

# COMMANDER TALAS SH'THARQAT

Andorian

Female

Starfleet

## Biography

The war with the Cardassians is on a lot of minds these days. This conflict was prolonged and bloody and, with the multiple conflicts embroiling the Cardassian Union, it might be a vision of the future as well. For Commander Talas sh'Tharqat, that conflict has never left her mind.

Like many veterans of the Federation-Cardassian War, sh'Tharqat was deeply scarred by her experiences and carries those scars with her even as she continues to serve as a tactical officer on Starfleet vessels. She is a capable fighter and excellent squad leader, even serving as on the faculty of Starfleet Academy for an academic year. Her fellow crewmembers know her to be a confident, loyal, and friendly person but when missions turn to violence there is an edge to the Andorian that is inescapable.



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The fact is that sh'Tharqat has long-term post-traumatic stress disorder from her combat experiences. She has been through counseling to deal with it but she lives with it daily. When she is on an away mission or at the tactical station and the situation turns deadly she sees Cardassian soldiers and cruisers in front of her and she feels that same knot in her gut. There's often a danger that she will snap and put her team at risk. It's happened before, though the incidents have been downplayed in her official record by command staff who value her experience and don't want to tarnish the reputation of a decorated veteran.

### Commander sh'Tharqat as a Klingon War Veteran

Putting Commander sh'Tharqat in the era of the original series is as simple as replacing the Federation-Cardassian War with an earlier conflict. You can make up something small-scale but having sh'Tharqat be a veteran of the Klingon War shown in the first season of *Star Trek: Discovery* offers some interesting options. Fighting Cardassians was difficult and stressful but fighting against the Klingons was a war that nearly destroyed the Federation. On top of which the circumstances around the start of the war were very divisive so there is an element of "no one back on Andoria even cares what I did." It's also more recent than the Federation-Cardassian War and the number of veterans is even higher so this version of Talas sh'Tharqat is more raw and might not have as good a handle on her PTSD symptoms.

## Statistics

Use the following statistics for a Notable or Major version of this character. The statistics note what changes are necessary for a Major NPC.

**TRAIT:** Andorian

### VALUES:

- **Proud Son of Andoria**
- **This Looks Like a Fine Hill to Die On** (Major NPC)

### ATTRIBUTES

<b>Control</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Daring</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Fitness</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Insight</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Presence</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>9</b>

For Major NPC add +1 to Daring and Fitness. This adds +1 to Stress.

### DISCIPLINES

<b>Command</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Conn</b>	<b>02</b>
<b>Security</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>02</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Medicine</b>	<b>02</b>

### FOCUSES:

- **Small Unit Tactics**
- **Hand Phasers**
- **Fleet Formations** (Major NPC)
- **Hazardous Environments** (Major NPC)

**Stress: 15    Resistance: 0**

### ATTACKS:

- **Unarmed Strike** (Melee, 5♣ Knockdown, Size 1H, Non-lethal)
- **Ushaan-tor** (Melee, 6♣ Vicious, Size 1H)
- **Phaser type-I** (Ranged, 6♣, Size 1H, Charge, Hidden 1)
- **Escalation Phaser rifle** (Ranged, 8♣, Size 2H, Accurate, Charge)
- **Escalation Pulse grenades (2)** (Ranged, 8♣ Area, Size 1H, Charge, Grenade)

### SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **The Ushaan** (Talent, p. 103)
- **Combat Memories:** When Commander sh'Tharqat buys a d20 for an attack roll in personal combat, roll 1♣ for each d20 rolled. If two or more Effects are rolled, sh'Tharqat will continue attacking until all enemies she sees are incapacitated or she takes an Injury. An ally can grab her and attempt a Presence + Command (Difficulty 2) to snap her out of it.
- **Crisis Management:** No matter what position she is filling, Commander sh'Tharqat can use the *Direct* Task (core rulebook, p. 173). If her position already allows her to use the *Direct* Task, she can do so twice per scene instead of once.
- **Hunker Down:** Whenever sh'Tharqat rolls Cover Dice (core rulebook, p. 171), she may add +1 Resistance to the total for each Effect rolled.
- **Veteran:** Whenever sh'Tharqat spends two or more Threat, roll 1♣. If an Effect is rolled, immediately regain one Threat.