Ashen Stars: What Did You Do In The War?

- Fought the Mohilar as a member of the Combine fleet
- Fought planetside as an infantry soldier or officer in Combine forces
- Fought in local militia
- Fought Mohilar invaders as irregular or partisan
- Saw action while serving in non-combat or support role, for example as medical officer or military policeman
- Served as civilian in Combine administration; positions might range from high (Assembly Command) to low (local government in a Bleed backwater)
- Bribed or finagled your way out of military service
- Called up for duty but granted conscientious objector status
- Deemed medically unfit for military service
- Imprisoned as a criminal or deserter
- Served war effort as scientific researcher, developing anything from weapons to new battlefield cures
- Spent the war hospitalized for a debilitating but now-cured condition, physical or mental, possibly caused by Mohilar bioweapons
- Too young to fight (and are therefore a young adult today)
- Trained to fight, but stationed planetside in obscure location and saw no action
- Worked as civilian in a crucial industry
- Was a swirling energy being untethered from limited notions of space, time and causation (standard answer for all Vas Mal)