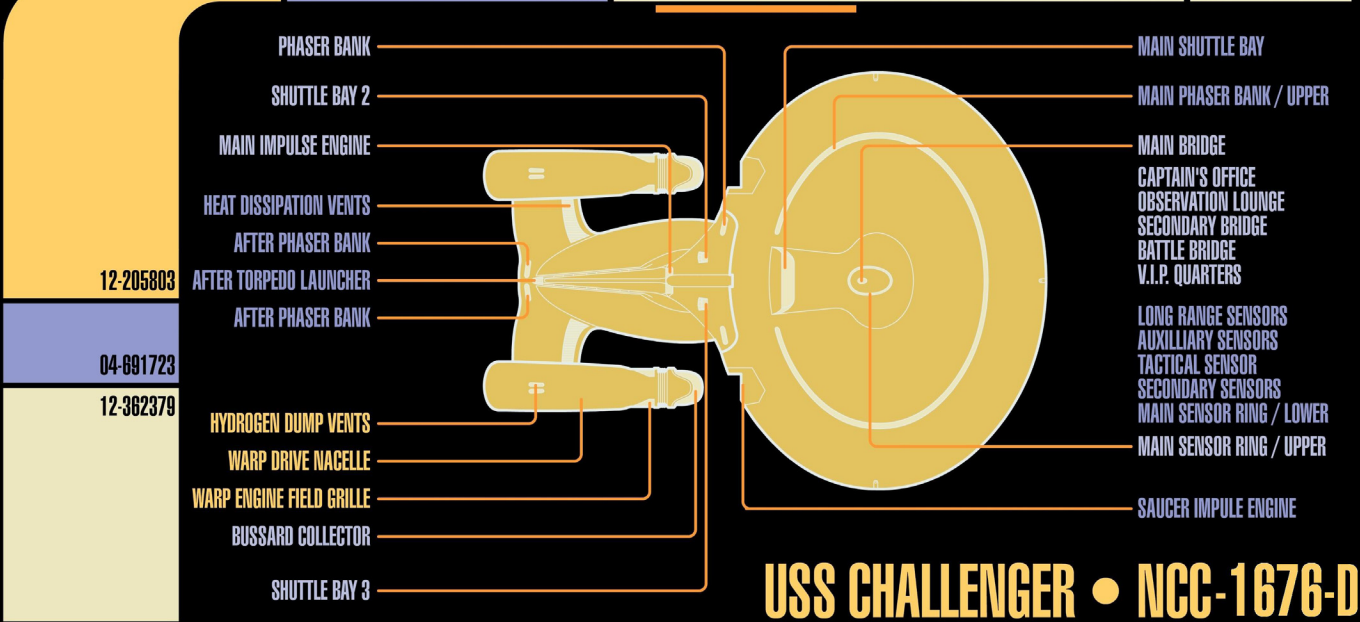
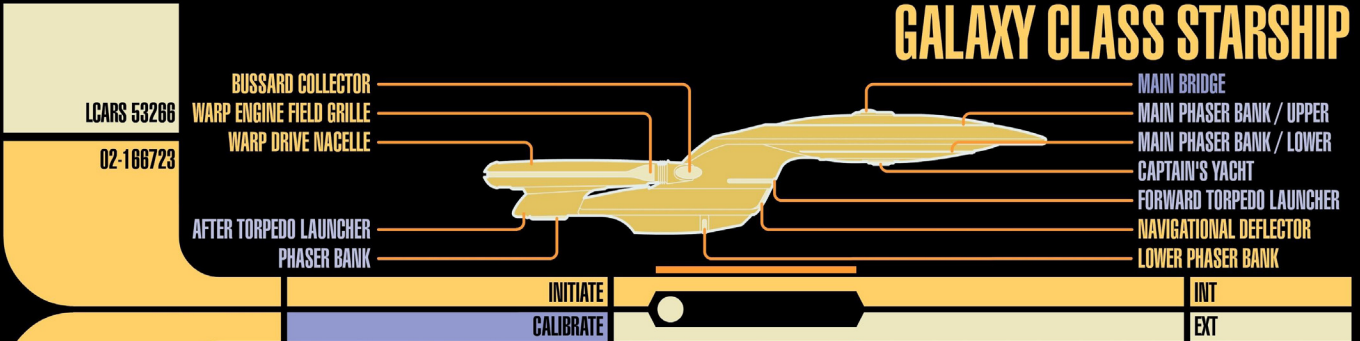


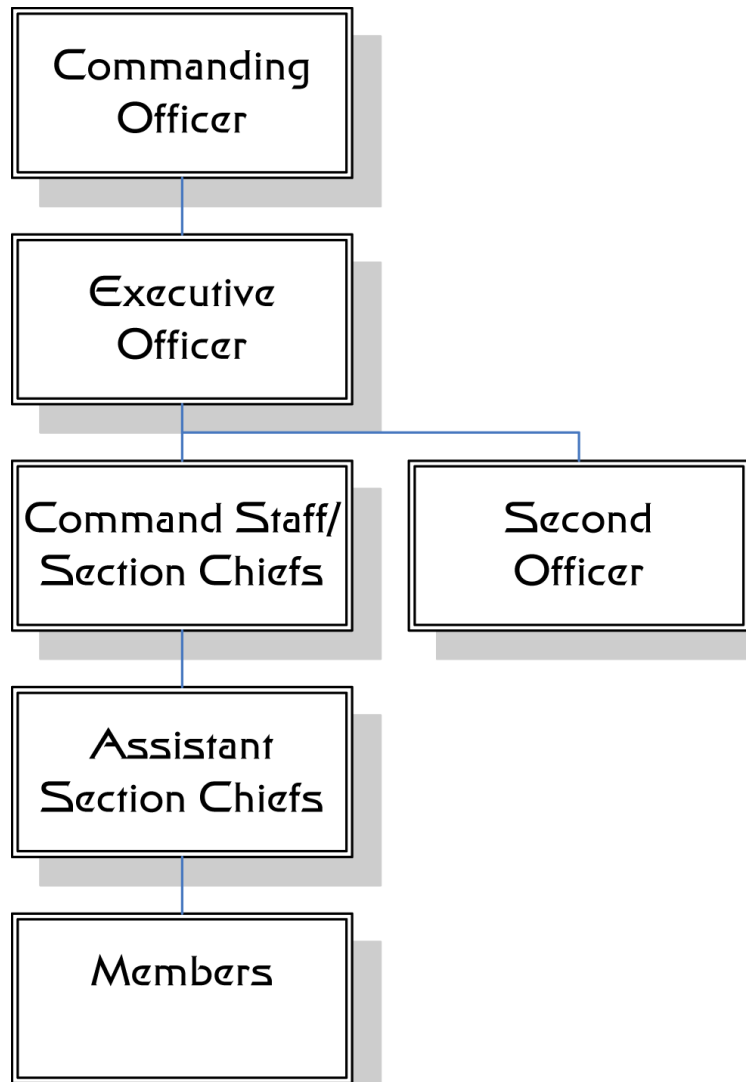
USS CHALLENGER

GALAXY CLASS STARSHIP



MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

USS CHALLENGER COMMAND STRUCTURE



USS Challenger Command Staff

Commanding Officer: Admiral Bob Vosseller	Executive Officer/ Chief Eng. Officer: Captain Jeff Victor	Second Off./ Chief Medical Officer: Fleet Captain David Singleton	Chief Security Officer: Captain Ken Dohn
Chief Science Officer: Vacant	Chief Communica- tions Officer: Commodore Laura Victor	Chief Operations Officer: Captain Ken Diehl	Financial Officer: Commander Julia Victor



INTRODUCTION:

**By Admiral Robert E. Vosseller, Jr.
Commanding Officer**

On behalf of the senior officers and crew of the Galaxy Class Starship, USS Challenger, NCC- 1676-D, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your first tour of duty onboard this vessel and this chapter of STARFLEET. You have joined an extremely active group of STAR TREK fans. This manual will serve as a guide for how we operate and how you can become involved with our organization, gain recognition for the involvement, and learn more of the procedures and programs of our ship and STARFLEET.

You may have served with another STARFLEET chapter, or another STAR TREK/Science Fiction type fan organization before. Perhaps this may even be your first foray into fandom. In any case, I believe you will find your time with the Challenger to be both interesting and unique. We have completed many ambitious projects and intend to continue that trend in the future.

Remember, the true secret of any organizations success, whether it be fan-related or not, is cooperation, team spirit and a lot of work. My hope is that you will be as active a member as you feel you can be. The purpose of this club is to bring out the enjoyment we feel for STAR TREK and other forms of science fiction. We also hope to harness that interest in a productive and creative manner.

Again, welcome aboard! Should you have any questions relating to our club's operation, please contact your section chief first. They are your first line of communication, and they can be your best guide. If you do not feel that your questions have been adequately answered, the First Officer, or myself are also available to help.

There is much to know and much to enjoy. For you, the adventure is just beginning!



MEET THE CHALLENGE OF BECOMING A “CHALLENGER”!

You are a new officer of the USS Challenger; a Central-Southern NJ chapter of STARFLEET, The International STAR TREK Fan Association. STARFLEET has chapters all across the U.S. as well as in other foreign lands where STAR TREK is popular.

Within the structure of STARFLEET, all chapters are referred to as ‘Starships’ or ‘Starbases/Space Stations’ to give an added feeling of being part of the STAR TREK universe. Consequently, the members and group leaders are given military-style titles like those of Starfleet shown in the original TV series, motion pictures, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Star Trek: Voyager and Star Trek: Enterprise.



The president or chapter chairperson is called the Commanding Officer. The vice-chairperson is the First Officer. The rank structure will be discussed later in this manual. For now, we'll concentrate on the different ways that you, as a new member, can become involved immediately with our club.

On your membership form you have selected a designated “section”. When you picked this section you probably, chose it based on what you would like to do on a starship, such as being a “science officer” in the Sciences section, or “navigator” in the Operations section. Or perhaps you chose your “section” based on what interests you in real life.

Each section (Communications, Engineering, Operations, Medical, Sciences, and Security) has a Department Head who will head up projects for their members and lead special duties designated to that section. This person is called your “Section Chief.”

One way that you can get involved is by helping your section in whatever capacity you can through ideas, support and generally lending a hand with projects and getting involved. Some sections feature their own special newsletter.

Each section features its own departmental column in New Frontiers, our ship's newsletter, published bi-monthly. You should pay particular attention to your section's column, as it will update you with important information on what your section is doing.

You will receive special credit through promotion points (to be discussed later) for submitting material artwork, puzzles, articles, interviews, reviews) to New Frontiers. Submissions for the newsletter can be c-mailed to NFNEWS1676@aol.com. Or you may mail via US Mail or hand them to the Editor, Mary Francen at a meeting.

Your chief will be keeping track of your promotion point accumulation and when you reach a certain total you will be promoted.

You should also make these accomplishments known to our Records Officer who keeps a point tally. You are responsible to keep a tally of your own points through a points tally sheet as well. Record what you attended, submitted and did as a member so that you can present it to your Section Chief or the Commanding Officer for promotion.

Ship-board projects are another level of activity. These are projects and events in which members from all sections are encouraged to participate. They might include charity fundraisers, conventions, meeting attendance, and any other kind of general-membership gathering.

Most shipboard projects and events will be announced through the "Calendar Of Events" section of New Frontiers and at our monthly meetings. You may also be notified of an event by special bulletin or by phone.

We also have an Online Listserve where Challenger members and other members of other chapters can discuss Star Trek, Science Fiction in general, or pretty much anything they want to. This is a open list to members of Starfleet and of course members of Challenger. To subscribe to this list, please e-mail the owner of the listserve, our Chief of Engineering, Jeff Victor, at jeff@usschallenger.org.

We have done, and plan to continue to do, much in the area of community service work and charity fund-raising. We have not selected one specific charity to help but have become involved in helping a number of charities at various times. Some of them include the Ocean County Unit of the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Find-A-Cure, etc...



MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS:

When you join the CHALLENGER, you receive the following:



WEB SITE ACCESS - Our Web site is a very important communications tool that informs you what's new with STAR TREK and your department as well as chapter, regional and fleet-wide news. It is available on our Web site, <http://www.uss-challenger.org>.

CHALLENGER CHRONICLES - This is the fictional history of the USS Challenger, NCC-1676-D and it is written by the crew for the crew. If you have ideas for this please see Bob Vosseller. More will be explained about this later on in the manual.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER - This is a telephone and address listing of all the people who are currently members of the chapter. This is used as a tool to provide contact information for planning of events and even just to get to know your fellow crewmates. Please ask the permission of the person that you wish to contact prior to contacting them. Most of us do have full time jobs and lives outside the chapter and are not always available to chat. This information is to be kept strictly confidential.

CHARACTER BIO - this is provided so that you can have fun in a fictional way through creating your own persona. You can use either your own real name or create a new one. You can pick out any of the alien races existing in the 23rd or 24th century STAR TREK universe or remain a human. This has also been expanded to include races from STAR WARS and the like. Your character can be used in fictional publications featuring the USS CHALLENGER crew such as "Challenger Chronicles".

PROMOTION POINTS FORM - this was added to our membership package in July of 1995. Now club members can track their points and submit their tally for verification to their Section Chief. This way, each member should know when he or she is due for a promotion and how active they truly are.



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NEW FRONTIERS - is the CO's update, which covers what is happening onboard the ship overall, as well as new policies instituted, and special STARFLEET news. Our Executive Officer writes a separate column covering anything the CO might miss. Other news items written by Section Chiefs cover section news.

PHOTO GALLERIES -Our digital photo album, these are photos from events past and present. Anyone is welcome to submit photos to the album. Email them to webmaster@usschallenger.org

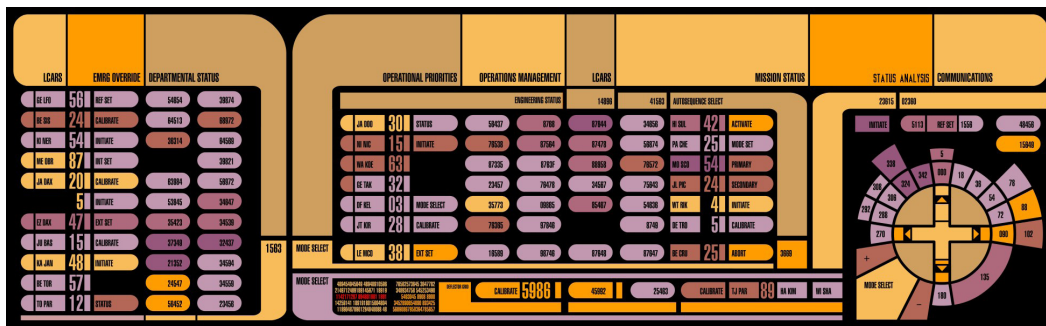
DOCUMENTS CENTER - An area of the Web site that contains our handbook, promotion point forms and other important documents.

MISSION REPORTS / AFTER ACTION REPORTS - cover what an "away team" of our membership has done in the area of a project or event. Mission Reports should include a list of all Challengers present, the date, and what the event was and a little bit about it. Such reports include convention trips, club events, and special club meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / MISSION BRIEFINGS - are listings of upcoming events which crewmembers may wish to attend and get involved with. You can also RSVP for upcoming events right online.

THE HANGAR BAY - is our column dedicated to sub-groups and regulation shuttles which are occupying our ship's Hangar Bay. Their sub-group/shuttle reports are listed for the crew's benefit. They are, after all. part of our ship and we like to know first hand of their activities and accomplishments.

The Web site gladly accepts submissions of artwork, cartoons, doodles, and special articles of interest. Please send them along to co@usschallenger.org or webmaster@usschallenger.org.



USS CHALLENGER COMMAND OFFICER DUTIES:

COMMANDING OFFICER (CO): The Commanding Officer is the head of the ship and shall direct the activities of all crew members and preside over all ship meetings of the crew and command staff, unless he/she designates otherwise. The CO must be a member of STARFLEET and meet all qualifications of the international organization.

The CO must also submit a column to the ships newsletter to discuss topics of overall fleet/ship/policy news. The CO must maintain morale, make sure that officers are doing their jobs for the club and that the organization is running as smoothly as possible. The CO must treat all of their crew equally and make sure that to the best of his/her ability everyone is informed of important ship news, receives their membership materials and is having fun.

The CO votes during Command Staff meetings in times of a tie, presents ship proposals and can use their veto power over the Command Staff to suspend action on any given matter during a Command Staff session. This can be described as calling for a 30-day deliberation period. However, at the next session, the matter will be decided through a vote of the Command Staff.

FIRST OFFICER (XO): The Executive Officer shall assist the CO in the administration of the Ship and direct the crew in the CO's absence. The XO must be a member of STARFLEET and meet all qualifications of the national organization. The XO is the second representative of the Command section but votes at Command Staff sessions. The officer is not required to write a newsletter column unless he/she is also a section chief and unless he/she is asked to write the command section for the CO at a particular time. He is also charged with the duties of Records Officer.

The XO as second representative of the ship must also maintain morale, make sure that officers are doing their jobs for the club and that the organization is running smoothly. They must treat all of their crew equally and make sure that to the best of their ability everyone is informed of important ship news, receives their membership materials and is having fun.



SECOND OFFICER (20): Usually the most Senior Section Chief, although a Second Officer can be a position unto itself. This officer would be third in command, and would not have a separate vote during command staff sessions and would assume command/represent the ship at meetings, events, or Starfleet gatherings if the CO or XO were not present.

SHIP'S COUNSELOR: This position was first added in 1993 with the title of Recreation Chief, has a vote on the command staff in matters of club morale only. This officer is very important to the ship because it is their job to specifically see to the morale of the club, especially at meetings. This officer is to assist, and in some cases lead ship events. Their primary duty is to make sure ship events are running smooth, that any complaints or problems an officer has is taken care of before it can reach the CO. XO, or event chairperson and that any problems are taken care of immediately. The Counselor generally does not vote in matters of policy but only issues involving crew morale. This officer may also be in charge of the ship's Cadet Corps.



RECORDS: The records officer will maintain the following information about each member:

- 1. Name**
- 2. Home Address**
- 3. E-mail address**
- 4. Phone Number**
- 5. Service Expiration Date (Starfleet & Challenger)**
- 6. Rank**
- 7. Promotion Points**
- 8. Divisional Assignments**
- 9. Shuttle Assignment**
- 10. Starfleet Serial Number**
- 11. Division (Section)**

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The Records Officer will provide members with a new ship's roster each year. This roster will be distributed by the ship in New Frontiers or through a separate mailing. If a member desires an updated roster, it can be supplied upon request through a letter submitted in writing to the Captain.

The Records Officer will also submit a report for publication in the ship's newsletter to update members on new additions to the crew and promotions. A backup records source is also part of the department for production of additional labels and as a safeguard for the ship's record information.

FINANCES - The Ship's Financial Officer shall handle all Ship's financial transactions and shall maintain records of all transactions. Written reports shall be furnished for each issue of the ship's newsletter, and reports, verbal or written, should be made to the crew and C-Staff at all general ship meetings. Financial reports should adhere to the following format: Balance as of the last Ship meeting; An itemized list of all expenditures since the last meeting; New balance and effective date. Starfleet empowers the CO with the financial security of the chapter. However, it has been the practice of the USS CHALLENGER to have a financial officer to serve independently and to record all financial transactions. The CO and XO are the only officers allowed to write checks for the ship. As a standard practice, the CO/XO cannot write any check above the amount of \$25 unless it is for a normal club operation purchase; that being the cost of newsletter copying, membership material copying and postage for membership packages or newsletter distribution.










Anything above the cost of \$25 concerning the ship's expenses is discussed and voted upon by the crew's command staff and financial officer who is required to offer opinion on the expenditure.

POINT SYSTEM

Section 1 - Eligibility for promotion is tracked by means of promotion points, which are awarded to crewmembers for the completion of assigned duties and for their activity within the club. The ships commanding officer will maintain a log of the entire crews activities listing who was present at each meeting and each event.

It is the responsibility of the member to maintain thier own promotion points and inform the section chief of their activities and to make sure that they signed in for a meeting/event. Chiefs should be aware of all their members current point totals. The member will inform their Section Chief when they feel they have reached a point total for promotion. The Section Chief will then verify that point count and inform the command staff so that a promotion certificate can be made and the promotion awarded at a ship meeting, club event, or the certificate will be sent in the mail.

Promotions will be announced at ship meetings and through the ships newsletter as well as the listserv. Starfleet promotions will be noted within the ship's record system and the members point tally brought up to that of the appropriate rank tally. This is also the case for members who are promoted to meet the criteria of filling a command staff position (Section Chief/Asst. Section Chief). The Command Staff can also issue the title of "acting" officer to fulfill a position until it is determined that the member can maintain the duties of that position adequately. Until that title is dropped and the rank secured, their point tally will remain the same.

RANK		POINTS NEEDED
Cadet		Anyone under age of 13
Chief Petty Officer		0 points
Master Chief Petty Officer		50 points
Midshipman		100 points
Ensign		200 points
Lieutenant Junior Grade		400 points
Lieutennent		600 points
Lieutennent Commander		1000 points
Commander		1500 points
Captain		2000 points

Section 2 - Additional Promotion Criteria

- * For ranks of Lieutenant and above, promotion must be attained by approval of the Command Staff up to the rank of Captain. The rank of Captain must be approved by the Starfleet Region 7 Regional Coordinator.**
- * For ranks of Lieutenant and above, you must be a member of Starfleet in good standing. Also, you must earn the minimum required number of points before a promotion will be considered.**
- * For promotion to captain, your promotion must be recommended by the Captain to the Region 7 Coordinator.**
- * For promotion to Lieutenant Commander, you must chair two events and co-chair a minimum of two events (minimum of four events) or run a general meeting.**
- * For promotion to Commander, you must chair five events and co-chair an additional two to events (seven to ten events total) and conduct three general meetings.**

Section 3 - Earning Promotion Points

Participation in the following events will earn you promotion points:

Attending a ship's meeting - 5 Points

Wearing Star Trek or Challenger apparel at a meeting - 2 Points

Attending an official convention and working ships table - 5 Points

Attending a ship event - 5 Points

Planning a ship event (Points assigned at discretion of Section Chief and CO)- 1-50 Points

Working on a section project (points assigned at discretion of Section Chief) - 1-5 Points

Recruiting a member for Challenger (paid) - 5 Points

Recruiting a member for Starfleet (paid) - 5 Points

Submitting an article for the ship's newsletter - 1-5 Points

Donation of food for food pantry (per 10 items) - 5 Points

Donating a photo of ship event's for the chapter's photo album - 2 points

Completing a Starfleet Academy Course - 5 Points

Membership and renewal to Starfleet and Challenger - 5 Points

Assisting, starting, and or organizing a shakedown chapter (at discretion of CO) - 1-50 Points



THE HISTORY OF THE USS CHALLENGER

The USS Challenger has a long history, rooted in Star Trek fandom and an association with STARFLEET, its parent organization.

The principal crewmembers of the Challenger began their full ship training while serving aboard the USS Avenger's Shuttlecraft Discovery NCC- 1860/01. The shuttlecraft proved to be a very active part of the ships membership and hosted a number of shuttle and ship projects.



Prior to serving as a shuttlecraft to the Avenger, it also served as a sub-unit to members of the original USS Constitution, a Starfleet chapter that served the NJ/NY area from 1982-1985.

The groundwork had been set up for a long time for the shuttlecraft to expand and become a full-fledged starship and chapter of Starfleet. In 1987, after three years of serving in a shuttle capacity, crewmembers decided it was time to take the next step.

While the thought of branching out on our own had come into members minds before, we felt that we were representing our area of New Jersey and areas of Pennsylvania quite well as an Avenger shuttlecraft. Through Avengers growth in membership, which also led other shuttlecrafts to leave the shuttle bay for ship status, we felt the time had come. Our petition to for a chapter became official on November 1, 1987. By the time we were commissioned by Starfleet on July 12, 1988, we were all ready a very active group. We became a new member of Starfleet's northeast area, Region 7.

In January of 1988, the crew of former shuttlecraft Discovery had formulated its organizational structure to act as a full ship/chapter. We began producing membership materials, holding ship meetings and spearheading activities under our new name, the USS Challenger.

Our name was important to us. We could not call ourselves the USS Discovery, much as we would have liked to, as there was all ready such a chapter in Starfleet. Other names were considered until we learned that Challenger had not been taken. The shuttlecraft Discovery was named after its real-life space shuttle counterpart, not after the vessel in 2001: A Space Odyssey. The name Challenger was most appropriate for us. While some people may ask why we would name our vessel after such a great tragedy. we would answer that Challenger represented an ideal and a dream to push onward and discover.

That became our theme as well. To discover, and to meet the challenge of our self-proclaimed “prime directive”.

To seek out new friendships and boldly go beyond being “just a fan club”, to perform services for our fellow man: to promote real-life space exploration and (of course) science fiction and Star Trek; and to treat each other truly like brothers and sisters.

We must always remember the Vulcan principle of IDIC. Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations. and that it can work in the 20th century too. As long as we embrace the fact that we are all individuals and are different, and delight in that fact, we can seek out the strengths and good qualities in each of us. The Challenger has strived to reach out to fans and how them how our common interests can help us have fun. We strive also to serve our community, and to promote the dreams and ideals that Star Trek represents. It’s a tough assignment, but we are “Challengers” in more than one sense of the word.

In its first few months as a club, the USS Challenger continued to grow in number. Our ship became a collection of friends and in many ways we are a close knit family of people of different ages, nationalities, religions, and economic backgrounds. We found each other’s friendship through shared enjoyment of a SF’ saga first created by Gene Roddenberry over 30 years ago and whose legend continues to this day.

In September 1990, the Challenger’s first regulation Shuttlecraft Kyrie Elison was commissioned as the Philadelphia-based Starfleet chapter, the Gregarin-class USS Thagard. We had given birth to a new exciting group of organized Star Trek fans. We hope to spawn other shuttle/ship efforts as well.

In 1992, our second regulation shuttlecraft, the Shuttle Lexington was commissioned as the Ingram-class USS Lexington and based in northern New Jersey.

Our third regulation shuttlecraft which came from a group we formed in 1989, the shuttlecraft Valiant. They were commissioned as a Starship in the winter of 1993 as the Constellation-class USS Valiant.

Since that time, we launched another northern NJ shuttlecraft, Shuttlecraft Justice that launched as the Destroyer USS Justice in January of 1995.

Our chapter also sponsored the first chapter of the existing club program through the USS New Horizons which created their own Mt. Selaya-class starship (a modified Galaxy-class ship) in January of 1995. Six months later, it became a full member of Starfleet.

In July of 1995, the Challenger launched the Harrisburg, Pa. Away team, formerly of the USS Ascension. It launched as Shuttlecraft Halpat, and commissioned several months later as one of the Regions first Intrepid-class starships, the USS Prevailing Wind.

Pittsburgh, Pa.-based Shuttlecraft Quantico under the Command of Starfleet Marine Maj. Gen. Loujac McPherson was also launched in August of 1995 to become the future Kodiak-class Battleship USS Guadalcanal which commissioned in March of 1999.

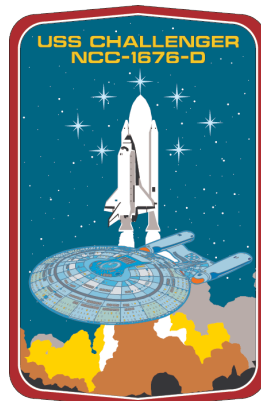
The Challenger also sponsored its first out of Region shuttlecraft, the Shuttlecraft Beigica which was based in Belgium. It commissioned as the USS Belgica in Region 9.

Most recently, the Challenger Launched the USS Britannic in February of 2007. We always look forward to sponsoring future chapters of Starfleet.

HOW WE BECAME THE SHIP WE ARE TODAY

In the fall of 1993, the Command Staff released a refit survey presenting 4 options which the crew could pick from to represent our ship. We had completed our first 5-year mission and it was now time to decide if we wished to stay as we were, a modification our (former) Chief Engineer David Gettle had proposed, move on to the 24th Century with a Galaxy-class ship as our (former) First Officer Louise Smith and (former) Science Chief Bill Bergheimer proposed or adopt a ship from Pre-Trek Classic as our (former) Ops Chief Hatriono Sastrowardoyo suggested.

The vote was clear; we would change eras and the type of ship we were. This necessitated various aspects of our ship, but it was yet another challenge we met and conquered. Our chapter celebrated our 10th anniversary on May 2, 1998 with a formal dinner dance in Toms River. Our continuing goal is to keep the Challengers record of activity, fun through a strong commitment to our prime directive.



THE CHALLENGER'S HISTORY IN FICTION

The Challenger's fictional history is a bit complicated. So that you might participate in our Challenger Chronicles column in our newsletter, we will briefly explain a history of some of the vessel's more notable adventures and some information about its crewmembers.

For 5 years, most of our senior officers served aboard the original Constitution-Class (movie Enterprise-type) Starship Challenger. We were experiment #1676 and launched from a top-secret asteroid construction site in space prior to commissioning during a conflict with an inter-dimensional being known as Lazazar.

Captain Bob Vosseller was our original CO at the time, he led a landing party while in temporary command of the USS Avenger (he was its XO) and when the ship was disabled by Lazazar. He used the newly-constructed ship in a strike against the alien's robot vessel. Lazazar escaped, but the Challenger was called into service early and the ship was assigned to locate the alien warlord prior to its official commissioning six months later. Capt. Vosseller, Cmdr. Tom Wilson, Dr. "AC" Willment, Cmdr. James Young, Cmdr. Andrew Elkins, Lt. Cmdr. Helen Bixler were the original bridge crew of the ship. After 5 glorious years of exploration, star mapping, military and diplomatic exercises, and various other missions we prepared to return to Starbase 29. the command post for Starfleet Region 7 (at that time) for possible reassignment. Some rumors had the ship's future use as a training vessel. Cmdr. Wilson had resigned following Captain Vosseller's participation with Capt. Spock concerning the Khitomer Talks with the Klingon Empire. Wilson felt the Klingons were not to be trusted despite the fact that he was good friends with a Klingon defector, K'Hen. who had come to serve aboard the ship.

On our way, a supply of contaminated trilitium was stolen from our ship by renegade Klingons aboard a cloaked Bird of Prey. Our Chief Engineer Kukurran, an inhabitant of the Vulcanoid Laskani Unity was captured during the theft within our engine room. We sustained heavy damage to our primary hull forcing its evacuation.

Based upon design plans drawn by Kukurran for a Challenger-Class vessel, the Challenger was rebuilt with a new primary hull, which resembled the top portion of a Miranda-Class starship. During our time at Starbase 29, the Captain married his first officer, T'Lear, a Vulcan who had not been raised on her world and had not learned the customs or disciplines of Vulcan. Prior to being assigned to the ship's Science division. she had worked for Starfleet Intelligence and had infiltrated Romulan space on several occasions. One of her missions had brought her and her Vulcan bond mate to a Romulan base where Klingon war prisoners were used as laborers. T'Lear left the world with an ailing Klingon infant who had a

breathing problem, and then adopted the child with the consent of her Vulcan lifemate Sagar. Her relationship with Sagar soon ended. However and she left Fleet Intelligence to become a Science Officer aboard a starship. She fell in love with Captain Vosseller within months of her assignment as Asst. Science Chief aboard the Challenger. Her command skills made her an ideal candidate for First Officer when Cmdr. Wilson resigned from that post and despite their relationship, Vosseller chose her to be his executive officer, knowing she had “the right stuff” for the job. The Klingon child “Adam” had great affection for Vosseller and was temporarily allowed to reside on the ship until its reassignment orders were complete.

Receiving information on the location of the rogue Klingon ship and its leader’s intent to create a substance known as dark matter, the new Challenger designated 1676-A launched to rescue its Chief Engineer with the help of Klingon Empress Kara of the Karizan Empire. She felt that the Klingon attackers activities were dishonorable as well as being a danger to the Klingon Empire itself. The Karizan Empire was part of the Klingon Empire and she knew Vosseller and the Challenger crew to be people of honor, worthy of Klingon alliance. The attack was successful. Kukurran was rescued from the damaged Bird of Prey. The Dark Matter” was beamed off of the Klingon ship, prior to its destruction. Challenger brought the material to the great barrier of space for disposal. It was soon discovered that the substance would ignite and its Challenger crew to save the galaxy was to sacrifice all of those aboard and to detonate the material far away from populated Federation space. Vosseller and T’Lear regretted that Adam was still aboard the ship.

A combination of the strange elements of the barrier, the Dark Matter and the possible tampering by a Q being drew the Challenger into a temporal rift and it emerged damaged some 78 years later. All but Kukurran and Vulcan/Romulan Officer S’Trell went with them as they were aboard a Shuttlecraft overseeing the launching of the dark matter into the barrier. They would rejoin us much later, however. Kukurran had become a Starship designer for Starfleet and oversaw the Challenger-class program, although the Challenger B, which was commissioned 3 years later, under the command of an Andorian Fleet Captain, was a modified Excelsior-class ship.

A Q being calling itself Mentor first greeted the damaged Challenger A. It had the form of an ancient female who explained that its crew had a purpose in this time period. She gifted certain officers with technical, social and historical skills, allowing them to serve aboard a recently constructed Galaxy-class starship which it renamed Challenger NCC-1676-D. She has appeared a few times since that time, but refuses to interfere in the natural flow of events and will not discuss what special task the Challenger will be involved with or why her crew now belongs in the 24th century.

Suspicious of the crew's link to such a powerful being, the commanding officer of Starbase 29 (the Tellerite Vice Admiral Laex) had the CO and his crew under watchful eye. Vosseller led a new ship with both new and original officers aboard. A year into their new adventures in the 24th century, tragedy occurred. Cmdr. T'Lear, on a mission to vindicate her father (who was accused by the Federation of being a Romulan collaborator) was captured attempting to infiltrate a Romulan outpost. Her mind was programmed to betray Starfleet and she was used in a plot to steal newly developed Federation technology.

The Challenger was assigned to track the Romulan War Bird, which was about to cross the neutral zone back into Romulan space. This had to be prevented at all costs. Challenger fired on the decloaked ship to disable it but unknown to the crew. T'Lear broke her mind control and attempted to beam the stolen device off the ship. Its shields weakened by the mechanism a power feedback occurred destroying the vessel and killing T'Lear.

For months Vosseller blamed himself for his wife's death. Adam was placed in the care of Sagar, who claimed the child as his adopted son. While surprised that the Vulcan would wish to raise a Klingon child, he reluctantly agreed that Adam should be raised somewhere else than a starship, despite the fact that families were now allowed aboard the ship. Vosseller's guilt subsided after continual consultation with Betazoid Counselor Leaakala of Starbase 7, who Vice Admiral Talex assigned to study the ship's CO mental stability. The counselor shared a number of adventures with him and the two eventually realized they had feelings for each other.

The ship had faced other threats such as the Borg, Cardassians and faced an energy being which destroyed Starbase 29 and had Fleet Captain Bob Vosseller take command of Starfleet-Region 7 with a line promotion of Commodore. The new command post is Starbase 7, which was moved to another area of space due to the Dominion crisis. It has since been relocated back to its original position in space due by Mentor who gave little explanation for her action.

Capt. Bill Bergheimer who served as the ship's Science Officer and XO for a time was half human/half-Vulcan. He saved his former teacher, a Trill. The officer's body died, but he and the Trill symbiont merged to become one identity. He served as Region Division Science Chief of Region 7 before leaving Starfleet and the Challenger for a research project on Trill. While he was Region 7 Science Division Chief, Capt., Bergheimer (or as he was now known-Deenan Jed) once led a Challenger Away Team to the Gateway world which housed the Guardian of Forever where he met several ship COs and their crewmen from the Challenger's original time line before devising a plan to restore Guardian to proper order and in so doing prevented an access of temporal waves from destroying the planet and quite possibly the universe itself. Vosseller recently assigned the

Trill to a special project at the gateway Space Station, regarding temporal mechanics research. He was succeeded by Tellurian Officer Pathfinder.

More recently, the Challenger crew has become quite involved in the Dominion conflict. Cmdr. Marena, the ships then-Ops chief was impersonated by a Changeling who nearly killed a representative from a planet in the Gamma Quadrant. A Changeling also replaced the ships CEO for several months before it was learned, but it turned against her people and perished to protect the ship. A Changeling impersonated Vosseller himself but the ship's bridge crew quickly discovered this ruse. Challenger has seen combat with the Jem'Hadar and destroyed a Jem'Hadar base which had been established within the Alpha Quadrant.

After Vosseller was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral by Starfleet due to his diplomatic accomplishments as RC and for his quick mobilization of the 7th Fleet during the recent Borg crisis. Betazoid Cmdr. Marena became First Officer, replacing Fleet Capt. Mike Smith, who also served as Vosseller's Vice Regional Coordinator. Smith was reassigned to Starfleet HQ on earth for a time, but is now XO of Defiant-class USS Starlord. Vosseller retains line command of the Challenger, the Region's flagship. Bajoran Chief Engineer Bow Ucorb was assimilated by the Borg during the Challenger's latest encounter with that Federation enemy. Retired Capt. Montgomery Scott and the ships talented engineering staff currently oversee the engine room. Scotty has resided on the ship for several years now after his shuttlecraft was picked up in space while experiencing trouble.

The Challenger also housed a resident of Tau-Ceti, a traveler known as Sowdar, for 2-1/2 years. The ship has also encountered an Android named Arissa Maddox, and Hugh the Borg during missions. Starfleet Maj. Gen. Loujae McPherson discovered the wreckage of Space Station Susquehanna. The station's crew had been assimilated by the Borg.

The ship's quartermaster for a time was Klingon officer Kagus. who was raised on the same failed Klingon/Federation colony world as Adam, Potters Planet. The ship also has a resident Ferengi, Bok, who has been outlawed by the Grand Nagus (due to the fact that he swindled him). He was granted asylum from Ferenginar and is in training as an officer on Starfleet. He is receiving his training aboard the Challenger. Bok is good friends with Kagus, but gets on Communications Chief Marie Singleton's nerves, as well as Admiral Vosseller's.

The crew has experienced some interesting journeys back in time, such as a mission to earth's medieval period where they discovered the presence of the Davidians.

Shore Leave excursions have included trips to Risa, the Shore Leave playground planet (first disco - cued by Captain Kirk, of the original USS Enterprise and Outpost Tesla, where Dr. David Singleton married Genagri

Cmdr. Marie Francen). Singleton, who previously served as Challenger's CMO, first met Vosseller at Starfleet Academy. They have been friends ever since and Vosseller had him assigned to the original USS Challenger. An incident involving the Maquis nearly cost Singleton his Starfleet career when Singleton aided them in delivering much needed medical supplies to Federation colonists in the Demilitarized Zone.

Vosseller, feeling this action by HQ towards his long-time friend and officer was unfair, intervened and had him transferred to Communications and as a Medical consultant on the Challenger several years later upon Dr. Jeff Victor's reassignment to Providence Station, Singleton reassumed his position as CMO.

Admiral Vosseller has worked with Maquis forces to gather information about Cardassian activity in the DMZ. He is concerned about the activities of one Cardassian Gul in particular, Gul Amon who seems to be concerned about something left undone during the Cardassian occupation of Bajor. Arnon and Vosseller dislike each other. Vosseller is also less than pleased with the Romulan Empire's chief propaganda officer who has visited Starbase 7 and seems interested in Maquis activities in the Badlands. Vosseller had a verbal blow-up with the Fleet Admiral when it was decided not to rescue Maquis ships and cells when the Dominion's planned invasion nearly wiped them all out. Vosseller wished to warn them but it was felt any interference could lead to war.

The Challenger has had a wide range of experiences, which have brought them close together both original and new crewmembers, both high-ranking officers and newly assigned shipmates.

This Galaxy-class vessel led Starfleet's vessels in the 7th attack on the Cardassian shipyards at Taurus III. While this attack against Cardassian/Dominion forces was a success, the 7th Fleet composed of Starfleet, Maquis, Klingon and the Romulan ships sustained many casualties during the Federation-Dominion war. The crew has taken part in notable diplomatic, military, covert, rescue, and science missions during its original 5-year mission and its subsequent assignments aboard the current Galaxy-class star ship. As to what unknown mission, the Q-being, Mentor was referring to or what is in store for the crew next is unknown. Only time will tell and for now the crew of the Starship Challenger is quite busy.. .exploring strange new worlds, defending Federation space, seeking out new forms of life.. .boldly going where no one has gone before!

Challenger Chronicles was launched as a new column of New Frontiers in January of 1991. It featured the fictional log entries of our crew for the purposes of some fun fan fiction. Our ship was based in the 23rd century for the first 5 years of its history. As of January 1994, through a very complicated story line involving a time-rift, we became part of the 24th century Star Trek universe. Every member of the crew can become involved in this by sending their ideas, or even their own fictional log

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND OTHER POLICIES

When a member acts in a manner which is deemed a detriment to the fun of the rest of the group, then the Commanding Officer and Command Staff must take action to ensure that the rest of the group can continue to function correctly. An example of this can be a member talking out of turn during meetings, creating arguments amongst the membership, attempting to cause disharmony among the club and so on.

Many problems stem from personal arguments between members. When said incidents occur, a member of the C-staff (the persons section chief first) should speak to that individual. A verbal warning is issued. If it goes ignored, then a stronger action is taken including demotion or reduction of promotion points total based on the problem and agreed upon by members of the Command Staff.

What if a Command Staff member is involved? The same rules apply. After a verbal warning, members of the C-staff agree on a form on punishment, which would cause the member to respond in a positive manner. Starfleet does not have court-martials, but we do want to see our chapter run in a fun manner. Those who seek to hurt the group through the spreading of mistruth or in other harmful ways will find their way to the airlock if such behavior persists. A member who is accused of a misconduct is of course allowed to present their side of the story and to give their view of what happened.

If any criminal action takes place (such as bringing any illegal items or substances to an event or meeting) this officer will be placed on automatic suspension and in this case, can be removed from the club by a majority vote of the Command Staff alone for the protection of the chapter and its members. Though we like animals, we discourage members from bringing their pets to ship events or meetings unless it is cleared with the CO or their section chief first, as well as the event venue.

The Challenger is not a forum for you to solve any personal problems you might have. We are a forum for fun, recreation, and creative expression. We want to have a friendly carefree atmosphere, but certain rules of conduct and decorum do apply. The rules of conduct of a Starfleet officer are the ones we operate by. We ask that you follow them. In regards to actions of prejudice or sexual harassment, we defer to the law, as such is not proper in any organization.

The Command Staff of the USS Challenger in cases shall follow the following guidelines where disciplinary procedures are considered necessary:
Verbal reprimand: A verbal reprimand may be issued by any Challenger member to any fellow member ho is conducting him/herself in a way detrimental to others: examples of this kind of conduct may be talking out

of turn, using profanity at club functions, arguments between members. etc.

Formal reprimand: The Command Staff shall issue A formal reprimand if the verbal reprimand is not obeyed or is considered to be inadequate to the violation. These violations shall be entered into club records and held for a period not exceeding 6 months. In order to issue a formal reprimand, the Command Staff must receive a written warning sponsored by one Command Staff member. The Command Staff will discuss the need for the formal reprimand and vote on it. Such a vote must pass by at least 51% majority of C-staff members voting and enough CS members must be present to make a quorum, although the presence of the offending member is not required. Club members receiving formal reprimands must be notified within one week of the CS vote.

Suspension: Should three formal reprimands accrue to a member's record within a 6 month period, this person shall be subject to a mandatory 6-month suspension from club membership and shall be excluded from all club activities and functions. Suspensions shall be entered into the member's permanent club record and shall not be removed. Should a serious code of conduct infraction occur, the CO, XO or a Section Chief may temporarily suspend a member until the command staff can meet to discuss the issue. As suspension is a serious step, and it is considered necessary to protect club members from the actions of an individual who cannot conduct themselves in a manner befitting an officer, suspensions shall include the loss of all rank and promotion points, as well as any position of authority within the club held by the offending officer.

Expulsion: Once a club member has received his third suspension, that member shall be required to be expelled permanently from the club. If a serious code of conduct pr policy infraction occurs, the command staff may expel any member at any time by a simple majority vote.

Code of conduct: The Starfleet Code of Conduct will apply, but simply stated, treat your fellow crewmember with the same respect that you would wish to be treated. In all legal matters, US federal laws and New Jersey State laws will apply.



SHIP POLICIES:

Alcohol: No alcohol will be present in at any ship-organized function unless it is designated as a special "Adult" event. Any member introducing alcohol to any ship event that is not designated will be summarily ejected and disciplinary action will be taken.

Charitable Events: In order for the Club to fairly pay for those expenses which come up and in accord with current IRS policies concerning charitable fundraisers, the USS Challenger retains 40% of all monies collected at Challenger Charity Events. These monies are placed in the club account, with the remaining 60% donated to the specified Charity. The chapter will not subsidize any charitable giving.

Drugs: Any discovery of illegal drug use or possession by a crewmember at a ship function means an automatic discharge from the club period!

Hygiene Policy: All members are expected to maintain good hygiene in consideration of other members. Members who do not follow this policy will not be allowed to attend meetings and events until they comply.

Member/non-member policy: A non member of the USS Challenger is invited to attend either three meetings or three events of the ship (events which are not generally open to the public) in which to decide whether they wish to join the chapter or not. After that it will be necessary to collect their membership or renewal fee.

Minors: For everyone's safety, all minors must be accompanied by their adult guardians. Challenger cannot take responsibility, nor will be held liable for any minors or their actions.

Renewal Policy: A renewing member has a month grace period between their expiration date and their renewal date should they forget or are unable to renew. After that time, their promotion points will revert to 0 unless they appeal first to the Financial Officer with an explanation which if approved by the command staff would extend that period of time, not to exceed 2 months.

Transportation/Expenses: We understand that not everyone drives a car or owns a car. However, it can get quite expensive for the few people who do all the driving in the club. For this reason, a variable rate gas charge will be charged to all members seeking transportation to club events. This charge will depend on the distance to said event and the number of persons riding in a single vehicle. A member will not be responsible for costs associated with vehicles they did not ride in. For most trips, this charge will be about \$5.00 round trip. Members are not required to transport other members for any reason.

Members needing a ride must contact the event coordinator or their Section Chiefs at least 3 days prior to the event. If you come to a meeting and need a ride home, you must make provisions before coming, with the exception of an emergency.

Resignation: Members who resign at their own volition forfeit their membership and the balance of their membership dues for the membership year. They lose all promotion points and rank, unless flag rank has been afforded by Starfleet. If a member wishes to rejoin the chapter, they must pay full dues for the year, and will only be allowed to rejoin at the discretion of the command staff.

Listserve Rules:

- 1. Keep Civil: All members participate in the listserve, so it is not to be a negative environment. This also means that other members should not be put down, ideas ridiculed, or opinions trampled upon. Everyone has a voice and an opinion, of which no one is more important or more valuable than the next. We all may have different opinions, but it is no one's place to put others down, even if we feel or know they are incorrect.**
- 2. Keep Private Conversations Private: If an email is only meant for one member, please send it to that one member. There is no need to keep private conversations on the listserve, even if it a response to an email on the listserv.**
- 3. Issues should be addressed privately: If you have an issue with another member or the group in general, please address them to the individual or to the CO. XO, listserve owner or any member of the command staff. As a reminder, the listserve is sometimes used as a recruitment tool: therefore keep all messages in the context that they are read by prospective members.**
- 4. In unique situations, the listserve may be put into a moderated mode as a result of a violation of any of the above rules at the discretion of the moderator or CO. A post will be made to the command staff and general membership within a reasonable amount of time explaining the situation.**

