

# IMPERIAL SAROVIAN ARMED FORCES HONOURS AND DECORATIONS

# THE COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF MEDALS, HONOURS AND DECORATIONS

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The New Sarovian Empire is the oldest and longest lasting nation to this day. Throughout her lifespan, and through previous incarnations, the Empire has awarded individuals, soldiers and civilians alike, with a multitude of awards. For example, in the past, certain soldiers were granted medals, ribbons, special swords, knighthoods, promotions, noble titles, and more.

In 2017, King Carolus XII established the first prominent Honours System in Graal, with a series of numerous medals and awards. Most of them have been discontinued as of the modern day. You can find a list of some of the former awards below.

- 1. The Star of Carolus (SC), continued,
- 2. The Star of Constantine, discontinued
- 3. The Imperial Vasa Star, discontinued to be given to the public,
- 4. The Sarovian Cross, discontinued but valid to wear,
- 5. The Order of the Sarovian Crown, discontinued,
- 6. The Order of the Lion, discontinued,
- 7. The Order of the King, discontinued,
- 8. The Sarovian Star, discontinued,
- 9. The Infantry Star, discontinued but valid to wear,
- 10. The Artillery Star, discontinued,
- 11. The Victory Cross, discontinued but valid to wear,

In this document, we will cover the new Honours System, as well as its importance. All medals, ribbons, and other awards granted will be put onto the soldier's personnel file, which will be brought up in Merit Boards to give points for promotion. Nobility titles and chivalric orders give more points than medals, and medals give more points than ribbons.



# MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DECORATIONS

In the New Sarovian Empire, instead of promoting individuals for amazing deeds when they may not be able to adequately uphold the duties that the increase in rank may require, a series of honours and decorations shall be issued.

### THE CONSTANTINE CROSS

This is the highest military honour bestowed in the Empire. It is bestowed with the sole discretion of the Emperor. It comes with significant perks such as a monthly 500 Saro salary, to show up in the recipient's coat of arms and to grant the recipient to command all non-officers if an officer is not present. It is given for the most conspicuous bravery or extraordinary acts in the presence of the enemy.



### THE STAR OF CAROLUS

This was the highest military decoration given for the most conspicuous bravery, daring or extraordinary acts of valour, self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy. After the introduction of the Constantine Cross in 2021, it has become the second most rare honour. It is awarded at the discretion of the Supreme War Council (SWC) and of the Merit Board.



### THE IMPERIAL STAR OF SERVICE

This decoration is awarded to any Sarovian citizen, be they a soldier, sailor or civilian, for acts of extraordinary civil or military service that contribute to the significant betterment of the Empire or any of her Colonies and Dominions. It is bestowed upon the discretion of the Emperor.



### THE CROSS OF VALOUR

This decoration is awarded to any soldier or sailor who endures and presents distinguished and valiant service in the direct presence of the enemy, and is awarded at the discretion of the Merit Board.





### THE VOLUNTEER'S CROSS

This decoration is awarded to any Non Commissioned Officer, Militia, Soldier or Sailor enlisted or commissioned in times of battle, for acts which considerably improve the prestige or efficiency of the Armed Forces, or demonstrate bravery in the face of the enemy. It is awarded at the discretion of the Merit Board.





















### THE SOVEREIGN'S CROSS

This decoration is awarded to any Sarovian citizen of the Empire, including Colonies and Dominions, be they a civilian, soldier or sailor, for acts of selflessness and sacrifice for the Empire. It is given at the sole discretion of the Emperor.

### CROSS OF MILITARY VALOUR

This decoration is awarded to any member of the Imperial Sarovian Armed Forces who in the face of danger but not necessarily the enemy, shows extraordinary leadership, courage, or intelligence to overcome a problem. It is awarded at the discretion of the Merit Board.

### **MEDAL OF MERIT**

This decoration is awarded to any citizen of the Empire, civilian or soldier, for acts that in and of themselves do not warrant the Imperial Medal of Service, but should still be recognised. It is awarded at the discretion of the Merit Board.

### MEDAL OF BRAVERY

This decoration is awarded to any member of the Imperial Sarovian Armed Forces who in the face of the enemy, become a beacon of bravery, courage and inspiration to their peers, superiors and subordinates, and is awarded at the discretion of the Merit Board

### **EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL**

This medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who has served for over four months of active duty service, militia duty notwithstanding, and is awarded at the discretion of the unit Commander.

