

The SLA Monthly

Sim Profile: *Stargate SG-8*

Play By E-mail Based Stargate Simulation

Stargate SG-8 is a play by e-mail, *Stargate* simulation set in the 21st Century. SG-8 operates out of Zulu Base, an off-world military base located on the planet Descartes (PX3-665). SG-8 has encountered a powerful new threat called the Securis. The Securis are limited to traveling the gate network to expand their power, and it is believed that they have control over several worlds.

Little is known about this matriarchal civilization, but it is believed that there may be an even stronger force behind them, aiding their push for power. After a devastating attack on Zulu Base, SG-8 has begun the fight against the Securis in the hopes of stopping them and to help free oppressed people from the Securis' tyranny. Even



with all of this going on in the background, the team is never distracted from hi-jinx on all the adventures in between

SG-8 first started exploring the galaxy in August 2003. It was founded by John LaFontaine. While the game started with a few people, it quickly grew to the point where Jon

made the decision to start running two teams under one sim name. Now there are four teams, and a training team for new recruits, under the SG-8 banner. Since its launch, SG-8 has changed quite a bit, starting out as just an e-mail list with Jon uploading stuff onto a simple website whenever he had free time. Now the sim is run through a SMS system website, which has helped give the team a sense of uniformity and a place that they can call home. (Continued, page 2.)

Team Statistics

Team Designation: SG-8
Base of Operations: Zulu Base, PX3-665
Years Deployed: 6 years
Team Size: 42 members
Sub Teams: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Zulu
Main Adversary: The Securis

Sim Statistics

Founded: August 2003
SLA Member: 5 Years
Current CO: Major Samuel Boyd
Current XO: Pending
Current SO: Senior Staff Russell Strachan
Current Crew Size: 42 members
Website: <http://sg8.sgcsims.com>

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Simmer Profile: *Sgt. Maj. Michael Allen Hall*

Simmer Name: Old_Seal

Character: Sergeant Major Michael Allen Hall

Sim: *Stargate SG-8*

Fleets: Stargate Command

Years in the SLA: 1 year

Longest Served Sim: SG-8

Sergeant Major Michael Allen Hall is currently assigned as the Explosives Specialist to Charlie Team of SG-8. Born to relatively poor farmers in south Georgia, USA, Michael had a fairly bucolic childhood. Though popular because of his quick wit and calm personality, Mike seemed destined to live and farm in the same area that his family had since the American Civil War.

Mike became fascinated with explosives and came to love working with the stuff on the farm, displaying a "touch" with dynamite, using it as another might employ any other farming tool.

Mike enlisted in the Army, and when the events of Desert Shield hit the news, the patriotic young man did what seemed best and volunteered for combat duty.

He volunteered and was selected for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) training. He was assigned to EOD after an exemplary record during training. He was selected for Army Ranger School, then volunteered for and was accepted into Special Forces training, receiving his Green Beret near the top of his class. He was approached for "special duty", Stargate Command, because of his nearly mystical ability with explosives and bombs.

Readers interested in finding out more about Mr. Hall can check out a special in character piece on the [Monthly Web site](#). They can also read Hall's favorite log, "[How Much Does A Star Weigh?](#)" by following the link.

SIM PROFILE: STARGATE SG-8, CONTINUED

The biggest change for SG-8 occurred in the summer of 2007, when Jon announced the he would be retiring from the game. He left very big shoes to fill. With the efforts of Chris Reed and Amy Jacobson, along with other select members of the team, SG-8 still holds to the high standards that Jon set for the team when he started the sim. Recently, Amy Jacobson took over the position of CO from Chris Reed.

A note from Amy Jacobson:

SG-8 is a unique PBEM sim mainly because of its size. People look at us and go "42 members?! How could I possibly be a part of this and not get lost in the mix?!" It's quite simple,

really. SG-8 is currently broken up into four different, smaller sub teams: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. Each team runs with its own story, allowing for much more interaction between members in the smaller groups. We also have a training team, Zulu, for when we get new recruits. (It will be run by Foxy once she retires Major Fox in game.)

Despite working in smaller team, SG-8 is very much a big dysfunctional family that cares for one another. I think we've all become a lot closer since Jon left, mainly because running a sim this big is quite a handful. I

don't think that Chris and I would have been able to do this without all the support that we got from our team.

Interested readers are encouraged to read the crew-picked favorite log, "[Broken Boy Soldier](#)" by Gavin Davenport and Julia Fox. They can also get a sneak peek of the current missions being run by the various teams of SG-8 by going to the [Monthly Web site](#).

Thanks to Amy Jacobson and the crew of SG-8 for being this month's profiled sim.



JANUARY FLEET STATUS REPORTS

Asimov Fleet

No January Fleet Status Report Filed

Dragon Squadron

CO: Luke Helios

XO: Andre Zazu

Firefly: Monarch

CO: Maverick

XO: Kynthia

Trinidad Station

CO: Foxy

XO: LrShadow

Torchwood Ten

CO: Tavey

XO: Foxy

Cochrane Fleet

USS Lionheart

CO: Captain Erika Rheyman

Cohost: Lieutenant Commander Zheng-Darcy

XO: Lieutenant Commander Josuan Mystican

Total Players: 18; 15 active, 3 ELOA

USS Mercutio

CO: Captain Stacey Templar

XO: Commander Henry Crow

Total Players: 8

Outpost Cousteau

CO: Commander Roger K Clenner

XO: Lieutenant Commander Lei Thomas

Total Players: 11; 9 active, 2 LOA.

USS Potemkin

CO: Fleet Captain James B. "Warp" Mitchell

XO: Captain Prax Jarvin

Total Players: 17; 12 active, .5 LOA

Starbase 27

CO: Fleet Captain Alexander B. Rexan

XO: Commander Caniel X. Mancuso

Total Players: 9, 7 active, 2 LOA



Manheim Fleet

USS Ark Royal

CO: Michael Tucker

XO: Jose Trejo

Total Players: 10, 7 Active, 1 LOA

USS Caduceus

CO: Dawn Henderson

XO: Rick P & Janet F

Total Players: 10

USS Centauris

CO: Kuruma Matsunaga

XO: Kennedy Nocona Shea, Akiha Himeno

Total Players: 4

Into the Darkening Tide

CO: Sjet

XO: Star

Total Players: 11, 7 active, 4 LOA

USS Zealous

CO: Captain Azanialix Jaarda

XO: Lieutenant Commander Ti'ana Sullivan

Total Players: 18, 17 active, 1 LOA

Stargate Command

No January Fleet Status Report Filed

SG-6

CO: Lieutenant Colonel Melinda Stone

XO: Lieutenant Colonel Martin

SG-8

CO: Amy Jacobson

XO: Pending

SO: Russel Strachan

TO: Gavin Davenport

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