The following is an explanation of ranks, Members who are working and having fun earn ranks on the The Visitors Fifth Column. Listed here are the various ranks available, the abbreviation for that rank, and the insignia used to represent the rank. Ranks are used to give us the feel of an operating Mothership in the 21st Century. They are not to be abused in any way and any crewmember caught doing so can be removed from any position and rank. The Visitors Fifth Column may have changed the names of some ranks to better fit its organization.

These are the official ranks according to Brienne Glyttov, the designer for the Visitor's uniforms. The original Visitor uniform may vary from red to orange due to the fact when the uniforms were purchased, they were dyed. Only the vest overlays stayed at the color red.
Ranks

- Officer
- Leader
- Inspector General (can be any rank)
- Supreme Commander
- Ambassador
- Squadron Commander
- Commander
- Captain
- Lieutenant
- Ensign
Typical Shock Trooper
Positions
The Visitor's Fifth Column offers many positions to go with the rank you want to earn. Listed below is the positions and points needed to earn them. Points may change at any time.

Non Officer positions
- Civilian (Civ)
- Crewman (Crw)
- Shock Trooper (ST)
- Shock Trooper 2nd Class (ST/2)
- Shock Trooper 1st Class (ST/1)

Departments
- Command (Com)
- Helm (Helm)
- Medical (Med)
- Operations (Ops)
- Science (Sci)
- Security (Sec)
- V Fellow (Fel)

Requirements for Rank-Enlisted
Civilian (Age 14 and under) Crewman (Age 15 and older)
a) Attend 1 meetings (not if your out of state)
b) Meet the Staff (not if your out of state)
c) Turn in application

Civilian or Crewman
a) Earn 15 Participation Pt.
b) Pass Oral Test#1 or 1 V Quest Course (Type 1)
Civilian/Crewman to Cook or Tech.
a) Earn 15 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 15 Service Pt.
c) Pass Oral Test t#2 or 2 V Quest Courses

Tech. to Title Unknown (Highest 15 or Younger Can Obtain.) Equivalent of a Security Supervisor rank.
a) Earn 15 Participation Pt
b) Earn 15 Service Pt.
c) Pass Oral Test#4
d) Pass 2 V Quest Courses and

Tech. to Shock Trooper
a) Earn 20 Participation Pt
b) Earn 20 Service Pt.
c) Earn 20 Knowledge Pt.
d) Pass Oral Test#5
e) Pass 3 V Quest Courses.

ST/2 to ST 1st Class
a) Earn 40 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 40 Service Pt.
c) Earn 40 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 40 Leadership Pt.
e) Take 2 V Quest Courses
f) Special Project - See Your XO for Ideas

(ST/1) to Special Security or Security 2nd Class (Lowest rank for Dept. Chief position.)
a) Earn 50 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 50 Service Pt.
c) Earn 50 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 50 Leadership Pt.
e) Pass 4 V Quest Courses
f) Do a Special Project for the Command Staff or a fund raiser for the ship.
S/2 to Security 1st Class, or Title Unknown 2-Equivalent to a Ensign Rank.

a) Earn 70 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 70 Service Pt.
c) Earn 70 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 70 Leadership Pt.
e) Take 1 Special V Quest Course.
f) Do a Special Project for the Command Staff or a fund raiser for the ship
g) Take Academy Exam to become Ensign (Optional after items a through e has been completed)

Requirements for Ranks-Officer

Security Officer (Highest 16 or Younger Can Obtain. Any ranking officer Ensign-Commander may hold a security position)

a) Take V officer test and score 49% or below. If higher see Ensign or Lieutenant.

Ensign (Lowest rank required for Department Chief position.) (If V officer Test 50-79%, automatically this rank.)

a) Earn 25 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 25 Service Pt.
c) Earn 25 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 25 Leadership Pt.
e) Pass 4 V Quest Courses.
f) Crew Evaluation with XO and SL

Ensign to Lieutenant (If Officer Test 80%, automatically this rank.)

a) Earn 50 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 50 Service Pt.
c) Earn 50 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 50 Leadership Pt.
e) Pass 5 V Quest Courses
f) Plan 1 ship activity * (Not needed for Line Officer)
g) Crew Evaluation with XO and SL
**Captain** (If V officer Test 90% or better, automatically this rank.)

a) Earn 100 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 100 Service Pt.
c) Earn 100 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 100 Leadership Pt.
e) Read All V Novels.
f) Plan 1 ship activity & direct it. * (Not needed for Line Officer)
g) Attend 1 out of state Convention
h) Crew Evaluation with XO and SL

**Commander** (If V officer Test 95% or better, automatically this rank.)

a) Earn 150 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 150 Service Pt.
c) Earn 150 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 150 Leadership Pt.
e) Plan 2 ship activities & direct 1. * (Not needed for Line Officer)
h) Attend 1 out of state Convention
g) Crew Evaluation with XO and SL

**Commander to Squadron Commander**

a) Earn 200 Participation Pt.
b) Earn 200 Service Pt.
c) Earn 200 Knowledge Pt.
d) Earn 200 Leadership Pt.
e) Pass 6 V Quest Courses.
f) Attend 2nd out of state Convention

* **g) Complete Command Project. See Command Staff for details.**

* **h) Plan 5 and Conduct 3 ships Activities**

* **i) Pass Commanders Test (80% or better) (After a - h are completed)**

j) Command Evaluation with fifth Column Council

(Squadron Commander or any Special Officer ranks such as Inspector General or Ambassador. The Supreme Commander sets requirements for these ranks).