

"It has been thirty years since the Stargate was opened and our struggle for cosmic survival began.

From those early beginnings mankind has accepted and embraced a duty to others across the universe. Those descendants of mankind, we who are known as the Tau'ri, and all those of the ancient ancestors of humanity across the universe.

Early battles against ancient and implacable enemies have won our place in the universe, but there remain as many unknown discoveries, hopes and challenges before us as there are worlds and people on them.

Great enemies of humanity have fallen to our bold endeavours, but this has left our shores open to new tides of chaos and the rise of other and more distant threats.

This is not a voyage we can turn back from. This is just the first wave of our future, our destiny."



STARGATE-X

Background

Following the first establishment of the Stargate programme in the United States of America, international partners, principally led by the five permanent members of the United Nations (the USA, UK, Russian Federation, China and France), have formed an oversight organisation to manage all Stargate affairs on behalf of the interests of humanity, although great secrecy is attached to all activities of this International Stargate Command Authority.

This command has changed since its first conception. Under its original formation all activities were conducted through the offices of the US Air Force. Following a restructuring of the programme the construction and management of deep spaceships has been taken over by the offices of the US Navy (other programmes are underway on a smaller scale in the other four leading powers). The original Stargate facility has been relocated to a safer location in the Arizona deserts close to the site

known as Area 51 in popular mythology. This location has been accorded a top secret status as an international territory similar to the neutrality of the United Nations in New York. It has its own airfield with military and specially cleared civil access only, there is a single highway and one partly underground railway (railroad for all American readers) leading to and supplying this location.

Most exo-planetary exploration activities are conducted through this location, using a mixture of civil-military personnel divided amongst two key areas of activity: (1) deep space probes through the locally-established stargate using standard 4-man "point teams" (spearpoint/swordpoint) combining military leadership and scientific support with special emphasis on advanced science and cultural/historical contact/analysis depending on the location being studied; and (2) in-depth investigation of the facility known as "Atlantis", which also acts as mobile platform for some outbound point teams and other activities as and where required by the current situation.

Support, reinforcement and rescue operations are carried out by Navy warships using state-of-the-art techniques inherited from other races and mastered in covert development programmes, up to adoption of techniques from such threats as the Wraith.

Current Status

The International Stargate Command Authority (ISCA) has superseded the original International Oversight Authority (IOA) several years ago. It was felt that any form of oversight should be conducted with due regard to the prime requirement of defence of Earth interests and military-scientific conduct. Situations arising from the conduct of the IOA suggested an excessive level of political interference impairing and in one or two cases severely threatening the survival of the human race merely for political gain of one or more factions. Direct Authority now rests with a committee made of thirteen appointed and experienced personnel, of whom no less than seven must have senior military service and at least four members must have a minimum of three years' direct successful practical experience in Stargate activities representing Military, Scientific, Cultural and Diplomatic activities.

To protect senior members against undue interference from their home governments they are according special status and irrevocable positions on this committee for a duty tour of no less than three years. Once appointed they cannot be revoked or pressed by their own governments for the duration of their tour and have full authority to act independently on behalf of the entire human race. They remain subject to internal discipline in accordance with the founding treaties.

Operational command of different branches of Stargate and related space exploration and patrol duties has now been distributed amongst a number of specialist co-operative agencies operating within the framework of a General Directive of Human Interest which lays down the required actions, fields of responsibility and authority of each agency and interagency support for best effective conduct of all operations,

especially in times of immediate emergency where reference to higher authority would be time-consuming and potentially fatal to the human race.

All field command remains strictly with experienced field officers.

A legal framework exists to prevent impairment from interference by higher civil/political authority and to guarantee effective conduct of all operations on behalf of the entire human race and not any single nation-state or other agency.

A constant state of alert remains against previous and other potential threats. Some of these are seen as low-risk (slang - "green meanies"), some as extreme danger (slang - "red monsters"). The latter are the principal focus of the SG-1 Special Operations Group. This has grown from its original point team to a lead investigation and active operations group for those areas of threat which humanity has already experienced.

Other point teams remain active on original missions of initial contact on new worlds or as backup support to SG-1 where required.

Total operational personnel for point missions fluctuates around 160 members in forty point teams. SG-1 Group currently numbers approximately 168 personnel. Active support personnel including rescue teams, combat support, diplomatic, scientific and cultural staff numbering several thousand at various (CLASSIFIED) locations.

Ships on deployment are in the main devoted to: (a) Earth defence rapid reaction force; (b) support of Pegasus operations, with or without the presence of the Atlantis mobile base; (c) support of the SG-1 Operations Group; (d) liaison with friendly space-faring races and groups in the home galaxy; (e) other support duties where practical. There are numerous salvaged/captive non-human ships at the disposal of agencies when not being inspected by scientific-engineering teams.

The need to maintain covert production of ships on Earth has restricted larger scale production and deployment of resources. This may be addressed thorough off-world backup sites in due course of their local economic development (see "Human Dispersal" below).

Technical Note

Of special attention it must be noted that all point teams remain in a low level of technical status. To ensure that no new off-world cultural contact is contaminated with state-of-the-art technology, whether feeling threatened or receiving something that could be a subsequent threat if turned on mankind, all teams use current state of conventional military art with some minor low-risk modifications. Little advanced technology is used by point teams to prevent it falling into hostile hands. This does not mean that they lack effective high-tech support, rapid reinforcement or evacuation capability on-call.

Special attention should be paid here to the Earth-built BAE-Sikorsky "Star Skipper" derived from Ancient transport pod technology found on Atlantis and the Boeing F-115 "Arrow Hammer" strike craft based on Wraith design and operational concepts. Both are fully gate-capable and well armed to support point teams on-demand. (see Appendix attachments.)

Human Dispersal

Following early experiences with USAF Stargate Command a number of human-compatible worlds have been identified, not occupied by existing populations, as suitable for emergency evacuation of part of the human population in the event of any extinction level event (ELE) threatening the species.

Small mixed civil/military communities, typically approximately fifty thousand families, are maintained on each such world with a semiautonomous ship base, repair facility and, in the extreme case, full manufacturing capacity to replenish human civilization over a period of approximately 500-1,000 years.

A number of (TOP SECRET - EDITED) facilities exist on these worlds for further (TOP SECRET - EDITED).

All locations are heavily defended and, where practical, stealthed against close-proximity discovery. Owing to continued threat from the Wraith in the Pegasus Galaxy there are no such locations there.

NOTE: Most families on such sites are unaware of their location. Every reasonable effort is made to stress the secrecy of the site and disguise the "alien" nature of the location with intense levels of localised terraforming to match areas such as the NW USA, Russian forests, etc. Families are transhipped via railway connection linked through specially constructed stargate platforms, or conventional civil aircraft modified with StarJump propulsion to minimise any apparent effect of interplanetary travel.

There is an ongoing effort on some worlds to establish a permanent population, although political issues of loyalty, administration and constitutional framework remain to be resolved.

Contact & Trade

Discreet trade is conducted with a number of human-occupied pre-industrial worlds, former slave worlds to the Goa'uld, to assist them in rising to Earth-level health, well-being and prosperity.

Although a number of arguments against intervention have been made these were eventually defeated on the principal that by assisting these worlds we can establish greater co-operative federation with them, help humans on those world avoid many of the grosser errors humanity made over the last three centuries of industrialisation, improve

the ability of these world to resist invasions and thus contribute to the greater defence of the galaxy should it be needed in the future.

NOTE: It is known that smaller factions within the ISCA and outside civil/political agitators continue to argue for the status quo. We must all remain vigilant to any attempt to undermine the approved plans in favour of this minority position on the grounds that while keeping mankind in a superior position to lesser worlds it could in the long term leave such worlds susceptible to other outside influences offering comparable aid.

Horses

We have found that the most profitable form of trade is in shipping horse livestock to other worlds. As many humans were transplanted thousands of years before the domestication of the horse they lack this amongst many other benefits of Earth culture. Introducing horses, then schooling, breeding, even sporting activity, provides an exceptional way to stimulate good relations with pre-industrial societies and stimulate rapid economic and social development.

Horses and other suitable livestock are now also being transplanted to other compatible worlds empty in anticipation of future human colonisation.

We're not sure about the bunnies after the Larisha Incident.

Continuing Exploration

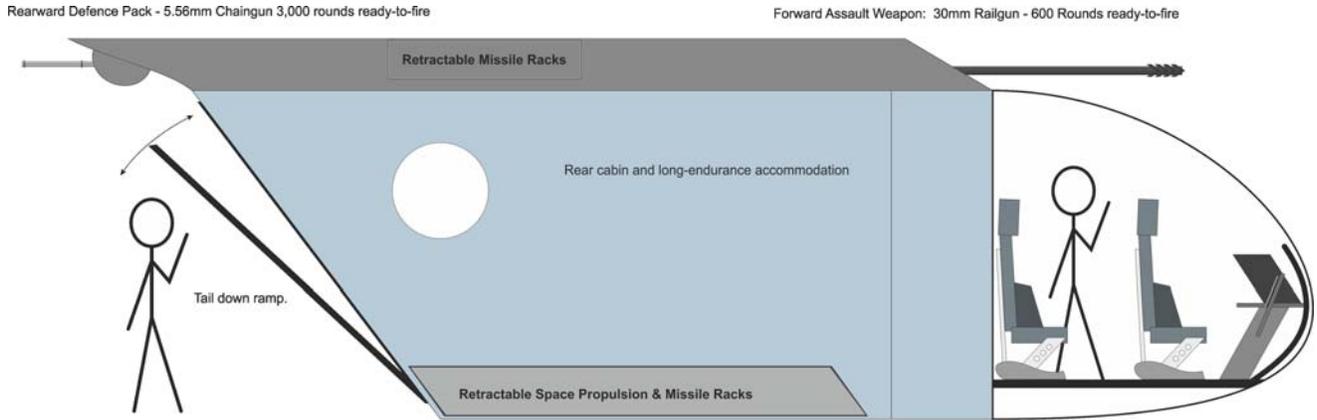
We have only scratched the surface of the galaxy in our explorations. Similarly we barely master the heritage of both the Ancient's inheritance from Atlantis and the tremendous gift given us by the Asgard before their ascension (query, query, not authenticated, further investigation required), we have much to learn and a great vista of opportunity before us.

We will move forward on this voyage with boldness and alertness.

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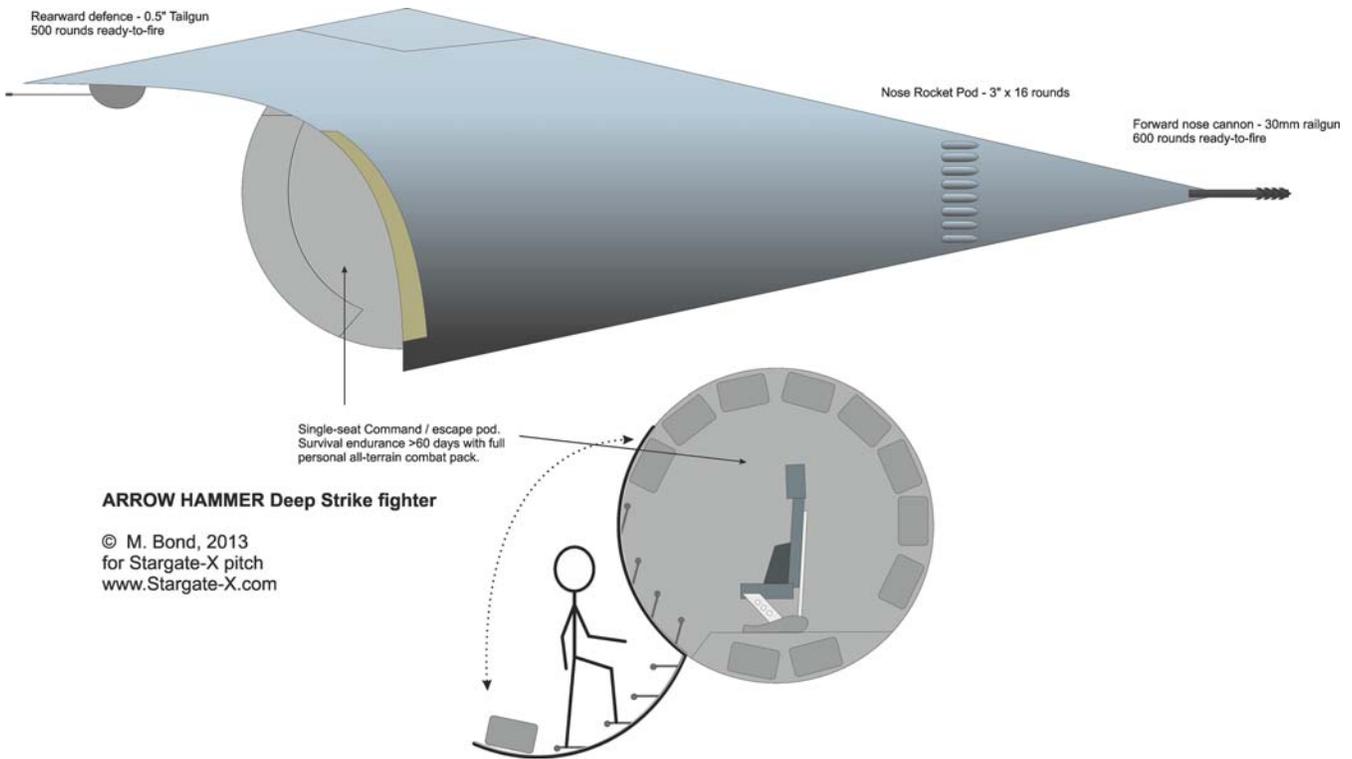
Technical Data.



STAR SKIPPER Personnel Transport/Rescue/Support Craft

Forward cabin and transparent nose (armoured) for all-round visibility

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ARROW HAMMER Deep Strike fighter

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