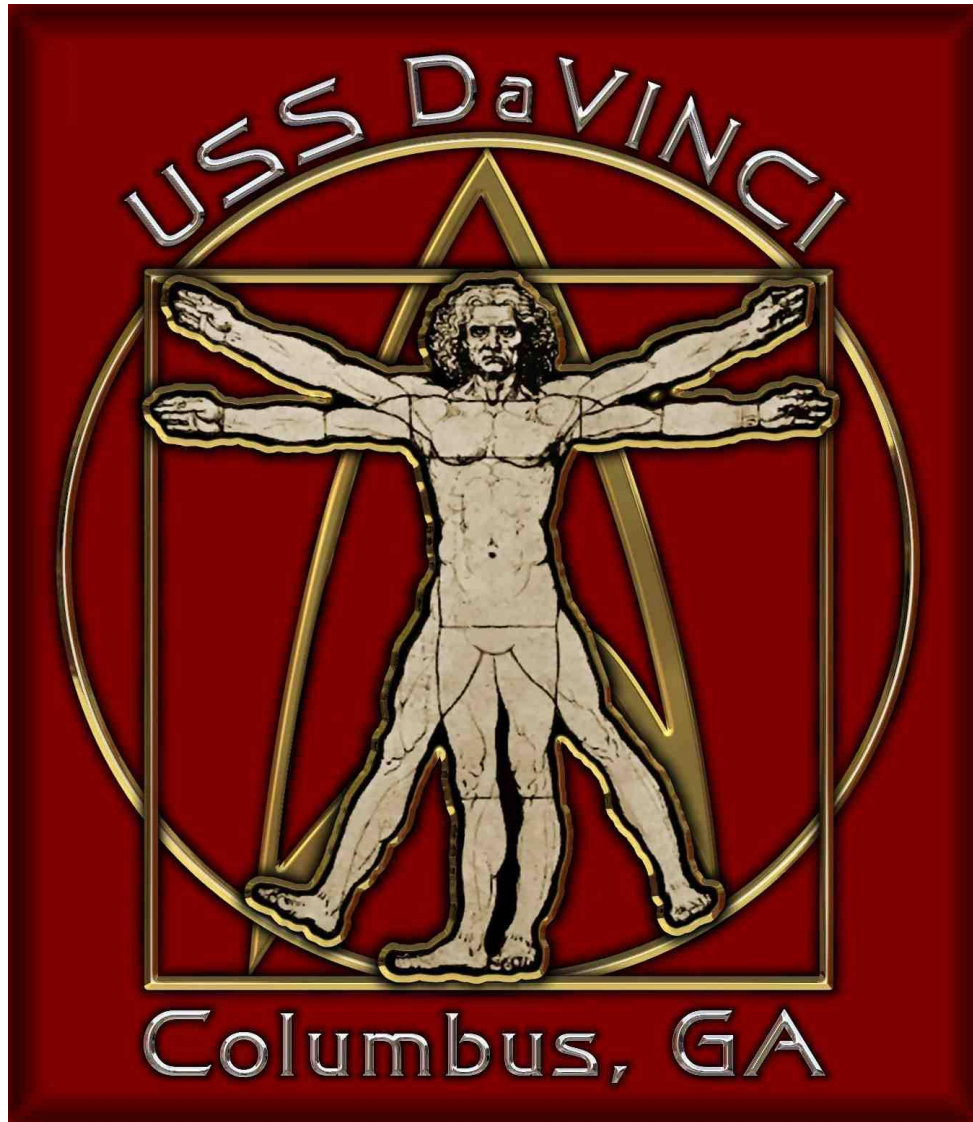


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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\* 19 April, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Cracker Barrel, 6:30 pm**



# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

The Captain's; chair is up for election this year. Nominations will be accepted starting at the next meeting and continuing till the May meeting. At that time the candidates will be announced and ballots will be sent out. The results will be announced at the June meeting, and will take effect at the July meeting.

Qualifications for running are as follows:

- Have taken OTS, OCC. SDPP1 and SDPP2 from Starfleet Academy
- Be current in dues with both SFI and USS DaVinci.
- Have been a member in the USS DaVinci for at least 6 months.

Second, the April DaVinci Night Out will be at Cracker Barrel on 19 April, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Five Guys does not support dine-in at the moment. The coffers are getting quite thin, so I am suspending the 'Free Dinner' drawing until we have sufficient funds.

RADM Joe Perry, Captain USS DaVinci



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# COMIC CORNER NEWS

## WandaVision's Success Leads To A Run On Related Comics, Leaving Marvel Out Of Stock For Months

Marvel Comics has informed retailers that its four primarily WandaVision-related comics collections sold out at the distributor level back in February, and new printings won't be ready until the end of April.

The Vision Complete Collection, Vision & Scarlet Witch: The Saga of Wanda And Vision, House of M, and Scarlet Witch by James Robinson: The Complete Collection are all on back-order, with whatever copies comic shops and bookstores have now to be it until April 21 at the earliest.

The first three have already sold out at Amazon, with copies available only on their second-hand Amazon Marketplace service for double the cover price (or more).

That's without mentioning the planned Scarlet Witch/Doctor Doom event Darkhold which was originally scheduled for 2020. It was derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are signs it could arrive later this year.

*Full Article on gamesradar.com:* <https://www.gamesradar.com/wandavisions-success-leads-to-a-run-on-related-comics-leaving-marvel-out-of-stock-for-months/>

*Submitted by Lisa Neal*

# ON THE HOLODECK

## LEGO's NASA Space Shuttle Discovery Set with Hubble Is a Space Geek's Dream (Review)

I'm a millennial who wasn't even born when the space shuttle first flew, but as a kid of the early 1980s I was lucky enough to follow many of its missions until NASA retired the fleet in 2011.

So you can imagine my nostalgia when I took a look at Lego's latest set depicting space shuttle Discovery and the Hubble Space Telescope mission, STS-31, that launched on April 24, 1990 – almost exactly 31 years ago. I don't remember that mission, but I do remember many of the astronaut upgrade excursions to the telescope in the decades since; the first mission mainly addressed a flawed mirror that accidentally launched on Hubble and blurred its view, while others replaced and upgraded components.

The shuttle and Hubble were defining pieces of space technology for my generation. The shuttle deployed several satellites and helped to build the International Space Station, while Hubble has charted cosmic expansion and showed us cool scenes ranging from comet pieces slamming into Jupiter to a huge image of the galaxy Andromeda (M31) in high-definition.

The NASA Space Shuttle Discovery set (MSRP \$199.99 USD) releases Thursday (April 1) with 2,354 pieces to put together. It's far from Lego's first shuttle set, and long-time Lego fans probably know that the company released a Hubble-shuttle set for children some years ago.

This set is tailored firmly for the adult, display-only crowd. My build with "frustration-free packaging" (meaning the pieces and stickers were organized in 17 numbered bags and a couple of unlabeled ones) took me nearly 11 hours to complete.

I was moving fairly quickly as I have experience putting together other recent large space sets such as the International Space Station (864 pieces), the Apollo 11 Eagle lander (1,087 pieces) and the Apollo 11 Saturn V rocket (1,969 pieces in honor of its launching year, 1969.) But your mileage may vary. Incredibly adept Lego builders will probably clock well under 10 hours, while first-timers can expect to spend a lot more time. But really, what's the rush? It's a set well worth admiring as you go.

This set will require a lot of money and time on your part to launch successfully, but if you can afford both of these things it is well worth the investment. Shuttle lovers finally have a set that can proudly stand alongside those of the Apollo generation and the ISS, and the little detailed touches make this set a great tribute to remembering Hubble's enduring success.

*Full Article on space.com:* <https://www.space.com/lego-nasa-space-shuttle-discovery-hubble-set-review>

*Submitted by Leiko Koone*



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Here are just a few of the following DaVinci personnel, Star Trek celebrities, and historical events that are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand, <i>The Original Series</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
NASA launches <i>TIROS-1</i> , the first successful weather satellite (1960)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Space Shuttle <i>Challenger</i> launches for first time (1983)	4 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Pegasus</i> Becomes First Privately Developed Launch Vehicle to Reach Space; First Air Launched Rocket to Reach Orbit (1990)	5 <sup>th</sup>
NASA Announces First Seven Astronauts for <i>Project Mercury</i> (1959)	9 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Apollo 13</i> Launches on Mission to Land on the Moon (1970)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin Becomes First Man In Space (1961)	12 <sup>th</sup>
Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i> Launches for First Time (1981)	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LTJG Leiko Koone</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Apollo 13</i> Suffers Disastrous Oxygen Tank Failure (1970)	13 <sup>th</sup>
Jerri Mock Becomes First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World (1964)	17 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Apollo 13</i> Crew Splashes Down Safely in the Pacific Ocean (1970)	17 <sup>th</sup>
Ashley Judd (ENS Robin Lefler, <i>The Next Generation</i> )	19 <sup>th</sup>
First Space Station, <i>Salyut 1</i> , Launched (1971)	19 <sup>th</sup>
George Takei (LT Hikaru Sulu, <i>The Original Series</i> )	20 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Apollo 16</i> Lands on the Moon (1972)	20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Maci Spikes</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>
First Chinese Satellite, <i>Dongfanghong I (China I)</i> , Launched (1970)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Hubble Space Telescope Launched via Space Shuttle <i>Discovery</i> (1990)	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LTJG Michael Allen</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>
NASA's <i>Pioneer 10</i> Space Probe Crosses Orbit of Pluto (1983)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Dennis Tito Becomes First Space Tourist After Paying for a Seat Aboard a Russian <i>Soyuz</i> Spacecraft to Visit the <i>International Space Station</i> (2001)	28 <sup>th</sup>
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Janeway, <i>Voyager</i> )	29 <sup>th</sup>
Lucille Ball Dies (CEO Desilu Studios, approved production of <i>TOS</i> )	29 <sup>th</sup>





# ACCOLADES



Region 2 Summit Online Awards Ceremony for 2020:

USS DaVinci won Support Chapter of the Year

USS DaVinci won Third Place in Website of the Year (Grats to Leiko)

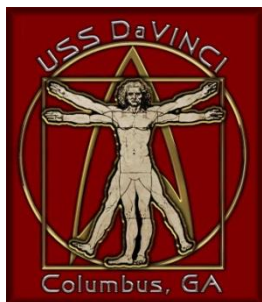
## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

April	Cracker Barrel
May	New China Buffet
June	Johnny's New York Pizza
July	Clean Eats
August	Moe's
September	Longhorn Steakhouse
October	Panera Bread Co.
November	McCallister's
December	Red Robin

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# MEMBERSHIPS



Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci and/or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your **family** expiration dates.

Please note that if the date is highlighted in **RED**, your membership has expired and you need to renew as soon as possible to make sure you keep getting the Pilot every month.

**If your name is in RED this will be your last Pilot.**

If highlighted in **BOLD** your membership is nearing its expiration so please renew soon.

Name	DaVinci	Starfleet	Name	DaVinci	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Dec 20	<b>Expired</b>	Lech Mazur	Dec 20	—
Michael Allen	Dec 20	<b>Expired</b>	Maria Morgan	Oct 22	—
Rodney Barham	Jul 21	<b>Expired</b>	Gregory Newer	<b>Apr 21</b>	Jan 31
Steve Brown	May 21	—	Sandra Okamoto	LTM	—
Mackey Carter	Jun 21	Jul 1	Joe Perry	Dec 21	Nov 30
Corin Conner	Jul 20	—	Scott Roop	Dec 20	Jun 2
Dutch Cummings	Dec 20	<b>Expired</b>	Russell Ruhland	Jul 21	Feb 10
Randy Dunn	Dec 20	<b>Expired</b>	Dennis Shaw	Dec 20	<b>Expired</b>
Whitney Gaines	Jan 21	Mar 14	Thelma Shumpert	Dec 19	Feb 15
Karl Henry	Aug 20	—	Jonathan Simmons	Jul 20	—
Kirk Holcombe	Jul 20	<b>Expired</b>	Harold Stewart	Jul 22	<b>Expired</b>
Todd Kes	Mar 22	Nov 9	Adam Vought	Dec 20	<b>Expired</b>
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 21	Oct 21	Mike Walker	Dec 20	—
Leiko Koone	Jul 20	Feb 20	Steve Cushing	Jan 22	—
Everett Leonard	Jul 20	Mar 15			



# **LINKS**

Here are a few important web sites relevant to the DaVinci:

<b>USS DaVinci Home Page</b>	<a href="http://www.ussdavinci.org/">http://www.ussdavinci.org/</a>
<b>Starfleet Home Page</b>	<a href="http://www.sfi.org/">http://www.sfi.org/</a>
<b>Starfleet Database</b>	<a href="https://db.sfi.org">https://db.sfi.org</a>
<b>Starfleet Region 2 Home Page</b>	<a href="http://region2.org/">http://region2.org/</a>

# **TABULATIONS**

Keep saving tabs! Turn your tabs in to Steve Cushing.

As always, the tabs can come off any type can from pop to pet food to soup! Ask your neighbors to save tabs for you; ask your church or other social group to save tabs. You will be surprised as to how many tabs you can collect that way.

<b>Coupons</b>		<b>Tabs</b>	
Jeff & Martha Kirkland	\$22,500	Freddy & Connie Heller	3588
Steve Cushing	\$8,335	Randy Dunn	385
Sandra	\$165	Steve & Lisa	2027
		Jeff & Martha Kirkland	6000

# **LATINUM VAULT**

Opening Balance	\$91.21
March Night Out	- \$15
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$76.21</b>



# DAVINCI T-SHIRTS

DaVinci t-shirts are still available! The cost is very reasonable: YM to L (\$11); XL (\$12), 2X (\$13), 3X (\$14), and 4X (\$15). Please contact Joe if you'd like to purchase a shirt.

Here is what the shirts look like:



**Operations**



**Science**



**Engineering**

Here is what we currently have in stock:

<u>Operations (Red)</u>		<u>Science (Blue)</u>		<u>Engineering (Yellow)</u>	
Medium	2	Youth Medium	1	Youth Medium	1
Large	0	Small	1	Small	1
XL	3	Medium	2	Medium	4
2X	2	Large	1	Large	2
4X	1	2X	2	XL/2X	0/0



Jeff Kirkland knows a woman who goes to his church that will embroider a DaVinci logo on any t-shirt or polo for only a \$10.00 fee. This is what it will look like. You have to supply the item in any color you wish. Bring me the item and the \$10.00 and I will send them to Jeff who will then pass on the items to the embroiderer.



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