



USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371 **A Chapter of STARFLEET International**

RANK ASSIGNMENT & PROMOTIONS POLICY

I. TERMINOLOGY

Within this document, the following terms are defined thusly:

- “STARFLEET International,” “STARFLEET” and “SFI” refer synonymously to STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., a 501(c)(7) not-for profit corporation incorporated in the State of North Carolina.
- “USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371,” “USS REPUBLIC” and “REPUBLIC” refer synonymously to the Chapter of STARFLEET International chartered in Atlanta, Georgia, and commissioned on May 14, 1988.
- A “member” is any living human being who joins both the REPUBLIC and STARFLEET by remitting payment in full for membership dues in accordance with current and standing Chapter policy.
- “OTS” and “OCC” refer to Officers Training School and Officers Command College, respectively, courses offered by STARFLEET Academy and which must be taken and passed in order to receive certain rank assignments as set forth below.

II. INITIAL RANK ASSIGNMENT

A. New Members

- i. New members age 0 to 12 shall be assigned the initial rank of Cadet.
- ii. New members age 13 to 17 shall be assigned the initial rank of Crewman.
- iii. New members age 18 and over shall be assigned the initial rank of Ensign.

B. New Chapter Assignments and Chapter Assignment Transfers

- i. Current members of STARFLEET who are not assigned to any Chapter and who have not been previously assigned any rank and who request assignment to the REPUBLIC by STARFLEET shall not be considered a member of the REPUBLIC and shall not receive a rank assignment until Chapter dues are paid in accordance with current and standing Chapter policy.
- ii. Current members of STARFLEET who transfer to the REPUBLIC from another Chapter shall retain the rank they last held as a member of their previous Chapter, even if they would not have achieved that rank as a member of the REPUBLIC. However, such persons shall not be considered members of the REPUBLIC until Chapter dues are paid in accordance with current and standing Chapter policy, and any future rank promotions must be earned in accordance with the criteria set forth in this document.

III. RANK PROMOTIONS

A. Promotions from Cadet

- i. Upon each timely annual membership renewal, Cadet rank shall increase one level as follows:
 - Cadet 3rd Class
 - Cadet 2nd Class
 - Cadet 1st Class
 - Cadet Crewman
 - Crewman Recruit
 - Crewman Apprentice

- ii. Crewman Apprentice is the highest rank a member under the age of 13 who has not taken and passed the OTS and OCC STARFLEET Academy exams may be assigned. Upon a member's first membership renewal after his or her 13th birthday, that member will be assigned the rank of Crewman.

B. Promotions from Crewman

- i. Upon each timely annual membership renewal, Crewman rank shall increase one level as follows:
Crewman 3rd Class
Crewman 2nd Class
Crewman 1st Class
Ensign JG
- ii. Ensign JG is the highest rank a member under the age of 18 who has not taken and passed the OTS and OCC STARFLEET Academy exams may be assigned. Upon a member's first membership renewal after his or her 18th birthday, that member will be assigned the rank of Ensign.

C. Promotions from Ensign

- i. Upon each timely annual membership renewal, Ensign rank shall increase one level as follows:
Ensign 3rd Class
Ensign 2nd Class
Ensign 1st Class
- ii. Ensign 1st Class is the highest rank a member who has not taken and passed the OTS and OCC STARFLEET Academy exams may be assigned, regardless of length of membership.
- iii. Any member, regardless of age or length of membership, who takes and passes the OTS and OCC STARFLEET Academy exams will be immediately assigned the rank of Lieutenant JG.
- iv. A member holding the rank of Lieutenant JG (e.g., who has taken and completed the OTS and OCC STARFLEET Academy exams), upon his or her fifth annual membership renewal, will be assigned the rank of Lieutenant.
- v. A member holding the rank of Lieutenant, upon his or her tenth annual membership renewal, will be assigned the rank of Lieutenant Commander.
- vi. A member holding the rank of Lieutenant Commander, upon his or her twentieth annual membership renewal, will be assigned the rank of Commander.

D. Ranks Higher than Commander

Per the STARFLEET International Constitution, Commander is the highest rank a Commanding Officer may assign to a member of his or her crew. The ranks of Captain and above may only be assigned by the Regional Coordinator or by STARFLEET International upon meeting the specific criteria established in the STARFLEET International Constitution.

IV. SUPERSEDEANCE

The REPUBLIC is a Chapter of STARFLEET International and is bound and governed by its Constitution. If any part of this document is found to be in conflict with any part of the STARFLEET Constitution, the STARFLEET Constitution shall supersede and prevail. Rank assignments and promotions that may have been made in conflict with STARFLEET policy may, when and where possible, be reversed, changed, corrected or voided at the Commanding Officer's sole discretion. Any part of this document found to be in conflict with the STARFLEET Constitution shall be amended promptly to conform to STARFLEET policy.