



General Historical Commentary

The Legion Training Command is under orders to ensure that all Legion recruits have a clear understanding of galactic history, especially the history of the Confederation of Free Worlds and the ConFree Legion. A constitutional republic such as ConFree cannot survive without educated citizens who understand where we came from and where we are going. As Legion troopers you will serve and protect all ConFree nationals. Assuming you survive your Legion service you will then become citizens and help determine the future of the peoples of ConFree. Those who do not understand history are doomed to repeat it. ConFree does not plan to make the same mistake twice, and if we do, whoever is responsible will pay with his life. Those who serve the people at the highest levels of ConFree's chain of command know that history is ongoing, that ConFree must adapt to the current situation without changing its ideals and goals, and that the penalty for failure is death – both for the guilty official and for our civilization.

A historical review of recent galactic developments is instructive. Following is an overview. You are advised to review and retain the history textbooks that were issued to you this morning. They are fully integrated into your Sleep-Ed channel. From tonight you will activate the 'history' setting prior to sleep. It also helps if you can review these books when you are conscious, as you have time.

Our overview of recent history covers the years 312 through 329 ConFree Galactic Standard. As you will learn, history is not made by government bureaucracies or political schemers. It is made by educated citizen soldiers, fighting for their people, and doing the right thing despite all obstacles.

312 CGS - Soldier of the Legion

The Systie antimat track in the Andrion sector caused a great deal of concern in Starcom when it was detected on 312/06 CGS. It was sheer luck that it was detected at all. Nobody normally paid much attention to the far side of the Outvac, and the Andrion system was pretty much unknown. But the antimat track changed all that. A little research revealed that Andrion 2 was a Phase 4 planet, habitable and inhabited - by primitive human stock, of no particular interest to anyone. The only starprobe, dated some thirty stellar years in the past, revealed little.



The System starship had no business intruding into the Outvac at all. It was ConFree vac. It was a serious violation of treaty. What did they want? Why the intrusion? And why Andrion 2? It had to be Andrion 2 – there was nothing else there. There were no further antimat tracks in the area. There was nothing at all.

Another probe would have simply postponed the problem. ConFree wanted answers, as soon as possible. The brand new Fleetcom battlestar Atom's Road was available after a successful shakedown cruise in the Gassies. The Legion's 12th Colonial Expeditionary Regiment was also available, and an Alpha Base Expeditionary Colony, Mark 1, fully mobile, fully self-sufficient, fully staffed, was soon loaded into Atom's Road.

A Phase 4 planet is normally scheduled for settlement in the distant future, if conditions permit. The schedule was moved up instantly. If the United System Alliance and the DefCorps were expecting to move into the Outvac unopposed, they were going to get the surprise of their life.

It is sometimes instructive to study the unit history of a single squad to better understand historical events and military history. The squad we have selected learned of their new assignment right after successfully graduating from Advanced Combat Training in 312 CGS by taking out a pirate base on Alshana 4 and terminating 261 slavers. They were assigned to the 12th Colonial Expeditionary Regiment of the 22nd Legion, based on Atom's Road, as Squad Beta of CAT 24, Second Company of the Ship (B24/2S/12/22). The Black Legion! The Rimguard! The young troopers of Squad Beta were thrilled.

On 312/10/02 CGS the Legion dropped onto Andrion 2, some 750 light years from their home in the Crista Cluster. They had no idea what to expect.

The 12/22 CER quickly established control over Andrion 2. The primitive native human Taka tribes fought back at first but were soon overwhelmed by the Legion, with minimal casualties. There was at first no sign of Systie intruders. The discovery of giant exosegs (Exoseg Gigantic Soldier) on Andrion 2 was a puzzle, as the creatures were natives of Andrion 3. However the Legion was able to counter the exo plague and gain the gratitude of the Taka. In addition the Legion also took on the high priests of the Cult of the Dead, which preached racial suicide as a response to the exosegs. This won over most of the remaining Taka tribes, and eventually formed a strong alliance between Taka and Legion.



An initial downside probe to Andrion 3 gained much data but did not reveal any System presence.

You are all familiar with the events of the Andrion campaign, which is taught in midschool. The Systie intrusion was finally confirmed on Andrion 2 when the Legion attacked and secured a deeply camfaced underground base that was lightly defended by DefCorps commando units and proved to be a major mining facility for unitium. Unitium was then known only as a very rare and seemingly useless substance. Clearly the System had found a use for it. This was deeply troubling for ConFree.

Once the Systie presence on Andrion 2 was clear, ConFree arranged a diplomatic conference on Coldmark between Legion reps and Systie officials to discuss and presumably negotiate the System presence on Andrion 2. The Legion used the opportunity to develop further intelligence information on the situation, and this revealed a major starport on Andrion 3, incredibly well camouflaged with technology far in advance of anything available to ConFree. It quickly became apparent that the starport was constructed by the Omni horde, not by the System, that the unitium was for use by the alien Omnis, and that the presence of the exosegs on Andrion 2 was also explained by the Omni involvement. The discovery confirmed highly classified but incomplete information that the System had previously developed an ongoing relationship with the Omnis.

An Omni presence in the Outvac was unacceptable to the people of ConFree, and Starcom ordered an immediate attack on the Andrion 3 facility, with the closest units available – the 12th of the 22nd.

The confirmation of a cooperating relationship between the Omni horde and the United System Alliance on Andrion 3 was ominous news for the future of humanity. Treason at that level is known as genocide, and if it's your own people you are betraying it is called auto-genocide and if it is your own children you are willing into slavery it is called generational genocide. This is the ultimate evil, and the Legion fights evil. ConFree's response was predictable.

312 CGS - The Black March

The Legion attack on the Omni-Systie base on Andrion 3 destroyed the base and prompted the O's to retreat from the Andrion sector. That was a vitally important first. Another first on Andrion 3 was a brief but violent clash between



Squad Beta (B24/2S/12/22) and an individual Omni soldier that resulted in the O fleeing the scene. This had never before happened, as the O's were virtually invulnerable because of their impenetrable defensive mag force fields and overwhelming psypower. The Legion immediately launched a crash research project to determine how it had happened and to develop experimental new weaponry based on the results.

The subsequent raid on Mongera by Squad Beta in 312 CGS was designed to test the new weaponry. Mongera was a System world, under heavy assault by the Omni Horde. The earlier Omni-System cooperation on Andrion 3 had no effect on the O's attacks into System vac. The highest levels of the Systie Government approved the raid, a joint Legion-DefCorps effort with three System representatives attached to the squad as observers. The Legion was expecting betrayal, and they were not disappointed. When the new weapons systems were proven effective and the single Omni target went down, System commandos attempted to kill the Legion troopers and seize the technology as their own. Squad Beta (B24/2S/12/22) suffered heavy casualties but held on and accomplished the mission. Success was possible only because a covert Legion asset (code Indigo Frost) intervened, and a Mocain officer switched sides during combat. Victory is possible only when brave individuals take enormous risks to do the right thing.

As Legion scientists worked overtime to integrate the new technology into all fighting Legion units, the survivors from B24/2S/12/22 were recovering from Mongera in a medmod on Veda 6. Indigo Frost, who had intervened to save the squad unexpectedly contacted the squad asking for personal help for an associate in serious trouble. In view of her earlier assistance the asset was not to be refused. Three squad members conducted an unauthorized covert mission to Katag, a System world, to locate and assist the asset's associate. When the mission was complete, the asset ferried the squad members to Uldo, to return to their squad. History is made in strange ways. Without the asset's presence on Uldo, we might all have become slaves of the O's.

314 CGS - Slave of the Legion

On 314 CGS the ConFree Legion intervened militarily on Uldo 4, a System-occupied world, ostensibly to assist the Systie's DefCorps in countering a full-scale Omni invasion. Uldo had been chosen as the decisive battle where the Legion would stop, counter and repel the Omni horde, with or without System



assistance. The System, fearful of its own citizens, reluctantly agreed to a joint campaign against the O's. The Legion was confident that the latest generation of anti-O weaponry, field-tested on Mongera, would prove effective in the Battle of Uldo.

Uldo 4 was a former ConFree world and the site of the Cauldron, where the 8th Legion met the DefCorps during the Race Wars, and was annihilated. Not a single trooper surrendered. The 8th Legion was part of Legion mythology and despite the Legion-DefCorps cooperation against the O's, the Legion had no plans to depart Uldo should the O's be defeated. After all, Uldo 4 was a former ConFree planet. The System was surely conscious of this possibility but probably felt they had no choice. Without Legion assistance the world would surely fall to the O's.

The Battle of Uldo ultimately proved successful in countering the O's but the 12th Regiment did not fare well. The bulk of the 12th was annihilated in an antimat strato burst, and the regiment was thereafter deactivated. When the 12th perished, Squad Beta, (B24/2S/12/22) was engaged in a behind the lines recon raid to accomplish a highly sensitive mission against one of a series of Omni "mounds." These installations held human captives, and Squad Beta's mound also held a highly classified Omni target.

In those dark years of subversion, treason and conspiracy that followed the Battle of Uldo, the Legion and the people of ConFree were betrayed by some of the highest officials in ConFree and the Legion, and Squad Beta was falsely written off as all killed in action in the Mound. During the action in the Mound, one squad member and two auxiliaries actually succeeded in reaching the Omni target, and secured astounding alien technology from the aliens. One of the auxiliaries was Tara, the former asset Indigo Frost, by then a Senior Captain in the Legion's Galactic Information Service. The rest of the squad went missing in action on Uldo. By the time the survivors returned to a ConFree world, the traitors were in charge of ConFree, and the first mutiny in Legion history was underway to counter the treason and preserve freedom and liberty for the peoples of ConFree.

316-318 CGS - Secret of the Legion

In 316 CGS Dindabai Command broke with Starcom after consulting with the people of Dindabai and Dindabai's representatives to the ConFree Council.



Dindabai formally notified the ConFree Council that it had lost confidence in ConFree, and was considering secession. In the meantime they were breaking all formal ties, and would govern themselves until the situation could be resolved. Dindabai Command consisted largely of the 22nd Legion and supporting Fleetcom units. It soon became informally known as the "Lost Command."

The situation in the ConFree executive council and in Starcom was exceedingly complex at that time, which may explain why no follow-up action was immediately taken by ConFree or the Legion. Kenton Cotter-Arc (KCA), an exceptionally able, popular, effective and ambitious leader, was then Chief Outvac for the ConFree Legion. He surrounded himself with a brain trust of other up and coming young officers interested in advancing their careers. This group secretly concluded that the ConFree Legion was accumulating too much power and posed a clear danger to ConFree itself. Although the Legion could not be countered directly, the group concluded that it was in ConFree's interest to weaken the Legion by strengthening the United System Alliance. This conclusion had to be kept secret for it would have been viewed as treason by old school officers.

KCA's first moves were made on Ulido when he learned of the attempt of B24/2S/12/22 to seize the sensitive Omni target in the Omni "mound." A successful mission would recover incalculably valuable alien technology and leave the Legion supreme over ConFree, the System, and the Galaxy. KCA took steps to covertly sabotage the mission and enable the System to inherit whatever technology was available.

When KCA's treason became known to Pointman, Chief of the 22nd Legion, he initiated the break with ConFree. ConFree appeared paralyzed with indecision, and did not at first believe the information sourced to Pointman. Pointman was declared a traitor and the leader of a mutiny, but ConFree's inaction continued. Legion morale plummeted.

During the period of the formation of the Lost Command, the surviving personnel of Beta 24/2S/12/22 were separated and pledged to secrecy. Then Tara, promoted to Commander, took personal action to identify, contact and re-form the squad to understand exactly what had happened, and track down the traitors responsible for trying to turn over cosmic secret alien technology to the System. Once again, a single individual refuses to listen to false Gods, and changes history as a result.



Commander Tara infiltrated three former members of B24/2S/12/22 into "Loyalist" Legion channels to Andrion 2, where the three were able to locate and seize the alien device that contained invaluable scientific information. They were assisted by a humanoid loyal to Tara. By then KCA had become aware the device was on Andrion 2 but his attack on Andrion Station was a failure. Tara's three troopers and the humanoid secured the device and brought it to Dindabai for exploitation.

318 CGS - The invaluable technology contained in the alien device made it possible for the Lost Command to construct the Star of Dindabai, humanity's first inter-universe D-neg time drive starship. The D-neg itself was located in the adjacent Universe Plane Prime, and the time drive could not be activated until the inter-universe drive penetrated the other universe where the D-neg could be collected. The plan was that the first mission to collect the D-neg would enable the second mission, a time drive penetration of the past to locate and rescue those members of Beta 24/2S/12/22 who had gone MIA in 314 CGS in the Mound on Ulido.

The first mission under Commander Tara almost failed when the Star of Dindabai was disabled in Plane Prime and the crew captured by an Omni fleet, but after a grim period of imprisonment the crew returned to their ship with the alien device. They also secured the D-neg and successfully launched back into our own Universe, U1. They were about to launch the second mission when they were ordered to return immediately to Dindabai with their cargo which was seen as vital to the survival of ConFree, the Legion, and the future of the galaxy.

Once again, humanity responds. They were the most loyal of the loyal, highly trained, highly indoctrinated, fiercely motivated, almost like biogens, pledged to fight and die for the people of ConFree, for the Legion, for the Lost Command. Return? Without our missing squadies? The future of the galaxy? No. No. We don't leave our troopers behind. Not ever. We're doing the mission – and we don't care about the future of the galaxy.

314/06/17 CGS – No, the date is not out of sequence. The date is correct. The Ulido Experiment, it was called. You've all read about this in your history classes, so there's no sense in repeating it here. You will all be tested, some time in your Legion career. You will have to choose the right road. It will always be a difficult choice. It will never be the easy road. The normal guidelines will be of no use, when the real test comes. That's when it will be up to you, to choose.



Follow your heart, when that day comes. Deadman will be watching you. So will your ancestors. So will our enemies. Do the right thing!

322-323 CGS - Cross of the Legion

On 322 CGS an Omni offensive into both Systie and ConFree vac gathered strength with major drops onto Augusta 6 and Camelora 7, both ConFree worlds. A Recon raid into Augusta 6 included veterans of B24/2S/12/22. They rescued Commander Tara, who had been trapped downside, and discovered the first presence of the White Death, a new and seemingly invulnerable alien disease. A subsequent Recon raid to Camelora 7, using new Holo-X technology, almost succeeded in liberating hundreds of women and children from the O's, but the unexpected presence of the Plague countered the effort.

The White Death spread quickly in ConFree vac, and there was no defense. Finding a defense against the Plague became first priority for ConFree and the Legion. Recon was sent to Odura, a world so remote that the entire sector was unmapped. The mission was to uncover information about a lost world, Chudit, that was said to have resisted the Plague over a hundred thousand stellar years in the past. The mission determined that Chudit no longer existed. All scientific efforts to counter the White Death had failed, and it next appeared in the Crista Cluster, ConFree's home. It appeared that humanity was doomed.

Commander Tara again appeared at a critical time as Chief of Galactic Information for the Outvac, leading a crash Legion effort to construct several Holo-X Quantum Duplicator Time Drive Probes to cheat time and probe the secrets of the distant past. Trooper Thinker, one of Recon's best, led the effort, and his Holo-X was soon interacting with the inhabitants of the vanished world of Chudit. Again, history. Salvation, torn from the past by brilliant techs and fearless troopers who refused to give up. You owe them everything. Face the Monument to the Dead, close your eyes, and thank them. History reveals a long list of lesser civilizations that chose auto-genocide, bowed to their enemies, crumbled into the dust, and blew away in the wind. Stop paying attention for a cosmic instant and it will happen to us as well. Stay alert!

323/10/29 – On this date ConFree declared war against the United System Alliance and all allied and associate states, after receiving proof that the White Death was being used as a genocidal weapon of war by the System. The Battle of Pherdos followed, a particularly nasty clash that resulted in a costly Legion



victory. Following Pherdos, Tara was promoted to General and Chief Starcom Ops. On her advice the Director of ConFree personally dispatched Trooper Thinker of Recon on a suicide mission with his Recon comrades to assassinate Kenton Cotter Arc in his impregnable undersea fortress on Eiros 4 in the Hyades. Thinker knew that victory was the only acceptable outcome. History coldly records the result. As a Legion warrior, you must accept your own death as preordained, and continue advancing until the mission is accomplished.

324–329 CGS - Curse of the Legion

Following the conclusive Legion victory on Pherdos, a series of political crises forced the System to sue for peace. ConFree agreed, realizing that the System was in its death throes and that a change in strategy might be beneficial for ConFree. In the Inners, the Pleiades Association declared independence and broke away from the System. In Hyades, the Biogen Liberation Front launched a violent resistance movement against the remnants of KCA's Hyades Federation. Also in the Inners several more important worlds broke from the System and established the Dark Cloud Alliance. Out in the Gassies the Pherdan Federation surrendered to a brief Legion occupation but continued as an independent entity after pledging peace with ConFree. In the Gulf, the Asumara Holy Commune ruled from Asumara, hostile to the rest of the universe. The Gulf Union consisting of Nimbos, Yida and other systems, declared independence from the System. Also in the Gulf, Angaroth and Kotazh broke away as the Pegal Stelcom.

This complex situation gave ConFree a momentary respite from the years of endless warfare that had led to a policy of endless pressure against the United System Alliance with the idealistic goal of eradicating human slavery from the galaxy. The new policy was to pull back from conflict with the System as it disintegrated, while remaining alert to any dangerous challenges. Slavery was seen as something that the rest of humanity would have to resolve by itself. Enough ConFree Outworlders had already died to liberate ungrateful brainwashed System slaves who did not even acknowledge their own slavery. ConFree was going to remain true to itself and its people, militarily supreme in the Outvac, but avoid further galactic entanglements. That was the thought.

The bloody Asumara raid on the ConFree frontier world Fortuna changed things for the worse, and the latest ConFree Legion graduating classes learned that they were on their way to a war. Meantime on Santos in the Gulf another System



world was breaking away under the Santos Newhuman Socialrevolutionary Diversegalitarian Democooperative. Ormans and Newhumans, pig-human transgens, were preparing to cast all the Outworlder inhabitants into slavery. As a Biogen delegation from the Hyades appealed to ConFree for friendly relations against the human Systies, Asumara's latest bloody outrage prompted a ferocious Legion attack, which caused outrage in the Gassies and Gulf at ConFree.

Investigation on Asumara revealed the original strike against Fortuna had been prompted by an ostensible Legion attack on an Asumara religious center. Since the Legion never did that, efforts began immediately to determine who had.

On 329/02/10 CGS Andrion 2 and Dindabai were attacked simultaneously by heavy Omni invasion fleets dropping in great numbers of alien combatants. This was a major strategic attack by the Omni horde into ConFree vac with no apparent provocation. ConFree reacted immediately, throwing Fleetcom at the invaders and preparing for counterattacks to retake the two planets as soon as possible. The Battle of Andrion Deep is now part of history. A new generation of Fleetcom and Legion warriors stood between all humanity and the alien menace, and only the new biogen nation responded to ConFree's appeals for assistance. The biogen response forged an unbreakable bond between the human peoples of ConFree and the biogen peoples of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Zequord 3.

New and daring Fleetcom tactics during the Battle of Andrion Deep, the resolute defense of Andrion 2 by Legion units and native auxiliaries and a strong defense on Dindabai prompted the O's to initiate a general retreat from ConFree vac. Starcom's Galactic Information was able to pinpoint the primary Omni galactic fleet center on the world Mantis, and a major followup attack was planned by Fleetcom. Followup indicated that the Omni defeat in Andrion and Dindabai sectors was prompting a genetic migration back to the O homeland. In view of this critical information, the Fleetcom attack on Mantis was called off at the last moment. Indigo Frost, by then a Legion two-star general and Deputy Chief of Galactic Information took full responsibility for the decision and was vindicated during her court-martial in 329 CGS.

When it became clear that the attack on Fortuna was a deception operation run by a secretive Orman group within the System's Strategic Information Service, Starcom passed the information to the System, which instituted a general purge



of Ormans within the System government. Although ConFree did not believe the Ormans conducted the operation without higher approval, it knew the time was ripe for a System purge of the increasingly influential Orman power structure, and that such a purge would weaken the System. A Legion Recon mission to Mongera confirmed that the Omni attack into ConFree vac was prompted by an ostensible Legion attack of an O installation on Mongera, conducted by biogens in the power of the System. By these actions, the System had encouraged the merciless Omni horde to again attack humanity. This was treason and genocide against humanity, approved at the highest levels of the System. Never forget this! The System's hands are dripping with Outworlder blood.

In response to the System's desperate attempts to preserve its empire, ConFree agreed to diplomatic recognition of the new biogen nation on Zequord 3 in the Hyades, and threatened military intervention should the System carry out its plans of a unilateral strike against Zequord 3 to restore System control. Meanwhile in the Gulf an alliance of Outworlders and Newhuman transgens on Santos violently overthrew the corrupt Orman regime in 329/06 CGS and declared Santos a free world. It was immediately recognized by the biogen Provisional Revolutionary Government of Zequord 3 and by ConFree.

By 329 ConFree remained vigilant but had withdrawn into the Outvac to concentrate on building better lives for all its people, and avoiding further interstellar entanglements. ConFree's economy was so strong and its political structure so satisfying to the people of ConFree that there was considerable galactic pressure to open up the Outvac to immigrants fleeing the failed System empire and its successor states. ConFree resisted all pressure to change the ethnic makeup of ConFree but one of the most successful programs was the Reunification policy. Under strict control, all willing and qualified Outworlder and Assidic peoples on System or ex-System worlds were welcome to immigrate to ConFree. Qualification centered on ascertaining that the potential immigrants understood the nature of freedom and slavery, good and evil, truth and lies, liberty and tyranny and were capable of contributing to a free society through productive work. The initial results of the Reunification Program were very encouraging. The ex-slaves were all mortals who had a strong appreciation for what ConFree offered in terms of liberty, individual freedom and immortality.

The future looked good.