

NAME: JOEL NGUYEN

FACTION: Highlanders DOB: 02/27/3091 REGIMENT: First Kearny HAIR: Black MECH: Zeus EYES: Black

Born on Northwind, where he inherited much of the love of his native world and its glorious heritage, it was easy for Joel Nguyen to become enamored and obsessed with being part of the ongoing history of the famous Northwind Highlanders. Throughout his early childhood, Joel's fascination with the history and legacy of the Highlanders belied the fact that his family had come to live on Northwind only after Devlin Stone's relocation directives placed them there from Siaph. He excelled in his training to become a member of the planet's defensive militia, but what surprised his trainers was his keen mind for tactics and strategy, cultivated after years of poring over military history books, especially those focused on the Northwind Highlanders.



MECH: ZEUS

Record No FE-095-02

Record No FE-095-01

Serial Number: LC932-65P

Mass: 80 tons

Chassis: Adv. Chariot Type V Power Plant: Pitban 320 Light Cruising Speed: 43 kph

Maximum Speed: 65 kph Jump Jets: None

Armor: Glasgow Limited X

Armament:

1 Doombud LRM-15 Launcher

1 Norse Extended Range PPC

2 Defiance P5M Pulse Lasers

1 Series 3 ER Large Lasers

With their sponsorship, Joel was accepted into the Northwind Military Academy's MechWarrior training program, where he excelled.

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Joel's fanatical devotion to the ideals of the Highlanders and The Republic they swore to protect has been a beacon to those under his command, and though he shows both ambition and prowess, he views his climb through the ranks only as a service to the Highlanders. His skills and sense of duty have captured the attention of the Knights of the Sphere as well, who have offered on two occasions to make him a Knight-Errant. Joel has declined these offers, however, concerned that his devotion to Northwind and the First Kearny might hamper his duties in such a position.

In battle, Joel is known both for bold attacks and for daring, complicated strategies that often leave the enemy confused or demoralized, allowing his company to sweep in to deliver the killing blow. Though he often gains the upper hand, he always offers mercy, demanding an opponent's surrender before taking more deadly action.

Commentary

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The Zeus was the favored assault 'Mech of the Lyran Commonwealth, massively armed and armored for maximum effectiveness and survivability. Often used in tandem with other assault-class 'Mechs, the ${\it Zeus}$ was - and is - as common among the troops of House Steiner as the Mad Cat is among the Clans. The modified model used by Joel Nguyen, LC932-65P, was fielded originally by the First Skye Jaegers, and fought in numerous actions throughout the FedCom Civil War and the Jihad. When Devlin Stone announced the formation of The Republic of the Sphere, LC932-65P was among the defense forces on Skye when the Alliance formally ceded the territory to the newborn nation. As part of the materiel reserve built up by The Republic after many 'Mechs were decommissioned and scrapped, LC932-65P was eventually assigned to the First Kearny to infuse the venerable defense force with newer equipment. Joel has named his Zeus "Archangel."