

377TH MEU, REGION 11



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## ANNOUNCING THE ACTIVATION OF REGION 11

The recent transfer of the 377th from the Shuttle Mawson to an independent unit (now the 377th Marine Expeditionary Unit) and the subsequent activation of our unit by FORCECOM, means that the SFMC has as a consequence activated Region 11 for the SFI organisation.

With this activation, the unit is considered as the only current 'active' SFI unit in the Region—with both the Mawson and the Southern Cross still being attached to other regions.

Also, because the 377th MEU is now registered under a New Zealand address (that of the OIC), the Battalion designation has also changed.

So—our unit's full designation is as follows: we are the 377th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 4th Battalion, 11th Brigade, 6th Division, STARFLEET Marine Corps.

With the activation of the Region, also comes the activation of the Brigade (11th) and as such, the OIC of the 377th (Bruce O'Brien) has also been appointed as the Acting Officer in Charge of the Brigade.

This means that any other Marine unit that may be formed within Region 11, will have to report through to the Brigade Commander's office, effectively meaning that our Unit Commander has responsibility for all SFMC Marines in the region.

And so what does this all mean?

Well, in light of the recent 'events' surrounding the USS Mawson and the departure of the their Marines, and the degree of support and encouragement that has been provided by the SFMC Command Officers, we as Marines, should clearly recognise both our standing within Region 11 for SFI overall, and that we acknowledge in some way, the support that will always be provided to us by SFMC Command, for the future.

Let us then salute Brigadier General Linda Olsen for her help, guidance and great support.

Semper Fi!

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO  
MAY BE INTERESTED IN  
JOINING US?**

**THERE ARE UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITIES  
GALORE FOR THE  
INTERESTED  
INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY  
BE LOOKING FOR  
SOMETHING A LITTLE  
DIFFERENT THAN THE  
STANDARD STARFLEET  
FARE.**

**GET THEM TO JOIN  
THE MARINES—  
AND BECOME AN  
ELITE MEMBER OF  
AN ELITE FORCE!**

*See your Marine recruiting  
Officer now!*

## NEW MARINES

It is highly likely that this newsletter is being read by a few new recruits to the SFMC.

Whether you are an Active or Reserve Marine, you will no doubt have a million questions on the where, who and how.

We are here to help and to assist with minimizing the many confusing and sometimes difficult detail that is involved with being a member of our unique Corps.

But we cannot be of any assistance to you if we don't know what your

questions are. Please do not hesitate to contact either the OIC (Officer in Charge) or the DOIC (Deputy) and they will willingly set you straight.

In the meantime, you should make sure you have at least read the manuals! (see later article)





*A 377th Tactical Assault Squad member — suited, booted, locked stocked and ready to start cooking*

## WHO WE ARE (AN EXCERPT FROM THE MARINE CORPS MANUAL)

Just to follow on with the theme of the earlier article, we thought you might be interested in reading this from Starfleet Command, on the SFMC

### Who We Are

The STARFLEET Marine Corps is a component of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association Inc. The SFMC is an office under the Commander, STARFLEET and as such reports to Commander, STARFLEET.

Fictionally, the SFMC is part of the Ground Forces that are rarely seen in the episodes but

are assumed to be a part of the Naval Fleet of the United Federation of Planets.

We're members of STARFLEET. The Corps does not have different requirements for membership, except that a STARFLEET Marine must be a member in good standing in STARFLEET. Although it does have a different name for each rank within the promotional system, and a different organizational structure than the "Naval" portion of STARFLEET, STARFLEET Marines are regular, dues paying members.

Some STARFLEET members are "Marine Reserve". These are members who are active in the naval portion of the Fleet AND with the Ground Forces area as well. Occasionally you may find a STARFLEET Marine who is or was active military, but this is not a requirement to be in the Corps.

Make sense????

**Semper Fi!**

## AN EXPLANATION OF THE DIVISION NUMBERING

There is probably quite a bit of confusion in trying to understand all the various unit, battalion and division designations that exists within the SF Marine Corps.

This is probably also true of the Regions for STARFLEET in general and this will be reflected by the region designation for the Southern Cross which will show us as being in Region 14, when we are in fact in Region 11.

Confused still? I bet you are!

At the moment, the Southern Cross is a chapter-in-training which is 'attached' to our support ship, the USS Magellan, and as the Magellan is in Region 14 for STARFLEET, the designation the Southern Cross, is to be also classed

as Region 14. However, when the 'Cross is fully commissioned as a starship (in nine months), the designation will change to reflect the fact that we are in Region 11.

So—once the 'Cross commissions, we will then attach the 377th to the Southern Cross as their Marine detachment. The designation of the 377th will then change and instead of being the 377th MEU, will again revert to our 'old' designation of the 377th MSG.

And if you weren't THAT confused before, I bet you really are now!!

Nevertheless, when the 377th is finally attached as an active unit on board the USS

Southern Cross, it will be a unique organisation that will further reflect the great work that has been done on the Southern Cross to date.

Because of our regional 'interest' to others (especially in the States) and coupled with the fact that the USS Southern Cross as a chapter of SFI has done such great job in attracting such a good sized membership even before commissioning—then the Marines of the 377th will be right in the forefront of any focus.

Ooh ah the Thunder!



Logo device for SFMC Infantry

"follow me!"

## THE MARINE CORP MANUALS

The manuals produced by the SFMC are varied and many in number.

Much of this reflects the needs of the different Branches of Service that the Corps operates under and such, many are extremely detailed in their contents.

It is strongly recommended that every Marine has at least had an overview of these manuals and it is suggested that you should as a minimum, check out the following.

All Marine manuals are available in PDF form, from the main SFMC website at <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/>

Once you have accessed this site, you should go to the section “Downloads” from the side bar menu.

Here you will find access to the many different manuals that make up all the various branches within the Corps (Infantry, Aerospace, Engineers, Special Ops etc). As well, you will be able to review past issued of the SFMC original newsletter—AOD (Attention on Deck—which is nowadays included in the SFI Communiqué newsletter).

It is suggested, that at bare minimum, you should have read through the Marine Forces Manual 2006 (MFM

manual) and the SFMC MOS Manuals and the SFMC Arms and Equipment Manuals.

Once you have digested these, you should be well prepared to get involved in the Marine Academy, by taking some of their 100 or so courses. (To be able to access any of the SFMC Academy course, you will have to have completed Boot Camp training by completion of the course Personal Development 101—which is commonly referred to as PD-10).

Good luck Marines—and as ever, call out if you need help.



Max—the Blue 'Roo

## 377TH LOGO AND MOTTO UPDATES

Our Unit proudly displays our unit logo (note picture attached).

This logo was created originally by the current OIC and then re-shaped and re-designed by Brigadier Sean Niemeyer of the USS Asimov.

The central character is ‘Max—the Blue Roo’ who was specifically created for the OIC, by one of Australia’s leading cartoonists, Dennis Holmes. The background reflects the R11 geography (naturally).

Our Unit name is “The Thunder From Downunder” (fairly self-explanatory) and our Unit motto is “We’re Here to Eat Your Lunch!” (again, self-explanatory for a bunch

of rough, tough, Downunder Marines!).

The 377th forms part of the 11th Brigade, SFMC (the “11” reflecting Region 11 naturally) and also shown is the Brigade logo.

The Brigade is known as “The ANZACS” - which is so-named to not only honour our respective countries histories and past sacrifices, but is to clearly reflect the unification of both Australia and NZ within the region.

The design of the logo reflects the colours of Australia; the Southern Cross stars of both flags; the silver fern wreath of NZ ; and the reflection of both Australian and NZ World War 1 army insignia.

The Brigade motto is

“Advance!” which is not only a motto that has been in use by Australia since the 1880’s but is also taken from the Australian national anthem (just in case you didn’t know that! Hehehe)

So there we have it. The 377th Marines—a new Unit but already one with a past that reflects honour, sacrifice and commitment. We are certain that everywhere throughout the SFMC and the SFI organisation, our Units designation will be well heard and very visible.

(please note—these logos will soon be available as embroidered patches for wear on BDU uniforms)



377th MEU logo



11th Brigade patch

### The Creed of the STARFLEET Marine

I am a Starfleet Marine!

A Professional!

I am a volunteer, knowing all the hazards of my profession.

I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me.

I pledge to uphold the honour and integrity of all I am, in all I do.

I am a professional soldier; I will serve wherever duty requires

I will always strive to excel in every art and artifice of war.

I know that I may be asked to serve in isolation; far from familiar faces and voices.

I will conquer my fears and succeed

I will keep my mind and body clean, alert and strong, for this is my debt to those who depend upon me

I will maintain myself, my arms, and my equipment as befits a Starfleet Marine.

I will not fail those whom I serve

I will not bring shame upon myself or the Corps

I will adapt and overcome any adversity

My goal is to succeed in any mission, and to live to succeed again

I will succeed.

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### The STARFLEET Code of Conduct

1. I will always conduct myself in a manner which brings credit to the Corps, my unit and myself
2. I will be resolute in the performance of my duty and the execution of Corps policy and regulations
3. I will show courtesy to my subordinates, fellow officers and superior officers at all times
4. I will strive for impartiality and fairness in judgment and disqualify myself from decisions where my judgment may be compromised.
5. I will listen to both sides of a dispute and act upon fact, not innuendo
6. I will never assume but always verify
7. I will strive to defuse confrontations, not cause them
8. I will be the first to praise, the last to criticise
9. I will praise in public and criticise in private
10. I will strive to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem