

CHARTER

of the USS WESSEX



"Bring It On!"

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USS WESSEX SHIP'S CHARTER

WELCOME aboard the USS WESSEX, NCC-74207! We hope that you enjoy being a part of our ship.

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2. Background information on Wyverns and Wessex
3. Wessex Crew Communications - information pertaining to communications among crewmembers, including instructions for the Wessex Listserv, how to access the Wessex World Wide Web site, and details about the newsletter.
4. Wessex Organizational Chart and Descriptions of Divisions/Positions
5. Wessex Policies and Procedures including promotions, awards, etc.

Note: BE SURE YOU ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE LISTSERV! This is the main way we communicate.

Thank you to the USS Matrix, from whose Operations Manual we adapted many pages.

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**ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME.
REMEMBER THAT THIS IS YOUR SHIP TOO!**



The USS Wessex is a Defiant-class starship with numerous add-ons and upgrades, allowing it to easily destroy the most sophisticated of Borg ships. We affectionately know her as a Borg Killer!

MISSION STATEMENT

We bravely explore the galaxy, seeking new friends among the stars, exchanging ideas and resources for the betterment of all and swiftly deterring those who would seek to exploit any and all innocent life!

MOTTO

Our motto 'Bring It On!' harkens to the fighting spirit of the Anglo Saxons defending their land against invading armies of the 9th century. It reminds us not to shrink in the presence of adversity, but to meet all challenges while adhering to a higher standard of personal conduct. Be committed to positive change and constant improvement for the betterment of all.

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WHAT IS 'WESSEX'?

Wessex is regarded as the last English kingdom before unification brought the smaller realms under one ruler. Its last king was Alfred:

Alfred carried out a dramatic reorganisation of the government and defences of Wessex, building warships, organising the army into two shifts...Alfred also reformed the administration of justice, issued a new law code and championed a revival of scholarship and education. He gathered scholars from around England and elsewhere in Europe to his court, and with their help translated a range of Latin texts into English, doing much of the work in person, and orchestrated the composition of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. As a result of these literary efforts and the political dominance of Wessex, the West Saxon dialect of this period became the standard written form of Old English for the rest of the Anglo-Saxon period and beyond. [Wikipedia]



IT ISN'T A DRAGON – WHAT IS IT?

The creature on the USS Wessex logo is NOT a dragon. Dragons [in most cases] have four limbs and a set of wings; wyverns, however, have only two limbs (with a set of wings). Mythicalrealm.com states this:

"There are many terms used to refer to dragons, and incorrect terminology is often applied. Wyvern, hydra, and firedrake, in fact completely different species, have all been mistakenly used."

"Wyverns, while close relatives of the dragon, have been argued as being not of the same order. In England they have been referred to as 'dragonets' because [they're] generally small in stature and basically appear to be adolescent dragons when in fact their body parts are fundamentally different."

And of particular importance to us...

"Wyverns are far less timid than most dragons..."

The golden wyvern on a background of red is a symbol of Alfred's Wessex.

USS WESSEX CREW COMMUNICATIONS

USS WESSEX LISTSERV

The ship's listserv is called usswessex. For those of you not familiar with a listserv it is basically just a relay service. When you send a message to the listserv it will automatically forward a copy of your message to everyone else that is subscribed to the listserv. All crewmembers are **STRONGLY** urged to join the listserv, as this IS the primary means of communication for the USS WESSEX.

When you apply to the USS WESSEX you will receive an e-mail invitation to subscribe to the listserv. Follow the instruction contained within the e-mail to subscribe.

You will receive a confirmation message (with an authorization code), which you will send back as a reply. You will get an acknowledgment that you are subscribed, and usage instructions message from the Listserv.

To post to the Listserv, send your message to

uss-wessex@googlegroups.com

and it will be sent out to all subscribers.

For any additional questions, help, or suggestions pertaining to the Wessex Listserv please contact the Executive Officer.

An invitation-only chat facility is available to those with gmail addresses.

USS WESSEX WWW SITE

Many of the USS Wessex crew files and a basic overview of ship operations can be seen on the World Wide Web. The site is:

["http://www.usswessex.org/"](http://www.usswessex.org/)

without the quotation marks. This site should work with any available browser. Any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning the Wessex Web site can be mailed to the Executive Officer at xo@usswessex.org.

NOTE: This site will always be under construction. If you find something that does not work, please inform the Executive Officer as soon as possible so it can be fixed.

The CO is responsible for the paying of the Website Domain Annual fee. Contributions, however, are always acceptable!

USS WESSEX NEWSLETTER: 'The Wyvern's Tale'

This document is published quarterly by the Chief of Communications in pdf format, and sent out via the mailing list. It will be displayed and then archived on the website. It will include reports from each Division Chief, articles on anything Star Trek, Star Trek jokes, links to items of interest (Star Trek or not), photos, important dates, and a message from the CO. Note: this list is not exclusive! meaning: you can submit anything, and the editor (whose decision is final) will decide if it goes in.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The USS Wessex is a family oriented chapter/ship of Starfleet International. By this we mean, that all materials that are posted to the list server, mush site, holodeck, etc. must be suitable for viewing by all ages. The Internet allows users of all ages to interact with our ship and any material, which is deemed to be vulgar, obscene, sexually oriented, or pornography will NOT be used with any reference to Starfleet International (SFI) or the USS Wessex. Any individual found violating this rule; will be asked to cease and desist these communications. Only ONE WARNING will be issued. Failure to stop these communications after this warning will result in the individual(s) immediate removal from all USS Wessex activities and membership, including but not limited to removal from the membership roster and list server. SFI members will also be notified that a letter of reprimand will be sent to the Regional Coordinator and Starfleet Operations for possible disciplinary action. There are other organizations on the Internet that thrive for this type of non-family oriented communication, please use those resources in lieu of our ship.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MEMBERSHIP

1. No dues will be collected to be a member of the USS Wessex. Contributions for the Web site and other miscellaneous costs will be accepted.
2. Only Active Duty STARFLEET members may be appointed as a Crewmember aboard the USS Wessex.
3. Crewmembers are required to join a ship's division in order to be considered a participating member, and are encouraged to do so. It is possible to change Divisions at a later date, if desired.
4. Once a member, all crew must respond to the membership audit every six months to remain active. A simple "Yes I am still a member" is sufficient.
5. Each crewmember is required to have Internet E-Mail capabilities. (Exceptions to this are crewmembers assigned to auxiliary groups of the USS Wessex; Flight Teams, Shuttles, or Special Forces group).

The USS Wessex is an active chapter of Starfleet International (SFI). The ship is registered with this international fan club as NCC-74207. The control and operation of this chapter/starship is established according to SFI guidelines. This ship may not leave or be transferred out of SFI without a majority vote to depart SFI by the SFI Active membership only.

PROMOTIONS

As a correspondence chapter it is difficult to come up with an across the board promotion policy. What follows is the Promotion Policy that has been created for the Wessex. This policy is to be considered a Guideline. Also note the time in grade requirements that must be met before being eligible for the next promotion.

In brief, here are the minimum requirements for Officer Rank:

Captain or higher	Promotion by Admiralty Board of Starfleet, International ONLY. (An international Star Trek fan association)
Commander	Pass OCC. Participate in ship operations to satisfaction of CO. <i>(NOTE: If OCC is taken and used for an earlier promotion, a fourth Academy degree other than OTS and OCC is needed. OCC is REQUIRED to hold this rank.)</i>
Lt. Commander	Complete third Academy degree other than OTS. Participate in ship operations to satisfaction of CO.
Lieutenant	Complete second Academy degree other than OTS.
Lieutenant, JG	Complete first Academy degree other than OTS.
Ensign	Pass OTS -- Second prerequisite for officer rank. Members CAN NOT be promoted to or past this rank without passing OTS. OTS is REQUIRED to hold this rank.
Crewman	After 2 months as Crewman-Apprentice + WBC
Crewman-Apprentice	After 1 month as Wessex Crewman-Recruit + WBC
Crewman-Recruit	Join as a member of the Wessex.

NOTE: WBC is the Wessex Basic Course, designed to acquaint crewmembers with Wessex operations. OTS is Officer Training School, OCC is Officer Command College. Both are schools in the Starfleet International Starfleet Academy, and are for Starfleet International members only. These two courses are a requirement for the top three positions on the ship (CO, XO, SO)

The USS Wessex will recognize rank transfers from other Starfleet, International ships, with notification from the other ships' Captain or Personnel Officer.

Approved Promotional Criteria

We operate a system which enables members to participate in many different activities and gain points to be used towards their next promotion. Effective 200903.28 any crewmember joining the USS Wessex will be required to meet the following time in grade requirements as well. Many other ships/chapters have multi-year requirements just to become an officer, which the Wessex Command

Staff feels is probably ideal for meeting chapters. However, these requirements are just not feasible for our all-internet Correspondence Chapter due to the relative high turnover rate that we experience. Also, please remember that promotions are not automatic, they require completion of activity on and to the ship and/or fleet as well as time in grade. And finally, ALL PROMOTIONS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHIP'S COMMANDING OFFICER!

THE USS WESSEX, CREW RANKS AND THE INTERNET STARFLEET ACADEMY, ARE FICTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ARE FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY. NO REAL-LIFE EDUCATIONAL ACCREDITATION IS IMPLIED OR SHOULD BE EXPECTED. PLEASE ENJOY THE USE OF THESE COURSES, AND REMEMBER THIS IS ALL JUST FOR FUN.

Since the USS Wessex is an all-Internet-based club/starship and is geographically diverse, it was decided that three items would determine promotions:

1. The involvement of the crewmember in the ship's operations and activities.
2. The Points System; can include the completion of Ship / SFA / SFMCA coursework.
3. Time In Grade

1. Involvement in ship's operations and activities

Crewmembers can get involved in ship's operations in many ways. You are limited only by your imagination! Communication is the key to a happy ship, so email the Command staff with your ideas and they guarantee to read each email.

Consider contributing to the monthly newsletter (even if it is only one line).

Can you help with the ship's website?

How about participating in the current RPG?

Join in and reply to the other crewmembers on the ship's email list.

2. The Points System, including completion of Ship / SFA / SFMCA coursework

Although taking courses is one of the ways to gain promotion points, it was felt that it is fairer to all to have many different ways of gaining these points, so as to spread the enjoyment.

Below is a table giving a list of activities that can gain promotion points, and their value:

Activity	Points to be gained
Pass OTS	10
Pass OCC	10
Renewing SFI membership	5
Pass Wessex Crewmember Basic Course (WBC)	5
Submit something to the newsletter (half-page article, report etc, but does not include episode/book review)	10
Watch an episode/read a Star Trek book/read a science fiction book - and write a review for the newsletter	10
Contribute to the website	5
Recruiting someone to the ship and SFI	10
Submit something short to the newsletter (joke, link, short article/report, pic etc)	5
Write an RPG post (Wessex, Matrix or Atlantis)	1
Pass an SFA/SFMCA course (Take a course from SFA Colleges of Federation Studies, Xeno Studies, or Genealogy and you get extra points)	1 (+ 4 extra)
Get an SFA Boothby or other award	1
Get an SFMCA ribbon or other award	1

Many promotions do require that you have taken certain courses, however.

The first course is the **Wessex Crewmember Basic Course (WBC)**. It tests the student's knowledge on the operations of our ship and web pages and additional information located in the Charter. Information may also be gathered from any of

the Command staff (CO, XO and SO). Remember that officers are there to help and support fellow crewmembers and should be utilized when needed. When this course is completed and you have been on board for a month, you are eligible for promotion to Crewman at the discretion of the Captain.

OTS (Officers Training School) allows the student to learn about the real world of Starfleet and prepares the individuals to become commissioned officers. It is a prerequisite for anyone becoming a CO or XO of a Shakedown chapter or an already established chapter and is also a prerequisite for anyone wishing to take OCC.

The **OCC** course (Officers Command College) uses the STARFLEET Membership Handbook and several other STARFLEET sources which are linked at the bottom of the OCC information page. The test consists of 20 True & False questions (1 point for each correct answer), 5 short-answer questions (10 points each) and 2 essays (15 points each). A score of 70% is required to pass.

STARFLEET ACADEMY / STARFLEET MARINE CORPS ACADEMY

The Starfleet International courses require that the student be a member of Starfleet International (SFI). Joining SFI is mandatory for being a member of the USS Wessex. The taking of these courses is only mandatory if the crewmember has aspirations of becoming a Senior Command Officer such as: Captain (CO), Executive Officer (XO), or Second Officer (SO). For these positions the SFI member would complete Officers Training School (OTS) and Officers Command College (OCC). Additional Courses are also available from SFI's Starfleet Academy in many areas of Ship Operations, Engineering, Xenological Studies, and Medical, just to name a few. Each course is handled differently and is free via email; a nominal charge is levied if postal mail is used. More information and applications to SFI and the Starfleet Academy can be found at: <http://acad.sfi.org/>

STARFLEET Academy contains the following Institutes, which in their turn contain Colleges (which contain hundreds of courses!): Arts; Alien Studies; Fantasy, Horror and the Supernatural; Foreign Affairs; Intelligence & Espionage; Law Enforcement and Evidence; Leadership; Military Studies; Science Fiction Studies; Science & Technology; Special Operations; and Star Trek Studies. There is also an Institute of Cadet Studies for those under 16.

The STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy contains the following Colleges (with many courses): Auxiliary Arms, General Staff, Marine Development, Staff, War, and a Cadet Academy. You do not have to be a STARFLEET Marine to take these courses.

3. Time In Grade

As well as gaining Promotion Points, each crewmember is expected to fulfill a previously-stated time at their current rank before they can be considered for promotion (time in grade or TIG). The following table shows the number of points and the time in grade in order to be eligible:

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

Grade	Navy	Marine	Time at Previous Rank	Promotion Points & Required Courses
O-12	FLEET ADMIRAL 	N/A	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY
O-11	ADMIRAL 	COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS 	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY
O-10	VICE ADMIRAL 	GENERAL 	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY
O-9	REAR ADMIRAL 	LIEUTENANT GENERAL 	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY
O-8	COMMODORE 	MAJOR GENERAL 	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY
O-7	FLEET CAPTAIN 	BRIGADIER GENERAL 	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY
O-6	CAPTAIN 	COLONEL 	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY	BY SFI APPOINTMENT ONLY






O-5	COMMANDER 	LIEUTENANT COLONEL 	9 MONTHS	200 + WBC, OTS, OCC
O-4	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER 	MAJOR 	6 MONTHS	150 + WBC, OTS
O-3	LIEUTENANT 	CAPTAIN 	6 MONTHS	100 + WBC, OTS
O-2	LIEUTENANT (J.G.) 	1ST LIEUTENANT 	3 MONTHS	75 + WBC, OTS
O-1	ENSIGN 	2ND LIEUTENANT 	2 MONTHS	55 + WBC, OTS

A crewmember who has reached the rank of CREWMAN may choose to follow the promotion route of a commissioned officer.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Once a crewmember has reached the rank of CREWMAN, they may either take the required exams to become a commissioned officer, or they may follow the non-commissioned officers route. Non-commissioned officers are still required to be members of SFI.

<p>E-9</p>	<p>MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (CPO)</p> 	<p>SGT.MAJOR MASTER GUNNERY SGT.</p>	<p>9 MONTHS</p>	<p>55 + WBC</p>
<p>E-8</p>	<p>SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER</p> 	<p>MASTER SGT. FIRST SGT.</p>	<p>6 MONTHS</p>	<p>50 + WBC</p>
<p>E-7</p>	<p>CHIEF PETTY OFFICER</p> 	<p>GUNNERY SGT.</p>	<p>6 MONTHS</p>	<p>45 + WBC</p>

E-6	PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS 	STAFF SGT.	4 MONTHS	40 + WBC
E-5	PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS 	SGT.	3 MONTHS	35 + WBC
E-4	PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS 	CORPORAL	2 MONTHS	30 + WBC
E-3	CREWMAN 	LANCE CORPORAL	2 MONTHS	25 + WBC
E-2	CREWMAN APPRENTICE 	PRIVATE 1ST CLASS	1 MONTH	Wessex Basic Course
E-1	CREWMAN RECRUIT	PRIVATE	N/A	N/A

Merit Promotion

The Captain may grant a "ONE TIME" MERIT PROMOTION for individuals that have provided outstanding service to the ship. This promotion is for individuals that have not completed all of the requirements for promotion due to real life activities, responsibilities, or lack of required documentation. This is NOT guaranteed for any officer; only those officers having provided our ship and/or SFI with outstanding dedication and service, above and beyond the call of duty will be considered eligible for this one time promotion. Eligible candidates must be recommended by a Senior Staff Officer (Division Chief or Above) in writing to the CO, XO and SO, explaining why this person deserves the promotion. Senior Staff Officers wishing to be considered for this one time promotion will have to be recommended by another Senior Staff Officer. The recommending Senior Staff Officer and the Senior Command Officers will discuss the promotion and the Captain will have the final decision on the approval or decline of the promotion. This type of promotion will NOT be given out very often due to the relative ease of our current promotion criteria, and the Awards Program will take a more prominent place.

SENIOR STAFF

1. The following positions shall comprise the Senior Staff of the Wessex.

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Second Officer
Chief of Operations
Chief of Security
Chief Engineer
Chief Science Officer
Chief Medical Officer

In order to assume command (either the CO or XO position) on a temporary basis, the officer must be an active member of SFI. As all Senior Staff are SFI members, then Command positions will be given to those individuals who have completed OTS and OCC first, then to those officers who have not completed OTS and OCC.

2. Senior staff members are encouraged to take STARFLEET Academy OTS & OCC courses. The Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and the Second Officer are REQUIRED to take and pass OTS & OCC.

Assistant department heads just need the Wessex Crewmember Basic Course.

Here is a table of Positions and Course Requirements:

Position	Course		
	WBC	OTS	OCC
CO	X	X	X
XO	X	X	X
SO	X	X	X
Div Head	X		
Asst. Div Head	X		

The Senior Staff provides administrative support to the CO as well as to people in their respective divisions. The Senior Staff consists of the XO, SO, and the Division Chiefs. Our most experienced and qualified Personnel usually hold these positions. These positions are appointed and/or removed by the Commanding Officer (CO) of the ship. The CO has the authority to remove any Senior Staff Officer that he/she feels is not performing in the best interest of the ship and/or crew. A replacement must be named within a reasonable time frame. All efforts to counsel and/or advise will be afforded to the Officer before he/she is relieved of their duties. However, please remember that these decisions are being made in the best interest of the ship. Senior Staff positions often require several hours of work weekly, supporting their division members and the rest of the crew and should only be accepted if adequate time can be given to the position. The Starfleet Officer's Code of Conduct governs Senior Staff positions just like any officer on our ship.

Command Division Appointments:

Just like Senior Staff positions, these positions are appointed and/or removed by the Commanding Officer (CO) of the ship. The CO has the authority to remove any officer that he/she feels is not performing in the best interest of the ship and/or crew and replace them with another appointed officer. Command Division personnel have specific assigned duties that support the Command Staff (CO, XO and SO). Command Division positions often require several hours of work a week and should only be accepted if adequate time can be given to the position. Please be assured that any Command Division personnel shall be required to follow the Starfleet Officers Code of Conduct.

Division Heads (OPS, MED, SCI, ENG, COM & SEC) may appoint Assistant Division Chiefs to help in the running of the division with the ability to run the division in emergency situations.

In the event that the CO is unable to complete their term for the calendar year, the Executive Officer (XO) shall assume the duties as Commanding Officer for the remainder of the term.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The Wessex awards program has two types of awards: (1) ones awarded on a yearly basis and (2) ones that are used for immediate recognition. Given that we are a virtual group that has a membership that changes more rapidly than in meeting ships, folks may not remember all the various projects going on (usually only a couple people at most are working on them).

Recommendations for each of these awards are always welcome. Contact the officer responsible for the award to submit your nomination.

ANNUAL AWARDS

CREWMEMBER OF THE YEAR	Any member is eligible for this award. Nominations will be accepted by the Executive Officer. Judging panel to consist of the Command staff. (The Commanding Officer is not eligible to receive this award).
OFFICER OF THE YEAR	Any crewmember is eligible for this award. Nominations will be accepted by the Executive Officer. Judging panel to consist of the Command staff. (The Commanding Officer is not eligible to receive this award).

ANYTIME AWARDS

COMMENDATION	Awarded by the Commanding Officer to crewmembers for instances of significant service to the crew.
NEWSHOUND	An award for contributing to the newsletter frequently and/or regularly
RECRUITER	Awarded to any crewmember who recruits two or more fans as members of this chapter, or recruits one fan as a member of this chapter which registers with Fleet Headquarters. (The sponsoring crewmember must submit the applicants' email address to the Commanding Officer or the Personnel Officer to be eligible for this award)

DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS & POSITIONS

(Not limited to those listed. Others may be created per interest of the crew.)

COMMAND:

Commanding Officer (CO): President of the chapter. Also acts as SFA Liaison: Gives regular updates to the crew on the Academy and becomes the ship's foremost expert on what the Academy has to offer. Promotes crew participation in the Starfleet Correspondence Academy, and Internet Starfleet Academy.

The CO is also responsible for making sure we are having fun, and is here to boost our wellbeing in regards to the chapter by submitting posts to the list of a humorous nature. Someone said once "Laughter is the best medicine".

Oversees RPGs, acts as GamesMaster.

The Commanding Officer will publish a monthly status report to the crew together with MSR to Starfleet.

Executive Officer (XO): Keeps updated crew files on crew members pertaining to Address, Phone Number, Academy courses passed, promotions, Awards received, membership renewal dates, etc...

Charged with the duty of maintaining ship historical files.

Second Officer (SO): Tracks eligibility for promotion. Keeps records of crew participation in both Academies. Promotes crew participation in the Starfleet Academy and the Starfleet Marine Corps Academy.

OPERATIONS: (Chief of Operations, ChOPs)

Reports to the crew on STARFLEET Activities, advises crew of other sci-fi activities that may be of interest to the crew.

CONN: (Helm) Reports to crew on Star Trek and Science Fiction conventions. Assists the Division where needed

COMMUNICATIONS: (Chief Communications Officer, CoC)

Serve as a resource to the crew for sci-fi and trek related list servers, ftp sites, web sites, etc... Assist crew in learning more about the commutation abilities of the Internet. ie. file transfers, designing web pages, IRC, Chats, etc... Oversees the operation and promotion of the Ship's FTP, WEB, and CHAT Sites.

SECURITY: (Security Chief, CoS)

Responsible for reporting to the crew in areas of Gaming, Computer Gaming, Comics, Cards, and Trivia. Oversees Tactical, Weapons, and Intelligence.

Finance: Keeps detailed records of chapter's financial transactions .

Marines: Sub-Group within Starfleet that has chapters (Strike Groups) serving attached to ships. The Marines focus on the fictional aspects of Trek and strategic & Role-Playing Games. (MARDET)

One special group attached to the USS Wessex NCC-74207 is the Marine Detachment. The SFMC is an office under the Commander, STARFLEET. All members of the crew of the USS Wessex NCC-74207 are free to join this Marine Detachment, whatever position they hold on the USS Wessex herself. The Officer-In-Charge of the Marine Detachment reports to the Commanding Officer of the USS Wessex NCC-74207 monthly and reports under direct authority of the Commanding Officer.

Administratively, the Marine Detachment is listed under Security, mainly due to the extensive weapons training and skill. .

The Marines maintain a fleet of special fighters, and are assigned the rear fighter bay in the Engineering Hull.

The Marine Officer in Charge is considered a Division Head, and serves as such during staff meetings and ship wide planning and discussion sessions.

The Marines also have a Marine Academy, which functions as a separate College under the Internet Starfleet Academy. Courses taken count towards USS Wessex promotions in the same manner as SFA courses.

ENGINEERING: (Chief Engineer, ChEng)

Responsible for reporting to the crew in the area of "Treknology".

SCIENCES: (Chief Science Officer, CoSCI)

Responsible for reporting to the crew in the areas of Science, and Space Exploration. This division shall also report on matters of a Science Fiction nature.

MEDICAL: (Chief Medical Officer, CMO)

Coordinates and reports on Community Service efforts for this ship, and STARFLEET programs in this area. Reports to the crew on areas of Medical

interest as it is related to Star Trek, also the latest medical breakthroughs as announced by the media or other reliable sources of medical news.

Responsible for birthday announcements and other special announcements as related to crewmembers.

Reports on Real Life Crises around the World to the listserver, to draw attention to matters of vital importance to the crew. Forms and Leads Emergency Response Teams in a crisis. Coordinates with other Divisions during a crisis.

Division Reports will be published by each Division in the monthly newsletter.

CONCLUSION

Naturally, not everything is covered in the charter. This charter is a general outline so as the organization grows and changes, so will this document. Any updated versions or pages to this handbook would be provided through normal communication channels. Never forget: The STARFLEET is here for you and, like your experiences within this organization, it is only as good as you make it!

Vessel Specifications

Defiant Class Escort



ACCOMMODATION

Officers and Crew: 40
Evacuation Limit: 150

DIMENSIONS

Overall Length: 119.5 meters
Overall Draft: 90.3 meters
Overall Beam: 25.5 meters

DISPLACEMENT

355,000 metric tons

PROPULSION

Warp: (2) LF-35 Advanced Linear Warp Drive Units

Impulse: (2) FIG-2 Subatomic Unified Energy Impulse Units

PERFORMANCE

Cruising Warp Factor: 6

Maximum Velocity Warp Factor: 9.982 (12 hours maximum)

DEFLECTOR SYSTEMS

FSQ Primary Force Field and Deflector Control Systems

ARMAMENT

Standard - 4 Type XII Pulse Phaser Cannons, 2 forward MK 75 Direct Fire Photon/Quantum torpedo launchers

Upgraded - 4 Type XII Pulse Phaser Cannons, 1 forward and 2 aft MK 75 Direct Fire Photon/Quantum torpedo launchers

PRIMARY COMPUTER SYSTEM

M-15 Isolinear III Processor

DURATION

Standard Mission: 2 years

Recommended Yard Overhaul: 12 years

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT

Shuttlecraft (Standard)

- 4 Type-18 Shuttlepods
- 1 Type 10 Shuttlecraft

Shuttlecraft (upgraded)

- 4 Type-18 Shuttlepods
- 2 Work Bees
- 1 Type-10 Shuttlecraft

Transporters

- Two personnel
- One cargo

Deck Layout for Upgraded Variant:

Deck 1: Main Bridge, Captain's Ready Room, Transporter Room 1, Pulse Phaser Cannons (2), Upper Main Engineering, Plasma Exhaust Vents, Upper Sensor Array, Officer and Crew Quarters, Deuterium Storage

Deck 2: Lower Main Engineering, Main Impulse Engines, Computer Core, Targeting Sensors, Mess Hall, Warp Coils, Med/Science Lab, Sickbay, Transporter Room 2, Officer and Crew Quarters, Warhead Control Room

Deck 3: Main Impulse Engines, Warhead Impulse Engines, Shuttle bay 1-2, Shuttle bay 3, Antimatter Storage, Cargo Bay 1-4, Airlocks (2), Aft Torpedo Magazine, Warp Coils, Shuttle and Work Bee Maintenance

Deck 4: Landing Struts, Navigational Deflector, Pulse Phaser Cannons (2), Forward and Aft Torpedo Magazines, Aft Torpedo Launchers (2), Forward Torpedo Launcher (1), Lower Sensor Array, Shuttle bay 1-2 Exterior Doors and Elevator System, Main Tractor Emitter

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