Order Of The Blazing Sun

The Order of the Blazing Sun is the Star Army of Yamatai's highest award for combat gallantry.



History

The Order of the Blazing Sun was introduced in YE 30 alongside the Red Tessen to provide the Star Army with awards that could recognize moments of extreme heroism undertaken by its soldiers in combat situations. Only second in order of precedence to the Yui's Blood Medallion, which is granted by Ketsurui Yui for extraordinary service to the Star Army, the Order of the Blazing Sun exists to specifically recognize combat gallantry and demonstrations of incomparable valor by Star Army soldiers.

First awarded during the early days of the Second Mishhuvurthyar War, membership in the Order of the Blazing Sun was most notably given to crewmembers from the YSS Miharu in the aftermath of the Battle of Yamatai. Among them, Kai Nakamura and Rolf Eastwood both received the Blazing Sun for their actions fighting against a Mishhuvurthyar leader, the Dark One interpreter Melisson.[1] Sometime earlier in the war prior to YE 33, a Rikugun warrant officer named Archie Delacroix earned a Blazing Sun.

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> “Don't think anyone's comin' that's not already here, hei,” came the same gruff Nepleslian voice as an identifier blipped into Aoi's HUD. It identified the man talking to her as Ittô Juni Archie Delacroix and if she peered right, she could see him taking similar cover not 20 feet parallel from her. The built-up armored collar that all Daisys were equipped with was painted with a little symbol upon it: A small red dot backed by two crossed katanas with stylized sun beams sat where most soldiers had nothing. Delacroix-juni had been awarded the Order of the Blazing Sun, Yamatai's highest combat honor.

Chances for soldiers to earn an Order of the Blazing Sun medal were sparse in the interwar years between the Second Mishhuvurthyar War and Kuvexian War of YE 38. Even in the course of that five year conflict — perhaps owing to the less horrific and alien nature of the Interstellar Kingdom Of Kuvexia compared to the Mishhuvurthyar — fewer soldiers performed feats of courageous daring deserving of the award. One of the few to receive the Order of the Blazing Sun for actions in combat against the Kuvexians was Ketsurui Aiko. Her unmatched mettle as a prisoner of war who was forced to engage in bloodsport duels for the pleasure of her captors both saved the lives of her fellow hostages and dealt an irreparable blow to the Interstellar Kingdom's morale through her undefeated gladiatorial record and subsequent escape.[2)]

In YE 45, tensions between Yamatai and the Mishhuvurthyar heightened beginning with Task Force 282's deployment in 45.1 to assist Uesureyan Star Empire allies in the reconquest of a colony, planet Kessica, which was held by the Mishhuvurthyar. Ketsurui Aiko was presented with a second citation of the Order of the Blazing Sun alongside her captain Taiyou Hoshi for their demonstrations of leadership and gallantry in fighting against the Mishhuvurthyar on Kessica. Because of their specific contributions — as well as those of the Nepleslian exchange officer William Sanders, who was not eligible for the Star Army award — the Mishhuvurthyar there were ultimately defeated. In the months thereafter the Third Mishhuvurthyar War began to unfold, quickly becoming a conflict whose danger and intrigue almost assured more soldiers would be recognized with an Order of the Blazing Sun.

Requirements

The requirements to receive this award are:

- Must be a member of the Star Army of Yamatai
- Must have been recommended by the soldier's captain or unit commander from the time in which the soldier distinguished themselves
- “This soldier is recognized for displaying extreme courage and conspicuous valiance at the risk of their own wellbeing beyond what their duty demands when engaged in honorable combat with an enemy of the Yamataian Star Empire.”

Examples

In roleplay, the Order of the Blazing Sun is given for unbelievably heroic, irreplicable deeds performed by characters in combat. To draw real world comparisons, it is roughly equivalent to the American military Medal of Honor or the German Cross of Honour for Valour. However, real world examples of gallantry shouldn't be taken as direct inspiration for characters earning an Order of the Blazing Sun because of the SARPiverse's science fiction power levels and themes. Characters can respawn after death and are

equipped with power armor that turns them into combat monsters the likes of which modern reality on Earth cannot encapsulate, so the bar for bravery is pretty high.

The Order of the Blazing Sun should be awarded to characters whose singular actions during a combat situation displayed rare and extreme valor that cannot be repeated. Bravery in the service of one's own starship or unit, such as repelling a particularly difficult enemy boarding action or fighting in an orbital combat insertion, is more appropriately recognized with a citation of the Red Tessen.[3] Further, the Order of the Blazing Sun is dissimilar to the Red Tessen in that the odds against which the awarded soldier fights are specifically taken into account, as is the the scope of impact associated with their actions. Recipients of the Order of the Blazing Sun should have, through their roleplay, been portrayed performing a uniquely heroic combat situation that resulted in a wide-reaching strategic impact to the Star Army of Yamatai.

Previous citations of this award have included:

- Facing off against the leadership of Yamatai's foes
- Inflicting severe damage upon the combat readiness of enemy nations
- Undertaking the above in a combat situation while severely outnumbered and outgunned[4]

[Open RP] Seizing the Opportunity (Kuvexian War Final Battle/Battle of Glimmergold)
Ketsurui Aiko and the Kaiyō's other Mindy-clad warriors were more prepared for the fight than most with almost two years deployed to the Kuvexian front behind them today. But while the constant warring away from home surely braced their psyches for the battle now, no prior skirmish or established beachhead could truly match the sheer scale of the engagement today. William's challenge to best his kill count soon became more burdensome than it was fun for Aiko while she mangled another Kuvexian power armor with her Kirie's war club, liquefying the man's bones within his suit before the gilded armor plates crushed around his body like a squeezed soda can.

Issuing Authority

The award is issued by:



- The Taisho of the Star Army[5] on the recommendation of a soldier's commanding officer[6]

Description

The Order of the Blazing Sun is a golden eight-ray sunburst medallion with a Star Army Hinomaru at its center. The medal hangs from a moiré silk ribbon that measures 30mm wide and 500mm in length. The ribbon is colored Ketsurui crimson, and overlaid with thin vertical stripes of blood red, dark red, and navy blue. It is worn around the neck as part of the Type 35 Class A formal uniform.



A service ribbon variant is also issued with the medal, and is made from the same fabric pattern as the neck ribbon. It can be worn in lieu of the neck order as part of Class A formal dress, and is usually worn in this way for non-ceremonial functions that still call for Class A attire. The service ribbon is placed second in the order of precedence behind the Yui's Blood Medallion.

Notable Recipients

- Archie Delacroix
- Ketsurui Aiko[7]
- Ketsurui Rolf
- Miharu Hinoto
- Miharu Ichigo
- Miharu Nimura
- Kai Nakamura
- Sacre Ven Sanssinia

Recipients by Star Army Personnel Database

- Sanda Hoshi
- Ketsurui Aiko
- Runa Seo
- Sacre Ven Sanssinia

OOC Notes

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Star Army Logistics	
Supply Classification	Class L - EQUIPMENT PERSONAL ESSENTIAL & UNIFORMS

1)

[YSS Miharu] Epilogue: Yamatai's Blood, posts 35 and 36

2)

[YSS Kaiyō] Mission 23: Kamiwaza

3)

Which is to say that if the roleplay situation occurs regularly on StarArmy.com across multiple plots as a matter of standard combat operations, it should not warrant a character receiving the Order of the Blazing Sun

4)

Against odds in the hundreds or thousands

5)

Officer in charge of Star Army Command and the entire Star Army, currently Ketsurui Yui

6)

OOC: This means that to get this award, first a commanding officer (e.g. starship captain) needs to post a communication thread recommending the award, and then Wes needs to have Ketsurui Yui or someone on her behalf post the award in the character's orders thread. This award cannot be awarded without Yui's approval, which means Wes needs to be involved since Yui is his character.

7)

Two citations

8)

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