

CS-19 Redesignation Timeline (as of 5 September 2023)

- March 2021 - Geoff Phillips researches CS-19 patch history in preparation for Class of 1981's 40th reunion
- 18 April 2021 - Geoff contacts Emma Przybyslawski, the CS-19 Squadron Commander in 2010 and current AOG Board Member, to see if she knew why "Starship 19" changed to the "Wolverines" back in 1992-1993
 - Emma had no information related to the name change
- May 2021 - Geoff contacts the CS-19 Squadron Commanders and AOC from 1992-1993 (Scott Knaub, Charles Motsinger and Steve Clark respectively) to see if they knew why "Starship 19" changed to the "Wolverines"
 - They all agreed that the change was driven by CW and stated that they were called into the Squadron Activity Room (SAR) one evening and told to pick a new squadron name from a list of 5 names. "Wolverines" was chosen
 - All concurred that the name change was not driven by the CS-19 cadets (even though some had become ambivalent towards the Star Trek theme) – but was driven from above
 - There is no apparent USAF Legacy for the name "Wolverines"
 - As to a potential historic USAF legacy for "Wolverine" I am not aware of, and cannot find any reference to, any aircraft named Wolverine or to any Air Force unit that was called the Wolverines.
 - As far as I know it wasn't until February 2021 that the USAF ever had linkage to anything named Wolverine when they accepted the first new Beechcraft AT-6E Wolverine Light Attack aircraft into the USAF inventory on 17 February 2021.
- 22 October 2021 - Geoff attends the USAFA Class of 1981 Reunion and during it attends the USSF presentation related to teaching the Cadets about space
 - Following a few questions from Geoff, the presenter Lt Col Wasinger from USSF Delta 13 – Detachment 1, said that they would welcome any assistance in their curriculum development efforts
- 1 November 2021 – Geoff contacts Lt Col Wasinger to begin assisting with the 4-year Space Training and Readiness (STAR) course development; e.g. STAR-100 through STAR-400
- 17 February 2022 – Geoff agrees to assist with the USSF "Azimuth" summer program course development based on a request by Lt Col Wasinger
- 7 April 2022 – Elon Musk visits USAFA and speaks to the Cadets about space
 - C3C Mark Lema was in the audience at Arnold Hall. Cadet Lema was scheduled to join Cadet Squadron 19, known as the Wolverines, the following academic year. But he'd never heard about Starship 19, the patch that the squadron wore from 1976 to 1993 – a patch that was gifted to Elon Musk on an A-jacket to commemorate his visit.

- 13 August 2022 - Cadet Lema initially contacts Geoff about Starship 19 based on their interactions during the USSF curriculum development efforts and his understanding that Geoff had been in Starship-19 back in the day
- 17 August 2022 - Geoff sends C2CLema the "*History of CS-19 Patch*" document
- 19 August 2022 - Geoff sends C2C Lema the "*Star Trek Sayings*" document
- 23 August 2022 – Geoff reaches out to Dr. Brian Laslie, the USAFA Command Historian, to see if he had any documentation or insight as to what precipitated the 1992/1993 CS 19 name change from “Starship 19” to “Wolverines”
 - Dr. Laslie searched the USAFA "emblem files" dating all the way back to the initial patch creations and found no documentation related to the 1992/1993 name change from “Starship 19” to “Wolverines”.
- 26 August 2022 – Geoff drafts “*Approval for CS-19 Squadron Patch and Name Change MFR*” for C2C Lema and C3C Rosa to initiate name change staffing process
 - Dr Laslie drafts supporting "*CS-19 Squadron Patch and Name Change Proposal*" MFR to accompany the CS-19 submittal
- 5 September 2021 - Cadet Lema submits eSSS to Chain of Command formally requesting CS 19 name change back to “Starship”
 - Based on internal CS-19 discussions and a vote by the squadron to go “Back to the Future” and revert to Starship 19
 - In order to make sure that the cadets in CS-19 approved of the initiative to return to Starship 19, C2C Mark Lema posted an interest poll and asked each of the cadets to anonymously submit whether they actively supported this change.
 - The results showed that 72% of the cadets who responded to the poll (73 responses out of 105 cadets in the Squadron), an overwhelming majority, supported the change, for both the new patch and the rebranding of CS-19, and were enthusiastic about it.
 - A secondary poll was also conducted to vote on what the new slogan on the squadron patch should be, with “Live Long and Prosper,” was the largest voted slogan; so that was reflected in the patch design.
 - Lastly, a final poll was directed in order to vote for the verbal slogan. Out of 61 cadet responses, the slogan “Turn and Burn,” received a majority vote with 42 cadets voting for this slogan.
- 7 September 2022 - Geoff sends Colonel Greenwood, USSF Delta 13, Detachment 1, and C2C Lema "*The Inspirational Impact of Star Trek Document*" to garner USSF support for the change back to Starship-19
- 13 September 2022 – CS-19 Cadets finalize new design for proposed Starship 19 patch
 - New Starship-19 patch was designed by C3C Cassidy Rosa
 - The stars in the top left represent the class colors while the white star is Polaris. The starship Enterprise is flying away from the Earth to symbolize the progress of the air and

space forces in space and cyberspace. The motto, “Vive Diu Et Prospere” translates to “Live Long and Prosper.”

- 27 October 2022 - Uniform Board Meets for the first time
 - Uniform Board defers CS-19 decision because there is no official process on how to change a squadron’s name and patch
 - Dr. Laslie agrees to work on creating a process to satisfy the Uniform Board’s process requirement
 - Uniform Board agrees to hold an interim meeting prior to their routinely scheduled March 2023 meeting to evaluate the CS-19 request
- 4 November 2022 – Cadet Lema submits a complete eSSS CS-19 Name Change package for approval to proceed to the Uniform Board
- 23 November 2022 - Uniform Board Meets for the second time
- 23 December 2022 - Uniform Board Approves CS-19 change back to Starship 19
- 13 February 2023 – Geoff contacts the AOG Communications team, Jeff Holmquist, to discuss the development of a Checkpoints article about the CS-19 Redesignation effort.
- 3 March 2023 – USAFA Superintendent Lieutenant General Richard M. Clark approves CS-19 change back to Starship 19
- 23 March 2023 – Geoff contacts Mr. David Smith, the Director of Annual Giving at the Air Force Academy Foundation, to discuss fundraising and setting up a Starship-19 Falcon Funder (<https://falconfunder.usafa.org/>) initiative to raise funds to help refurbish and add Starship iconography to the squadron area
- 26 April 2023 - CS-19 Gift Opportunity Letter (GOL) to allow \$7,000 in funds to be raised submitted to USAFA/A8D
- 9 June 2023 – CS-19 GOL approved by the USAFA Commandant, Brigadier General Paul Moga and USAFA/A8D, Carla Hunstad
- 17 June 2023 – Geoff sends detailed documentation to AOG Communications team to support their Checkpoints article
- 30 June 2023 – Jeff Holmquist sends C1C Lema and Geoff a draft of the Checkpoints article to review and comment on
- 5 July 2023 – Geoff checks in with Mr. David Smith and confirms that the Air Force Academy Foundation has all of the required approvals to move forward with CS-19 fundraising effort
 - Sends approved GOL to ensure that Mr. Smith has the final version
- 5 July 2023 – Mr. David Smith proposes integrating the CS-19 fundraising efforts with the upcoming “1Day1USAFA” campaign instead of establishing a Falcon Funder project
 - After discussions, Geoff and CS-19 agree with the “1Day1USAFA” approach and work to send Mr. Smith the appropriate content.

- 4 – 19 July – Geoff works with AOG Communications Team, Jeff Holmquist and Brittany Weinzier, to prepare an email communication that could be sent out to all AOG members informing them about the impending Starship-19 Redesignation
- 21 July 2023 - AOG ZoomiEnews weekly all-AOG member sent out with item entitled "Starship-19 Redesignation Ceremony Set" encouraging AOG members to donate to CS-19 to ".....offer support to the refurbishing of the CS-19 squadron area to integrate new Starship iconography."
- 1-2 August 2023 – Air Force Academy Foundation’s “1Day1USAFA” gift giving campaign raises over \$6,500 to support the CS-19 squadron refurbishment activities
- 12 August 2023 – Starship-19 Redesignation Ceremony held at Polaris Hall
 - C1C Mark Lema initiated the ceremony and spoke about the reasons that led to the change and the activities undertaken to obtain approval of the change.
 - Next, Major Cara Bousie, the CS-19 AOC, spoke about the past, present and future of CS-19.
 - Then General David Goldfein, the 21st Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, spoke about on his time in Starship 19 and his view as to the importance of Space and the formation of the United States Space Force.
 - Then General Terrence O’Shaughnessy, the Former Commander, United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), spoke about his time in Starship 19, his views of how Space was supported during his career and the future of commercial and military space integration.
 - Following the conclusion of the remarks the CS-19 cadets said goodbye to Wolverines and changed their shoulder patches to the new Starship patch.
 - General Terrence O’Shaughnessy then presented a gift from Elon Musk and SpaceX to CS-19 for their squadron area
 - The gift was an ~30” x ~30” heat shield panel from the Successful 5 May 2021 launch of the SN-15 “Starship” from Boca Chica, Texas
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CZTLogln34>
 - C1C Mark Lema then closed the ceremony and those in attendance sang both the Air Force Song and the Space Force Song.
 - Following completion of the ceremony a Starship-19 flag was signed by guests to commemorate the event and their attendance.
- 12 August 2023 - Jeff Holmquist sends C1C Lema and Geoff an updated draft of the Checkpoints article to review and comment on
- Subsequent to the Starship-19 Redesignation ceremony, online LinkedIn discussions related to the ceremony surfaced some additional details about the 1992/1993 name change from Starship to Wolverines:
 - Wolverines was ostensibly selected by the cadets because of the perceived coolness of the Marvel “Wolverine” character
 - The first version of the new patch allegedly looked like the X-Men Wolverine character

- But apparently the X-Men Wolverine character likeness was not used because of USAFA copy right concerns.
 - Chad Wyatt (class of '93), is purported to have come up with the final Wolverine patch design - most likely based on the existing Wolfpack, 8FW, Kunsan AB ROK patch
- 22 August 2023 – Mr. David Smith, the Director of Annual Giving at the Air Force Academy Foundation, confirms that in the final accounting the Starship-19 fundraising initiative raised \$7,003 during the 1Day1USAFA effort; \$3.00 more than the \$7,000 Gift Opportunity Letter (GOL) target
- 28 August 2023 – Mr. Smith provides guidance on next steps to obtain the funds raised so that CS-19 can access them to begin refurbishing the Squadron area
 - POCs for the funds are:
 - Carla Hunstad, USAFA/A8
 - Abbie Wentzel, Air Force Academy Foundation, Director of Gift Funds
- 5 September 2023 - Geoff Phillips submits Starship-19 Redesignation historical documentation data pack to Dr. Laslie for inclusion into the USAFA historical archives
 - The data pack consists of 39 documents; 32 PDF documents (one with 39 photographs from the ceremony) and 7 image files (of the relevant Starship and Wolverine patches)