

COMMANDER VALERIA TIGAN ELAIS — OFFICIAL SERVICE RECORD & BIOGRAPHY
STARFLEET COMMAND

PERSONNEL FILE: ACTIVE / MIA

SECURITY LEVEL: ALPHA-ONE / EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: COMMANDER VALERIA TIGAN ELAIS

FILE STATUS: SEALED — PENDING DISPOSITION OF MIA DETERMINATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Full Name: Valeria Tigan Elais
- Rank: Commander
- Assignment: First Officer, USS Horizon (NCC-10217)
- Status: Missing In Action — Presumed Lost
- Species: Human
- Date of Birth: October 9, 2332
- Place of Birth: Rigel Colonies (Freeport District 7)
- Marital Status: Single
- Family:
 - Mother: Elara Tigan (Federation Diplomatic Corps, Civilian Specialist)
 - Father: Solen Elais (Independent Free Trader; Missing, presumed assimilated 2366)

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EARLY LIFE & PRE-ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT (2332–2350)

Born amidst the chaotic trade lanes of the Rigel Colonies, Valeria Elais grew up between two competing worlds: her mother's structured diplomatic upbringing and her father's nomadic merchant life. She learned starship mechanics from cargo crews and political nuance from listening at the edges of diplomatic halls. Her early logs and educators noted her unusual balance of empathy and logic.

Her father's independent trading vessel used Rigel as a base of operations, bringing Valeria exposure to variable cultures, unregulated space, and unstable frontier conditions. While she adapted well, she later described childhood as “a lesson in surviving without anchors.”

Her choice to join Starfleet at 18 was, by all accounts, an act of self-definition: structure over drift, purpose over improvisation.

Early secure notations:

2339 — Instructor Yana Redd, Rigel Colony Academy:

"Highly communicative. Reads emotional states with accuracy beyond normal developmental benchmarks."

2345 — Rigel Youth Civic Councilor:

"Shows strong consensus-building tendencies. Avoids conflict even at self-cost."

2349 — Psychological evaluator's note (Academy Application):

"Candidate Elais demonstrates elevated empathy, risk-aversion, and high social intuition. Stable, thoughtful, self-critical."

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STARFLEET ACADEMY (2350–2354)

Valeria entered Starfleet Academy seeking order and belonging. She excelled academically, particularly in Operations, Sociology of Interstellar Relations, and Multi-Disciplinary Team Dynamics. Tactical aptitude measured as average, but emotional intelligence scored among the highest in her class.

She gravitated toward Operations and Communications, avoiding Command-track recommendations whenever possible. Multiple instructors noted she possessed leadership potential but not leadership desire.

Instructor commentary:

Commander Lero Ja'Ten (Ops):

"Consensus-driven, rarely asserts authority. Still, when she speaks, cadets listen."

Admiral T'Len (Oversight):

"Unwilling to prioritize herself. But her systems thinking and interpersonal calibration are exceptional."

Cadet event record:

- Mediated three cadet disputes during training exercises (unsolicited).
- Led a multi-cadet survival team to successful completion after senior cadet froze; declined commendation.

- Displayed strong intuition under stress but disliked making high-stakes choices affecting others.

Graduated in 2354 with honors, recommended for Operations track.

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EARLY SERVICE: STARBASE 42 (2354–2359)

Valeria’s initial posting sent her to an established federation community, as opposed to a starship. Starbase 42’s administrative staff described her as “stabilizing” and “deeply reliable.” She worked primarily in Operations Logistics and Civilian Relations.

Key events:

2356 — Resolved a long-running conflict among merchant guilds regarding docking rights through consensus arbitration.

2357 — Assisted in emergency evacuation coordination during an EPS cascade failure; credited with calming panicked civilians through clear communication.

2358 — Recommended for starship assignment after consistent overperformance.

Psychological note, Dr. Vree Dannat (2358):

“Displays chronic empathetic overload. Candidate for stress-inoculation training.”

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STARSHIP SERVICE — USS KORVA & USS HECATE (2359–2364)

Assigned first to the light cruiser USS Korva as a junior Operations officer, Elais quickly became known as “the mediator.” She was often placed between Engineering and Command during resource disputes.

2360 — Awarded Operational Merit Citation for restructuring Korva’s cross-department communications workflow.

2361 — Transferred to USS Hecate at request of senior staff (Hecate’s logs confirm Commander Thorne was aboard at the time, though no known extended interaction on record).

During her Hecate period, she served under Captain Vera Solis and Commander Wills Duro. She was cross-trained in logistical command and served occasionally as acting bridge officer during low-risk shifts.

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ADVANCEMENT & ASSIGNMENT TO USS HORIZON (2364–2371)

After the Cereb-2 incident and Thorne's promotion to Captain, personnel analysts recommended pairing him with a first officer whose strengths complemented his deficits. Valeria was selected for this purpose:

- High empathy balanced Thorne's detachment.
- Strong consensus skills moderated his decisiveness.
- She could translate his unusual intuition for the crew.

While she disliked Command roles, she grew into the position out of necessity and loyalty. Her evaluations often mentioned anxiety during simulations, but stellar performance during real crises.

Her father disappeared in 2366 while delivering goods to the Jouret IV colony. Although the Borg incident was not public knowledge until months later, unofficial reports indicate her emotional state deteriorated significantly.

Personal log extract (classified):

"I want to believe he's alive, trapped somewhere. But that hope feels like a blade pressed flat against my ribs. Every time I breathe, I feel it."

Psychology addendum:

"Heightened grief response, risk of chronic guilt complex. Continues to function with discipline."

Captain Thorne, evaluation excerpt (2367):

"Commander Elais embodies the strengths I do not have. She listens, translates, and binds the crew together. Without her, Horizon would operate like a machine. With her, we are a ship."

Major contributions aboard Horizon:

- Oversaw crew integration during multi-species upgrades.
- Managed morale during extended anomaly-tracking missions.
- Served as field diplomat during three first-contact-adjacent encounters.
- Built department-level consensus that kept the highly experimental Horizon crew stable.

ARTIFACT-01 INCIDENT & DISAPPEARANCE (2371–2372)

Contact with Artifact-01 triggered a dimensional collapse, destroying the bridge and killing half the crew. Residual 22.3 Hz harmonic signatures persist at subspace layer 4.7.

CURRENT STATUS & ADDENDUM — PROJECT ECHO

OFFICIAL FINDING:

The USS *Horizon* and crew disappeared on Stardate 49010.6 during contact with Artifact-01. Final transmission indicated imminent structural collapse from gravitational distortion. All hands listed *Missing In Action, Presumed Destroyed*.

CLASSIFIED ADDENDUM (Access: C-in-C, SFI):

Recovered auxiliary logs indicate at least partial ship survival beyond established parameters. Data suggests intermittent connection with tertiary backup computer core on *Horizon* occurred after event. Temporal inconsistencies within data packets (ranging from 22–23 Hz harmonic intervals) suggest non-linear transmission patterns—potential evidence of timeline divergence or inter-dimensional displacement.

Working theory: *USS Horizon* was absorbed into an alternate-phase continuum or layered subspace pocket. Active investigation ongoing under *Project ECHO*.

File remains active but sealed.

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