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***“THE PALADINS”***

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FOR MEMBERS OF THE

## 33<sup>RD</sup> STARFLEET M.A.C.O.

*“THE PALADINS”*

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## *Reference works used in the creation of this manual:*

- Memory Alpha, <http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Portal:Main>
- The STARFLEET MACO Web site, <http://maco.sfi.org/>
- Wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas\\_Ranger\\_Division](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Ranger_Division)
- Military.Com, <http://www.military.com>
- the Second Edition STARFLEET Ranger Guidebook (2016)
- The Ship's Articles of the USS *Sea Tiger* (2020 edition)

*“We stand on the shoulders of giants”*

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# Welcome to the Thirty-Third STARFLEET MACO!

## 1.0 The USS Sea Tiger's Soldiers

### 1.1 Ship's Structure: Where Do the MACO Fit?

As seen in the USS Sea Tiger Ship's Articles, the ship has three primary divisions: Gold, Blue, and Red. The Captain and First Officer, together with the three Division Leaders, make up the Leadership Committee of the ship. Each division has its own real-world areas of responsibility.

There are three other organizations on board the *Sea Tiger*, that are not departments but in many ways act like them. These are the 333<sup>rd</sup> Marine Strike Group ("The Yellow Jackets", a military intelligence unit of the Third Brigade in the STARFLEET Marines Corps); the *Sea Tiger's* Klingon Horde, and our MACO team.

The USS *Sea Tiger* 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 the Ship's Articles. However, membership in the STARFLEET Marine Corps (SFMC) and in the STARFLEET MACO (SFMACO) are limited to members in good standing with STARFLEET. Therefore, to be a member of the Thirty-Third STARFLEET MACO team, you must be a paid member of STARFLEET.

### 1.2 Authorizing Entities

There are two authorities for the USS *Sea Tiger's* MACO team. First, the chapter authorizes the formation of the team in the Ship's Articles, specifically Article IV, Section 4.02(f).

Secondly, STARFLEET MACO is the STARFLEET governing authority for all MACO units, including ours.

According to the *Sea Tiger's* Article IV, Section 4.02(f):

*There may be a team of STARFLEET M.A.C.O. on the USS Sea Tiger. The M.A.C.O. do not technically constitute a Division, and members of the M.A.C.O. unit will also be part of one of the three Ship's Divisions (Gold, Blue, Red.) They will maintain their own ranking and chain of command where it pertains to STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations business. However, if a situation involves crew members who are M.A.C.O. members as well as crew members who are not, it then becomes a matter for the Command Staff. A member of the M.A.C.O. team may be in any Division, at his own discretion. Any International member of the USS Sea Tiger may become a member of M.A.C.O. at his discretion. Page22 Each year the M.A.C.O. will have a Vote of Confidence for the M.A.C.O. Team Leader (TL), following the procedures in Article VI. In order to run for or vote for the Team Leader of the M.A.C.O. team, one must be a member*

*of the M.A.C.O. team for at least three months prior to the election. The TL may call for the election of his Assistant Team Leader (ATL), or he may appoint his ATL, at the TL's discretion. Leadership in the M.A.C.O. does not preclude leadership in another area of the ship, or of being the ship's Captain, or of being the leader of the ship's Marines or of the ship's Klingons. In other words, one may be the ship's Captain, the OIC of the Marines, the M.A.C.O. 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 as detailed above and in the Ship's Articles.

The MACO Team Leader is required to send a monthly report to MACO, using procedures as set forth by MACO in the MACO Standard Operating Procedures Manual ("SOP Manual").

He also assists all members of the team in their progression through the MACO Training plan as listed in the MACO Training Manual, following the guidelines available at the MACO web site and the MACO Facebook Group (MACO Crossed Daggers Tavern – STARFLEET, at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MACOCrossedDaggers/>). Additionally, the 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 MACO present.



## 2.0 Team History

For information on the fictional history of the MACO, please see the MACO Standard Operating Procedures Manual.

### 2.1 History of the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers

#### Stardate 0/0909.19 (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 0/0910.17

At the regular Ship's Meeting of the USS *Regulator*, the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 0/0911.21

At the regular Ship's Meeting of the USS *Regulator*, the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Rangers consisted of the ship's logo with a silver chess knight superimposed thereon.

#### Stardate 0/1001.05

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 0/1104.16

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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 333<sup>rd</sup> Marine Strike Group, and as Team Leader of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Rangers. Brevet-Colonel Tank Clark becomes DOIC of the 333<sup>rd</sup> MSG and the ATL of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Rangers.

## **Stardate 0/1204**

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

## **Stardate 0/1308.03**

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 0/1508.01**

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

## **Stardate 0/1505.09**

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

## **Stardate 0/1602.**

Commodore Tank Clark writes the new version of the SFSO Ranger Manual and submits it to the Director of the SFSO. This was then modified heavily, and although published briefly, was subsequently taken down from the SFSO web site.

## **Stardate 0/1704.22**

At the Ship's Elections, Commodore Clark was elected to the captaincy of the ship, appointing Rear Admiral Goulet as First Officer. Commodore Clark was also returned to the post of Team Leader, 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers.

## **Stardate 0/1705.27**

Lieutenant Colonel Roon Marchant is appointed Assistant Team Leader of the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers.



## Stardate 0/1706.24

Discussion about changing the ship's name from *Regulator* to something else began, and a Committee of the Whole was formed to investigate the desirability to change.

## Stardate 0/1707.22

At the ship's meeting, the team discussed the updated Awards Manual, and the new awards described therein. Also mentioned Commodore Clark's earning of Grade 10 (Ranger), SFSO Intelligence Officer certification, and SFA' Doctorate in Intelligence Operations.

## Stardate 0/1709.23

At the ship's meeting on 0/1708.26, a motion was made, seconded, and carried, to call for a final vote on a new ship name at the September meeting, with the new name of "Sea Tiger," retaining the ship's class and hull number.

At the September meeting, the vote passed (eight "aye", one "nay", the remainder abstaining).

## Stardate 0/1710.28

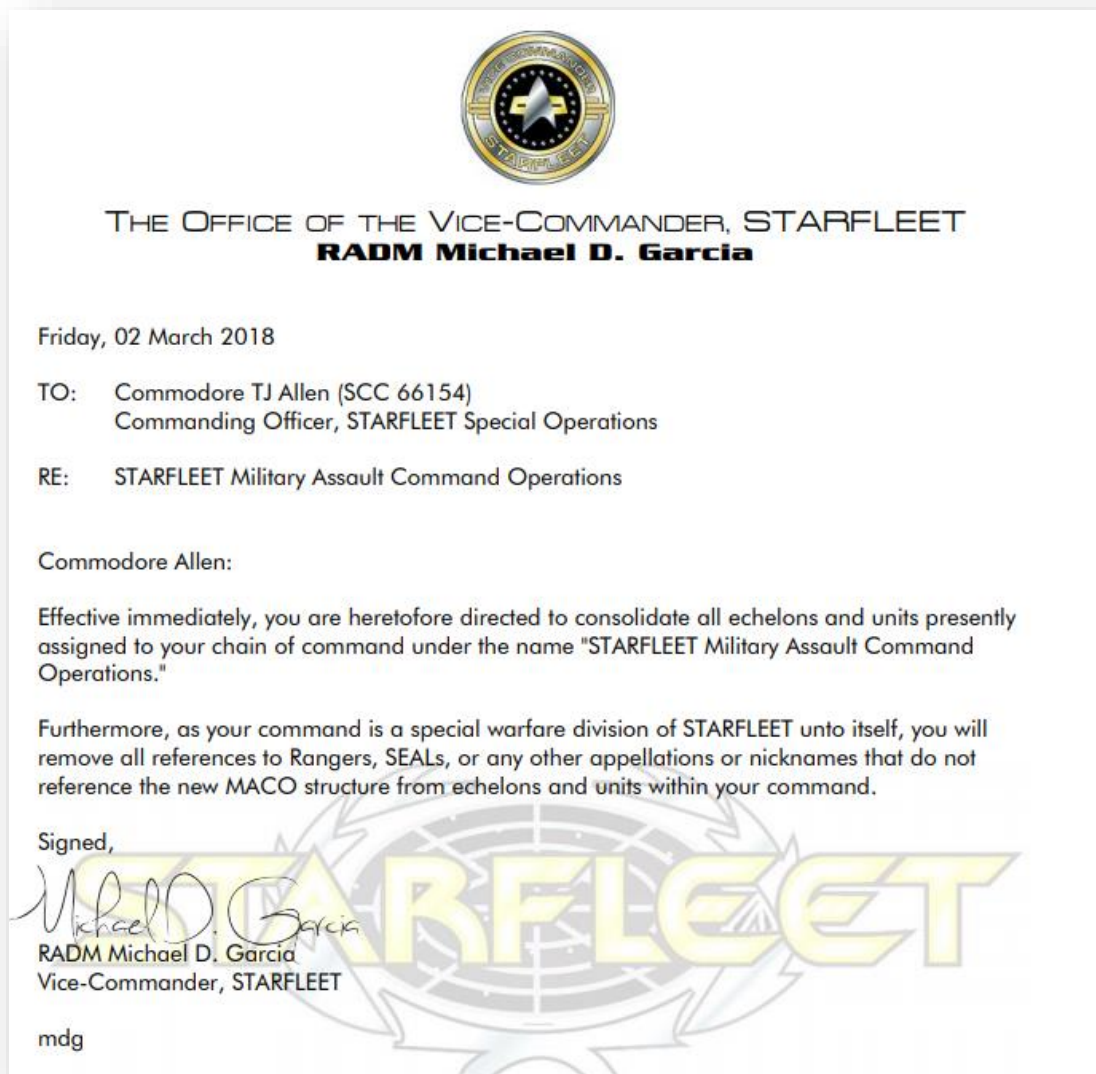
The team joined the remainder of the ship's compliment to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commissioning of our chapter, on -1/9210.01 (as the USS *Comanche*)



## *2.2 History of the Thirty-Third STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations Team*

### **Stardate 0/1803.02**

The Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, renamed SFSO to STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations. As a result of this directive, the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers became the Thirty-Third STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operatons unit.



### **Stardate 0/1803.24**

MACO team discussed logo situation, as well as re-naming and re-branding. Decided as a group to maintain the MACO unit, as a Gamma team, and adopted the new logo.

## **Stardate 0/1804.21**

The status of the MACO team on board *Sea Tiger* was confirmed with the appropriate change in the ship's articles, changing all references to Rangers to MACO.

## **Stardate 0/1805.26**

MACO Command Staff have reported that the latest revision of the Awards Manual is finished, and that as soon as a technical issue is cleared up, it will be published. We have yet to hear any more news regarding possible changes in STARFLEET MACO, STARFLEET Marines, within STARFLEET as a whole, and at the local chapter level, regarding logos and that ilk.

## **Stardate 0/1904.27**

Tank Clark and Liz Goulet re-elected as Captain & First Officer. Commodore Clark returned to Team Leader, as well.

## **Stardate 0/2003**

The novel coronavirus COVID-19 becomes a pandemic, affecting the entire planet Earth.

## **Stardate 0/2004.25**

Rear Admiral Clark and Rear Admiral Goulet passed the scheduled annual vote of confidence and were returned to their posts as Captain and First Officer. The MACO Team Leader remains RADM Clark, with LTC Marchant returning as Assistant Team Leader.

## **Stardate 0/2005.16**

Major General Clark officially becomes Deputy Commander, STARFLEET Military Assault Command Operations, under Rear Admiral De Rush.



## 3.0 Traditions of the Thirty-Third

### 3.1 Nickname

The nickname of the team, starting when we were the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers is “The Paladins”.

This has two sources: first, the *Regulator* had 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.”*

When the SFSO became STARFLEET MACO, the Thirty-Third MACO proudly continued the use of the nickname, “The Paladins”.

### 3.2 Slogan

The slogan of the Thirty-Third Military Assault Command Operations Team 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 Thirty-Third Military Assault Command Operations Team 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

(See illustrations below.)

ILLUSTRATION 1: FIRST LOGO, 33RD STARFLEET RANGERS



There were two logos for the 33<sup>rd</sup> STARFLEET Rangers, and one for the Thirty-Third STARFLEET MACO.

The first was silver chess knight overlaid on the USS Regulator's logo. The second logo was more colorful

The current MACO logo is based on the patch worn by the MACO team on NX-01 USS *Enterprise*.

ILLUSTRATION 2: SECOND LOGO, 33RD STARFLEET RANGERS



ILLUSTRATION 1: CURRENT LOGO

THIRTY-THIRD MILITARY ASSAULT COMMAND OPERATIONS



# 4.0 Table of Organization

Major General Tank Clark (Team Leader)	
Lieutenant Colonel Roon Marchant (Asst. Team Leader)	
<b><u>First Squad</u></b>	<b><u>Second Squad</u></b>
Rear Admiral Liz Goulet	Commander Tracy Clark
Commander Scott Cornatzer	Commander Cynthia Crouch
Marine Captain Daniel Roe	First Lieutenant Ricky Morrison



## **5.0 Uniforms**

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

### **5.1 MACO Guidelines**

Refer to the MACO Uniform Manual for official details on all the uniforms authorized by the STARFLEET MACO. This manual is available in the files section of the MACO Crossed Daggers Facebook group, and should be available at [maco.sfi.org](http://maco.sfi.org)

### **5.2 Thirty-Third STARFLEET MACO Guidelines**

All uniforms described in the SFSO Uniform Manual are authorized for wear by members of the Thirty-Third.

A member of the Thirty-Third 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 MACO.

Operation department colors are acceptable when performing duties as a MACO – red for TOS, gold for TNG and beyond.

The use of the optional branch color is also acceptable. This is russet brown – the uniform tunic for TOS would be this color brown, and the color would replace the red, gold, or blue of TNG, DS9, and VOY uniforms, for example.

#### **5.2.1 Headgear**

STARFLEET MACO does not specify appropriate covers. If wearing the MACO Duty Uniform, a black or midnight digital pattern ballcap, with or without insignia would be appropriate, as would a “boonie” cap of the same style.

Ballcaps with the ship’s logo, or ship’s hull number, or a ballcap with the team’s logo, are also an appropriate option.

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

The Thirty-Third Military Assault Command Operations team may authorize specific headgear. Please check with the Team Leader.

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 Special Uniform Items***

MACO patches, name tapes, the MACO ribbon, and MACO rank insignia, are available on Etsy, at [https://www.etsy.com/shop/CreativeJemsGA?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing\\_id=789344329](https://www.etsy.com/shop/CreativeJemsGA?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=789344329).

## ***6.0 Stuff and Things***

### ***What do the Thirty-Third STARFLEET MACO do?***

First and foremost, members of the Paladins are members of the USS *Sea Tiger*, 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 *Sea Tiger* and the ship's division 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 MACO Training Plan, members are strongly encouraged to follow the plan (found at the MACO's web site and at the MACO's Facebook group.) There are ten grades of training for MACO, Advanced Training paths (our unit is a Gamma team) as well as specialist training in a wide variety of fields.

Thirdly, the MACO, functioning as a department on the USS *Sea Tiger* (and in cooperation with the Gold and Red Divisions), 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 *Sea Tiger*.

Fictionally? Although most people seem to think that the MACO are a Special-Forces type organization – and I believe that some MACO would operate as Special Forces – I think that MACO is what we today would call “Army”. MACO are the ground troops of United Earth (and later, of the Federation). We're the infantry, the baseline trooper.

The U.S. Army, for example, has the following duties:

- Preserving the peace and security and providing for the defense of the United States, the Commonwealths and possessions and any areas occupied by the United States
- Supporting the national policies
- Implementing the national objectives
- Overcoming any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States

... and it's easy to see the MACO performing a similar role for United Earth or the United Federation of Planets.

*This is solely the opinion of the author, MGen. Clark, who would enjoy a friendly discussion.*





*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.*

*(The Credo, by Sir Henry Newbolt (1862-1938), from his poem "Clifton Chapel")*