

WEL EN WEE VAN DIE MILITÊRE VETERANE : BERIG 15/2018
11/12/2018

WEE VAN DIE VETERANE

1. Afsterwe van Luther de Bruin van die Infanterie

- Kassie Kasselmann en John Lizamore van die Infanterie verwittig met leedwese "... dat Luther op 03/12/2018 na 'n lang siekbed oorlede is. Die begrafnis het op 14/12/2018 vanuit die NG Gemeente Forest Hill in Johannesburg plaasgevind. Gerrit Murphy van die Seiners noem dat die selno van Luther se vrou, Sure, 082 546 8961 is.
- Paul Els voeg by "... dat Luther 2 SAI Bn Gp se Bev C Komp by Brug 14 tydens Op Savannah was. Rus in Vrede".

2. Afsterwe van Manne Botes van Leërinligting

Calla Theron van die Geskut en Leërinligting verwittig met leedwese "... dat Manne op 31/10/2018 in 1 Mil Hosp oorlede is. Manne het sedert Apr 2018 reeds twee beroertes en twee hartaanvalle gehad en was die afgelope vier maande in 1 Mil Hosp behandel. Daar is 'n hartomlyning en klepvervanging gedoen, maar het nooit werklik herstel nie. Sy vrou, Heidi se selno is 079 952 2280". Nota. Verskoning word aangebied dat die berig nie in die vorige Nuusbrief gedra is nie. Calla se berig is per SMS ontvang en het ongelukkig agterweë gebly.

3. Passing of Hugh Holmes of the SAAF

Koos van Rensburg of the SAAF Association advises with regret "... of Hugh's passing on 21/11/2018 from a heart attack while playing golf n Port Alfred. Koos has subsequently received a message from Jillian, Hugh's daughter, which stated that '... we celebrated the life of the greatest man I have ever known, and a life so well lived, on 01/12/2018 at St James Catholic Church followed by an epic Holmes send-off at his home. The only tears that were considered permissible on the day were Angels Tears Sauvignon Blanc'. Hugh was the Chairman of the Branch of the SAAFA in Port Alfred".

4. Afsterwe van Eric Samuels van Logistiek

Eric se seun, Johannes, verwittig met spyt dat sy "... vader op 16/11/2018 in 1 Mil Hosp oorlede is. 'n Begrafnisdiens is op 30/11/2018 in die gemeenskapsaal van die Bougainvillea Aftree-oord gehou, waar hy woonagtig was. My vader het in 1992 by die Leërgenieformasie afgetree. My e-posadres is johnsamuels2012@gmail.com.

5. Passing of Ron Ludeman of the Gunners

Roy Andersen, the Number One on the Gun, reports with great sadness of the passing of Ron on 02/11/2018 in Pretoria. A Memorial Service was held at GEM Village in Irene on 17/11/2018 which was well attended by family, friends, residents of the Village, Military Veterans including members of the Gunners' Association, as well as representatives of the Transvaal Horse Art Regt (THA). Gunner Ludeman was commissioned in Mar 1961 and served in the THA and the Natal Fd Art Regt. He commanded 7 Med Regt between 1982 and 1988. He made a significant contribution to the Gunners' Association where he served both as National Chairman and Chairman of GEM Village. Ron will be greatly missed".

6. Passing of Daan Botha of the SAAF

- Koos van Rensburg of the SAAF Association (SAAFA) advises with regret "... that Daan had passed away on 04/12/2018. The Cape Town Branch of the SAAFA in Cape Town extends its sincere condolences to Maatjie and family. RIP Daan. You were a peaceful and great gentleman. Lest we Forget".
- Phillip Weyers van die SALM rapporteer dat Daan op 12/12/2018 vanuit die NG Gemeente Helderberg in Somerset-Wes begrawe is.
- Leon Martins van die Kaapse Infanterie noem dat "... Daan 'n buurman van my was en dat hy stil in sy slaap heengegaan het. Hy was na sy loopbaan by die SALM aan US se Nagraadse Bestuurskool verbonde. Maatjie se selno is 082 870 8938".

7. Passing of Pete Stanton of Spec Forces

Casper (Cassie) Kruger advises with regret "... that Pete had passed away at 1 Mil Hosp on 15/11/2018 following complications after a protracted illness. Pete was a founding member of the Selous Scouts and held the rank of captain in the Rhodesian Army, before joining the SADF. Our heartfelt condolences go to Lila, John and the entire Stanton Family. The memorial service was held at Fourways Memorial Park in Johannesburg on 23/11/2018.

8. Afsterwe van Trix : Vrou van Wyle Genl Koos Bisschof van die Geskut

Chris van Zyl van die Geskut verwittig met leedwese van "... die afsterwe van Trix op 21 /11/2018 in 'n motorongeluk op die N4 naby Pretoria. Die begrafnis het op 28/11/2018 vanuit die Gereformeerde Gemeente in Centurion plaasgevind. Die diens kan op die gemeente se skakel by GKcenturion.co.za na geluister word. Die kinders sê baie dankie vir al die boodskappe en steun wat ontvang is".

9. Passing of Anita : Widow of the Late Charles Sanderoff of the SAN

Arne Soderland of the SAN advises with sincere regret of "... the passing of Anita on 26/11/2018. Anita died peacefully at home in her apartment in the assisted living centre after a short period of illness with Pneumonia. Our deepest sympathy to Julia and Charles and their families. A Memorial Service was held at the Silvermine Village Chapel on 12/12/2018. She and Charles moved to Silvermine Village where she joined the Entertainments Committee, the Choir and supported the Staff Education Fund for many years. As her friends said '... she ran out of puff, but never out of style".



TRIBUTES TO LIONEL CROOK OF THE GUNNERS : PREVIOUS OC CFA

10. Paul Lombard of the Flying Gunners

"It was with great sadness that we had learned of the passing of Lionel Crook. I have known Lionel since 1957 as a very bright young Gunner officer and throughout the years Lionel proved himself to be an outstanding, keen and very competent officer who impressed with his knowledge, bearing, and the fact that he would do anything to further the positive image of the Military. Nothing was too much for Lionel and his ability to meticulously research a subject was commendable. He will be remembered for the books he wrote and by everyone who had contact with him. Lionel, you were a great Soldier and a true Gentleman. You deserve eternal rest, and in a language you know so well, we say to you '... good shooting Lionel, stand easy".

11. Willem Steenkamp of the Scottish Infantry

"I was sad to hear of the passing of my old friend. Lionel was a first-class Gunner and a truly dedicated Citizen Force soldier who sacrificed much time, including his holidays, to making the CFA the best possible artillery unit. As the son of an old CFA man, that made me especially proud. This is not to mention his immensely painstaking, profoundly important writings on the Artillery, which will be primary reference sources for decades to come.

One story about Lionel, about which I still chuckle, took place during Ex Brolly Tree 3 in 1975. We were lying up at De Brug and one day that humorous old fox, Col Henry Kempen, came around on a quick tour of inspection. Afterwards in the mess he SAID to Lionel that he is afraid his kitchen is dirty. A lesser man would have blushed and spluttered out an apology. Not Lionel. He gave Colonel Kempen that trademark 'klipooog' stare of his and in typical fashion replied mildly '... that may be so, Sir, but my guns are clean'. End of story. I calculate that Lionel had no problems getting to that realm where every day is pay-day, the MPs have wooden legs and the quartermasters light their cigars with ammunition returns".

KERSWENSE

12. Genl Reg Otto van die Kavallerie : Voormalige H Leër vanuit die Baai

"Die Militêre Veterane word 'n geseënde Kersfees en my beste wense vir die feesgety toegewens".

13. Ds Johan de Witt : Voormalige Kpln-Genl

"Graag bid ek elke leser van die Nuusbrief 'n geseënde Kersfees en 'n vreugdevolle 2019 toe".

14. Ore van den Heever van die Kavallerie

"Die Kerstyd is naby en Ansie en ek wil hiermee al ons getroue vriende van baie jare net die beste en mooiste toewens. Mag hierdie tyd ons laat besef dat ons nie alleen is nie. HY is daar en ons het mekaar. Baie groete en geniet die feestyd".

15. Paul Els van die Springende Seiners

"Ek wil graag die geleentheid gebruik om vir almal 'n geseënde Kerstyd en 'n voorspoedige nuwe jaar toe te wens. Mag dit vir almal 'n goeie jaar wees. Wil ook graag vra dat iedere en elk van U op Oujaarsaand met sonsondergang die makkers te salueer wat hierdie jaar gesterf het. Neem gerus 'n foto van U en plaas dit op U FaceBook se blad of stuur dit vir Johan om in die Nuusbrief te plaas. Ek het verlede jaar 'n foto uit Taiwan ontvang van een van ons mense wat daar so eer gebring het".

16. Chris Pohl van die Pretoria Valskermvereniging (PVO)

"Ons wens U elkeen 'n geseënde Christusfees toe. Almal wat gaan reis, wees veilig op die pad en geniet die wegbreek".

PERSOONLIKE BOODSKAPPE

17. Tribute to Our Generation. Jaco Steenberg of the Infantry and the SADFA saw the following on the Net and provides it as a tribute to our generation:

The young boys who never went for military training and who might happen across some older men telling their army stories, might laugh or sneer at the '... old toppies talking army again', but pause for a moment, look at their faces and you may just see that small tear forming, the slight tremble of a lip or that sad look in their eyes and then consider that they went to the Army not by

choice but by conscription. They went in at an early age, many at 17 and just out of school. Birthdays were not spent in celebration but most likely training in the bush. They built a Brotherhood which outshines any friendship. This Brotherhood came from seeing and experiencing things that youngsters of that age were not yet supposed to experience. Death, fear, exhaustion, pain, hunger, wet. Newly made friends died. Friends that became closer than your own family because your very lives depended on each other. Those that did not do battle had their own experiences that took years off their lives as well. When we talk about ‘... our time in the Army, it is because we are proud to have won our families just that little extra freedom, and because it soothes the soul. As we get older, these things catch up on us and distant memories sometimes come flooding back bringing along with them the smells, sounds and sometimes the horrors. So, next time you have a giggle about us chatting about the old times, spare a thought for those youngsters that never got to your age because they paid the ultimate price so that you could enjoy today. And lastly, spare a special thought for their parents that never had the privilege of seeing them grow up and have families of their own.

18. Willem’s Development to Manhood

Willem Steenkamp of the CTH states “... that my father took me along to all sorts of CFA functions, and I owe my development to manhood to one such occasion. Once in the CFA Mess in the Castle after some big parade the mood was jolly and a discussion arose as to which of the officers’ ladies had the most beautiful legs. It was promptly decided a competition should be held and that I should be the judge, as it was reckoned that at 16 my mind was unsullied by base thoughts. I cannot remember my judgment, but everybody was happy with it. It certainly changed me forever. I had been a typical 16-year-old that had considered females to be a variety of somewhat feeble males who cried easily. But now I was struck by a blinding flash of revelation. Women were wonderful, beautiful creatures in their own right! The immediate effect was that my scores at school suffered as I started to ponder this astounding discovery. My father was disappointed when I joined the CTH, because as far as he was concerned, Gunners had the best chance of passing unhindered through the Pearly Gates when their time came”.

MILITÊRE AANGELEENTHEDE

19. SAN is Deteriorating; Parliamentary Committee Hears

In Angel’s MN it was reported that the Parliament’s Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans has heard there is ‘... a steady deterioration of the SAN’s capability. It was also revealed that the fleet has numerous operational defects affecting availability of both surface and sub-surface platforms and that the SAN has accumulated a significant backlog in the maintenance and repair required to ensure sufficient platforms are available in a safe sea-going condition. Only one frigate, SAS Amatola (F145) and one submarine, SAS Manthatisi (S101) have undergone a refit. The SAN is largely dependent on three obsolete offshore patrol vessels, namely SAS Galeshewe (P1567), SAS Isaac Dyobha (P1565) and SAS Makhanda (P1569) to conduct force preparation and employment, anti-piracy and border safeguarding patrols. The vessels are 40 years old, but were built for a design lifespan of between 15 and 20 years, resulting in constant operational defects. The SAN did not have any submarine operationally available for deployment while it awaited procurement of spares. Photo shows SAS Amatola in Simon’s Town harbour.



20. Medalje vir Kevin Riddin van Leërinligting

Pieter Liebenberg is die Voorsitter van die SA Militêre Veterane-vereniging (SAMIVA) en berig "... dat Kevin einde 2017 na 'n lang loopbaan in die SA Infanterie en daarna by die SA Inl K afgetree het. Op 13/11/2018 is die MMM aan Kevin tydens 'n plegtigheid oorhandig waartydens Kol (Prof) Gawie Lotter, 'n vorige Voorsitter van SAMIVA, as funksionaris opgetree het. AO1 Charles Laubscher van Leërinligting en eertydse Sersantmajoor van die SA Leër was in beheer van die seremonie. Op die eerste foto word die medalje oorhandig, terwyl die tweede foto die ampsdraers toon wat by die geleentheid betrokke was".



21. Sunken Argentine Submarine ARA San Juan Found

In Angel's MN it was reported that the location of the Argentine diesel-electric submarine, which was last heard of on 15/11/2017, was discovered on 17/11/2018, almost exactly a year after her disappearance with 44 crew members aboard. The ARA San Juan was found in a ravine in 920m of water, approximately 600 km east of Comodoro Rivadavia in the Atlantic Ocean. In contrast to reports from 2017 which said the submarine likely exploded, the Argentine Navy has stated that it was now evident that the submarine imploded. The wreck was found by Ocean Infinity, a seabed exploration company. Hours after announcing the discovery of the submarine, the government stated that it is unable to recover the vessel, drawing anger from missing sailors' relatives who demanded that it be raised.

22. Royal Navy (RN) Numbers Crisis Leaves Ships in Peril

It has been warned that there are 'barely' enough sailors to run four of the six new Type 45 destroyers and RN warships are being left tied up with their lights turned off due to a profound shortage of sailors. The personnel crisis is so serious that ships are going to sea without sailors to maintain or operate equipment that would be vital in wartime. In 1991 the RN had 61 800 sailors, but numbers have dropped from 35 150 in 2010 to 29 160 and it is believed that the reason for all the missing sailors is '... probably that we made life in the RN less fun, less certain and harder work'.

23. Collision and Subsequent Sinking of Norwegian Frigate

In Angel's MN it was reported that the Norwegian frigate, Helge Ingstad, sank in early Nov 2018 after a collision with a tanker off the coast of Norway. The Board of Enquiry has reached an initial conclusion that confusion on the Ingstad's bridge during watch turnover was the proximate cause of the accident. The photos show the Norwegian frigate at sea and what it looked like after it had been beached after the accident.



24. Collision between US Marine F-18 Hornet and C-130 Hercules

An air and sea search has been launched off the coast of Japan for seven US Marine aircrew after an F/A-18D Hornet fighter and a KC-130 Hercules tanker collided during a refuelling exercise. Both aircraft crashed into the sea about 300km out from their base at Iwakuni. One US Marine has been rescued.



25. Woman Submariner Hurt in Brawl with Male Officers

A female engineer officer on the British nuclear submarine, HMS Artful, has suffered serious facial injuries after a fight with three male officers of HMS Ambush at Faslane Naval Base on Scotland's West Coast. The lieutenant required hospital treatment for a suspected broken jaw after being struck by one of the men, while two junior female seamen who came to her aid were also struck in the incident. The RN confirmed that the MP was investigating the brawl.

MILITÊRE MEDIËSE VERSORGING

26. Kompliment aan 1 Mil Hosp

Karel van Heerden van die SALM rapporteer dat "... my vrou op 28/09/2018 'n kolonoskopie-ondersoek by 1 Mil Hosp ondergaan het. Tydens die ondersoek het daar 'n gaatjie in haar kolon ontstaan as gevolg van die lug wat hulle inpomp en sy is inderhaas na Groenkloof Life Hospitaal vir 'n noodoperasie geneem. Die personeel by 1 Mil Hosp het uiters professioneel opgetree en binne 45min het hulle die matiging, 'n ambulans en dokter gereël. Toe die ambulans by Groenkloof Hospitaal arriveer het die dokter haar by die ambulans ontmoet en dadelik met voorbereiding vir die operasie begin. Ek wil graag my waardering en dank teenoor 1 Mil en Hosp en die betrokke personeel uitspreek.

Net ter inligting wil ek meld dat die probleem ontstaan het omdat my vrou 'n toestand van divertikulose in haar kolon gehad het, wat beteken dat daar ballon-agtige struktuurtjies vanuit die binnekant van die derm na die buitekant uitstulp. Dit vorm 'n swak plek in die derm en met hoë druk in die kolon ontstaan die uitstulping. Die teorie is dat saadjies en pitte wat nie fyn is

nie, die openinge van die binnekant af kan verstop en inflammasie veroorsaak. Tydens 'n kolonoskopie-onderzoek word lug in die kolon geblaas en dan kan so 'n verswakte struktuur oopbars met al die gevaarlike gevolge daarna”.

27. Swak Behandeling van AO1 A. Koen van die TDK

Rouen Heiberg van Afd Inl het verlede week gerapporteer oor hierdie 80jarige Veteraan se nagmerrie om 'n afspraak in George in Mei 2018 vir 'n ongereelde hartritme te reël.

Rouen verwittig nou dat AO1 Koen toe maar op eie inisiatief 'n afspraak by 1 Mil Hosp gereël het, waarna die aanvanklike ondersoek op 07/11/2018 gedoen is. Hy is toe na Pretoria Harthospitaal vir 'n angiogram verwys en is die volgende dag daar opgeneem. Sy bloedtelling was egter nie reg nie en is weer ontslaan. Op 12/11/2018 is hy weer vir bloedtoetse opgeneem, waarna 'n angiogram op 13/11/2018 uitgevoer is”.

28. Chris Wehrmann se Ervarings by 1 Mil Hosp

“Nieteenstaande berigte oor die verval van 1 Mil Hosp wil ek graag my persoonlike ervaring weergee. Ons is reeds vanaf 1968 in Pretoria en het in 50 jaar geen negatiewe ervaring by 1 Mil Hosp gehad nie en kan slegs van die beste en hoogste kwaliteitsdiens getuig. Ek ervaar ook in die laaste tyd 'n verhoging in die netheid en skoonheid van die hospitaal. In 2018 raak ek siek en word by 1 Mil Hosp vir 'n EKG verwys en met die Here se genade het ek 'n suksesvolle angiogram en 'n vier-dubbele hartomleiding ondergaan en 'n pasaangeër gekry. In hierdie proses het ek die beste, gratis mediese versorging en nasorg ontvang, waarvoor ek baie dankbaar is.

Met my besoek aan Afd Dermatologie op Saterdag 10/11/2018 het ek weereens die vriendelikste, mees professionele hantering van dr Tsoke ervaar. Deur die jare doen ek talle besoeke aan kollega-pasiënte en glo ek kan met gesag getuig. Hierdie is slegs my persoonlike ervaring en daarmee misken ek nie ander se negatiewe ervarings nie en is bewus van onnodige sterfgevälle weens nalatige nasorg in sale, maar glo ook dat dit in meeste hospitale gebeur. As ons egter 'n negatiewe gesindheid en houding openbaar, sal dit soos 'n Boemerang na ons terugkom!”

29. Andre Brink en Ore van den Heever se Mediese Behandeling

* In die vorige Nuusbrief het Andre Brink van die Infanterie getuig van die puik behandeling wat hy ervaar het nadat hy skielik nie met sy linkeroog kon sien nie.

In reaksie berig Ore van den Heever van die Kavallerie dat hy “... bly is dat dr Haarhoff Andre se oog kon red. Ongelukkig was daar 2011 nie 'n dr Haarhoff nie en was ek aangewese op die wie op daardie stadium in beheer was. Die eindresultaat was die verlies van sig in my regteroog”.

TOEKOMSTIGE OORLOë

30. NTR.

EIETYDSE MILITêRE GESKIEDENIS

31. Dr Leopold Scholtz van die infanterie se Nuwe Boeke

“Ek is gevra om 'n boek oor Op Firewood van Okt 1987 te skryf en het reeds 'n oproep vir steun op Facebook geplaas, maar wil dit ook langs hierdie weg doen. Enige Veteraan wat regstreeks of sydelings met die operasie te make gehad het, word versoek om my op leoscholtz@yahoo.com met hulle herinneringe te help”

Nota. Die operasie is op 31/10/1987 deur 101 Bn, ondersteun deur D Komp 1 Valsk Bn en 'n element van 5 Verk Regt op SWAPO(PLAN) se basis by Nindango in Suid-Angola uitgevoer,

waartydens Ratels, Casspirs en Buffels aangewend is. Dit het geblyk dat PLAN moontlik van die beplande operasie bewus was, is deur Kubaanse en FAPL elemente ondersteun en die SA Leër het verskeie verliese gely. Op die fotos verskyn Kol K.A. Satenov, Sowjet-raadgewer by PLAN se 1 en 20 Bdes, by 'n Buffel wat tydens die geveg buitgemaak is, asook 101 Bn se eenheidskenteken. Drie van 101 Bn se Casspirs is ook verloor. PLAN se sogenaamde konvensionele vermoë is, sover my kennis strek, nooit operasioneel aangewend nie.



32. Mooi en Jonk

* Paul Els het die twee foto's verskaf wat in die Paratus van Jan 1972 verskyn het na die aanstelling van KG SAW en BGGGM se nuwe PAs. Op die foto's verskyn Harrie Gijsbers van die Infanterie en As Kleynhans van die Lugafweer. Harrie is ongelukkig vroeg weens bloedkanker oorlede.

* As voeg by "... dat in 1972 het vier van ons SA Mil Akad jaargroep as PAs gedien. Chris van Zyl by die Staatspresident, Theo Beyleveldt by H Leër en Harry en ek".



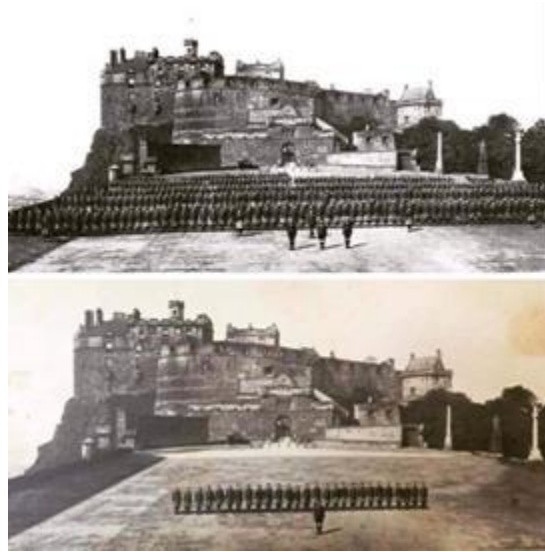
LEFT:
The Commandant General's new PA,
Capt H. Gijsbers.



RIGHT:
Personal Adjutant to Lt Genl C. A.
Fraser, SSA, SM, General Officer Com-
manding Joint Combat Forces, Capt
A. S. J. Kleynhans.

33. The Futility and Cost of War.

The photo on the top shows a battalion of the Cameron Highlanders in 1914, prior to being despatched to the front line. Below is the same battalion upon their return in 1918 after the armistice.



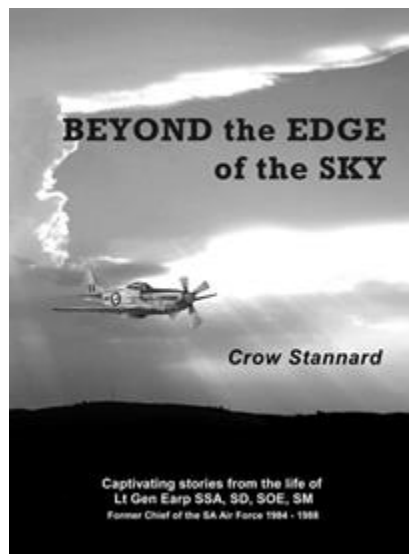
NUWE MILITêRE BOEKE

34. Verdere Boeke deur Dr Leopold Scholtz

“Daar is twee manuskripte van my oor die Bosoerlog wat by die uitgewers is. Die een gaan oor die verhouding tussen oorlog en politiek tydens Ops Moduler, Hooper en Packer en die ander is 'n taktiese analise van die gevegte van op 03/10 en op 09 en 11/11/1987, asook die laaste drie mislukte aanvalle op Tumpo. Ek weet nie wanneer die boeke uitkom nie”.

35. Beyond the Edge of the Sky by Crow Stannard

The book is a collection of biographical stories from the life of Lt Gen Denis Earp, former C SAAF between 1984 and 1988 and includes memories of a fighter pilot who spent two years as a POW in the hands of the Chinese during the Korean War. It gives his personal accounts of those harrowing years ‘... the most trying period of my life’ and also beyond. It allows us a glimpse of the personal experiences that helped to shape the man who later played a large role in the shaping of the SAAF, from his childhood diversions and youthful escapades, through years in active service, to his role as husband and father, innovative aviator and maverick Air Force leader. His ambitions; his hopes and frustrations; his delights and despairs. These are tales that will appeal to those who have an appreciation of history and will resonate with those Veterans who experienced the same horrendous ordeals as he did in the ‘Forgotten War’ in Korea, as well as those who served with him in the Bush War in SWA and Angola. Price is R140 plus packing of R25. Published and distributed by Crowbar Enterprises whose e-mail address and phone number is crowbar@mweb.co.za and 012-651 4521.

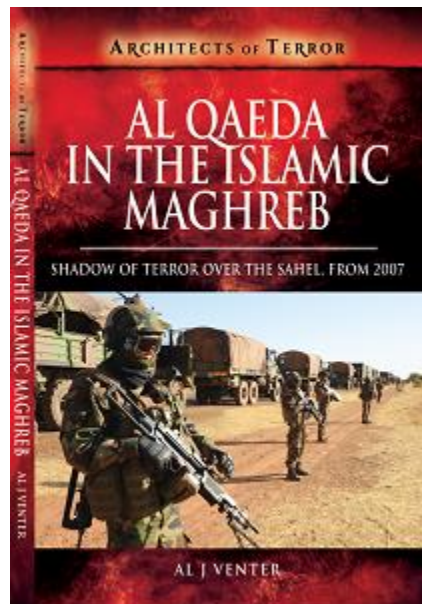


36. Nuwe Boek deur Al Venter van 32 Bn

“Ek en Gabriela woon nou tydelik in die VSA en die lewe hier is goed, maar ek verlang erg na die bos! Ons beweeg vroeg volgende jaar Suidwards, want ek will graag vir Gabriela op safari na die Okavango-delta neem en ook 'n week langs die Zambesirivier vertoef.

'n Artikel van my, March of the Drones, het in die American Survival Guide verskyn en berig oor die algemene gebruik Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs of Drones) wat nou in verskillende Afrika-oorloë aan albei kante aangewend word, insluitend Boko Haram in Nigerië en al-Sahabaab in Somalië.

My jongste boek het sopas verskyn en handel oor al-Qaeda se bedrywighede in Wes-Afrika. Die voorblad verskyn hieronder:



37. NTR.

WELSYNSWERK

38. Projek vir Lede van 31 Bn by Platfontein

Nantie Potgieter van die RMVO verwittig van "... die opheffingsprojek wat deur die SAGE Stigting vir die Kwedamen !Kun Militêre Veterane geborg word wat by 31 Bn gedien het. Die projek vind in Platfontein naby Kimberley plaas waar hierdie 200 Militêre Veterane en hulle 7 000 afstammeling gevestig is. Die Veterane is opgewonde oor die projek wat met die inisiatief en hulp van die RMVO, insette en navorsing van UNISA en die finansiële bystand van die SAGE Stigting van stapel gestuur is. Die doel van die projek is om die lewenskwaliteit van die Veterane te verbeter en hulle waardigheid te herstel, waartydens die gemeenskapsentrum in Platfontein verbeter en as 'n effektiewe opleidingsentrum ontwikkel word. Sedert 2017 het 60 lede reeds opleiding in rekenaargebruik gekry en is 20 potensiële entrepreneurs identifiseer om onderrig te ontvang. Met 'n tweede fase word daar vanaf einde Nov 2018 weer sulke opleiding verskaf'.

ALGEMENE ASPEKTE

39. Herdenking van die Bosoerlog

- Paul Els van die springende Seiners is ons almal se gewete en het in die vorige Nuusbrief 'n beroep gedoen dat dat die eiende van ons Bosoerlog 30 jaar gelede in Apr 2019 herdenk word.
- Neels Nöthling, voormalige krygshistorikus in die SAW, stem saam en noem dat "... daar straks 'n eendagkonferensie en boekefees gereël kan word, wat die geleentheid sal bied om oor die oorlog te besin. Enkele kenners kan as sprekers genooi word, soos bv prof Andre Wessels van die UVS wat self 'n puik krygshistorikus is en wat onlangs sekerlik die beste historiografiese oorsig van literatuur oor die Bosoerlog gelewer het. Ek sal graag betrokke wil raak en dink die SAWV en ander Veterane-verenigings moet ook 'n rol speel".
- Johan du Preez verwittig dat die SAWV besig is om die kwessie te ondersoek en sal mettertyd verslag doen.

40. Monuments for the ANC (MK) in Angola

Manuel Ferreira of SAAF Signals has translated a report on the Net about the announcement by the RSA Ambassador to Angola, Fannie Mfana Phokola, in the Dembos municipality of the Bengo Province, of his government's intention to build monuments in memory of the ANC fighters that had occupied the nine military bases which MK had in Angola. The diplomat revealed this at the end of his visit to a former MK base in Dembos, at the graves of eight guerrillas that died during an attack by the SADF in 1985.

41. Kontakdetail van die Militêre Argief

Jaco Steenberg van die SAWV rapporteer dat die Dept van Verdediging se Argief in Centurion gevestig is en dat hulle kontakdetail soos volg is:

*Telefoonnommer. 012-670 8000.

* Faksnommer. 012-670 8001.

* E-posadres. archive@dod.mil.za.

42. Detail oor Insident in die Operasionele Gebied

Pieter Joubert van Personeel en die SAWV verwys na die voorval op 03/12/1980 waartydens twee Buffels van 3 SAI Bn tussen Ondangwa en Oshakati met RPGs aangeval is. Kpl Donald Brooks het in die aanval gesterf, asook moontlik Sktrs J.E. van der Merwe en C. van Zyl, terwyl 76342682 BG Kpl David Schalk Day ernstig gewond is. David het my nou genader om inligting oor die insident te bekom, aangesien hy 'n behoefte ervaar om die res van sy makkers in die twee Buffels op te spoor. My versoek is dat enigiemand wat van die voorval bewus is, my van inligting oor die insident en die name van die betrokkenes voorsien om David te help om sy wens te vervul.

David het nie sy Pro Patria-medalje ontvang het nie en waarskynlik ook nie die ander lede nie. Voor die insident was David ook in Op Bowler ontplooi en het ook nie sy Suider-Afrika-Medalje ontvang nie. Ek probeer hier by die SAWV om vir David en die ander lede te help om hulle uitstaande medaljes te siteer en sal hulp op my selno 082 882 2955 of e-posadres by pieter.joubert@hotmail.com waardeer.

43. SAPS Wish to Remove Self Defence as Reason to Own a Firearm

Paul Oxley is the Chairperson of the Gun Owners Association and states "...that the SAPS have proven that they are not serious about the lives of citizens in the RSA. A draft amendment bill to the Firearms Control Act was released in which Sections 13 and 14 are repealed, meaning that self-defence is no longer a valid reason for owning a firearm. Taking away a means to effectively defend oneself will lead to an increase in violent crimes committed against all South Africans and this cannot be allowed to happen. We urge all legal gun owners to write to the Chairperson of the Police Portfolio Committee, Mr Francois Beukman, expressing your dissatisfaction at this preposterous and uncalled for attack on our ability to protect ourselves against the crime infestation we all face on a daily basis. His e-mail address is fbeukman@parliament.gov.za".

44. Fake News Regarding Court Order

The Gun Owners Association has also advised that "... there is a so-called 'media release' doing the rounds on social media stating that the High Court has made an order in terms of which expired firearm licenses can now be renewed. This is fake news and is unfortunately not correct. The correct position can be read on the link to our Newsletters on <https://natshoot.co.za/nhsa-info/newsletters>".

45. State of the Nation.

Paul Els has provided the following report based on the Human Development Index (HDI) of the UN:

South Africa's HDI in 1990 : 72nd in the World

Quite good as it had prior to that time experienced 10 years of major global economic and other sanctions against it, and had fought a major war against the USSR and Cuba in Angola for 14 years, and had been hard-hit by the global economic crisis of the late 1980s. See the link at <https://countryeconomy.com/hdi?year=1990>

South Africa's HDI in 2015 - 119th in the World

Quite bad as it had fallen by 47 places since 1990. This is a world-first and world record in human history to have such an extreme fall occur, not just because of the absence of a major internal war or a catastrophic countrywide natural disaster in the intervening period since 1990, but also because this occurred despite the lifting of sanctions in 1990 and (initially) the inflow of very significant foreign investment after 1990. See the link at <https://countryeconomy.com/hdi>

46. Unemployment in the RSA

According to official statistics unemployment in the RSA in 2017 was the highest in the world and even higher than Iraq and Libya after their wars, higher than Syria at this time during its war and higher than Venezuela after the total collapse of its economy. Again, a world-first and a world record in human history for a country that has not experienced a major internal war and/or a catastrophic natural disaster. The link at <https://countryeconomy.com/unemployment> provides the details.

47. Our Economic Comparison with the EU and the USA

The Economist, Mike Schüssler, has stated that in the USA 60.6% of total population work. In the Euro Area, it is 42.4% of the total population, while in the RSA it is 28.2%. Also in the RSA the formal taxpayers are 13.5% of the total population, while in the USA it is 53.4% or about four times the RSA ratio.

48. Newsletter of the Naval Officers' Association of Southern Africa

Angel states that the Newsletter for Dec 2018 is available and can be requested from the Secretary, John Lamont, at glentyne@yebo.co.za.

49. Ship Which Sailed on Two Days at One Moment

In the above Newsletter the amusing story is told of a passenger steamer, SS Warrimoo, which was in the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the result to the master, Capt John Phillips. The date was 31/12/1899 and it was realized that the vessel was only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line. Capt Phillips decided to take full advantage of the opportunity to achieve the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ships position, changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark and adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather and clear night worked in his favour. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and the middle of summer. The aft part (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter. The date in the aft part of the ship was 31/12/1899 and on the bow it was 01/01/1900! The ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different years and two different seasons but in two different centuries, all at the same time!



50. Good Wishes from Your Pilot

This photo is specifically included to give all our members in Blue a warm feeling this Christmas.



NUUS OOR DIE VETERANE-ORGANISASIES

51. Inleiding

Hierdie groepproof is geskep met die spesifieke doel om aan die Veterane-organisasies 'n forum te bied waar hulle die breër Veterane-gemeenskap oor hulle onderskeie aktiwiteite kan inlig. Maak gerus gebruik daarvan, soos wat die Infanterie-vereniging hieronder doen.

52. Newsletters of the SAAFA

* Koos van Rensburg is the Web Master of the SAAFA and advises that ... my e-mail address is nhq@saafa.co.za and that the following new newsletters have been published on our formal SAAFA website at www.saafa.co.za, which can be read after clicking 'News' and 'Branch Newsletters' :

Tale Dragger - Port Alfred Branch
Stick & Throttle - Pretoria Branch
Malgas – Weskus Branch

Note. Most of the Branch Newsletters are of exceptional quality and especially the Pongos will find it of great interest to read of old comrades.

53. Nuusbrief van die Pretoria Canopy (PVO)

Paul Els het die eerste Nuusbrief van die Valskerm-geledere in Pretoria, bekend as Bat Chat, die lig laat sien. Die Nuusbrief is vanaf Paul se e-posadres by paul@who-els.co.za beskikbaar



PVO PRETORIA CANOPY



ASPECTS CONCERNING OUR PENSION FUND (GEPF)

54. Misbruik van Lede se Aktuariële Belang in die Pensioenfonds

AP Stemmet van die Kavallerie verklaar dat "... daar gevalle is waar amptenare kort voor hulle normale aftrede bedank, hul aktuariële belang in die Pensioenfonds neem en in sommige gevalle dadelik weer aansluit. AMAGP het al by herhaling ten sterkste teen hierdie praktyk gewaarsku, omdat dit nie in die lid of die Pensioenfonds se belang is nie".

55. As Kleynhans of the Gunners

"There are a large numbers of GEPF pensioners who are not aware of the AMAGP. The AMAGP, on the other hand, needs all GEPF pensioners to join the organisation. This is an urgent appeal to all our members to help with the printing and distribution of application forms to advertise AMAGP. Please help with the posting of flyers at retirement villages or other community centres visited by pensioners and by handing application forms to pensioners who do not have ready access to the internet. Examples of the flyers and application forms can be obtained from my e-mail address at askleynhans@telkomsa.net.

Thank you for your contribution to expand the numbers of the AMAGP, and its ability to fight for the sustainability of our pension fund".

56. New Issue of the GEPF Monitor

Errol Massey-Hicks reports that Issue No 11 of 2018 is now available and can be read on our website at www.amagp.co.za. In the Newsletter it is mentioned that the GEPF has 1 273 784 active members, 437 051 pensioners, and R1 67 trillion in assets under management.



SOEKTOGTE

57. NTR.

GELEENTHEDE, FUNKSIES EN KURSUS- EN ANDER RE-UNIES

58. Remembrance Day Parade in Mossel Bay on 11/11/2018

Deon Potgieter of the SA Legion, whose photo here below was taken at the Parade, advises that "... more than 90 years ago the Community of Mossel Bay decided to erect a War Memorial to honour those Local Citizens who had laid down their lives in WW1. Fondse is deur die gemeenskap uit donasies en die hou van menige bazaars ingesamel om vir die oprig van 'n monument by Die Punt te betaal, op 'n perseel wat deur die munisipaliteit geskenk is. On 28/09/1928 the Cenotaph was unveiled by Maj-Gen Sir HT Lukin, KCB, CMG and DSO & Bar who was the Commander of the SA Forces that went to War in Africa and Europe in 1915. The Cenotaph was designed by a local architect, Mr WJ Delbridge, and modelled on the Cenotaph in White Hall, London, England.

Op Sondag 11/11/ 2018 het die Blaize Away Shellhole 'n Herdenkingsdiens en Parade by die Senotaaf aangebied. The proceedings was in honour of all those from Mossel Bay who paid the ultimate price during WW1, WW2, the Korean War, the SA Border War and more recently the Iraq War".



59. SAWV se Maandelikse Ontbyt Was Op 08/12/2018 as Deel van Projek Kolgans

Arlene Bronkhorst van die SAWV noem dat "... die jaar op sy einde is en ons laaste ontbyt het op 08/12/2018 by Chatterley's plaasgevind. Kom maak volgende jaar van die geleentheid gebruik om 'n heerlike buffetontbyt saam met goeie vriende en die gesin te geniet. Prys is R50 per persoon wat onbeperkte koffie en tee insluit. Verrigtinge begin stiptelik om 09:00. Lede wat volgende jaar wil inskakel moet bywoning aan my e-posadres by sawv@milvets.co.za verwittig".

60. Infanterie-vereniging se Formele Gaste-aand op 08/12/2018

Leon le Roux rapporteer dat die Vereniging op 08/12/2018 'n suksesvolle en aangename eindjaarfunksie by die Bronberg, Wynlandgoed gehou het, waartydens drie lede, naamlik John Lizamore, Albert Peters en Jack Pearce vereer is deur opgeneem te word in die Vereniging se ere-rol. Hierdie drie Veterane het oor baie jare 'n toegewyde en positiewe bydrae tot die vereniging gelewer. Die een foto is by die geleentheid geneem, terwyl John en die Voorsitter van die Vereniging, Johann Boshoff, op die tweede foto verskyn.



NETWORKING

61. Koos van der Merwe Benodig 'n Sam Browne

Maj Koos van der Merwe van die Infanterie en die Parlement is nog steeds op soek na 'n Sam Browne en wil weet wie hom kan help. Koos se koördinate is 082 444-4944 en koosvdm79@gmail.co.

62. Boek oor en Musiek van Pieter van der Byl alias Piet Pompies

Jacob Clarence van die Geskut en Personeel noem dat "... baie van ons Veterane vir Piet Pompies van Calrex Kaskenades en Next Stop Makoulei sal onthou. Ek het nog gereeld kontak met Pieter se kinders, Elsa, Pieter en Johan. Elsa woon in die VSA woon het sopas 'n boek, *'PIET wat POMPIES Was'* die lig laat sien, wat die leser 'n unieke blik op die leefwêreld van die 1940s tot 1980s gee. Die boek is op 06/12/2018 in die Erfenisentrum by die Voortrekkermonument bekendgestel. Die Veterane kan 'n eksemplaar van die boek vanaf die e-posadres by jjvdbyl@telkomsa.net of selno by 082 202 5213 bestel. Ons gaan die posgeld aansienlik verminder deur van Pep Stores se dienste gebruik te maak.

Pieter van der Byl het ongeveer 380 liedjies gekomponeer waarvan slegs 14 op 78 OPM en op drie langspeelplate gehoor kan word. Ek het 18 van daardie liedjies op my rekenaar. Elsa het nou toestemming van Gallo Musiekuitgewery gekry sodat ek van Piet Pompies se liedjies op YouTube kon plaas. Ons het voorlopig op net twee besluit en op die skakels by https://youtu.be/sam_0CVqeUE en https://youtu.be/RF_h95-ISKU kan na '*Tant Soesen Sit In Die Skoorsteen Vas*' en '*Give Me An Farm In The Old Karoo*' geluister word".

ADMINISTRASIE

65. Nuwe Lede. NTR.

66. Kerswense

Hierdie is moontlik die laaste uitgawe van die jaar en al ons lesers word 'n geseënde Kersfees en uiters voorspoedige Nuwe Jaar toegewens. Baie dankie vir al u insette die afgelope jaar, want sonder u betrokkenheid sou die Wel en Wee nie 'n bestaansreg gehad het nie.

LAASTE LAWWE (EN SOMS ERNSTIGE) STUKKE

67. Food for Thought

* Three groups spend other people's money, namely children, thieves and politicians. All three need supervision - Dick Armeij

* Crying does not mean that you are weak. Since birth it has been a sign that you are alive.

68. Plunder of State Funds

"When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it - Frédéric Bastiat

69. True Definition of Globalization. Deon Potgieter of the Signals Department of the MOTHS in Mossel Bay provided the following to make the definition easy to understand:

Princess Diana's death was an English Princess with an Egyptian boyfriend that crashed in a French tunnel, riding in a German car with a Dutch engine, driven by a Belgian who was drunk on Scottish whisky, followed closely by Italian Paparazzi, on Japanese motorcycles, treated by an American doctor, using Brazilian medicines. This is sent to you by a Canadian, using American Bill Gates' technology, and you're probably reading this on your computer, that uses Taiwanese chips, and a Korean monitor, assembled by Bangladeshi workers in a Singapore plant, transported by Indian truck drivers, hijacked by Indonesians, unloaded by Sicilian longshoremen and trucked to you by Mexicans who are in the USA illegally because the immediate past president, born in Kenya and educated as a Muslim refused to enforce US law. That, my friends, is Globalization!
SLOT

70. And on that international note, geniet die res van die week.

Johann

VRYWARINGSKLOUSULE

71. Hierdie Nuusbrief bevat die uiteenlopende en diverse persoonlike menings van Militêre Veterane en die Opsteller van die Nuusbrief kan nie in sy persoonlike hoedanigheid daarvoor verantwoordelik of aanspreeklik gehou word nie.