

Black Sands Test Range

Black Sands Test Range is a [Star Army of Yamatai](#) facility located in Western Uesureya on the coast of the Ash Bay on [planet Yamatai](#). The name “Black Sands” comes from its volcanic beaches that have black sand. It is currently commanded by Healfdene Hallvardson, a [Chujo](#).

Black Sands is used as:

- A research center for the [Star Army Research Administration](#)
- A [Ketsurui Fleet Yards](#) power armor research and development facility
- A [SAINT Training Activity](#) location
- A [Star Army Infantry](#) school for [Star Army Training Administration](#)

History

Originally built by [PNUgen Corporation](#), Black Sands is one of the oldest Star Army of Yamatai facilities and is where [SARA](#) conducted experiments to improve the [Nekovalkyrja](#) after the fall of [PNUgen Corporation](#), as well as weapons testing for power armor such as the [Ke-M2 "Mindy" Series of Power Armor](#) and small arms like the [GP-12 Phased Pulse Rifle](#).

The [Fuushigi no Umi-class Escort](#) YSS Black Sands ([YF-95](#)), originally GSS Black Sands ([GF-95](#)), was named for this location. It participated in [Operation Bloody Shield](#).

In [YE 30](#), [Jadg Wolf](#) worked at Black Sands where he and his [Kodian](#) partner Karl Hadgard assisted with the training of [Ghi To](#)¹⁾.

[Koga Akemi](#) was trained here around [YE 33](#). Also in [YE 33](#), [Mikael Harris](#) was transferred to Black Sands for training before joining the [YSS Aeon](#)'s crew.

In the aftermath of the [Battle of Yamatai](#), firefighters from Black Sands were dispatched to provide emergency services to [Port Xenn](#)²⁾.

Location

Located along the black sand beaches and inward into the rainforest, the sprawling grounds Black Sand Test Range contain training areas and military buildings. Underground, there is a massive former [PNUgen](#) biological research and development complex tunneled deep into the earth. It is a heavily secretive location and is closed to the public.

Notable Facilities

There are several shops on the base:

- [Star Army Alterations and Embroidery](#)
- [Star Army Barber Shop](#)
- [Star Army Clothing Store](#)
- [Flavor Of Victory](#) (since YE 45)
- [Star Army Standard Hospital Center](#)
- [Star Army Post Office](#)
- [Star Army Surplus Store](#)
- [Warm and Sweet](#)
- [Kikyo Pie Company](#) operated by the Star Army of Yamatai (no civilian workers).
- [Tokyo Brewing Company](#) - BrewPub location opened in YE 43

Transportation

Black Sands has a rail line that goes directly to the [Central Fleet Depot](#) in [Central Uesureya](#).

People

The population of Black Sands is over 90% [Nekovalkyrja](#) and is entirely military personnel.

Contacts

[Dakura Dakura](#) is the primary secretary for this base.



Characters

Here's an automatic list of all characters currently in this place (based on structured data from their character pages).

Page	Occupation	Gender	Species
Aidan Buchanan	Intelligence	Male	Minkan
Dakura Dakura	Communications Secretary	Female	Nekovalkyrja
Dokusei Kaori	Science Officer	Female	Nekovalkyrja
Initzio Barone	Intelligence Operative	Male	Minkan
Silas Volker	Intelligence Operative	Male	Abwehran

These Star Army of Yamatai characters are currently assigned to Black Sands Test Range:

Page	SAOY Rank	SAOY Occupation	SAOY Career Status
Aidan Buchanan	Nitô Hei	Star Army Intelligence Operative	Reserve
Dakura Dakura	Shosa	Star Army Intelligence Operative	Active Duty
Initzio Barone	Ittô Heisho	Star Army Intelligence Operative	Active Duty
Matsuo Ami	Taii	Star Army Intelligence Operative	Reserve

RP Opportunities

Black Sands is best known for being a location for training and testing. It is a place where characters might be able to handle prototype weapons and power armor, or meet elite soldiers from Star Army

Infantry or SAINT.

Local Rumors

- The original PNUgen labs here have spaces that the Star Army has sealed off for safety.

Notable Stockpiles

- 300,000,000,000 [Star Army Emergency Ration Pill](#)

OOC Notes

[Wes](#) has mentioned that Black Sands name is inspired by 🌐 [White Sands Missile Range](#). Some real life black sand beaches can be found in places such as 🌐 [Punalu'u Beach, Hawaii](#).

Star Army Bases & Facilities	
Type	Base
Location	Yamatai (Planet)
Description	Testing/Training Area
Organization	Star Army Research Administration
Contact Page	Dakura Dakura
Pic	

Places of the SARPiverse	
Place Categories	military facility

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<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/saint-fever.798/>

2)
<https://stararmy.com/roleplay-forum/index.php?threads/sandra-2-million-citizens-dead-from-battle-of-yamatai.7281/>

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