

# Third Fleet

The Third Fleet of the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) is a veteran warfighting formation that is currently assigned to support duties. It is headquartered at [Virginia Fleet Depot](#) and commanded by [Taisho Shizuka Endo](#). This fleet primarily works with the [Star Army Reserve](#), with members of the Reserve often undertaking their yearly training aboard Third Fleet craft. As a reserve unit, most of the Third Fleet's warships perform core system patrol duties, and it is currently undergoing new refits at its two [Zodiac-class Star Fortresses](#) while helping [Star Army Logistics](#) in peacetime.



## History

The Third Fleet has a long and storied history stretching back to the foundation of the [Grand Star Army](#). During the [Chaos Hive War](#) of [YE 21](#) the Third's infantry regiments fought on the war-torn planet [Ayenee](#), marking the fleet's first major engagement. As the [Second Draconian War](#) raged on in [YE 24](#), with [Chujo Zaitsev](#) in command, the fleet was ordered to remain at [Ayenee](#) to watch for hostile forces and new aliens.<sup>1)</sup>

Before the [Nepleslian Star Empire](#) broke away from the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) in [YE 28](#), the fleet garrisoned [Nepleslian](#) systems. It participated in the [First Mishhuvurthyar War](#) and fought at the [Battle of Nepleslia](#) in [YE 26](#), where it was nearly destroyed during the engagement.

## Death and Rebirth

During the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#), the Third Fleet was destroyed in battle with the [NMX](#). At that time it was commanded by [Taisho Anzai Saya](#). It was reactivated again before the [Battle of Yamatai](#) in [YE 33](#) and filled with recently-decommissioned ships that were en route to [Virginia Fleet Depot](#) when the fight broke out. Following the war, the fleet had no commanding Taisho and was based at [Virginia Fleet Depot](#) until [Hokusai-taisho](#) was reassigned from the [Ninth Fleet](#) in [YE 36](#).

In [YE 39](#), a [Lorath](#) civil conflict resulted in rebel encroachment upon the territory of Yamataian allies in the [Kikyo Sector](#)'s northeast, and the Third Fleet was sent in as a preventative measure to keep open hostilities from erupting between the minor powers. Its mission was quickly successful with rebel [Lorath](#) forces retreating away upon the Third Fleet's arrival.

## The Kuvexian War

By the time the [Kuvexian War](#) broke out, the Third Fleet was still composed of its aging collection of old [Ayame-class Cruisers](#) and [Irim-class Gunships](#), and had been consigned to reserve duties in the aftermath of the Battle of Yamatai. Following the [Seventh Fleet](#)'s struggle to wrest control of the [Separa'Shan](#) homeworld [Essia](#) from the [Interstellar Kingdom Of Kuvexia](#), the Third was bolstered with 220 new ships of the line and ordered<sup>2)</sup> in [YE 41](#) to retake the occupied star system alongside the [Ninth Fleet](#). The two fleets performed Operation Sovereign Commitment<sup>3)</sup> and retook the system's space from the Kuvexians over the course of several hours.

During the [Kuvexian Invasion of YE 41](#), the Third initially spread out<sup>4)</sup> to secure systems between the [Ketsurui Military Sector](#) and the [Samurai Sector](#). Within days, however, the fleet retreated to the Virgo Defense Sector<sup>5)</sup> to fortify the Fleet Depot, Star Army Intelligence, and Star Fortress there.

Throughout the [Kuvexian Advance of YE 42](#), the Third Fleet held its lines in the Samurai Sector and did not participate in the subsequent [Third Battle Of Nataria](#), having only recently launched a joint [Uchuugun-Rikugun](#) task force to the Kuvexian frontier.<sup>6)</sup> Around this time, [Virgo Star Fortress](#) was put under Third Fleet administration. Otherwise still recuperating after Operation Sovereign Commitment, Hokusai-taisho focused her fleet with an eye toward modernization and added several [new-pattern gunship](#) squadrons, [destroyer](#) groups, and replaced a handful of cruisers and battleships lost during previous engagements.

Toward the year's end, [Yui-taisho](#) revealed a plan<sup>7)</sup> to strike at the [heart of Kuvexia](#) and ordered the Third Fleet to join her multinational strike group. As part of this force, the Third Fleet fought at the [Battle Of Glimmergold](#). Although originally assigned to act as a rearguard, the Third ended up participating in heavy fighting against their Kuvexian enemies while protecting Essai superweapons so they could do their work to defeat the Interstellar Kingdom. The fleet sustained 36.32 percent unrecoverable combat losses during the battle,<sup>8)</sup> which led Hokusai-taisho to formulate a new fleet plan to be implemented after the war's end.

## Post-War

After the Kuvexian War's end, the [Eighth Fleet](#) was merged into the Third Fleet and [Taisho Shizuka Endo](#) became its new commander.<sup>9)</sup> Under Endo-taisho, the Third Fleet works very closely with [Personnel Command](#), the [Reserves](#), and assists with [Logistics](#) transport and protection.

In [YE 44](#), the Third Fleet participated in humanitarian operations necessitated by the [Arrival of the Norians](#).

## Composition

The Third Fleet is comprised of 994 warships from two main elements: the core of the Third Fleet as it stood at the end of the Kuvexian War plus additional ships transferred over when the Eighth Fleet was disbanded and merged with the Third in [YE 43](#). As of [YE 45](#), the fleet is undergoing refit and force

integration while having reverted to its status the Star Army's reserve fleet.

## Third Fleet Core

Before the Battle of Glimmergold, about half of the Third Fleet was made up of older warships with designs dating back to the [First Mishhuvurthyar War](#). After its reactivation in YE 33, the fleet had usually been relegated to reserve or support duty, but was pressed into active service more often during the Kuvexian War. Modernization efforts starting in 3月 [YE 42](#) focused on replacing losses of the fleet's legacy vessels with new gunships and destroyers. Approximately 36 percent of the fleet's ships, mostly old Ayame-class Cruisers and Irim-class Gunships, were destroyed at the Battle of Glimmergold.

- 1 Flagship, YSS Musashi (NF-S1-01), a [Chiharu-class Flagship](#)
- 15 [Sharie Battleships](#)
- 127 [Super Eikan Heavy Cruisers](#)
- 41 [Fuji-class Expeditionary Gunship](#)
- 54 [Plumeria-class \(2E\) Medium Gunship](#)
- 92 [Chiaki-class \(1B\) Escort Destroyer](#)
- 92 [Ayame Cruisers](#)
- 274 [Irim Gunships](#)
- 100 [Courier 2B Star Army Freighter](#)

## Transferred 8th Fleet Divisions

- Command Division:
  - [Glorious Chiharu-Class Operations/Forward Guard Command Flagship, YSS Hokorimasu \(NF-S8-01\)](#)
  - [Takumi-class Administrative Command Ship, YSS Monarch \(NJ-S8-01\)](#)
  - [Command Escort Group - \[10 Vessels\]](#)
- Operations Division 1:
  - [Sharie-class, YSS Ikazuchi \(NB-S8-01\)](#)
  - [Sharie-class, YSS Solar Redemption \(NB-S8-02\)](#)
  - [Anri Carrier Variant, YSS Senbu \(NC-S8-01\)](#)
  - [Heitan-class, YSS Bright Star \(NC-S8-02\)](#)
  - [1st Operations Escort Group - \[15 Vessels\]](#)
- Operations Division 2:
  - [Sharie-class, YSS Hakudomaru \(NB-S8-03\)](#)
  - [Sharie-class, YSS Red Horizon \(NB-S8-04\)](#)
  - [Sharie-class, YSS Impervious \(NB-S8-05\)](#)
  - [Anri Carrier Variant, YSS Angelic Guardian \(NC-S8-04\)](#)
  - [Heitan-class, YSS Akizuki \(NC-S8-05\)](#)
  - [2nd Operations Escort Group - \[15 Vessels\]](#)
- [8SF Defense](#) - Local defense forces for star systems in Eighth Standard Fleet territory
  - [Orochi Squadron](#)
- [8SF Infantry Units](#)
- [8SF Support Groups](#)

- [8SF Squadrons](#) - Small groups of combat starships, for various missions

## Support Institutions

- [Fort Shizuka](#)
- [Akarui Star Fortress](#)
- [Virgo Star Fortress](#)

## Additional Resources

- [Notable Destroyed 8SF Ships](#)
- [Star Army Fighter Squadron](#)
- [Plumeria Template](#)
- [Eighth Fleet Rank Pins](#)

## Additional Fleet Inventory

- 20,000 [EM-J2-1a Geboku Android \(SAOY\)](#)
- 20,000 [Service Android, Type 36A "Emma"](#)

## OOC Information

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[Second Draconian War; Act II: Cat and Mouse](#)

2)

[Deployment Orders: 3rd Fleet, 9th Fleet](#)

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