AI Legacy Wars (AILW) - Complete Design Document

Overview

AI Legacy Wars (AILW) is a 2D tactical military RPG that integrates advanced AI systems to create dynamic, personalized gameplay experiences. Players begin as military recruits and progress through a career-driven journey, mastering combat, strategy, and social systems in a persistent world of conflict.

Core Differentiator: Unlike predatory mobile games that gate progress behind paywalls, AILW offers a complete gameplay experience for free players while providing meaningful cosmetic and convenience options for those who choose to support development.

Core Game Identity

AILW differentiates itself through integrated AI agents that generate missions, adapt to player behavior, and enable community-created content. Players enter as new recruits beginning in boot camp, where they train by completing missions and learning various military jobs and specializations.

The core gameplay loop centers on training your character to become an elite soldier by raising stats, completing missions, and joining or leading platoons. Play solo or as part of a coordinated team.

The world is combat-oriented but includes deep social and strategic layers. Players engage in PvP battles, form teams up to platoon size, and embark on missions to discover weapons, ammunition, and treasure. Combat against other players and teams yields points that unlock better equipment and increase Fear/Renown ratings while managing in-game finances.

Mission or combat failures result in hospital stays or jail time as penalties, but medic players can intervene to accelerate recovery.

As players advance, they unlock specializations, access new jobs with salaries, purchase equipment and real estate, and improve their standing through donations and strategic decisions.

In summary: AI Legacy Wars delivers a military career simulator where you train, fight, and navigate a world of constant conflict, with progression tied to both tactical combat and social gameplay—all without forcing players to pay for basic progression.

1) High-Concept

AI Legacy Wars (AILW) is a 2D, squad-level tactical RPG/roguelite with persistent career progression:

Start as a recruit → Boot Camp (tutorial + stat training + job tryouts)

Progress to elite operator → Missions (PvE), skirmishes (PvP), and platoon operations (team play)

Live world systems → Hospital/jail penalties, medic rescues, jobs & salaries, real estate, donations, and social status (Fear/Renown)

AI-driven content → Mission generator, adaptive enemies, performance debriefs, player-authored missions (with AI safety validation), and voice/intent parsing

Fair progression → Free players experience 100% of content; premium players gain convenience and cosmetics, never power

2) Player Journey & Core Loop

Phase 1: Boot Camp

Learn core mechanics: stealth/cover, breaching, medic triage, recon drones

Complete mini-trials to establish initial stat affinities (marksmanship, medical, hacking, engineering)

Choose starting job specialization path

Receive starter gear and tactical consumables

Phase 2: Daily Play Loop

Train → Raise core stats through focused training activities (once per stat per day)

Run Missions (PvE) → Gather gear pieces, credits, intel; unlock new specialties and equipment

PvP Skirmishes (optional) → 1v1 or 3v3 squad battles, MMR/ELO-based matchmaking

Platoon Actions → Cooperative missions, logistics management, shared HQ upgrades

Progression → Unlock jobs, earn regular salary, invest in real estate, donate for social standing

Crafting & Trading → Assemble complete weapons from dropped pieces; trade with platoon members

Phase 3: Failure States & Recovery

Hospital (injury): Time penalty based on damage severity; medic players can reduce recovery time by 50-70% using medical supplies

Jail (capture/arrest): Timer-based detention; can be shortened through rescue operations, bail payment, or legal specialist intervention

Premium Options: Small time reductions (30% max) available for purchase, but never instant skips

3) Stats, Jobs, and Specialties

Core Stats (Trainable)

STR (Strength): Carry capacity, melee damage, knockback resistance

AGI (Agility): Movement speed, dodge chance, reaction time

INT (Intelligence): Gadget effectiveness, hack speed, tech interaction

TAC (Tactical): Situational awareness, enemy detection range, tactical vision

MED (Medical): Stabilization speed, healing effectiveness, triage efficiency

ENG (Engineering): Breach speed, hardware manipulation, demolitions

LDR (Leadership): AI squad cohesion, command effectiveness, team buffs

MORALE: Stress resistance, performance under pressure, fear immunity

Training System:

Each stat trainable once per day (5-10 minute activity)

Free players: Standard training speed

Training Tokens: Speed up by 50% (earned 2-3/week free, or purchasable in small bundles)

Daily cap: Maximum 1 token per stat per day (prevents pay-to-max-stats)

Jobs (Economic & Gameplay Roles)

Medic: Healing, stabilization, hospital time reduction for others

Engineer: Breaching, demolitions, equipment repair

Recon: Intelligence gathering, drone operation, stealth bonuses

Breacher: Entry specialist, close-quarters combat, door/barrier manipulation

Hacker: Electronic warfare, security bypass, intel extraction

Logistician: Resource management, supply efficiency, economic bonuses

Marksman: Long-range combat, precision shooting, overwatch

Heavy: Suppression fire, armor, crowd control

Officer: Leadership, command abilities, strategic coordination

Legal Specialist: Reduce jail time for platoon members, bail negotiations

Specialties (Combat Loadout Kits)

Unlockable perks tied to specific loadouts and equipment:

Combat Lifesaver (advanced field medicine)

Drone Recon (UAV operation and remote surveillance)

Silent Breacher (stealth entry and non-lethal takedowns)

Demo Expert (advanced explosives and trap deployment)

Cyber Warfare (electronic attack and defense systems)

Fire Support (artillery coordination and heavy weapons)

4) Missions, PvP, and Platoon Operations

Missions (PvE, AI-Generated)

Objective Types:

Hostage rescue

High-value target extraction

Cache recovery and looting

Strategic demolition

Reconnaissance and intelligence gathering

Convoy escort/ambush

Environmental Biomes:

Urban city blocks and districts

Industrial docks and warehouses

Desert compounds and outposts

Dense forest terrain

Research laboratories and facilities

Underground bunker complexes

Dynamic Events:

Enemy reinforcement waves

Civilian presence and collateral concerns

Infrastructure failures (power outages, communications down)

Intel leaks affecting mission parameters

Environmental hazards

Time-sensitive objectives

Mission Rewards & Loot System:

Gear Pieces: Weapons drop in parts (barrel, receiver, stock, scope, magazine)

Crafting Materials: Used to modify and upgrade completed weapons

Credits: Soft currency for purchases

Tactical Consumables: Single-use items (adrenaline shots, smoke grenades, flashbangs)

Intel Tokens: Unlock better mission contracts

Experience: Progress toward stat and specialty unlocks

Loot Boxes (Auto-Open): Every mission completion awards a box containing gear pieces + cosmetics + consumables

Blueprint System (Convenience Premium Option):

Free players discover which missions drop which gear pieces through exploration

"Blueprint Packs" ($2-5) reveal the full loot table for specific weapon types

Does NOT give items; only shows where to find them

Gear Crafting & Trading System

Assembly Requirements:

Complete weapons require 4-6 pieces depending on complexity

All pieces drop from missions (no piece is premium-only)

Duplicate pieces can be traded within your platoon

Crafting station available at base or platoon HQ

Example: M4 Assault Rifle

Lower Receiver (drops from Urban Missions)

Upper Receiver (drops from Compound Raids)

Barrel Assembly (drops from Extraction Missions)

Stock (drops from any mission type)

Magazine (common drop)

Optic/Scope (specialty missions)

Trading System:

Platoon-only trading (prevents exploitative marketplaces)

Trade ledger tracks exchanges

Fair trade suggestions from AI based on rarity

PvP Systems

Formats: 1v1 duels, 3v3 squad battles

Map Design: Mirrored tactical arenas ensuring balanced starts

Progression: Ranked ladder with seasonal resets

Matchmaking: MMR/ELO-based skill rating (no pay-to-win factors)

Rewards: Exclusive cosmetics, bounty credits, Fear/Renown points

Gear Balancing: PvP uses normalized stats for fairness; gear only provides cosmetic differences

Platoon Operations

Headquarters: Upgradeable platoon base with functional rooms

Shared Resources: Pooled credits for group equipment and upgrades

Meta-Progression: Platoon-level unlocks and bonuses

Leadership Structure: Officer roles with command abilities

Cooperative Missions: Large-scale operations requiring coordination

Territory Control: Optional competitive platoon vs. platoon objectives

Trading Hub: Internal economy for gear piece exchanges

5) Penalties, Rescues, and Fairness

Hospital System

Injury Tiers: Minor (30 min), Moderate (1-2 hours), Severe (2-4 hours)

Free Recovery Options:

Medic players reduce time by 50-70% using in-game medical supplies

Natural healing over time

Platoon members can donate medical supplies

Premium Option: "Medical Priority Pass" ($1) reduces ONE hospital stay by 30% (not stackable, not instant)

Hospital Benefits: Can still train stats, access shop, socialize while recovering

Jail System

Detention Reasons: Mission failures, PvP rule violations, capture scenarios

Timer Range: 1-8 hours based on severity

Free Reduction Methods:

Rescue missions by platoon members (generates unique extraction mission)

Bail payment using earned credits

Legal Specialist job intervention (platoon role)

Good behavior bonuses for first-time offenders

Premium Option: "Legal Aid Package" ($2) reduces ONE jail sentence by 30% (not instant release)

Jail Activities: Limited training, strategy planning, social interaction with other jailed players

Fair Play Principles

No pay-to-win mechanics: Power comes from skill and time investment only

Balanced progression: Premium players progress 15-20% faster maximum, never stronger

Skill-based matchmaking: PvP uses normalized stats to ensure fairness

Anti-cheat systems: Protecting game integrity

Transparent systems: All timers, costs, and benefits clearly displayed

6) Economy, Finance, and Property

Currency System

Credits (Soft Currency):

Earned through missions (100-500 per mission), jobs (daily salary), trading, real estate

Used for: gear crafting, ammo, consumables, real estate, bail

Cannot be purchased with real money

Tokens (Premium Currency):

Purchased with real money OR earned through achievements/events (limited)

Used ONLY for: cosmetics, convenience items, customization

Never required for gameplay progression

Economic Activities

Job Salaries: Regular income based on job type and rank (100-2,500+ credits/day)

Real Estate Investment: Purchase properties that generate passive income (500-5,000 credits/day)

Gear Piece Trading: Player-to-platoon trading system (no real money involved)

Donation System: Contribute to faction/community for Renown increases

Resource Management: Ammo, medical supplies, and tactical consumables require credits or crafting

Social Currencies

Renown: Earned through positive community actions, mission success, rescues, donations

Fear: Gained through PvP victories, aggressive playstyle, intimidation tactics

Prestige Rewards: Exclusive cosmetics, titles, visual recognition, special emotes for high Renown/Fear

7) AI Systems

Mission Generator AI

Procedurally creates mission objectives, enemy placements, and environmental layouts

Learns from player performance to tune difficulty and challenge

Generates narrative context and mission briefings

Adapts to player specialties and preferred playstyles

Ensures loot distribution matches player progression needs

Encounter Director

Real-time difficulty adjustment during missions

Spawns reinforcements based on player performance

Creates dramatic moments and tension peaks

Balances challenge without frustrating players

Tracks "close calls" for highlight reel generation

Debrief Analyst

Post-mission performance analysis and feedback

Identifies player strengths and improvement areas

Suggests training priorities and specialty paths

Tracks long-term progression trends

Provides personalized tips (e.g., "You're excelling at stealth—consider Silent Breacher specialty")

Creator-Ops System

Player-authored mission creation tools

AI validation for balance and fairness (prevents exploitative farming missions)

Community rating and curation system

Featured creator content with rewards

Safety filters preventing exploitative designs

Revenue sharing: Creators earn credits when their missions are played

Voice/Intent Parsing

Natural language commands for squad AI ("Cover the left flank," "Breach on my mark")

Context-aware tactical communication

Mission briefing voice synthesis

Accessibility features for diverse players

8) Systems Tuning & Balance

Mission Timing

Short Missions: 5-10 minutes (quick raids, recon)

Standard Missions: 15-25 minutes (most common gameplay loop)

Extended Operations: 30-45 minutes (platoon-scale objectives)

Job Payouts

Entry-level jobs: 100-200 credits per day

Mid-tier specialists: 400-800 credits per day

Elite roles: 1,200-2,000 credits per day

Officer positions: 2,500+ credits per day with bonuses

Recovery Durations

Minor Hospital Stay: 30 minutes (reducible to 10 minutes with medic, or 21 minutes with premium)

Major Hospital Stay: 2-4 hours (reducible to 45 minutes with medic, or 1.5 hours with premium)

Jail Minimum: 1 hour (reducible via rescue/bail to 20 minutes, or 42 minutes with premium)

Jail Maximum: 8 hours (serious offenses; reducible to 3 hours with multiple interventions)

Daily Stat Training

Each stat trainable once per day

Training session: 5-10 minutes of focused activity

Free players: Standard completion time

Training Token: Reduces time by 50% (earned 2-3/week or purchasable)

Diminishing returns at higher stat levels (harder to train from 90→100 than 10→20)

Bonus training opportunities through missions and events

Equipment Progression

Starter gear: Available immediately (complete weapons, basic loadout)

Basic gear pieces: Common drops from early missions

Advanced gear pieces: Requires 20+ missions in specific biomes

Elite gear pieces: Rare drops from high-difficulty missions

Legendary pieces: Achievement/mission-specific unlocks (100+ mission completions)

Tactical Consumables (Event-Limited Boosts)

Drop Rate: 2-5 per mission completion

Effects: Single-mission bonuses (+10% accuracy, +15% movement speed, +20% breach speed)

Purchasable Bundles: 10 mixed consumables for $3 (same ones earned free)

Usage Limit: Consume before mission starts; effects last only that mission

Strategic Use: Save for difficult missions or PvP matches

9) Data Models & Schema

Player Profile Schema

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Mission Schema

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Gear Piece Schema

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Platoon Schema

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10) Fair Monetization (Anti-Predatory Model)

What Makes AILW Different from Predatory Games

Predatory Mobile Games (Like Kingshot):

Constant $1-5 purchase prompts interrupt gameplay

Progress gates force spending to continue

Purchased power-ups are temporary and disappear

Free players hit artificial walls constantly

UI cluttered with "BUY NOW" buttons

AILW's Ethical Approach:

Single shop tab; zero mid-game purchase interruptions

100% of gameplay content accessible to free players

Purchases provide permanent cosmetics or small time conveniences

Free players can earn everything through gameplay

Clean UI with context-sensitive menus

Revenue Streams (Ethical & Player-Friendly)

Primary Revenue: Cosmetics (70% of monetization)

Character Skins: Full character visual overhauls ($5-10)

Weapon Skins: Visual designs for completed weapons ($2-5)

Emotes & Victory Poses: Social expressions ($1-3)

Season Pass: Rotating cosmetic rewards, challenges, narrative content ($10/season)

Battle Pass: Seasonal progression with 50+ cosmetic unlocks ($8)

Vanity Items: Titles, name tags, profile frames, calling cards ($1-2)

Secondary Revenue: Convenience Items (25% of monetization)

Blueprint Packs: Reveal loot tables for specific weapon families ($2-5)

Does NOT grant items; only shows where to find them

Free players discover this through exploration

Training Token Bundles: 5 tokens to speed stat training by 50% ($2)

Free players earn 2-3 per week naturally

Daily usage cap prevents pay-to-max-stats

Consumable Bundles: 10 tactical boosts for single-mission use ($3)

Same items drop 2-5 per mission for free

Provides convenience, not exclusive power

Customization Slots: Extra loadout presets ($1 each, max 5)

Quality of life; does not affect combat effectiveness

Tertiary Revenue: Time Respect Options (5% of monetization)

Medical Priority Pass: Reduce ONE hospital stay by 30% ($1)

Does not skip; only reduces by 30%

Medic players provide better reduction (50-70%) for free

Not stackable

Legal Aid Package: Reduce ONE jail sentence by 30% ($2)

Platoon rescues or legal specialist jobs more effective

Does not instant-release

Quick Debrief: AI analysis results immediately vs. 5-minute wait ($0.50)

Pure convenience; does not affect rewards or progression

What You CANNOT Buy (Protected Gameplay)

Absolutely NO Monetization For:

❌ Complete weapons or gear pieces (only drop from missions)

❌ Stat increases beyond training limits (training tokens only reduce time 50%)

❌ Instant completion of anything (only reductions, never skips)

❌ PvP advantages or exclusive combat abilities

❌ Mission skips, auto-win features, or difficulty reductions

❌ Extra daily training sessions beyond the cap

❌ Exclusive mission types or content areas

❌ Randomized loot boxes that require payment to open

❌ Energy/stamina systems that gate playtime

❌ Building speed-ups or construction instant-completes

Free Player Guarantee (Our Promise)

What Free Players Get:

✅ 100% of missions, biomes, and content

✅ All weapons craftable through mission drops

✅ All tactical consumables earned regularly

✅ Training tokens: 2-3 per week (can speed up ~10 training sessions/week)

✅ Medic and Legal Specialist jobs provide better time reductions than premium options

✅ Platoon trading system for gear pieces

✅ Complete social features and platoon participation

✅ Competitive PvP with skill-based matchmaking

✅ AI-generated missions tuned to progression

✅ No artificial progress gates or paywalls

Premium Player Benefits (Not Advantages):

✅ Look unique with exclusive cosmetics

✅ Save ~15-20% time on progression through convenience items

✅ Support ongoing development and content updates

✅ Access creator tools for mission design

✅ Instant debrief results (vs. 5-minute wait)

✅ Extra loadout slots for quick tactical switches

Time Investment Comparison:

Free player reaches max stats: ~90 days of daily training

Premium player (using all tokens): ~75 days of daily training

Difference: 15 days = 17% faster, NOT stronger

Mobile UI Philosophy (Anti-Clutter Design)

Core Principle: If you wouldn't show it on PC, don't show it on mobile.

In-Mission HUD (Minimal):

Health/ammo (top left)

Minimap (top right)

Objective marker (context-based)

Squad commands (swipe-up quick menu)

NO shop buttons, NO purchase prompts

Base/Hub Screen (Clean Organization):

Single main screen with 6 primary buttons:

TRAIN | MISSION | PLATOON

SHOP | PROFILE | SOCIAL

Swipe navigation:

Right: Platoon

Left: Mission select

Up: Inventory/stats

Down: Social/community

Progressive Disclosure:

New players see 4 features only (Train, Mission, Shop, Profile)

Systems unlock gradually with in-context tutorials

"Hide Completed" option removes tutorial UI elements

Advanced features appear after 10+ missions

Customizable HUD:

Three presets: Minimal, Standard, Tactical

Players toggle individual elements on/off

Saved per loadout for different playstyles

Zero Interruption Policy:

NO pop-up ads or purchase prompts mid-game

NO "special offer" timers during missions

NO forced video ads for bonuses

Shop access: One tap from hub, never forced

Player Trust & Transparency Principles

Our Commitments:

Complete transparency: Every purchase clearly states what it provides

No hidden costs: No surprise charges or unclear pricing

Earn everything: All gameplay-affecting content earnable through play

Regular free updates: New missions, biomes, features every month

Community input: Players vote on cosmetic designs and features

Fair pricing: $2-10 range for most items; nothing over $20

No FOMO tactics: Limited cosmetics return seasonally

Refund friendly: 7-day refund window for any purchase

Data privacy: No selling player data; transparent analytics

Anti-addiction: Daily play capped at reasonable limits with diminishing returns

11) MVP Scope (12-Week Development Roadmap)

Weeks 1-2: Foundation

Core 2D movement and combat mechanics

Basic stat system implementation

Simple training mini-games

Player profile database setup

Gear piece system foundation

Weeks 3-4: Combat Systems

Cover and stealth mechanics

Weapon variety and ballistics

Enemy AI behaviors (basic)

Hit detection and damage calculation

Tactical consumables implementation

Weeks 5-6: Economy & Progression

Credit earning and spending

Job system implementation

Basic equipment shop

Stat training interface

Gear piece drops and crafting prototype

Weeks 7-8: AI Layer (Phase 1)

Mission generator prototype

Simple procedural map layouts

Objective variety (3-5 types)

Loot distribution system with gear pieces

Blueprint system framework

Weeks 9-10: Social Systems

Platoon formation and management

Hospital/jail mechanics

Medic interaction system

Real estate basic implementation

Gear piece trading within platoons

Weeks 11: PvP Foundation

1v1 combat arena

Matchmaking system (basic MMR)

Normalized stats for fairness

Win/loss tracking

Rewards structure (cosmetics only)

Week 12: Beta Testing & Polish

Bug fixing and stability

Balance tuning based on playtests

UI/UX refinement (mobile-first)

Tutorial completion

Monetization implementation (cosmetics shop)

Preparation for limited beta launch (200 players)

12) Viral & Community Loops

Social Engagement Mechanics

Rescue Calls:

Emergency notifications when platoon members are hospitalized or jailed

Medic response leaderboards ("Most Lives Saved")

Rescue mission generator creates unique extraction scenarios for jailed players

Community reputation system for helpful players (+Renown)

Medevac Highlights:

Dramatic rescue moment replays auto-generated by AI

Shareable 15-second clips of clutch medic saves

"Saves of the Week" community features with rewards

Medic MVP recognition system (cosmetic badges)

Gear Hunting Stories:

"Finally completed my sniper!" social posts

Platoon trading success stories

Rare piece drop celebrations

Community loot table wikis and guides

Creator Missions:

Featured community-created content on main screen

Weekly mission design contests ($50 credit prizes)

Creator revenue sharing: Earn credits when players complete your missions

Hall of Fame for top-rated missions (permanent cosmetic rewards)

Rivalry Boards:

Platoon vs. platoon rankings (regional and global)

Personal nemesis tracking (most frequent PvP opponent)

Challenge system for direct 1v1 or platoon competition

Seasonal tournament brackets with exclusive cosmetics

Donor Prestige:

Visual recognition for community contributors (Renown-based)

Exclusive donor-tier cosmetics (earned, not purchased)

Name displays on community boards in hub

Special donor-only social spaces (VIP lounge aesthetic)

Streamer-Friendly Features

Integrated overlay support for stream displays (stats, loadout, mission objectives)

Viewer interaction events (poll on next mission type)

Spectator mode for tactical analysis

Highlight reel auto-generation (top kills, clutch moments, medic saves)

Custom lobby codes for community games

Streamer-exclusive cosmetics (application-based, not purchased)

Community Content Flywheel

Players complete missions → earn gear pieces

Share trading stories → attract new players

Create custom missions → featured content

Streamers showcase → viral moments

Community guides/wikis → retention

New players join → cycle repeats

13) Next Steps & Implementation Priorities

Immediate Actions (Pre-Development)

Playable Prototype Demo

Single mission with core mechanics

Basic stat system functional

Simple UI for testing (mobile-first)

Gear piece drop system working

Target: 10-15 minute gameplay loop

Database Schema Setup

Player profile tables with gear inventory

Mission data structures with loot tables

Platoon management and trading system

Economic transaction logging

Gear piece crafting recipes

AI Toolset Development

Mission generator algorithm v1 (focus on loot balance)

Encounter director framework

Player behavior analytics foundation

Safety validation system for creator content

Balance Sheet Creation

Stat progression curves (free vs. premium time differences)

Economic simulation (credit flow, gear piece drop rates)

Mission difficulty scaling

Time investment vs. reward ratios

Consumable usage patterns

Premium vs. free player progression comparison

Phase 1 Production (Months 1-3)

Complete MVP roadmap

Conduct closed alpha testing (50-100 players)

Iterate based on feedback (focus on monetization perception)

Establish community Discord and feedback channels

Implement cosmetics shop

Test gear crafting satisfaction

Phase 2 Expansion (Months 4-6)

Additional biomes and mission types

Advanced AI features (Debrief Analyst, Creator-Ops)

Platoon warfare systems and territory control

Ranked PvP season 1 launch

First seasonal cosmetics event

Blueprint pack system refinement

Phase 3 Maturation (Months 7-12)

Full social feature suite

Advanced monetization (season pass, battle pass)

Esports-ready competitive mode

Major content updates (2 new biomes, 50+ missions)

Community creator tools public beta

Mobile optimization pass

Long-Term Vision (Year 2+)

Mobile platform expansion (iOS, Android optimization)

Cross-platform play (mobile ↔ PC)

International server support

Continuous AI improvements and community-driven evolution

Franchise expansion (new theaters of war, different eras)

14) Anti-Predatory Checklist (Quality Assurance)

Before any feature launch, we validate against this checklist:

Monetization Red Flags (Must Be NO)

❌ Does this feature require payment to access?

❌ Can players pay to skip gameplay entirely?

❌ Does this create a power advantage over free players?

❌ Is this a temporary boost that forces repeat purchases?

❌ Does this interrupt gameplay with purchase prompts?

❌ Is pricing unclear or uses confusing currency conversions?

❌ Does this exploit FOMO or use dark patterns?

❌ Would a 12-year-old feel pressured to spend?

Player Respect Green Flags (Must Be YES)

✅ Can free players earn this through gameplay?

✅ Is the time savings reasonable (15-20% max)?

✅ Is this purely cosmetic with zero combat impact?

✅ Does this enhance the experience without gating content?

✅ Is pricing transparent and fair?

✅ Can players try before they buy (preview cosmetics)?

✅ Does this respect player time and investment?

✅ Would I feel good purchasing this myself?

Conclusion

AI Legacy Wars (AILW) combines classic military career progression with modern AI-driven content generation and deep tactical gameplay—all while respecting players and rejecting predatory monetization practices.

Unlike games that gate progress behind constant microtransactions, AILW offers a complete, satisfying experience for free players while providing meaningful ways for supporters to contribute through cosmetics and small convenience purchases that never compromise competitive integrity.

Core Pillars:

Career-driven progression with meaningful choices

AI-enhanced dynamic content generation

Fair, skill-based competition (no pay-to-win)

Community-focused social systems (trading, rescues, platoons)

Ethical monetization respecting players (cosmetics + convenience, never power)

Clean UI/UX (no clutter, no interruptions, context-sensitive)

Transparent systems (what you see is what you get)

What Sets AILW Apart:

Gear crafting from mission drops creates engaging progression

Platoon trading system encourages social play

AI learns your playstyle and adapts content

Free players get 100% of gameplay content

Premium players look unique, not stronger

Mobile-first design without predatory tactics

The AILW Promise:

We will never sacrifice player trust for short-term profit. Every system is designed to create long-term engagement through fun, fairness, and respect—not through artificial gates, forced spending, or psychological manipulation.

This design document serves as the foundation for development, testing, and iteration as AILW evolves from concept to playable reality. Every decision will be measured against our core principle: Does this make the game better for players, or just more profitable for us?

If it doesn't pass that test, we don't build it.

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