

Organizations we Support

## Starfleet of Columbia

STARFLEET is an international Star Trek fan club run by its volunteer members. The local Columbia, SC chapter is named for South Carolina astronaut Ronald E. McNair.

The USS Ronald E McNair supports charitable organizations and science education in the Columbia area, to build a positive future in the optimistic spirit found in the Star Trek television series and movies. We also enjoy recreation opportunities; the crew of the McNair is a fun group!

If you share our optimism for the future, and if you enjoy science fiction and want to serve your community, consider joining the McNair crew.



USS Ronald E McNair  
NCC-61809



*Helping out in the spirit of  
the 24th century*





Star Trek: It's debut on television September 8, 1966 was the first successful mass visualization of the future. It was the first scifi show that emphasized plot and characters as well as a future where all races work together to solve common problems.

International Star Trek Fan Assn Inc

STARFLEET is an organization made up of volunteer members (almost 4000) that share their appreciation of Star Trek as well as scifi in all it's forms., whether it be a major motion picture, television series, as well as numerous books and magazines.

There are over 240 chapters worldwide within this organization..

STARFLEET is made up of people of all ages and walks of life. The Prime Directive of STARFLEET is to make friends, share their interest in Star Trek in an open forum, serve the community and most of all : to have fun.

Each club member may have a fictional rank and position within the Fleet, reflecting the interests of the members.

STARFLEET info may be found at [www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org)

## McNair Membership

Annual membership in the USS McNair is separate from membership in STARFLEET. Dues are \$12.00 per individual. These dues go towards general funds as well as publication of our bi-monthly newsletter, Challenger. For additional information, write to the address below or send and email to [USSRonaldEMcNair@hotmail.com](mailto:USSRonaldEMcNair@hotmail.com) and a representative from our chapter will reply.

You may also look us up on the web at: [www.ussmcnair.com](http://www.ussmcnair.com)

Or join our yahoogroups:  
[www.yahoo.groups.com/USSMcNairofColumbiaSC](http://www.yahoo.groups.com/USSMcNairofColumbiaSC)

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The USS Ronald E McNair is named after NASA astronaut Ronald E McNair

Ronald Ervin McNair the second African American to fly in space was born on October 20, 1950 in Lake City, South Carolina. After graduating from North Carolina A&T State College, he received his PhD in physics from MIT.

In 1984 he served as Mission Specialist on the space shuttle mission STS-41B.

On the morning of January 28, 1986 McNair and his six fellow crew members died tragically in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger (STS-51L)