen King

#### Sabrina Pandora

Comic book creator and writer, Sabrina Pandora is a magnificently talented woman who has rabbits in her hats and a plethora of cards up her sleeves. The writer behind the USS Hera's First Officer is perhaps best known for *Giant Girl*, Sabrina's comic about titular (pun definitely intended) character Veronica Kane, a third-generation superhero!

Sabrina also penned and published the book All Dolled Up: An Odd Modern Romance. Not only is Sabrina a talented writer and abundantly creative, but she is also witty. She has experience doing standup comedy as well.

#### Check out Giant Girl today!

#### Dee Fish

If you are familiar with the *Giant Girl* comic, then you are already familiar with another one of the USS Hera's hidden gems, the very talented artist, Dee Fish. Sabrina's partner in creative crime, Dee of Big Pond Comics is a publisher and masterful illustrator, cartoonish, and graphic design goddess who collaborates with her friend, Sabrina Pandora.

Dee herself is the creator of the online comic strip Dandy & Company, which she describes as an all-ages humor comic strip, and is the creator owned artist for her comic book The Wellkeeper. She has over seventeen years of industry experience and has worked for some big name clients.

#### Stop by and check out Dee's work!

#### **Recreation Room: The Talented Crews**

When she's not helping out with our galley section by providing recipes, Lori, the CO of the USS Hawkeye is digging deep into her creativity by writing stories and crafting poetry.

#### "The Power"

There was one time in the power... The power of the soul... That spoke out louder... Louder than the noise of the whole...

The whole wide world was noisey as could be. but this power over took me. I was told things that I didn't know to believe But within this power, came the soul of he... Told me girl, speak out loud... Speak out above the noise and above the crowd.

I thought to myself, no one would listen to me. How can one little being make a big difference A difference that many would not see... He said reach down girl, down to the ground and feel below... Feel the earth move with each second that flows... My power with you, will flow...

Just step up and sing... The world will know... Those who don't listen, don't need me right now... but something you can do is tell how...

How I showed you the power... By reaching down below... Feel the earth move as each second flows... Close your eyes now and listen deep within... Feel it callin' out like the breeze of the wind.

Follow it now, never let me down... Do not fail me, you know how... Let it out now, let it out loud. Tell the world that I'm comin' soon.

For all you soldiers have to be prepared right now. Accept me or learn through the devil's game... He's so ruthless, so untame... By believing what you want and being selfish in your own way. That's all part of his little fun... It's not you, it's not all about me.. Listen now and we shall see... Let's bring him out, have him bake in the sun because what you would do is your own fun.

Let's learn how to help our loved ones and friends, Don't forget about our neighbors and showing those lost the way. Cause we will all need each other in the end... To fight him, will be harder and there's no easy days...

I cannot do this for you, it's your path to learn today. You need each other, there's no other way. Build up your will and your selfless courage of respect, I say. Time to march together, put away... Your petti difference and your corrective ways...

There's nothing better than love in every way, even on this day.

Check out more of her poetry & stories!

## USS HAWKEYE

