

“Tuvok” Among DoDDS-Europe Graduates



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In the 60 years since the doors opened, literally hundreds of thousands of students have passed through the hallways and into the classrooms of teachers working overseas for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Europe, among Timothy Darrell Russ, Star Trek Voyager’s “Tuvok.”

Russ was born on June 22, 1956, in Washington, D.C. He grew up on several military bases, including Niagara Falls, Elmendorf Air Base Alaska, Omaha, Taiwan, Philippines and Turkey. He attended Izmir High School in Turkey, and received his diploma from Rome Academy, New York. Afterwards he attended Saint Edwards University and earned a B.S. in Theater Arts but continued his studies with a full scholarship to continue theater studies at Illinois State University.

An Air Force dependent for 18 years, Russ said, “When I was growing up, I did not like moving from place to place on average every two years. The constant making and losing of friends was sometimes very difficult.” But, he says, hindsight has taught him a lot. “I could not appreciate the places I lived in as much then as I can now. As I look back I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to live in different parts of the world.”

Recalling his school days, Russ said, “I especially enjoyed the times I had in Izmir Turkey, because I was a teenager then and was to take advantage of

events and travel on my own from time to time with my friends. Growing up as a military dependent not only influenced my choice of career, but also shaped the way I look at life as an adult.”

Russ has appeared in dozens of TV shows and movies beyond Star Trek, to include the Twilight Zone, Thirty Something, Mancuso FBI, Sea Quest, Melrose Place, Spaceballs, Death Wish 4, and Roots. He is also an accomplished musician, with recordings that include “Only a Dream in Rio.”

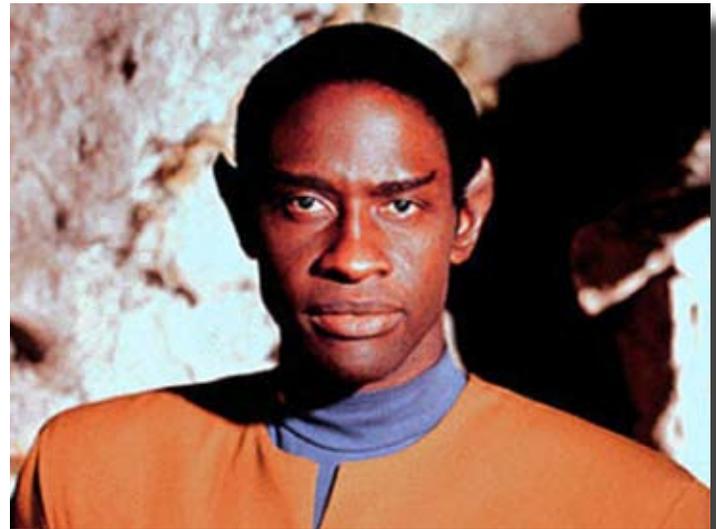


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For seven years Tim Russ portrayed Lt. Tuvok, the Vulcan Security Officer and Chief Tactical Officer for the Voyager. He has gone on to direct a Star Trek sequel, has recorded several music albums and has appeared in dozens of TV sitcoms.