



# JUST KIDDING

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### FROM THE READY ROOM

So, I had this idea...

I joined STARFLEET in 2009. At the time, I had three major goals:

- Become a chapter commanding officer.
- Start a new chapter
- Watch episodes & movies with fellow STARFLEETers, commenting all the while.

In 2011, I met my first goal, on USS *Regulator*. In 2022, I met my third goal, kinda – I watched the first two episodes of *Strange New Worlds* with members of the crew of the IKV *Suvvl'ta'*, the ship to which I belong in the Klingon Assault Group (KAG).

So, here we are. I talked with some friends at the 2022 Region 3 Summit in Beaumont, and to others afterwards. They indicated their interest in joining me in this new adventure.

I assembled the paperwork together, got the class (*Larson*), name (*Kidd*), and registry number (4321) approved, found a support chapter... and within a few weeks, the ISS Kidd, NX-4321 (NX during shakedown) has launched, on 22 Jun 2022.

For more information about your fellow crewmates, see later in this issue.

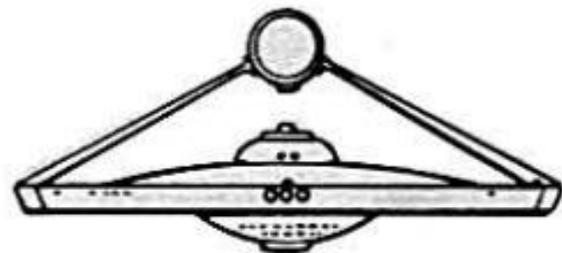
Our first "Official" meeting will be on Saturday, 2 July, at 12:30pm. Physically, we'll be at the Decatur (TX) Public Library.

Online, we'll be in our ISS Kidd Discord Server – if you need an invite, drop an email to us at [STARSHIPKIDD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STARSHIPKIDD@GMAIL.COM).

We'll discuss, among other things, our future meeting schedule.

### JOIN STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL

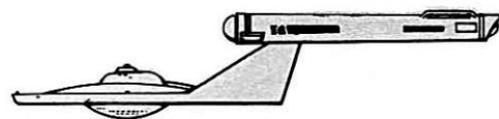
Membership Application: <http://join.sfi.org>



- Individual: \$5 per year
- Family (2): \$9 per year
- Family (3): \$12 per year
- Family (4): \$14 per year

### ABOUT THE LARSON-CLASS STARSHIP

Designed at the same time as the *Constitution*-class cruisers, *Larson* class destroyers share many of the same physical features of these ships. An efficient ship that performed its function well, it was intended to perform the same tasks as other dual-function vessels: research and defence. Most of the existing *Larsons* in service are used in primarily military roles: border patrol, anti-piracy, battle group support, scouting, and escort duties.





Destroyers such as the *Larson* frequently are employed on patrol duty along the frontier areas. In time of war or other military emergencies, *Larsons* and other destroyers may be assigned to escort convoys or used as scouts by squadrons or small fleets. With its array of weapons, it is a fine combat vessel, though not as powerful as a cruiser or larger ship.

Average crew size for this class vessel is around 200, with additional space for up to 10 passengers. Hanger space is available for 6 shuttlecraft; on the *Kidd*, four of the shuttles have been replaced with Aerospace fighters.

*Larsons* are named for military leaders and battles of Terran origin. The class vessel is named for Admiral William G. Larson, hero of the battle at Gamma Hydra during the Romulan War. The *Kidd* is named after Issac C. Kidd, who was on board USS *Arizona* during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was the first American flag officer to die in World War II.

The *Larson* class ship entered Star Trek Fandom via the FASA "Star Trek Roleplaying Game". At the time, the only Starfleet ships we'd seen were *Constitution*-class cruisers like the *Enterprise*. You can't have a fleet with nothing but cruisers – it's outrageously expensive to have a cruiser do jobs that a destroyer or a frigate can do just as well, with a smaller crew.

An accessory for the FASA game listed information and statistics for all sorts of ships – scouts, cruisers, battleships, destroyers, and more – and I remember a gamemaster assigning us to a *Larson*-class destroyer, patrolling along the Klingon-Federation border.

#### WHY THE KIDD?

On a trip through Louisiana on my way to an International Conference (held in New Orleans), we stopped overnight in Baton Rouge to tour the *Fletcher*-class destroyer, USS *Kidd* DD-663. She's a museum ship there, and quite well maintained. I enjoyed the ship and the museum, and felt that she

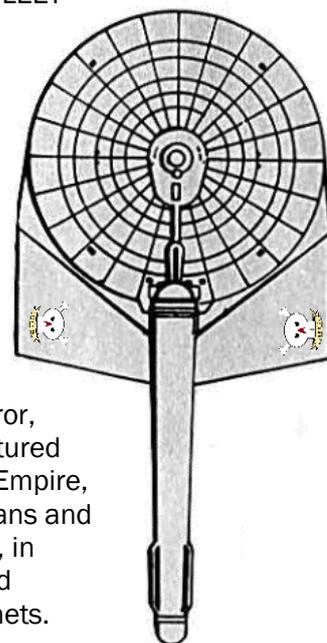
deserved a STARFLEET ship named after her.

#### What's this "Mirror Universe?"

The Mirror Universe was first introduced in the original *Star Trek* episode "Mirror, Mirror", which featured the brutal Terran Empire, managed by humans and their Vulcan allies, in place of the United Federation of Planets.

The Mirror Captain Kirk of the ISS *Enterprise* was a mass murderer who was promoted to Captain after assassinating Captain Christopher Pike. Discipline aboard starships was enforced through agony booths and agonizers carried by crewmembers. Officers were barbaric in behavior and advanced in rank by killing superiors who they thought were incompetent. Nazi-style military salutes were used by crewmembers to show loyalty to their captain. The episode established the goatee as a visual marker for an evil version of a character.

The ISS *Kidd* is not intended to support or glorify **in any way** the dark, evil nature of the Terran Empire. As a fan organization, members of the Starship *Kidd* should not take any of this seriously or personally. **It's all play.** We live in the Real World; we just enjoy examining the negative aspects of an alternate fictional multiverse.



## EXPERIENCE POINTS

As each member participates in one or another aspect of STARFLEET life aboard the *ISS Kidd*, he earns Experience Points (XP), which are used primarily for advancement to the next higher pay grade.

Additionally, however, the XP recorded over a given period of time (usually a calendar year) may be used as a factor in deciding which crew members deserve annual awards. (See Ship's Articles, Appendix B.)

## EARNING EXPERIENCE POINTS

The base XP award for most activities is one XP. There are situational bonuses that can increase the award.

### EXPERIENCE BASE

- Attending a Ship's Meeting (in person or online)
- Attending an Official Convention as a member of the *Kidd*.
- Working a Ship's table at a Convention or Demonstration.
- Attending a Ship event or Landing Party
- Recruiting a member to the *ISS Kidd* (Paid member of STARFLEET)
- Submitting an article to Communications for publication in the ship's newsletter
- Submitting text for an After Action Report (AAR) to Communications
- Submitting images for an AAR to Communications
- Completing a course at STARFLEET Academy or STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy
- Per Hour worked in support of a charity (no limit)
- Per \$20 raised in support of a charity (no limit)
- Per \$20 raised for Ship's funds

(see "Dues", limited to 1 XP per month)

- Planning or Running a Ship's Mission/Project
- Per month serving as a Department Head
- Receiving an award or ribbon from STARFLEET/SFMC/SFSO/SF-Med (etc)
- Per month as member of STARFLEET Department (SFMC/SFSO/SF-Med/etc)
- Per month of service at an above-the-chapter level position, i.e. Brigade Staff, Region Staff, SFMC Corp support, etc.
- Renewing membership in STARFLEET on board the *ISS Kidd*.
- Additional XP may be awarded at the discretion of the Captain.

### BONUSES

- +1 XP for attending activity/function/meeting etc. in Star Trek t-shirt
- +2 XP for attendance in uniform
- +1 XP for Academy course "Honors"
- +2 XP for Academy course "Distinction"
- +2 XP for passing OTS
- +5 XP for passing OCC
- +5 XP for passing Flag Officer courses or any top level course (xx-300, etc)
- +3 for planning/running a Ship event, landing party, activity, or recruiting table (This gives a total of four XP for this.)
- +1 XP per hour traveled to Ship or STARFLEET event, activity, etc.

MEET THE CREW

**Major General Tank Clark, SFMC**  
*Captain*

Major General Clark joined STARFLEET in 2009 on the USS Regulator. He has served as commanding officer of USS Regulator and USS Sea Tiger. He is the commander of the Third Brigade and also serves as the Vice-Chief of Operations for Region 3.

**Colonel Sarah Hays, SFMC**  
*First Officer*

Colonel Hays joined STARFLEET in 2011 on the USS Lone Star. She joined the ISS Kidd from the 3240<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). She is the deputy commander officer of the Third Brigade and is a valuable member of Region 3 Staff.

**Commander Perry Brulotte**  
*Loyalty Officer*

Commander Brulotte first joined STARFLEET in 2013 on the USS Regulator. Before leaving STARFLEET in 2017, he served as Chief of Security on both USS Regulator and USS Sea Tiger.

**Colonel Kelly Hays, SFMC**  
*Commander, Marine Detachment*

Colonel Hays joined STARFLEET in 2011 and served as the Officer-in-Charge of the 340<sup>th</sup> MEU before joining the ISS Kidd. He continues to command the 340<sup>th</sup>, only now it is a Marine Strike Group (MSG).

**Commander Tracy Clark**  
*Chief of Security*

Commander Clark joined STARFLEET in 2009 on the USS Regulator, rising to Chief Medical

Officer of USS Sea Tiger. Upon her transfer to ISS Kidd, she has also become the head of the Security department.

**Colonel Noble Hays**  
*Second Officer*

Colonel Hays joined STARFLEET in 2008. He was the founding captain of the USS Diamondback before leaving STARFLEET for a time and has served with the 340<sup>th</sup> MEU before joining the ISS Kidd.

**Petty Officer 2/c Lora Weems**

Petty Officer Weems briefly served on the USS Regulator but is geographically disadvantaged – she’s not close to ANYONE. She is happy to be on a new chapter that allows her to participate remotely.



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