

**WEL EN WEE VAN DIE MILITÊRE VETERANE :
BERIG 16/2018
30/12/2018**

WEE VAN DIE VETERANE

1. Afsterwe van Alex Potgieter van die Kavallerie

* Barry Gildenhuys van die SALM en C160-faam het vroeër gerapporteer dat Alex ernstig siek was. Hy is uit 1 Mil Hosp ontslaan en was in die Fleureville Versorgingseenheid in Montana versorg, waar sy vrou, Elrie, die Matrone is.

* Elrie het daarna verwittig "... dat Alex weens hartversaking en akute nierversaking by 1 Mil Hosp opgeneem was, waar hy baie goeie behandeling ontvang het. Hy het nou sy mobiliteit verloor en is swak en uitgeput. Ek slaap elke nag in sy kamer by Fleureville om hom te versorg. My selno is 083 292 3933".

Chris van Zyl van die Geskut en Gerrit Murphy van die Seiners het met leedwese verwittig dat Alex op 26/12/2018 by Fleureville oorlede is. Barry noem dat die begrafnis om 10:00 op Vrydag 04/01/2019 vanuit die NG Gemeente Waterkloof op die hoek van Stella- en Olivierstrate plaasvind". Hy noem dat die Militêre Veterane hulle Bondsdrag en medaljes moet dra en deel vorm van die eerbetoon na die diens. Chris se selno is 072 716 9299.

2. Passing of Reg Lotter of Signals

John Redfern of Int Div advises with sincere regret of "... the passing of Reg on 18/09/2018. Reg joined the Rhodesia and Nyasaland Army in 1960 and served in the Rhodesian Corps of Signals. On immigrating to South Africa, he joined the SADF and retired with the rank of Colonel. Reg thereafter established and managed a security service. He was a founder member of the Rhodesian Forces Memorial Committee and was also a past Provincial Old Bill of the MOTH organisation and an active member of the Last Post Shellhole. He leaves his wife Val, daughter Debbie and son Jonathan. We will remember him".

3. Passing of Hermann Heim of the SAAF

Koos van Rensburg of the SAAFA advises with sincere regret of "... the passing of Hermann on 13/12/2018 and who was laid to rest in Bloemfontein on 20/12/2018. Our sincere condolences to Hermann's wife, Barbara, daughter Geraldine and family. Lest we Forget".

4. Passing of Don Johnston of the SAAF

Carol van Rensburg of the Branch of the SAAFA in Johannesburg advises with sincere regret of "... the passing of Don on 23/12/2018 in Johannesburg. Don had been a member of this SAAFA branch since 1954. His battle with cancer is finally over. Our sincere condolences to all of John's loved ones. Lest we Forget".

5. Passing of Graham Chisholm of the SAAF

Koos van Rensburg also advises with with great sadness of "... the passing of Graham on 27 December 2018 after a heart attack. Graham was a member of the Durban Branch of the SAAF. Our sincere condolences to all of Graham's loved ones. Lest we Forget".



6. Operasie vir Bertus Steenkamp van Afd Inl

Bertus verwittig dat hy 'n "... heupvervanging by 2 Mil Hosp ondergaan het. Ek is nog op krukke, maar is dankbaar dat die operasie 'n sukses was. Die behandeling wat ek by 2 Mil Hosp ontvang het was werklik uitstekend. My selno is 082 3347997".

PERSOONLIKE BOODSKAPPE

7. Kontaknommer van Genl Willie Meyer in Bloemfontein

Johan van Wyngaard van Leërinligting rapporteer "... dat Oom Willie van die Kavallerie en SWAGM-faam sy e-pos gestaak het, maar kan op sy selno by 083 378 5962 gekontak word".

8. Prestasie deur Robbie Fox van Logistiek en Afd Inl

Voorheen is genoem dat Robbie die mans se enkelkampioenskap by Wonderboom se Rolbalklub gewen het en is op 18/08/2018 as die klub se Victor Ludorum bekroon. Robbie noem dat hy en Pieter Stroebel nou die wenners was van 2018 se Veterane Mans Parekmpetisie van Gauteng-Noord.



KERS-EN NUWEJAARSWENSE

9. Kersboodskap deur Johann Dippenaar : Voorsitter van die RMVO

“Die afgelope jaar is gekenmerk deur politieke onsekerheid en moeilike ekonomiese omstandighede en die Militêre Veterane is toenemend deur die land se negatiewe omstandighede beïnvloed. Danksy die betrokkenheid en konstruktiewe gesindheid van lid-organisasies en die leierskorps, vind daar steeds positiewe groei plaas. Geaffilieerde lidorganisasies is steeds aktief en leef die kultuur van militêre broederskap uit en ek wil my waardering uitspreek teenoor elke persoon wat ‘n helpende hand na makkers in nood uitsteek. Kom ons bou hierop voort. Daar is van ons Militêre Veterane wat hierdie jaar teenspoed en hartseer ervaar het en sommige het naasbestaendes of ‘n vriend aan die dood afgestaan. Ons dink met deernis aan u en glo dat die Bron van troos en krag u sal dra. Namens die Raad en Bestuur van die RMVO wens ons elke Veteraan en familie ‘n geseënde en vreugdevolle Kersseisoen toe. Mag 2019 vir u elkeen ‘n jaar van goeie gesondheid, voorspoed en vrede wees”.



10. Johann du Preez van die SAW Vereniging (SAWV)

“Die Nasionale Uitvoerende Raad van die SAWV wens al die Militêre Veterane en hulle geliefdes ‘n warm, gelukkige en veilige feesseisoen en ‘n vredevolle en voorspoedige nuwe jaar toe”.



11. Renaud Booyen: Chairman of Savannah Veteran's Association

“The National Committee wishes all the members of the Association and their loved ones a warm, happy and safe festive season and a peaceful and prosperous new year. Let us be thankful for the year that has passed and even more thankful for another year to come. I am wishing you and your family a prosperous new year. Forget about the mistakes you have made and forgive those who sinned against you. Live this year with pure joy and love in your heart”.



12. Dr/Ds/Kpln/Oom Jozua Potgieter

Hierdie Christusfees leer ons opnuut om vrede te maak
want Hy is die Vredevoers;
leer ons van liefde want Hy is uit liefde gestuur
leer ons van blydskap want Hy bring verblyding -
en in en uit en deur Hom
moet ons mekaar liefhê
en God bowe-al.

13. Prof Deon Fourie van die Kavallerie

“Die Veterane en hulle gesinne word ‘n aangename Kerstyd toegewens... om nie eens van ‘n besondere 2019 te praat nie!”

14. MS du Toit van die Infanterie en Afd Inl

“Aan u en u gesinne word ‘n geseënde Kersfees, asook ‘n baie voorspoedige Nuwe Jaar toegebid. Mag u almal goeie gesondheid geniet en waar dit soms minder aangenaam is, ons vriendskap sal gebruik om waar moontlik, probleme te help oorbrug”.

15. Hennie Heymans van die ZARPe

“Van die ZARPe se kant af, alles van die beste vir die Soldate, want Kersfees is 'n tyd om die grootste reddingsoperasie van die mensdom ooit te gedenk! Mag julle 'n werklike Christusfees ervaar en 'n voorspoedige Nuwe Jaar! Ek lees graag elke uitgawe van die Wel en Wee en ek is elke keer verbaas dat ek so baie soldate, matrose en vlieëniers ken!”

16. Deon van Zyl van die Seiners

“Geseënde Kersfees en mag die Veterane God se onbeskryflike liefde, seën en genade in oorfloed ervaar”.

17. Paul Els van die Seiners

“With this Christmas blessing we would like to say thank you, to all of you who had supported us and made this year a blessed one for us. It was a great year with your support. We wish you nothing but the joy and happiness that this Christmas brings! Have a great and wonderful Christmas and New Year!”

18. Peter Rose of the Infantry

“I wish all the Veterans a blessed Christmas and may 2019 be a prosperous one. I have returned from the Congo to the RSA for Christmas and am staying with my daughter and two grandsons in Meredale, Johannesburg. My number in the RSA is 076 447 6891”.

19. Chris van Zyl van die Geskut

“Mag al die Veterane se Kersfees geseënd wees en word baie voorspoed vir 2019 toegewens”.

20. John Lizamore van die Infanterie

“Mag die tydlose boodskap van Kersfees die Veterane se harte en huise met onuitspreeklike vreugde vul; nou en ook regdeur die nuwe jaar”.

21. Jacob (JC) Clarens van die Geskut en Personeel

“Mag julle elkeen ‘n Christusfees vol vrede, liefde en vrede ervaar saam met al die spesiale mense in julle lewens”.

22. Al J Venter van 32 Bn

“Geseënde Kersfees word al die liewe mense van die SAW toegewens. Bly net gesond en lewendig! Wees versigtig, want hierdie is wêreldwyd nie goeie tye nie!”

23. Boela Muller van die Infanterie

“Mag hierdie Feestyd vir al die Veterane die aller mooiste van ons Skepper se prag, liefde en genade inhou”.

24. Melt van Niekerk van Afd Inl

“Mag hierdie Christusfees gehul wees in vrede, vreugde en veiligheid in die wete dat ons God en Vader in beheer is”.

25. Louw Trichardt van die Infanterie

“Ons vertrou dat die Veterane ‘n geseënde Feesseisoen met al hulle nabymense sal geniet en dat 2019 groot geleenthede sal bied wat ons saam sal kan geniet”.

MILITÊRE AANGELEENTHEDE

26. Collision of Two Vessels of the SAN

In Arne’s MN it was reported that two vessels of the SAN sustained slight damage when they were involved in a minor collision during a berthing incident on 13/12/2018 in Simon’s Town harbour. The SAS Spioenkop collided with SAS Drakensberg while entering harbour, guided by the Naval Harbour Master and the Navy tugs. There was a mechanical or communication system deficiency on-board the frigate at a critical time when the ship was supposed to reduce speed. Despite valiant efforts from the tugs to reduce her speed, SAS Spioenkop collided with SAS Drakensberg which was berthed alongside. Both ships sustained minor damage above the waterline.

27. Trump Directs Pentagon to Create US Space Command

On 18/12/2018 President Donald Trump ordered the establishment of a Space Command that will oversee the country's military operations in space and to find more effective ways to defend US assets in space like satellites. The move comes amid growing concerns that China and Russia are working on ways to disrupt, disable, or even destroy satellites on which US Forces rely for navigation, communications, and surveillance.

28. Photo of USS Michael Monsoor at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay

Angel reports in his MN that USS Michael Monsoor of the USN will look like this when the vessel is ready for service. Angel remarks "... that it looks like a coastal defence fort!"



29. Security Organizations to Benefit from Reduced US Force Levels

The author, Al J Venter, has provided an article containing the news that President Donald Trump has directed the reduction of US force levels by 2 000 in Syria and 7 000 in Afghanistan. The private security company, Blackwater USA, has already indicated that it is ready to return after it was banned from Iraq. Prince of Blackwater had previously advised President Trump that the 17-year Afghan War will never be won by a traditional military campaign and that the logistical footprint required to support the US Forces in Afghanistan had become too burdensome.

30. Giving Birth to a New Generation



TOEKOMSTIGE OORLOë

31. Chinese Threat Against US Naval Vessels in the South China Sea

A senior Chinese military official has urged the Chinese Navy during a conference in Beijing on 15/12/2018 to attack US naval vessels in the South China. The Chinese media reports that the situation in the South China Sea is expected to grow more intense over the coming year, after this military official had declared that China should be prepared to attack should US vessels violate Chinese territorial waters. He added that such action "... would boost the unification of Taiwan. Once a strategic opportunity emerges, we should be ready to take over Taiwan".

MILITêRE MEDIËSE VERSORING

32. Privaat Mediese Sorg

George Snyman van die SALM noem dat hy "... gedurende 2018 'n pasiënt van dr Roscher, 'n dermatoloog wat in Umhlanga praktiseer. Na afloop van die behandeling het hy aan my genoem van die Triomf Kliniek wat hy en ander spesialiste in Pretoria-Wes bedryf. Die Kliniek is gestig om die kritieke tekortkominge in gesondheidsorg vir die minderbevoorregte inwoners van Pretoria-Wes aan te spreek en hulle is bereid om Militêre Veterane van ons era en hulle gesinne wat mediese behandeling nodig het en nie kans sien om na 1 Mil te gaan nie, daar gratis te behandel. Detail is op die Kliniek se webblad by www.triomf.org.za beskikbaar. Pasiënte word deur mediese praktisyns na die Kliniek verwys, of kan self direk by die Polikliniek aanmeld. Kyk op die webblad na die prosedure om te volg. Dr Roscher is 'n spesialis wat voorheen by 1 Mil Hosp diens gedoen het en versoek dat die bestaan en werkwyse van die Kliniek slegs binne eie geleedere hanteer word".

FUNCTIONING OF THE MEDICAL CONTINUATION FUND (PFMCF)

33. NTR.

EIETYDSE MILITÊRE GESKIEDENIS

34. Die Soektog na die Vermiste Sexton-enjins

Daan Kemp van Leërinligting vertel dat "... die Sextons lank die SAW se Geskut se oplossing vir op die gemeganiseerde magte se artillerie-behoefte was. Saam met die aankoop van die voertuie was daar ook addisionele enjins vir al die Sextons verskaf. In ongeveer 1975 is daar gesoek na die spaar enjins maar helaas, hulle is toe net weg! Dit was nooit by die Depot uitgereik en was steeds op rekening aangetoon. Dit kon weens die grootte nie gesteel gewees het nie, terwyl die enjins spesiale brandstof gebruik waarvan die oktaangehalte so laag was dat dit nie kommersieel beskikbaar was nie. Nogal hoë oktaan vliegtuigbrandstof van WO2.

Johan Roos van die Kavallerie was met 'n Raad van Ondersoek getaak om na die enjins van die Sextons te soek. Hy het my vertel dat hy al die destydse tegniese depots besoek en boeke nagegaan het, maar tevergeefs. Die dokumentasie was duidelik dat die enjins ontvang is, maar niemand het geweet wat van hulle geword het nie. Hy sê hy staan in 81 TVD se een stoor, besig om met sy span en depotpersoneel te praat, met die een hand teen die muur van die stoor, gebou van gestapelde groot kratte. Hy kyk toe terloops na die muur, praat verder, kyk weer na die muur, praat amper verder en vra toe in besondere duidelikheid wat in die kratte is! Die verrassing was dat die Sexton enjins in die kratte gebruik is om die stoor af te skort en met die verwisseling van stoormanne is die inhoud van die kratte vergeet. Soektog suksesvol afgehandel deur te leun teen 'n muur van kratte".

35. *Beyond the Edge of the Sky* by Crow Stannard

In the previous issue mention was made of the book by Crow Stannard of the SAAF, containing biographical stories from the life of Lt Gen Denis Earp. It was mentioned that the book was published and distributed by Crowbar Enterprises whose e-mail address was indicated as crowbar@mweb.co.za. Crow now advises that the e-mail address is wrong and should be replaced by crowbar@lantic.net.

36. *Mobile Warfare for Africa*

The book, *Mobile Warfare for Africa : On the Successful Conduct of Wars in Africa and Beyond* by Roland de Vries, Camille Burger and Willem Steenkamp, is described as a remarkable amount of experience drawing primarily from the SA Border War in the form of case studies and has applications for historians, researchers, and contemporary military practice.

The book contains many real-life case-studies and examples which presents a yardstick for the enhancement of contemporary combat practises. In this context, the SA Border War serves as one of the principal benchmark studies. It was an armed struggle which typically evolved into a transnational conflict over time and which brought about all the imaginable political, diplomatic, military and social ramifications and complexities of African warfare. More so, this war included low as well as high intensity engagements across the full spectrum of warfare, playing out within a vast geographical expanse over an extended period.

The book is available in paperback, 488 pages, for R755 and can be ordered from Bush War Books at warbooks.co.za@cmail20.com.



PAUL ELS SE BOEKE

37. Progress with the Book about 101 Bn

“I am working on a book of 101 Bn and need as many as possible stories and photos and specially dates and force levels. I must urgently find out how many of the initial 100 that was sent for training at 21 Bn finished the course successfully”.

38. Book on Limpopo

"I am assisting a member of the SAP who is doing a book on Limpopo and he requires detail about 116 Bn in Messina. Inputs would be appreciated".

WELSYNSWERK

39. NTR.

ALGEMENE ASPEKTE

40. The Nature of War. Willem Steenkamp of the Scottish Infantry mentions that years ago he wrote the following article in the booklet, *Aphorisms and Observations for the Fighting Soldier*, to counter those that have a hang-up about the so-called 'futility of war':

The object of any just war is to achieve an honourable purpose. This being the case, any other proclaimed *casus belli* should be viewed with extreme suspicion.

A war fought for base motives, such as a political leader's decision to indulge in a self-seeking foreign adventure, is an offence to mankind, for its victims are innocent civilians who do not deserve to suffer, and soldiers whose legitimate assigned task is to defend their homeland.

If ever there was an exercise in wishful thinking, it is to be found in the airy remark that "wars never settle anything". One way or another, wars tend to settle quite a few things; for example, just ask the Nazis, who wanted to rule the world, or Mussolini, who tried to found a new Roman Empire in Africa, or China, which tried to overrun South Korea, or the Soviet Union, which tried to dominate the Indian Ocean by turning South Africa into an obedient 'People's Republic'. Or tiny Finland, which gave the enormous Soviet Army a humiliating bloody nose during the 'Winter War' of 1939 and retained its freedom, although it had to give up a slice of border territory.

Dozens of aggressors in the past few centuries were stopped dead in their tracks because peace-loving citizens cared enough about their liberty to damn the odds and fight for it, even when the very notion of war was abhorrent to them.

People who are fond of exhuming that old chestnut about the 'futility of war' as an all-purpose observation for all occasions are nothing but intellectual masturbators. A war is a means to an end; if that end is attained, and it is a worthy end, then logically the war by which it was attained cannot be described as futile.

Another famous old cliché that is long past its shelf life is about 'the waste of war'. Well, a war certainly tends to use up lives, money, equipment and infrastructure on a large scale. But one should exercise a little terminological exactitude here. The blood and treasure expended in fighting and winning a just war is not a 'waste' but a necessary investment in the future. Or, as the economist Milton Friedman once put it in another context: There's no such thing as a free lunch.

41. 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.



42. More than Half of Global Population now Online

The UN has made known that some 3.9 billion people are now using the Internet, meaning that for the first time more than half of the global population are now online.

NUUS OOR DIE VETERANE-ORGANISASIES

43. Inleiding

Hierdie groep 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 en insette sal waardeer word.

44. Newsletter of the Johannesburg Branch of the SAAFA

The latest Newsletter of the Johannesburg Branch of the SAAFA, flown by Rev Trevor Slade and Carol van Rensburg, is of outstanding quality. It seems that the only way to match this standard would be for the Wel en Wee Newsletter to appoint a dominee as editor! This Newsletter as well as those of the other branches of the SAAFA are on the webpage at www.saafa.co.za, where it can be read after clicking 'News' and 'Branch Newsletters'.

* Koos van Rensburg of the SAAFA advises that new Newsletters from the Branches of the SAAFA in Cape Town and Pretoria have now also been posted on the above webpage.



45. Newsletter of the Parabat Veteran's Organization

The Newsletter of the Pretoria Branch for Dec 2018 can be requested from the e-mail address of Paul Els at paul@who-els.co.za.



PVO PRETORIA CANOPY



ASPECTS CONCERNING OUR PENSION FUND (GEPF)

46. New Issue of the GEPF Monitor

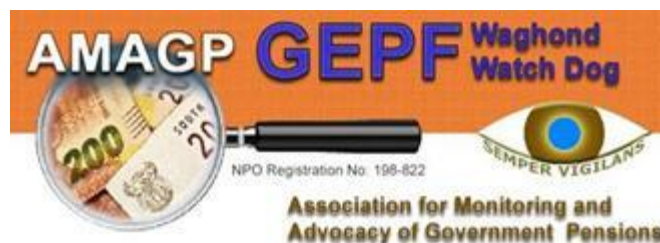
Errol Massey-Hicks reports that new Issues Numbers 18 and 19 of 2018 are now available and can be read on our website at www.amagp.co.za, or can be requested from his e-mail address at amagp.sek@gmail.com.

47. Statement by the Public Servants Association (PSA)

The PSA has stated that "... it is extremely disappointed with the response it received from the GEPF following enquiries regarding the Fund's decision to write-off of R7.4 billion in investment losses. The PSA, that represents more than 242 000 public sector employees, demanded a written response from the GEPF's Principal Executive Officer, Mr Abel Sithole. In the response received by the PSA on 11/12/2018, the GEPF indicated that '... the GEPF is a defined-benefit fund, which exists to provide pensions and related benefits and the Fund's investments have no direct bearing on the benefits to members, pensioners and beneficiaries'. The PSA is saddened by such remarks as it is clear that the GEPF has no consideration of the potential financial impact on members. The PSA is of the view that the R7.4 billion is a substantial amount to be lost and the PSA intends to insist that the GEPF does not easily write off such substantial monies without efforts made to recoup the losses. Surely, the response of the GEPF is indicative of arrogance and undermines the value of the amount that was lost. It furthermore exposes the lack of appreciation that this is private money that does not belong to government".

48. Nuwe Voorkoms van AMAGP se Blad op FaceBook

As Kleynhans van die Lugafweer verwittig "... dat AMAGP se blad op FaceBook 'n gedaanteverwisseling ondergaan het. Dit het 'n nuwe gesiggie en die naam is nou GEPF WATCHDOG/WAGHOND. Die nuwe voorkoms trek aandag en ons ledetal op ons FaceBook se blad het binne drie dae met meer as 1000 gegroei, wat talle lede van die SAP en ander staatsdepartemente insluit.



SOEKTOGTE

49. Where is WC du Rand of the SAAF?

Paul Els says that he needs the contact detail of WC, a previous Cheeta F1 pilot. Paul's e-mail address is paul@who-els.co.za.

GELEENTHEDE, FUNKSIES EN KURSUS- EN ANDER RE-UNIES

50. Infanteriste is Plesierig

Die Vereniging se eerste byeenkoms van die nuwe jaar is die Hinderlaag wat op 16/02/2018 sal plaasvind. Detail later. Kontak vir Geoff Holland-Muter op 076 637 9355 vir besonderhede”.

NETWORKING

51. NTR.

ADMINISTRASIE

52. Nuwe Lede. Later.

LAASTE LAWWE (EN SOMS ERNSTIGE) STUKKE

53. Food for Thought. NTR.

54. The Poor Queen of the Battlefield at Christmas



55. Four Stages of a Man's Life

- * You believe in Santa Claus
- * You do not believe in Santa
- * You are Santa
- * You look like Santa

SLOT

56. And on that festive note, geniet die res van die week.

Johann

VRYWARINGSKLOUSULE

57. 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.