



A Science Fiction Club

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COMET C/2018 Y1

Fast Comet C/2018 Y1 (Iwamoto)

Japanese astronomer Masayuki Iwamoto's comet is here! It is moving at 148 thousand mph. The best two nights to see it with binoculars or a telescope will be February 12 and 13. The orbit is so elliptical that the comet will take 1,371 years to return in 3390. It's closest approach to the Earth will be at 28 million miles.

Other 2019 Comets:

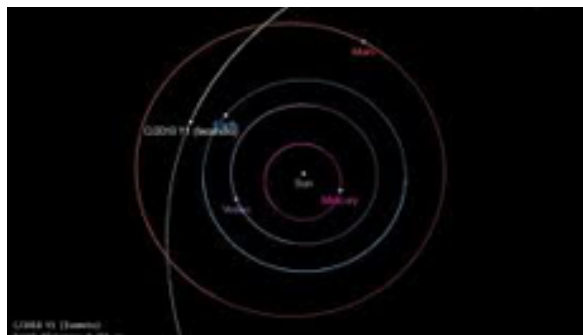
46P/Wirtanen from Jan 16th

29P/Schwassmann-Wachmann thru mid Feb

Africano C/2018 W2 All year peaking on Feb 10

PanSTARRS C/2017 T2 aiming for 2020

Christmas



INNER SOLAR SYSTEM



ROTATION INTO OUTER SOLAR SYSTEM



Star Wars News

by: Chewbacca of Kashyyyk - January 2019

1. SW Rebels Art Book coming: <https://comicbook.com/starwars/2019/02/12/star-wars-rebels-the-art-of-book-release-details/>
2. Emperor Palpatine, Ian McDiarmid will now be at Celebration Chicago: <https://www.starwarscelebration.com>
3. Principal Photography is wrapping for SW9: <https://www.cbr.com/r2-d2-wraps-star-wars-episode-ix/>
4. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/02/the-resistance-broadcast-poe-dameron-captain-of-the-millennium-falcon.html>
5. HBO leaks that Benioff & Weiss movie is actually a trilogy: <https://screenrant.com/star-wars-benioff-weiss-trilogy-details/>
6. Naomi Ackie is leaking like a sieve: <https://www.express.co.uk/entertainment/films/1085470/Star-Wars-9-title-announcement-update-filming-Naomi-Ackie>
7. Concept art has leaked for the next movie:



NAOMI ACKIE

<https://www.gamesradar.com/star-wars-9-concept-art-leak-characters/>

8. Updated SW9 leak list: <https://www.looper.com/126080/star-wars-episode-9-rumors-spoilers/>
9. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/02/the-resistance-broadcast-discussing-fan-expectations-with-star-wars-explained.html>
10. Thor Ragnarok director Taika Waititi will direct SW live action TV episode in SW: The Mandalorian: <https://heroichollywood.com/star-wars-taika-waititi-mandalorian-boba-fett/>
11. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/02/the-resistance-broadcast-see-ya-threepio.html>

www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/02/the-resistance-broadcast-see-ya-threepio.html

12. SW Galaxy's Edge gets its own novels and comics: <https://www.cbr.com/star-wars-galaxys-edge-comics-novels/>

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PUPPETEER BRIAN HERRING AND BB8

Trek Talk

1. Anthony Rapp and Wilson Cruz hints of the return of Dr. Culber and Spore Drive: <http://www.startrek.com/news/rapp-cruz-talk-discovery-season-2>.
2. William Shatner is live on stage and touring with a showing of "The Wrath of Khan." The closest cities are Indianapolis and Chicago: <http://williamshatnertour.com>
3. Whoopi Goldberg wants onto the Picard Trek Series: <https://trekmovie.com/2019/02/07/whoopi-goldberg-interested-in-returning-to-star-trek-for-picard-series/>
4. Season 2 Episode 3: <https://trekmovie.com/2019/02/06/the-shuttle-pod-crew-dodge-battleths-to-discuss-point-of-light/>
5. Don't Forget that Kelvin Movie 4 is cancelled: <https://screenrant.com/star-trek-4-canceled-reason-why/2/>
6. UpComingTREK shows to join Discovery:
 1. Section 31 with Michelle Yeoh (one season has been ordered): <https://trekmovie.com/2019/02/06/writing-for-star-trek-section-31-series-has-already-started/>
 2. Picard show to last 3 seasons (show will highlight Picard's life in the reboot universe) : <https://trekmovie.com/2019/02/04/patrick-stewart-says-star-trek-picard-series-is-set-up-to-run-three-seasons/> and <https://trekmovie.com/2019/01/30/patrick-stewart-says-star-trek-picard-series-will-be-like-10-hour-movie/>
 3. Lower Decks Animated: (two seasons ordered) : <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cbs-all-access-orders-2-seasons-of-star-trek-lower-decks/>
7. Quinton Tarantino TREK movie is now a priority: <https://www.denofgeek.com/us/movies/star-trek/269457/quentin-tarantino-star-trek-movie-priority-at-paramount>
8. Discovery Photos released: <https://comicbook.com/startrek/2019/02/05/star-trek-discovery-season-2-episode-4-photos/#5>
9. Super Bowl Discovery Spock teaser: <https://newsbeezer.com/canada/super-bowl-spock-teaser-by-discovery-trekmovie-com/x>



YOUNG CAPTAIN PICARD IDW 20/20

10. Trek Carpool Karaoke: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIXSM6xBIFUx>
11. Big Bang Theory get William Shatner: <https://comicbook.com/tv-shows/2019/02/07/the-big-bang-theory-final-season-kaley-cuoco-william-shatner-photo/>
12. Discovery photos including Spock: <https://trekmovie.com/2019/01/29/check-out-6-new-photos-from-point-of-light-star-trek-discovery-season-2-episode-3/>
13. James McAvoy wants in on the Picard series as young Picard: <https://comicbook.com/startrek/2019/01/28/star-trek-picard-series-james-mcavory-young-pitch/>

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Captain's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

14 February 2019



Begin Log

The outage is over but the overtime is not. I remember when there was no overtime. I am still trying to catch up with regular life but I will also try to catch up with life On the Horizon. When I am super busy, Rhonda picks up the difference

The calendar was my first priority as we have been without one since September. I have updated it until this coming August. The calendar is actually in two parts. Part one is the regular calendar. Part two is the movie group movies and activities. We have had no interest expressed in movies in mid-Missouri but if at some point we wish to meet there for movies I will set it up. There is a movie almost three out of four weekends on Sunday.

I put a call out for a gaming and fun day. I will give it a little more time but then I will set up a date with those that have contacted me. Remember that it is easy. Just send me a text with your name and what you are interested in.

There are three SciFi conventions coming up in St Louis. Be sure to check out all of the close conventions in the calendar attached.

I will soon begin to update the website as well as continue catching up on the end of year reporting. I was remiss in filing the December 2018 chapter report. I am listed as late, but not a full miss.

If you have submissions for the newsletter please forward them to me. I have been very busy and have not solicited again until this point. I can enter the news items that I have directly into this style of newsletter which saves a lot of formatting time.

I am short cutting a lot of things that we used to report in order to save space for those who need to print out the newsletter. All of the podcast will be listed each month and I will not list each entry separately. I am only listing the podcasts that I am following as many of them are not really worth your time unless that specific subject matter is high on your list.

I will entertain updates to the calendar but we need to stay in the plus one month range so that I have time to get it all done and posted.

Thanks to all of you for your patience during my sabbatical (smiles).

End Log

Photos



Jeff at Black Bear



The Three Edwards



Wiley Bowling



Engineer's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

16 February 2019

NASA to TEAM with Private Firms to go to MOON!

NASA wants to develop future lunar technology with private companies in tow. This will include a lunar landing by 2028. They put the call out on February 7th with responses due by the end of the month. They have published a methodology for this madness as well. I say madness but the future of leading edge jobs will be in space. Just ask James Tiberius Kirk.

The last lunar landing was in 1972. Technology has come a long way since then. So has the rest of the world.

2019 is the year of the moon. China soft landed Chang-4 in January. India will launch Chandrayaan 2 with an orbiter and rover. Israel's SpacEL will launch in February for the moon. Germany's ALINA will place 2 quattro rovers on the surface. Moon Express (Google Lunar X entrant) will send 2 missions MX-1E lander and Lunar Outpost MX-3 lander. Team Indus with Synergy Moon and Hakuto are trying to get their lunar launch off this year as well.

The plan by NASA will be to use reusable systems in partnerships with private industry. In the plan are gateways that will have refueling capabilities from cargo ships for the reusable landers.

In November NASA announced that 9 Companies will compete for contracts that may total 2.6 billion in payload deliveries over 10 years once the contracts are out. Flights may begin as soon as next year but probably 2021 and go for 10 years with 2 per year. These same companies would be able to carry commercial cargo. In the end, NASA is hoping to duplicate the success of Space X.

The end of the Lunar landing request response period is March 25th.

TREKYARDS: <https://www.youtube.com/user/knightstalker666Upcoming>

Major Launches & Showers (No Satellite Launches listed. There are 1 to 4 of these most weeks.)

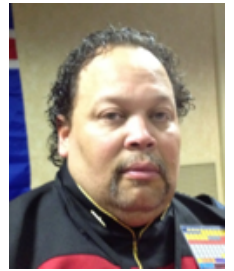
MAR 2: SPACE X FALCON 9 Uncrewed TO ISS
 MAR 11: Conjunction of moon and Mars in eve sky
 MAR 14: Soyuz Crewed to ISS
 MAR 25: India Chandrayaan 3 to Moon
 MAR 26: Conjunction of moon and Jupiter

MAR 29: Moon in conjunction of Saturn again
 APR 4: Soyuz with 72nd Cargo Del to ISS
 APR 9: Conjunction of moon and Mars
 APR ??: Atlas 5 launch Boeing CST-100 Starliner to ISS
 APR 17: Grumman Antares 12th Cygnus cargo to ISS
 APR 21-22: Lyrid Meteor Shower peaks
 APR 25: Moon conjuncts Saturn.
 APR 25: Space X Falcon 9 19th Dragon to ISS
 May 4: May the Force be With You!
 May 6-7: Eta Aquarid Meteor shower
 May 22: Moon Occults Saturn

Engineer's Black Market Store

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

16 February 2019



SW Lego: 20th Anniversary Vehicle Sets: <https://nerdist.com/article/lego-star-wars-20th-anniversary-vehicle-sets/>



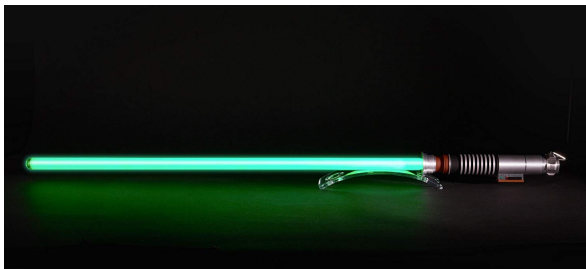
R2D2 HOODIE: [HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/STAR-WARS-COSTUME-HOODIE-SWEATSHIRT/DP/B009E320F2](https://www.amazon.com/star-wars-costume-hoodie-sweatshirt/dp/B009E320F2)



KLINGON MESSAGE BAG: [HTTPS://GO.SKIMRESOURCES.COM/?ID=101676X1557813&XS=1&ISJS=1&URL=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FWWW.FUN.COM%2FSTAR-TREK-KLINGON-MESSENGER-BAG.HTML%3FMPID%3D186167&XGUID=&XUID=9189CC8C0666C9AFB64A63F81BCD4CC0&XSESSID=&XCRCO=0&XED=0&SREF=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FCULTURESS.COM%2F2018%2F12%2F07%2F12-STUNNING-GIFT-IDEAS-FANS-OF-ANY-STAR-TREK-SERIES-WILL-LOVE%2F&PREF=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FWWW.GOOGLE.COM%2F&XTZ=360&JV=13.13.4-STACKPATH&BV=2.5.1](https://go.skimresources.com/?ID=101676X1557813&XS=1&ISJS=1&URL=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FWWW.FUN.COM%2FSTAR-TREK-KLINGON-MESSENGER-BAG.HTML%3FMPID%3D186167&XGUID=&XUID=9189CC8C0666C9AFB64A63F81BCD4CC0&XSESSID=&XCRCO=0&XED=0&SREF=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FCULTURESS.COM%2F2018%2F12%2F07%2F12-STUNNING-GIFT-IDEAS-FANS-OF-ANY-STAR-TREK-SERIES-WILL-LOVE%2F&PREF=HTTPS%3A%2F%2FWWW.GOOGLE.COM%2F&XTZ=360&JV=13.13.4-STACKPATH&BV=2.5.1)



X-WING COFFEE TABLE: [HTTP://WWW.GADGETREVIEW.COM/GIFTS/STAR-WARS-GIFTS/PAGE/5](http://www.gadgetreview.com/gifts/star-wars-gifts/page/5)



LUKE SKYWALKER BLACK SERIES FORCE FX LIGHTSABER: [HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/STAR-WARS-BLACK-SKYWALKER-LIGHTSABER/DP/B017KIQOSQ](https://www.amazon.com/star-wars-black-skywalker-lightsaber/dp/B017KIQOSQ)



R2D2 IPHONE SAFE: [HTTP://WWW.GADGETREVIEW.COM/R2D2-STAR-WARS-IPHONE-SAFE](http://www.gadgetreview.com/r2d2-star-wars-iphone-safe)



Star Wars News

Star Wars Podcasts viewed by your CO

REBEL FORCE RADIO: <https://player.fm/series/rebel-force-radio-star-wars-podcast> (NEWS & INTERVIEWS)

FULL OF SITH: <https://player.fm/series/full-of-sith-star-wars-news-discussions-and-interviews-30977> (PHILOSOPHY & NEWS)

STEELE WARS: <https://player.fm/series/steele-wars-star-wars-podcast-2151292> (Star Wars & Comedy)

STAR WARS REPORT: <https://player.fm/series/star-wars-report-podcast> (Projects & News)

FORCECAST NETWORK: <https://player.fm/series/forcecast-network-star-wars-news-and-commentary-all-shows> (News & Commentary)

UNDERWORLD: <https://player.fm/series/the-star-wars-underworld-podcast> (News & Rumors)

JEDI JOURNALS: <https://player.fm/series/jedi-journals-star-wars-literature-podcast> (Literature)

COLLIDER JEDI COUNCIL: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLayt6616IBcnqEWU6U0D8l95SUiqVU3DR> (Weekly News)

STAR WARS SHOW: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL148kCvXk8pBjG-JOHIU6rWzLyA2O2an> (News & Guests)

RESISTANCE RADIO: <http://resistanceradio.net> (News & Underworld)

REBELS: <http://rebelcels.com> (Rebels News)



Trek Talk

PODS & BLOGS (That your CO listens to)

(Instead of posting each entry I have decided it is better to post the location of blogs and news services that I peruse. You be your own judge of the content.)

HYPERCHANNEL: <http://www.trek.fm/hyperchannel-home/> (NEWS and STUFF)

SHUTTLEPOD: <https://trekmovie.com/category/shuttle-pod/> (TREK NEWS)

WEEK IN TREK: <https://player.fm/series/this-week-in-trek-a-star-trek-podcast> (Weekly News & Discovery)

602 CLUB: <http://www.trek.fm/the-602-club-home> (Non Trek Sci Fi by Trekkers)

LITERARY TREKS: <http://www.trek.fm/literary-treks-home> (Literature Critique')

PRIMITIVE CULTURE: <http://www.trek.fm/primitive-culture-home> (Compare Trek to the World)

META TREKS: <http://www.trek.fm/meta-treks-home> (Philosophy of Trek Things)

STANDARD ORBIT: <http://www.trek.fm/standard-orbit-home> (TOS & REBOOT Themed Discussions)

EARL GREY: <http://www.trek.fm/earl-grey-home> (Next Gen Themed Discussions)

THE ORB: <http://www.trek.fm/the-orb-home> (DS9 Themed Discussions)

TO THE JOURNEY: <http://www.trek.fm/to-the-journey-home> (Voyager Themed Discussions)

WARP FIVE: <http://www.trek.fm/warp-five-home> (ENTERPRISE Themed Discussions)

THE EDGE: <http://www.trek.fm/the-edge-home/> (DISCOVERY Themed Discussions)

PRIORITY ONE: <http://priorityonepodcast.com/category/productions/p1podcast/> (DISCOVERY and other discussions.)

CONTINUING MISSION: <http://www.trek.fm/continuing-mission-home> (INDEPENDENT media themed discussions)

STAR WAR: <http://www.trek.fm/starwars> (TREK fans on STAR WARS discussions)

ROUNDTABLE: <http://www.trek.fm/patrons-roundtable> (GENERAL TREK discussions)

IMPROVISED TREK: <https://player.fm/series/improvised-star-trek> (Comedy Trek Episodes)

Trek Talk

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1. Ethan Peck about Spock's beard: <https://comicbook.com/startrek/2019/02/10/star-trek-discovery-spock-beard-ethan-peck/>
2. Set changes on Discovery: <https://trekmovie.com/2019/01/27/star-trek-discovery-analysis-a-closer-look-at-new-and-redesigned-uss-discovery-sets-for-season-2/>
3. New Discovery Live show: Ready Room: <https://www.cbs.com/shows/star-trek-discovery/news/1009033/watch-the-new-official-star-trek-discovery-facebook-live-show-the-ready-room-every-friday/>
4. ST Discovery Trailer: <https://trekmovie.com/2019/01/22/watch-trailer-for-star-trek-discovery-season-2-episode-2-new-eden/>
5. ST Discovery Promo with Frakes: <https://comicbook.com/startrek/2019/01/23/star-trek-discovery-jonathan-frakes-new-eden/>
6. CBS All Access Record Weekend: <https://www.cbspressexpress.com/cbs-all-access/releases/view?id=51823>
7. Discovery will air on Thursdays: <https://trekmovie.com/2019/01/17/comprehensive-guide-on-how-to-watch-star-trek-discovery-season-2/>
8. ST Discovery begins on January 17th.
9. ST Discovery on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StarTrekDiscovery/>
10. Best VPN for Netflix overseas to watch Discovery: <https://www.gamesradar.com/best-vpn-for-netflix/>





Mid America Convention List – February 2018 Update

February 2019

- 15-17 National Harbor, MD Katsucon
<https://www.katsucon.org>
- 16-17 Springfield, IL ComicCon
<http://www.epguides.com/comics/schedule.shtml>
- 22-24 Cedar Rapids, IA Gamicon 2019
<http://fancons.com/events/info/12254/gamicon-2019>

March 2019

- 1-3 Louisville, KY Archade Expo
<https://pininside.com/pinball/forum/topic/louisville-arcade-expo-2019-march-1st-3rd-2019>
- 1-3 Bloomington, MN MarsCon
<https://marscon.org/2019/>
- 2 Peoria, IL PeoriaCon 2019
<http://fancons.com/events/info/12304/peoriacon-2019>
- 15-17 Overland Park, KS Naka-Kon
<https://naka-kon.com>
- 15-17 Frederick, MD BFGcon 2019
<http://fancons.com/events/info/12083/bfgcon-2019>
- 16-17 Little Rock, AR Not Just Another Comic Con
<http://fancons.com/events/info/12111/not-just-another-comic-con-2019>
- 22-24 Chicago, IL C2E2 Comic & Entertainment
<http://www.c2e2.com>
- 23-24 Hagerstown, MD Four State Comic-Con
<https://www.fourstatecon.com>
- 29-31 Baltimore, MD (Re)Generation Who
<https://regenerationwho.com>
- 29-31 Kansas City, MO Planet Comicon
<http://planetcomicon.com>
- 29-31 Anaheim, CA WonderCon
<https://www.comic-con.org/wca>
- 30-31 Rock Island, IL Quad Cities Comic Con
<https://mightyconshows.com/show/quad-cities>
- 31 Laurel, MD Clandestine Comics
http://clandestinecomics.com/?page_id=2

April 2019

- 5-7 St Louis, MO Wizard World
<https://wizardworld.com/comiccon/st-louis>
- 5-7 Little Rock, AR Anime Arkansas
<http://www.animeconarkansas.com>
- 11-15 Chicago, IL Star Wars Celebration
<https://www.starwarscelebration.com>
- 19-21 Chicago, IL Heroes & Villains Fan Fest
<http://heroesfanfest.com/chicago/>



26-28 Washington DC
<http://awesome-con.com>

Awesome Con

26-28 Las Vegas, NV
<https://lvlupexpo.com>

Lvl Up Expo

May 2019

3-5 St Charles, MO
<http://animestl.net>

Anime St Louis

10-12 Springfield, MO
<https://visioncon.net>

Visioncon

10-12 Davenport, IA
<http://qcgamefest.com>

QC Gamefest

16-19 St Charles, MO
<https://geekwaytothewest.com>

Geekway to the West

June 2019

1 Howard Co Fairgrounds, MD
<https://galactic-con.com>

Galactic Con Maryland

1-2 Rosemont, IL
<https://www.comicconrevolution.com/chicago/>

Comic Con Revolution Chicago

2 Altoona, IA
<https://quadcitycon.com>

Quad Con

7-9 Indy Pop Con
<https://indypopcon.com>

Indianapolis, IN

21-23 Rosemont, IL
<https://www.creationent.com/cal/gateway25.htm>

Gateway

22-23 St Louis, MO
<https://stlouiscomiccon.com>

Comic Con

July 2019

18-20 San Diego, CA
<https://www.comic-con.org/ccli>

Intl Comic Con

26-28 Washington DC
<https://www.otakon.com>

Otakon

31-4 Las Vegas, NV
<https://www.creationent.com/calendar.htm#stlv>

Star Trek Las Vegas

August 2019

1-4 Indianapolis, IN
<http://www.gencon.com>

Gen Con

30-1 Indianapolis, IN
<https://indianacomicon.com>

Indiana Comic-Con



Star Wars News

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13. SW Celebration guest list: <https://www.starwarscelebration.com/Guests/>
14. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/01/the-resistance-broadcast-george-lucas-hates-mara-jade-and-other-fun-star-wars-anecdotes-with-j-w-rinzler.html>
15. There will not be a Super Bowl Episode 9 trailer.
16. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/01/the-resistance-broadcast-star-wars-episode-ix-still-filming-in-london.html>
17. SW9 shows a new snowy planet with a possible battle: <https://dorksideoftheforce.com/2019/01/30/star-wars-episode-ix-set-leak/>
18. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/01/the-resistance-broadcast-imagining-j-j-abrams-as-the-kevin-feige-of-star-wars.html>
19. Chewbacca will be at SW Celebration Chicago: <https://www.superherohype.com/news/434877-peter-mayhew-headed-to-star-wars-celebration-chicago>
20. Solo gets Oscar nom: <https://comicbook.com/starwars/2019/01/23/star-wars-solo-movie-academy-award-nomination/>
21. Resistance Broadcast: <https://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2019/01/the-resistance-broadcast-star-wars-episode-ix-title-reveal-speculation.html>
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SFI News



Feb 15: Region 12 has 18 chapters and 486 members. The USS Horizon has 90 members.

Feb 15: Opening for Assistant Director, Scholarship Program.

Feb 14: SFA is being merged into the SFI database and there are rolling outages.

Feb 11: New Chapter ISS Lonewolf, Region 11, New Zealand, Marie Smith Commanding

Feb 11: Wallace Cady is appointed director STARFLEET Member Services.

Feb 1: The College of Survival Studies is closed for Reorganization.

Jan 23: Annual award nominations are open until Jan 31.

Jan 22: Brian Allen has resigned from FORCECOM.

Jan 22: Membership Processing is having delays as there is no active welcoming officer.

Jan 22: Openings in Starfleet and application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_DQRuoNwYqbiHzO_h-48A33yFnIhCsZXDVKbFiemRuHGxQ/viewform

Jan 15: CQ 197 is out: <http://sfi.org/>