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Purpose

This guidebook serves as a supplement to the SFSO Ranger Guidebook 2016, published by STARFLEET Special Operations (a department of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.) The purpose of this guidebook is to record the history of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers (“The Paladins”), to describe our organizational structure, and to discuss operating procedures

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Reference works used in the creation of this manual:

- Memory Alpha, <http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Portal:Main>
- The SFSO Web site, <https://sfisfso.wordpress.com/>
- Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Ranger_Division
- Military.Com, <http://www.military.com>
- and, of course, the Second Edition STARFLEET Ranger Guidebook (2016)
- The Ship's Articles of the USS *Regulator* (2015 edition)

“We stand on the shoulders of giants”

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Welcome to the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers!

1.0 The USS Regulator's Special Forces

1.1 Ship's Structure: Where Do the Rangers Fit?

As seen in the USS *Regulator's* Ship's Articles (*The Chapter Handbook, General Orders, and Ship's Constitution of the USS Regulator, NCC-2009*), the ship has many departments. All members of the ship belong to one of the following departments: Science, Communications, Navigation, Engineering, Helm, Security, Medical, Ship's Services, or Deck. The First Officer and Second Officer are part of the Command Department, but may also serve in another department, as a department head or not. Each department has a different real-world area of responsibility – for example, the Communications Department puts out the monthly ship's newsletter, whilst the Medical Department is the ship's charity coordinator.

There are three other organizations on board the *Regulator*, that are not departments but in many ways act like them. These are the 333rd Marine Strike Group (“VMFA-333, the Phoenix Squadron”), a unit of the Third Brigade in the STARFLEET Marines Corps; the *Regulator's* Klingons, and the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers (“The Paladins”), a unit in STARFLEET Special Operations.

The USS *Regulator* has more than one type of membership, and does not require a member of the ship to be a member of STARFLEET, The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. (STARFLEET.) He may, if he so wishes, be merely a member of just the chapter. These “Local Members” may serve in any department (other than the Command department), and participate in any ship's activity or meeting. He may be promoted as any other member of the ship, subject to the guidelines found in Article VI of the Ship's Constitution. However, membership in the STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) and in the STARFLEET Special Operations (SFSO) are limited to members in good standing with STARFLEET. Therefore, to be a member of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers, you must be a paid member of STARFLEET.

1.2 Authorizing Entities

There are two authorities for the USS *Regulator's* Ranger team. First, the chapter authorized the formation of the team in General Order 9.o. Secondly, the SFSO is the STARFLEET authority for all SFSO units, including Rangers.

According to the *Regulator's* General Order 9.o: *There may be a team of Rangers on the USS Regulator. They will maintain their own ranking and order of command where it pertains to STARFLEET Special Operations business. However, if a situation involves crew members who are not Rangers then it becomes a matter for the Command Staff. Rangers will receive the same respect and privileges as anyone else on the Regulator. During Department Head Elections, the Rangers will hold an election for their Team Leader. The procedure for this election is identical in nature to the one for a Department Head. In order to run for Leader of Rangers, one must be a member of the Rangers for at least six months prior to the election. Leadership in the Rangers*

does not preclude leadership in another department of the ship, or of being the ship's commanding officer, or of being the leader of the ship's Ranger team or the ship's Klingons. In other words, one may be the ship's CO, the OIC of the Marines, the Ranger Team Leader, and the Klingon Leader, all at the same time, if so elected.

1.3 Duties of Officers

The team has a Team Leader (TL), elected in the same manner as a Department Head, and during the same Election meeting. (Per the Ship's Articles, elections are held in April of each odd-numbered year – 2015, 2017, 2019, etc.)

The Team Leader of the Rangers is required to send a monthly report to the SFSO, using procedures as set forth by the SFSO in the SFSO Standard Operating Procedures Manual ("SOP Manual"). He also assists all members of the team in their progression through the Rangers Training plan (as listed in the SFSO Training Manual). Additionally, the Ranger Team Leader is responsible to the ship's Commanding Officer (and other command staff), and may be called upon to perform other duties (both real-world and within the ship's fictional 'roleplay' universe.)

The team also has an Assistant Team Leader (ATL), appointed by the TL. If for whatever reason the TL is unable to fulfill his duties, the ATL will fill in. If both the TL and the ATL are absent, command of the team resolves to the highest-ranking Ranger present.



2.0 History of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers

Stardate 10909.19 (19 Sep 2009 Old Earth date)

At the Region 3 Summit, Captain Joseph White, then the Director of STARFLEET Special Operations, held a panel about the SFSO. Among the attendees were *Regulator* members Brigadier Mark West, Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Schugart, and Second Lieutenant Tank Clark, of the USS *Regulator*. All three signed up for more information.

Stardate 10910.17

At the regular Ship's Meeting of the USS *Regulator*, the 33rd Rangers were formed (pending formal approval by SFSO). Team Leader was LTC Schugart, ATL was BDR West, and other members included FCAPT Liz Goulet, 2LT Clark, and 2LT Mike Tolleson. The unit number was requested at this time, as well as the request to form as a Ranger unit. (The vote was three for Rangers, one for SEALs, and one abstention.)

Stardate 10911.21

At the regular Ship's Meeting of the USS *Regulator*, the 33rd Rangers approved our unit nickname, "The Paladins," as well as the motto, "Have Phaser, Will Travel." The main element of our unit's logo, the silver chess knight, was also approved. The first logo of the 33rd Rangers consisted of the ship's logo with a silver chess knight superimposed thereon.

Stardate 11001.05

The SFSO Newsletter, *Secured Frequencies*, begins publication. Although 2LT Tolleson was appointed as SFSO Newsletter Editor, 99% of the actual work was performed by 2LT Clark.

Stardate 11104.16

Ship's Elections were held. BGN West stepped down as Ship's Captain, LTC Schugart stepped down as First Officer. Both also stopped participating in STARFLEET, the ship, and the 33rd Rangers. Major Tank Clark was elected as ship's Captain, and appointed Commodore Liz Goulet as First Officer. Major Mike Tolleson was appointed as Second Officer of the *Regulator*, as Officer-In-Charge of the 333rd Marine Strike Group, and as Team Leader of the 33rd Rangers. Brevet-Colonel Tank Clark becomes DOIC of the 333rd MSG and the ATL of the 33rd Rangers.

Stardate 11204 ?

LTC Colonel Tolleson transfers to USS *Navras*. Colonel Tank Clark becomes OIC of the 333rd MSG as well as TL of the 33rd Rangers. Lieutenant Commander Tracy Clark is appointed ATL of the 33rd.

Stardate 11308.03

Colonel Tank Clark attends SFSO Muster at the STARFLEET International Conference in Dallas, TX. By this time, Joseph White has left STARFLEET, and Fleet Captain TJ Allen runs the muster as Director of SFSO. At this meeting, FCAPT Allen emphasizes the separation of the SFSO from the SFMC, and informs attendees that within the SFSO, “Fleet” style rank will be used exclusively. In other words, even Active SFMC Marines will be addressed by the navy-style rank equivalent within the SFSO, and while acting as a member of the SFSO. (Colonel Clark, for example, is addressed as Captain Clark whilst acting as a Ranger.)

Stardate 11508.01

33rd STARFLEET Rangers receive the Meritorious Unit Award (Rangers), as the best Ranger unit in STARFLEET.

Stardate 11505.09

Michael Cross assumes command of the USS *Regulator*. First officer is Brigadier Tank Clark, and Team Leader of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers remains Fleet Captain Clark.

Stardate 11602.

Commodore Tank Clark writes the new version of the SFSO Ranger Manual and submits it to the Director of the SFSO.

3.0 Traditions of the 33rd

3.1 Nickname

The nickname of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers is “The Paladins”.

This has two sources: first, the *Regulator* has a theme of the Old West, and one of the better TV Westerns was “Have Gun Will Travel”, a show about a gun-for-hire who went by the name of Paladin.

Secondly, the Captain of the USS *Regulator* when the 33rd Rangers were formed, Mark West, went by the the callsign “Paladin” when operating a Mecha. (At that time, the Marine Strike Group on board *Regulator* was a Mecha branch unit.)

From the IMDB article on “Have Gun Will Travel”:

“Regarding the name Paladin, it comes from early European "paladino", "palatine" referring to a knightly, heroic champion who fights for a noble cause. "Paladin" can also refer to a military leader; trusted and relied on by his king. Both the "knight" (a "warrior") and "military leader" speak to the character's--Paladin's--military background.”

3.2 Slogan

The slogan of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers is “Have Phaser, Will Travel.” This is an homage to the old TV Western “Have Gun Will Travel”, and goes along with the team's nickname, “The Paladins.”

3.3 Motto

The motto of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers is “*Sum Non Satis?*”, or “Am I Not Enough?” This is based on the story of the famous (but apocryphal) Texas Ranger slogan, “One Riot, One Ranger.”

From Wikipedia:

A famous phrase associated with the Rangers is “One Riot, One Ranger”. It is somewhat apocryphal in that there was never actually a riot; rather, the phrase was coined by Ranger Captain William "Bill" McDonald, who was sent to Dallas in 1896 to prevent the illegal heavyweight prize fight between Pete Maher and Bob Fitzsimmons that had been organized by Dan Stuart and patronized by the eccentric "Hanging Judge" Roy Bean of Langtry, Texas. According to the story, McDonald's train was met by the mayor, who asked the single Ranger where the other lawmen were. McDonald is said to have replied: "Hell! Ain't I enough? There's only one prize-fight!"

3.4 Logo

There have been two logos for the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers.

The first was silver chess knight overlaid on the USS Regulator's logo. The second, and current logo, is more colorful (See illustrations below.)



ILLUSTRATION 1: FIRST LOGO, 33RD STARFLEET RANGERS



ILLUSTRATION 2: CURRENT LOGO, 33RD STARFLEET RANGERS



4.0 Table of Organization

Commodore Tank Clark (Team Leader)	
Commander Tracy Clark (Asst. Team Leader)	
<u>First Squad</u>	<u>Second Squad</u>
Rear Admiral Liz Goulet	Commander Tracy Clark
Commander Scott Cornatzer	Commander Cynthia Crouch
Commander Roon Marchant	Lieutenant Commander Sean Washburn
Ensign Kevin Liberty	

Note: CDR Clark is both ATL and 2nd Squad Leader.



5.0 Uniforms

No uniforms are required by either the USS Regulator or by the SFSO. However, any uniforms worn should be worn in accordance with the guidelines set forth by STARFLEET Special Operations, this guidebook, and the *USS Regulator Uniform Guidebook*.

5.1 SFSO Guidelines

Refer to the SFSO Uniform Manual (“Guide to the Wear and Appearance of STARFLEET Special Operations Uniforms and Insignia”), available at <https://sfisfo.wordpress.com/publications/>, for details on all the uniforms authorized by the SFSO.

5.2 33rd Rangers Guidelines

All uniforms described in the SFSO Uniform Manual are authorized for wear by members of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers.

A member of the 33rd Rangers may wear a uniform from a different division, as appropriate. For example, a member of the Medical or Science departments may wear a blue TOS tunic, or a member of the Helm or Navigation departments may wear a yellow TOS tunic, when not performing duties as a Ranger. However, if acting as a Ranger, the use of SFSO specific uniforms are recommended. See the USS Regulator Uniform Guidebook for a detailed overview of various uniforms

5.2.1 Headgear

The Royal Blue beret and the Royal Blue garrison cap, as described in the SFSO Uniform Manual, is authorized for wear with all uniforms for members of the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers. Founding members of the 33rd (that is, those Rangers who have been members of the 33rd since its inception in 2009) may wear the tan beret, with either the SFSO pin or the old 33rd Rangers logo.

Royal Blue and Tan berets may be purchased from Glendale (Parade Store), at <http://www.paradestore.com/index.php/our-products/berets-helmets/armed-forces-berets.html>

5.2.2 TOS Uniform Choices

The Uniform Manual permits two colors for wear as “department colors” on a TOS tunic, both “Security Red” and the unique SFSO “Hunter Green”. Either color is permitted. The Hunter Green is preferred for the Class A TOS uniforms (see pg 29 & 30 of the SFSO Uniform Manual.)

5.2.3 Special Uniform Items

The SFSO Pin, SFSO patches, and SFSO ribbons may be purchased from the SFSO Deputy Director (Support). Refer to the SFSO web page, under the Staff tab, for contact information.

6.0 *Stuff and Things*

What do the 33rd STARFLEET Rangers do?

First and foremost, members of the Paladins are members of the USS *Regulator*, the Fort Worth (Texas) Chapter of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. As such, we may participate in any and all activities of the USS *Regulator* and the ship's department which we have chosen, as well as any Zone, Regional, or International event of Zone 1, Region 3, or STARFLEET.

Secondly, as part of the SFSO Training Plan, members of the 33rd Rangers are strongly encouraged to follow the plan (found at <https://sfisfo.wordpress.com/publications/> in the SFSO Training Manual, as well as the SFSO Forms on the right side of that web page.) There are ten grades of training for Rangers, as well as specialist training in Aerospace, Communications, Medical, and Sniper. Upon completion of Grade 2 (Ranger Agent), the Ranger qualifies for the Major Hayes (Ranger) Ribbon.

Thirdly, the Rangers, functioning as a Department on the USS *Regulator* (although we are not technically a Department, per se), are the organizers of ship's Game Days as well as the ship's Role-Playing Game Play, if any.

Finally, the Paladins may be given other real-world tasks, as deemed necessary and appropriate, by the Command Staff of the USS *Regulator*.





*To set the cause above renown,
To love the game beyond the prize,
To honour, while you strike him down,
The foe that comes with fearless eyes;
To count the life of battle good,
And dear the land that gave you birth,
And dearer yet the brotherhood
That binds the brave of all the earth.*