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LOCAL LEADER: Duke Aaron Sandoval, Lord Governor of Prefecture IV

QUOTE: "If I need a 'Mech I'll use it, but a dagger is easier used and disposed of."



Duke Aaron Sandoval was once content as Lord Governor of Prefecture IV. He ruled in the name of Devlin Stone, the man his father had taught him to revere above anyone else. Upon Stone's sudden retirement and disappearance, however, he felt abandoned. Disillusionment soon set in, and the stories his grandfather used to tell him about the great House Davion suddenly seemed very real. Furthermore, his bloodline has a direct link to the Sandovals, who have ruled a large area of

House Davion for centuries. A desire to connect with the House of his forefathers began to burn within him.

With the apparent collapse of the Republic, the Duke is convinced that now is the time to declare for House Davion and take Prefecture IV with him. Of course, he will have to deal with Prefect Radick if he has any hope of succeeding. Because of his close association with Prefecture III, he is confident he can also win worlds there back to the Davion banner. This has pitted him directly against Katana Tormark as well as members of his own family — launching a whole new chapter in the ancient Davion-Kurita rivalry.

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ELITE UNIT: Davion Guards

MOTTO: "Strength of House Davion"

The regiments that constitute the Davion Guards have a centuries-long history with House Davion and are universally known as its most elite and fanatical troops. The Sortek family had spent generations as members of the Guards. Of particular note, Ardan Sortek was a personal

friend of First Prince Hanse Davion and his son, First Prince Victor Steiner-Davion. Unfortunately, Bishop Sortek was in command of the First Davion Guards when they were devastated during the FedCom Civil War; Ardan Sortek met his death in the final battle of that war.

His son, Conner Sortek, disheartened by what he perceived as their liege lord's ultimate betrayal of the Guards, survived the war and found a new hero in Devlin Stone — a man of principal and honor whom he could follow without hesitation. Several surviving members of the First also followed Stone into

war, the formation of the Republic and beyond.

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With military service dating back for generations, it is no surprise that most of those soldiers' sons and daughters were in Duke Sandoval's personal unit. What's more, unlike their parents, most of them — especially Conner's son Justin Sortek — looked back at their families' ties with the First Davion Guards and longed for those glorious days.

When darkness fell and Duke Sandoval declared himself loyal to House Davion once again, Justin Sortek, now in command of the Duke's personal regiment, was quick to rename the unit in honor of the elite regiment that had been lost decades before. The new regiment will do everything in its power to emulate its namesake.

Due to Duke Sandoval's extensive financial empire, his personal unit has always had the finest equipment and training of any unit in the Republic (with the exception of the Knights of the Sphere). With the unit quickly increasing in size, the Duke continues to use his financial resources to maintain the new Davion Guards' elite status.



VETERAN UNIT: Ghost Legion

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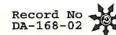
MOTTO: "Take Them Before They Know You're There."

Where the Davion Guards is filled with the descendants of the destroyed First Davion Guards, the Ghost Legion is a direct descendant of a military unit that fractured following

the FedCom Civil War.

The Vanguard Legion was a mercenary unit formed after the initial Clan invasion. Elite and hard-hitting, it had a hatred for all things Lyran that almost destroyed them during the FedCom Civil War. These events caused a split within the unit when the Word of Blake launched their Jihad. A battalion of warriors followed the most vocal opponent of the blood feud against House Steiner — Captain Kevin Chelsy — away from the Vanguard Legion; they soon found themselves following Devlin Stone to victory and to the Republic. For their prowess

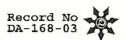
and loyalty, the members of this unit were not decommissioned and served as a rotating militia throughout the Republic.



When the communications grid went silent, this unit, currently led by Captain Binks' vivacious yet deadly daughter Angie Chelsy, had been stationed in the Prefecture IV for several years and had established strong ties with Duke Sandoval; some rumors have Angie in the Duke's very good graces.

Regardless of their history, the Ghost Legion are a superb fighting unit that have perfected tactics that justify their name. Their freeform fighting style hearkens back to their mercenary heritage; they come and go at will, wreaking havoc on their enemies.

Whether their loyalty is feigned or real, they are following Duke Sandoval's lead in his oath of loyalty to House Davion.



GREEN UNIT: Prince's Men

MOTTO: "You Want To Live Forever?"

The Prince's Men are a ragtag group that formed following Duke Sandoval's declaration of loyalty to House Davion. Culled from disparate military units —

known and unknown - it is filled with thrill-seekers and opportunists.

Though they are all military men, their training and expertise vary wildly, running the gamut from hard-core veterans to wet-behind-the-ears greenies. Regardless, they all like the uniform — and, more important, they like the standard-issue big guns that come with the job.

Though many of these men and women are

actually loyal to House Davion, there is no
doubt that others simply see this as their best chance
to get on the winning side of the war everyone knows
is coming. Duke Sandoval, however, is willing to ignore
this provided they do not cross any lines, as they have
proved their worth to him several times.

Though their wild, disorganized nature has at times put them at odds with some of their fellow units — especially the Davion Guards — and makes them slightly unsuited to complicated missions, they are consummate scrappers and would not hesitate to throw themselves into meat grinders if that is what it would take to carry the day.