

BRAVO FLEET



STATE OF THE FLEET

2017 Q2

FOREWORD

This document provides a quarterly report on the state of the fleet for the period of April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

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OVERVIEW

The second quarter of 2017 saw continued growth and additional changes for Bravo Fleet.

Following the governance changes implemented in the first quarter, Bravo Fleet settled into its new structure while fine-tuning governance and the Bravo Fleet Management System (BFMS). In addition, the new Discord channel proved widely popular among the community.

The amount of sims available to our community increased by 13%. Additionally, Fleet chat usage increased to 154 participants (43% increase), and over 430 characters have now been added to BFMS (23% increase).

Several negative trends have continued, primarily the community's dissatisfaction with the forums, Hall of Honours, and Academy. To quantify these concerns, Bravo Fleet sent out a survey to the Fleet membership to determine which areas to invest in most heavily moving forward. 48 members of the Fleet responded to the survey, and its results have guided and will continue to guide the Bravo Fleet Admiralty's decision making.

On the whole, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty is pleased with the progress made this quarter, and a forward outlook section at the end of this document details plans for the upcoming quarter to address several areas of continued concern.

TASK FORCES

Statistics

Task Force	Simms end of 2017 Q1	Simms EO 2017 Q2
Task Force 9 <i>Guardians at the Gate</i>	9	10
Task Force 38 <i>Delta Exploration Initiative</i>	9	9
Task Force 72 <i>Sector Exploration and Necessary Tactical Interdiction Near Enemy Lines</i>	9	10
Task Force 93 <i>Starfleet's Exploratory and Advanced Research Command Headquarters</i>	11	13
Task Force 99 <i>Beyond the Bounds of Space and Time</i>	15	18
Fleet-wide	53	59

Story Updates

Task Force 9

The Consortium has been defeated and peaceful relations have been established with neighboring powers. For the first time in a generation, the Gamma Quadrant is safe for Federation citizens, merchants, etc. As new colonies are founded, trade flourishes and research expands, Task Force 9 has returned to its primary duty of protecting those interests against any threat that remains. An era of exploration is upon us.

Task Force 38

Since the destruction of the transwarp gate at the Battle of the Round Table, Task Force 38 has been isolated in the Delta Quadrant, forced to operate autonomously without communication or support from home. As it works to forge new alliances to safeguard the Federation's interests in the quadrant, it has also begun several research projects seeking to reconnect the Delta Exploration Initiative with home.

Task Force 72

The Alpha Quadrant was once enjoying a moment of calm and peace, but that is now at risk with tensions rising between former allies. The Cardassians and the Breen have started fighting over territories ceded to the Breen during the Dominion War, Cardassia seeking to take back what it lost and reaffirm itself as a major power, and the Romulans have taken an interest in claiming the Gavarian Corridor that divides themselves from the Cardassians.

Task Force 93

The Beta Quadrant continues to witness turmoil as the newly formed Sovereignty of Kahless takes control over the northern portions of Klingon Space and sparks a civil war within the Empire. Meanwhile, the Free Romulan Movement continues its terrorism along the borders of the Romulan Empire. In order to properly focus its resources, Task Force 93 is forced to transfer all operations of the Gavarian Corridor to Task Force 72.

Task Force 99 Ares Division

Klingon loyalists launch a major offensive to end the Klingon Civil War. They won several key victories against opposition forces, recovering lost territory and military assets. This effectively ended the war. Several opposition ships have since sought refuge within Romulan territory, sparking rumors that the Romulan Star Empire has been supporting the opposition.

In parallel, Starfleet's first planned mission within the Delta Quadrant has departed Starbase 400. The Pegasus-B, Essex-B, and Lexington-D will render humanitarian and engineering aid to the Talaxian Asteroid Colony and then conduct a survey of nearby space.

In the meantime, a Joint Fleet Exercise between the Federation, Klingon, Free Romulan Forces, Cardassians, and C'hakilian will be held within the Ares Operational Theater, which is being protested by members of the Typhon Pact.

General Changes

Designation Changes

Task Force 38 has returning to its original designation "Delta Exploration Initiative."

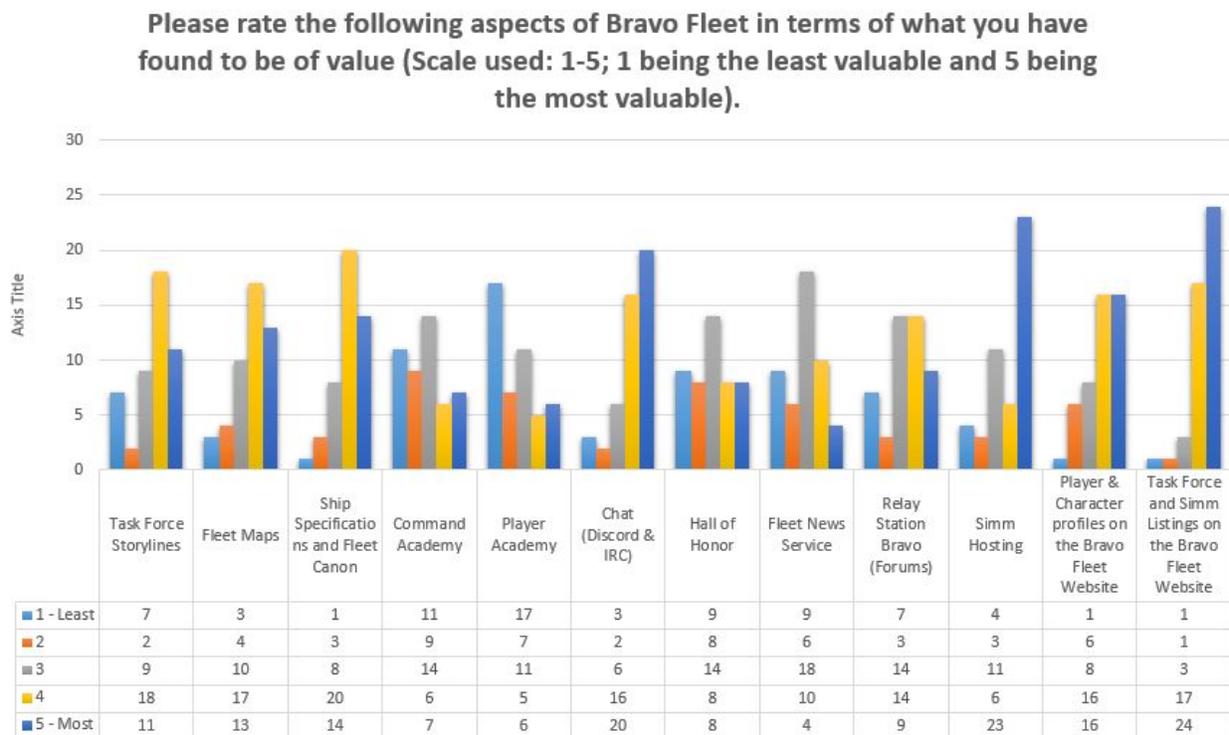
INITIATIVES

Community Survey

During the month of April, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty solicited the community for feedback with a short online survey. In all, the survey received a response from 48 members of the Fleet.

Those surveyed were asked to share how much value they placed on select Fleet services and initiatives, as well as provide feedback on services that they felt were problematic or needed improvement.

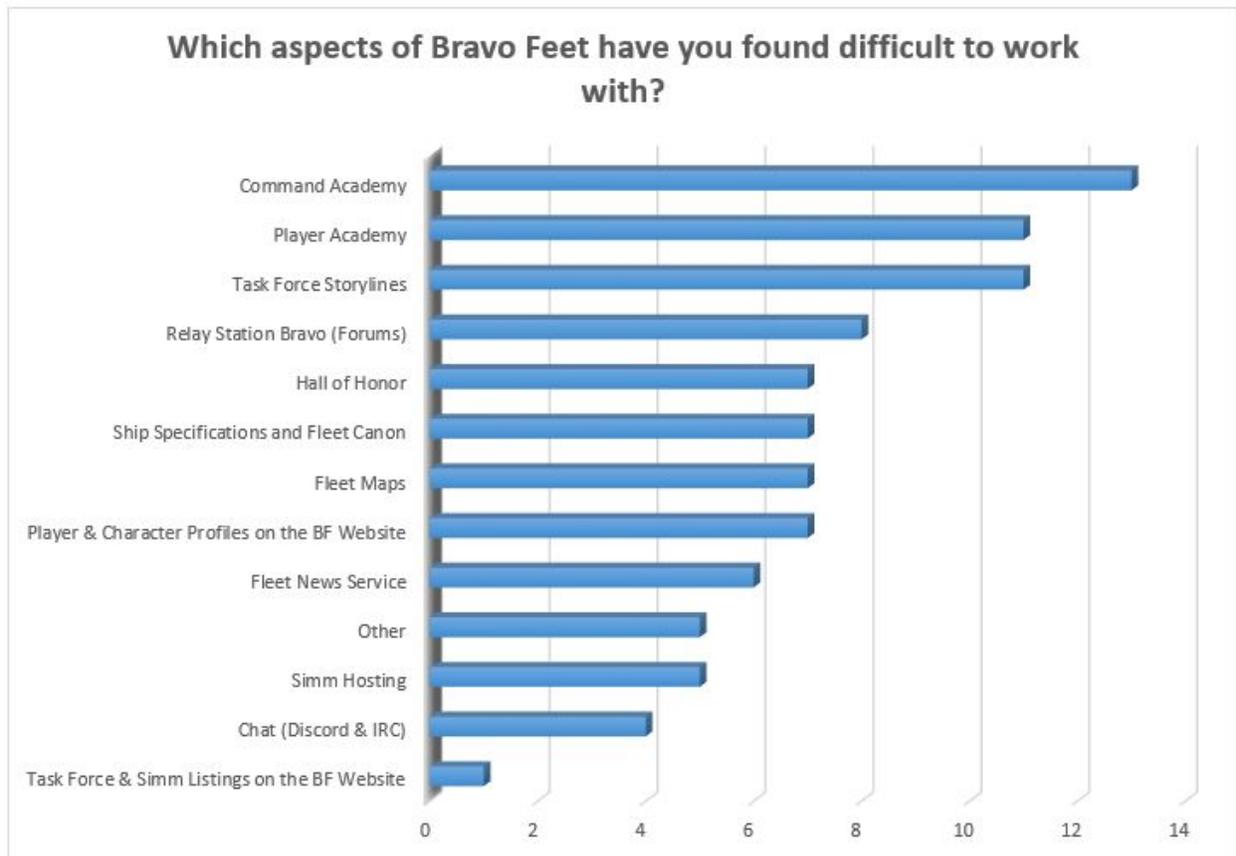
This graph represents the value assigned by respondents to each of the Fleet's services:



Many Fleet services averaged a score of 3 or higher, indicating consistent value to the Fleet's members. The average scores were:

ITEM	AVG SCORE	ITEM	AVG SCORE
Task Force Storylines	3.51	Hall of Honour	2.96
Fleet Maps	3.70	Fleet News Service	2.87
Ship Specifications & Fleet Canon	3.93	Relay Station Bravo (Forums)	3.32
Command Academy	2.77	Simm Hosting	3.87
Player Academy	2.48	Player & Character Profiles on BF Site	3.85
Chat (Discord & IRC)	4.02	Task Force & Simm Listings on BF Site	4.35

The survey also sought to determine if any services were problematic or otherwise needed improvement. This graph shows the number of respondents (out of 48 total) that found each service problematic:



This feedback identified the following systems as needing of the most improvement:

- Command & Player Academy
- Task Force Storylines
- Relay Station Bravo (forums)
- Hall Of Honour
- Ship Specifications and Fleet Canon
- Fleet Maps
- Player and Character Profiles on the BFMS

While one might expect an inverse correlation between the two metrics ("most value" and "most problematic"), several services had a direct correlation, including Task Force Storylines, Relay Station Bravo (forums), Ship Specifics and Fleet Canon, Fleet Maps, and Player and Character Profiles on the BFMS. This observation has supported BFA decision-making around future investments and timelines.

Academy

Following the community survey, two initiatives continue with the Bravo Fleet Academy:

1. A revamp of the Command Academy to bring it up to date with the current Fleet practices, as well as an ongoing mentorship program for new Commanding Officers.
2. A new program for Task Force Senior Staff. While sims and players provide the lifeblood of our organization, capable leaders are essential as its shepherds and stewards. This training program seeks to make it easier for interested parties to become involved with Fleet leadership.

Both initiatives will launch in the third quarter.

Admiral Hars Darax (aio) is the current Commandant of the Bravo Fleet Academy. The Vice-Commandant is Vice Admiral S'iraa (S'iraa).

Task Force Storylines & Fleet Canon

With the Canon Work Group finishing its initial work, the majority of the heavy lifting shifted to each of the Task Forces. A major undertaking has begun on the Infobase, attempting to revise and/or remove incomplete entries, as well as better organize information under each of the Task Forces. Current action items include:

- continued development of Task Force areas of operations;
- updating the history of the major powers to include the progression developed by member sims over the last 20 years;
- completing the Fleet timeline;
- further tightening and organization; and

- development of processes and procedures to widen both availability and the submission of new information to the Infobase.

Should any player or simm wish to see information added to the Infobase, or to submit new matters of canon, they are encouraged to contact Vice Admiral Zachary O'Connell (greenfelt22).

The Faces Of Starfleet

As part of our ever expanding universe, the Canon Work Group defined the persons currently serving on Starfleet's command staff. This was meant to add depth to a universe in which Bravo Fleet, as the "Fourth Fleet", serves as one of the numbered Fleets within Starfleet.

While the Starfleet command staff are non-player characters, many sims, just like the starship Enterprise, may at times find it useful to their story to interface or reference one or more of the chiefs. By establishing the current membership of Starfleet's command staff, the work group has fleshed out background left untouched since the conclusion of Star Trek: Voyager.

Bravo Fleet Management System

Following the release of the Bravo Fleet Management System in the first quarter, the Bravo Fleet Internet Office has continued to make changes and improvements. While many "under the hood" tweaks occurred to resolve bugs and increase performance, the most significant update was around the notion of sim open positions. The BFMS now allows each CO to specify open positions on their ship, and those positions are listed both on the sim page and in a Fleet-wide Open Positions List.

A user guide for players, Commanding Officers, and the Bravo Fleet Admiralty is currently in progress and slated for release in the third quarter.

Fleet Infrastructure

In April and May 2017, Bravo Fleet suffered a major system outage on account of an upstream provider. During this time, DNS, the Infobase, Relay Station Bravo, email hosting, and all sims hosted at bravofleet.com were offline for a prolonged period of time.

After the outage, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty elected to migrate off of the former hosting provider. The Bravo Fleet Internet Office migrated all core Fleet internet services to a cluster on Digital Ocean and all simm sites to a new hosting provider. As a result, all services are now seeing faster load times, and no further downtimes have occurred.

Fleet Specifications

Under the new Logistics Office, the Specifications Committee has focused on four key areas over the past quarter:

1. the approval of new ship classes;

2. the completion of deck listings for all our active ship classes;
3. edits on major ship class specifications; and
4. the development of articles on various technologies in the Fleet.

Though no new classes were introduced in this quarter, the Specifications Committee has continued to update the available specifications listings. During Quarter 2, the committee approved over 40 revisions to starbases, shuttles, fighters and runabouts. In addition to this, 9 new technology articles were added to the infobase, and several of the others have been updated.

The Specifications Committee is chaired by Commodore Madar B'Ra'Bin (Shannon).

Fleet News Service

Following the feedback from the Community Survey, and the resignation of the Editor-in-Chief, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty decided to pull back on the Fleet News Service for the time being. Announcements from the Bravo Fleet Admiralty, Task Force Commanding Officers, and the Hall of Honour are still being inputted into BFMS, and work has begun on a homepage widget to bring more visibility to these news.

Hall of Honours

The Hall of Honours staff manage the process for all awards nominations submitted through the Bravo Fleet Management System. Besides the recurring simm & player of the month awards and retroactive awards, the Hall of Honours has also issued over twenty new awards recognizing the service of members of the Fleet. Unfortunately, real life issues prevented these awards from being announced until the beginning of the third quarter.

In response to the feedback obtained by the community survey, the Hall of Honours, with permission from the BFA, have discontinued their In Character award system. A revised Out Of Character award system has been approved and is currently being coded into BFMS for a third quarter release.

The BFA, acting upon community response, also revised the Simm of the Month awards process in May, creating two new Monthly Tiers. Simms commanded by the members of the Admiralty were granted their own tier in order to allow for more recognition by the larger community base, and a Fleet-level monthly award was also created to showcase a winner of the Task Force awards. The recipients of both of these awards is determined by the Hall of Honour and not the Bravo Fleet Admiralty.

The recipients for the Fleet Simm of the Month for Quarter 2 were:

- May - USS Equinox, Task Force 38
- June - USS Victory, Task Force 38

The recipients of the Fleet Quarterly awards for Quarter 1 were:

- Player of the Quarter - Ensign Cailus Griffin, USS Pandora, Task Force 72
- Simm of the Quarter - USS Black Hawk, Task Force 9

The recipients of the Fleet Quarterly awards for Quarter 2 were:

- Player of the Quarter - Lieutenant Chelsea McDanielson, USS Nomad, Task Force 72
- Simm of the Quarter - USS Pandora, Task Force 72

Captain Yuka Layton (jhina) is the administrator of the Hall of Honours.

GOVERNANCE

Bravo Fleet Management

Bravo Fleet Command Council

Following the departure of Admiral Anatole Lazarus (Tom) from the Bravo Fleet Command Council in April, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty appointed Vice Admiral Zachary O'Connell (greenfelt22) to the seat. In addition to the Command Council, he will also maintain his position as Bravo Fleet Logistics Officer.

Bravo Fleet Admiralty

During the second quarter, several members retired from the Bravo Fleet Admiralty:

- Vice Admiral Mitchell Hanson (Kai1701E) as Task Force 38 Commanding Officer
- Lieutenant General Jhamal P'Trell (Leah) as Task Force 72 Commanding Officer
- Rear Admiral Ramsay Baratheon (Bahrat) as Community Relations Officer

All three chose to step away in order to refocus on their sims, the core reason they joined Bravo Fleet in the first place. We extend to all three our sincerest thanks for their service to the Fleet as members of the Admiralty, and all three have received Emeritus Awards for their service.

The Bravo Fleet Admiralty made the following appointments to support these departures:

- Admiral Michael Drake (JonM) to Task Force 38 Commanding Officer (transfer);
- Vice Admiral S'iraa (Teh Kiteh Overlord) to Task Force 72 Commanding Officer;
- Commodore Graham Cantos (Fallon) to Command Adjutant of the Community Relations Office; and
- Commodore Madar B'Ra'Bin (Shannon) to Command Adjutant of the Logistics Office.

Structural Changes

Bravo Fleet Community Relations Office

Following the vacancy in the Community Relations Office, the BFA reviews and revised the mandate given to the Community Relations Officer.

Specifically, the items now under the purview of this office include:

- Recruitment
 - Develop and maintain a recruitment strategy
 - Develop a bank of recruiting resources
 - Usage of Social Media in recruitment efforts
 - Usage of ads for recruitment efforts

- Relationship Building
 - Develop a “How To Packet/Starter Kit” for new CO’s in conjunction with Academy Commandant
 - Liaise with Academy Commandant and TFCOs on welcoming new COs and players
 - Develop and guide the support groups of both Captains and Players
 - Develop the academy towards the liking of the community

- Communication
 - Develop FAQs for different fleet services – BFMS, Nova, Forums, Discord, Wiki (all in conjunction with relevant people).
 - Build, Improve, Monitor and Moderate fleet services like discord and forums as a “front of house”, visible presence

- Networking
 - Develop, promote and moderate the Fleet’s Social Media presence
 - Find and advertise community events from outside organizations e.g. SciWorld etc.
 - Create own events, such as Circus Bravo Fleet to make a better and united community

Commodore Graham Cantos (Fallon) was appointed as the Command Adjutant in the Bravo Fleet Community Relations Office. The Community Relations Officer position itself remains vacant pending the completion of a definition of roles and responsibilities in the next quarter.

Procedural Changes

New Fleet Charter and By-Laws

As mentioned in the Quarter 1 Report, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty had begun to evaluate a new Fleet Charter. Rather than a full rewrite as originally planned, the Admiralty has elected for an iterative approach to resolve procedural difficulties with an all-inclusive rewrite.

This quarter, Constitution Article II was amended in full. Next quarter, the Bravo Fleet Admiralty has planned for a similar amendment in full of Constitution Article IV.

Changes to Procedural Matters

Constitution Article II was rewritten this quarter. While most of the changes were relatively minor, Section 3 changed substantially. Executive Orders have been used beyond the extent found appropriate by the Admiralty at several times during Bravo Fleet's twenty year history, and the changes made to Section 3 heavily restrict the use of Executive Orders moving forward.

These changes have been used for four votes since going into effect.

Changes to Admiralty Roles

Constitution Article V Section 1.4 was amended to allow members of the Bravo Fleet Admiralty to hold a second position if that the second position is as a member of the Bravo Fleet Command Council. This change was found necessary due to the diminishing demands placed on the Bravo Fleet Command Council based on the procedural changes made last quarter for greater empowerment of the Bravo Fleet Admiralty as the Fleet's principal governance body.

This change has been used for one appointment since going into effect.

Changes to Player and Command Limits

By-Law 1.2 Section 2.6 was amended to allow more flexibility for a commanding officer to have more than one command within the Fleet.

By-Law 1.2 Section 1.2 was removed to allow players to participate in more than six simms at one time within the Fleet.

FORWARD OUTLOOK

Internet Services

In the next quarter, the Bravo Fleet Management System shall be updated to support the Hall of Honours changes approved in Quarter 2, as well as to support other needs as specified by the Logistics and Community Relations Offices.

Community Events

Over past months, the Bravo Fleet Admiral has discussed the possibility of hosting a community event. Several members of the BFA are now conducting research and planning for a massive community event in the fourth quarter to close out Bravo Fleet's 20th anniversary in style.

Meet And Greet

Bravo Fleet has changed a lot in the last twenty years, and so has the Bravo Fleet Admiralty. To that end and to make the Admiralty more accessible to the public, a "Meet and Greet" will soon be posted on the Bravo Fleet website to highlight those members currently serving with the Fleet in a governance capacity.

Fleet Canon

Task Force 9 Story Update

Curiosity killed the cat. Exploration is one of the core objectives of Starfleet, but as the Federation expands further into the Gamma Quadrant, new threats will arise. At the same time new friends are made and old enemies turned into friends. Planet by planet, system by system the Federation advances, however the tide is turning and not every discovery is a success.

Task Force 38 Story Update

In the upcoming quarter, the story will be written where Task Force 38 discovers that the Epatha Gateway, a cyclical wandering wormhole that connects the Gradin Belt and the Round Table every nine days, also has a terminus, open for fifteen minutes every forty five days, in the Fourth of July Nebula (Raeyan Sector, Beta Quadrant). In addition, several ships from Task Force 38 will begin a mission seeking to leverage relays within the old Hirogen communications network to establish real-time communication between Starfleet and Task Force 38.

Task Force 72 Story Update

As the Cardassians beat the war drum, Task Force 72 will be digging into what exactly is happening within the Union. From a mission to the Demilitarized Zone that finds a Cardassian ship adrift to an intelligence operation in Breen space near the space attacked by the Cardassians, it will become increasingly clear that the Cardassian Advance is more than the Union simply flexing its muscles. Romulan vessels plunge into the corridor expanse between Cardassian and Romulan lines but for reasons unknown. If history is any indication then by the time their intent is discovered, the final pieces will already be in place.

Task Force 93 Story Update

The Raeyan Transit Corridor will see continued actions with the Free Romulan Movement terrorising the upper borders of the RTC and the Sovereignty of Kahless clashing their bat'leths within the Empire for expansion. Tension is rising in the RTC and resources are stretched for

Task Force 93, especially as diplomatic negotiations are halted at the Gorn newly formed borders.

Task Force 99 Ares Division Story Update

Tensions continue to rise between the Federation Alliance and Typhon Pact. Border skirmishes occur which spark a build-up on both sides, and a possible war is on the horizon. Pirate activity within the Triangle and Romulan Neutral Zone with also increase. Starfleet sends additional ships to the Delta Quadrant in hopes of setting up a permanent Federation presence there.