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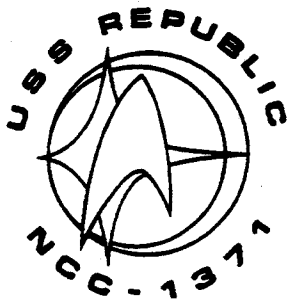
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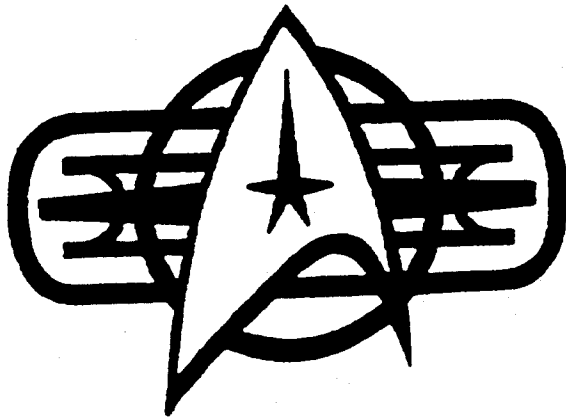
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FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by *Captain Kelly Hilliard*

The summer con season is coming to a close and we hopefully will be back on schedule. Three major cons in three months is a heavy pace to keep. We do have one more con to go. On the last weekend of September, Joe Motes is holding another Vulkon. It will be at the Atlanta Hyatt Airport, the same place the Atlanta Fantasy Fair was. The guest is Leonard Nimoy! We've also been asked to hold the dance one night. I'm sure this is one con ya'll won't want to miss. Anyone who wants to work staff, see me for information.

At the August 1 meeting, the USS Republic By-Laws were passed unanimously. They are included in this newsletter. Important facts are in this newsletter. Included are your rights in the club. It also establishes the rules for the elections. Nominations for Captain are to be given by Labor Day! Only Starfleet international members are allowed to vote. Any member who doesn't have a membership card but has proof that they've applied may vote. If anyone has their little yellow or blue card, you need to send it to me. Only those whose cards I have will be sent a ballot. Let me know if you have yours and send it in today!

One last note, please. If you have any canceled envelopes, send them in to me so we can contribute to the Stampede. The same goes for aluminum cans. If you can make a meeting, bring your cans with you, or if you recycle your own, let us know so we can give you credit in the newsletter. All proceeds of our recycling efforts go to the the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

Communications

by
Lt. Cmdr. Edmund Trafford

The new recruiting kits are nearly complete and will be ready to make a dynamite impression at Vulkon in September. They will contain our standard recruiting brochure along with a copy of the current newsletter, the new by-laws, and the history of the USS Republic-

both as a Star Trek ship and as a Starfleet chapter--and will feature a special "freebie" (I hope, I hope, I hope . . .)

The Department is also working on a formal pennant or banner featuring the ship's logo for use at Vulkan. It should make a striking addition to our table.

I contacted David Blalock, the COC for Republic's shuttle Alacrity in Memphis, to see if they would be interested in working on some kind of joint newsletter project. There has been no word from them yet, but I will keep everybody posted on what's happening.

End transmission.

Tactical-Security

Security Report from Macon

by

PO1 Shane Shadrix

On June 28, Jesse Feldberg and I assisted the crew of the Shuttle Indestructible with security at Trek-O-Rama at the Macon City Auditorium. The turnout was very good considering that this was the first convention hosted by them. Overall, the con went smoothly. There were no major humps that the audience could notice. Behind the scenes was another story! What started out as a fairly well-organized work schedule turned to almost total chaos after a couple of people got mad and left because they had to pay ten dollars even though they were working security. This along with the sudden change in arrival and departure times of Mr. George Takei was enough to make the XO throw the schedule out the window thirty minutes into the con. Other than that, the convention went very smoothly. This being my first time to work security, I didn't know what to expect, but I had a great time. I especially enjoyed standing security at the autograph table--that is something I will not soon forget. Although I would say the con was a success, I do have two complaints. Both Jesse and I agree that the admission was a bit steep and I cannot believe that all five of the dealers did not have any pictures of George at all. Other than these two minor problems, I would say I had a great time.

From the Editor

by Lt. Dan Carson

"Space, The Final Frontier..." More exciting words have seldom been spoken. From the dawn of the space age, man has focused his sights to the outer limits of earth, the moon, the solar system, and even the galaxy itself. First, we were able to send a man outside our atmosphere and then into earth orbit. Several years later, we sent 3 men into lunar orbit, and, eventually two of them were able to land and walk on the moon!

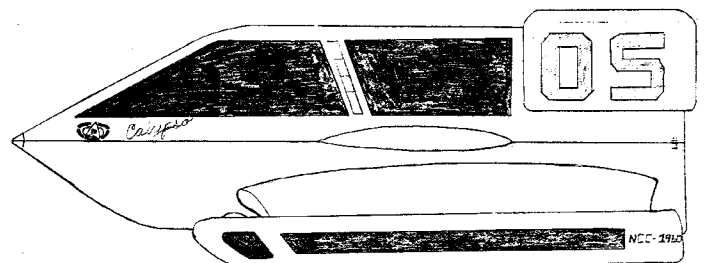
Shortly after "conquering" the moon, man began to spend what appeared to be inordinant lengths of time orbiting the earth in space laboratories. These trips lasted anywhere from a couple of weeks to about twelve months.

Most of the above endeavours were handled mainly by the U.S. and the then U.S.S.R. separately until the Apollo-Soyuz mission in about 1973. This was probably the first time two or more nationalities co-operated in a joint space venture.

Ever since then, during space shuttle missions, it has become a common occurrence to have two or more peoples working together on various projects originating in countries other than the United States!

The next step in the ever-evolving space program will probably be Space Station Freedom where, hopefully, people of various races and nationalities will live and work together while in earth orbit for even longer periods of time.

What is the point of all this, you may ask? If the space program continues to grow at its present rate of development, Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future may, indeed, achieve reality long before "the next generation".



OPERATIONS UPDATE

by Capt. Kelly Hilliard

Macon Picnic

We've been invited to join the crew of the Shuttle Indestructible in Macon for a picnic on Sunday, August 30. We expect to leave from our usual rendezvous, the parking lot at Fernbank, at approximately 9-9:30 AM; the drive will require about an hour and half. To confirm details, call Kelly at 587-4669 or Keith at 329-0293.

Huntsville Space Center

Activities are still moving along. September 12th, we will be going to Huntsville, Alabama, to the Space Center. We are deciding at this time whether to try and make it a one-day event or stay overnight. A one-day trip costs \$16.95 not including food and a share of gas money. Or we could stay there for \$40.00 which includes accommodations, T-shirts, two meals, and entrance to all exhibits and attractions. My personal choice would be to stay. If you have any desire either way, let me know ASAP--the decision will be made soon.

Sci Trek Exhibit Opens

October 2nd we will be at SciTrek for the opening of their new exhibit "Mission to Mars." They will have a NASA astronaut there with us at a press conference. All and any members with a uniform are urgently requested to attend.

USS Republic History

Within the Star Trek canon, the Republic has had a stellar career, including the fact that, according to events chronicled in the Classic episode "Court Martial" (and confirmed by Bjo Trimble's authoritative Star Trek Concordance) a young ensign named James T. Kirk once served aboard her. It was further established in Margaret Bonnanno's novel Strangers From the Sky that Ensign Kirk was the Republic's navigator during his term of service. The Republic was one of Starfleet's original ships, constructed even before the fabled Enterprise. To have our local ship named after the original Republic is an honor.

STARDATES

*August 30--Macon picnic with the Shuttle Indestructible. Leave from Fernbank at approximately 9 - 9:30 am. Call Kelly or Keith for more information.

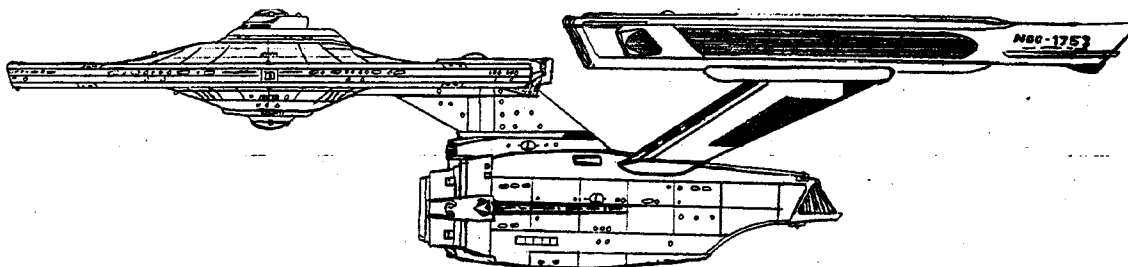
*September 1-6--World Con, Orlando; see Kelly for details.

*September 12--Huntsville Space Center trip. See Operations Update or call Kelly ASAP for further information.

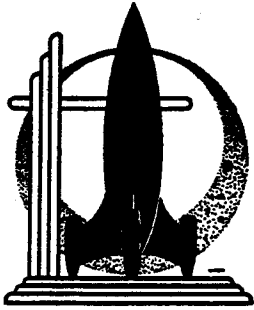
*September 25-27--Vulkon Atlanta, Leonard Nimoy at the Atlanta Hyatt Hilton.

*October 2--SciTrek Exhibit Opening. "Mission to Mars". Call Kelly for further details.

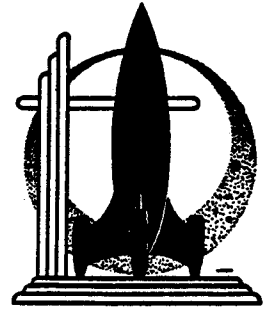
*October 10--Highland Games, Stone Mountain; meet at Fernbank at 9 AM.



Huntsville



Space Center



September 12, 1992

Two Options:

Overnight trip is \$40.00 and includes the following:

- Hotel with quad occupation
- Huntsville Space Center T-shirt
- Admission to all attractions
 - Two meals

Day trip is \$16.95 and includes:

- Admission to all attractions

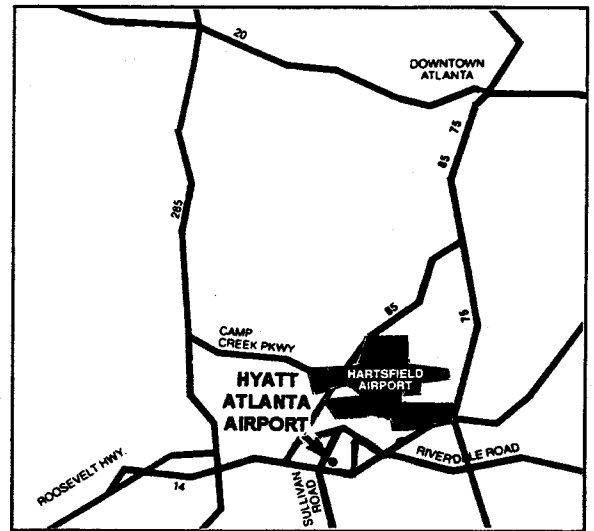
We will be leaving at 8:30 am from Fernbank Science Center on September 12th. We will be car pooling and forming a caravan. All those interested in the Overnight trip Must contact Capt. Kelly Hilliard of your intention. Do NOT plan on Overnight trip unless you are sure you can go. Hotel rooms must be booked in advance and we may be penalized for late cancellations. For more information contact your department head as soon as possible.

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Our Convention Hotel

Vulkon has moved to a larger hotel! The Hyatt Atlanta Airport has 400 rooms, complimentary 24-hour shuttle from Hartsfield International Airport; luxurious indoor-outdoor pool, fitness club, free hotel parking. We have a special rate of \$77 per room night occupied on a single, double, triple or quad basis. For reservations, call Hyatt reservations at (404) 991-1234. Call early and avoid disappointment! The hotel is located at 1900 Sullivan Road, College Park, GA, near the Georgia International Convention and Trade Center. Take the I-85 Exit #18 (Riverdale Road) and follow the signs to the convention center.



Our NEXT Show!

We are pleased to announce the next Vulkon Atlanta will take place at the Hyatt Atlanta Airport the weekend of February 19-21, 1993. Our special guest will be DeFOREST KELLEY. Flyers will be mailed in the fall. Make sure you're on Vulkon's mailing list by filling out the card at the con registration table at the Nimoy con!

Our Address

Send all correspondence to:

Vulkon, C/O Joe Motes, 12237 Southwest 50th Street, Cooper City, FL 33330

Payment: Make all checks or money orders payable to Devlin Associates.



Vulkon 92 Membership Form

Advance Registration: 2 day tickets, \$30.00, September 4th deadline

Reserved Seating: 2-day tickets only, add \$10.00 per person

Children's Registration: Under 10, one FREE per adult

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Memberships: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

If you're ordering multiple memberships, include the names, addresses, and ages of all persons you're ordering for.

*Send this form and a check or money order payable to Devlin Associates to:
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Standing Orders
USS Republic
Region Two, The Second Fleet

Article One: Chapter Name

- A. The name of this chapter shall be the Republic, as selected by a majority vote of the general membership, authorized by the Admiralty Board, and the Chief of Operations, **Starfleet**.
- B. The chapter's name and/or classification can not be changed without a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership and the written approval of **Starfleet**.

Article Two: Purpose and Aims

- A. The purpose of this chapter shall be to carry out the stated objectives of **Starfleet** as set forth in the **Starfleet** membership handbook, Star Trek Technical Manuals, Star Fleet Dynamics, and other professionally produced material. Any provisions set forth in these publications that are in direct conflict with official **Starfleet** policy are null and void. The policies set forth in the **Starfleet** handbook and constitution will be superior to any other.
- B. The Aims of this chapter are:
1. To afford a time and place for people with an interest in Star Trek and Science Fiction/Fantasy and a desire to make new and lasting friendships and to meet and have fun together.
 2. To encourage growth, to furnish friendship and to support all members.
 3. To promote the spirit of Harmony and Universal Fellowship.
 4. To support the policies of **Starfleet**, as established by **Starfleet**, The Admiralty Board, **Starfleet** Operations, and Regional Commanders.
 5. To support any other **Starfleet** ship, as much as possible, when asked.
 6. To maintain the highest standards and traditions of Star Trek, it's creator and producers, and **Starfleet** at all times.

Article Three: Membership

- A. Members shall meet all requirements set forth on the **Starfleet** application form. **Non-Starfleet** members will be allowed to attend and participate in meetings and activities, however, no member who does not belong to **Starfleet** shall have voting rights.

- B. No person may be denied membership based upon Race, Creed, Sex, Age, Sexual Orientation or Point of Origin.

- C. Each member must renew his/her membership each year.

- D. Members are expected to pay dues as determined by a majority vote of the general membership. Members are encouraged to pay annually, but are free to pay by the month.

- E. Each new member, after the officer's billets have been filled, will be assigned the rank of Petty Officer Third class (PO3). When the member applies for OTS, and passes, he/she shall be commissioned by **Starfleet** as an ensign. IF a member decides not to take OTS, or fails the course, the enlisted ranks are available for progression thru rank of Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO).

- F. Each member will be assigned a "Duty Station" by the department chief of his/her chosen department.

- G. A member may be promoted when the standards set forth in the promotion guidelines have been met, or there is a need for an officer in the club.

- H. Each new member will be given an orientation briefing by the Commanding Officer or Department Chief.

- I. Each member is encouraged to memorize his/her SCC number.

- J. A member transferring from another ship will retain his/her rank, but will not necessarily assume the same position on this ship. The transferring member should arrange the transfer of a "Personnel Packet" to verify rank and membership status.

Article Four: Officers

- A. Ship's Officers will be appointed by the Commanding Officer and will be assigned duties as set forth in the previously mentioned reference sources.

- B. Members wishing to become officers must complete OTS, OCC and any other **Starfleet** course applicable to that position.

- C. The command staff of this ship will have an "open door" policy at all times. Any member who wishes, can approach the CO, XO, or Department Chief with any problems and be assured of fair and equitable treatment in the solution of the problem at hand.

- D. An officer in the position of Department Chief will have full discretion in the operation of that department. It will be expected that a department remains within its traditional boundaries (Engineering not doing medical experiments, etc.).

Article Five Duties of Ship's Officers

- A. The ship's Commanding Officer shall:
 - 1. Preside and conduct the chapter meetings.
 - 2. Be familiar with **Starfleet** regulations and policies.
 - 3. Effectively supervise chapter activities.
 - 4. Maintain contact with regional and national offices through reports and correspondence.
 - 5. Call a special meeting, upon the written request of ten (10) percent or more of the membership, at any time deemed necessary.
 - 6. Appoint staff officers and assign duties as necessary to conduct chapter business.
 - 7. Appoint committees and boards, as needed, and to act as an ex-officio voting member of these units.
 - 8. Hold Captain's mast for promotions, demotions, awards, and special commendations.
 - 9. Represent the ship, in a professional manner, at any fleet activity, meeting, or function.
 - 10. Insure the prompt and accurate preparation and submission of the prescribed reports of/for the chapter.
 - 11. Be qualified in all manners as prescribed by **Starfleet**.

B. The Executive Officer (XO) Shall:

1. Preside at all meetings and activities at which the CO is not present or when specifically requested by the CO.
2. Be responsible for the implementation of actions and policies placed upon the ship, while acting as the CO.
3. Be governed in the exercise of authority by the same policies and regulations which govern the CO.
4. No make or change policies unless specifically requested by the CO.
5. Be qualified in all manners as prescribed by **Starfleet**.
6. Be appointed by the CO.

C. Command and Administrative Staff Officers Shall:

1. Be appointed by the CO.
2. Hold the position of Department Chief.
3. Be authorized to implement regulations and policies of **Starfleet** and the ship, appoint duty assignments and ranks to their personnel under the ship's guidelines.
4. Assign a Deputy Department Chief.
5. Submit monthly Status Reports to the CO and the newsletter.
6. Evaluate department personnel quarterly for awards, special recognition, and promotions. These reports should be completed in time to be included in the "And To The Republic."
7. Keep their departments active with projects and various activities.
8. Be relieved of command when it has been determined that their actions, or lack thereof, justifies their removal. This action will be handled by the command staff and will be based upon the officer's ability to carry out their assigned duties.
9. Have taken and completed DTS and OCC.

Article Six: Command Staff Structure

A. Command Division:

1. There are two officers in the administrative staff:
 - a. The Commanding Officer
 - b. The Executive Officer

2. The ship's operational staff is charged with the "Book Keeping" work by the Commanding Officer. This group has three positions, which pertain to **Starfleet** and the ship.
 - a. Records and Historical Officer
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Secretary

3. Any position can be combined with any other billet, with the consent of that officer.

B. Command Staff:

1. Command Staff Officers are Department Chiefs.
2. Are listed in order of command responsibility in the chain of command.
3. The command structure is divided between three divisions with five subordinate departments.
4. Command Division: White
 - a. Administrative Staff - Not a department
 - b. Operations Department
 - c. Special Services Department
5. Science Division: Gray
6. Engineering Division: Gold
7. Security Division: Dark Green
8. Communications Division: Gray
9. Medical Division: Light Green

Article Seven: Conduct of Business

- A. Unless provided by a majority vote of the general membership, monthly meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of the month at noon. The second meeting shall be held on the third Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The meeting places shall be the same unless announced prior to the Friday before each meeting.

- B. In order to conduct ship's business, a quorum of 50% must be present. A simple majority of those present shall be required to transact normal business matters.

- C. Roberts Rules of Order shall be adhered to at formal meetings.

- D. All meetings shall be recorded and transcribed into the ship's log. If requested, the minutes of the previous meeting will be read. If no one requests this, the minutes shall be accepted as written without a vote.

- E. All proposals presented shall be done verbally. Any member requesting time for rebuttal shall be given until the next meeting, at which time a vote shall be taken. If no one objects the motion shall be voted on at the meeting it is presented at.

Article Eight: Finance

- A. The fiscal year shall run concurrent to the calendar year.

- B. Ship's Dues:
 - 1. An annual fee of \$13.00 is due, either monthly, quarterly, or annually, before receipt of the second newsletter. This fee is to cover the cost of the newsletter.
 - 2. The amount of dues may be changed only by a majority vote. Any change will take effect at the end of the following month.
 - 3. Any member who is separated from the ship (transfer, resignation, etc.) shall be entitled to a prorated refund of any unused dues upon request.
 - 4. In addition to ship's dues, a member must pay any dues to **Starfleet** deemed necessary.

- C. Annual Audit
 - 1. The accounts of the ship's finances shall be audited within thirty (30) days of the end of the fiscal year. This audit shall be done by a committee appointed by the CO.
 - 2. A monthly statement shall be printed in the newsletter.

- D. Banking Accounts
 - 1. All ship's funds shall be deposited in a federally insured banking institution.
 - 2. Withdrawals shall be by check only.
 - 3. No withdrawals shall be made to CASH.
 - 4. The CO and XO only are authorized to sign checks.

E. Ship's Obligations

1. The CO is authorized to approve payment of normal expenses without consulting the staff or membership. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Purchases of normal operating materials
 - Printing costs of ship's publications
2. The CO shall authorize all transactions to which the ship's funds will be paid. No member will be reimbursed for unauthorized expenditures. All authorizations shall be in writing.
3. All transactions must be accompanied by a receipt to be considered for reimbursement.
4. All debts incurred by the ship, unless arranged by the seller, shall be paid within thirty (30) days.
5. Ship's funds may only be used for authorized purposes. They are permanently dedicated to the chapter and may never be issued or distributed to individual members for personal use.

F. Final Distribution of Ship's Funds

Upon the disestablishment of this chapter, all funds shall be first used to repay any debts. Any funds remaining will be evenly distributed to all members. A final financial report shall be forwarded to **Starfleet**. Property shall be sold to repay any debts. Any member or group may purchase these goods, however, any excess funds from this purchase shall not be refunded to these members.

Article Nine: Communications

- A. The CO will maintain contact with and report to the regional and fleet officers.
- B. Department and Division Chiefs will maintain contact with the respective regional Departmental Chiefs on a monthly basis. The CO should receive a copy of this report as the monthly report to the ship.

- C. All proposals should be submitted in writing to the Department Chiefs and CO. All intra Departmental projects should also pass along the chain of command.
- D. Any formal communications with other ships or fleet offices should be forwarded through the CO, who will forward them (If the only copy goes to the CO) to the appropriate persons, regardless of content.
- E. The CO reserves the right to be notified of any complaints, to which he is subject, before the complaints are forwarded to higher authority. This should eliminate any need to report to fleet if the CO will come to a position satisfactory to the grieving member.
- F. In the event important information, or a special meeting needs to be called, the phone-net shall be used to notify the Department Chiefs who will then notify their members.
- G. The ship will publish a monthly newsletter, to be named "And to the Republic". The production of club publications is under the direct control of the Communications Chief. The CO will appoint an Editor-in-Chief.

Article Ten: Special Projects

- A. Whenever and wherever possible, crewmembers are encouraged to participate in local charities and causes, both as a ship and individually. Individual involvement should be reported to the CO in writing.
- B. Members participating in charities will have a report of their participation added to their personnel file. This will ensure proper credit for promotion points, as well as inclusion in any press releases and commendation programs.
- C. Special projects are only suggested to the membership. It is **not** mandatory to participate.
- D. Any member who has knowledge of an unusual cause should notify their Department Chief for consideration of the club.

Article Eleven: Courts and Boards

A. Board of Review

1. This board will be called when a member is charged with failure to comply with regulations.
2. This board will review all facts and charges and report all findings and recommendations to the CO.
3. This board will be comprised by five crewmembers:
 - a. Two uninvolved Department Chiefs.
 - b. Two crewmembers of the accused member's choice.
 - c. The newest member of the crew or someone from another ship (if possible).

B. Promotion Board

1. This board will review all recommendations for promotion, awards, and commendations, reporting their findings to the CO.
2. The board shall consist of the following officers:
 - a. Executive Officer
 - b. Security Officer
 - c. Records Officer
 - d. Two members appointed by the XO.
3. This board should meet at least quarterly, but can be called to meeting by the XO at any time.

C. Captains Mast

1. This board will be called when deemed necessary by the CO on the recommendations of any board.
2. This board will enforce the regulations as set down and will issue praise or punishment as necessary.
3. The findings of this board are final and will not be revoked unless by the CO or RC and only when new evidence or facts are presented to support it.
4. The Captains Mast shall consist of the following members:
 - a. Commanding Officer
 - b. Executive Officer
 - c. Records Officer
 - d. Two Staff Officers appointed by the CO when officers are involved
 - e. Two Crewmembers appointed by the CO when crewmembers are involved.

Article Twelve: Removal of the Commanding Officer

- A. Charges against the CO are serious and must be thoroughly substantiated prior to any action being taken by the crew.**
- B. The CO may be removed from Captaincy by an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of the general membership who are entitled to vote. Absentee ballots will be taken from members not present at the meeting. Abstentions will be counted as a no-vote and will be counted in the total tally.**
- C. Notice to remove the CO must be given, in writing, at least two months prior to any vote.**
- D. A board of three (3) Captains, selected by the Regional Commander, will submit their findings and recommendations, in writing, to the ship's membership and the Regional Commander. Minority reports may also be submitted.**
- E. The Chairman of the Captains Board shall have one month to submit a final report of the board. The ship shall then vote on the final report of the board.**
- F. During these proceedings, the CO will turn the ship over to the XO, who will be fully authorized to act as the Captain, until such time as the CO is either cleared of all charges or found guilty and forced to resign.**
- G. The ship's compliment will select a member to succeed the former CO. The new candidate must meet the following qualifications:
 - 1. Be a member in good standing**
 - 2. Be OTS and OCC qualified**
 - 3. Be elected by a two-third vote of the general membership, if unopposed. If running in a special election, a simple majority vote is required.****
- H. All ship members, including shuttle members, are entitled to vote.**
- I. The new CO must be approved by the Regional and Fleet Officers within Three (3) months before he/she can assume formal command.**
- J. The former CO must turn over all materials to the new CO within thirty (30) days.**

K. In the event the CO decides to resign or retire, the procedure set forth in paragraphs G through J will be followed. The XO shall serve as interim CO until the election results are verified.

L. Elections

1. Annual elections are to be held in November.
2. Nominations must be received in writing by Labor Day.
3. All members in good standing and who are **Starfleet** members are entitled to vote.
4. All voting shall be done by secret ballot. Absentee voting will be allowed, however, absentee ballots must be received by the date of the general voting to be counted. The ballot shall be placed in a sealed envelope with the member's name on the outside. This ballot shall be given to the counting member unopened.
5. The ship's Records Officer will place a mark by the name of each member as he/she receives a ballot.
6. The ballots shall be tallied by the newest member of the club. That member will then seal all ballots in an envelope and mail it to the Regional Commander.

Article Thirteen: Amendments

- A. These Standing Orders and By-Laws may be amended, altered, repealed, or superseded, either in whole or in part, by the affirmative action of the membership at any meeting in which a quorum is present.
- B. The amendments should include the Article number, paragraph, line, date amended and the changes made.

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