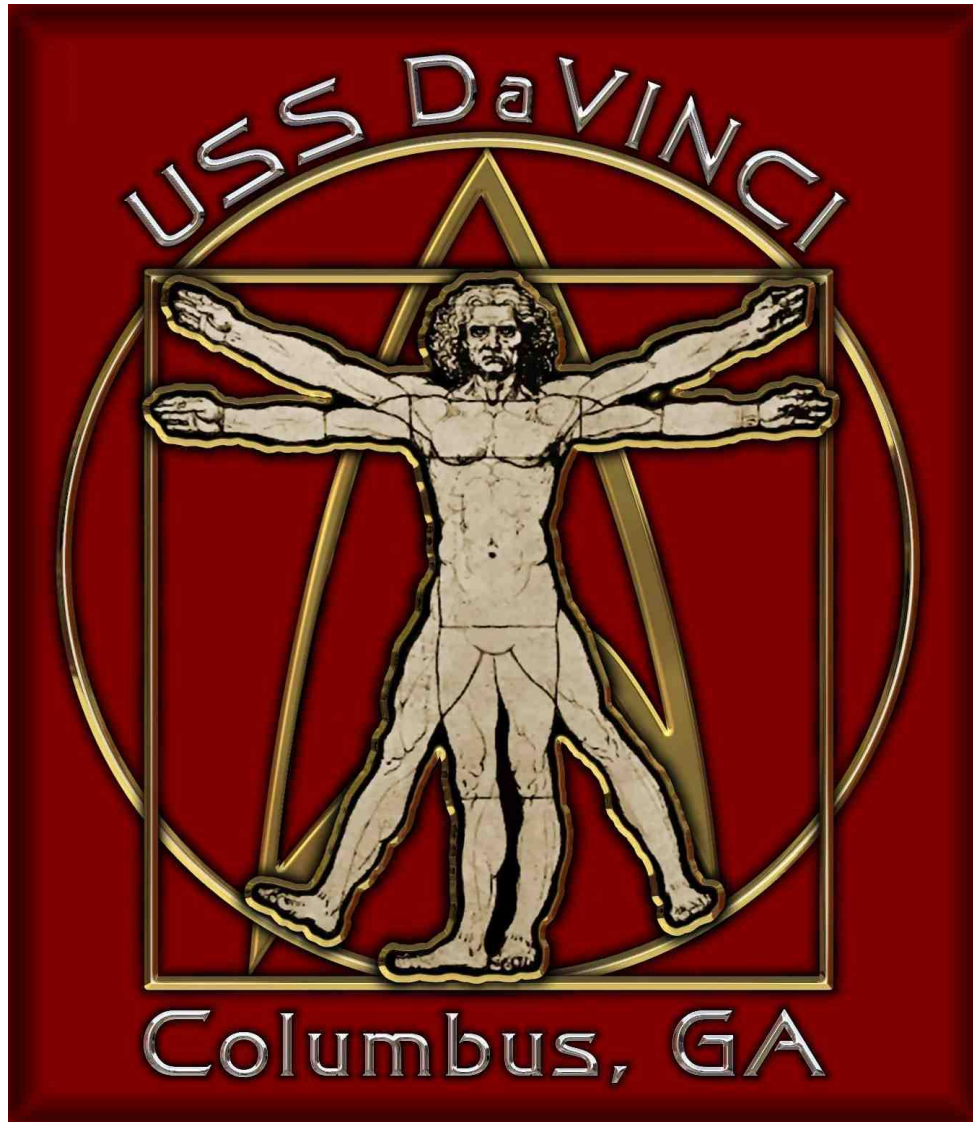


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# UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\* 17 June, Night Out/Membership Meeting, Shane's Rib Shack, 6:30 pm



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# FROM THE CENTER SEAT

StarFleet HQ is threatening to move up to dry dock status if we continue to show no activities. This will NOT affect the status of the club, we WILL continue.

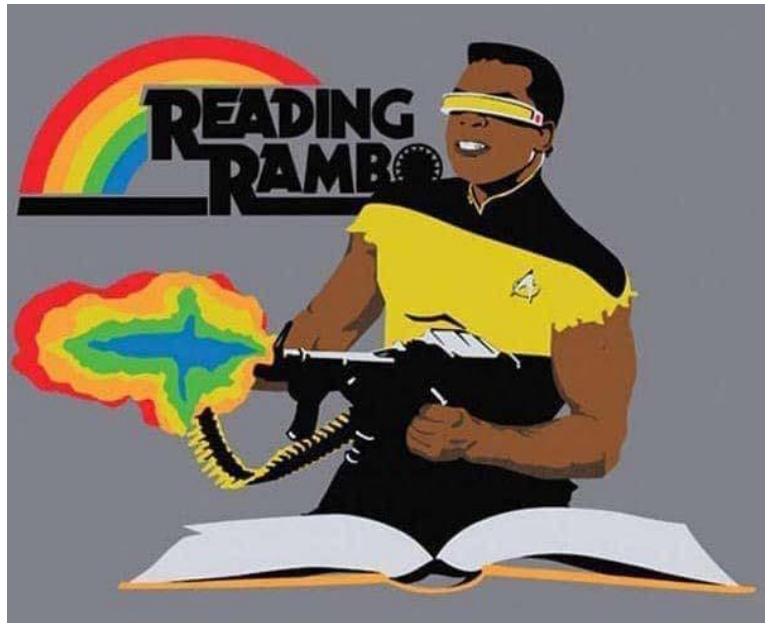
If anybody has any ideas for activities, let me know.

I am now taking donations towards paying for the next year's fees for the website, we are currently running a bit short.

RADM Joe Perry, CO USS DaVinci

## STARFLEET NEWS YOU CAN USE

Reading Rainbow fans with a Netflix account can now stream “Butterfly in the Sky: The Story of Reading Rainbow.” This documentary about the popular children’s show was originally released in 2022. Naturally it includes mention of ‘Star Trek: The Next Generation’ and LeVar Burton’s role as Geordi La Forge. (On a personal note, I well remember the “Star Trek Episode” of Reading Rainbow where Burton gave kids a tour of the set, and talked some about his role on the show.) This documentary is a must-see for those of us who grew up watching Burton encourage kids to read.



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In honor of National Adopt A Cat Month, we turn our attention to the most famous feline in all of Star Trek: Spot.

The beloved orange cat belonging to Lt. Commander Data made “his” screen debut in the Next Generation season four episode “Data’s Day.” That’s right, Spot was originally referred to as a male cat, though she has since come to be officially a female character. Spot is apparently a ‘spicy’ kitty, only liking a small handful of humanoids. To everyone else, she’s a fluffy terror, even sending Commander Riker to Sickbay with deep facial lacerations on at least one occasion.

Being a cat, Spot naturally steals every scene she’s in. But purrhaps her most important appearance is in the ‘Next Generation’ season seven episode “Genesis.” In this episode, a mutated virus de-evolves the Enterprise crew into animalistic creatures. Even Spot is not immune, having turned into an iguana as she gave birth to her litter of kittens. It’s those tiny kittens, still very much feline with nary a scale in sight, that inspire the cure to the crew’s predicament. Spot passed on an immunity to her babies which prevented them from becoming infected. With this discovery, Data and Picard are able to figure out how to return the crew to their normal selves. This episode could be summarized as “Spot Saves The Enterprise,” and is thus arguably her most important ‘Next Generation’ moment.



Spot has been played by (at least) eight cats and an iguana. Spot’s debut featured an unknown long-haired Somali cat, but it wasn’t long before Spot’s look was switched to an orange tabby, and new feline actors were cast for the part. Monster, Brandy, Bud, and Tyler played Spot in ‘Star Trek: The Next Generation.’ For the season seven episode “Genesis” Spot was also played by Willie the iguana. Monster and Brandy reprised their roll as Spot for the movie “Star Trek Generations,” and were joined by backup cats Spencer and Zoe. Although Spot briefly

appears in the movie “Star Trek Nemesis,” there is apparently no record of what feline actor played the part. Likewise there is no information on what feline actor played the memory of Spot in season three of “Star Trek: Picard.”

While Spot is the most famous Star Trek kitty, she’s not the only feline to ever grace a Federation vessel. Excluding Caitians and shape-shifters (of which there have been several) leaves us with a short list of space cats. Chester appears in two episodes of ‘Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.’ This fluffy tabby and white feline came to live with the O’Brien family after his first owner came to an ill end. Miles and Molly were fond of the cat, but Keiko was far less enthusiastic with the feline addition to their family. Moving on to ‘Star Trek: Voyager’ we have Neelix, a pale Persian belonging to Reginald Barclay. Barclay obtained the cat after transferring to the Pathfinder Project, and named him after the Talaxian crew member of USS Voyager. Our final feline of note is Grudge, a very large and fluffy brown tabby who belongs to Cleveland Booker. Grudge is described as “a queen” and appears in multiple episodes of “Star Trek: Discovery.”

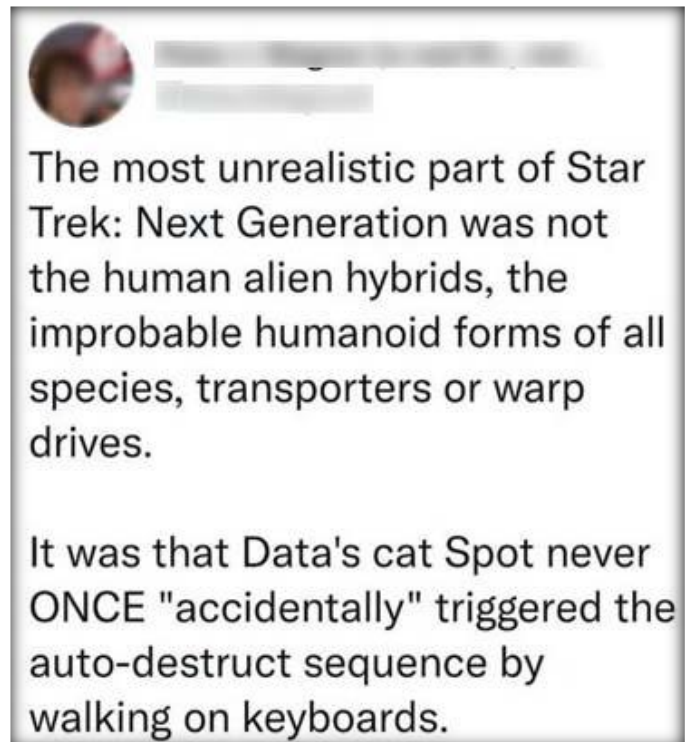


## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Karen Pynenburg has been appointed to the position of Operations Officer and promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander.

Mike Watkins has been promoted to the rank of Captain.



# COMIC CORNER NEWS

This is a partial list of Sci-Fi, etc. conventions for 2024. If you know of any upcoming convention that's not yet listed, please feel free to submit it.

## June

- Jun 1 **AugustaCon** - Augusta, Georgia ( <http://theaugustacon.com/> )
- Jun 8-9 **Smoky Mountain Terror** - Kingsport, Tennessee ( <https://www.smokymountainterror.com/> )
- Jun 21-23 **Rangerstop & Pop** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [www.rangerstopatlanta.com/](http://www.rangerstopatlanta.com/) )
- Jun 21-23 **JoeFest & Comic Convention** - Augusta, Georgia ( [www.joefestusa.com/](http://www.joefestusa.com/) )

## July

- Jul 19-21 **Southern-Fried Gaming Expo** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [gameatl.com/](http://gameatl.com/) )

## August

- Aug 2-4 **Starfleet International Conference** - Atlanta, Georgia ( <https://ic2024.sfi.org/> )
- Aug 2-4 **Georgia Pop Culture & Horror Con** - Columbus, Georgia  
( [gapopandhorrorcon.com/](http://gapopandhorrorcon.com/) )
- Aug 9-11 **Monsterama Con** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [monsteramacon.com/](http://monsteramacon.com/) )
- Aug 29-Sep 2 **DragonCon** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [www.dragoncon.org/](http://www.dragoncon.org/) )

## September

- Aug 29-Sep 2 **DragonCon** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [www.dragoncon.org/](http://www.dragoncon.org/) )
- Sep 13-15 **Ancient City Con** - St, Augustine, Florida ( [www.ancientcitycon.com/](http://www.ancientcitycon.com/) )
- Sep 21-22 **Collect-A-Con** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [collectaconusa.com/atlanta/](http://collectaconusa.com/atlanta/) )
- Sep 21-22 **Ocala Comic Con** - Ocala, Florida ( <https://www.ocalacomicon.com/> )
- Sep 22 **Georgia Horror-Fest** - Augusta, Georgia ( <http://georgiahorrorfest.com/> )
- Sep 28-29 **Alabama Comic Con** - Birmingham, Alabama ( <https://alccbhm.com/> )

## October

- Oct 4-6 **Days of the Dead** - Atlanta, Georgia ( <https://www.daysofthedeath.com/atlanta/> )
- Oct 4-6 **Dreamhack Atlanta** - Atlanta, Georgia ( <https://dreamhack.com/atlanta/> )
- Oct 18-20 **Multiverse** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [www.multiversecon.org/](http://www.multiversecon.org/) )

## November

- Nov 2-3 **Tiger Con** - Valdosta, Georgia ( <https://tigerconvention.com/> )
- Nov 15-17 **CONjuration** - Duluth, Georgia ( [www.conjurationcon.com/](http://www.conjurationcon.com/) )
- Nov 23-24 **Preserve Halloween Festival** - Savannah, Georgia ( <https://preservehalloweenfest.com/> )

## December

- Dec 12-15 **Anime Weekend Atlanta** - Atlanta, Georgia ( [awa-con.com/](http://awa-con.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.

Rene Auberjonois (Odo, <i>Deep Space Nine</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather, <i>Enterprise</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Zachary Quinto (Spock, <i>Star Trek</i> [alternate timeline])	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner, <i>The Original Series</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
NASA's <i>Surveyor 1</i> Lunar Probe Lands On The Moon (1966)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Suzie Plakson (Ambassador K'ehleyr, <i>The Next Generation</i> )	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jason Isaacs (CAPT Gabriel Lorca, <i>Discovery</i> )	6 <sup>th</sup>
Karl Urban (Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy, <i>Star Trek</i> [alternate timeline])	7 <sup>th</sup>
DeForest Kelley Dies at 79 (Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy, <i>The Original Series</i> , <i>TNG</i> )	11 <sup>th</sup>
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Tolian Soran, <i>Generations</i> )	13 <sup>th</sup>
NASA's <i>Pioneer 10</i> Space Probe Becomes First Human-Made Object to Depart the Solar System (1983)	13 <sup>th</sup>
Babs Olusanmokun (Dr. Joseph M'Benga, <i>Strange New Worlds</i> )	14 <sup>th</sup>
Robin Curtis (Saavik, <i>Search for Spock</i> )	15 <sup>th</sup>
Fred Tatasciore (LT Shaxs, <i>Lower Decks</i> )	15 <sup>th</sup>
Captain John Alcock & Navigator Arthur Brown Become First People To Fly Nonstop Across Atlantic Ocean (1919)	15 <sup>th</sup>
John Cho (Hikaru Sulu, <i>Star Trek</i> [alternate timeline])	16 <sup>th</sup>
Russian Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova Becomes First Woman in Space; Only Woman to Fly Solo Mission; Youngest Woman in Space ( <i>Vostok 6</i> , 1963)	16 <sup>th</sup>
Zoe Saldana (Nyota Uhura, <i>Star Trek</i> [alternate timeline])	19 <sup>th</sup>
Anton Yelchin Dies at 27 (Pavel Chekov, <i>Star Trek</i> [alternate timeline])	19 <sup>th</sup>
NASA's <i>Viking 1</i> Lander Arrives at Mars (1976)	19 <sup>th</sup>
<i>SpaceShipOne</i> Becomes First Privately Funded Crewed Space Flight (2004)	21 <sup>st</sup>
Tim Russ (LCDR Tuvok, <i>Voyager</i> )	22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>ENS Shelby Ruhland</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
Alice Krige (Borg Queen, <i>First Contact</i> )	28 <sup>th</sup>

## GEMINI - TRILL



Value Friendship Above All,  
Can Be Inconsistent

May 21 – Jun 21

## CANCER - BAJORAN



Can Be Prickly,  
Very Passionate,  
Extremely Loyal,  
Make Good Allies

Jun 22 – Jul 22



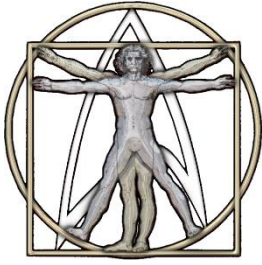
## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

June	Shane's Rib Shack
July	Old Chicago
August	Country's (Downtown)
September	Longhorn (Whittlesey)
October	Fazzoli's
November	Hoolihan's (Downtown)
December	McCallister's

### Alternates:

El Carrizo (Macon Road)  
Ria's India Cafe





# 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.

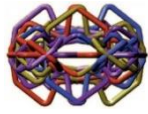
If highlighted in **BOLD** your membership is nearing its expiration so please renew soon.

Name	Starfleet	Name	Starfleet
Sandra Adams	<b>Expired</b>	Leiko Koone	Apr '25
Robert Anthony	—	Everett Leonard	<b>May '24</b>
Michael Allen	<b>Expired</b>	Gregory Newer	Feb '25
Richard Biniasz	Feb '25	Joe Perry	Nov '24
Steve Brown	—	Robert Phillips	Oct '24
Steve Cushing	<b>Expired</b>	Karen Pynenburg	Mar '25
Randy Dunn	<b>Expired</b>	Diane Ruhland	<b>Expired</b>
Freddy Heller	—	Krysten Sweeney	Jan '25
Todd Kes	Nov '24	Harold Stewart	<b>Expired</b>
Jeff Kirkland	Nov '24	Mike Watkins	Apr '25

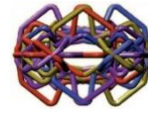
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# LINKS



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

- USS DaVinci Home Page**                    <http://www.usdavinci.org/>
- Starfleet Home Page**                    <http://www.sfi.org/>
- Starfleet Database**                    <https://db.sfi.org>
- Starfleet Region 2 Home Page**        <http://region2.org/>



# 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.

Coupons		Tabs	
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                    \$110.06

**Closing Balance                    \$110.06**



# 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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