

STARSIEGE 2845

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1. PURPOSE

To provide a brief overview of the Imperial Order of the Blood Eagle for publication in the compendium and possible public release. Word limit of 250 words in order to fit the page layout.

2. IMPERIAL UNITS – THE BLOOD EAGLE

THE BLOOD EAGLE

Formal Rendering: The Imperial Order of the Knights of the Blood Eagle

Motto: *Nothus Trucidate* (Carve the bastards)

Current Master: Duke Colossa Eun Alba

As the Imperial Knights are the elite of the TDF, the Blood Eagle were once widely regarded as the pride of the Knights. Ruthless and unyielding, the Blood Eagle Order has seen more combat than any other TDF unit and has accumulated an astonishing record of absolute victory. In the waning days of the Starsiege however this august corps lost much of its prestige as its name became synonymous with savagery.

In the fierce four-year war for the Denver Metrozone, Blood Eagle Knights exacted heavy losses on their Cybrid foes but also earned for themselves the moniker of 'butchers' for their inhuman behavior. Highly publicized courts-martial, accusing the Knights of atrocities against fellow TDF troops, have left a stain of public disgust on the Order. Moreover, many officers who remained in place after those trials continued the legacy of brutality in operations elsewhere. The Knights ruthlessly carried out orders to prevent a nanophage outbreak in Dallas, heedless of collateral damage, and displayed an equal disregard for civilian casualties in counter-espionage operations on Titan.

Now assigned to the Artemis fleet as part of The Chase, observers wonder what will come of the Order's latest campaigns. While some view this mission as an opportunity for the Blood Eagle to redeem their honor, most believe that the Emperor intends to quietly rid himself of a political problem at home while still making use of the Knights' exceptional prowess in battle. In either case the Blood Eagle continue to find themselves on the front lines of humanity's battle for survival.