

The background of the cover is a detailed, high-angle illustration of the USS Veritas's interior. It shows a large, circular, multi-level structure with a checkered floor. The architecture is futuristic, with various levels, walkways, and glowing blue light strips. The overall color palette is dominated by greys and blues, with some red accents on the railings and lights. The title 'USS VERITAS' is written in a large, bold, white, italicized font at the top, with 'HANDBOOK' in a smaller, bold, yellow font below it. The ship's name 'U.S.S. VERITAS' and its registry number 'NCC-74100' are printed on the floor in the lower-left quadrant. The date 'April 2024' is located in the bottom right corner.

USS VERITAS

HANDBOOK

U.S.S. VERITAS

NCC-74100

April 2024

CAPTAINS WELCOME

GREETINGS!

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE COMMAND STAFF, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE RANKS OF THE USS VERITAS, A CHAPTER OF STARFLEET THE INTERNATIONAL STAR TREK FAN ASSOCIATION, INC. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH EACH OF YOU.

WE ARE STARFLEET – WE COME TO SERVE.

THE GOAL OF OUR CHAPTER IS SIMPLE. WE WISH TO GATHER, ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY AND SHARE OUR LOVE FOR ALL THINGS TREK AND SCIENCE FICTION! WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND TO HAVE FUN!

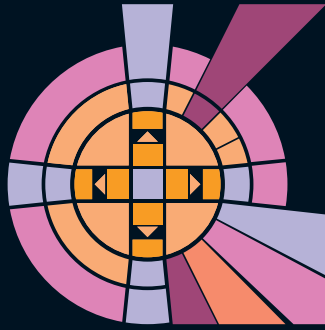
I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ BOTH THIS HANDBOOK AND THE STARFLEET MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK. THEY DETAIL HOW THE USS VERITAS AND STARFLEET ARE ORGANIZED.

THIS HANDBOOK SERVES AS A LIVING DOCUMENT WHICH IS REPRESENTATIVE OF WHO WE ARE AS A CREW. WELCOME ABOARD!

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USS VERITAS, NCC-74100

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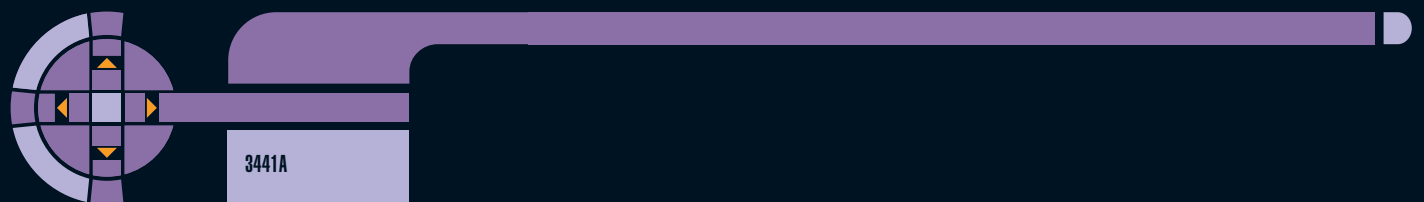
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**CHAPTER
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INTRODUCTION



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Introduction

The Chapter

"STARFLEET COULD'VE SENT A PROBE OUT HERE TO MAKE MAPS AND TAKE PICTURES, BUT THEY DIDN'T. THEY SENT US SO THAT WE COULD EXPLORE WITH OUR OWN SENSES."

— CAPTAIN JONATHAN ARCHER

Name - USS Veritas

This STARFLEET Chapter proudly bears the distinguished name USS Veritas, a symbol of unwavering fidelity. This Latin word, meaning "Truth," resonated profoundly as our chapter seeks ultimate truth, be it scientific or universal..

Affiliation - STARFLEET

The USS Veritas is committed to being a vibrant and engaged chapter within STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "STARFLEET."

Registry Number - NCC-74100

The registry number of the USS Veritas is recorded as NCC-74100, in accordance with the naming registry of STARFLEET chapters. The USS Veritas carries a full complement of shuttlecraft that also carry the NCC-74100 registry followed by their shuttle number. Shuttlecraft are utilized by the crew for away missions and events.

Introduction

USS Veritas



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Join our voyage as we explore the Final Frontier with STARFLEET International. Our Sovereign Class Starship stands as a symbol of exploration and scientific pursuit. In our community, Star Trek comes alive through watch parties, games and activities, as well as spirited discussions on Discord. Yet, our mission extends beyond the digital realm. Embrace STARFLEET ranks and roles, from Captain to our young Cadets, echoing the spirit of Star Trek. STARFLEET Academy courses and specialized Auxiliaries enhance our journey as we connect with chapters, regions, and auxiliaries across STARFLEET and other fan-based organizations.

Whether you're seeking casual camaraderie or a bold adventure, the USS Veritas invites you to join our ranks. Engage, explore, and relish the timeless wonders of Star Trek!

USS Veritas Website: <https://ussveritas.sfi.org>

ARCHIVED DIARY ENTRY

Introduction

STARFLEET International

STARFLEET is all about delivering excellent service to its members. They aim to approach their interactions with humility and emotional intelligence, striving to create the ultimate Star Trek fan experience. STARFLEET stands out from other Star Trek groups by inspiring loyalty among its members and consistently surpassing their expectations.

Drawing inspiration from the Starfleet organization depicted in the Star Trek movies and TV series, SFI's structure aligns with the exploratory and law enforcement aspects of the United Federation of Planets. Within the Star Trek universe, Starfleet serves as the exploratory service and many aspects of "our" STARFLEET organization are built upon this core concept.

As a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under North Carolina laws, STARFLEET holds 501(c)(7) status granted by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

While legally known as STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., members commonly refer to the organization as "STARFLEET," "SFI," or "STARFLEET International." Members are encouraged to use "STARFLEET" (all in capital letters) to maintain the corporate name and to clarify discussions about their organization, distinguishing it from the fictional Starfleet in Star Trek.

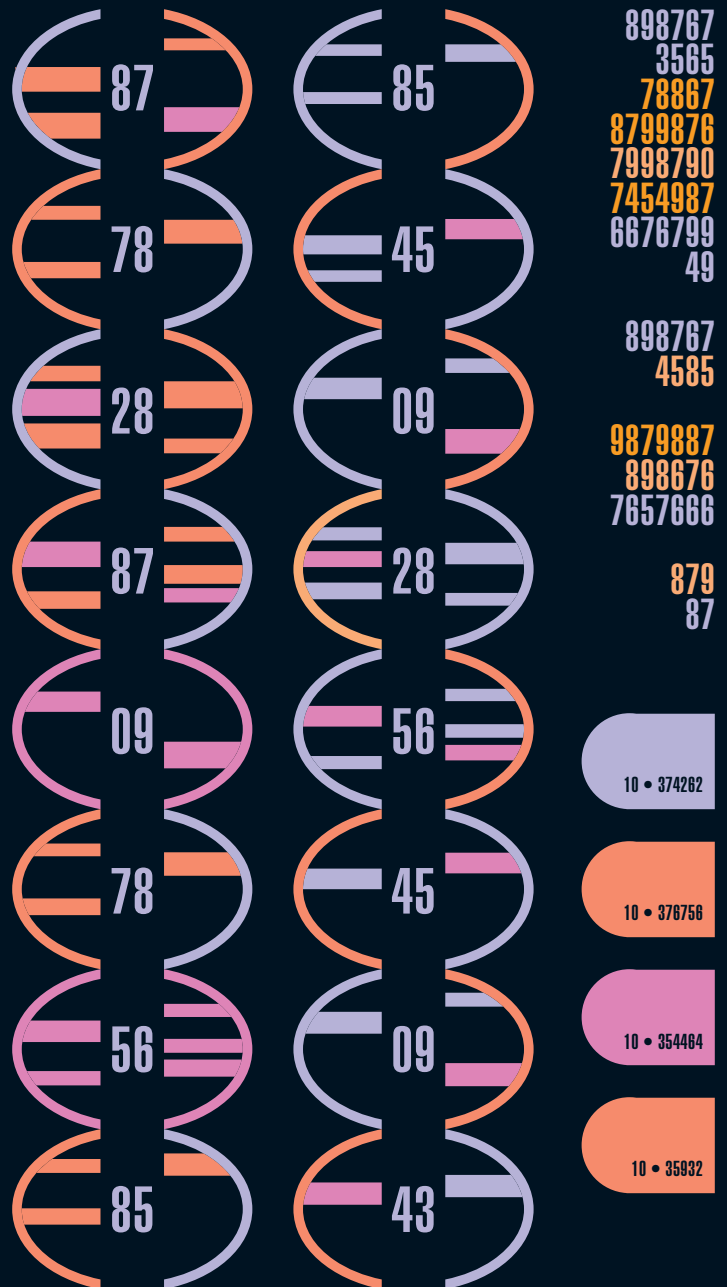
Introduction

Region 3

STARFLEET Region 3 boasts a diverse unified fleet encompassing Texas and Louisiana, including the illustrious U.S.S. Veritas NCC-74100. STARFLEET regions are led by a Regional Coordinator and a Vice Regional Coordinator supported by the complement of chapter captains.

Ships across the Fleet continue to work events, conventions, and charity fundraisers to spread the word about SFI. If you live in Texas and Louisiana, please send an email to our Regional Coordinator (currently Major General Jeremy Carsten) at rc3@sfi.org so we can set you on your journey to discover the world of STARFLEET.

*STARFLEET Region 3 Website:
<https://region3.org/>*



Membership

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Membership

Full Members

Full Members of the USS Veritas actively participate in STARFLEET International and hold a current STARFLEET International Membership, as outlined in the STARFLEET International Membership Handbook, are considered full members. Full members have the right to vote on all USS Veritas decisions during regularly scheduled business meetings. Although we have a command staff, it is our practice to involve the entire crew in decisions that affect the group as a whole.

Full membership in the USS Veritas brings a range of benefits, including voting rights in both the chapter and STARFLEET International, access to exclusive group chats, participation in Discord discussions, and engagement in crew events, whether held remotely or in person. Members also enjoy the opportunity for promotions and securing ship positions. Additionally, STARFLEET International rights grant members the chance to participate in broader organizational decisions, shaping the direction of the collective STARFLEET International community.

As part of the membership package, individuals will receive the Chapter and STARFLEET newsletters, staying informed about the latest news and events. Furthermore, members have the privilege to participate in a broad range of auxiliaries, such as STARFLEET Marines, Medical, Sciences, Petfleet, and more, allowing them to explore various aspects of the Star Trek universe and engage with like-minded enthusiasts.

If full members fail to renew their membership, they still retain their USS Veritas status for 60 days after the renewal date. However, the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer must adhere to the requirements outlined in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook and these bylaws.

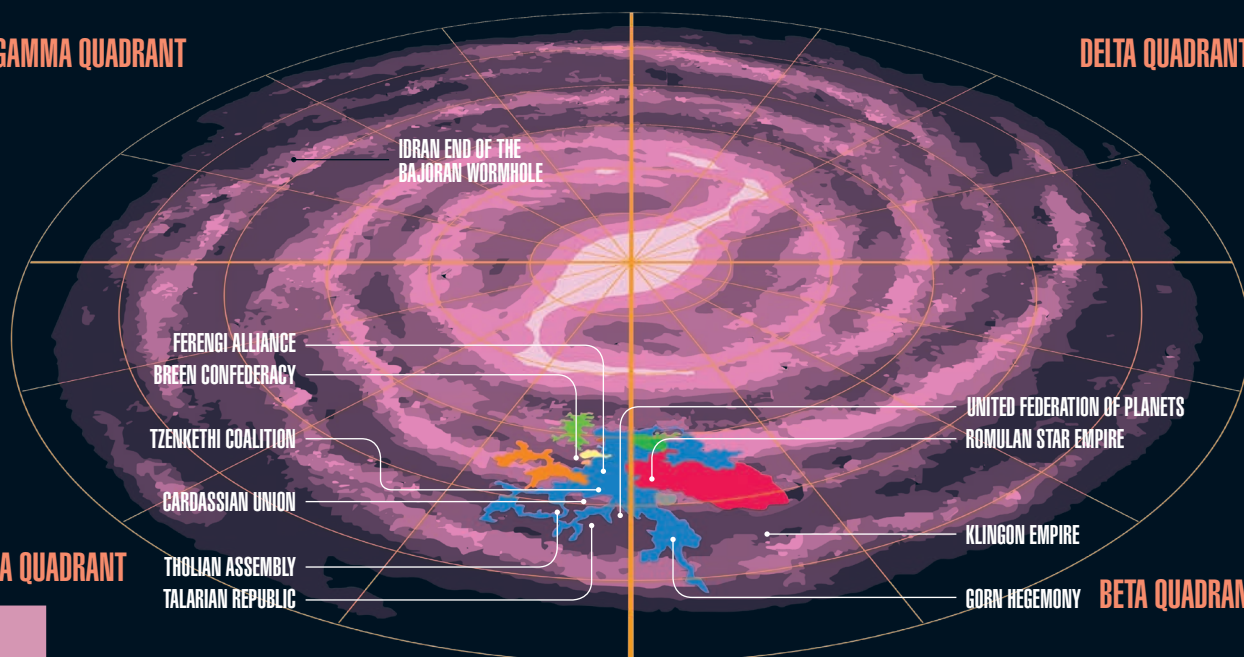
Membership

Ship Ambassadors

THE MILKY WAY GALAXY

GAMMA QUADRANT

DELTA QUADRANT



ALPHA QUADRANT

BETA QUADRANT

Ambassadors on the USS Veritas serve a pivotal role in promoting collaboration and understanding between our chapter and other organizations. It is essential to outline the expectations and responsibilities that accompany this esteemed position. Ambassadors are granted special access to private communication channels such as Discord. They may be invited to both virtual and in-person events and might even be asked to assist with various tasks or the chapter's day-to-day operations.

Ambassadors, while esteemed representatives, are without voting privileges, emphasizing their impartiality in club matters. They are explicitly prohibited from actively promoting their home club within our chapter, ensuring that our community remains focused on our shared passion for Star Trek, science fiction, fandoms and cosplay.

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Membership

Vote of No Confidence and Election Process

"YOU KNOW THE GREATEST DANGER FACING US IS OURSELVES, AN IRRATIONAL FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN. BUT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE UNKNOWN — ONLY THINGS TEMPORARILY HIDDEN, TEMPORARILY NOT UNDERSTOOD."

— CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK

Here aboard the USS Veritas, we value transparency and accountability in our leadership structure. The appointment of the Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO) is determined by a democratic vote among our ship's full members.

To address concerns and align leadership with our organization's values, any ship member can initiate a vote of no confidence for the CO and/or XO. This motion requires a minimum of 66% + 1 vote to pass. If successful, elections for a new CO and/or XO will follow.

Upon electing the ship's new leadership, a two-week transition period begins. During this time, the outgoing leadership facilitates the smooth transfer of accesses, email and social media page credentials, if applicable, to the newly elected CO and/or XO. This ensures a seamless and peaceful transition of responsibilities.

After the 14-day transition, the newly elected CO and/or XO officially assume their roles, bringing fresh perspectives to the USS Veritas's leadership. This process reflects our commitment to responsive governance and ensures our organization can adapt and thrive under leaders who represent the collective voice of our dedicated members.

Membership Meetings

General Meetings

The USS Veritas as a chapter within STARFLEET International will hold general meetings of the Chapter membership bi-monthly (every other month) and be announced on all chapter-used platforms. The ship's leadership will do their best to notify the crew ahead of time for any event requiring attendance.

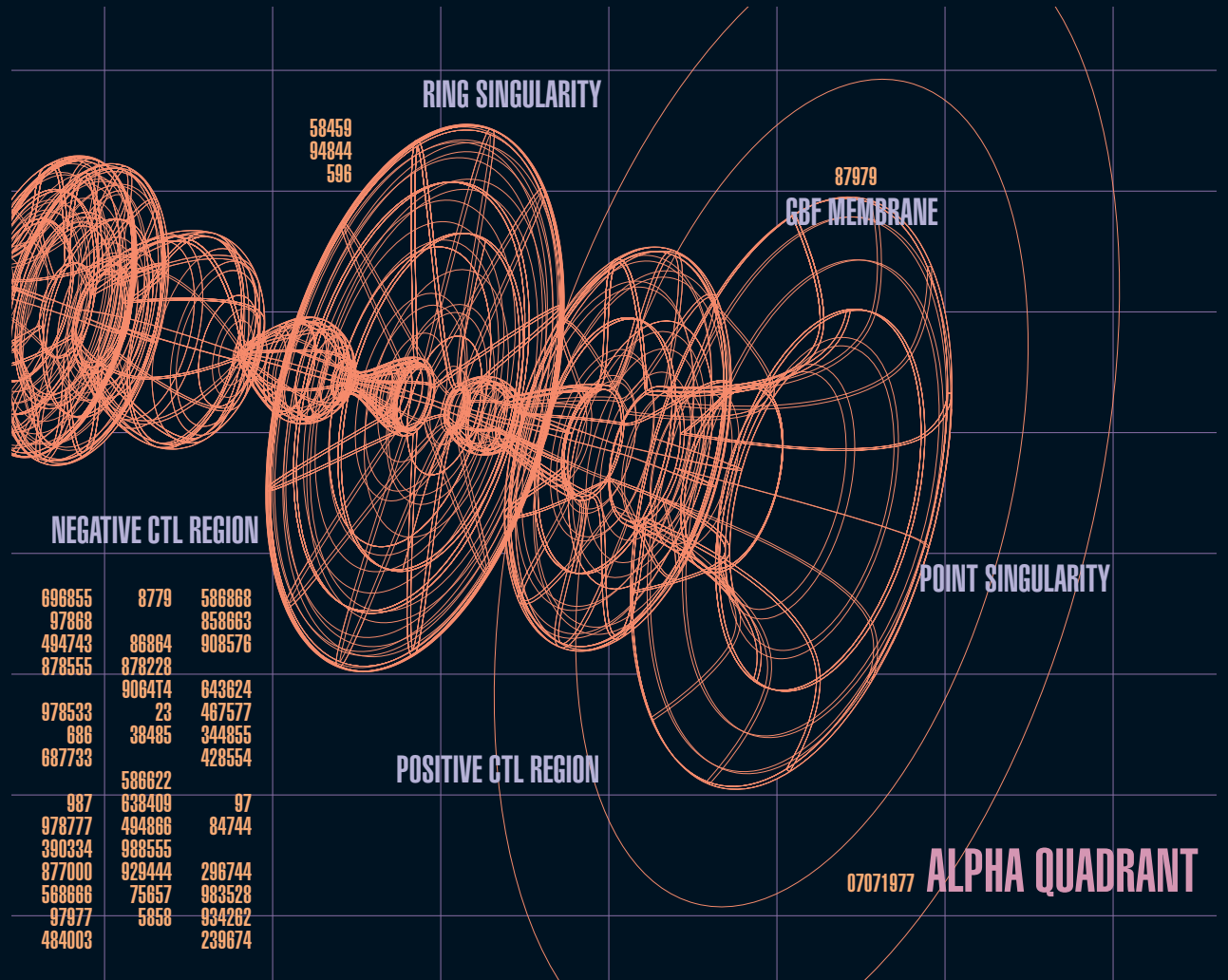
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RECORDED TRANSMISSION

Command Staff Meetings

Command Staff meetings will be held, exceptionally, in the case of force majeure, if needed, and if time permits. Most directives and orders will be given either via Discord #bridge, #the-ready-room, and/or email.

INTERCEPTED TRANSMISSION



Membership

Away Missions

In the exploration of uncharted territories and encounters with new civilizations, STARFLEET crews often find themselves engaged in “away missions”. These excursions are essential for gathering valuable data, establishing diplomatic relations, and addressing unforeseen challenges.

Within the scope of our chapter, an “away mission” is defined as crew members taking time off for various reasons, including vacation, attending conventions, participating in events, and more. Moreover, these away missions may encompass collective participation in events like Comic-Con, which our chapter attends together when feasible. It is worth noting, however, that attendance is not obligatory due to the considerable distances involved.

Before embarking on an away mission, crew members are encouraged to formally request a shuttlecraft. This request should include the purpose of the mission, the number of personnel involved, and any specific equipment or resources needed.

Request for Shuttle Craft Form

Continuous communication with the ship is of utmost importance during away missions. Crew members are encouraged to maintain regular check-ins with the ship (via text message or discord channel) and report any significant developments or issues. Holoimages are always welcome!

By adhering to these protocols, we ensure the safety and effectiveness of away missions, fostering a culture of exploration, collaboration, camaraderie and continuous learning among our crew. Crew members are always connected!

Command Staff



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Command Staff

Veritas Staff

"YOU KEEP WONDERING IF MAN WAS MEANT TO BE OUT HERE. YOU KEEP WONDERING; YOU KEEP ON SIGNING ON."

— CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK

At the core of the USS Veritas are Bridge Officers, Department Chiefs, and specialized roles which collectively serve as the foundation, overseeing every aspect of ship activities to guarantee smooth operations. The Command Staff plays a pivotal role in charting the ship's course, with the Captain and XO steering daily operations, the Chief Science Officer nurturing curiosity, the Chief of Operations ensuring compliance, and the Intelligence/Comms Officer keeping the Captain and crew up to date on current information.



Together, they embody and epitomize the essence of Star Trek, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity among our diverse crew. Whether navigating the vast cosmos or ensuring the ship's safety, every role holds significance in our shared voyage aboard the USS Veritas. Delve into the distinctive and unique responsibilities of each officer, and always bear in mind that our mission is to boldly venture together. Live long and prosper!

Bridge Officers

The Bridge Officers play a crucial role on the USS Veritas. They are stationed on the bridge, overseeing and coordinating all ship activities. These officers monitor various tasks happening throughout the ship, ensuring smooth operations. The Bridge Officers are key players in maintaining order and communication, making them integral to the overall functioning of the starship.

Department Chiefs

The Department Chiefs on the USS Veritas are vital members of the Command Staff, under the leadership of the Captain. The Department Chiefs take charge of various tasks, including overseeing projects, recommending promotions and awards, hosting events, and planning away missions. Their role is essential in crew management, fostering teamwork, and achieving the ship's objectives within their departments.

Becoming A Command Staff

Joining the Command Staff or becoming a Department Chief on the USS Veritas is a straightforward process.

1. To start with, there must be an available position within a department on the ship or a proposal to create a new department.
2. The next steps involve completing the Officer Training School (OTS) course,
3. followed by the Officer Command Course (OCC). It's also advisable for officers to take the STARFLEET Data Protection Policy (SFDPP) courses
4. Finally take the Bridge Officer Certification Programming for their department.
 - a. See the Bridge Officer Certification Programs.

These courses, accessible through STARFLEET Academy, greatly contribute to enhancing your understanding of your role within the department.

Veritas Staff

Ship Positions

STARFLEET GENERAL ORDER ONE

THE PRIME DIRECTIVE — SUMMARY

“No identification of self or mission. No interference with the social development of said planet. No references to space, or the fact that there are other worlds or more advanced civilizations...”

03:20.1 - Commanding Officer (CO)

The Commanding Officer (referred to as Captain or CO) oversees the daily operations of the USS Veritas. Serving as the principal spokesperson, they are responsible for maintaining order, upholding the chapter's functionality, and ensuring adherence to STARFLEET International policies and directives. The Commanding Officer (CO) interprets and ensures compliance with both STARFLEET International and diplomatic guidelines. The primary responsibility of overseeing Monthly Reports (MSR) falls under their purview, and the Commanding Officer (CO) is answerable to STARFLEET International for the overall performance of the chapter.

In embodying the principles of Star Trek, the Commanding Officer (CO) cultivates an environment characterized by optimism, openness, and a sense of belonging. The mission of the USS Veritas is to serve respective communities through charitable work and to cultivate an environment of goodwill and camaraderie.

Section 03:20.2 - Executive Officer (XO)

The Executive Officer (referred to as XO or First Officer) serves as the Commanding Officer's right-hand on the USS Veritas. Entrusted with executing directives and assuming the same responsibilities as the Commanding Officer in their absence, the Executive Officer (XO) manages records pertinent to the chapter, ensuring a comprehensive archive of the ship's activities. Beyond administrative duties, the Executive Officer (XO) actively engages with the crew, particularly new members and Department Chiefs, fostering a collaborative environment within the ship that reflects the principles of unity and camaraderie inherent in Star Trek.

In addition to their mentoring role, the Executive Officer (XO) carries the responsibility of overseeing internal investigations. Demonstrating a commitment to impartiality and diligence, the Executive Officer (XO) navigates challenges within the ship, contributing to both operational efficiency and the communal spirit that characterizes the USS Veritas.

Section 03:20.3 - Second Officer and Helms

The Second Officer on the USS Veritas holds the third-highest rank on the starship and is designated to assume command in the absence of both the Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO). In the event that the current Executive Officer (CO) becomes the Acting Captain, the Second Officer can step into the role of First Officer.

The primary responsibilities of the Second Officer on the USS Veritas encompass ship navigation and maintenance. Functioning as the Chief Helm Officer, they are responsible for steering the ship and ensuring its smooth operation, particularly during emergency situations (with a stipulation against performing barrel rolls).

Section 03:20.4 - Chief of Communications

The Chief of Communications plays a crucial role in maintaining seamless communication within our crew and STARFLEET International Auxiliaries. Tasked with the sharing of information to crewmates, they report directly to the captain.

In addition to these responsibilities, this role oversees the Chapter's Newsletter team, taking the lead in its production and distribution. The creative flair applied to newsletters is essential for keeping the crew well-informed and fostering unity among ship members. The commitment to effective communication significantly contributes to the ongoing mission of the USS Veritas.

Section 03:20.5 - Chief of Intelligence

The primary responsibility of the Chief of Intelligence is gathering information on upcoming event and convention opportunities. They will report findings to the Chief of Communications to ensure the crew is made aware of opportunities in the local and regional level.

STARFLEET Intelligence Website:

<https://intel.sfi.org/>

Section 03:20.6 - Ship's Yeoman

The ship's Yeoman functions as the Captain's personal assistant and is primarily engaged in clerical work and record-keeping. Their responsibilities include carrying tricorders to document the ship's activities, announcing the Captain's arrival, and retrieving data and information as needed by the Captain.

Section 03:20.7 - Chief Science Officer

The Chief Science Officer's duties revolve around two main aspects: and nurturing a passion for learning within the crew. They provide materials that enable the crew to explore various scientific disciplines, including exobiology, geoscience, and spatial anomalies. This individual seamlessly collaborates with fellow crew members, integrating scientific knowledge into the daily fabric of our ship operations. Their aim is to spark curiosity and cultivate an interest in science among the crew.

STARFLEET Sciences Website:

<https://sciences.sfi.org/>

Section 03:20.8 - Chief Medical Officer

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) plays a crucial role in ensuring the health and fitness of our crew. Working in collaboration with STARFLEET Medical, they take the lead in initiatives such as the Medical Academy Challenges, promoting well-being and fostering collaboration on the USS Veritas. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) reports to the Assistant Surgeon General in their region.

Under the guidance of the Surgeon General, STARFLEET Medical engages in global collaboration on various medical issues, with a focus on public health, emergency preparedness, wellness and community service. In alignment with Gene Roddenberry's vision, STARFLEET Medical aspires to noble goals through service, teamwork, and the exchange of medical knowledge.

Please note: This STARFLEET Medical program is entirely fictitious and created for entertainment purposes only. It is not associated with any recognized or accredited institution, organization, or governing body. It does not represent any legitimate qualifications or certifications and does not grant any authority, expertise, or credibility in any real-world setting.

STARFLEET Medical Website:
<https://medical.sfi.org/>

Section 03:20.9 - Chief of Operations

The Chief of Operations oversees the critical functions of both the chapter and the ship. Taking charge of online development and maintenance, which encompasses responsibilities such as managing the website and social media, they ensure smooth connectivity and information flow within our ship. This role plays a pivotal part in the upkeep of chapter and crew documents, guaranteeing compliance with STARFLEET International standards. Reporting directly to the Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO), they contribute to operational efficiency and ensure adherence to regulations within the ship. Their duties primarily involve maintaining the ship and crew's compliance with STARFLEET documentation and membership requirements.

Section 03:20.10 - Chief of Engineering

The Chief of Engineering is tasked with maintaining and advancing the technological core of our Sovereign Class Starship. From overseeing the warp core to managing shields, weapons, and shuttles, this individual plays a pivotal role in ensuring the overall functionality of our ship. Engaging in the ship's narrative development within the Star Trek universe, this role ensures that its technological components align with the rich legacy of the series.

Within STARFLEET International, the Corps of Engineering Department actively advises and produces content, contributing to areas such as costuming, graphic design, 3D printing, and more. Whether crafting backstories for starships or creating intricate 3D models, their skills have a valuable impact on the wider STARFLEET International community. All crew members passionate about contributing to the SFI fleet are encouraged to explore the opportunities available within the Corps of Engineers.

Corps of Engineers Website: <https://coe.sfi.org/>

Section 03:20.11 - Chief of Tactical

The primary responsibility of the Chief of Tactical is to uphold order and ensure the security of our ship. This encompasses tasks such as ensuring the secure closure of shuttle bay doors and airlocks, critical for the safety of our crew. Their vigilant oversight extends to away missions, where they navigate potential hazards like inclement weather, charting the safest routes for the team. Collaborating with STARFLEET's Marines or Special Operations Auxiliary departments, our Security team plays a pivotal role in safeguarding the ship and its crew, thereby enhancing the overall readiness and resilience of the USS Veritas.

STARFLEET Marine Corps Website:

<https://sfmc.sfi.org/>

STARFLEET Special Operations Website:

<https://sfso.sfi.org/>

Section 03:20.12 - Chief of Security / Weapons

The primary responsibility of the Chief of Security is to uphold order and ensure the safety of our ship. This role ensures that we are in compliance with all local laws and ordinances when attending or hosting activities as well as ensuring compliance with all weapon safety regulations. This role is especially critical when planning or executing marksmanship training or competitions as a crew or away team.

Section 03:20.13 – Cadet Commandant

The Cadet Commandant is primarily responsible for fostering the development of Cadets. In their role as the Cadet Program Liaison, the Cadet Commandant creates Cadet Challenges, sharing them with our Cadets through our Facebook page and Discord channel. Any individual fulfilling this role SHALL have a current background check and some form of Child Safety Youth Protection Training within the last two year.

Section 03:20.14 - Ship Ambassadors

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STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps Website: <https://dc.sfi.org/>

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Promotions



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USS Veritas Rank and Promotin Chart

Grade	STARFLEET RANK	ABBR.	SFMC RANK	ABBR.	TIME IN GRADE (Months)	Points	OTHER REQUIREMENTS
FLAG OFFICER RANKS							
O-12	Fleet Admiral	FADM	N/A				
O-11	Admiral	ADM	General	GEN	36		*Granted by EC
O-10	Vice Admiral	VADM	Lieutenant General	LGN	30		*Granted by EC
O-9	Rear Admiral	RADM	Major General	MGN	24		*Granted by EC
O-8	Commodore	COMM	Brigadier General	BGN	21		*Granted by EC
O-7	Fleet Captain	FCAPT	Brigadier	BDR	18		*Granted by EC
O-6	Captain	CAPT	Colonel	COL	12		*Granted by RC
OFFICER RANKS							
O-5	Commander	CMDR	Lieutenant Colonel	LTC	8	300	*Must Complete OCC
O-4	Lieutenant Commander	LCDR	Major	MAJ	7	250	
O-3	Lieutenant	LT	Captain	MCPT	6	150	
O-2	Lieutenant, Junior Grade	LTJG	First Lieutenant	1LT	3	100	
O-1	Ensign	ENS	Second Lieutenant	2LT	0	50	*Must Complete OTS
WARRANT OFFICER RANKS							
W-5			Chief Warrant Officer 5	CWO5	6	300	*Special Staff Position
W-4			Chief Warrant Officer 4	CWO4	5	250	*Special Staff Position
W-3			Chief Warrant Officer 3	CWO3	4	200	*Special Staff Position
W-2			Chief Warrant Officer 2	CWO2	3	150	*Special Staff Position
W-1			Warrant Officer	WO1	0	100	*Special Staff Position
ENLISTED RANKS							
E-9	Master Chief Petty Officer	MCPO	Sergeant Major	SGM	6	300	
E-9			Master Gunnery Sergeant	MMSGT	6	300	
E-8	Senior Chief Petty Officer	SCPO	First Sergeant	1SGT	5	250	
E-8			Master Sergeant	MSGT	5	250	
E-7	Chief Petty Officer	CPO	Gunnert Sergeant	GSGT	4	200	
E-6	Petty Officer First Class	PO1	Staff Sergeant	SSGT	3	150	
E-5	Petty Officer Second Class	PO2	Sergeant	SGT	3	80	
E-4	Petty Officer Third Class	PO3	Corporal	CPL	3	50	
E-3	Crewman /	CRM /					
E-3	Crewman 1st Class	CRM 1C	Lance Corporal	LCP	2	30	
E-3	Crewman Apprentice /	CRA /					
E-2	Crewman 2nd Class	CRM 2C	Private First Class	PFC	1	20	
E-2	Crewman Recruit /	CRR /					
E-1	Crewman 3rd Class	CRM 3C	Private	PVT	0	0	
CADET RANKS							
C-5	Cadet Crewman	CDT CRMN			6	50	
C-4	Cadet First Class	CDT1			6	25	
C-3	Cadet Second Class	CDT2			3	10	
C-2	Cadet Third Class	CDT3			3	5	
C-1	Cadet Fourth Class	CDT4			0	0	

MOST IMPORTANT

All Ranks are not real. They are given as a way to reward you for participation in STARFLEET and not to be taken as actual authority over those holding a lower rank.

Promotions

Cadets

"OUT HERE IN SPACE, NO ONE IS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT. WE ALL DEPEND ON ONE ANOTHER."

— DOCTOR JULIAN BASHIR

	<u>RANK</u>	<u>TIG</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
	CADET CREWMAN CDT CRMN	6 MONTHS	50
	CADET FIRST CLASS CDT1	6 MONTHS	25
	CADET SECOND CLASS CDT2	3 MONTHS	10
	CADET THIRD CLASS CDT3	3 MONTHS	5
	CADET FOURTH CLASS CDT4	0 MONTHS	0







All crew members under the age of 18 will to assigned as Cadets except as specified below.

Cadets ages 14 or older may request to "graduate early" and be recognized with full Enlisted or Commissioned rank, along with the responsibilities inherent with the role. Such advancement of crew members under the age of 18 will not be allowed to advance beyond the rank of E-4 or O-4 until the crew members 18th birthday.

Cadets that achieve the rank of Cadet Crewman before they "graduate" may upon enlistment or commission will be advanced ahead of peers by two grades for enlisted or one grade for officer so long as all other requirements are meet. (i.e. Crewman E-3 / Lieutenant Junior Grade O-2)

Promotions

Enlisted

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>TIG</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
E-9	 MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER MCPO	6 MONTHS	300
E-8	 SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SCPO	5 MONTHS	250
E-7	 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CPO	4 MONTHS	200
E-6	 PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS PO1	3 MONTHS	150
E-5	 PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS PO2	3 MONTHS	80
E-4	 PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS PO3	3 MONTHS	50
E-3	CREWMAN / CREWMAN 1ST CLASS CRM / CRM 1C	2 MONTHS	30
E-2	CREWMAN APPRENTICE/ CREWMAN 2ND CLASS CRM / CRM 2C	1 MONTHS	20
E-1	CREWMAN RECRUIT/ CREWMAN 3RD CLASS CRM / CRM 3C	0 MONTHS	0

All crew members ages 18 and older will be assigned as enlisted (Crewman Recruit E-1). All enlisted grades are authorized to be approved by the Commanding Officer of the ship (Chapter).

Promotions Officers

<u>GRADE</u>		<u>RANK</u>	<u>TIG</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
O-12	●●●●●●	FLEET ADMIRAL FADM	36 MONTHS	N/A
O-11	●●●●●	ADMIRAL ADM	36 MONTHS	N/A
O-10	●●●●	VICE ADMIRAL VADM	30 MONTHS	N/A
O-9	●●●	REAR ADMIRAL RADM	24 MONTHS	N/A
O-8	●●	COMMODORE COMM	21 MONTHS	N/A
O-7	●●●●●●	FLEET CAPTAIN FCAPT	18 MONTHS	N/A
O-6	●●●●●	CAPTAIN CAPT	12 MONTHS	N/A
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O-5	●●●●	COMMANDER CMDR	8 MONTHS	300
O-4	●●●○	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER LCDR	7 MONTHS	250
O-3	●●●	LIEUTENANT LT	6 MONTHS	150
O-2	●●○	LIEUTENANT, JR GRADE LTJG	3 MONTHS	100
O-1	●	ENSIGN ENS	0 MONTHS	50

To be commissioned must have completed OTS. Enlisted in the grade of E-5 or higher that commission are eligible to be commissioned at the Rank/Grade of Lieutenant Junior Grade/O-2. Promotions for Grades O-1 (Ensign) through O-5 (Commander) are authorized to be approved by the Commanding Officer of the ship (Chapter). The Grade of O-6 (Captain) is recommended for approval by the Ship's Commanding Officer, and approved at the Region level by the Regional Coordinator. Approval at this level usually require participation and/or service at the regional level. Grades of O-7 and above must be approved by the Executive Committee of STARFLEET. This process requires a promotion packet and participation and/or service at the fleet level.

Promotions

TIG Waivers & Field Promotions

Time In Grade Waivers

Time in Grade (TIG) requirements may be reduced by half for exceptional performance. Approval of Time in Grade waivers are at the discretion of the CO or his delegated representative. These waivers may be requested by a Department Head, OIC, Team Leader, Auxiliary representative, Regional Coordinator, Executive Committee member, or the Chain of Command.

Field Promotions

It is possible to be promoted specific ranks directly by virtue of positions held. This can be anything from a Department Head on the ship to becoming Commander of STARFLEET itself. Additionally, individuals who serve on fleet level committees (i.e. VIC positions, IC committee, etc.) for a period of 6 months or greater can be promoted. Such promotions are provisional until a trial period of time elapses in which the rank becomes permanent.



Promotions

Promotion Points

There are many ways to earn promotion points, but they all boil down to one thing, Participation!

There are two types of promotion points you can earn;

Regular that reset each time you achieve a new rank/grade, and Permanent that do not reset and follow you through your STARFLEET career.

Permanent points are hard to earn but can well be worth the effort.

All regular promotion points marked with * and earned while in uniform at in person events are doubled for the event in question. Below is an extensive, but not all-inclusive list of ways to earn promotion points. If you want to know if something can count for points, just ask.

* Double points while in uniform

Meeting Attendance*	Academy Class	Games w/ Crewmates*	Participate in a Fleet Challenge	Plan, Host, and Report an Event	Participate on Discord	Write article for the newsletter
1	1 (2 for Distinction)	1	1	3	1 (Monthly)	2

Attend a Convention*	Participate in a charity event*	Renewing Membership on time	Recruiting a member into STARFLEET	Running the Chapter table at a convention	Running a Convention Panel	Participating in community service*
3	2	4	5	5	5	2

Academy Degree Program (Max 100)	Auxiliary Special Awards (Max 60)	Leadership Position	Bridge Officer Certification	Officer Training School	Officer Command Course
Associate (10) Bachelor (15) Master (25) Doctorate (40) Multiple Doctorate (+30)	i.e. Black Ops Specialty Pin, Specialist Medical Training Program Graduate, SFMC Achievement Awards (silver or higher), etc. (30)	Chapter (50) Region (75) Fleet (75)	20	5 (10 for Distinction)	15 (30 for Distinction)

Chapter Awards and Commendations

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Awards and Commendations

"Of the Year Awards"

Officer of the Year

This award is reserved for officers who hold the rank of (O-1) Ensign to (O-6) Captain (inclusive). This award is given to the individual who best demonstrates outstanding direction, a consistent level of guidance for fellow members, and leadership in the Chapter through both word and action. The officer of the year also demonstrates consistent conduct in accordance with the philosophy of STARFLEET and Star Trek, and supports the series' vision of a positive future through community service and scholastic accomplishment (where appropriate), in addition to participation in STARFLEET, region, and chapter functions.

Enlisted Member of the Year

This award is reserved for members who hold the rank of (E-1) Crewman Recruit through (E-11) Master Chief Petty Officer. This award is given to the individual who best displays, through his/her individual contributions, consistent support for and contribution to STARFLEET, as well as a consistent level of direction, as appropriate. The enlisted member of the year also demonstrates consistent conduct in accordance with the philosophy of STARFLEET and Star Trek, and supports the series' vision of a positive future through community service and scholastic accomplishments (where appropriate), in addition to participation in STARFLEET and chapter functions. This individual is willing to do what it takes to get a quality job done quickly and efficiently.



Junior Member of the Year

This award is reserved for members 18 years old or younger. The junior member of the year, to the best of his or her abilities, takes an active role in the Chapter and STARFLEET functions and demonstrates commitment to the organization through both word and action. The junior member of the year also demonstrates the potential for leadership, consistent conduct in accordance with the philosophy of STARFLEET and Star Trek, and support for the series' vision of a positive future through community service and scholastic accomplishment (where appropriate), in addition to participation in STARFLEET and chapter functions.

Awards and Commendations

STARFLEET Orders of Merit

The STARFLEET Orders of Merit Program acknowledges the outstanding contributions of members across the organization, highlighting their dedication and accomplishments. Each order, rooted in various cultural aspects, represents specific qualities. The program includes three classes for each order, recognizing achievements at the Chapter (3rd Class), Regional (2nd Class), and STARFLEET (1st Class) levels.

STARFLEET Auxiliaries also offer awards and recognition from diverse branches such as STARFLEET Marines, Special Operations, Medical, and Petfleet, acknowledging outstanding achievements across a spectrum of roles and contributions.

- Order of Axanar: Mediation or Problem Resolution
- Order of Babel: Recruiting
- Order of Cochrane: Technology
- Order of Darmok and Jalad: Outreach
- Order of Dionysus: Recreational Event Planning
- Order of Gaea: Ecology or Preservation
- Grankite Order of Tactics: Event Planning
- Order of Hawking: Accessibility
- Order of Herodotus: History or Recordkeeping
- Order of Prentares: Space Research or Exploration
- Order of Roddenberry: Star Trek
- Order of Samaritan: Volunteerism
- Order of S'harien: Inventiveness or Craftsmanship
- Order of Surak: Scholarship
- Order of Tarbolde of Canopus: Writing

Nomination procedures are straightforward, and members can be nominated for their exceptional service. Winners are announced quarterly, and nominations can cover activities within the past six months. Members cannot self-nominate, and a member may win the same award once per calendar year. The nominations undergo a review process, with First Class awards requiring endorsement by any Regional Coordinator and approval by the STARFLEET Executive Committee. Recognition through the Orders of Merit Program celebrates the dedication and impact of STARFLEET members.

Any full member of the USS Veritas has the opportunity to propose a fellow crew member or Command Staff for a chapter-level 3rd class award. This can be done by contacting the Commanding Officer (CO) or Executive Officer (XO) in writing, and providing details about the nominee and the reasons for the nomination. Your input is highly valued in acknowledging exceptional contributions within our crew.

STARFLEET Orders of Merit:

<https://members.sfi.org/merit/>

Marines Awards:

<https://sfmc.sfi.org/>

Special Operations Awards:

<https://sfso.sfi.org/>

Starfleet Medical Awards:

<https://medical.sfi.org/>

Petfleet Awards:

<https://petfleet.sfi.org/>



Each disciplinary action will be addressed on an individual basis and determined by the Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO). If applicable, the Department Head of the member requiring disciplinary action will serve as an advisor to the Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO). For additional relevant details, please refer to the Rules and Regulations section of the STARFLEET Membership Handbook.

Appeals:

Any member in disagreement with disciplinary actions taken against them may appeal the decision. The order of appeals is as follows:

- Commanding Officer
- Regional Coordinator
- STARFLEET Command

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MATTER/ANTIMATTER REACTION ASSEMBLY — GALAXY CLASS

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28378
92765
7446
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28220
28474
38373
38374
20573
66942
78

98987
38606
80005
4040
98853
23347

98002
3679
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40978

67
90032
89334
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59603
69683
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58395

DEUTERIUM
CONTROL
CONDUIT

OUTER
THERMAL
BLANKET

POWER
TRANSFER
CONDUIT

SECONDARY
VALVE
BLOCK

MATTER
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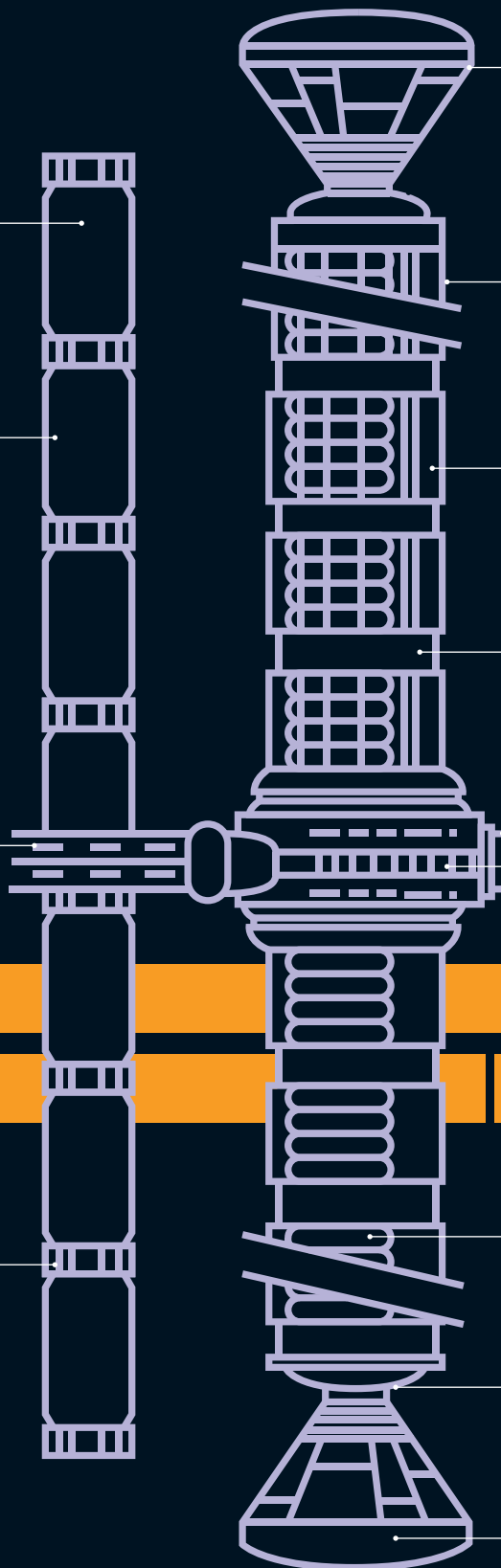
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REACTION
CHAMBER

PRESSURE
VESSEL
TOROID

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MCS CAP

ANTIMATTER
REACTANT
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Uniforms

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Uniforms

Departments & Colors

In alignment with the design theme of the USS Veritas and the period of our service, we have chosen to introduce an optional standardized dress code for the Chapter. Commencing our ship's mission in 2378, the year of the return of the USS Voyager to the Alpha Quadrant, members retain the freedom to wear any uniform of their preference. However, we encourage, though not mandatory, a unified look for significant events, as it has a more impactful effect.

The recommended uniform for the Crew of the USS Veritas during chapter outings and conferences is the DS9/First Contact Uniform, dating back to the early-2370s.

DEPARTMENT COLORS

Starfleet has largely used three colors to distinguish the three main divisions in the service — gold, blue, and red.



Command officers include the Captain, Executive Officer, Yeoman, Helm, and Intelligence.



Operations officers included Engineers, Security, Operations, Communications, and Tactical.



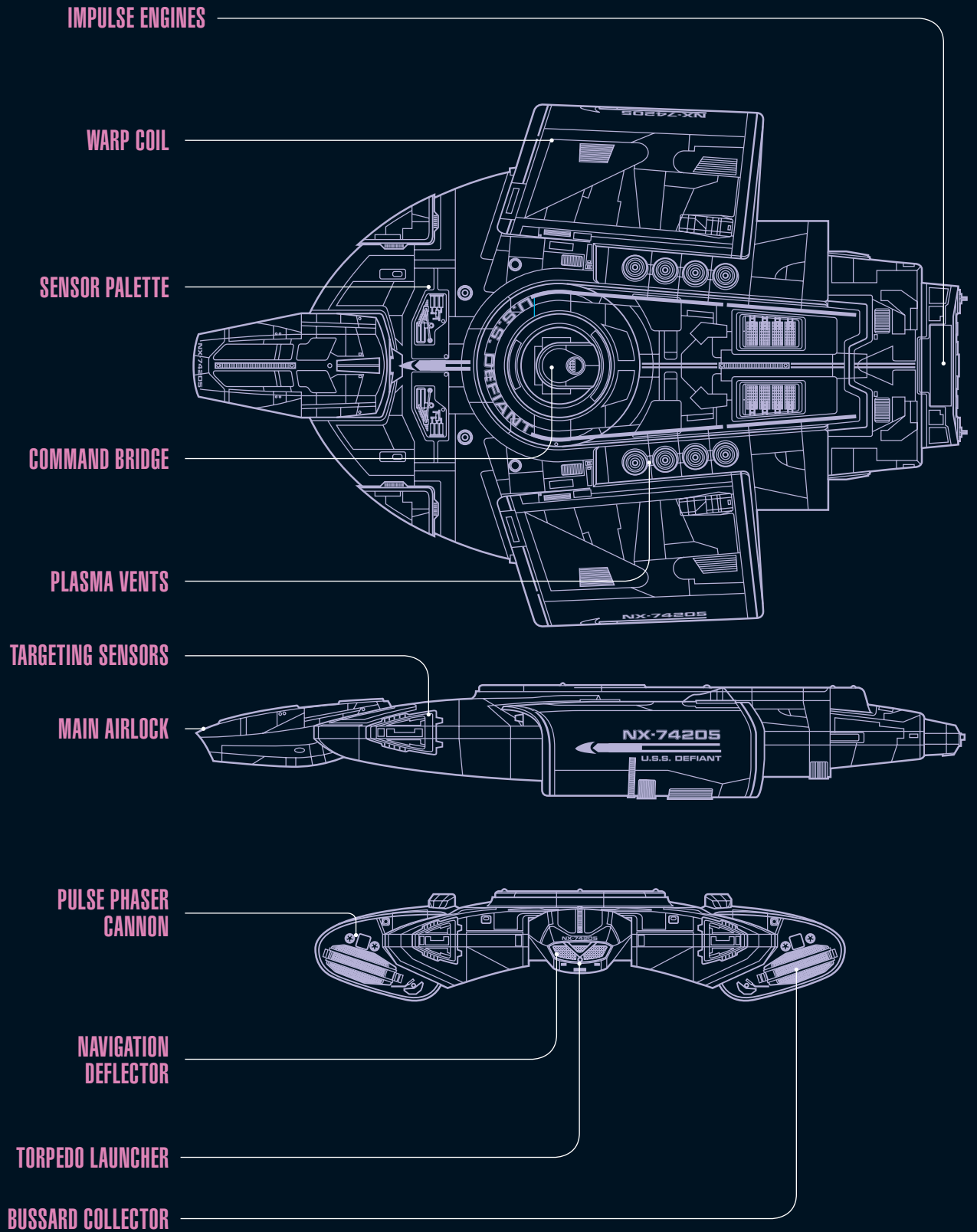
This division is the corps of members within STARFLEET who specialize in both scientific and medical research (including the ship's counselor).



Where to purchase uniforms:

There are many options to purchase uniforms online here are a few links.

- Fanrek Website: <https://www.fanrek.com/>
- Cosermart Website: <https://cosermart.com/>
- Ebay: <https://ebay.com/>



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Miscellaneous

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Miscellaneous Branding Information

The utilization of the USS Veritas logo by the crew is permitted only with the explicit permission of the Commanding Officer (CO) or Executive Officer (XO). To obtain approval, kindly specify the intended use of the logo and its placement. The chapter's logo is authorized for promotion of the chapter or for personal crew use. However, if there are plans to produce merchandise for sale and profit, written consent from the Captain or XO is mandatory. The USS Veritas logo(s) are the sole property of the STARFLEET International Fan Association, Inc., USS Veritas Chapter. © 2024. High resolution copies of the logo are available upon request.



Miscellaneous Partnerships

The USS Veritas values collaboration and connection within the broader Starfleet International (SFI) community and beyond. This section outlines our partnerships with other associations, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose.

Connecting with Chapters Throughout the Fleet

We proudly maintain partnerships with other SFI chapters, both within Region 3 and beyond. These collaborations provide opportunities for joint activities, shared events, and a broader exchange of ideas. By fostering strong ties with neighboring chapters, we contribute to the vibrant tapestry of the Starfleet International community.

Klingon Assault Group (KAG)

In our quest for diversity and inclusivity, we recognize the importance of connections beyond Starfleet. Our current alliance with the Klingon Assault Group (KAG) reflects our commitment to embracing the rich variety within the Star Trek universe. This partnership offers unique opportunities for joint ventures and cross-fandom events, enriching the experiences of our members.

Charitable Organizations

Beyond the realm of Star Trek fandom, we extend our partnerships to charitable organizations that align with our values. Collaborating with these entities allows us to contribute meaningfully to the wider community.

Whether through fundraising events, volunteer initiatives, or awareness campaigns, our partnerships with charities reflect our commitment to making a positive impact beyond the Star Trek universe.

These partnerships are dynamic and evolving, with the potential for additional collaborations in the future. By actively seeking meaningful connections both within and outside the Star Trek community, we aim to enhance the collective experience of our members and contribute to the spirit of exploration and cooperation that defines the Star Trek ethos.

Currently the non-profit organizations we support are the local Character and Leadership development programs for youth know as **Trail Life USA** and **American Heritage Girls**.

Creating New Partnerships:

Process for Creating New Partnerships:

Identification and Assessment

Any new partnership must be identified and a preliminary proposal must be created and submitted to the Executive Officer (XO). The proposal should include information on the prospective organization, its mission, values, and relevance to this Star Trek chapter

Review by Leadership

The Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO) will review the proposal, assessing its alignment with the club's values, goals, and existing partnerships. If the proposal meets the criteria, it will be discussed with the Department Heads and crew for further input. It will be at this stage that a complete vetting will occur. This involves gathering additional information about the potential partner, such as their reputation, activities, and any existing collaborations.

Member Consultation

The proposal, along with the vetting results, will be shared with the general membership for feedback. Members will have the opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns, providing valuable input.

Negotiation and Agreement

If the partnership is approved, negotiations will be initiated with the prospective organization. Terms of collaboration, mutual expectations, and any formal agreements will be discussed and finalized. Implementation plans, joint activities, and communication strategies will be developed to maximize the impact of the partnership.

Regular Review

Partnerships will be subject to periodic reviews to ensure continued alignment with the club's values and goals. Adjustments or terminations may occur based on changing circumstances or feedback from members.

By following this systematic process, we aim to foster meaningful and sustainable partnerships that enhance the overall experience for our members and contribute positively to the wider community.

Miscellaneous

Chapter Newsletter

"YOU'LL FIND THAT MORE HAPPENS ON THE BRIDGE OF A STARSHIP THAN JUST CARRYING OUT ORDERS AND OBSERVING REGULATIONS. THERE'S A SENSE OF LOYALTY TO THE MEN AND WOMEN YOU SERVE WITH. A SENSE OF FAMILY."

— CAPTAIN HIKARU SULU

The Veritas Voyages, is a newsletter disseminated monthly through email and the website. Members are strongly encouraged to contribute content they wish to share with the crew and subscribers. Beyond its content, our newsletter plays a pivotal role in fostering a vibrant community and provides an opportunity for fellow Trekkies to connect, share stories, and stay informed about STARFLEET International events. Each issue propels readers deeper into the timeless legacy of Star Trek. Engage with the USS Veritas community, and let the adventure unfold!

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Chapter Website & Social Media

<https://ussveritas.sfi.org/>

The USS Veritas website serves as the primary hub for the USS Veritas NCC-74100 STARFLEET Chapter in Region 3. It provides a platform for members to engage in virtual events such as games and watch parties. The social media section includes links to the USS Veritas Facebook page and Discord server for crew discussions. The site offers an updated crew listing, chapter history, and recent public logs by the Captain and crew. Purposefully designed for community interaction, event facilitation, and the dissemination of vital information, the website is integral to the USS Veritas chapter.

The chapter also maintains the following social media accounts.

- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ussveritas>
- Discord Server: <https://discord.gg/pmJuYSE4Ef>

Miscellaneous

Links

- *USS Veritas Website: <https://ussveritas.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Region 3: <https://region3.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Database: <https://db.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET International: <https://sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Members Hub: <https://members.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Academy: <https://es.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Quartermaster: <http://qm.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Medical: <https://medical.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Corps of Engineers: <https://coe.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Petfleet: <https://petfleet.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Sciences: <https://sciences.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Tactical (gaming): <https://tactical.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps: <https://dc.sfi.org/>*
- *STARFLEET Intelligence: <https://intel.sfi.org/>*

