

The SLA Monthly

Sim Profile: *USS Mercurio*

Live Action, AOL/AIM-Based Simulation; Mondays at 8 p.m. EST

The Dominion War has left the Alpha Quadrant in the midst of uncertainty. Shifting allegiances and secret power struggles color the political landscape of the times. With this and other factors in mind, a new anti-threat and counterintelligence unit, conceived by Starfleet Intelligence and Starfleet Special Operations, has been created: the Starfleet Joint Operations Task Force (JOTF). The *Mercurio* is a key part of this new task force. The *Merc*'s missions run the gamut from diplomatic and patrol duties to police actions, sector defense and rescue operations, as well as missions classified by the JOTF.

Captain J.D. Harrison and Mads Javarro (Sierra) founded this sim back in October 2000. Javarro was one of the founding members of the SLA and the *Merc* is proud of that heritage. The *Merc* has changed many times in its "mission." But, no matter how the mission itself changes, one thing is for certain, the *Merc* is where she belongs. Captain Harrison saw this sim as *The Next Generation* with a kick.

He put together a core group of simmers and then expanded the premise of the sim to include the intelligence operations. Later, special operations



were added to the mix, per the request of the crew. In honor of Captains Harrison and Javarro, two of the *Paris*-class fliers on the *Merc* are named for them. Today, the crew continues to expand on the foundation they laid down; taking the *Merc* into new, exciting territory. (Continued, page 2.)

Ship Statistics

Ship Name: *USS Mercurio*

Registry Number: 72327-B

Class: *Akira*-class Refit

Dimensions: 464m × 317m × 87m

Estimated Age: 8 years in service

Crew Complement: 500; 4500 Evacuation Max.

Sim Statistics

Founded: October 2000

SLA Member: 8 years

Current CO: Captain Stacy Templar

Current XOs: Commander Henry Crow

Current Crew Size: 8 members

Website: <http://cochrane.slasims.com/mercutio/index.htm>

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Simmer Profile: *Danae Tullaris*

Simmer Name: Danae Tullaris

Characters: Danae Tullaris

Sims: *USS Mercurio*

Fleets: Cochrane

Years in the SLA: 3 years

Longest Served Sim: *USS Mercurio*

Danae has no rank amongst the other members of the *Mercutio*. Captain Templar found her on some backwater planet and brought her aboard. She is currently being taught the bridge positions, Academy lessons and the like.

Recently, Danae has been station at Helm. Her ears are a bit pointy which either gets her closely associated with Vulcans or Elves. Most on the *Merc* refer to her as “Elf.” She is not sure exactly what she is because she has no memory of her

existence prior to the *Merc*'s arrival on that backwater planet three years ago.

The most interesting thing Danae has done at helm was to roll the ship 180 degrees, exposing her belly to enemy fire. She did this at probably the most inappropriate time as the *Merc* almost "got our rear ends shot off" for it. That is, according to the rest of the crew. The ability to make that ship do that has since been removed from Danae's console (or so they think!)

Danae is dating the Chief Engineer, John McKnight. Say a prayer for him; he needs it.

Readers interested in finding out more about Danae, can check read her favorite personal log on the [Monthly Web site](#).

SIM PROFILE: USS MERCUTIO

A note from Captain Templar:

I have hosted this sim coming up on 7 years now. I am still amazed at the hard work and dedication the crew has for this sim, whether new member or old.

This sim has been nicknamed “The Asylum” by other members of the SLA, and guests. It could be because we issue straight jackets upon joining or that we are indeed a bunch of nuts!

The idea of simming is to take your enjoyment of everything Star Trek, Star Wars, Stargate, etc., and live it. We do that here on the Merc, but much more importantly we have fun doing it. And to keep things even more interesting, we now have a TeamSpeak voice chat server up

and running. It makes things even zanier.

And here's a special sneak peek at the *Merc*'s current plot:

*Our current storyline is still a bit of a mystery to all of us. The bridge officers and department heads have found themselves floating in space in evacuation suits, watching the *Merc* herself speed off into the distance. The lifepods had been deployed. We had no memory of what had happened prior to this incident.*

Worse, we moved back in time by thirty minutes; back on the ship at Red Alert. Then we moved back another 30 minutes to Yellow Alert, only to find ourselves back floating back in space in evac suits.

We are now on a planet with no idea where we are, when we are, where the rest of the crew is, or where the ship is. Authors: Capt Templar & Cmdr Crow, with input from Lt Vahe.

Interested readers are encouraged to read the crew-picked favorite log, “[Burning Up His Fuse](#)” by following the link to the [Monthly Web site](#).

Readers can find out more information about the *USS Mercurio* by checking out its [Web site](#) and [Ten Forward](#) section by following those links.

Thanks to Stacey, Crow and the crew of Torchwood Ten for being this month's profiled sim

JULY UPDATES FROM THE MODERATOR CHAIR

Hey folks! Prax has kindly offered to include my monthly host update e-mails in the SLA Monthly, so this is where you can look in the future to find out what's gone on in the past month and what lies ahead for this one! July is an interesting place to start, because it's an important month for the SLA.

Celebration and Remembrance

First and foremost, July brings the anniversary of important events. Seth's birthday fell on July 4th (a date that also holds minor importance for an obscure country on the world map). It was always an important day for him, and one that he deeply enjoyed. He loved July, and particularly July 4th, so I hope you'll all have a few minutes on that day to drink a glass of *Blue Stuff*[™] for him and enjoy the day as he would have enjoyed it. (*Blue Stuff*[™] is a mysterious and strong beverage Seth and another simmer discovered on the *Potemkin* about ten years ago. It's been the stuff of legend ever since!)

This month also brings the three year anniversary of Seth's passing, on July 20th. Seth – Michael C. Back in real life – died suddenly from complications of diabetes. His death was a severe blow to the SLA, and to many of us who had grown close to him during years of simming together. The SLA continues on, three years after his death, in tribute to his memory and the incalculable effort that he put into bringing it to life in the first place.

Recent SLA News

Just this week, a bill passed the Council creating a new message board sim: the *USS Pegasus*, under the command of Theo Dom and Kyle Sose. The *Diligent-class Starship Pegasus* will be joining Manheim Fleet, setting out to explore and colonize the space beyond a recently-discovered Iconian space gateway. Welcome, *Pegasus*!

The past month has brought several changes to the fleets and the Council. I'll just run down the list, because it's fairly long!

- In early June, Brawl (Captain Tucker of the *Ark Royal*) was elected as Recruiting Chair. He stepped down as Manheim Fleet's Host Panel delegate to take on his new position.
- In the middle of June, Commander Clenner of *Outpost Cousteau* was appointed as Cochrane Fleet's new Fleet Captain. Like Brawl, Clenner stepped down from his Host Panel position when he assumed his new job.
- In late June, Fleet Captain Sullivan stepped down as Fleet Captain of Manheim Fleet.
- Also in late June, Fleet Captain Reed stepped down as Fleet Captain of Stargate Command.

Both Sullivan and Reed retain their honorary Fleet Captain ranks, and I want to thank them for the time and effort they've put into their fleets over the years. I'd also like to thank Clenner for acting as de facto Fleet Captain of Cochrane Fleet during the position's multi-month vacancy.

Upcoming SLA Events

July brings a special election for our two vacant Host Panel positions (Cochrane and Manheim), scheduled to begin on July 6th. If any host in one of those fleets is interested in running, they can e-mail the host mailstring by the night of the 5th to declare their candidacy! Warp Out =/\=

MAY FLEET STATUS REPORTS

Asimov Fleet**Babylon 5: Trinidad Station****CO:** Dr. Angela Murchison & Chief Dave Mitchell**XO:** Ranger Zed McClair**Total Players:** 8; 6 Active, 2 LOA**Firefly: Monarch****CO:** Maverick**XO:** Kynthia**Total Players:** 8; 7 active, 1 LOA**Star Wars: Dragon Squadron****CO:** Colonel Luke Helios**XO:** Lieutenant Colonel Andre Zazu**Total Players:** 11; 10 active, 1 LOA**Torchwood Ten****CO:** Derowen MacFie**XO:** Grace Forbes & Nathan Scott**Total Players:** 10; 9 Active, 1 LOA**Wing Commander: Battle for Enigma****CO:** Major Yvette Kavarunda**XO:** Second Lieutenant Gabriel "Barbarian" Knight**Cochrane Fleet*****USS Lionheart*****CO:** Captain Erika Rheyman**Cohost:** Lieutenant Commander Marcus Zheng-Darcy**XO:** Lieutenant Commander Josuan Mystican**Total Players:** 16; 14 active, 2 ELOA,***USS Mercutio*****CO:** Captain Stacey Templar**XO:** Commander Henry Crow**Total Players:** 8; 7 active, 1 LOA**Outpost Cousteau****CO:** Commander Roger K Clenner**XO:** Lieutenant Commander Ethan Mason, MD**Total Players:** 9***USS Potemkin*****CO:** Fleet Captain James B. "Warp" Mitchell**XO:** Captain Prax Jarvin**Total Players:** 16; 11 active, 5 LOA**Starbase 27****CO:** Commander Daniel Xavier Mancuso**Total Players:** 5; 4 active**Manheim Fleet*****USS Ark Royal*****CO:** Captain Michael Tucker**XO:** Brevet Commander Jose Luis Trejo***USS Caduceus*****CO:** Captain Korani Korisse**XO:** Lieutenant Commander Dyl Hova Rhys***USS Pegasus*****CO:** Theo Dom**XO:** Kyle Sose**Star Trek: Into the Darkening Tide****CO:** Captain Jake Sjet**XO:** Commander Star Tona Laurent***USS Zealous*****CO:** Captain Azanialix Jaarda**XO:** Lieutenant Commander Ti'ana Sullivan**Stargate Command****SG-6****CO:** Lieutenant Colonel Melinda Stone**XO:** Captain Kurt Michaels**Total Players:** 10; 6 active, 2 LOA**SG-8****CO:** Amy Jacobson**XO:** Chris Reed**SO:** Russel Strachan**TO:** Gavin Davenport**Total Players:** 40; 36 active, 4 LOA

For more information about these sims, feel free to visit their individual sites through the [SLA Web site](#). You can also check out their individual sections on [Ten Forward](#).

