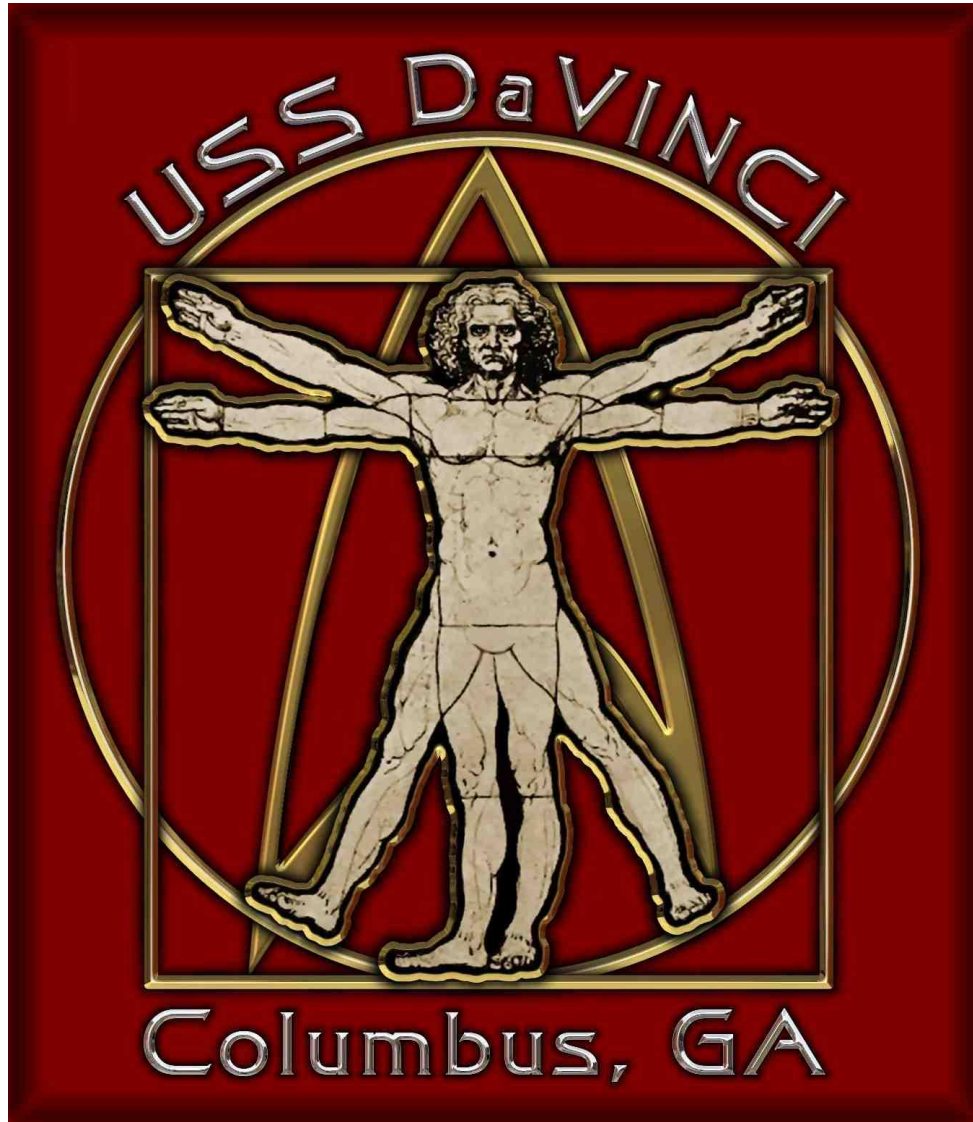


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UPCOMING EVENTS

**** 15 September, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Old Chicago, 6:30 pm**



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STARFLEET NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Coca-Cola Space Science Center will be hosting Astronomy Night at Providence Canyon State Park on Saturday, September 20th. Activities start at 8pm with a presentation on currently-visible celestial objects, followed by telescope viewing (weather permitting). There is a \$5 parking fee, but the event is free.

For more details on this and other upcoming CCSSC events, visit: www.ccssc.org/events/

Starfleet International Conference 2025

When I first joined the U.S.S. DaVinci and Starfleet, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. I started seeing articles in The Communique about the International Conferences, and how the best thing about them was the friendship and sense of belonging that people found there. At that point I wasn't aware of the depth of truth that the comment held. Last year I attended my first International Conference and was able to attend this year's conference as well. I can now say with absolute conviction that those comments were in no way overstated. As a matter of fact, it's hard to truly convey the sense of friendship and belonging that comes along with the IC.

Those same Communiques were full of the names of people whom I wondered if I would ever be able to meet. While I will, unfortunately, never be able to get to know some of those people, I have met a few others. The ones that I have met have lived up to and surpassed my "expectations" (DJ, Corey). Whether they are people who I have been "hearing" about for several years, people that I hadn't been aware of until last year (MarkAdam & Brenda, Mark W, Peggy), or those whose first IC was also last

year (Scott), it is these people who make the IC a place of family. This is only a very small sample of those that you may meet upon the first time attending an IC, but they are the perfect example of the people that will hug you and wish you good health as you leave. These same people, when met again the next year, wave, and smiling huge smiles, walk up to hug you and tell you how good it is to see you again. I had read that attending an IC grants one access to an instant family. I must now agree with that statement.



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Meeting up with friends, new and old, is how IC 2025 – Space City Houston started. While the people on the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board got to work early on Friday morning the rest of us were able to greet each other as we either walked through the front doors or came down from our rooms. Around 3:00 PM Registration opened, and the silent auction kicked off. (I must admit, there were some collectable plates in the auction that I wasn't willing to risk losing so I chose the "buy now" option. Only two more to go for a complete set.) While the rest of my day was spent socializing with friends outside of planned events there was a Happy Hour from 6 to 7, a Marine Dress Mess from 7 to 12, and a gaming room that was open from 9 to 12. After the Marines finished their "Mess" they opened their gathering up to the fleet and I heard it said that they did a good job making sure that people felt welcome and had a good time.



Saturday started with Registration opening at 8:00 AM. Then at 9:00 AM the Opening Session was held. This was the "official" start of the IC at which all 204 Chapters were named, along with their commanding officers. From 10:15 to 11:00 there was the Klingon Customs and Culture presentation, presided over by members of the IKV Logh

Veng, Houston's very own Klingon delegation. Around 12:15 those of the attendees that had tickets for the Space Center Houston and NASA Tour were taken to the center where we had lunch and met our tour guides. Touring the Space Center Houston is generally self-guided but the USS Zavala was able to enlist 3 very gracious NASA professionals to lead our group in tours. (1) Phyllis Friello, the Project Science Lead for the Exploration Medical Integrated Product Team at Johnson Space Center. 2) Will Green, who is an EHP Cross Program Integrator working in NASA's program providing the EVA and human surface mobility capabilities. 3) Dr. David Alexander, Flight Surgeon, the Principal Medical Officer for the Moon to Mars: Gateway program.) While at the Space Center we toured the Space Shuttle Independence which was sitting on the 747 that was used to transport the space shuttles. After returning from the Space Center the Final Mission was held in the Atrium in front of the Atlantis Ballroom. I am partial to this event. It is a touching way to honor those who are no longer with us. Once the Final Mission was completed, we attended the Admiral's Banquet. After the meal, there was an interesting presentation by a member of a local space debris clean up company. Before turning everyone loose for the dance floor and the open bar upstairs, several awards and promotions were handed out. Not the least of which was our very own First Officer Mike Watkins being promoted from Captain to Fleet Captain. Congratulations, Mike.

Sunday began at 9:00 AM with Ask the Brass, where questions, both in person and via Zoom, were answered. At 10:00 AM the Meet the Candidates event was held. As it

turns out this year's vote is a Vote of Confidence instead of an election. Please remember that it is just as important to vote in a Vote of Confidence as it is in an election. By not voting you are turning over your electoral authority to someone else. Please, anyone who has the capability to vote, whether yes or no, make your "voice" heard. Between 11:15 and 12 the Closing Session was held, where it was announced that the Silent Auction had made approximately \$2500 to give to charity. The first \$500 going to the fleet's charity The Planetary Society (founded by Carl Sagan, Bruce Murray, and Louis Friedman) and the rest going to SFI's

scholarship fund. This year's IC was officially closed, and pictures were taken. Many sad goodbyes were said, but as with most everything there is a silver lining - we will get to say hello to our new friends again next time.

Putting a very special bow on this IC was the fact that I got to visit with the DaVinci's founder, Freddy and his wife Connie. It was great seeing you two again. We miss you.

To the USS Zavala – Quapla' and Thank You

To all – Live Long and Prosper

LCDR Karen Pynenburg



Left to Right: Freddy Heller, Gregory Newer, Karen Pynenburg, Connie Heller, Mike Watkins

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ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran Thanks or Congratulations go to:

Hal Stewart for promotion to Lieutenant

Gregory Newer for Promotion to Lieutenant

WELL WISHES

Please keep the following members in your thoughts:

Sue Koone (Leiko's mom) was diagnosed with stage zero breast cancer. It was caught early and the surgeries went well. She is now recovering at home.

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

September

October

November

December

Old Chicago

Fire House Subs

Deorios Pizza

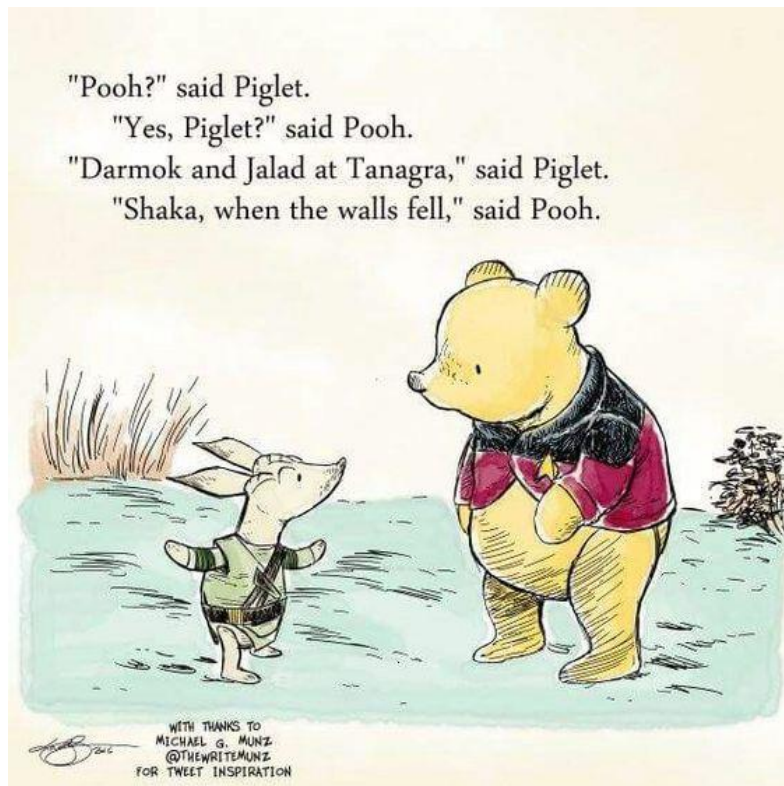
Country's BBQ

Alternates:

Hibachi Buffet

Build Your Own Salad

Red Robin



ON THE HOLODECK



COMIC CORNER NEWS

This is a partial list of Sci-Fi, etc. conventions for 2025. If you know of any upcoming convention that's not yet listed, please feel free to submit it.

September

- Aug 28-Sep 1 **DragonCon** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.dragoncon.org/)
Sep 12-14 **Ancient City Con** - St. Augustine, Florida (www.ancientcitycon.com/)
Sep 13-14 **Collect-A-Con** - Atlanta, Georgia (collectaconusa.com/atlanta-2/)
Sep 20 **Cobb County Brick Convention** - Marietta, Georgia
(www.brickconvention.com/cobbcounty)
Sep 20-21 **Ocala Comic Con** - Ocala, Florida (www.ocalacomiccon.com/)
Sep 26-28 **Necronomicon** - Tampa, Florida (necrofl.org/)
Sep 26-28 **Fanboy Expo** - Orlando, Florida (fanboyexpo.com/orlando/)
Sep 27-28 **South Alabama Comic Con** - Mobile, Alabama (www.southalabamacomiccon.com/)
Sep 28 **Florida Horror-Fest** - Fort Myers, Florida (floridahorrorfest.com/)

October

- Oct 11 **Con of Horrors** - Cartersville, Georgia (cartersvillecomiccon.com/)
Oct 11 **Appalachian Horrorfest** - Knoxville, Tennessee (appalachianhorrorfest.com/)
Oct 17-19 **Multiverse** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.multiversecon.org/)
Oct 17-19 **Smoky Mountain Anime Fest** - Gatlinburg, Tennessee
(www.smokymountainanimefest.com/)
Oct 19 **Georgia Horror-Fest** - Grovetown, Georgia (georgiahorrorfest.com/)
Oct 25 **Alabama Horror-Fest** - Dothan, Alabama (alabamahorrorfest.com/)
Oct 25 **Tennessee Horror-Fest** - Clarksville, Tennessee (tennesseehorrorfest.com/)
Oct 25-26 **Vampire Fan Weekend** - Orlando, Florida (www.creationent.com/cal/tvd_orl/)
Oct 31-Nov 2 **Spooky Empire** - Orlando, Florida (spookyempire.com/)

November

- Oct 31-Nov 2 **Spooky Empire** - Orlando, Florida (spookyempire.com/)
Nov 2 **Atlanta Comic Convention** - Atlanta, Georgia (www.atlantacomicconvention.com/)
Nov 8-9 **PalmCon: Treasure Coast** - Port St. Lucie, Florida (palmcon.net/treasure-coast)
Nov 14-16 **CONjuration** - Duluth, Georgia (www.conjurationcon.com/)
Nov 14-16 **Superstar Comic Con Savannah** - Savannah, Georgia
(galaxycon.com/pages/superstar-comic-con-savannah)
Nov 15 **Augusta Anime Fest** - Augusta, Georgia (augustaanimefest.com/)
Nov 28-30 **Starbase Indy** - Indianapolis, Indiana (www.starbaseindy.org/)
Nov 30 **SW-FloridaCon** - Fort Myers, Florida (swfloridacomiccon.com/)

December

- Dec 6 **Sarasota Anime-Fest** - Sarasota, Florida (sarasotaanimefest.com/)
 Dec 6-7 **Enchantment Con** - Jacksonville, Florida (www.enchantmentcon.com/)
 Dec 7 **Charlie's AnimeCon** - Fort Myers, Florida (www.charliesanimecon.com/)
 Dec 14 **Huntsville Anime-Fest** - Huntsville, Alabama (thehuntsvilleanimefest.com/)
 Dec 18-21 **Anime Weekend Atlanta** - Atlanta, Georgia (awa-con.com/)
 Dec 19-21 **Holiday Matsuri** - Orlando, Florida (holidaymatsuri.com/)



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.

Subspace Amplifiers <i>Echo One & Echo Two</i> Destroyed by Alien Vessel (2151)	1 st
CRMN Sandra Okamoto	3rd
Merritt Butrick (Dr. David Marcus, <i>The Wrath of Khan</i> , <i>The Search for Spock</i>)	3 rd
NASA's <i>Viking 2</i> Lander Lands on Mars (1976)	3 rd
Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa, <i>The Next Generation</i>)	6 th
<i>Star Trek: The Original Series</i> Premiers (1966)	8 th
<i>Star Trek: The Animated Series</i> Premiers (1973)	8 th
Harry Treadaway (Narek, <i>Picard</i>)	10 th
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (LT B'Elanna Torres, <i>Voyager</i>)	11 th
Walter Koenig (ENS Pavel Chekov, <i>The Original Series</i>)	14 th
Tom Hardy (Shinzon, <i>Nemesis</i>)	15 th
Blu del Barrio (Adira Tal, <i>Discovery</i>)	15 th
Last Contact with <i>Cassini</i> Probe on Saturn (2017)	15 th
Space Shuttle <i>Atlantis</i> Launched on Mission to Dock With Fully Assembled <i>Mir</i> Space Station (1996)	16 th
Ella Purnell (Gwyndala, <i>Prodigy</i>)	17 th
<i>NOAA-10</i> Weather Satellite Launched (1986)	17 th
Christina Chong (LT La'an Noonien-Singh, <i>Strange New Worlds</i>)	18 th
<i>Star Trek: Enterprise</i> Premiers (2002)	18 th
LCDR Karen Pynenburg	19th

John Winston Dies at 91 (LT Kyle, <i>The Original Series</i>)	19 th
Aron Eisenberg Dies at 50 (Nog, <i>Deep Space Nine</i>)	21 st
Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien, <i>The Next Generation</i> , <i>Deep Space Nine</i>)	23 rd
<i>Star Trek: Discovery</i> Premiers (2017)	24 th
<i>Star Trek: The Next Generation</i> Premiers (1987)	28 th
Space Shuttle <i>Discovery</i> Launched on First Post-Challenger Flight (1988)	29 th



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Aug 24 – Sep 23

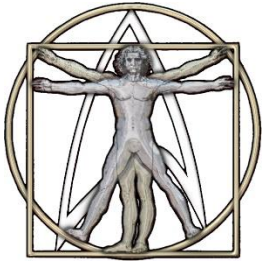
LIBRA - BOLIAN



Crave Harmony
Avoid Confrontation
Love Symmetry & Aesthetics
Gregarious With Friends

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MEMBERSHIPS



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

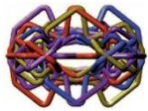
Please note that if the date is highlighted in **RED**, your membership has expired and you need to renew as soon as possible.

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

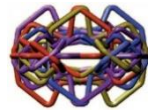
Name	Starfleet	Name	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	Expired	Jeff Kirkland	Nov '25
Robert Anthony	—	Leiko Koone	Apr '26
Michael Allen	Expired	Everett Leonard	Feb '26
Richard Biniasz	Expired	Gregory Newer	Feb '26
Steve Brown	—	Joe Perry	Nov '25
Steve Cushing	Expired	Karen Pynenburg	Mar '26
Randy Dunn	Expired	Diane Ruhland	Expired
Freddy Heller	—	Harold Stewart	Mar '26
Todd Kes	Nov '25	Mike Watkins	Apr '27



Arrgghh! LED headlights!



LINKS



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

USS DaVinci

<http://www.ussdavinci.org/>

Starfleet International

<http://www.sfi.org/>

Starfleet Database

<https://db.sfi.org>

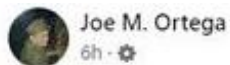
Starfleet Region 2

<http://region2.org/>

LATINUM VAULT

Opening Balance	\$114.00
Donation	+ \$28.07
Website Fee	- \$147.04

Closing Balance \$0



Joe M. Ortega

6h · 🌐

FYI, have you noticed those octagon looking tubes about four ft long, with round caps. Usually seen in the cargo bay. I used to handle these containers when I was in the Navy. They held a sonobuoy that, when dropped from a plane into a body of water could detect submarines. These tubes have been seen in almost all Star Trek series. 🙄🤖



Trek Talking

15h · 🌐

It's been a long road...

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

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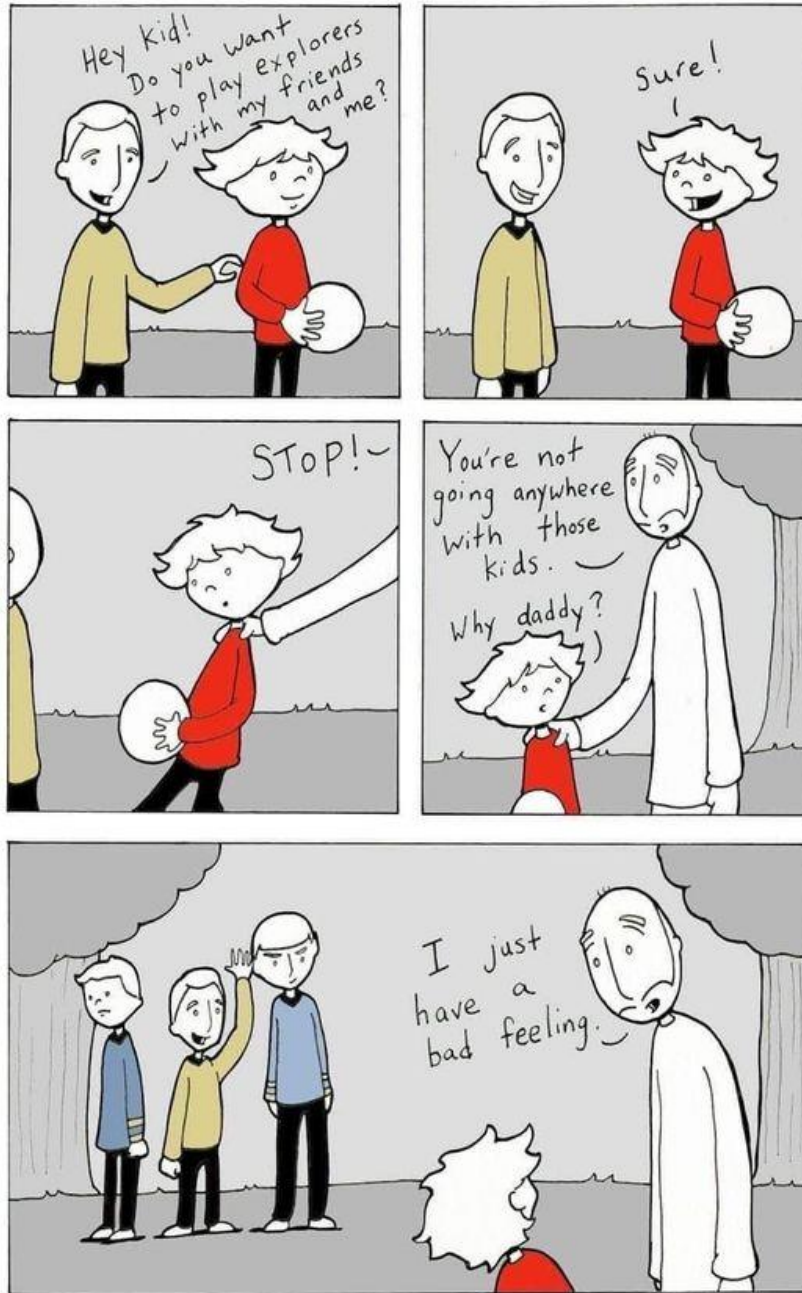
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