



Crew Meetings & Activities 2020

May 23 mtg
June 27 mtg
July 25
August 22
Sept 26
Oct 24
Nov ?
Dec ?

All above meeting are subject to change. Normally we meet at Shady Oaks BBQ at 3:00 p.m. on the dates above (unless otherwise mentioned.)



COMMAND DIVISION (GOLD)

CO REPORT

Crew, I'd like to thank all of you for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. Keep your spirits up, stay home if you can, and wash your hands.

As the March meeting was cancelled, we did not hold the Vote of Confidence (VoC) for all positions – Captain, First Officer, all Division Leaders, Klingon Leader, M.A.C.O., and Marines. In April, we held our first-ever (to my knowledge) online meeting via Discord, which went fairly well. The VoC returned all personnel to their positions at this time.

Captain RADM Tank Clark
First Officer RADM Liz Goulet
Red Division 1LT Daniel Roe
Gold Division 1LT Richard Morrison
Blue Division CDR Tracy Clark

Marine OIC RADM Tank Clark
M.A.C.O. TL RADM Tank Clark
Klingon Leader RADM Tank Clark

Sunday April 5th: The landing party with the IKV Suvwl'ta' at First Contact Day in Grapevine, at the Palace Arts Center was cancelled due to the pandemic.

This year's Summit/Muster in June has been cancelled. In June 2021, Region 3's Summit & Third Brigade's Muster will be held in Beaumont (as 2020's was scheduled to be.)

For May's meeting, I expect the current guidelines to still apply, so we'll do another meeting on Discord. With any luck, I hope to return to "normal" (whatever that really means) for the June meeting.

With my compliments,

Rear Admiral Tank Clark,
Captain, USS *Sea Tiger* NCC-2009

XO REPORT/Communications Report

During this time period of "stay at home" I have been getting some sewing in. Once I found out that you could make face masks out of material, I looked up the pattern and started sewing. I've done about 30 so far and have also crocheted two. They aren't hard just time consuming. But it's nice to have something to do besides working on the afghan's for our charity. The only issue that has come up has been finding material to make the masks out of. They talk about run on the toilet paper – the shelves in the sewing stores have been depleted. And even though I can still order it on line, it takes almost a week to get to me. And since it only takes about an hour to make on masks (front start to finish), I need to order more material almost as soon as I get an order.

And aside from the masks and afghans, my yard has been trimmed to perfection. Of course the next time it rains, I'll have to mow but for a chance I look forward to that. It lets me get outside and do something other than go grocery shopping.

The Discord meeting went well but it will be nice to see everyone face-to-face even if we have to stay an arm's length away from each other.

Respectfully,
R. Admiral Liz Goulet
First Officer, USS *Sea Tiger*, NCC-2009
[Newsletter articles to me May 29](#)

SCIENCE DIVISION (BLUE) Ship's Services



CMDR Tracy Clark, SFMD, SFMC-R, M.A.C.O., BFHD *et cetera ad nauseum*
Blue Division Leader, USS *Sea Tiger* NCC-2009

NASA and SpaceX bring Americans to the Space station

With the first mission to return human spaceflight launches to American soil now targeted to lift off May 27, NASA will highlight the historic flight with a series of news conferences Friday, May 1, that will air live on NASA Television and the agency's [website](#). In addition, NASA astronauts [Robert Behnken](#) and [Douglas Hurley](#), who will serve as crew for the mission, will be available for remote interviews.

NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston will host a trio of media briefings beginning at 11 a.m. EDT May 1, to preview NASA's SpaceX Demo-2 mission. The flight test with NASA astronauts

aboard SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft will lift off on a Falcon 9 rocket to the [International Space Station](#) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

All media participation in these news conferences and interviews will be remote; no media will be accommodated at any NASA site due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To participate in the briefings by phone or to request a remote interview with the crew members, reporters must email jsccommu@mail.nasa.gov no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

Following a May 27 launch, Behnken and Hurley are scheduled to arrive at the space station May 28 to join Expedition 63 commander [Chris Cassidy](#) of NASA and flight engineers Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner of the Russian space agency Roscosmos.

Behnken will be the joint operations commander for the Demo-2 mission, responsible for activities such as rendezvous, docking and undocking, as well as Demo-2 activities while the spacecraft is docked to the space station. Selected as a NASA astronaut in 2000, Behnken completed two space shuttle flights. He flew on STS-123 in March 2008 and STS-130 in February 2010 and conducted three spacewalks during each mission. Born in St. Anne, Missouri, he has bachelor's degrees in physics and mechanical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and earned a master's and doctorate in mechanical engineering from the California Institute of Technology. Before joining NASA, Behnken was a flight test engineer with the U.S. Air Force.

Hurley will be the spacecraft commander for Demo-2, responsible for activities such as launch, landing and recovery. Selected as an astronaut in 2000, Hurley has completed two spaceflights. He served as pilot and lead robotics operator for both STS-127 in July 2009 and STS-135, the final space shuttle mission, in July 2011. The New York native was born in Endicott, but considers Apalachin his hometown. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Tulane University in Louisiana and graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Maryland. Before joining NASA, he was a fighter pilot and test pilot in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Birthdays for next month:
May: Cynthia Crouch May 24



BOSUN (Chief in Charge)

Hope everyone is doing well during this lockdown. I had planned on making a delivery this month to Ronald McDonald House but our doctor's appointment got cancelled. It was moved to May, so hopefully, we'll try then to get the flip tops to them. So keep collecting and we'll see you soon.

Special Note: Please put your name and what group you want your flip tops to be counted for on your bag with the tops. If you **do not** put your name on it, you won't get credit- I will. Also, if you can't get them to the club, you can take them by the Randal McDonald House at 1001 8th Ave, Ft Worth, TX.

Alan Goulet, MCPO



Military Intelligence Group:

Greetings, Marines!

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We continue our tour of Klingon vessels in use during and before TOS¹, TAS², and the TOS Movies.³

This briefing is UNCLASSIFIED, from FASA's *Klingon Ship Recognition Manual* (1985); other sources found have been quoting this manual. Many ships found in FASA's material are no longer considered "canon" by CBS/Paramount (etc), but these are all in my 'head-canon.'

This month we focus on a Cruiser: (The Class VII) D-4 *Predator* (in Klingonaase: *d'ama*), the predecessor to the famed D-7 series.

A note on a term: Each ship is listed as "Class IX" or similar. In this usage, it refers to the sheer size of the ship in metric tons. See the chart on this page.

This class of ship pioneered the command-pod-forward design that has become the standard for most modern Klingon warships. The class was introduced on Stardate 1/8407 with the commissioning of eight ships, which had been produced at the alarming rate of one per month at facilities operating as if under wartime production orders.

This was a clear signal that the Klingons were either preparing for a war with either Romulan or Federation forces or were involved in a conflict along an unknown border. Only recently, because of

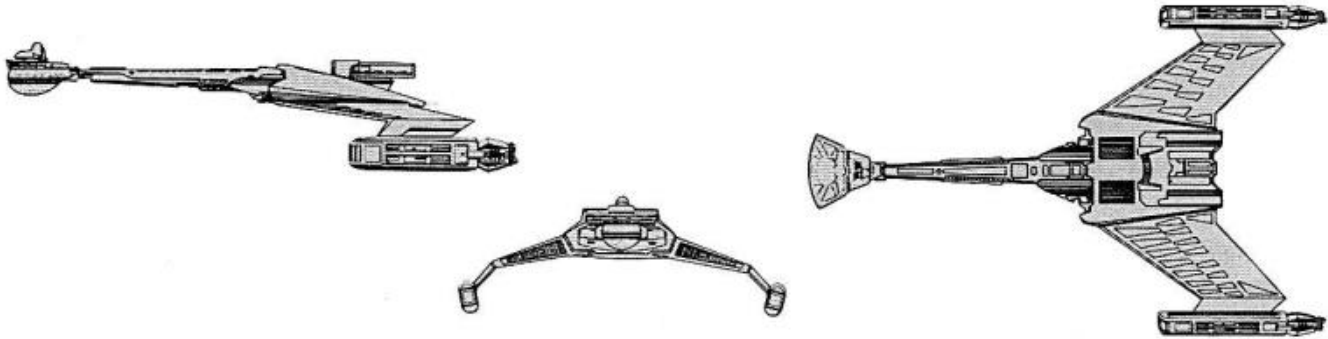
SHIP CLASSES	
Class	Mass (mt)
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II	5 - 15
III	15 - 25
IV	25 - 40
V	40 - 60
VI	60 - 80
VII	80 - 100
VIII	100 - 120
IX	120 - 140
X	140 - 160
XI	160 - 180
XII	180 - 210
XIII	210 - 240
XIV	240 - 300
XV	300 - 350
XVI	350 - 400
XVII	400 - 450
XVIII	450 - 500
XIX	500 - 600
XX	600 - 700

¹ The Original Series

² The Animated Series

³ ST:TMP, ST II: WoK, ST III: TSFS, etc

intelligence gained from Operation Dixie has it come to light that the Klingons ere in fact being attacked by an unknown enemy along their core-ward border. During this conflict, the D-4 saw extensive action and went through several modifications, many of which were never brought into full production. This conflict ended somewhere around Stardate 1/8610, slowing further development.



On Stardate 1/9108, the D-4E was tested and proclaimed successful. Production was converted over to this newer model, and by Stardate 1/9203 the first vessels of this type were commissioned. By 1/9501, the D-4A was no longer being produced, and most of the D-4As in service were being converted to D-4Es, which mounted a more powerful impulse drive system. (*Remember, the Four Years War between the Klingon Empire and the United Federation of Planets lasted from Stardate 1/9409 through 1/9806.*)

The major improvement was the replacement of the KD-2 disruptors by the KD-3, with a range of 120,000km, extending the offensive capability of the D-4 by 20,000km. The shielding system was also upgraded, with the new KSE deflector system giving the ship 65% more protection from incoming fire. The superstructure was also strengthened to handle the uprated equipment.

Even though the D-4 proved to be valuable in combat (witnessed by its class name of “Predator”), its days were numbered. The D-7, with its higher firepower and more powerful engines, would replace it by Stardate 2/0806.

Of the 814 D-4s built, 277 are in reserve fleets (48 D-4As, 229 D-4Es), 462 were destroyed, 14 have been captured (three As and six Es by Starfleet, two As and three Es by the Romulan Star Empire), six reported missing, 16 scrapped, 11 sold to the Orions (four As, seven Es) and 28 sold to prominent families of the Empire (10 As, 18 Es.)

Next month, we'll the D-9 *Seeker* Class VIII cruiser, designed for research and exploration, which entered production toward the end of the Four Years War.

Any questions, or if you just want to chat about stuff, feel free to email me (greenlantern.pirate@gmail.com), call me (940.255.9445), text me, or find me on Facebook, Discord, Marco Polo, or whatever.

Thank you all; carry on!

Major General Tank Clark, SFMC, SFMD (BFHD, LMAO)
Officer-in-Charge, 333rd Military Intelligence Group, “The Yellowjackets”
“*We Know Better*”

*I am the very model of a modern Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral*

*I know the kings of England, and I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical...*



Have Phaser, WillTravel!

M.A.C.O. Mumbles

M.A.C.O. finally published a manual!

The STARFLEET MACO SOP manual is available at



<https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/2886312844782151/>. I would hope that the manual will eventually be placed on the M.A.C.O. web site. If you want a copy, and you're not on Facebook, I can email it to you.

Additionally, one believes that the other manuals will be published this year.

M.A.C.O. has a new Commander, as the former commander has moved over to run STARFLEET Academy. De Rush, who ran for Commander, STARFLEET, has been named M.A.C.O.

Commander, and I have applied to be her Deputy. (We'll see...)

Meanwhile, RPG stuff.

Since my last article, I have played some Second Edition Advanced Dungeons & Dragons. Both before the Pandemic hit, and afterwards, I did buy some RPG stuff and I downloaded more!

At Half-Price Books in late February, I found a book that (I thought) was a supplement for *Space:1889*. In a way, I was correct – but in a more accurate way, I was completely off.

The book in question was *Space:1889 -- Red Sands*, a campaign setting and guide for *Savage Worlds RPG*. The *Savage Worlds* system is designed as a generic-type RPG – one system with many, many settings, ranging from Fantasy (like *Lankhmar*) to Space Opera (like *Flash Gordon*) to blended genres, like *Deadlands* (Zombie/Westerns) and *Weird Wars* (supernaturals/war movies).

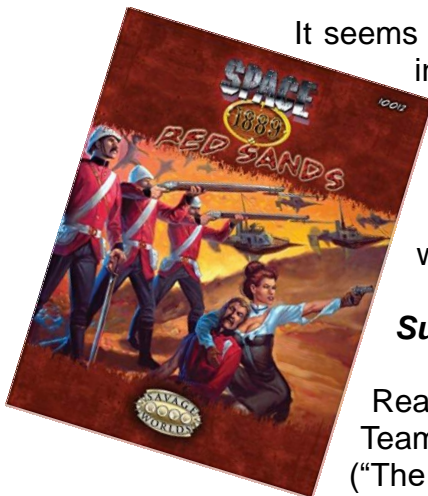
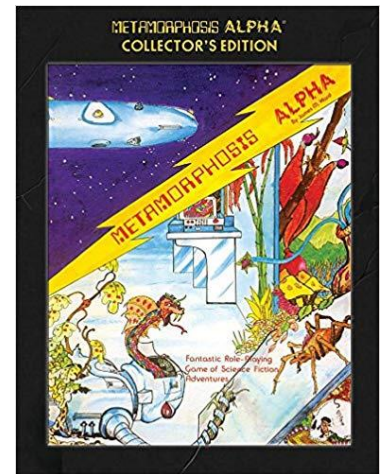
I quickly became interested in the 'engine' of *Savage Worlds*. I was able to acquire a PDF copy of the ***Savage Worlds Adventure Edition*** (the most recent edition, also called "SWADE." The system is unusual, and uses dice, chips or markers (for "bennies"), and a deck of cards.

Like most "universal" role-playing game systems, character creation is a fairly detailed process, requiring the player to decide what type of character he wants to play long before making any decisions. The players who prefer a "let the dice fall where they may" system may not enjoy this as much.

When conducting my first research, I also got a copy (PDF, of course) of the *Savage Worlds of Flash Gordon*, the Flash Gordon setting of *Savage Worlds*. I'm enjoying reading the manual for that, as I've been a fan of Flash Gordon since I first saw a Buster Crabbe Flash Gordon serial on a UHF station⁴ growing up. I loved the 1980's movie – the one with music by Queen – as well! Maybe someday...

While I was searching, I also got a copy (PDF) of *Metamorphosis Alpha*, one of the earliest RPGs by TSR, Inc. MA takes place entirely on the Starship *Warden*, a generational starship that left Earth thousands of years ago. Somewhere along the journey, it ran into a strange radiation area which killed the officers and crew, mutated many of the surviving passengers, and damaged the ship's automatic systems in such a way that now – many centuries later – no one is aware that the ship is a ship at all! (Think TOS episode "For the World Is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky", but with robots, animals, and mutants!)

I've also downloaded copies of Modiphus' *John Carter of Mars* (Barsoom) RPG (which I haven't even scanned yet), and I have begun gathering the core rulebooks of *Castles and Crusades* by Troll Lord Games, which appears to be a very nice blend of "Old School" AD&D and d20 D&D, with some unique ideas blended in. It may be the next game that Tracy and I play, several months from now.



It seems that some of the crew are all interested in playing a game of (FASA's) Star Trek: The Roleplaying Game when I can put an adventure together... I seem to be limited in time. I'll continue to try as best I can and will keep you all informed when I'm ready.

Sum non Satis?

Rear Admiral Tank Clark
Team Leader, 33rd STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations unit
("The Paladins")
"Have Phaser, Will Travel"

⁴ I think it was channel 39.

Klingon Report



Klingons!

DIS chu' Datlvjaj!

The February Good Day to Dine (GDtD) was at Joe's Crab Shack on I-35W, near Western Center Blvd, at 1600 hours (4 pm) on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Quite a few members of the USS *Diamondback* attended, as well as many members of House Klark, a few members of the USS *Sea Tiger*, and a few from the IKV *Suvwl'ta'*

As usual, this is hosted by the Lone Star Warrior's Association, an ad-hoc group (consisting of whoever shows up that day). The LSWA invades a local eatery on the fifth Saturday (of those months that have five Saturdays) in Klingon garb, eats Klingon style (no utensils), and has fun and fellowship. The only piece of "business" conducted is a decision on where the next one would be. This decision rests solely on those present in Klingon uniform. We all hope restrictions will be removed so that the LSWA can enjoy the next GDtD, scheduled for 30 May 2020. The next GDtD was scheduled for Sweetie-Pie's Ribeyes, 201 W Main St, Decatur, 76234, on May 30; this probably will be cancelled. August 29th is the next Fifth Saturday, and will therefore probably be our Sweetie-Pie's invasion.

The *Suvwl'ta'* also hosted a fund-raising/info table at Comic Warriors, a comic book shop in Keller, on 14 March. Corporal Roon, Marine Captain Divok tai-Ro, and Lieutenants junior grade Klark tai-Klark and Kalamity tai-Klark passed out literature, proclaimed the Glory of the Empire, and raised money for the *Suvwl'ta'*'s charity, the Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society.



Qapla!

Klark, son of Konald, of House Klark
meQtaHbogh qachDaq Suv qoH neH ("only a fool fights in a burning house")

Morale



Red Division

Unlike a lot of people, Lt. Roe has been working to keep everyone secure. So he hasn't had the fun we have had being home bound. However, that has not stopped him from finding things for us to do once this quarantine is lifted.

It was suggested by him to host a meeting at his residence to watch movies or the newest Star Trek series – Discovery and Picard. (If the series is anything like the book you will be left hanging till next season.)

Or we could go to Shady Oaks and get take out orders and eat outside – provided it isn't too hot or raining.

And he also suggest that we might do some shooting on the range to get some practice in. There is a place not to far from his house that is open.

This goes on much longer and we will have to consider some of his ideas.

Thanks for the suggestions Daniel and though you didn't get a report in – your conversation on Saturday provided the above information. (R. Admir. Liz Goulet)

2ND LT Daniel Roe SFMC Combat Engineer
USS Sea Tiger NCC 2009
Red Division leader
333rd Yellow Jackets
Region 3
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ATTENTION CREW MEMBERS

I have set up a website where you can purchase shirts and other things pertaining to the ship. I have tried to keep things priced at a reasonable rate. Please check out the Sea Tiger commissary. Located at www.shop.spreadsheet.com/seatigers-commisary.



Meetings for the *USS Sea Tiger* are held every month at 1500hrs at Shady Oaks BBQ at Sand Shell & Hwy 35. Usually on the fourth Saturday of every month.

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