

“WITH MALACE TOWARDS NONE, CHARITY FOR ALL”

### LINCOLN GOING STRONG



#### CO'S REPORT

BY REAR ADMIRAL

KEITH S. SHIKOWITZ



We recently celebrated the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Abraham Lincoln. With that in mind, I want to take the time to review those years. I am very proud to be Commanding Officer of this ship. I know all Commanding Officers say this or things like this about their crews, but I have the best crew in the fleet (in my opinion of course).

We have been through a lot together as a crew. We've had major injuries, deaths of loved ones and many in fleet (too many) and even a worldwide pandemic, to all the good times. We have hosted events, some of which bombed and others which have been raging successes.

2018 was a banner year for the Lincoln. along with the USS Justice, hosted the Region 7 Regional Conference. It was a lot of hard work, but we succeeded beyond any expectations. We had 59 people in attendance, which was a 20 - year record. The entire weekend went off with no problems. Even the banquet, which people advised us not to do, was a great success. 33 people registered for it.

While planning the Regional Conference, we also planned and executed a DS9 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund raiser event with the Montebello Jewish Center, three months before the conference. We had JG Hertzler as our Keynote Speaker and had a catered dinner for him the night before, as well as Michael Jan Friedman, and Mary Louise Davies as author guests. This was also a very successful event.

Over the years, Mother Nature has not taken a liking to us though. When we have outdoor events, she decides which type of extreme weather she wants to throw at us. It can be a pleasant weather week before our event but on the day of our event, it is either 98 degrees or raining cats and dogs on us. But through it all we have persevered and prospered.

Every so often, vehicles need to be replaced. Starships are no different. The Galaxy Class Type 2 Abraham Lincoln served us well for 12 years. After discussion with the crew, we decided to upgrade to a Prometheus Class Starship. The approval came in on August 4, 2021, and the Abraham Lincoln NCC 71809 was retired and the Abraham Lincoln NCC 71809 – A was commissioned.

We are also working on putting together a proposal to host the 2025 International Conference.



**PROMETHEUS CLASS  
STARSHIP  
USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
NCC 71809 – A**

# SPACE SHUTTLE TURNS 50

Those of us who grew up in the space race know how important this was to the world and to our country. Winning the race to the moon was the highlight of the 1960's. The next step was to create a reusable space craft to cut expenses of having to build new rockets every time a mission was to launch.

On [January 5, 1972](#), President Richard Nixon signed a bill authorizing \$5.5 billion to create America's first-ever space shuttle, *Enterprise*. Unlike the spacecraft before it, these shuttles would be used again and again, up to 100 times. This revolutionized transportation into near space!

Over the years, shuttle missions aided Spacelab, helped construct the International Space Station, serviced the [Hubble Telescope](#), carried satellites to Earth's orbit, and more.

Like many of America's groundbreaking achievements, space shuttles have been commemorated on US stamps. A special cover was even created that flew to space aboard Space Shuttle *Challenger*! How many people can say they own something that's flown to space?

The space shuttle program has enhanced our knowledge of our solar system and universe. We thank all of the brave men and women who ventured out into space for the good of humanity.



*The Space Shuttle Program was commemorated  
on the 1980s Celebrate the Century sheet*

## LINCOLN'S XO'S FAMILY CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE & STAR TREK

By **Commander Barbara Viohl**

My father worked for Bendix Corporation in Teterboro, NJ as an inspector of components. He married my mother in 1960. I don't recall the exact year as I was very young, but when NASA was transitioning from rockets to space shuttles, dad was laid off from his job.

Some years later he was offered another job probably as an inspector for the shuttle components. He refused, having switched careers and fearing another lay-off. While employed by Bendix, his official job title was "Inspector of the Saturn V platform"

He would often tell us that there were components that, as inspector, would not pass his standards. Often his supervisor would override his rejections and pass them. For this reason, my father refused to fly in an airplane, saying "if this is what happens concerning sending the astronauts into space, I wonder how many inspectors for airplane components get told by THEIR supervisors that they have to go against their judgement and let components pass that they would otherwise have failed" As a result, I myself never flew in a plane until 1981 when, while away at college, I received a phone call from a family friend that my father's death from liver/colon cancer was imminent and that I should return home ASAP.

My dad, Ben, was very proud of his role in the space program. I get my love for Star Trek and sci fi from him. He would excitedly point to the TV when Star Trek was on, and exclaim how his contributions and those of his colleagues would some day make everything on Star Trek a reality.

## WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

It is amazing how ditzy people in the everyday world can be. Just when you think you've heard it all, you get surprised. You find out that the simplest things, or at least what should be the simplest or most obvious things aren't to some people.

Contributed by: Glen T. Sarcona

Anyone who is familiar with the multiple storylines in the Star Trek Universe are well aware that there are two words that will strike terror in the hearts of every Starfleet Academy Cadet: Kobayashi Maru

As a fan since the 1960's when TOS was first aired on TV, I have always enjoyed the movies and television shows.

One evening, I saw an online advertisement for customized T-Shirts. One of them was for (insert dramatic trumpet fanfare) the above mentioned and ill fated ship. I got it and was pleased at how it looked. Now I do need to also mention that my son was in the US NAVY and had a similar looking shirt with the name for the USS Monterey, upon which he was stationed. So I can sort of understand what happened next.

My girlfriend and I were at the supermarket buying groceries. When we got to the checkout, a clerk was scanning items for purchase. The clerk (approximate age was maybe late teens) looked up, read the shirt, and said; "Thank you for your service, sir!" I smiled, nodded and answered; "You are welcome."

We managed to get out the door and to my car before bursting into laughter.

## No McDonalds in the Future

By: Rear Admiral Keith S. Shikowitz

I am an avid Star Trek fan. Anyone who knows me has no doubt about it. One day I was wearing a tee shirt with the Next Generation original communicator badge decaled on the shirt with the words Property of Starfleet Academy under it in big bold black letters. A friend and I went into the McDonalds in West Haverstraw and were talking about work while we were waiting our turn to order. We got to the counter and the young lady at the register looks at my shirt and had apparently heard some or all of our conversation and asked, "Is that where you teach?" I laughed, looked at her and replied, "Yes. McDonalds doesn't exist in the 24<sup>th</sup> Century so they beamed me back in time for a Big Mac." She stared at me with a blank look & took our order.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

JANUARY

15 MONTHLY MEETING

HOLIDAY PARTY

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR PROMETHEUS CLASS USS  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

FEBRUARY

19 MONTHLY MEETING

25—27 AWAY MISSION TO FARPOINT CONVENTION IN MARYLAND

MARCH

19 MONTHLY MEETING

## WELCOME

The following crew members have recently joined the USS Abraham Lincoln

Crewman Ashley Brimm—Grier

Crewman Steven Collazo

Crewman Christopher Grier

Cadet Gemma Padilla

Crewman Jose Padilla

Crewman John Rebagliati

Crewman Theresa Rebagliati

## PROMOTIONS

COMMODORE KEITH SHIKOWITZ TO  
REAR ADMIRAL

## BIRTHDAYS

The following crew members have birthdays between January 1 and March 31

**February**

Crewman Sayurí Olah 2/12

Crewman Theresa Rebagliati 2/17

Ltjg John Espana 2/27

**March**

Crewman Steve Collazo 3/2

Commander Andrew Stermann 3/31

# PUZZLE PLACE

## WORD SEARCH - Classes of starships

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PROMETHEUS  
CONSTELLATION  
OBERTH  
CROSSFIELD

INTREPID  
DEFIANT  
ANTARES  
SOYUZ  
FREEDOM

NOVA  
LUNA  
MIRANDA  
EISENBERG

AMBASSADOR  
EXCELSIOR  
DAEDALUS  
AKIRA

GALAXY  
NEBULA  
FEDERATION  
SOVEREIGN

# LINCOLN LEVITY

Q: What do you get when you cross the second officer of the Enterprise D with a small moving body of water?

A: A Data Stream

O'Brien: I forgot what boomerangs do.

Bashir: Really?

O'Brien: Then it came back to me

Picard to Riker: Last night I dreamt I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda.

Turns out it was just a Fanta sea

Q: What's Data's favorite song?

A: Mr. Roboto

