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The Kalu-Union war ended a century ago, driving both forces back to their home-systems. The Planetary Defense Force (PDF) which had protected the Union for thirty years was left weakened by the long war. The Syndicate, a group of criminals banded together under the harsh rule of Lady Fairgate exploited this weakness, destroying the PDF and breaking the Union apart. Bored and not wanting to deal with the managing of their own ships, or taking planets. They expanded the Union under the guise of the PDF, using creatures as unknowing slaves to their desires.

James Cook is rarely known by his real name. For the past four years he's been playing Mecha Assault One. He is Salchar, the leader and strategist of the gaming team Mecha Tail. After a year hiatus, Mecha Tail and their enemy, Samurai's Revenge are about to finally go head to head when space craft start abducting children, teenagers and young adults. The Planetary Defense Force (PDF) need soldiers; how many that die from training is of no concern. The battles have become real and James Cook must become Salchar to keep himself, his squad and those that have been recruited into the PDF's ranks alive.

One AI and a crazed engineer know the truth about the PDF and must decide whether to trust Salchar with that knowledge.

## **The Recruitment Details**

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## Jay Collins says

4 stars, I love this type of book and this may be the best one I have read by this author. I have read similar types of situations in other books like Columbus Day by Craig Alanson and Sector Eight by Michael Atamanov both great books. This book is very similar so I do like it but not sure if it was influenced by them or the other way round. Either way I am enjoying this book and will for sure continue with the series.

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## Robert says

### Terrible

Absolutely terrible. Other reviews cover everything perfectly. Terrible writing and terrible editing. Just a money grab. About at all costs.

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## John #Audible says

I gave up on the book, way to much YA in the book and real lack of chain of command knowledge, especially when you board a new ship ( as a new recruit ) for the very first time.

Normally like Michael Chatfield books, but this ground my gears.

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## Daniel Katz says

What annoyed me is that every human leader he comes across has some NOBLE reason behind doing what they do. Seriously, one of the leaders ran a crew of effective cutthroats and when he challenges the MC \*WHILE HE IS WOUNDED\* it turns out that he was just concerned about the type of commander he was surrendering his force to. I mean, come the FK on, that's handwaving BS

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## Lauro Soto says

Thanks for the books , really cool story and mixture of genres.

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## Samual D Upshaw says

Good first book in the series!?!

I liked the book and was really able to get into the characters. Lots of spelling and grammar errors, but the story line was able to get me past these with very little problem. I believe that the author should make this into a series. Rise of the Free Fleet, left me wanting to read more.

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### **Francis J Mallalieu says**

#### **Those knocked down will rise for retribution.**

After being snatched from Earth and deposited on an unknown vessel thousands of young men and women in their late teens and early twenties as well as well as kids as young as ten are thrust into barbaric training to become soldiers for an alien pirate syndicate.

One man Salchar a champion gamer finds himself trapped with his nemesis Yasu. She was the leader of the top rated team and they despised each other. Forced by the aliens to fight other groups of captive humans, Salchar becomes the leader of his group and sets up rules of engagement to ensure that the two groups fighting didn't kill each other. Ultimately, the rules are adopted by all of the groups. Under Salchar's leadership the humans train to become elite warriors.

The Syndicate uses the humans as their fighting force to take over another ship. The Syndicate uses different captive races aboard their ship and the brutal alien race who trained and command the humans expect a mortality rate of 25% and are amazed that at the end of the engagement only one human is killed. Salchar and the humans are binding their time until they can overthrow their masters. Along with the alien race who were the engineers of the ship an the AI that has secretly been in control of the ship since before the Syndicate pirates took over the ship, the humans and their alien allies takeover the ship and ultimately the pirate's space station. Becoming the Free Fleet the liberated humans and aliens take their retribution out on the Syndicate.

This book is extremely well developed with involved plotlines. The multiple major and minor characters have detailed personalities and interact with each other with distinct objectives. The author has created a universe that is believable and compelling.

I am looking forward to the next book in what is sure to become a very popular series.

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### **Jack says**

This book might just be my favorite book of the year. In many ways very original and in some other things quite familiar of its genre. The story telling is brilliant, the characters intriguing, and the main character resilient and tough. The only think that really lets the book down is the many spelling errors and grammar mistakes. However, those are just surface issues, and I really hope the author can fix it really quickly because I know there are a lot of grammar Nazis.

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### **Bill says**

#### **Five Star.**

This is a great book, with tremendously exciting potential for a series. I would love to read more of the Free Fleet. But please correct the grammatical and formatting errors. These don't spoil but do distract. Please write more.

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## **David Harbour says**

Fast paced and entertaining. A fun read that was easy to immerse myself into.

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## **David P. Duffy says**

### **Maybe Juvenile Anime Storyboard-Not Close To A Book**

"The Recruitment Rise of the Free Fleet," Book 1 of the series, is at best, the storyboard for an anime production or an Xbox/PlayStation game. At its worse, it's a TOTAL TRAIN-WRECK(caps intentional). Reading the author's note twice to confirm, after the first few chapters, he is allegedly a grown man, who serves as a "...infanteer in the Canadian Military." How can an adult, who speaks the English language, put forth such an absolute mess of a book? It's as if he is illiterate and strung a bunch of broken text messages together. This book is beyond bad and deserves ZERO stars.

I apologize to the other reviewers who treated this book harshly-you all were so very right and I should have stayed away.

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## **Cary Grant says**

### **Great!**

I really liked this book! I want to read the next one as soon as possible. But, Mike, once you get enough income from this book you need to hire an editor and a proof reader. Too many "your" versus "you're" mistakes and typos. You may also want to do this as a series with shorter books. Not that I like them shorter but I'd get them faster.

This story wasn't as gritty and realistic as reality would have been. 30 to up to 60% of the recruits would have died in training and from giving up. Read about life boat survivors to learn more. Are there any books about similar training? I do not know. But I know how this goes. Some just don't make it. And are used to motivate recruits. It works.

But I think the majority of your readers like it the way it is now. More light hearted with a low nightshift count.

Keep writing Mike!!!

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## **Bob says**

### **Good Read**

Mr Chatfield has a talent for action, and adventure flows from that action. I've decided I no longer want to give away pieces of the book in a review, so. It was an enjoyable read. You still have to read it to make your own decision.

I downloaded this book after the second book (not realizing it was the second in the series - at least not initially. Now, I can move on as I already have the second book ;-)

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## **Niels Baumgartner says**

### **Wow**

Well done sir. I think you managed to crack into scifi in a way only books like The Lost Fleet have done previously.

Grit. Pain. Tenacity. Risk. Honor. Loyalty. Death. Confusion. And marriage problems that ring completely true... you managed it all. Well done good sir.

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## **Kian says**

I don't know how he does it but HE did it, another great start to a new series and this time I won't have to wait for months for the next book and in the meantime forget most of what happened in the past book.

I like the story, the characters and the bond they share, I didn't lose interest in any section of the book, I felt the pace was great filled with twists and turn to keep readers interested and engaged. James and his companions are a good leader, embodying the qualities of honor, courage, self-sacrifice, and they don't favor one nation or species but work to free all life and build a connection. I don't wanna hype it up too much and jinx it but I will read all 6 books in this series within a week, I think.

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