

TOSMA: Geoffrey Teller

The Order of Starfleet Merit and Achievement

This award is given to members who show great dedication in their behavior and simming abilities. A candidate for TOSMA regularly contributes good, solid ideas to the plot and character development. They also take the time to edit and proofread their sims to ensure quality in their writing

Geoffrey Teller's writer Brian has been noticed not just by his fellow writers on Veritas but even by those across the fleet. As one nominator wrote, "I have not had the pleasure to sim with Geoffrey Teller in my time here--something I hope to remedy. However, I could not help but notice the lengths to which Teller goes to raise morale in the Discord lobby. He goes out of his way to bring jokes and silly ideas to life, lending his enthusiasm and creativity, and then blending them with more than a dash of talent to create some truly memorable moments. I recall vividly the moment he, on a whim and after an offhand comment about targ races, recorded a thirty-second long clip in which he imitated a racing announcer. Perhaps most importantly, he is a boundless source of support and kindness, as evidenced by his willingness to encourage and comfort those in pain at any time."

Another nominator, this time from Veritas, wrote, "The writer behind Teller has some of the most immaculate story-telling, editing, and interactive skills I've ever seen in sim. He comes up with plots from seemingly nowhere, inspired by anything and everything. Here is a writer that explores his character's part in a mission to his full capabilities--there are no short-cuts."

Yet another wrote, "Teller always expands very well on the story line, and this was no more evident than during our 'Sentinel' mission when Teller was in the Captain's chair. His moving along of the interaction with the Tholians was engaging to read and made that part of story exciting and tense. Those sims demonstrated how much of a natural leader Teller is, both IC and OOC. I personally think that those sims were a preview of things to come for Teller, and it would not surprise me to see Teller in a leadership role in some capacity in SB118 at some point in the future."

I wanted to highlight the words of his nominators first because I'm glad that what I see in Brian has been recognized by those around him (even those not on Veritas!): that he is an enthusiastic, devoted simmer who not only writes well but looks to engage his fellow players so that they're having just as much fun as he is having here. I've often told people that while there are some similarities to simming and fan fiction, they aren't the same and require different skills because simming does involve that "role playing/gaming" element where it's not just about you but the entire set of players. I could never have created a character like Geoffrey Teller on my own, and yet his impact on his fellow players' characters and my own are memorable and earned. After nine years in the fleet, players like Brian remind me why I'm still here--because there's just nothing quite like simming collaboratively with another enthusiastic writer and Trek fan to create and share fun stories together.

Teller: Sir, Ensign Geoffrey Teller reporting aboard, Sir. I'm your new helmsman, sir. It's an honor to be here, sir. The deck chief told me you needed me immediately, should I make preparations to get the ship underway...uh...sir?

::Roshanara took a breath, the overflowing honorifics still bouncing in her head.::

Rahman: At ease, ensign. ::She then smiled, having cleared the sirs out of her mind.:: And welcome aboard.

Delano: Welcome to the Veritas, Ensign Teller. I'm Commander Delano. Operations officer.

Teller: Sir, Thank you Sir. It's a pleasure to meet you. From the sound of things, I've arrived on a busy day.

Rahman: Indeed, ensign. And first things, first. You're not in the Academy anymore. One sir is more than sufficient as an address. And personally, I would prefer either ma'am or captain.

Teller: oO Getting pronouns right in this career is going to be a real headache. Maybe I should just go with nicknames...Skipper? Boss? Oo

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