117th Fleet

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Description

The 117th Fleet is the main Sector Command fleet. It is centrally based at Miranda, the seat of the Sector Council. A potent force in its own right, it is supported by the 9060th (Reserve) Fleet (Kelly's Reach), the 121st (Auxiliary) Fleet (Kreeos) and the 84th (Auxiliary) Fleet (Corona-Craion-Silmaria).

The greater part of the 117th is based on and above Miranda's inner moon. A major surface complex houses ships in blast-proof hangars, while others are in a fixed orbit above, clustered around a group of harbour stations.

There are five MS-54F harbour stations, guarded by one MS-80 station housing one squadron of I-37C short-range interceptor

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Two 'Perspicacity' class carriers, each housing four squadrons of I-37C

One 'Zeus' class carrier, housing thee squadrons of I-47 long-range interceptors and four squadrons of S-84A strike craft

One 'Zeus' class carrier, housing one squadron of E-15F electronic warfare craft, two squadrons of R-18A reconnaissance craft, one squadron of U-17C shuttles, two squadrons of I-42B and one squadron of S-83B

One 'Extremis' class super-battleship

Two 'Vulcan' class battleships

Two 'Victor' class and three 'Valiant' class cruisers

Five 'Rio' class, five 'Dante' class and two 'Detroit' class destroyers

One squadron of B-26D heavy bombers

Eight T-51 transports

Two TM-50B ambulance ships

Eight U-24H repair vessels

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There is also a much smaller complex on the outer moon that acts as a base to:

One squadron of I-37C

One squadron of I-42B

One squadron of I-47

One flight of R-16D

One flight of S-81F

One flight of U-21B shuttles

Two E-15D.

Finally there are three small postings on moons in the outer parts of the system, each consisting of:

One flight of R-16D

One flight of S-81F

One flight of U-21B



One of the 117th Fleet's U-24H repair vessels, a craft that can act as both salvage tug and mobile the maintenance unit.

Summary

A very capable fleet, whose worth is reflected by the fact that it received part of the initial allocation of I-47, albeit in linited numbers. Strategists believe the 117th should withstand the most determined of assaults on Miranda, but of course in the event of action it is likelier to be needed for a counter-offensive; the presence of four carriers makes this possible, providing extensive cover for operations away from base.