


Motoyoshi Clan

The Motoyoshi Clan is part of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) and was formed in [YE 28](#).

Motoyoshi Clan	
	
Capital	Tokyo, Jiyuu III, Motoyoshi Colonial Sector
Leadership	Motoyoshi-Ieyasu Taro and Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko
Government Type	Imperialist Regional Government for the Motoyoshi Colonial Sector
Parent Government	Yamatai Star Empire
Connections	Ketsurui Clan , and Shimizu Clan
Formation	YE 28
Current Year	YE 45
Currency	Bellflower Note(KS)
Custodians	Andrew , Yuuki , Soresu

History and Background

The clan was formed by [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) and [Shimizu-Motoyoshi Akina](#) ([清水本吉明菜](#)) in [YE 28](#). The clan has a rich history which is entwined in both the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) and the [Star Army of Yamatai](#). It is the only clan other than the [Ketsurui Clan](#) to rule the [Star Army of Yamatai](#). In [YE 30](#), [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) became [Empress](#) when she succeeded [Kitsurugi Uesu](#). Her time on the throne was short, and was ended with her own resignation after members of her clan deserted and betrayed the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) to form the [United Outer Colonies](#). The part of the clan that remained in the Empire became affiliated with the [Ketsurui Clan](#).

The clan remained separated into two parts; [Yamatai no Motoyoshi](#) and [Jiyuu no Motoyoshi](#) until [YE 41](#) when [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) reunified the Clan. Her plans for the future unfolded quickly which brought the clan into a surge of rapid growth.

Imperial Standard

The flag features the clan flower, the 🌸[Peony](#) , which is also the clan's 🌀[Mon \(紋\)](#) a symbol prosperity(heion). It was adopted as a clan symbol in [YE 34](#).



Secondary Flower: The Evening Orchid

A second flower symbol used is the *Evening Orchid*. It symbolizes refinement and is the flower of [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#).



The Evening Orchid

<i>yoru no ran ka ni kakurete ya hana shiroshi</i> - Yosa Buson (1716 ~ 1783) ¹⁾

The Clan Fruit: The Plum

The clan fruit is the *Plum* which symbolizes the protection against evil.

Clan Motto

"Seishin no chuujitsu" (It means "Spirit of Loyalty" in [Yamataigo](#) (邪馬台語).)

Culture

The Motoyoshi Clan follows the traditions of [Yamataian Culture](#), however, they have adopted their own practices as well.

Traditional Holidays and Ceremonies

These holidays are celebrated, in addition to all other [Holidays in the Yamatai Star Empire](#), by all members of the [Motoyoshi Clan](#).



Holidays		
Tsukimi	2日8月	The celebration corresponds to the harvest moon of the destroyed colony at Taiie . Reminiscent of colonist farmers that worked the colony's fields it is a celebration of autumn that is still celebrated by the Motoyoshi. The celebration generally includes feasting within the volumetric captured images of the fallen world's moon, accompanied by soft flowing flute music and tranquil gurgles of water features.
Lantern Festival	17日2月 to 20日2月	Elaborately decorated lanterns made by clan members are put on display. These designs integrated with all kinds of creative expression; painting, flower arranging, carving and sculpture creating. Lantern displays are judged and the winners are honored by being permitted to keep their display up after the end of the festival until the next year.
Unity Festival	15日 3月	Added in YE 41 , this festival celebrates the day of forgiveness between the Jiyuu no Motoyoshi and the Yamatai no Motoyoshi . Members of the Motoyoshi Clan gather to reflect on the healing of the divisions that nearly destroyed the clan. It is generally held at one of the Clans holdings on Jiyuu III or Yamatai (Planet) .

Unifying Motoyoshi Philosophies

These unifying philosophies govern the actions of the Motoyoshi.



Philosophy	
Imperialists	As of YE 34 , the <i>Motoyoshi</i> have become strict imperialists, their vision for the Yamatai Star Empire is for the re-centralization of absolute control to the throne and the Star Army of Yamatai . They believe that the Senate should maintain an advisory role to the throne but not be granted actual power. Despite their desire for re-centralization of power, they do support the Ketsurui Clan and the current rule of Empress Himiko I even though they do not back some of the more democratic policies of the current rule, specifically the policies which were triggered by the formation of the United Outer Colonies .
The Imperial Way	See Imperial Way Faction . The <i>Motoyoshi</i> support a movement referred to as 'The Imperial Way' (皇道派) which desires a more military-minded government. They believe that a stronger military-backed government will free the empire from liberal-minded politicians seeking the decentralization of power. This has been supported in the past via the formation of the original Bakufu prior to its corruption.
Nekoalkyrja Supporters	The <i>Motoyoshi</i> believe that the Nekoalkyrja are the greatest species in the known universe. They do believe in intergalactic cooperation, however under asymmetrical terms. They believe that the Yamatai Star Empire has made too many concessions in the intergalactic community, blaming some of the clan's own previous policies for some of the problem. The clan is not completely against other species or nations, believing that there are several nations who have relations with the empire that are beneficial, however, there are several to which they hold a vehement animosity such as the Freespacers . Since YE 40 , through relations with the Lorath Matriarchy ²⁾ , the Iron Company and the Mining Guild much has changed.
Star Army of Yamatai Tradition	The clan has entrenched its upholding and belief that the military elite is a necessary and needed echelon of power within the Empire. Military leaders such as Mistress-Taisho Ketsurui Yui and Taisho Kessaku Irim are regarded in the highest of honors, along with their own Taisho Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko . The <i>Motoyoshi</i> believe that the military's elite echelons should remain untainted by liberal-minded politics.
The Mistress-Taisho	The <i>Motoyoshi</i> strongly support the Mistress-Taisho Ketsurui Yui and her direct leadership over the Star Army of Yamatai . Many <i>Motoyoshi</i> has an almost spiritual view of Yui, seeing her as the guiding force of Nekoalkyrja power and philosophy.
Sensou	Sensou (戦争) – War is the expression of Imperial power and justice. It is the fundamental protection of the Empire and the Star Army of Yamatai is the most prestigious way of life for Nekoalkyrja . The <i>Motoyoshi</i> view war as an art-form in which must be executed with strategy, courage, and ferocity. To play a role in the evisceration of the empire's enemies is a high honor and should be conducted with grace and power to achieve victory in the name of the Empress.
Unorthodox Measures	The <i>Motoyoshi</i> strategy in warfare tends to be unorthodox at times. Utilizing units and personnel in actions that are outside of their normal conduct to gain an advantage.

The Clan Virtues

The *Motoyoshi* philosophies are very reminiscent but not limited to the [Confucian](#) ways of thought.



Clan Virtues	
The State of Virtue	The Motoyoshi are very concerned about the nature of its members. With the clan's past, the leadership is very concerned with its own practices as well as those within their influence. Members are expected display : integrity, honor, honesty, loyalty, kindness and forgiveness while being reverent and respectful to those who are their superiors and peers. The clan also promotes the self imposition of shame, for individuals to be able to judge their own actions to be right or wrong and seek or inflict measures to correct their actions when in error.
True Relationships	The clan's beliefs state that the highest of relationships is the one that exists between Nekovalkyrja and the Yamatai Star Empire in which the soldier serves as the imperial hand and that their actions, therefore, reflect the Empire. Focus is also placed upon the relationship between Nekovalkyrja and their clan in which altruism is to be cultivated between members.
Loyalty	After the corruption created by the Jiyuu no Motoyoshi a great intensity was placed upon the Motoyoshi's loyalty. Loyalty to the Empire is place first and foremost, then loyalty to the clan and the military.
Self Improvement	Within the clan, it is encouraged for members to seek to expand themselves as individuals. The greatest focus is placed upon the achievement of rank within the Star Army of Yamatai and to excel within one's occupation however, members are also encouraged to divulge in philosophy, literature, and creative arts.
Place in Society	The <i>Motoyoshi</i> believe that the clan's true place is to provide strength to the Imperial Family, to serve as dedicated soldiers within the Star Army of Yamatai . In general, civilian life is discouraged unless that career path is considered still within the higher service of the Empire or the Clan.

Incorporated Species

The Motoyoshi Clan is completely [Yamataian](#) with representatives of the following species:

- [NH-33 \(Eihei\)](#)
- [Nekovalkyrja](#)
- [Minkan](#)

Leadership and Clan Structure

The Motoyoshi Clan is the only clan other than the [Ketsurui Clan](#) to have had an [Empress of Yamatai](#).³⁾ The Clan adheres to an Imperial structure even though they may or may not be evident in the line of succession with [Ketsurui Clan](#), in which [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) became apart of after the abduction of the throne in [YE 30](#).⁴⁾

This is the clan's leadership structure
as of [YE 44](#):



Motoyoshi Leadership Structure				
Title	Name	Imperial Title	Notes	Bakufu
Clan Leader	Motoyoshi-Ieyasu Taro	None	“Whisper” of Leadership, Leader of Ieyasu Cadet Branch	Yes
Clan Leader	Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko	Jōkōgō Heika ⁵⁾	Ruled the Yamatai Star Empire in YE 30	Yes
Clan Elder	Shimizu-Motoyoshi Akina (清水本吉明菜)	None	Spouse of Katsuko and Leader of the Shimizu Clan	Yes
Clan Elder	Motoyoshi Eri	None	Fiance of Katsuko	Yes
Clan Elder	Kage Yaichiro	None	Fiance of Katsuko	Undecided
Clan Elder	Motoyoshi-Kotoku Sui	None	Leader of Kotoku Cadet Branch	Yes
Clan Elder	Motoyoshi Kazue	None	NONE	MIA
Clan Elder	Motoyoshi-Yamada Ayano	None	Leader of Yamada Cadet Branch	Yes
Clan Elder	Motoyoshi-Igarashi Yuka	None	Leader of Igarashi Cadet Branch	Yes
Heirs Apparent				
Title	Name	Imperial Title	Notes	Bakufu
1st Heiress	Motoyoshi Kaoru	naishinnō (Princess)	N/A	Yes
2nd Heiress	Motoyoshi, Kazumi	naishinnō (Princess)	N/A	Yes
3rd Heiress	Motoyoshi Tachiko	naishinnō (Princess)	N/A	Yes
Future Heiress	Motoyoshi Kuroko	naishinnō (Princess)	N/A	Yes
Future Heir	Motoyoshi Eidan	shinnō (Prince)	N/A	Yes
Cadet Heiress	Motoyoshi-Igarashi Yue	None	Heiress of Igarashi Cadet Branch	Yes
Note: All children of Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko may use shinnō (Prince) or naishinnō (Princess)				

The Motoyoshi Clan is a large clan with many cadet branches, adopted members, and supporters.

The Divested

Over time, some Motoyoshi have been stripped of their title and status:

Dishonored Motoyoshi				
Title	Name	Imperial Title	Notes	Bakufu
Traitor	Motoyoshi Kiyoko [†]	former naishinnō (Princess) ⁶⁾	Killed in YE 44 ⁷⁾	No

Dishonored Motoyoshi				
Title	Name	Imperial Title	Notes	Bakufu
Burden	Motoyoshi Tio	former shinnō (Prince) ⁸⁾	Internal Clan Sentence - Life in service of the Star Army of Yamatai ⁹⁾	No
Traitor	Koyanagi Mayumi [†]	None	Killed in YE 43 ¹⁰⁾	No

Politics

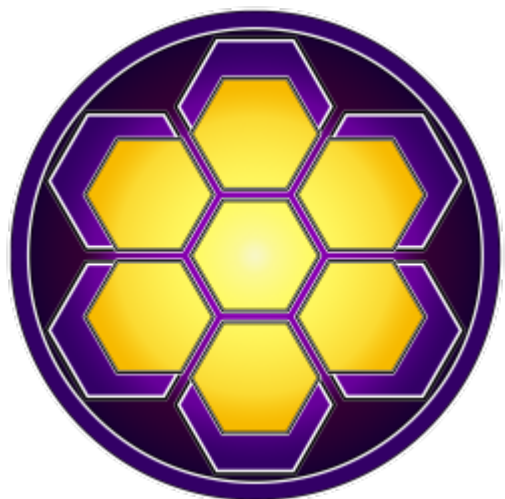


The Motoyoshi Bakufu¹¹⁾, also known as the Imperialist Regional Government of the [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#) was formed in [YE 43](#). The government is a clan-appointed body that consists of the planetary governors of the worlds claimed by the [Yamatai Star Empire](#), other local leaders, and is led by the planetary governor of [Jiyuu III](#)¹²⁾. They are responsible for the creation of regional laws, and management of local government departments, and serve as a unified voice for their citizens. They often cooperate with the elected Senators to the [Senate of Yamatai](#) to ensure the views of their constituents are properly represented.



Emphasis was placed on this body in [YE 44](#) following the resignation of [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) as the [Imperial Premier](#) and her report of [United Outer Colonies](#)-like liberal politics being represented in the [Senate of Yamatai](#) by [Iemochi Seinosuke](#).¹³⁾¹⁴⁾¹⁵⁾ It triggered the body of the regional government to begin seeking protection and identification as an Imperial State devoted to the ideals of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) under the rule of [Empress](#). Politicians inside of the government have also tried to stress the threat of liberal politics in the region due to the connection to Tange terrorism.

Business



The Yugumo Corporation is a major corporate entity operating in the [Yamatai Star Empire](#). It serves as the successor to previous [Motoyoshi Clan](#)-run corporations such as; [Motoyoshi Fleet Yards](#) and [Motoyoshi Hanei Kaisha](#). The company serves as an umbrella and unified operations platform for several smaller brands and ventures mostly concentrated in the [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#), but also across the entire [Yamatai Star Empire](#). The Yugumo Corporation was founded on 3日 5月 41年

In addition to the company's handle on its subsidiary and venture brands, it serves as part of the [Star Army Military Industrial Complex](#) and has several contracts with the [Star Army of Yamatai](#). They serve as an in-network associate with [Ketsurui Zaibatsu](#) and its subsidiaries to build under contract primarily for the [First Expeditionary Fleet](#).

The company serves as the primary manager and operator of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) colonies in the [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#).

Relationships

The Motoyoshi Clan has developed relationships with the following groups:

- [Ketsurui Clan](#) - The current ruling clan of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#).
- [Lorath Matriarchy](#) - [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) has an established dialog with [Xiaah Harr'Ikke "Destiny" Tur'Lista](#).¹⁶⁾ and has devoted the [Yugumo Science Symposium](#) to solving [Project Checkout](#).
- [Iron Company](#) - [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) has a strange friendship with [Albert Steiner](#) and holds him in rather high regard.¹⁷⁾
- [Ryu Keiretsu](#) - Business partners in the [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#).
- [Tsenlan](#) - REDACTED contact during trans-universal operations in [Ayenee](#).

The Motoyoshi Clan has developed enemies with the following groups:

- The [Freespacers](#) - Having ordered the [Freespacer Massacre and Related Battles](#) based on viable evidence supporting their treachery.¹⁸⁾¹⁹⁾²⁰⁾²¹⁾ The Motoyoshi still see the [Freespacers](#) as enemies of the [Yamatai Star Empire](#).
- The [Lorath Matriarchy](#) that broke away with [High Priest Velor Tomoe Tur'lista](#) in [Project Checkout](#).

Territory



The Motoyoshi Clan's influence and power are concentrated within the [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#). The Colonial Sector is located in the galactic-east of the [Kikyo Sector](#) and is sometimes referred to as the [Eastern Yamatai Star Empire](#). The region is known for its rich resources and hard-working citizens and has been under the colonial management of the clan's [Yugumo Corporation](#) since [YE 41](#) which marked the Motoyosh Clan's return to the region.

The Motoyoshi Clan has a deep connection to the region as refugees settled it from the [Bard Cluster](#) and survivors of the [Battle Of Taiie](#). To return to the region after the fall of the failed nation of the [United Outer Colonies](#) and play a vital role in the new stability and prosperity of its people is regarded as an honor and a duty, due to rouge members of the clan have been responsible for a tremendous loss of life and the emergence of Tange terrorism.

The Bard Cluster

The [Bard Cluster](#) holds special importance to the Motoyoshi Clan. The region was explored and colonized by the [Fifth Expeditionary Fleet](#) and served as their home up until the [Battle Of Taiie](#) in [YE 29](#), which resulted in the destruction of the [Taiie](#). The [Taiie Nebula](#) was left as the remains of their home. The Clan and citizens in the [Motoyoshi Colonial Sector](#) make pilgrimages to the nebula during [Tsukimi](#) held every year on 2日8月 of the [Yamataian Calendar](#).

Recruiting

We welcome new members. The character requirements are:

- Must be in the [Yamatai Star Empire](#).
- Must be [Nekovalkyrja](#) or [Minkan](#).
- Involved in the Motoyoshi Clan actively.
- Mindful of the Clan's Traditions and Philosophies.

Contact [Andrew](#), [Yuuki](#), or [Soresu](#) if you have questions or need help.

OOO Information

It was updated by [Andrew](#) on 10/20/2022. Some of the information is older than the wiki.

- Flags, Logos and Mon were made by [Yuuki](#) and [Andrew](#).
- [Ketsurui-Motoyoshi Katsuko](#) art was commissioned by [Wes](#) and is by helloimte.
- [Motoyoshi, Kazumi](#) was commissioned by [Wes](#) by Lily_Marlene.

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An evening orchid, Hidden in its scent, The flower's whiteness

2) 16)

<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/threads/the-now-full-box-to-xiaah-harrikke-destiny-turlita-from-ketsurui-motoyoshi-katsuko.66749/>

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<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/threads/sandra-state-of-the-empire-address.1203/>

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Empress Emerita see  [Empress Michiko](#) reference

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stripped of title in [YE 30](#) for treason to the [United Outer Colonies](#)

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<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/threads/episode-6-shadows-of-the-evening-orchid.66937/>

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