

## Ch. 3: RANKS AND PROMOTIONS

### Sec. 1: DEFINITION OF RANKS

- 1) For simplicity, Fleet 31 uses the ranks of the United States Navy for all Starfleet crew. As Gene Roddenberry's dream involved full access to quality education, the bulk of Starfleet crew seen on screen in earlier series have graduated from Starfleet Academy, automatically making them officers. As such, Officer will be the default rank track unless a crew member wishes to be Enlisted.
- 2) All non-Starfleet crew will use the comparable rank of that culture.
- 3) All promotions are awarded from within the chapter, except for the Commanding Officer, for whom promotions are awarded by the authority of the Command Council, Executive Council, or Promotion Board.

### Sec. 2: ENLISTED AND WARRANT OFFICER RANKS

Enlisted and Warrant Officer ranks are not currently governed by Fleet 31 Regulations and should be awarded on the best judgment of the Commanding Officer.

### Sec. 3: CADETS

All members below the age of 18 are automatically assigned into the rank classification of Cadet. This rank is further distinguished into Grades 1 through 4 at the discretion of the Commanding Officer.

### Sec. 4: OFFICER RANKS

- 1) Ensign (ENS): This is the standard entry rank for all crew who wish to be officers.
- 2) Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG): This rank is held by the Commanding Officer of a Drydock. Promotion to this rank is recommended for Ensigns who have attended at least three events representing Fleet 31, or who have provided other contributions of effort.
- 3) Lieutenant (LT): This rank is held by the Commanding Officer of a chapter with 3-4 members. Promotion to this rank is recommended for Lieutenants Junior Grade who represent the fleet well in the public setting and show a strong desire to continue furthering the goals of the fleet.
- 4) Lieutenant Commander (LCDR): This rank is held by the Commanding Officer of a chapter with 5-7 members. This is to be considered a much higher honor than the rank of Lieutenant and is to be held only by senior officers of a ship who have shown continued diligence in supporting the goals of Fleet 31. This is the maximum standard rank for department heads.
- 5) Commander (CMDR): This rank is held by the Commanding Officer of a chapter with 8-12 members. This rank is to be considered rare, as it should generally only be held by the First Officer of a chapter and should mark someone who has shown extraordinary dedication to furthering the goals of the fleet.
- 6) Captain (CAPT): This rank is held by the Commanding Officer of a chapter with 13 or more members. This is the highest level of field ranks and is chosen from among the ranks of the chapter as a leader with dedication to the members of their chapter above all, and who actively supports the goals of the fleet.

## Sec. 5: ADMIRAL RANKS

- 1) Rear Admiral, Lower Half (RDML): Current standard rank for Sector Commanders, although they may retain the rank of Captain if they choose.
- 2) Rear Admiral, Upper Half (RADM): Current standard rank for Deputy Fleet Commander.
- 3) Vice Admiral (VADM): Current standard rank for Fleet Commander. This rank may be used to promote a Deputy Fleet Commander who has shown continued excellence of service to the fleet.
- 4) Admiral (ADM): This rank may be used to promote a Fleet Commander who has shown continued excellence of service to the fleet.
- 5) Fleet Admiral (FADM): This position is not currently used within Fleet 31.

## Sec. 6: PROMOTION BOARD

- 1) A semi-annual Promotion Board is to be held by the Fleet Commander, Deputy Fleet Commander, and appropriate Sector Commander at the end of January and at the end of July. This is to ensure that chapters in rural areas still have the opportunity to advance in rank, provided a reasonable activity level.
- 2) Chapter activity level is to be determined by combination of monthly reports submitted and interview with the Commanding Officer.
- 3) To be considered, a chapter must be active for at least four months prior to the Promotion Board convening.
- 4) To be considered, the Commanding Officer must not have received an automatic promotion since the previous Promotion Board. Exception is given to those automatically given the rank of Lieutenant.
- 5) Reserve chapters may not be considered by the Promotion Board.

## Sec. 7: EXCEPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- 1) Even for the largest chapters, there should not be more than 8 Lieutenant Commanders in one chapter.
- 2) There may be no more than 3 Commanders in one chapter. Special approval from the Sector Commander is required if more than 3 members are deemed worthy of the rank.
- 3) There may be no more than 1 Captain per chapter.
- 4) The title of Commodore may be used by Sector Commanders. This is not a rank, but signifies that the member oversees multiple chapters. Thus, it is acceptable for those of Officer or Admiral rank.
- 5) The Commanding Officer must be the highest ranked member of the chapter. No other members may share the rank held by the Commanding Officer. Exception is given on this rule only for members with billet rank.
- 6) Any rank above Commander is to be considered a billet rank and cannot be earned by means other than award of position. Thus, for positions awarding ranks above Commander, that rank shall be relinquished upon vacating the office, and that member will resume the rank of Commander.

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