

Captain Eli Current - Official Service Record & Biography

Personal Information

Full Name: Eli Current

Rank: Captain

Position: Commanding Officer, USS Pathfinder (NCC-21217)

Status: Missing In Action, Presumed Lost

Species: Human

Date of Birth: July 7, 2332

Place of Birth: San Francisco, California, Earth

Marital Status: Widowed

Family: Deceased (Wife Dr. Lena Current, and children Astrid, Marcus, Jonas, Celia, and Ben)

Early Life & Enlisted Service (2350-2366)

Eli Current grew up with a profound love for both scientific discovery and classic tales of exploration, particularly the story of Captain Nemo. Despite having the academic credentials to enter Starfleet Academy directly, he believed in learning a craft from the ground up. In 2350, at the age of 18, he enlisted in Starfleet. His first assignment was as a crewman aboard the USS Yosemite (NCC-19002), Oberth-class. The Yosemite was a vessel perfectly suited to the tense, quiet patrols along the Cardassian frontier. In this environment, Current thrived. His natural aptitude for engineering and analytical thinking saw him quickly rise through the enlisted ranks, eventually achieving the rate of Petty Officer, Second Class. He became a respected and reliable figure in the ship's small engineering department, known for his ability to improvise solutions to complex problems with limited resources.

The Federation-Cardassian War & Battlefield Commission (2366-2367)

In 2366, during the grinding stalemate phase of the Federation-Cardassian War, the USS Yosemite was conducting a routine survey of a remote star system near the DMZ when it was ambushed by a concealed Cardassian Galor-class warship. The first volley decimated the bridge, killing the ship's command staff and most of the senior officers.

With the ship crippled and the remaining crew in chaos, Petty Officer Current took charge in main engineering. Organizing the surviving engineers and science officers, he executed a series of brilliant, unorthodox maneuvers. He rerouted emergency power to create false sensor signatures, dumped the warp core's plasma to simulate a catastrophic breach, and used the ship's remaining thrusters to push the Yosemite into the dense, radioactive nebula the Cardassians had been using as cover. He then managed to complete the ship's original intelligence-gathering mission, pinpointing the location of a hidden Cardassian supply depot, before executing a slow, silent crawl back to Federation lines.

The intelligence he brought back was instrumental in breaking the stalemate and forcing the Cardassians to the negotiating table. For his extraordinary heroism, leadership under fire, and ingenuity, Current was granted a rare battlefield commission to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade in 2370, following the formalization of the treaty.

Post-War Service & The Hunter-Recon Concept (2370-2371)

Following his commission, Current was assigned to the USS Monitor (NCC-61826), a Nebula-class vessel, serving as an Intelligence Officer. He was tasked with analyzing the vast amounts of data gathered during the war and helping to enforce the new Demilitarized Zone. It was during this time that he became acutely aware of the limitations of Starfleet's intelligence-gathering capabilities. The "invisible" war had proven that small, dedicated reconnaissance vessels were desperately needed. He began drafting detailed proposals for a new class of vessel: small, fast, and dedicated purely to intelligence gathering. He envisioned a "fleet of eyes" that could operate independently ahead of the main fleet, providing the kind of early warning that could prevent future conflicts. These initial designs for the Hunter-Recon Class were born from the hard-won lessons of the Cardassian War.

Executive Officer & The Shadow of Dominion (2371-2375)

Current's designs and strategic insights, born from the Cardassian conflict, were given serious consideration. His concept was approved, but with the caveat that he first serve as Executive Officer to gain experience aboard a front-line capital ship. He was assigned to the USS Nautilus (NCC-10509), Sovereign-class, one of Starfleet's newest and most advanced ships, under the command of Captain Amanda Archer. His promotion to Captain was held in abeyance until the prototype was ready for launch.

Current served as Archer's XO for four years, a period that coincided with the rapid escalation of tensions with the Dominion. He helped refine the Hunter-Recon design, incorporating lessons learned from the Nautilus's powerful systems and the emerging threat from the Gamma Quadrant. His "Nemo-like" personality, once an academic quirk, was now hardened by experience. His quarters were filled with botanical specimens and antique books, a silent memorial to the family he had lost. He was a brilliant but distant officer, driven by a mission to ensure no one else would suffer his fate.

In 2375, as the Dominion War raged and the Federation was pushed to its limits, the prototype Hunter-Recon vessel, the USS Pathfinder (NCC-21217), was rushed through construction and declared ready for launch. Eli Current was promoted to Captain and given the command he had designed from the keel up. His office aboard the Pathfinder featured a detailed replica of the Nautilus from Verne's novel.

The Final Mission: In late 2378, the Pathfinder disappeared while investigating an anomaly in the Ophion system. Its last transmission was fragmented, mentioning "echoes" and a threat that was "not natural."

Starfleet dispatched the USS Nautilus to investigate. They found no debris, no escape pods, and no residual radiation from a battle. The only trace was a lingering, subspace distortion that the Nautilus's sensors couldn't penetrate. The official report listed the USS Pathfinder and all 35 hands as lost, presumed destroyed by an unknown spatial anomaly.

However, a small contingent within Starfleet Intelligence, led by his former mentor Captain Archer, believes otherwise. They suspect Current discovered something far more dangerous in the Ophion system—a hidden threat, a new form of life, or perhaps a technology beyond Federation understanding. They hold out hope that the brilliant, resourceful Captain Current, the "Nemo of the 24th century," may have survived, his ship and crew adrift in the vast, uncharted darkness, pursuing a truth that Starfleet is not yet ready to face.

STARFLEET COMMAND

PERSONNEL FILE: ACTIVE/RETIRED/DECEASED

SECURITY LEVEL: ALPHA-ONE / EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CURRENT, ELI

FILE STATUS: SEALED - PENDING RESOLUTION OF MIA STATUS

PERSONAL DATA

FILE ID: 49-880-CURRENT.E

NAME: Current, Eli

RANK: Captain

SERVICE NUMBER: SC-921-447

SPECIES: Human, Terran

DATE OF BIRTH: 2332.07.07

PLACE OF BIRTH: San Francisco, North America, Earth

FAMILY STATUS: Widowed. Spouse and five dependents deceased (See Incident Report: Breen Attack on Earth, 2375).

CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Commanding Officer, USS Pathfinder (NCC-21217) - MIA

STATUS: Missing In Action (Presumed Lost)

SERVICE HISTORY

2350 - 2366: Enlisted Service.

Assignment: USS Yosemite (NCC-19002), Oberth-class.

Rate: Petty Officer, Second Class (Engineering).

Notes: Served with distinction during the Federation-Cardassian War, participating in numerous patrols and skirmishes along the volatile frontier.

2366 - 2370: Battlefield Commission.

Event: Awarded battlefield commission to Lieutenant Junior Grade for extraordinary heroism following the Yosemite incident (2366). Successfully completed critical intelligence-gathering mission after assuming command of crippled vessel, contributing to the end of hostilities.

Assignment: USS Monitor (NCC-61826), Nebula-class.

Position: Intelligence Officer.

Notes: Proved instrumental in analyzing war data and developing early concepts for the Hunter-Recon class vessel.

2371 - 2375: Command Track.

Assignment: USS Nautilus (NCC-10509), Sovereign-class.

Position: Executive Officer.

Notes: Served under Captain Amanda Archer during the rise of the Dominion threat.

Played a key role in the development and design refinement of the Hunter-Recon Class project. Promotion to Captain held in abeyance pending project completion.

2375 - 2378: Command.

Assignment: USS Pathfinder (NCC-21217), Hunter-Recon Class (Prototype).

Position: Commanding Officer.

Notes: Promoted to Captain and given command of the prototype vessel he helped design. Vessel and crew performed exceptionally during initial trial runs and critical reconnaissance missions during the Dominion War.

2378.11.02: USS Pathfinder declared missing in the Ophion system. All hands lost. See attached Mission Report and After-Action Summary.

DECORATIONS & AWARDS

Starfleet Medal of Honor

Date of Award: Stardate (November 21, 2366)

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Petty Officer Second Class aboard the USS Yosemite during a Cardassian ambush...

Christopher Pike Medal of Valor

Date of Award: Stardate (November 21, 2366)

For exceptional leadership and inspirational command in the face of overwhelming odds during the Federation-Cardassian War...

Starfleet Citation for Conspicuous Gallantry

Date of Award: Stardate (November 22, 2366)

For extraordinary heroism while serving aboard the USS Yosemite during a Cardassian ambush...

Starfleet Cross

Date of Award: Stardate (August 15, 2375)

For distinguished service to the Federation while serving as Intelligence Officer aboard the USS Monitor and later as Commanding Officer of the USS Pathfinder...

Starfleet Medal of Commendation

Date of Award: Stardate (January 10, 2376)

For meritorious service to Starfleet in a duty of great responsibility... Following the tragic loss of his family during the Breen attack on Earth, Captain Current channeled his grief into developing detailed designs for a new class of vessel dedicated to intelligence gathering and early warning...

Command/Leadership Ribbon

Date of Award: Stardate (January 10, 2376)

For demonstrated excellence in command and leadership positions while serving as Executive Officer aboard the USS Nautilus and as Commanding Officer of the USS Pathfinder...

Dominion War Service Medal (with two campaign stars)

Date of Award: Stardate (November 22, 2375)

For meritorious participation in combat operations against Dominion forces during the Dominion War. Awarded for service as Commanding Officer of the USS Pathfinder during critical reconnaissance missions...

Federation-Cardassian War Service Medal

Date of Award: Stardate (November 22, 2366)

For meritorious participation in combat operations against Cardassian forces during the Federation-Cardassian War...

Starfleet Good Conduct Medal

Date of Award: Stardate (January 10, 2376)

For exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity throughout his distinguished career in Starfleet...

Grankite Order of Tactics

Date of Award: Stardate (November 22, 2366)

For outstanding tactical innovation and expertise demonstrated during the Federation-Cardassian War...

Preantares Ribbon of Commendation

Date of Award: Stardate (January 10, 2376)

For meritorious contributions to Starfleet's tactical and intelligence capabilities through the development of the Hunter-Recon class vessel concept...

Starfleet Silver Palm

Date of Award: Stardate (October 5, 2378)

For particularly distinguished service to Starfleet while serving as Commanding Officer of the USS Pathfinder...

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE

SUMMARY: Captain Current is a highly intelligent, resourceful, and resilient officer. His career is marked by a rapid ascent from enlisted ranks, driven by a combination of innate talent and the crucible of wartime experience. The loss of his family in the Breen attack served as a defining moment, transforming his academic interest in exploration into a hardened, singular focus on preventative intelligence and tactical superiority.

He exhibits what is colloquially known as a "Nemo complex": a brilliant, self-reliant mind prone to operating independently and valuing the pursuit of knowledge and security above conventional protocol. While he is respected for his calm demeanor under pressure and his innovative strategic thinking, he is also noted as being distant, private, and driven by a profound sense of loss. His command style is built on competence and results, fostering loyalty through unwavering dedication to his crew's safety and mission success.

ASSESSOR'S NOTE: "Captain Current is a man shaped by war and tragedy. He is not a man who follows the path; he is the man who charts it, often into the dark. Starfleet is safer for his service, but his soul carries the cost. He is the embodiment of the price of vigilance."

CURRENT STATUS & ADDENDUM

OFFICIAL FINDING: The USS Pathfinder (NCC-21217) and all 35 hands are officially listed as "Missing In Action, Presumed Destroyed." The cause is listed as an unknown spatial anomaly in the Ophion system. Recovery efforts are not recommended due to hazardous conditions.

CLASSIFIED ADDENDUM (Access: C-in-C, SFI): A dissenting view, led by Captain Amanda Archer (Ret.), posits that the official finding is incomplete. The lack of debris, energy signatures, or a plausible subspace event suggests the Pathfinder was not destroyed. It is the working hypothesis of this contingent that Captain Current encountered an intelligence or technology of unknown origin and capability. Further investigation into the Ophion system is a high priority, pending the development of stealth-capable probes. Captain Current and his crew are to be considered "Potentially Surviving, Status Unknown." This file remains sealed until such time as their fate can be definitively determined.