

Abwehran Imperial Seal

The Abwehran Imperial Seal is a shield-shaped emblem with red details. The Imperial Seal is used both as the Imperial Family Crest and the symbol for the [Abwehran Armed Forces \(AAF\)](#).



Symbolism

The Imperial Seal has been the symbol of the Abwehran Armed Forces since its formation. Each facet of the Seal symbolizes some aspect of a Soldier's duty to the Empire and her people.

The Grey-trimmed, Black Shield signifies the foremost duty of an Abwehran Soldier is the protection of the Empire and her citizens. A soldier's life will always be that of a shield against whatever dangers are out in the galaxy and he is to always remember that in both his mind and his heart. This is why the Seal is normally placed either on the beret, either one of the upper arms, or next to one of the Abwehran's two hearts.

The symbol at the top of the shield is that of a red, four-pointed cross with a superimposed four-pointed

gray star and a gold square in the center of both. Each point of the red cross symbolizes an area that makes up a soldier's training: Physical Discipline, Mental Discipline, Duty to the Nation/Group, and Duty to the Individual/Self. Each point of the star indicates most important virtues a soldier needs: Loyalty, Obedience (with frankness), Courage, and Incorruptibility. The gold square at the center of it all means the synergy or harmony of all these qualities together.

The three grey-trimmed, vertical, red strips on the bottom half of the shield symbolizes the three promises of the First Empress of the [Abwehran Star Empire](#), which were made moments before her death. The largest stripe indicates the biggest promise made by Elisa Rosenthal; that no Empress from her line would ever deny the people their freedom. The stripes surrounding the central stripe are curved like blades as if to defend the main promise. The left stripe indicates the promise of retribution to all who threaten the peace of the Empire citizens, while the right stripe symbolizes that the Abwehran Military will always defend both Abwehran life and virtue.

History

While elements of the Imperial Seal have been used throughout [Abwehran](#) history, the Imperial Seal was first seen in After Freedom 01 (approximately 800 years before the formation of the Yamatai Era) during the Final Battle again the Verdienstorden. The symbol was the badge of the Liberation Army, the resistance movement started by the first Empress of the [Abwehran Star Empire](#). The Imperial Seal was then called the 'Shield of the People' and didn't have the three red stripes that it has currently. The man who created the 'Shield of the People' was called Oskar von Lohengram, who ended up becoming marrying Elisa Rosenthal to become the first Emperor.

It wasn't until Oskar I's death in AF 50 that the Shield of the People became known as the Imperial Seal and the finishing touches made (three vertical stripes). The Imperial Seal has served both as the Family Crest of the Rosenthal Dynasty and as the symbol of the Abwehran Armed Forces since then.

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