

DROPSHIP: UNITED PEACE FORCE

THE UNITED PEACE FORCE CHARTER

THE AIMS OF THE UPF

The UPF pledge to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights.

Their objective is to maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, save in the common interest when armed force shall be used, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace.

THE HISTORY OF THE UPF

Founded in April 2020, the United Peace Force (UPF) was born out of the ashes of NATO and the United Nations. International heads of government, meeting in Switzerland, drew up the Treaty of Zurich where both NATO and the UN were disbanded in favour of a single world security system based on partnership, trust and a common desire for global peace.

The UPF has since been active on over 19 global campaigns and today the UPF are bigger than ever and are responsible for the safety and defence of the 34 nations gathered under its protective umbrella.

UPF WEAPON GUIDE

Cannon “Halo Class”

All defender and assault class Dropships are equipped with a “Halo Class” Cannon. Used primarily for close combat, the cannon can be fired by pressing the [TRIANGLE] button. Mount this K-150 on a heavy vehicle and you can blast 25mm shells over long distances with incredible accuracy, firing up to 3000 rounds every minute. The shells are big enough to disrupt most light or medium armour, and have the potential to send your kill-rates, as well as your enemies, through the roof.

Rockets

Church Technologies supply the UPF with almost all of their Rocket needs. Because no guidance equipment is required most rocket types are usually small, explosive armaments convenient for destroying enemies within a limited range.

When an extremely high explosive delivery is required you can expect to use one of Church’s “Heavyweight” Rockets. These are much larger and slower rockets that if targeted accurately can deliver an incredibly focused and devastating blast.

Air-to-Air Missiles

NEST Weapons, the recognised world leaders in guided missile design, build all of the missile types used by the UPF. Agility is the key to effective air-to-air weaponry and heavy, explosive payload is sacrificed to meet this end. AAM’s are designed to explode on proximity rather than impact with their target. Upon detonation they will tear apart most fragile and lightweight airborne targets but will have little effect against heavily armoured ground units.

Air-to-Surface Missiles

Again NEST Weapons excel in this field and the excellent “Ridgeback” ASM is one of their most popular models. In the case of Air to Surface weaponry agility takes a back seat to destructive power. ASM’s are packed with explosives and only require minimal guidance systems to catch their slow moving prey. Upon impact they will deliver an incredible amount of deadly force direct to their target.

Surface-to-Air Missiles

Surface-to-Air Missile technology has developed a long way over the last few years and NEST are at the forefront of SAM technology. With aircraft becoming more and more stealthy and lock ranges reducing drastically, NEST have managed to stay ahead of the game. From the portable “Dragonfly” SAM to the larger and longer range “Hornet” SAM, the UPF have an effective and deadly defence solution in any environment.

Classified Weapons

The UPF have their own weapons research division known as the September Group. They receive direct funding to develop some of the latest and most deadly weapons technology on the planet. All their projects are highly classified but it is not unknown for pilots to be given some of their prototype devices to use in combat situations. If we can get an advantage we will use it.

UPF PERSONNEL DATA

CAPTAIN ETHAN HOLBROOK

A West Point officer with Maple Cross and Dagger decorations for the invasion of Cuba, Holbrook has been a UPF Squadron Leader for six years. He oversaw the disastrous Operation Blue Scythe in Australia in 2041 when three Dropships collided. 68 UPF operatives lost their lives in the incident and, to this day, this remains the worst peacetime incident in UPF history. No blame was apportioned to Holbrook. He has no recorded demerits against him on file, but he is widely known to suffer from a quick, volatile temper and to push his forces harder than other, more cautious Squadron Leaders.

FLIGHT OFFICER EVA KANDINSKI

Eva Kandinski joined the UPF in 2042. She was a more than competent pilot, flying from the age of thirteen. She placed highly in the European Fighter Sword competition in 2043, against 200 other pilots, but her love of and knowledge about the fifth generation air vehicles and weapons instead led her to become a Co-pilot and Navigation/Weapons Officer. This role has suited her well, and not only is Kandinski an operating flyer, but she has taken part in research and development projects for the UPF to improve and design the weaponry and systems. Doubts, however, appear on Kandinski's file about her discipline and ability to follow orders without question. Her intellect, powerful as it is, sometimes clashes with her role as a frontline UPF operative.

SERGEANT WOLFGANG KREUZLER

The Special Forces element of the UPF is shrouded in secrecy. Wolfgang Kreuzler is one of the most senior and experienced field troops in the unit, but detailed information about him, his operational history and even his decorations are kept highly classified. Kreuzler, from southern Germany, has served in several theatres of combat and is known within the world of Special Forces as one of the best ground-troops there is. Like many of his type, Kreuzler is not interested in promotion, or his career progression in the UPF, but instead prides himself on being an efficient, sharp tool with which the UPF can carry out surgical strikes and operations.

COMMANDER JI CHAN LAU

A veteran of the Chinese War of Freedom, Ji Chan Lau has vast experience in both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. He has led various combat squadrons but most notably guided the 109th Tactical Retaliation Wing to victory in the Beijing Air War - a testament to his superb flying ability, lightning-fast reactions and, most importantly, his tactical awareness. He successfully overcame Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

after the Chinese conflict, but UPF regulations state that PTSD remains permanently on his file.

GENERAL MAXLEY FRASER III

Born during the nuclear standoffs of the early 21st century, Maxley Fraser rose through the ranks of the Canadian Army, before heading up the United Nations Protection Forces across the world. After his success with UNPROFOR, he was the first choice of the newly formed UPF as Commander-In-Chief. Fraser's strength is said to be his overall vision. He leaves the tactics and strategy to those employed for such tasks, and concentrates on the politico-military aspects of running the world's most powerful force and the only truly pan-global combat outfit.

FIELD MARSHAL WU XIAN

A rebel leader in the Mongolian War and, reportedly, a firebase commander during the Chinese War of Freedom, little is known about Wu Xian. Prepared to use torture and terror to achieve his aims, his ruthlessness has propelled him into a position of power. He has been able to seize control of large swathes of China and amass an army and air force capable of matching any in the global theatre. Wu is said to be unpredictable, highly intelligent and utterly obsessed with the pursuit of power. A more detailed psychological profile is being compiled, but is currently unavailable.

UPF VEHICLE GUIDE

Assault Class Dropship

Syon Aerospace's flagship is the Assault Class A-9 "Fury" Dropship. Perfect as a fighter, a ground-attack ship or a special-forces troop deployment vessel, the Fury rules the air. Add the rockets, missiles and a mounted cannon and the result is the fastest, deadliest, stealthiest ship in the skies.

Defender Class Dropship

From Syon Aerospace comes the Defender Class D-15 "Tempest" Dropship. A size up from the "Fury" family, this ship is tough yet sophisticated and is useful in ground-attack, deployment and air-to-air combat. Guns, missiles and rockets come as standard, as does a hit-recover rate in the high eighties.

Lifter Class Dropship

Syon's Lifter Class L-12 "Guardian" Dropship is the ultimate transporter. It has VTOL no-strip capability and, as a heavy transport vessel, it does pretty well as an offensive platform. Armed with rockets, guns and missiles, if you have valuable wartech to carry around, use the Guardian and keep it safe even in the most ultra-intense conflict scenarios.

"Ibex" Armoured Assault Vehicle

Ibex is a fast, manoeuvrable four-wheel drive vehicle. Built by the Foxstanley Truck Corporation, Ibex is available in several variations, including hatchback, pick-up and long wheelbase. All variants support roof-mounted machine-guns and enough armour to give some combat survivability in the field. Ideally suited for light transport, troop carrying, reconnaissance and light offensive/anti-personnel duties, Ibex is the rapid vehicle of choice for armies in the latter half of the 21st century.

"Granite" Heavy Battle Tank

King of the conflict arena is the "Granite" Heavy Battle Tank. The Granite Tank is the latest and greatest. A 120mm AluTanium gun fires all the latest in harm-giving armaments, including Sabot, Fury and SHATA rounds. This is virtually an artillery piece on a fast, heavily armoured combat base. The biggest and best missiles can also be mounted on the hull and linked to the advanced v1.09 fire-control.