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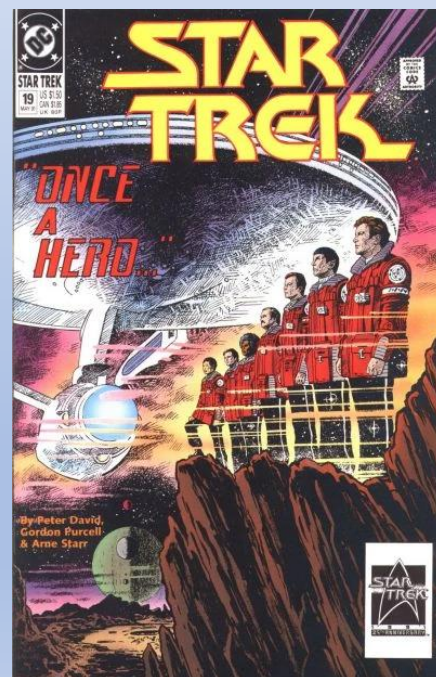
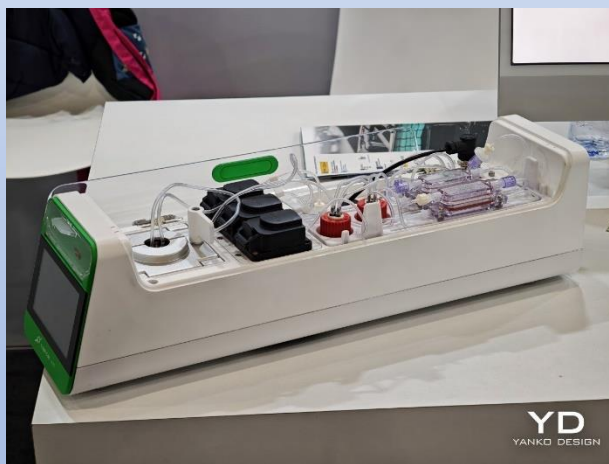
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## Status Report

Crew Manifest	
Total Assigned:	14
Officers:	4
Enlisted:	8
Cadets:	2
Citizens:	0



# ACHIEVEMENTS



## Academic Achievement

This month a single individual completed classes in the academy. When a member of the crew achieves a score of 90 or better (Honors) or a perfect score of 100 (Distinction) in a course, they will be acknowledged here.

- Floyd Gage - Distinction: 1 Honors: 2	- Rachel Mock - Distinction: 1 Honors: 2	- William Sturgeon - Honors: 3
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## Challenge Takers

Floyd Gage – Reading Challenge

Rachel Mock – Reading Challenge

Amber Freeman – Reading Challenge

Dustin Freeman – Reading Challenge

## Awards

– None –

## Promotions

– None –

## Crew Promotion Points

Rank	Name	Temporary Points	Permanent Points	Award Points	Total Points
CAPT	Freeman , Dustin Gene	123	135	17	275
CMDR	Fitch , Bryan	38	70		108
LT	Freeman , Elijah Gabriel	17	60	2	79
LT	Sturgeon , William Arthur	18	95	12	125
CDT 3C	Freeman , Lucas Alexander	57	0		57
CRMN	Gage , Floyd	25	5		30
CRMN	Mock , Christopher	11	10		21
CRA	Quinn , Richard Michael	15	0		15
CRR	Mock , Hannah	19	0		19
CRMN	Mock , Rachel	15	25		40
CRR	Garneaux , Margaret Ann	5	0		5
CRR	Freeman , Amber Nicole	20	0		20
CDT4	Freeman , Azrael Josiah	11	0		11

# ***CAPTAINS LOG***

Hello crew!

Life has been hectic for me as of late. As such and wish me producing a majority of the articles this issue will cover two months.

We are fast approaching the SFI International Conference which luck for us this year will be held in Houston. I know a few of us are going and I look forward to getting to interact in person with many from the fleet. I am also very excited for the tour of the Houston Space Center which should be both fun and educational.

Many of you have been participating in the reading challenges and for two months straight, the top readers for all of Region three have been from our ship! Keep up the great work and remember to log your reading. This month's focus subject is Dinosaurs for double page count.

For Star Fleet Tactical, we have some crewmates showing up for the Saturday Night STO events from 9-10pm. If you play STO with the fleet, remember that is worth promotion points if reported.

I am excited to see so much happening and look forward to seeing everyone at Crew Game Nights & Watch Parties coming up.

-CAPT Freeman, Dustin  
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CO, USS Veritas

# ***FIRST OFFICERS LOG***

Hello Crew

I hope everyone has had a good month! I personally have been doing good! I don't have a lot to post about.

I want to hit on only a few things this month. The first is the event at the Harker Heights library for First Contact Day. The next is one of the things I keep bringing up, recruiting. The last is what you guys want to do or see us do in the future.

So, First Contact Day was a really fun time. The staff there were great and went out of their way to make us feel welcome. There was popcorn and drinks the movie was playing on the theater size screen. It was great. Once, I got the correct library and brought in my props. We had a great time talking and laughing. If you missed it try and make it next year. You won't regret it.

So on to the next thing. Yes, I know! I keep repeating this but we can't grow and survive without recruiting. Like I've said before, if you have any friends or family members who may be interested in participating in our crew please try and get them to join us! Also, if you happen to come across someone that is talking about Star Trek, let them know about the group. We can't grow if we don't recruit. I'm going to keep bringing this up because it's very important and it's everyone's responsibility to help the crew grow.

The next thing I want to talk about is helping the captain with ideas of things to do as a crew! I know I keep repeating myself but I can't stress it enough that if you have any ideas or things that you'd like to do please let us know. The staff can't wait to hear from everyone on ideas. It's the ideas from everyone that helps the crew be successful. Just remember that the more you put into the crew the more enjoyable it will be. So let us know what you would like to see or do and we'll try and make it happen.

As always, if anyone hears of an event that we could possibly attend and have the dates please contact the CO or myself so we can add it to the list.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all at some point. So, if you have any questions, concerns, requests, or comments. Please feel free to contact me at [texascavtrooper@gmail.com](mailto:texascavtrooper@gmail.com)

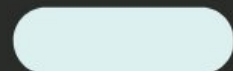
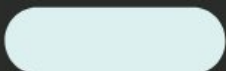
Or text me at (254)258-5066

I will do my best to help you in anyway I can.

Ok keep on trekking.

Fair Wind and Following Seas

Cdr Bryan Fitch







**Away Team Commander's log, Stardate 22505.17 Lieutenant Sturgeon reporting:**

On Saturday May 17th, 2025, my daughter, dressed as Rin from the Vocaloid anime, her friend and I, dressed in full Klingon warrior armor, went to Mallaplooza in the Temple Mall in Temple Texas.

This was a free event, put on partially by the Belton Comic Con folks.

I believe this was originally scheduled to take place in Oct of 2024, but storm damage to the mall about a year ago, caused the mall to have to cancel the event while the mall was brought back up to code.

I'd like to say it was a great time, but it wasn't. The reality of the venue seemed to affect the energy of the situation the whole time we were there. The reality is the venue is a dying mall that I'm honestly surprised still has its doors open and it just seems rather sad. The celebrity guest list was not overly robust and from my perspective not very impressive. Now full disclosure I believe some of the guests were left over from their planned October show date, so the guests were definitely skewed towards horror shows, which is not a genre that I'm overly knowledgeable about.

We found the venue to be slightly warm, which wouldn't be too big of a problem, UNLESS you are dressed as a Klingon Warrior, with not a good turnout by attendees nor by some of the vendors, there were a lot of markers on the floor with missing vendors. That said I did enjoy the Cosplay guests they had, which included the Sanderson Sisters of Austin (Hocus Pocus) and Pirate 4 Hire Cosplay (Jack Sparrow from Pirates of the Caribbean) but for me they were the best part. The dying "Food Court" only had one open food choice, decent pizza, but it wasn't what I really wanted. The biggest disappointment, for my daughter and I, was the lack of other costumers, that's the biggest kick I get from cons, seeing people's creativity. Maybe there was a better turn out on Sunday, as that was when they were having their costume contest (huh?! ) but I hadn't researched the itinerary well enough.

To sum it up, I'd say only go to this if you are in the area or there was a celebrity you really wanted to see, otherwise it's not worth the trip.

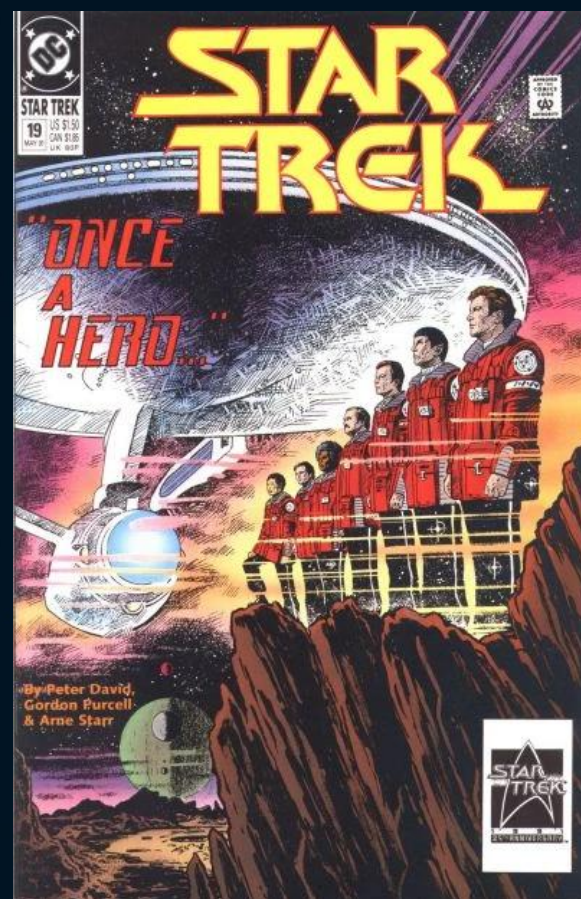
LT Bill Sturgeon  
Chief Intelligence Officer  
USS Veritas



# OTHER TREKS

Maybe it was Spock with a goatee maybe it was LT Picard in a blue shirt, Worf as the XO of the Enterprise D or maybe it was Hoshi Sato in a crop top on the other side of the mirror, if you have been a Star Trek fan for any amount of time or even a Sci-Fi fan in general you must have run across an alternate reality. It's those alternate realities or non-canon stories that we run across from books, comics, even video games that I would like to highlight in what I hope to be an ongoing column for the crew. In that vein I wanted to kick off the first column by highlighting a story from a Star Trek comics, specifically DC Comics 1989, volume 2, issue 19, written by Peter David. The story is titled "Once a Hero" and it is the story that must have happened countless times in episodes of Star Trek, specifically during TOS with all of those red shirt deaths that took place on a seemingly weekly schedule. This tale takes place during Captain Kirk's tenure as the Captain of the Enterprise A i.e. the movie era, post The Final Frontier, pre Undiscovered Country. The Enterprise A and this crew that we all know and love are continuing to have their voyages, DC Comics is telling good stories on a monthly basis with top notch art, that looks like the actors, there's multi-issues story arcs that saw Captain Kirk stand trial, the ramifications of Harry Mudd challenging are crew again. Despite all of these fun stories "Once a Hero" stands out, it is a stand-alone one issue story and it tells the story of an unknown Security Ensign, unknown to both the reader and Captain Kirk, the man saved by the Ensign's death, and now Kirk must live with the guilt of not even knowing his savior. As the story goes, it sees Kirk delving into who this young Ensign was and how despite his youth and short time amongst the crew, how he has touched various members of the Enterprise A's crew. I found it very easy to imagine TOS Kirk in his olive wrap-around going through very similar steps as the more seasoned former Admiral Kirk is going through in the panels of this issue.

LT Bill Sturgeon  
Chief Intelligence Officer  
USS Veritas



## The CL1 Biological Computer and Its Parallels to Voyager's Bio-Neural Gel Packs

In the annals of Starfleet engineering, the integration of biological components into computational systems has long been a hallmark of innovation. The Intrepid-class USS Voyager, for instance, pioneered the use of bio-neural gel packs—organic processors that enhanced the ship's computational speed and adaptability. These gel packs utilized bio-neural cells to process information more efficiently than traditional isolinear circuitry.

Fast forward to the early 21st century on Earth, where Cortical Labs has unveiled the CL1, the world's first commercially available biological computer. This device integrates living human neurons with silicon-based hardware, creating a hybrid system that learns and adapts in real-time. The neurons, sustained in a nutrient-rich environment, form networks capable of processing information and exhibiting behaviors akin to learning.

### Parallels Between CL1 and Bio-Neural Gel Packs

Both the CL1 and Voyager's bio-neural gel packs represent a fusion of biology and technology to enhance computational capabilities. While the gel packs utilized bio-neural cells to process information more efficiently than traditional isolinear circuitry, the CL1 employs human neurons to achieve dynamic learning and adaptability. This convergence highlights a shared objective: leveraging the inherent efficiency and adaptability of biological systems to overcome the limitations of purely silicon-based computing.

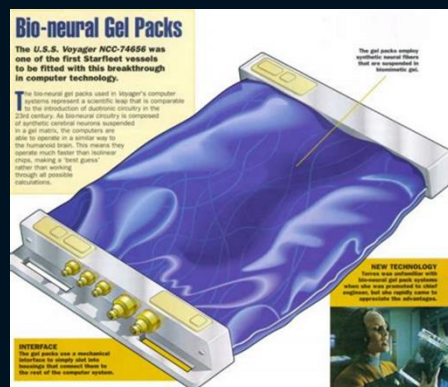
### Implications for Starfleet Engineering

The development of the CL1 offers valuable insights for Starfleet's ongoing exploration of bio-integrated systems. The ability of living neurons to process information with minimal energy consumption and adapt to new tasks could inform the next generation of starship computer cores. Moreover, understanding the maintenance and ethical considerations of such systems on Earth could guide Starfleet in addressing similar challenges aboard starships.

### Conclusion

The CL1 biological computer signifies a pivotal advancement in computing, echoing Starfleet's own journey with bio-neural technologies. As we continue to explore the integration of biological and technological systems, the lessons learned from both Earth's innovations and Starfleet's experiences will be instrumental in shaping the future of computational engineering.

-CAPT Dustin Freeman



# Upcoming Events

- **USS Veritas Watch Party**

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 7:00pm  
CO's House

- **STARFLEET IC 2025**

Fri, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Sun Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake hotel

Mission Control for STARFLEET IC 2025 is in Houston, TX! We'll be right up the street from NASA's Johnson Space Center and Space Center Houston. A tour is on the schedule! Registration and all the details will be coming soon to the SFI website. I can tell you now though that registration will be \$50.00 and the two banquet meals will be \$60.00 each. The Hilton guest room special price for us is \$139.00 plus taxes. Space center tour tickets are \$22.00 (half the regular admission price with this advance group purchase). The countdown to launch has begun! Save the dates and watch for an announcement when registration opens.

- **USS Veritas Awards & Promotions Ceremony**

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 1:00pm  
Galaxy Burger, Killeen, TX

We will hold our Quarterly Awards and Promotions Ceremony and enjoy some great food and company!