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Hello all, it's Christmas day as I am writing this and I can tell you that this has been one of the most wonderful and exciting years I have ever had in STARFLEET. With the commissioning of my ship and the hard work of my crew, it's been a very prosperous year here. Over the holidays we have donated food to the national and local food banks, donated blood to the Red Cross regularly, Donated Toys for Tots and have enjoyed regular meeting and the expansion of our chapter to 20 members. I hope to keep this trend of getting new people into STARFLEET in the coming year so we can attempt even bigger projects in the future. I would like to that my XO Larry and my command crew for their diligent work on all of our projects. Future plans are to get to Shore Leave and the IC, be even more active in our community service, and to find more ways to have fun on the Chapter, Regional and national levels. Being based in Atlantic City, we have access to a wide verity of venues of entertainment, I hope to use these to better promote STARFLEET in the area. Two post's that I am still looking to fill on the ship are Chief of Operations and Cruise Director, feel free to e-mail me at [strom1694@aol.com](mailto:strom1694@aol.com) for more details, I love mail ☺

Executive Officer Larry Neigut

## **SyFy Channel to burn off *Caprica* series in January marathon**

By Larry Neigut

The SyFy Channel will burn off the last five episodes of its original series *Caprica* the first Tuesday in January. The announcement was made by SyFy's Craig Engler via Twitter. The network will air the remaining episodes in a Marathon from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern and Pacific Time on January 4, 2011.

The episodes are currently making their worldwide debut on Canada's SPACE Network, which has continued to air the back half of the season on Tuesday Nights at 10 p.m. E/P. They'll also be out on DVD on December 21, just in Time for Christmas.

*Caprica* aired alongside *Stargate Universe* in October, but its low ratings and failure to find a sufficiently large audience led to its cancellation and removal from the fall schedule. *Stargate Universe* has also been cancelled.

A second *Battlestar Galactica* spinoff, *Blood and Chrome* Will shoot its pilot early next year.

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Chief of the Boat (COB) is a senior enlisted man on a starship in the Federation Starfleet who assists and advises the commanding officer and executive officer on matters regarding the good order and discipline of the crew. There is only one COB on a vessel and he is generally responsible for the day-to-day operations of the boat's non-commissioned personnel and for their morale and training. While it is usually true that the COB is the most senior enlisted man, it is not strictly required. The CO is neither required to select the highest ranking man or the most senior in time in grade aboard, nor to replace his COB with a more senior man who reports aboard after the COB's selection.

When a new enlisted crewmember joins a ship's crew, the COB is usually one of the first people he will meet. While the COB is outside the direct chain of command for crewmembers junior to him, he has a tremendous amount of authority and carries a lot of weight, generally being thought of as the top of a virtual enlisted chain of command.



Starfleet Security is a branch of Starfleet responsible for safeguarding the Federation from outside threats, and for conducting criminal investigations. Starfleet Security is responsible for all security matters aboard all Federation starships and at all Federation starbases and outposts. In this function, they act in ways analogous to local and regional police agencies, but Starfleet Security's mandate extends much farther than that. In addition, Starfleet Security is responsible for providing security at all Federation government facilities, such as the Palais de la Concorde. Starfleet Security is responsible for maintaining and enforcing Starfleet regulations, procedures and policies on all Starfleet and affiliated facilities, outposts, and vessels, and is responsible for setting security clearances for all Starfleet and government personnel and facilities. Starfleet Security often works in conjunction with Starfleet Intelligence. A special division of Starfleet Security provides constant security for the Federation President. Members of the presidential protection division are present with the President at all times, and constantly guard the Château Thelian and the Presidential Office.

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Chief Medical Officers aboard a starship or Starbase are directly in charge of the sickbay or infirmary, commanding medical department personnel and activities. The CMOs' primary duties were the oversight and maintenance of the overall health and physical fitness of crew and passengers. Furthermore as standard medical procedure, the CMO had full medical authority over any patient officially admitted into their care in their facility, including superior officers, until they were formally released from care. Officers likely to be assigned as the CMO over long-duration missions of exploration had scientific training in disciplines outside of medicine, allowing them to take on major, extended research projects, or to better participate in a wider variety of encounter. In addition to the normal duties of an officer, the CMO also had the power to relieve an officer or crewman, including a superior one, of their duties if in the CMO's professional judgment, the officer in question was medically unfit. Typically, the CMO was expected to have the support of a senior command officer or detailed medical documentation to justify this course of action.

### Sciences

Chief Science Officer Barbara Boyd

The Thinnest Cut: A Device for Discovery

By ASHLEE VANCE

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As a graduate student, Kenneth J. Hayworth had a most unusual hobby: He built brain-slicing machines in his Los Angeles garage.

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Mr. Hayworth, 39, had developed an interest in connectomics — the emerging science of mapping the brain — while conducting neuroscience research at the University of Southern California. He believed that the field needed better equipment.

So he set to work building an apparatus that could cut and process mouse brains in a semiautomated fashion, sort of like a deli slicer, and prepare them for analysis under an electron microscope. Soon the contraption began to grow.

“My wife put up with it,” Mr. Hayworth said. “I spent like \$10,000 of our own money on the machine, with no hope of recouping it.”

He sought to drum up interest in his project and secure financing to develop the machines, but no universities bought into the pitch.

“I was trying to shop it around at graduate schools,” said Mr. Hayworth, a tall man who

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looks as thin as the brain slivers he produces. “But nobody wants a graduate student who has an idea of what they already want to do.”

By chance, he met Jeff Lichtman, an encounter that united a researcher who had built a brain slicer with a Harvard professor who needed one for his connectomics work. They joined forces, got their financing and set off to build a mouse connectome. Meanwhile, Mr. Hayworth earned his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

“Ken reminded me of Scotty from Star Trek,” Dr. Lichtman said. “I just kept asking for more juice — pushing him like a psychopath to slice thinner and thinner.”

The custom machines in Dr. Lichtman’s lab cost millions of dollars, but Mr. Hayworth envisions a day when brain slicers and related software will be everyday tools. “We want neuroscientists to finally be able to see the circuits they have been working on for the last 20 years,” he said.

On a personal level, he hopes that a proper map of the human brain — a connectome — will one day allow people to transfer their thoughts and personalities onto, well, computers.

“The circuitry of the brain will be mapped,” Mr. Hayworth predicted. “We will understand how this network of neurons is connected, how it stores memories, how it preserves the skills a person has and how these connections give rise to emotion.”

Mr. Hayworth goes so far as to suggest that a person’s brain map could be replicated in a computer one day. In essence, someone could download their brain structure into a machine and have his or her personality live on.

“In 100 years, if we have the technology to bring someone back, it won’t be in a biological body,” he said. “It is these scanning techniques and mind-uploading that, I think, will bring people back.”

Mr. Hayworth emphasized that his views were personal and not those of Lichtman Lab.

“This is a taboo topic in the scientific community,” he said. “But we have a cure to death right here. Why aren’t we pursuing it?”



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Special Security Division  
By Agent Tom Gorman

The Special Security Division is set in the Star Trek universe. Its purpose is to be the intelligence gathering and clearing house for the Federation. The SSD is a combination of a nation's intelligence gathering, analysis, and dissimulation group (like the CIA, MI-6, and SVR), a nation's internal security and investigation group (like the FBI, MI-5, and FSB), and finally the combined services that protect, defend, and escort dignitaries of state and foreign governments (like the Secret Service, FPA, and Queens Guard).

These three different agency types unite into one to make a complex, intricate, central security command whose business is to serve and protect along with gathering intelligence and disseminate the information to the other branches of government

The SSD is divided into 4 major departments, and several sub-departments, to insure the flow of information and preserve the clarity of efficiency. The 4 departments that make up the SSD are:

SSD Central Command – Responsible for Leadership, Diplomacy, Organizational and Government Policy, and Support Services.

SSD Gathering and Analysis Division – Responsible for Electronic Surveillance, Intelligence Gathering, Field Operations (i.e. Field Agents, Covert Operation, & Special Operations), and Dissimulation & Analysis.

SSD Security Division – Responsible for internal security, criminal investigation and prosecution, Counter-intelligence/Counter Terrorism, specialized security for Head of State and Foreign Dignitaries.

SSD Research and Development – Responsible for the research, development and creation of new & discovered technologies and weapon systems for the betterment of the SSD and the Galactic Military Force.



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## 726<sup>th</sup> Marine Strike Group



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Unit Report Form v3

Date and time submitted: Mon Nov 29 13:10:48 PDT  
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Unit: 726th MSG  
Battalion: 4  
Brigade: 7  
Reporting month: December

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Branch: Armor  
Nickname: The Perfect Storm  
Motto: Any Port in a Storm

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**\*\*CHAPTER DATA\*\***  
NCC Number: 1694  
Name: USS Storm  
CO: David Sladky

### **\*\*UNIT PERSONNEL DATA\*\***

Unit strength (active/reserve): 5 Active/2 Reserve

Unit roster:

COL Sladky, David	66407	10/25/2009
10/25/2011	A	
LGEN Neigut, Larry S	22951	03/28/1992
02/13/2011	A	
MAJ Neigut, Michelle L	45306	05/22/1995
02/13/2011	R	
MCPT Neigut, Pamela	55627	10/15/2001
02/13/2011	R	
SMAJ Sladky, Mike	66409	10/25/2009
10/25/2011	A	
PVT Kanaley, James	66817	03/13/2010
03/13/2011	A	
PVT Hernandez, Juan	67020	05/24/2010
05/24/2011	A	

Changes to roster:

Recruits:

2 new members will be added next report as they are transferring from another chapter. We await their official transfer paperwork.

Changes in leadership:

Larry Neigut reappointed 4<sup>th</sup> BN OIC.



MGEN Larry S. Neigut

## History of a Ship Named Storm

By Thomas Gorman

The Starship U.S.S. Storm follows in a line of history after other great ships named Storm. The following is a chronology of those ships, named in fiction, throughout the ages within the chronology of Star Trek.



### Шторм

Russian for “The Storm”. One of the fighting Brigantine within Peter the Great of Russia’s fleet, that battles with the Swedish Navy within the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Mounting 16 cannons (8 on each side) this ship sailed more like a Merchant vessel of the time but with only 80 crewmembers than the standard 100 like the Merchant. Peter the Great was renowned for his ship building skills and is credited with single handedly building his fleet’s flagship.

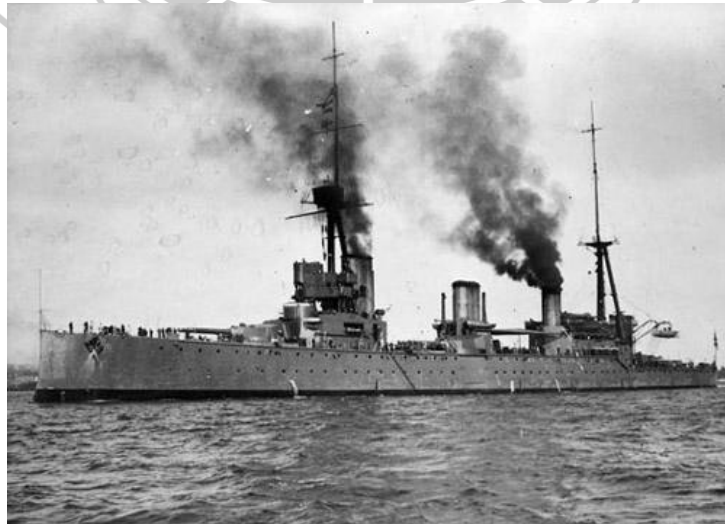
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### HMS Storm

In the mid 18<sup>th</sup> Century, the British adopted the name, Storm, for one of its third rate Man-O-War. Serving as a “Ship of the Line” for the Royal Navy, her 80 guns saw campaigns in North Africa, East Indies, Mediterranean, and the coast of North America. She lived out her days in obscurity as just another ship of the line for his Majesty the King.



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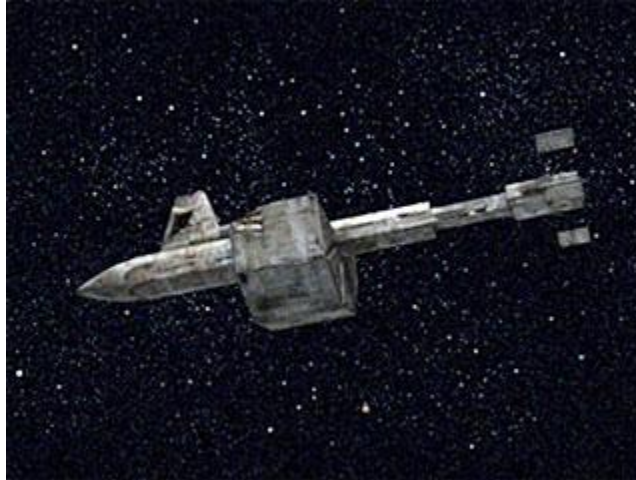
Named after its 18<sup>th</sup> Century predecessor, the Royal Cruiser HMS Storm served with the North Sea Fleet protecting the straits between Scotland and the Orkney Islands during the First World War. She saw action when a squadron of German U-Boats tried to mine the straits and was caught by the Mine-Sweeping Fleet of the United States Navy during autumn of 1917. The HMS Storm was used as the lead battery in sinking four of the U-Boats.



### **EUV Storm**

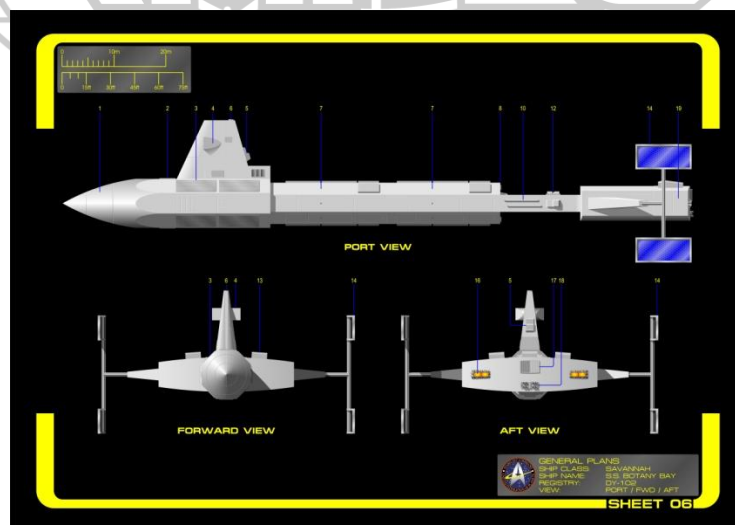
The rest of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century did not see the name Storm listed as any nation's ship. It was not until the middle of the 2020's that a ship was commissioned Storm, serving in the European Union's Naval Taskforce as a first strike vessel. Its mission was to protect vessels against attacking Pirate vessels during the Eugenic Wars.

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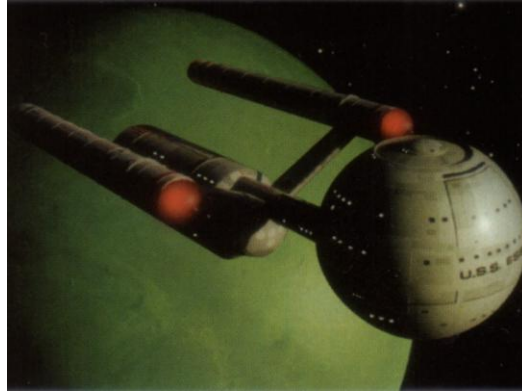
## S.S. Storm

Named in honor of the preceding ship, EUV Storm, that was destroyed in an attack by 6 Pirate vessels while protecting a group of passenger liners along the coast of East Africa. She destroyed 5 of the Pirate ships before sinking herself. The S.S. Storm served as a long-range military sleeper ship until when she was decommissioned due to the advent of WARP travel.



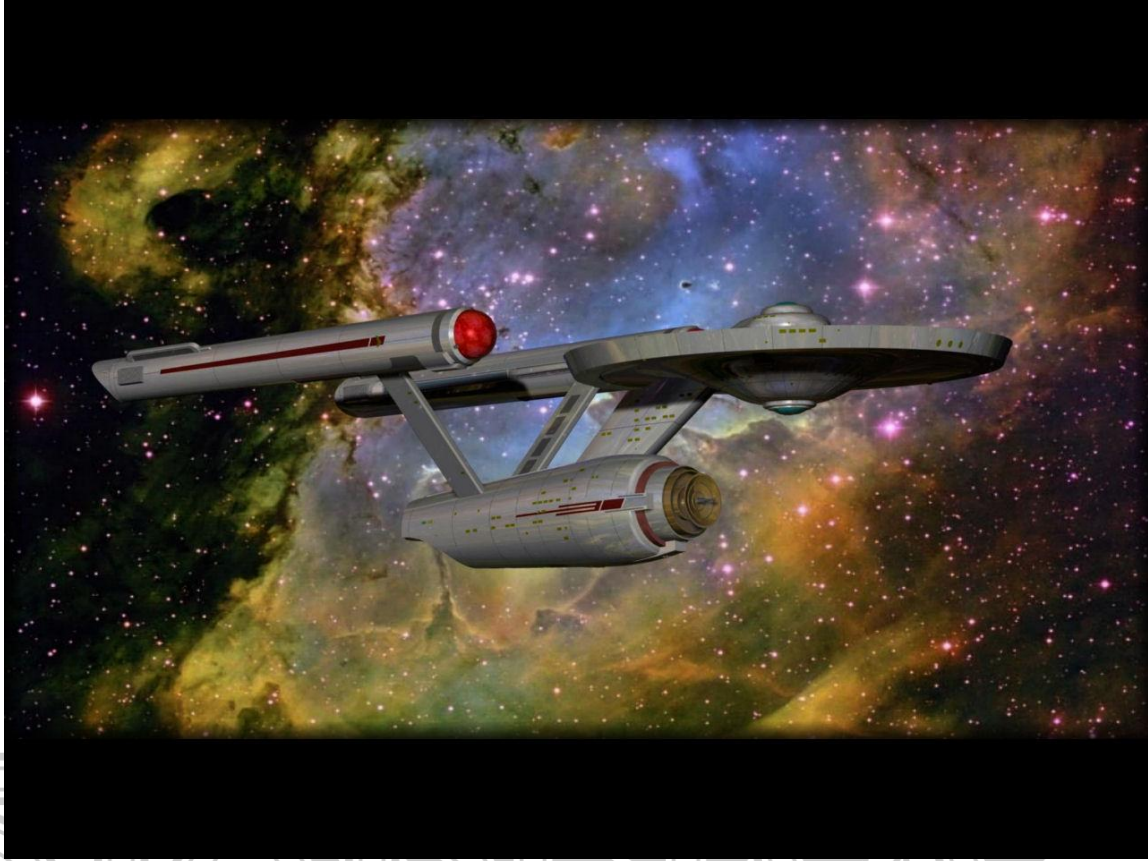
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### U.S.S. Storm

The Human / Romulan war was Humanity's first interstellar conflict after more than forty years of total peace. Thus, while the Romulans began the war with a well tested fleet of purpose designed combat vessels, the Humans were trying to hold them back with converted merchant vessels augmented by the occasional ship bought from an alien government. From the first day of the war it was obvious that a new class of warships was needed, ships that were larger, faster and more powerful than any which had preceded them. Work began at a feverish pace early in 2156, and by mid 2158 the first of the new Daedalus class was launched. Primarily a combat vessel, the class was fitted with four laser cannons of the heaviest type in service and a magazine of twenty four fusion missiles. Combined with her high speed and enhanced shield capacity, the Daedalus was considered equal to any four Romulan warships. In service they proved exemplary, rapidly acquiring a fearsome reputation on the front lines. By 2159 the rapidly growing Daedalus fleet had turned the tide in the war, and by the end of that year they were routinely striking deep into Romulan home territory. The Romulans, faced with a war now fought almost wholly on their own territory, sued for peace in 2160. The first of the Daedalus class vessels reached the end of its hull life in 2188. Initially it was planned to conduct a major overhaul on the hulls of the ships to extend their lives a further twenty years, but with a lessening in tensions during this period it was decided that Starfleet needed fewer heavily armed ships in service. The number of Daedalus class ships was allowed to gradually fall as ships reached the end of their hull life and retired. Initially it was planned to retire the cruiser-type altogether in favour of large numbers of smaller, more maneuverable vessels. But in the end it was decided to put most of the Daedalus fleet into mothballs against possible future need. The last one hundred ships were placed in storage in 2196, with the USS Storm being that last ship.



### U.S.S. Storm

Perhaps the most famous class of vessel in Starfleet history, the Constitution class was a legend in its own time. When launched, the U.S.S. Constitution set a new standard of excellence in almost every applicable field - she was simultaneously the fastest ship, most advanced exploration platform and most powerful combat vessel in known space. The four hundred and thirty crewmembers of the U.S.S. Storm enjoyed a standard of crew accommodation unknown on other vessels of the period, while the diplomatic facilities rivaled those of all but the most elaborate Starbases.

Quickly following the Constellation in 2245 was the rest of the Constitution class starships. During her years of service life the Storm explored countless new worlds, making first contact with many species and helped in expanding the Federations knowledge of the territories surrounding it hugely. Like her sister starships the U.S.S. Storm also served as a mighty deterrent to both the Klingons and Romulans, several times taking part in combat actions which helped determined the fate of the entire Federation if not the Alpha Quadrant itself.



### **U.S.S. Storm Refit**

After a successful refit, the new and improved Storm serves STARFLEET proudly. Doing patrolling and exploration missions to ensure that the federation is always protected from the dangers of the ever expanding universe!

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