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Founding

The Loyalist Army (LA) was established in 2020 as a state funded private military company currently controlled by **Aleksandr Kuuznetsov**. Initial recruiting from individuals of ethnic Donovanian heritage and which continues to be the largest demographic of the LA it has since expanded to other groups. The LA is assessed to have been constituted to allow for a more active Donovanian foreign power projection while still allowing Plausible Deniability for the Donovanian state.

Historical units such as the Wagner Group offer an understanding of the unit's inner working with the main difference being a stronger military style formation of the unit's command and control. The unit also has fully committed to functioning as a Hybrid Unit maximizing non-conventional forces in conjunction with conventional forces.

Origin

The first announcements in reference to the Loyalist Army appeared on January 1st, 2019. Almost all originating members of the force were either active or soon to retire Donovanian Military. Signed to one-year contracts base salary at the time was 100,000 rubles a month with a one month signing bonus. During the same time Brigade leaders were hand picked by Kuuznetsov with successive units standing up to high readiness status. Employee numbers are not consistent but appear to be at least 10,000 as of December of last year. The organization's official headquarters is within the Loyalist Centre out of Moscow.

Training and Techniques

The organization trains personnel out of a minister of defense (MoD) facility in Knyaze-Volkonskoye in the Khabarovsk area. There is no official linkage to the Donovanian MoD, with documents stating that the camp is a Spa designed for arthritis sufferers. The location also acts as the barracks and training area of the unit while not on operation.

RECRUITS: The average recruit for the LA are former serving soldiers of the Donovanian Armed forces which is reflected in their average age of twenty-nine years old. Recruits of the LA are thus more experienced, mature and vetted, which has fostered a elite mindset for the unit. Since early 2024 signs of a slowing recruitment have been noted within the organization which has led to the recruitment of inmates from Donovanian prisons to meet full operational status. The criminals are promised a conversion of their sentence to paid work (1/4 normal pay) and if they conduct combat operations a shortening of the sentence and an increase to full pay. To offset their lack of experience they are required to do an additional 8 weeks of basic training.

Current training requires passports and other documents be surrendered by recruits. During their training, recruits receive approximately 1,000 USD and a graduation bonus of and additional 1,000 USD. Current Pay has remained constant since the inception of the unit at 100,000 to 150,000 rubles monthly for lower ranks to an estimated 1 million rubles for Brigade



commanders.

The Loyalist army has published a list of major and minor Decrees as follows:

1. Protect the interests of the Donovanian Republic in any circumstance.
2. Orders shall be followed without question.
3. Authority is absolute with insubordination viewed as a treasonous activity.
4. Zero tolerance for treason or cowardice with both being capital offenses.
5. Any retreat is considered cowardice of the highest degree.
6. Honor of the Army above money.
7. If you win thru any means necessary, you have achieved a just victory.
8. Remember your slogan that you swore upon enlistment: Honour, Excellence, Courage, Motherland.

Operations

LA operations are assessed to be centrally coordinated following strong Hybrid Warfare tactics and doctrine. The organization mixes conventional forces and attempts to amalgamate with and support any non-conventional actor with a Special Purpose Force in each Brigade dedicated to this task. LA has fielded units in a wide variety of sizes from small security force protection for personnel or equipment up to full-sized brigades for Hybrid warfare activity.

Operational Organization

Structurally, the Loyalist Army is strongly influenced by the Donovanian Military following a command-and-control structure of a Division. It differs by not being a homogeneous Division with Brigades operating usually independent of one another. The Brigade sized elements conduct operations either as a specialized element or in differing Operational Environments (OE) and usually hold signature equipment above their normal Brigade status.

- **1st Pirtuini Brigade**
First brigade stood up in 2020. Most individuals are ethnic Donovanian of Pirtuini ancestry.
- **2nd Chechen Brigade**
Second brigade stood up in 2021. Most individuals are ethnic Donovanian of Chechen ancestry.
- **3rd Arctic Brigade**
Stood up in late 2021 the Arctic brigade was until recently a paper only unit but in the last six months has seen a surge of resources to fill out the ORBAT. Unit is made up of a mixture of Donovanian (85%) and other nationalities (15%). The Arctic Brigade has been noted supplying security forces for other threat actors in the region.
- **4th Mixed Brigade**
Mixed brigade stood up in 2022: Predominately active in Africa and currently made up of a mixture of Donovanian (45%) and other nationalities (55%).
- **INFOWAR BRIGADE**



Loyalist Army has a strong INFOWAR element that normally separates elements of the INFOWAR brigade from existing elements to support specific operations.

Future

LA is assessed to still be attempting to grow as a unit and be more utilized by the Donovanian government to conduct operations in support of Donovanian goals but allowing for plausible deniability for the government.



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DESCRIPTION FORMAT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN ENTITY:

1. Personal information:

- a. Name: Aleksandr KUUZNETSOV
- b. Sex: Male
- c. DOB: May 2, 1969
- d. Nationality: Donovanian
- e. Profession: Founder Loyalist Army
- f. Group Affiliations: Loyalist Army (command)
- g. Languages: Donovanian, English, Finnish, Georgian
- h. Close Associates: Loyalist Army, Donovanian Military
- i. Religious Affiliations: Moscow Patriarchate (Practicing)
- j. Interests: Military History (Donovanian)
- k. Traits or Characteristics: Intellectually adaptable, highly decisive
- l. Cover Story: Founder and commander of Loyalist Army.

2. Upbringing / Background Narrative:

- a. Early Years: Born on the Kemenka (Leningrad Oblast) military base to a military family Kuuznetsov joined the armed forces graduating as an officer in 1993.
- b. Defining Events or Moments: Seriously wounded in action in 1994. During his lengthy recovery he finished a PHD in history and began to formalize his belief in the need for a unit that was not chained by governmental oversight.
- c. Recent History: After a successful military career established the Loyalist Army in 2020 and personally recruited most of the leadership of the unit.

3. Previous Places of Residence: Multiple Donovanian Military Bases

4. Online identities, websites, or personas:

- a. Email addresses: None
- b. Websites: None
- c. Pseudonyms: Sasha

5. Education and Schools Attended: Moscow Military Command Training School 1993

6. Convictions and Penal Institutions Attended: None

7. Past Employment and Jobs:

- a. Former: Major-General Donovanian Forces
- b. Current: Founder Loyalist Army – Rank Major-General

8. Motivations:

- a. Why they do what they do: Believes that Donovia requires people like himself to conduct activities that the government should not be attached to.
- b. What Motivates them: Highly Patriotic.

9. Vulnerabilities:

- a. Xenophobic and racist.
- b. Kuuznetsov believes that Donovia is on the cusp of reclaiming its glory with the right activity.
- c. Has little regard to any troops under his command who are not ethnically Donovanian.

10. Integrity and Reliability: Kuuznetsov is very reliable regarding Donovia but has little regard to any troops under his command who are not ethnically Donovanian.

11. Current Employment and Tasks: Commander Loyalist Army

12. Access: Deep connections to Donovanian Armed Forces. Direct and strong contract with Donovanian Government Leadership. Direct access to Donovanian weapon production industries. Strong connection to Donovanian oligarchy including Donovanian Shadow Fleet (supplying security).

13. Opinions:

- a. Opinion of NATO: Believes NATO is a Paper Tiger that would wilt in a real protracted fight.
- b. Opinion of Host Nation (Donovia): Believes Donovia is the greatest civilization in world history.
- c. Opinion of Adversary States: Has low opinion of any country that is not of Donovanian ethnicity. Believes any state with any sizeable Donovanian Ethnicity is a lost colony of and should be reunited with Donovia. This includes states where the Donovanian ethnic population is only a small minority.
- d. Other Opinions:
 - i. Primary opinion:

14. Information they know: Vast connections and information known.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH LOYALIST ARMY COMMANDER General **Aleksandr KUUZNETSOV**

Most people, after talking to Major General Генерал-майор *Generál-mayór* **Aleksandr KUUZNETSOV** (the founder and commanding officer of the Loyalist Army) would walk away with the impression that he does not fear Western armed forces and their supposed technological superiority. They would be more than correct in this assumption. Standing at just under six feet Major General Kuuznetsov is an imposing presence as he greets me in his office. He apologizes for being late but explained that he had just completed his morning 10 kilometre run and by chance bumped into one of his platoons on their own run and decided to finish with them. Happily noting that only two of the men were able to beat him on the last two-kilometre sprint and that he rewarded them with a 96-hour pass.

We get down to our own conversation which is dominated with the growing oppression and attempts to isolate Donovia by the West. I was taken aback more than once by both his articulate and deep answers which were more than once tempered by blunt no nonsense answers. These characteristics are often brought up by people as reasons that he was so quickly successful in creating the Loyalist Army a fact that the General does not dispute. "After serving in the Armed forces for forty years I was approached by some of my superiors who had heard of my ideas of a patriotic unit and with help the Loyalist Army has become a force for the good of the nation".

During our conversation the General gestures to his library collection which is overflowing with books neatly arranged. Mostly military history or biographic themed. When asked what he was reading recently he mentioned *On the Psychology of Military Incompetence* by Normal Dixon, *A History of the Arctic: Nature, Exploration, and Exploitation* by John McCannon and *Pierre Berton's Marching As To War*. He also talked in some length about his love of Wargaming introducing me to games such as *Twilight Struggle*, *Advanced Squad Leader* and more recently a Matrix Game called the *High North*. "Some people joke at my hobby, but I often find that I have gamed out the very activity that I am conducting."

- General **Aleksandr KUUZNETSOV** was born May 2nd 1969, the first son of career military officer Colonel Aleksandr Kuuznetsov (1933 -2013). Born on Kemenka (Leningrad Oblast) military base he moved many times for his father's military career. At the age of eighteen

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he was accepted and eventually graduated third in class at the Moscow Military Command Training school. He was severely wounded in combat in 1994 requiring extensive physiotherapy, during which he finished his PHD in Russian History. Fully retiring in 2019 following 32 years of service Kuuznetsov formed the Loyalist Army personally recruiting almost all command-and-control staff.

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DESCRIPTION FORMAT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN ENTITY:

1. Personal information:

- a. Name: Anttoni IVANNOV
- b. Sex: Male
- c. DOB: Unknown – October 12 1978 (unconfirmed)
- d. Nationality: Donovanian (Possibly Finnish or Swedish heritage)
- e. Profession: Arctic Brigade Commander
- f. Group Affiliations: Loyalist Army
- g. Languages: Donovanian, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian
- h. Close Associates: Donovanian Armed Forces (retired colonel)
- i. Religious Affiliations: Orthodox Donovanian (Non practicing)
- j. Interests: Arctic Survival, Norse Mythology
- k. Traits or Characteristics: Goal Orientated, Training obsessed
- l. Cover Story: none

2. Upbringing / Background Narrative:

- a. Early Years: Concrete information on Ivannov's early years are not available other than the likelihood of his mother being a Finnish or Swedish national (on multiple occasions Ivannov has alternated the nationality of his parentage). Reports indicate that his mother grew up in Donovia due to her parents' work and eventually married Ivannov's father and remained in Donovia.
- b. Recent History: Was recruited personally by Loyalist Army Commander General Aleksandr Kuuznetsov to become the Arctic Brigade Commander.
- c. Defining Events or Moments: Awarded the Order for merit to the fatherland (3rd Class) during operational when he rescued five lost soldiers during blizzard conditions. Event reinforced his mindset that with training one can survive and thrive in any condition.

3. Previous Places of Residence: Donovanian military positions all within Arctic locations.

4. Online identities, websites, or personas:

- a. Email addresses: unknown
- b. Websites: unknown
- c. Pseudonyms: Tony, The Norseman,

5. Education and Schools Attended: Unknown – PROBABLE Moscow Military Command Training School

6. Convictions and Penal Institutions Attended: None known

7. Past Employment and Jobs:

- a. Former: Donovanian Armed Forces (Colonel – Retired)
 - i. Former commander of 200th Separate Motor-rifle Brigade
- b. Current: Loyalist Army Brigade Commander

8. Motivations:

- a. Why they do what they do: Enjoys Command and training.
- b. What Motivates them: Power to implement training into real world success.

9. Vulnerabilities: Unknown

10. Integrity and Reliability: Within the limited information available Ivannov appears highly reliable in his field with strong integrity for his tasks as directed to him. He is believed to have left the Donovanian Forces for the capability of command with less rules.

11. Current Employment and Tasks: Arctic Brigade Commander tasked to surge training for Arctic Brigade of Loyalist Army and to interlink with existing security elements of Loyalist Army already supporting operations in the Arctic OE.

12. Access: Strong access to Donovanian forces (especially 200th Separate Motor-rifle Brigade where he was recently the commanding officer).

13. Opinions:

- a. Opinion of NATO: Respectful of the technological capabilities of NATO. Believes capabilities quickly degrade with cold weather and success is dominated by human capabilities in the arctic OE.
- b. Opinion of Host Nation (Donovia) Strongly patriotic to Donovanian state. Within Arctic OE automatically believe Donovanian soldiers are superior to start but can be surpassed by non Donovanian troops with enough training.
- c. Opinion of Adversary States: Lumps all non Donovanian states together except for Arctic capabilities.
- d. Other Opinions:
 - i. Primary opinion: High opinion of individuals who have conducted or conduct cold weather operations. Believes higher trained units will succeed over lesser trained units regardless of technology in the Arctic.
 - ii. Secondary opinion: High opinion of any nation's special forces.
 - iii. Miscellaneous opinion: High opinion of the experience levels of Indigenous people in Arctic survival.

14. Information they know: Subject matter expert on Arctic survival and warfare in Arctic conditions.

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 Loyalist Army Structure

Color Code	Level / Role	Name & Alias	Business / Day-Job Cover	Core Role / Focus
 Blue	External & Strategic Ecosystem	Donovian State & Government Leadership	N/A	Ministry of Defense (MoD) Facilities, Oligarchy, Shadow Fleet, & Industrial Base
 Red	Command & Central Headquarters	Maj-Gen Aleksandr KUUZNETSOV	Loyalist Army Founder/Cmdr	Central C2 Division structure, strategic oversight, & proxy operations for state goals
 Orange	Specialized Brigades	Anttoni IVANNOV	Cmdr, 3rd Arctic Bde	Specialized Arctic ops & non-state threat security

Legend

-  External Ecosystem
-  National Council & Strategic Leadership
-  Operations & Activism