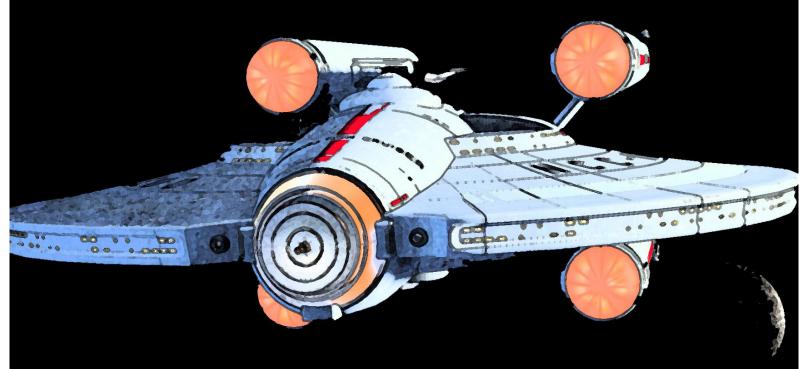
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A Last Hurrah for Rings?

A final engine upgrade for the Vulcan D'kyr Class could signal a major shift in warp drive development

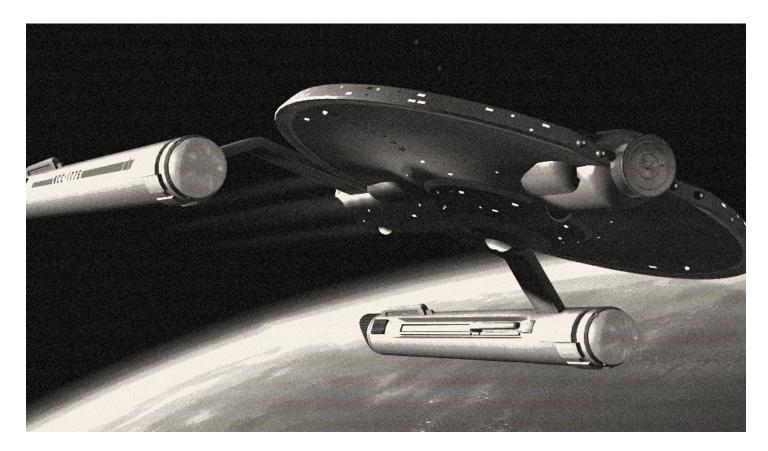


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Letter From the Editor

Dear Jayce Navy Interstellar Readers,

I rarely write directly to you, because usually we're about the tech and starships here at Jayce's, but this time I have something I want to talk directly to you about. Last issue, we covered leaked documentation about the Perseus-class Escort, and the reveal of members of Starfleet Command trying to hide its status as a warship.

Thanks to your efforts, Starfleet, and indeed the Federation itself, took notice. Protests took place on multiple worlds, including in front of Starfleet HQ on Earth. Because of your actions, we forced our government to take action in preventing the militarization of Starfleet.

While we love military technology here at Jayce's, we also believe it has no place in Starfleet Command. SF is an organization dedicated to peaceful exploration and cooperative diplomacy. The creation of warships in secret was a violation of the highest degree, and we thank you for support.

I would also like to thank our intrepid reporters T'Mek and Jason Hsu for their hard work on that piece. And I would like to thank their sources inside Starfleet who blew the lid off this topic, at their own risk. The Federation owes you a debt of gratitude.

We do have a follow-up piece on the Perseus in this quarter's issue, however, the big topic is Starfleet's Fleet-wide Status Report briefing which covered much ground on the Ranger and Constitution-class starships.

So keep calm, and keep on reading, because this issue of Jayce's is our biggest yet!

Yours truly,

Derrick Jayce
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Shooting for the Stars:

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Ranger-Class Proved to Be Unmitigated Success



As part of Starfleet Command's Fleet Status update on Stardate 6398.4, Starfleet Command announced that lessons learned as part of the experimental starship program has declared the Ranger-class Rapid Response Combat Cruiser as Starfleet's most versatile vessel with the exception of the legendary Constitutionclass. The Ranger-class, developed as an advanced emergency response vessel, found itself in a variety of roles in the fleet including scientific research, diplomatic functions, and engineering experimentation.

"The Ranger was an unexpected success," said Commodore Paris. "We intended them to serve as back up flagships or for evacuation of Starbases in the case of

an emergency situation, and yet, they've proven to be reliable workhorses for the fleet."

The report cited the work of the U.S.S. Revere in solving a diplomatic scuffle between the Deltans and the Ferasans, the U.S.S. Halsey in its long-term exploration of Murasaki 312, and the Ú.S.S. Sakura and her capture of the rogue Captain Jacob McNeil after he attacked several Klingon and Federation freighters along the neutral zone.

"The brave men and women who crew these vessels have done the Federation proud," added Paris. "It's easy to lose yourself out there, in the cold expanse of space. but the crews of our Ranger-class vessels seemed to find themselves instead. Their performance has been exemplary. Well done."

The report cited the heavy armament of the Ranger as being highly successful in the field, the compact shape of the hull being more versatile, and the increased automation of the design as being instrumental in its success. However, the report also found several issues with the class's design. Included in these issues was the mounting of the nacelles. According to Starfleet records, the warp field was constantly destabilized by the presence of the weapons pod despite the pod being a major part of the ship's upgraded weapons design.

"It was a bad decision to mount it between two warp nacelles," said Admiral Jeffries. "It interrupted the warp

energy transfer between the Nacelles and resulted in a more sluggish ship for its power."

The older style impulse pylons were also criticized. The KT-0514 Impulse Drives were based upon earlier drives used on vessels such as the famed Einstein-class such as the U.S.S. Kelvin. During the Ranger's development, the KT-0514 was used as its increased length could also be used as a conduit for Warp Plasma.

"It was a very disjointed plan," Jeffries added to the report. "It would have been better to use the A47 Combat Impulse Engines that were installed on the Constitution-class.'

The secondary hull of the Ranger was also criticized in the report, as the compartmentalized and heavily automated class resulted in large amounts of unused space. The report cited that on 14 of the 17 Rangerclass vessels in service, large swaths of the secondary hull had been converted for diplomatic or "personal" use onboard vessel, despite the presence of main engineering, deflector control, and the ship's shuttlebay.

"The Ranger's secondary hull was more often being used for work of a, uh, personal nature rather than official business we learned," sheepishly admitted Commodore Paris. "Likely, the Ranger's successor will not have a secondary hull, and use our newly developed integrated deflector plating as to not add unnecessary equipment."

However, whatever flaws the Ranger-class had possessed, most agreed that its biggest failure was its ex-

perimental forward mounted Dual Pulse Cannons. The Fleet Status Update Report noted that the power output of these cannons was well below expectations, and may have contributed to the loss of the class' prototype, the U.S.S. Ranger at the recent Battle of Caleb IV.

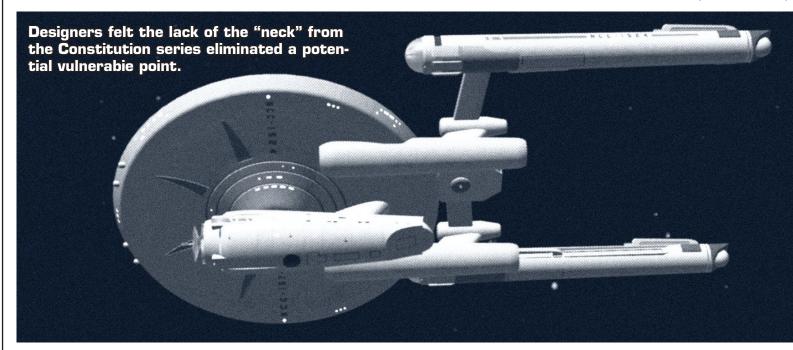
"As much as Caleb IV was a disaster for Starfleet, it was notable that it was the most heavily armed ship at that battle that was lost first," admitted Paris. "Sensor data brought back by U.S.S. Yorktown indicated that the Ranger's phaser cannons were not able to do notable damage to the attacking Klingon battlecruisers. That is not to say we learned nothing from the experiment."

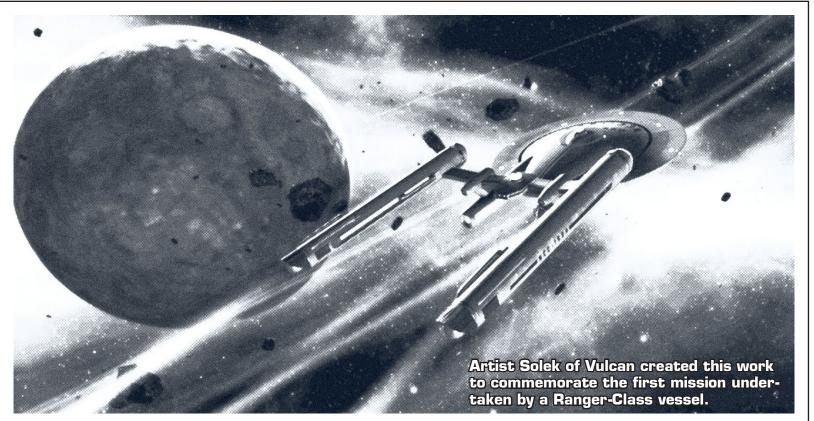
Paris went on to explain that the Starfleet Corps of Engineers, while discouraged by future application of cannon style weaponry on starships, did find a way to create a pulse-style phaser beam array based on the technology. This code-named "Mega Phaser" could find itself put to use in the upcoming Constitution Refit Project.

"The Ranger taught us many things," concluded Paris. "I think she'll go down in Starfleet history as importantly as the Constitution-class has, maybe not for her missions, but for what she did for our technology. To the crews and ships of the Ranger-class, we give you our thanks."

While the Ranger-class is not planned to be decommissioned for another ten years, Starfleet Command has decided to declassify the data on the vessels.

T'Mek and Jason Hsu contributed to this report.





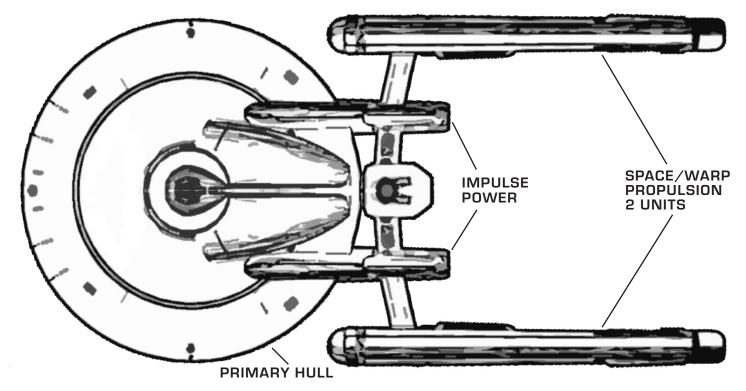
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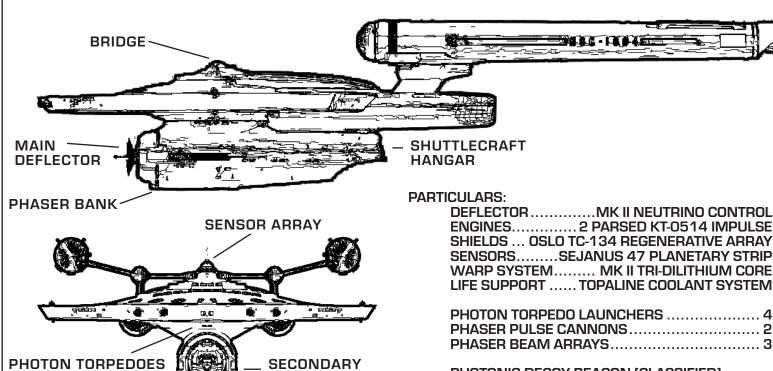
ENHANCED MK II COMMUNICATION ARRAY

SHIELD FREQUENCY MODULATOR

CLASS II BATTLECRUISER

RANGER CLASS STARSHIPS



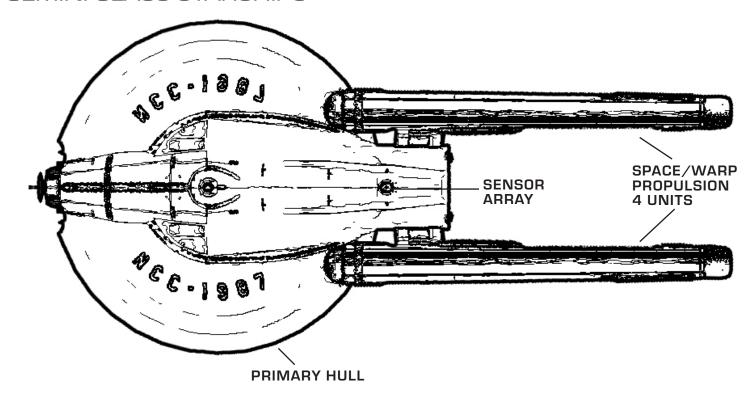


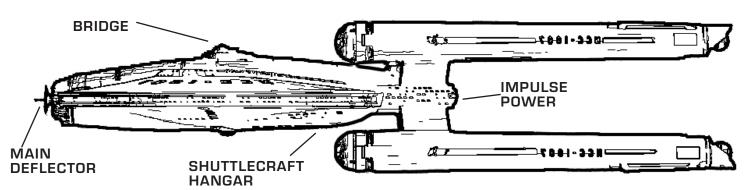
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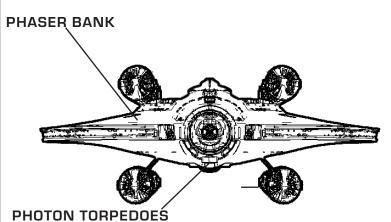
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OFFICERS (COMMAND)53	
CREW (ENSIGN GRADE)407	

CLASS II CRUISER

GEMINI CLASS STARSHIPS







SHIP'S COMPLIMENT:	
OFFICERS (COMMAND)	37
CREW (ENSIGN GRADE)5	13

PARTICULARS:

DEFLECTOR ... MK I CASSIOPEIA NEUTRINO DISH ENGINES...... HELIOSCORP AS-J DRIVE SHIELDS HEIMDALL INDUSTRIES COVARIANT SENSORS.......SEJANUS 47 PLANETARY STRIP WARP SYSTEM....... MK II HELIOSCORP CORE LIFE SUPPORT TOPALINE COOLANT SYSTEM

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PHASER BEAM ARRAYS 5

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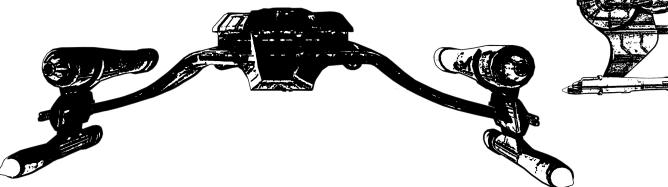
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CRUISING SPEED	WARP 6.3
IMPULSE SPEED	WARP 0.5

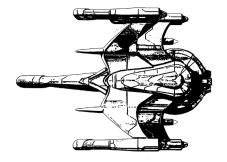
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Gorn Ddraig Cruiser

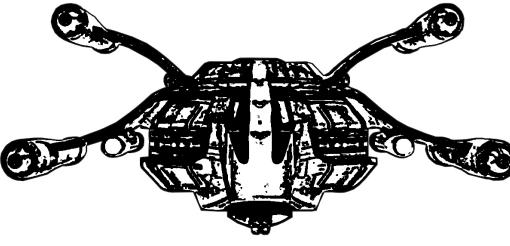
With relations warming between the Gorn Hegemony and the United Federation of Planets, more information has become available on Gorn ship types. The mainstay of the Hegemony fleet is the Ddraig Cruiser. The Ddraig has equivalent armament to Starfleet light cruisers, but lacks maneuverability.

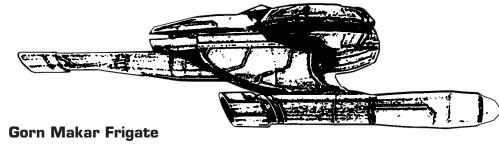




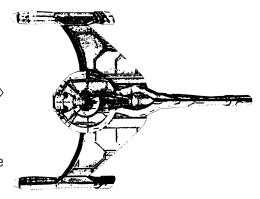
Gorn Kulshedra Battlecruiser

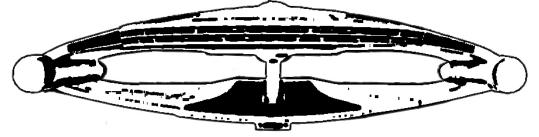
The largest ship in the Gorn arsenal, the Kulshedra is capable of quickly responding to emergencies in any part of the Hegemony, owing to it's high top speed of Warp 9.1. However, only three Kulshedras are known to have been contructed.

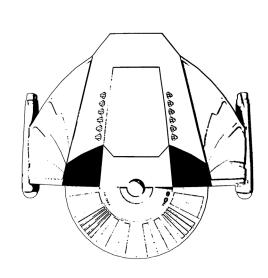




A maneuverable attack vessel, the Makar frigate rarely operates independently, due to it's lack of heavy armor. Packs of Makar frigates have been known to bring down larger vessels with minimal losses.

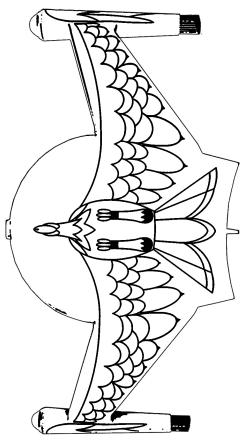


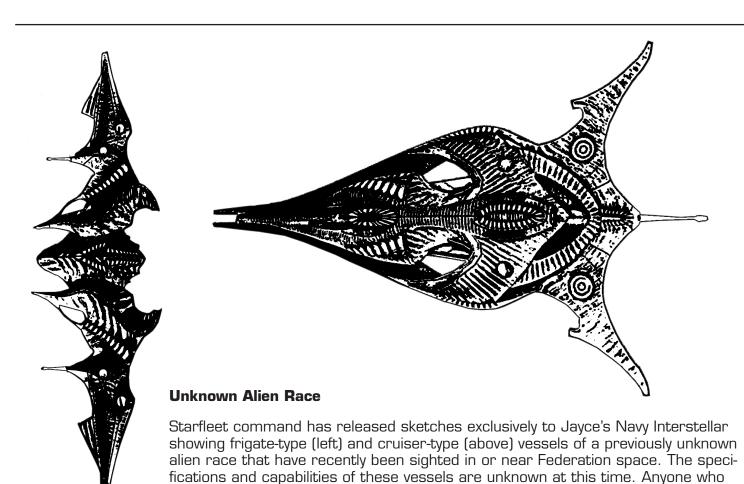




New Romulan Ship

While the Romulan Star-Empire continues to utilize the D-7 class cruiser obtained during the brief alliance with the Klingon Empire, it has clearly begun to develop new cruiser-type designs based on the iconic T'Liss Warbird (right). Starfleet Intelligence sources have declined to comment on whether they have discovered the name of the new class (above, left). Defense analysts have dubbed it the Foxtrot-Class Heavy Warbird.





encounters one of these ships should contact Starfleet immediately.



To the crews of the U.S.S. Pioneer and the U.S.S. Ranger, we give our solemn respects. May you rest peacefully among the stars, having given your lives in the best traditions of Starfleet and the United Federation of Planets.

At Caleb IV both vessels were lost in the line of duty. The U.S.S. Ranger was lost when the Klingon armada caught the fleet in an ambush. The Ranger's last act was the take a torpedo barrage for the U.S.S. Yorktown, saving over 400 lives.

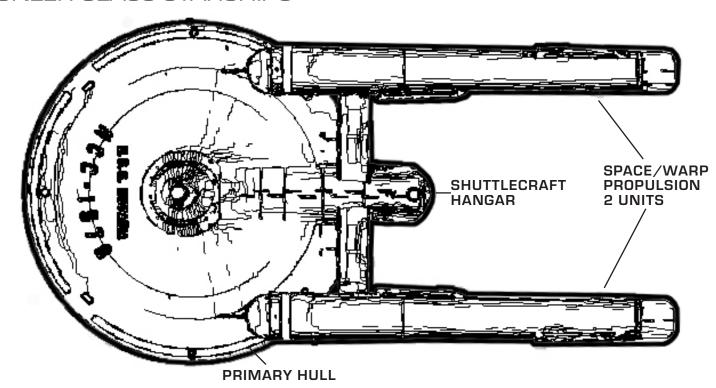
The U.S.S. Pioneer performed an even greater sacrifice. With a valor and honor, the crew of the Pioneer distracted the Klingon Fleet and allowed the survivors to flee and warn Starfleet Command of the Klingons' new cloaking technology. The Captain of the Pioneer was a close friend of mine, my old XO when I was in command of that ship. You gave them hell, and saved our lives. Yours is a debt I can never repay.

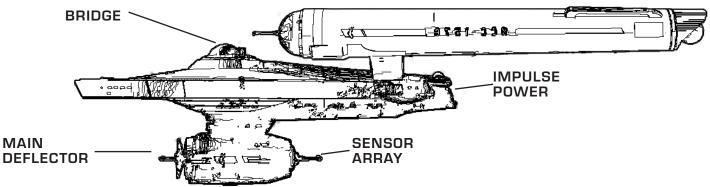
On behalf of the United Federation of Planets, I thank the crews of both ships. Your sacrifice will not be forgotten.

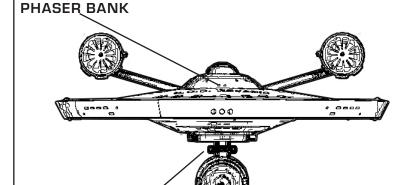
Admiral Issac Garrett U.S.S. Yorktown

CLASS II LIGHT CRUISER

PIONEER CLASS STARSHIPS







SHIP'S COMPLIMENT:
OFFICERS (COMMAND).....14
CREW (ENSIGN GRADE).....136

PHOTON TORPEDOES

PARTICULARS:

DEFLECTORMK I TUCKER NEUTRINO DISH ENGINES. HELIOSCORP PERCEPTION ASSEMBLY SHIELDS ... OSLO TC-134 REGENERATIVE ARRAY SENSORS...MK II RIGEL LABS PLANETARY STRIP WARP SYSTEM MK I UP STANDARD CORE LIFE SUPPORT TOPALINE COOLANT SYSTEM

DUAL PHOTON TORPEDO LAUNCHERS...... 1
PHASER BEAM ARRAYS..... 4

SHIELD FREQUENCY REMODULATOR ENHANCED MK II COMMUNICATION ARRAY

SHUTTLE CAPACITY	
MAXIMUM SPEED	WARP 6
CRUISING SPEED	WARP 4.5
IMPULSE SPEED	WARP 0.5

Federation member worlds express concerns over new heavily armed Starfleet escort

Aleksandar Ivanov

Senior Correspondent San Francisco Stardate 6321.6

Peaceful protestors assembled outside Starfleet Headquarters in San Francisco on Earth to protest the deployment of the Perseus-class Escort. The Perseus, the newest of Starfleet's designs and had seen limited deployment in the last two years, was the subject of controversy after documents leaked to this publication last year indicated that Starfleet intended the Perseus to serve in a warship capacity. Additional information in these documents had also included internal discussion amongst Starfleet Admiralty to designate the class as an "escort" to obscure its role in the fleet

"Starfleet does not build warships, and if we are to build one like the Perseus, then we need to obscure its purpose to the general population," read one memo from an unspecified Starfleet Admiral to a Utopia Planitia designer.

Federation citizens from over 70 worlds marched on Starfleet's front door today to protest the actions of Starfleet in creating a warship and attempting to obfuscate the truth from the public.

"Starfleet is supposed to represent peaceful exploration, not blowing things out of the sky," said Janet Hargrave of Vega Colony. "The fact they'd hide a warship like this is disgraceful. At least with the Ranger we knew what it was."

Among the civilian protestors were also several Starfleet Officers on leave protesting the decision. One, Captain S'rrel spoke to the crowd.

"I supported Cait's entry to the Fed-

eration," S'rrel stated. "We were told the Federation was an organization of peace, exploration, and cooperation. To lie to its population about the creation of warship is antithetical to the ideals this organization claims to follow. My people abhor violence. I've encouraged dozens of Caitians to join Starfleet to pursue its lofty goals of diplomacy and exploration. Now I feel as if I lied to these young men and women. Shame on you, Starfleet Command!"

Among the most protested additions the Perseus possesses is an advanced tactical computer, the M6, the successor to the M5 computer that murdered several hundred Starfleet officers during war games while installed on the U.S.S. Enterprise on stardate 4731.3. While the M6 lacks the consciousness and autonomy of the M5, many protestors expressed shock that Starfleet would continue the M-line Computers, especially in a tactical situation.

"It was a poor decision lacking any logical or acceptable reasonable explanation," said T'Vera of the Vulcan Science Institute. "While the M6 is a most potent tactical analysis computer, it's very creation is antithetical to the goals of Starfleet. It was a most unwise and unethical decision."

Around 2pm local time, Fleet Admiral McKay of Starfleet Command spoke the crowd, despite jeers from the protestors.

"We've heard you," said McKay.
"We have no intention of creating
more warships for Starfleet. We're
sorry for deceiving you."

On Stardate 6328.2, Starfleet Command issued the following statement in response to the protest.

Starfleet is not a military organization. Despite the actions of some officers inside our organization, we will continue to not be a military organization. As such, the Perseus-class will cease immediate production. Existing models of the vessel are planned for rapid decommissioning. As only 10 were commissioned, we can assure you the Perseus will be out of fleet action within the year.

We thank our citizenry and the intrepid reporters of Jayce's Navy Interstellar for exposing this conspiracy inside Starfleet Command. The officers involved in the creation of the Perseus are under investigation both by our internal affairs and by the office of the Federation President.

Effective Immediately, the Perseus-class is no longer considered an acceptable starship in keeping with the traditions and values of Starfleet and the United Federation of Planets.

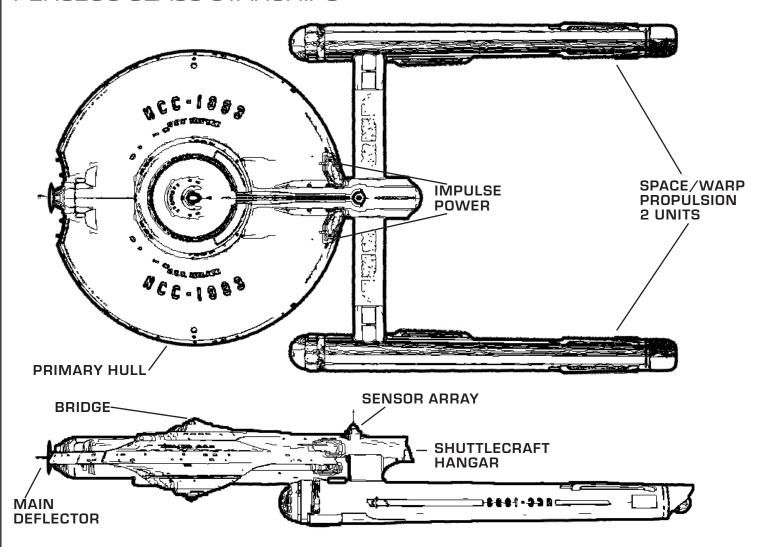
Fleet Admiral R. McKay

The Office of the Federation President refused to respond to our inquiries other than to say "No comment can presently be given about an ongoing investigation." However, sources indicate at least four Starfleet Officers are presently expecting court martials, with an additional 15 under investigation.

In preparation for the decommissioning of the class, Starfleet Command has declassified the specifications of the Perseus-class.

CLASS II ESCORT

PERSEUS CLASS STARSHIPS



PHOTON TORPEDOES

SHIP'S COMPLIMENT: OFFICERS (COMMAND)......15 CREW (ENSIGN GRADE)......60

PARTICULARS:

DEFLECTOR...... MK III PHOTON-CHARGED DISH ENGINES.. MK III KARA-STEIN COMBAT IMPULSE SHIELDS... MK III PROTOTYPE RESILIENT ARRAY WARP SYSTEM.... MK III HYPER-CHARGED CORE LIFE SUPPORT..... TOPALINE COOLANT SYSTEM

PHOTON TORPEDO LAUNCHER	1
HEAVY PHASER PULSE CANNONS	2
PHASER TWIN BEAM ARRAYS	2
PHASER SINGLE BEAM ARRAYS	2

M6 COMPUTER MODULE
M6 SENSOR SUITE
ALCHERON LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

SHUTTLE CAPACITY	2
MAXIMUM SPEED	WARP 8.75
CRUISING SPEED	WARP 7
IMPULSE SPEED	WARP 0.85



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