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My fellow Imperials and other readers, I am ecstatic to be writing to you for the release of the first Iron Will publication for Year 20, the first of what I hope are many. I'd like to thank several key individuals who helped in creating this in no particular order: Patrick Mueirech, Phaedra Thester, Jinko Blixto, Maia Yen, Vladamiur Veselov, and Yaln Baluu. This assortment of talented individuals laid the framework that would eventually become this issue. My gratefulness for their tireless efforts and long hours of work is not truly captured in the handful of words written by me but by the amount of viewers who truly appreciate their work. So after reading this issue I ask that you take the time to thank them for their contributions.

Elaine von Veritrax

Elaine von Veritrax
Minister of Culture

Greetings to all Imperials from the Deep Core to the Outer Rim! First of all, I would like to make my gratitude known for having to chair the Imperial Information Service as its Director and the opportunity to work with the outstanding staff of writers, Editor-in-Chief Phaedra Thester and the esteemed Minister of Culture, Elaine von Veritrax for making all this happen. We are proud to revitalize the Iron Will once more for everyone's viewing pleasure and entertainment! The collection of articles and material brought to you by the IIS remain true to its principle of proficient news telling. We continue to fulfill our readers' expectations of us by delivering well-written stories from all corners of the Galaxy. The honour is ours as you dive into this issue. This rejuvenated project is one we hope to release continually to the community made nostalgic to our senior members and inspiring to our newcomers.



Long Live Our Empire! Long Live Our Emperor!

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Patrick Mueirech
COMPNOR, Director of Imperial Information Service

Notes from the Ministry



Imperials, welcome to the first edition of the Iron Will for Year 20. Though the publication of the Iron Will has often been set back in many of its previous incarnations, this time we set out to recreate a magazine to capture the vision of the New Order, and how it relates to current events within the galaxy. We set out to expose key figures from all over the Empire to all our readers, to preserve and exalt their accomplishments. But most importantly, we set out to celebrate the ethos that makes us Imperials, and the successes each of us achieve as a matter of course. We are confident that we have succeeded - though if we have not, we welcome your feedback, and promise to do better next time. It is this drive that we hope will keep this incarnation of the Iron Will alive through many future publications. Of course, this drive did not just conjure itself out of thin air; we have many to thank for it: Minister von Veritrax who provided the vision for the project, and the rest of the Imperial Information Service for putting it to practice. But even that would not be telling the whole story - many others were involved in this project, including artists such as Maia Yen, and even some of the people you are going to read about in the following pages; their cooperation and faith in us to do them justice is something we are grateful for. Our hope is that as you read these words, you will be enlightened about the journey of the Empire, inspired by its accomplishments, while also appreciating the setbacks it has had to face in this journey, and, perhaps, set out to apply the virtues we seek to uphold in your own lives.

Phaedra Thester
Phaedra Thester
Editor-in-Chief

The Heady Feeling of Freedom

By Minister Elaine von Veritrax

A decisive victory has been proclaimed against the full fighting force of the New Republic and its co-belligerents! Millions have gathered today to celebrate the return of the stouthearted heroes of the **Hosnian Conflict**. The last of the Imperial Army's forces have finally been ordered to withdraw from the system. All remnant enemy activity within Hosnian has utterly ceased due to the massive attrition they were facing. Leftover enemy forces mounted a failed effort to strike a blow to the legitimate government of the system. After quashing the terrorists and dissidents, the Empire has declared that peace and security ruled once again in the Hosnian System. The former war-torn planets, through the meticulous planning of the New Order, were able to hold out to the end without giving ground to the disorderly chaos the rebels sought to sow. Newly settled Imperials can now live their dreams of fulfilment undisturbed by discord and danger.

The **Byblos Sector** has been mapped as the latest addition to the Empire's sovereign territories ever since Emperor Seele's proclamation on Year 19 Day 197. Hosnian is under the jurisdiction of **Icarus Carinae**, Grand Moff of the Ruby Region. Geographically belonging to the Corellian Oversector, Hosnian's key

strategic position within the Colonies region was sought after by the enemies of the Empire in hopes of gaining a springboard from which to lash out at the Core Worlds and even the capital of Coruscant. At the expense of the rebels' full might and their lapdog allies, control over the sector was contested between the Imperial Union and the Galactic Alliance and their criminal partners. Ultimately, the Empire only used a fraction of its military power contenting with the ragtag bands of mercenaries and opportunists. Control was solidified by



the Galactic Empire after the vision of the New Order was fulfilled flawlessly by the Emperor's finest. The rebels suffered a crippling blow to their morale and forces — a defeat that will resonate in the annals of history in perpetuity.


First into the heat of battle, the Third Legion of the Imperial Army and the Third Imperial Fleet of the

Imperial Navy mobilized to secure the system. Legionnaires and Pilots alike were motivated by their sense of duty, enthusiasm and patriotism to their Empire. Despite the Throne's royal decree, some rogue "independent" factions dared to trespass into Imperial territory. The Imperial Military entered a hostile fray already littered with those that would exploit the planets of **Hosnian Prime, Courtsilius, Cardota, Raysho** and **Hosnian**. Navy starfighters escorted Army transports to their landing zones under heavy fire. Hosnian Prime and Cardota saw the thickest of the battle. From the beginning until the end, Legionnaires of the Third held their ground on the system's planets and engaged in multiple missions critical to the war effort. The invaders mounted a significant offensive against the Imperial Ground Forces in an attempt to forestall the operation. Sadly, the Third Legion lost General **Fede Vonrico** and Major **Ron Mueirech**. They were both steadfast commanders of the Third Legion and stood as vanguards of the New Order until their final moments. The entirety of the Empire lamented for the loss of their own. The grief that struck the Third Legion and the Empire did not linger long as the sentiment turned to inspiration and galvanized them with a sense of fiery vengeance. The newfound confidence paved the way for Imperials and the New Order to prevail.

After the end of the campaign, the **Monument Plaza** on Coruscant accommodated a sea of lively Imperials waiting to witness the return of the courageous heroes of the Hosnian War. Colour filled the sky thanks to the

Imperial Navy's aerial acrobatics, performed by the top TIE aces of the Starfighter Corps. The expertly executed flight manoeuvres painted the sky with bright trails of blue, red and gray, followed by radiant fireworks glimmering high above the towering skyscrapers of the Imperial ecumenopolis. On the ground, flags of the New Order hung from the windows and street poles. The high-rise buildings hung lengthy scarlet banners embroidered with the Imperial crest, visible from miles away. The streets featured a procession of military vehicles and units. Stormtroopers marched in perfect unison, followed by the stomps of AT-STs and AT-ATs. The ranking officers leading the marches wore their service dress uniforms complete with their rank plaques and decorations. Likewise, Imperial Navy personnel joined the procession on foot, dressed for the occasion. TIE Fighters soared the skies as they paced with the parade. Military marching bands, accompanying the stomping rows, played the anthems of their units. A grand stage was set at the conclusion of the parade at the Imperial Palace. There, the procession saluted the members of Imperial High Command in their ceremonial uniforms. Present on the stage were: His Majesty, Emperor **Seele I**; Executor Lady **L`Annan**; Grand Vizier **Jai Meridan**; the members of the Select Committee, Ministers **Daelis Stanov, Elaine von Veritrax** and **Draelor Nah`utal**; the Council of Moffs, **Icarus Carinae, Zhaff Orikan** and **Inwe Ventidius**; Lord General **Arya Solus** of the Imperial Army; Lord Admiral **Kef Drenall** of the Imperial Navy; Director **Jett Blackheart** and Deputy Director **Tec Vaan** of Imperial

Intelligence; and finally, the Dark Lord of the Sith, **Darth Taral**. Starting off with the eloquent speeches, the Emperor stepped forward to the podium and decreed that this celebration was mandated as tribute to this glorious victory.

 Rebels are crafty and are known to attempt to befriend and infiltrate the Empire. Remain vigilant and report suspicious activity!



“We experienced frustration and determination as we worked with the Imperial Union and CorSec forces to battle Zann and the Galactic Alliance over control of the Hosnian system; the largest conflict we have had for some time, and while we have ultimately triumphed through the hard work of our people...”

— Excerpt from Emperor Seele's victory speech

Awards and commendations of individuals were announced publicly, in the eyes of trillions before them. Every man and woman who contributed to the war effort was bestowed with decorations befitting their courage, to praise the sacrifices they made in promoting the supremacy of the New Order. During the ceremony, a moment of silence was held to commemorate those that fell in battle. The families of the departed were present to receive posthumous commendations on their behalf. All named Imperials that perished received not only such

commendations, but also the gratitude of every citizen living in peace due to their bravery.

As more worlds see the benefits brought to them by the New Order, the dissidents and terrorists will indubitably retreat to the farthest reaches of the galaxy, cowering before his Majesty. Prominent as ever are those who served dutifully and believed in a cause greater than them. The Galactic Empire will remain triumphant over those who would threaten the prosperity and security of our Galaxy.

Heiress Apparent, Rising Stars

By Brigadier General Patrick Mueirech

The 20th Year greets the citizens of the Empire with momentous changes to Imperial High Command and Imperial administration, with progress and innovation sweeping through from the highest echelons of Coruscant to the far reaches of the Outer Rim. The new and esteemed members of High Command are expected to re-energise the ideals of the New Order and propel their vision for the Galaxy forward, while their distinguished predecessors take on more advisory roles. Most important of these appointments is the officiating of **Lady Graeda L`annan**, Countess of Baraboo, as the new **Executor** of the Empire; her appointment was broadcast from the Imperial Palace in an official address by His Majesty Emperor **Seele I**.

With Lord **Guinar Ndengin**, the previous Executor, intending to pursue other paths in the Empire, the choice of who would succeed his position was a difficult one for the Emperor to make, especially since High Command is comprised of exceptionally accomplished and well-rounded individuals. Nonetheless, a candidate to shoulder the mantle of Executor stood out. Lady Graeda L`Annan has had an exemplary career over the course of the Empire's history. Dating back to Vodo's Reign in her role

as the Imperial Army's Commanding Officer and her previous position of Imperial Navy Commanding Officer, L'Annan's resolve and conviction in Imperial ideals have proven time and again to be unfaltering.

She has distinguished herself over the years by spearheading significant changes in both the Army and Navy whose effects are felt to this day. The abolition of Enlisted ranks for graduates of the Imperial Academy's Basic Training was an initiative started by her within the Army; likewise, so was the policy of tying command ranks to command positions. Both of these were later



expanded to the rest of the Empire. With her designation as Executor, she is also the apparent successor to the Emperor, raising the prospect of her being the first Empress of the Galaxy.

Lady Grae's appointment sparked significant dialogue among the wider galactic community, raising questions on the status of women within rebel territory. The rebels'

primarily patriarchal society that actively places non-humans into key leadership positions subversively forces women into a state of servitude, forcing them into extreme lengths to break through glass ceilings. In comparison, the Emperor's deep espousal of meritocracy allows those who make significant contributions to rise through the ranks to help foster Imperial ideals, regardless of their background or conditions. Lady Grae's achievements have inscribed her name in the pages of history among other significant political leaders who went on to lead the Empire and shape the galaxy.

Among other new additions to High Command are those of the **Ministers of Interior and Culture**; the two pillars of the Commission of the Preservation of the New Order (COMP NOR). Two long-serving members of the Galactic Empire, coupled with outstanding records of meritorious work fuelled by diligence and loyalty to the Empire have been elevated to the rank of Minister. Hailing from the mighty Kiffar Clan of Nah`utal, **Draelor Nah`utal** has taken up a seat in the Select Committee to preside over the Ministry of Interior.

WOMEN OF THE EMPIRE

Did you know noteworthy women have a long tradition of taking up essential positions in service to the Empire? Matrel Byden served as the very first female Grand Vizier and Chairwoman of COMP NOR. Byden, prior to being Grand Vizier, was a strong proponent of Emperor Charon's campaign against Bonias' separatist movement dating back to Year 3. In the more recent past, Lady Inwe Ventidius also was Grand Vizier. Lady Ventidius was a prolific policymaker and reformer in her long career. Prior to that, she was already an established member of Imperial High Command, in her capacity as the Director of Imperial Intelligence. She resumed her leadership of Intelligence after her tenure in COMP NOR, making her not only one of the people to have continuously sat in Imperial High Command, and the now defunct Imperial Inner Circle, the longest, but also perhaps the most distinguished Director of Imperial Intelligence. The Countess of Ottabesk I, Lady Elvira Falston stands as one of the Empire's illustrious women, becoming the first Dark Lady of the Sith and first woman to lead a Sith Enclave, in her capacity as Darth Surra. She is perhaps most famous for her exceptional acuity as the Chief of the Bureau of Operations, which led to her tenure as the Director of Imperial Intelligence. Her approach of perfectionism has time and again proved successful throughout her Imperial career. Executor L'Annan's appointment continues the tradition of showing that the Empire recognises merit and capability, no matter its origins.



The role entails responsibility over the Empire's logistics, resources and infrastructure, with an overall goal of ensuring that all branches of the Empire from military divisions to civilian bureaus are adequately equipped and staffed. In addition to Minister of Interior, the title of Imperial Treasurer is coincident with the rest of his portfolio.

The other individual to have a seat in the Select Committee is **Elaine von Veritrax**. A fervent supporter of the New Order ever since joining the Empire, she rose through the ranks of Regional Government and the prestigious Imperial Security Bureau. Exemplary conduct in her positions and in her previous projects as a member of COMPNOR have garnered her distinguished honors, recognizing her capacity to deliver outstanding results. Her unflinching conviction for the ideals and principles of the New Order made Elaine an obvious appointment to lead the Ministry of Culture.

In addition, the closing of Year 19 has seen the rise of Lord **Jett Blackheart**, the Baron Sergeti, to the position of Director of Imperial Intelligence. Director Blackheart has been interviewed on the subject, and many others,

within this edition of the Iron Will. His predecessor, **Inwe Ventidius**, took up the position of Regional Governor for the Amber Region, wishing to return to Regional Government after nearly a decade of arduous and incomparably brilliant work as the Director of Imperial Intelligence and Grand Vizier. To replace former Lord Admiral L'Annan after her ascension to the position of Executor, **Kef Drenall** was promoted to Lord Admiral, after a stellar career in the Imperial Navy. He is renowned for his organisational skills and efficiency, and many great things are expected of him.

With Baron Chwayat, Lord **Nathaniel Durane**, wishing to retire from military service, another rising star has been appointed as the Lord General of the Empire; **Arya Solus**, a distinguished member of COMPNOR and highly valued Army officer. As Lord General Solus is the most recent of these appointments, expect to read more on her career in the next edition of the Iron Will, perhaps after we have seen the first implementations of her own vision for the most capable armed force in the Galaxy.



With a fresh outlook toward the Galaxy, the new members of Imperial High Command seek to galvanise the citizens of the Empire into a brighter and more prosperous future. Such distinguished appointments, backed by their extensive careers and feats, present a propitious start for Year 20 as each personage lays down their own influence within their department. The impeccable spark that drives the New Order's ideals burns vibrant within these individuals. May they serve dutifully in their esteemed new shoes. For each and everyone, **For the Empire** and most of all **For the Emperor!**



Pondering the Skies

By Chief Vladamiur Veselov

Science and research have continuously flourished since the ascension of Emperor **Seele** to the Throne: known everywhere as a man of efficiency, the innovation his reign has encouraged within all fields of academia cannot be overstated. Throughout the galaxy, no other organisation can boast the cutting edge technology being utilised to probe the limits of the cosmos and the secrets of the stars as the institutions under the aegis of the Committee for the Preservation of the New Order.

One of the more prestigious of these institutions is the **Grand Astrocartographic Institute of Condular**, located within the Corellian Oversector. Boasting a tradition of producing some of the galaxy's finest cartographers and astronomers for centuries, it is no surprise that the Corellian sector in its entirety is known for its explorers, spacefarers and innovators. The Institute is consistently one of the first scientific societies to predict the location of yet-to-be located systems, and always plays a major part in their discovery. Some predictions which were confirmed to be true in recent years include **Uviuy Exen** in the Coruscant Oversector, **Whelori** in the Tapani Oversector, and, more recently, systems farther away,



such as **Kushibah** in the Gordian Reach and **Avindia** in the Oricho Sector.

After triangulating the predicted location of the Kushibah and Avindia systems in late Year 19, scientific expeditions were dispatched from the Institute with a small joint escort from the Imperial Navy and Army. Not only were the predicted locations confirmed, but each system was also found to contain a singular planet, and each of these was inhabited by unique creatures. Samples were secured and sent to Baraboo, where they were to be studied by scholars from the **Institute for Sentient Studies** on Baraboo. The scholars, in collaboration with the **Imperial Medical Department**, were tasked with determining whether the creatures were sentient and, if so, how they would be within the framework of the Empire's **Species Policy**.

The process was laborious; the four-limbed and fur-covered lagomorphs of Kushibah, dubbed “**Kushiban**”, were found to not respond well to the orderly conditions of the Institute, showing their inherent preference for chaos and savagery.



Figure 1: Kushiban Anatomy

The aquatic avian bipeds of Polus, in the Avindia system, which were dubbed “**Pengauani**”, were described as clumsy and hilarious in appearance. The Kushibans are known to have the unique ability to change the color of their fur; it is unknown if this presents them with any evolutionary advantage in their natural habitats. The average size of furry creature if measured in one Imperial standard meter in height and 0.5 meters in length.

The Pengauani, on the other hand, belong to spheniscidae clade of the Aves endothermic vertebrates classification. It is speculated that they are so lazy that they have lost the ability to fly, despite being fully feathered.

Neither species was found to be overly intelligent; both only exhibited a basic understanding of tools. However, they do seem to form primitive societies, and display some rudimentary language and grasp of Galactic Basic. The Institute for Sentient Studies recommended their classification as **Class C** citizens, given their lack of intellect, higher reasoning, and vestigial brains. It also highly encouraged the superior human race to take charge in enlightening and protecting them, ideally through ceaseless labour – so that their inferior functions can help the furthering of the New Order, as well as aid these hapless creatures in their pursuit of happiness.



Figure 2: Pengauani Anatomy

Despite these recommendations, multiple business groups have lobbied for their classification as non-sentient animals. In the months it took the Institute on Baraboo to perform its thorough examinations and tests, a blossoming market for Kushiban fur and Pengauani feathers developed in the more refined parts

of the galaxy. While COMPNOR recognises the need for the citizenry to be afforded the luxuries it deserves, it reminded that we humans are not only superior to other specimens, but must also accept the heavy burden of leading the lesser species among us – whether that be through putting them into indentured domestic servitude, or endless labour in the mines. Still, it is recommended that all Kushiban and Pengauani citizens who wish to venture beyond their worlds appropriately shear their fur and pluck their feathers for their own benefit.

Multiple groups smuggling the fur and feathers of the recently discovered creatures have already been stamped out by the Imperial Security Bureau and the

Imperial Port Authority. The numbers of goods seized have been described as “astronomical”, and will be auctioned off on Coruscant. The proceeds will be diverted to the “**Friends of Kushibah**” and “**Companions of Polus**” groups, which provide parlours for the hygienic shearing and plucking of each sentient, respectively. It is expected that these parlours will provide the upper-classes of the Core Worlds with a sustainable supply of these products, while ensuring that the visiting Kushiban and Pengauani can resume productive work afterwards.

This story of discovery not only elucidates the technological superiority of the Empire, but also its compassion, and the willingness of the human race to take charge in seeking the welfare of all denizens of the galaxy. Should you find a Kushiban or Pengauani being abused near you, make sure to report the crime to the **Imperial Security Bureau**, and escort them for a visit in your nearest shearing and plucking parlour.



The Fruits of Progress

By Adjutant Phaedra Thester

Restlessness was growing on the planet of **Challon** in the Coruscant Oversector earlier this year, with local government authorities allegedly reporting severely overworked and exhausted agricultural labourers. Challon is one of the more important worlds for the agricultural industry near Coruscant, and any disruptions could have had economic repercussions for the capital. Fortunately, the New Order does not lack for compassion. The local regional government was quick in investigating the situation, with Adjutant Phaedra Thester personally overseeing these efforts.

Dispatching consultants across the rolling fields of Challon, a thorough summary of the conditions on the planet was gathered within a week of the issue being raised. Little convincing evidence of any workplace accidents or deaths attributable to fatigue was recorded; as such, reports were issued to pacify the locals. However, it became immediately apparent that the agricultural industry of the planet was in grave need of reform to ensure its productivity was as high as it could be.

Challon was the home of many alien **refugees** flocking to the stability and prosperity brought to the Core Worlds by the New Order, fleeing their violent and war-torn worlds in much of the Outer Rim. Many were driven from

their homes by the same terrorists that threaten to disrupt the galaxy with the terror they wreak upon their subjects, organisations that previously belonged to the so-called Galactic Alliance. It was also inhabited by a substantial amount of human residents and landowners, hoping to guide these refugees into a brighter future.



Yet the demographics and suitability of each employee's skillsets were not adequately reflected in workforce organisation. Many humans were found to be working the fields, or picking fresh fruit, when their higher reasoning functions would be better suited to product distribution, marketing and advertising, public relations and land planning. On the contrary, many Class C citizens had found their ways into desk positions, where they were needlessly tormented by tasks requiring skills that

they could not possibly possess – this is no doubt what caused any reports the local authorities may have noticed, to begin with.

After liaising with Central Government and RADE, a regional edict exclusive to Challon’s industry was issued to rectify these oversights in resource allocations. This directed the allocation of all Class A citizens to managerial and service-related positions, reflecting their superior intellectual and social abilities. In order to relieve Class C citizens and refugees of the anxiety such positions could have brought them, local authorities were directed to employ these citizens exclusively on the field, so that they, too, may find prosperity. In addition, the minimum wage for Class A citizens was raised, while their working hours were reduced to ensure they operated optimally at all times. In order to ease the demands of their productive employment, Class C citizens were freed of such troubling concepts such as remuneration, workers’ rights and unionisation. To avoid perplexing them with social activities, their working hours were increased to a minimum of 90 per week, ensuring that their primitive minds were kept productively occupied.

After a quarterly report, productivity and workplace satisfaction had increased by nearly 300%, while no other issues were raised by local authorities.

GALACTIC REFUGEE CRISIS

The refugee crisis created by the dissidents and terrorists opposing the peaceful rule of the Galactic Empire has had a far-reaching effect on many worlds in the galaxy, with many sentients opting to risk a journey to Imperial space through treacherous territories to lead a prosperous life here. In particular, the effect on alien homeworlds has often been catastrophic, with many seeking the protection of humanity in this time of dire need. The so-called New Republic is a common culprit, oppressing the homeworlds of innumerable sentients, such as Tatooine, Csilla, Rodia, Dorin, Utapau, Shili, Kashyyyk and countless others.



Many examples of such refugees finding not only prosperity, but wide acclaim and success within the Galactic Empire; such as the recent galaxy-wide broadcast illustrating the success of Jawa refugee, Ines Astyne, in a Corellian University. In addition, many successful ranking officers of the Empire hail from worlds such as these, such as Adjutant **Jon Led**, Deputy Manager **Ferat Josao**, Line Manager **Daniel Jax**, and many others. This not only elucidates the success of the Species Policy embraced and promulgated by the Empire, but also the compassion and stewardship human culture exhibits towards those less fortunate.

A Prefect, **Maia Yen**, was sent by the **Council of Moffs** to survey the full effects of the reinvigorated policy. Broadcasting live from the landing pad, Prefect Yen corroborated the success of the policy, while visibly fatigued and fainting Jawas and Chadra Fans behind her

were being escorted into a labour camp. Continuing her investigation into the full effects of the policy, Prefect Yen went into the field to interview vegetable picker, **Smurli Bligg**:

Maia Yen: Please tell us what it was like to work here previously.

Smurli Bligg: It was no good, poodoo conditions. Pay was always excessive, when simple minds like me wanted to just live in peace without worry. I have three little hutlets at home and I could never spend time with them as I had to take work home, since I was an Advertising Manager. We escaped Nal Hutta and the Eidola Pirates and were glad to find safety within the Empire, but we were made for simpler tasks.



Oh really, and can you please describe how your conditions improved?

Now I just have to wake up and pick vegetables! No more thinking up advertisements, or thinking at all! They had me doing jobs unsuitable for my handsome frame, let me tell ya. Now all jobs are checked against a chart that informs the Class A overseer of the jobs best suited to the worker. Excellent system, and I don't have to worry about pesky unions not looking out for my best interests no more.

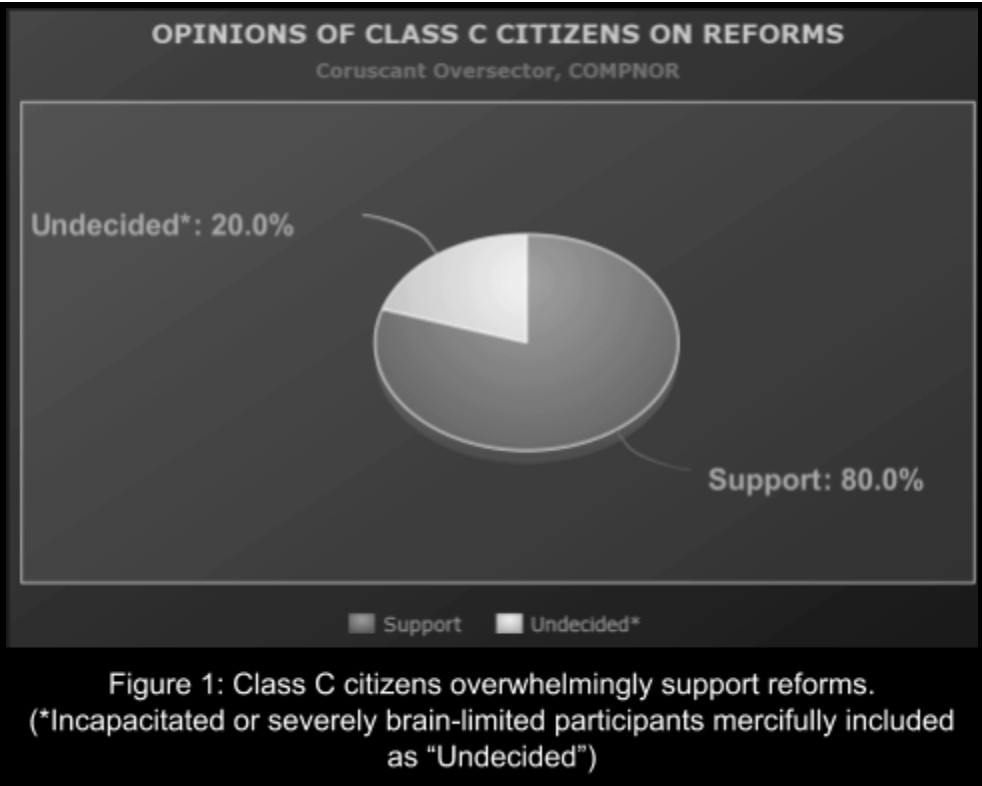
Does everyone agree? Do you think you should be getting paid more?

Oh yes, they do. Pay? I don't need no pay! Now the collectivised farm looks out for us, supplying us with quarters, food, clothing! No need to waste time leaving the house and bother our human neighbours while they do their shopping!

So it's safe to say that the Empire has come through for the Class C citizens?

Definitely. Without hassles and worries about getting paid, tempers have cooled and co-operation is at an all time high. Everyone given things they can do. No crime lords or Eidola scoundrels like back in Nal Hutta. Now we live in peace and happiness.

An informal celebration hailing the success of the reforms was held in the small and quaint markets of Challon, hailing the supremacy and triumph of the ideals of the New Order. The results of the Challon reforms raise questions about similar worlds throughout his Majesty's domains. Many planets have been opened for settlement by refugees seeking to flee a galaxy riddled with chaos, crime and lawlessness. The Imperial Port Authority is inundated with requests for settlement visas from sentients in pursuit of a peaceful existence.



Reports indicate immigrants from many worlds ruled by violent and terrorist organisations and criminal syndicates, such as **Nal Hutta, Tatooine, Kashyyyk, Sullust, Csilla, Orto, Shili** and many others. The Regional Governments and COMPNOR are confident that the expansion of these reforms will enable all such refugees to lead a fulfilling, happier and more productive life, while perhaps giving something back to the New Order that has provided a sanctuary for them.

Lord of the Shadows

By Adjutant Phaedra Thester

The Iron Will's Editor-in-Chief, Phaedra Thester, recently interviewed Director **Jett Blackheart**, Baron of Sergeti. The interview aimed to shed some public light on the personality and life of Director Blackheart, a well-respected personage in Imperial High Command and the Sith Council, given the low profile that he keeps, and a career shrouded in secrecy after his joining Imperial Intelligence. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Director of Primus Medical, and a plethora of other



positions. The interview took place aboard the Executor-class Star Destroyer **Ancalagon**, the flagship of the Director of Imperial Intelligence. While the interview was underway, the Ancalagon was humming along slowly in deep space in an undisclosed location, to ensure no footage would leak of this much anticipated coverage prior to the publication of the Iron Will.

Phaedra Thester: Greetings Lord Blackheart! It's a pleasure to finally meet you. I hope you are well this day. We have been very much looking forward to having you on this edition of the Iron Will!

Jett Blackheart: It is a pleasure to speak with you.

We all know you have a very long history of serving the Empire, in quite a few capacities. Was there a particular reason you decided to start a career here to begin with?

Well, I have always been drawn to the Empire. It has the organization that appeals to me personally. I have always required instant willingness and obedience to orders. The Galactic Empire instils this type of discipline within all of their personnel. The leadership at all levels is by far the best in the galaxy.

Indeed, our organisation and competence is well known. Part of it comes from the inspiration our leaders emanate. Was there anyone who had that effect on you? Someone you would look up to, in your earlier days?

There have been many Imperials who have served as an inspiration to me. I would say there are two who stand out the most. I was originally brought into the Galactic Empire by Emperor Bonias. At the time I really felt a sense of loyalty to him for bringing me into the Galactic Empire and making me a member of the Order of the Sith. I would say the next individual is Emperor Seele. He took me in and mentored me when he was Director of Imperial Intelligence. I would say these two individuals in particular had a positive impact and made me who I am today.

That's quite the combination, indeed! And, I would say that even in your current positions, their influence is still visible. Even before you rose to the rank of Director, you replaced the esteemed Mikel von Bianchi as the head of the Sergeti Enclave. Are there any particular reasons you were drawn to that subset of the Order?

In the beginning I would say I really would have fit in wherever I had been placed. Now, I would say the force was at work in guiding me to my current position in the Sergeti Enclave. The Sergeti Enclave has produced some of the best warriors and sorcerers in the galaxy which really appeals to me. I have done my best to keep up this never ending task. I have always been drawn to studying and learning the deepest darkest secrets of the dark side of the force. This opportunity was laid before me in the Sergeti Enclave.

That does sound quite fascinating, if beyond the comprehension of most of our readers. With such a long career, and over perhaps some tumultuous times for the New Order, are there any events you would say drastically shaped your career or life? Any event which you would say was the most important?

I would say there were a couple of events that shaped my career and pushed me towards the Galactic Empire. The first was my capture of Adam A. Flynn which is when I was first introduced to the Emperor at that time. It was then that I was made a member of the Order of the Sith. I would say the next was while I was working as a contracted agent for Imperial Intelligence. I infiltrated and completely destroyed the entire Freedom Warriors organization, killing the former Galactic Alliance Secretary General and turned over their Second-in-Command, who was a member of a New Republic Intelligence group known as "Peacewalkers". Afterwards, this success made me realize I needed to be back in the Galactic Empire proper. There are of course many others I could mention, but we are naturally limited on our time.

No doubt. It is always good to hear of some of your more personal successes; with such a long time in Intelligence, many may not be public, but every citizen is thankful for the hard and often unnoticed work you do. With success, though, often come difficult decisions and choices. Would you say you have any regrets, or perhaps something you would have done differently?

I would not do anything differently at this point, because once again I believe the dark side of the force was guiding me towards my destiny. I have done plenty of things in my past that were questionable or just flat out wrong. I believe it is our

actions past and present that make us who we are.

I am prepared to live with and own the consequences of the actions I take.

It is good to see someone with the maturity to list both former Emperor Bonias, and his Majesty, Emperor Seele, as influences. The two have often had competing visions for the Empire - how would you reconcile the two? What are your views on the merger of the New Imperial Order with the Galactic Empire, and the subsequent coup?



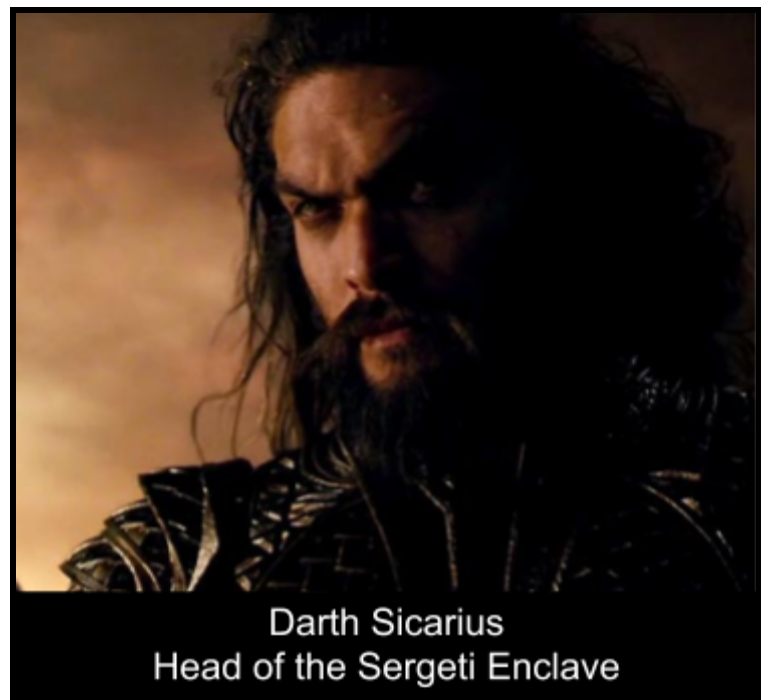
Lord Blackheart as an agent in his youth

As I stated earlier, I own whatever I have done in the past. There are those who may be disgusted by my listing of Emperor Bonias on my list of personnel who have inspired me. He was the first person to draw my interests to the Galactic Empire. I have to say I might never have ended up here if we had never been introduced. I have always been fiercely loyal to my leaders until they give me a reason not to be. When Emperor Bonias was overthrown I was outraged at first, but as I had time to think it over, I realized Vodo had reached his potential. It was time for a change of power. I would say Emperor Bonias and Seele are completely different in their leadership styles. Emperor Bonias led by fear and an iron fist whereas Emperor Seele is more of a strategist. I think we can all agree the Galactic Empire is the way it is today because of Emperor Seele.

We can, indeed. Though it is commendable, and inspiring, to see us grow beyond the conflicts of the past, and into ever taller heights. Now, this is from one of our readers - how would you describe yourself in one word?

Committed.

Commitment. That is a word people often associate with Directors of Imperial Intelligence; many would use it to describe Lady Ventidius, as well. I imagine it could be overwhelming, being called to step up to fill a role she became so famous for throughout the galaxy. We're certain you have many new ideas for Intelligence - is there an overall vision you have that you could share with us?



I would say all Imperial Intelligence Directors require commitment to all things Imperial. The Emperor has laid a huge responsibility before me, and my Imperial Intelligence personnel are doing a wonderful job of meeting my requests. I really cannot comment on any of the specific programs or initiatives we are putting in place, but the people of the Galactic Empire can rest assured it will continue to be the premier intelligence agency across the galaxy. My vision is to readily address the Galactic Empire's intelligence requirements in order to ensure victory for the Galactic Empire across the galaxy.

We are all thankful for the efforts of Imperial Intelligence in building a safer galaxy, and shielding us from the terror which would swallow us if left unchecked. Coming back to our conversation about role models, we are confident you act as such a figurehead for many officers. In fact, I would say I look up to you myself! Are there any words of advice you would offer to the aspiring Imperials of the modern age?

One thing I have learned in life is absolutely nothing is handed to you for free. In order to succeed you have to work hard and earn respect and trust. These are hard to earn, but extremely easy to lose. Be a leader people want to follow. People will not follow you simply because you are placed in a position. You must provide them with purpose, direction, and motivation. Remember that nothing in life is free and nobody owes you anything other than a possible chance to prove yourself.

Sage words, Director. I believe this concludes our interview. It has been both an honour, and a privilege, to have been able to ask these questions. I am positive all readers will appreciate your thoughts.

It was my pleasure.

Imperial Honours and Awards

In the following pages you will find an alphabetical list of Imperials who have been decorated in the past quarter, as well as the awards and honours they have received in that timeframe.

Aarto Ragnar



Adrian Althalus



Alakoth Gar



Arya Solus



Auberin Jaxson



Balthus Wittelsbach



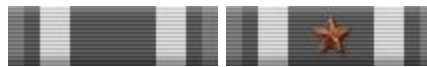
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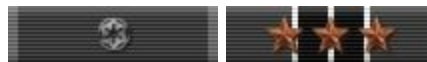
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Ferat Josao



Filipe Barro



Graeda L'Annan



Heter Suren



Hyroda Todake



Icarus Carinae



Jabis Ravenhawk



Jacen Varos



Jai Meridan



Jett Blackheart



Jinko Blixto



John Gates



Kef Drenall



Kendan Tarr



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Lirri Elysar	
Lucas Obrien	 
Magnus Ironside	 
Maia Yen	  
Max Corrino	
Nathan Miller	 
Nathaniel Durane	
Navarro De Molay	  
Octavian Sextus Neutronus	   
Olifa Omicron	
Owen von Ismay	
Pash Xen	  
Patrick Bisson	 
Patrick Mueirech	   
	
Phaedra Thester	   
	 
Robert Gauge	   
	 
Ryn Tavel	 
Samual Johnson	  

Seth Phifer



Sigmund von Ismay



Silas Mariell



Sven Jazzel



Tec Vaan



Terak Falcor



Thea Corine



Tine Delirium



Vidar Sicarius



Vladamiur Veselov



Wilhelmy Quel-Sara



Yaln Baluu



Zachary Savk



Zhaff Orikan



Imperial Academy, Class of Quarter 1 Year 20

Basic Graduates



Ben Oodov
Jake Lawson
Jeyne Karling
Max Corinno
Miyuki Neries
Sol Nevlr
Spiro Jin
Tal Bdir
Yan Vilem

Honours Graduates



Adriel Draefend
Alakoth Gar
Aria North
Chase Dogen
Ignatius vi Cron
Kain Lunelle
Karo Slim
Marc Xander
Miqm`avka Csilla
Octavian Sextus Neutronus





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