WEL EN WEE VAN DIE MILITêRE VETERANE : BERIG 18/2017

WEE VAN DIE VETERANE

1. Passing of Pierre Du Preez of the Sappers. Paul Els advises with regret that Pierre's daughter, Debbie Rielander of 47 Survey Sqn, had noted the following on FaceBook:

"I am the daughter of the late Brig Pierre Du Preez and I would like to let all know who knew my father that he had passed away on 1/09/2017. He was OC 37 Survey Sqn in 1978.

2. Afsterwe van Jan Louw van die SALM

Johann Posthumus van die SA Leër se Komopsafdeling verwittig met leedwese "… dat my ou vriend en kollega op 11/12/2017 by sy aftreehuis naby Franschhoek oorlede is. Jan was bekend vir sy lekker VTB verskeidenheidskonserte tydens die bosoorlog en bevriend met omtrent al die land se sangers en musikante. Hy was 'n bekwame beleid-skrywer en regterhand van wyle John Huyser by die SAW Komopsafdeling. Die begrafnis het op 18/12/2017 vanuit die NG Gemeente Franschhoek plaasgevind. Nog 'n groot gees het gesneuwel. Rus in vrede my ou vriend".

3. Afsterwe van Rais Kruger van die Infanterie

* Verlede week het Andre Kruger van die Meg Infanterie verwittig dat sy broer na 'n val bloeding op die brein opgedoen het en in UNITAS Hospitaal vir behandeling opgeneem is. Andre se
e-posadres is woh2o@telkomsa.net.

* John Lizamore en PW de Jager verwittig met leedwese "… dat Rais op 20/12/2017 in UNITAS Hospitaal oorlede is en dat die begrafnis op 27/12/2017 vanuit die NG Gemeente Wierdapark plaasgevind het".

4. Afsterwe van Neil Hartman van die Infanterie

* John Lizamore verwittig met leedwese "… dat Neil op 26/12/2017 in UNITAS Hospitaal oorlede is. Neil het 'n operasie ondergaan om 'n verstopping in sy buik te verwyder, maar het kort daarna twee beroerte-aanvalle gehad".

* Neil se seun, Werner, verklaar dat die begrafnis om 11:00 op eerskomende Dinsdag 02/01/2018 by die NG Gemeente Monumentpark-Wes te Kalkoenstraat 38 sal plaasvind. Werner se selno is 082 339 2430.

* John voeg by dat die Veterane met affiliasie-drag en met groot medaljes moet bywoon.

5. Afsterwe van AO1 Buks Botha van die Seiners

Paul Els verwittig met leedwese "… dat Julinda van der Merwe-Sephton op Facebook met groot hartseer gemeld het dat Sammajoor Buks Botha op 15/12/2017 oorlede is. Sy familie en vriende Is in ons gedagtes en gebede".

6. Passing of Tjoekie : Wife of Philip Viljoen of the SAN

Arne Soderland advises with sincere regret of "… the passing of Philip's beloved wife on 17/12/2017 after a brave fight against cancer. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Philip and to Philip (jnr), Francois, Amanda, Nicolette, Lizelle and families. The funeral service took place on 22/12/2017 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Hopefield. Philip's sel number is 083 232 2570"

7. Passing of June : Widow of the Late Bill Singleton of the SAN

Arne also advises with sincere regret of "… the sudden passing of June on 08/12/2017. Our deepest sympathy to Steven, Catherine and Shelly as well as to her

brother, Len Galvin. A memorial service for June was held at the Simon's Town Museum on 14/12/2017".

8. Correction : Passing of José Manuel A R de Oliveira of the Infantry and Int Div

* Last week Paul Els advised of José's passing, who had served in the Portuguese Special Forces, 5 SAI Bn and at Directorate Covert Collection. Rest in Peace, Warrior".

* Manuel Ferreira of the SAAF notes that that Jose had died in Portugal on 13/05/2007.

9. Hospitilisasie van Pieter van der Walt van die Geskut

* Paul Els noem "... dat Pieter begin Des 2017 in die plaaslike hospitaal se Hoësorg vir 'n noodoperasie opgeneem is, maar dat hy vir ons gespaar is. Pieter is reeds weer ontslaan en
sterk by die huis in Potchefstroom aan".

Pieter verduidelik dat hy 'n "... noodoperasie ondergaan het om 'n derm-opstruksie te verwyder. Net meer as 33cm van die dunderm wat afgesterf het is verwyder en die oorblywende dunderm is weer geheg. Dit gaan onder die omstandighede redelik goed, maar beweeg net stadig weens die wond wat nog baie gevoelig is en ek mag vir vier weke nie bestuur nie. Ons telefoonnommers is 084 250 8575 en 018-290 6567".

PERSOONLIKE BOODSKAPPE

10. Paul Els Verdien ‘n Vakansie

“Volgende week vier ons die 45 ste herdenking van ons troudag en vertrek op 17/01/2018 na Nederland vir die eerste vakansie in ons getroude lewe. Ons kom op 14/03/2018 terug en dan gaan ek volstoom aan die boek oor die SA Genie werk”.

11. Vertroosting vir die Veterane. Die volgende is die laaste vers van ’n gedig deur Dr/Ds/Oom Jozua Potgieter van die Kapalaansdiens:

Die diepe vertroosting is daar
-juis nóú-
dat Hy jou nie vergeet het nie
en ook nou
as die waters van die lewensmeul
min geword het
nooit alleen sal laat nie –
nou, as die tande stomp geword het.

KERS- EN NUWEJAARSWENSE

12. Genl Reg Otto van die Kavallerie

“Ons belewe nou die einde van die ou jaar en ek en Kowie vertrou dat die Militêre Veterane ‘n suksesvolle Nuwe Jaar sal beleef”.

13. Mo Oelschig of the Parabats

From the shadow of the Rockies, Mo and Corina send “… warmest greetings and best wishes for a blessed, happy Christmas and a safe, healthy, happy and prosperous 2018 for all the Military Veterans”.

14. Gert van Niekerk van die Geskut

“Dit is met dankbaarheid aan ons Hemelse Vader dat ek en Elaine die geleentheid het om weereens seënwense aan die makkers en hulle u geliefdes toe te wens tydens vanjaar se Christusfees”.

15. Ore van den Heever van die Kavallerie

“My en Ansie se hartlike seënwense aan ieder en elk en mag hier Kersfees waarlik ‘n tyd wees om dankie te sê vir dit wat amper 2000 jaar gelede gebeur het. Die feit dat ons nog vriende kan wees, is te wyte aan die bloed wat Hy aan die kruis gestort het. Die beste en mooiste seënwense aan almal en mag julle die dag geniet! Ons glo dat die naasbestaandes van ons vriende wat ons in hierdie jaar ontval het, net met mooi herinneringe sal terugdink”.

Maak ook seker dat julle genoeg uitrus voordat ons 2018 aanpak. Ons vertrou dat 2018 ‘n baie mooi jaar vir almal sal wees.

16. Pieter van der Walt van die Geskut

“Vriendelike groete en beste wense vir ‘n geseënde Kerstyd word die Veterane toegewens. Mag 2018 vir julle ‘n vreugdevolle jaar wees”.

17. Hercules (Dup) du Plessis van Personeel

“Geseënde Kersfees en net die mooiste word die Veterane in 2018 toegewens”.

18. John Redfern van die Infanterie

“Hierdie Rhodie wens al die Veterane ’n geseënde Kersfees en lekker Nuwe Jaar toe”.

19. Stanley Furstenburg van 31 Bn

“Beste Wense vir die Veterane vir die Kerstyd en Nuwe Jaar! Mag dit goed gaan met julle almal!

20. SA Infanterie-vereniging

21. Pretoria se Parabats

22. Hennie Heymans

“Ek wil names die ZARP en die Berede Polisie al die SAW se ou makkers net die beste vir Kersfees en Nuwe Jaar toebid! Op 31/12/2017 as die son sak, waar ook al in die wêreld, lig 'n glasie op vir daardie makkers wat nie teruggekeer het nie of ons ontval het! Ons sal hulle altyd onthou! Stuur dan vir my die foto vir plasing in die Nongqai. My e-posadres is heymanshb@gmail.com

MILITêRE AANGELEENTHEDE

23. Lede van die SWAGM en Koevoet Protesteer in Windhoek

Albert van Zyl van 32 Bn en Afd Inl rapporteer oor ‘n berig wat in Die Republikein van 20/12/2017 verskyn het. Ongeveer 400 gewese lede van die SWAGM en Koevoet is reeds die afgelope twee jaar met ‘n sitstaking buite die Rooivlag-Kommandosaal in Katatura besig, om aan te dring op vergoeding en dat hulle deur die Namibiese Regering as Militêre Veterane erken word. Hulle dring ook daarop aan dat die $N30 miljoen wat die destydse regering van die RSA aan Namibië betaal het, as bron gebruik word om aan hulle ‘n militêre pensioen te verskaf. Op 18/12/2017 het dié 400 lede ‘n protesoptog na die Staatshuis in Windhoek onderneem, maar is deur die Namibiese Polisie gedwing om na hulle skuiling by die Kommandosaal terug te keer. Die Namibiese regering het adjunk-president Nickey Iyambo aangestel om met die groep oor hulle griewe te onderhandel, maar die eerste vergadering moet nog plaasvind.

24. Maintenance Delays and Operational Defects Impact on the SAN

According to Arne’s MN the SAN logged 67% of the twelve thousand sea hours allocated to the Maritime Service of the SANDF for the 2016/17 financial year. According to the Department of Defence annual report for the reporting period, which was made public at end Nov 2017, the Navy only logged 8 131 hours of sea time due to the unavailability of vessels at the required level of capacity.

25. Last Photo of Crew of the Missing Argentinian Submarine

* This is the final photograph of all 44 crew members of missing Argentinian submarine, the ARA San Juan. The picture was taken on 01/08/2017 at the Naval Base in the Atlantic resort of Mar del Plata, which shows the 43 men and one woman who have been given up for dead.

* Subsequently the Chief of the Argentinian Navy, Admiral Marcelo Eduardo Hipólito Srur, has been sacked and is the first known disciplinary action taken since the loss of the submarine.

26. Lack of Deployment of Warships of the RN. In Angel's MN it was reported that a retired Naval officer had expressed his concern that the RN had no frigates or destroyers deployed overseas. In response the following cartoon appeared in the British media the next day:

27. French Military Using Eagles to Hunt Rogue Drones. Olivier Henning of the Medics have provided the following report:

Following incidents of drones flying over the presidential palace and restricted military sites, the French Air Force has trained four golden eagles to intercept and destroy the rogue aircraft. The photo shows a golden eagle grabbing a flying drone during a military training exercise at an Air Force Base in France.

MILITêRE MEDIESE VERSORGING

28. Tekort aan Teaters by 1 Mil Hosp

Dirk van Rooyen van die ADK rapporteer dat sy "… vrou byna sewe weke moes wag voordat `n teater by 1 Mil Hosp vir haar operasie beskikbaar was. Ek verneem dat daar slegs een teater operasioneel is, dat een gesluit is vanweë `n virus wat daar ontdek is en dat een teater opgradeer sou word maar dat die kontrakteur bankrot gespeel het. Vir my is dit onaanvaarbaar dat so `n situasie by ons hospitaal kan ontstaan".

29. Mediese Rekening vir Neels van Tonder van Afd Inl

In Okt 2017 het ek 'n hartprobleem ontwikkel en het magtiging van die Siekeboeg in Nelspruit ontvang vir 'n mediese prosedure deur 'n plaaslike hartspesialis in die hospitaal in Nelspruit wat 'n week later gedoen was. Ons SMMVF het toe 'n derde van die spesialis se rekening volgens die skema se tarief betaal en my ingelig dat ek self vir die betaling van die res van die spesialis se rekening aanspreeklik is. Ek het die magtigings wat deur die Siekeboeg in Nelspruit gereël is aan die Fonds gestuur met die versoek dat hulle die res van rekening ook betaal, maar het nog nie op my skrywe geantwoord nie. Intussen hou die spesialis aan om vir my rekenings te stuur. Dit kan binnekort 'n onaangenaamheid word en ek wil nie graag 'n swak verhouding met die enigste hartspesialis in die dorp hê nie".

30. Letter to the RFMCF. The following letter was sent to the RFMCF on 20/12/2017 by one of our members who is concerned about the state of our Medical Fund:

The Acting Principal Officer
(Dr Anushka Jamuna)

Dear Doctor

FUNCTIONING OF THE RESERVE FORCE MEDICAL CONTINUATION FUND

At the Newsletter for the Military Veterans we have received a number of enquiries about present arrangements at the RFMCF. We have learnt that after a recent operation, a member of the RFMCF was presented with an account by the Surgeon which he is expected to pay, while the following note at the Sickbay of the Area Military Health Unit in Potchefstroom is reason for concern:

The following appears on the Webpage of the RFMCF, but it obviously appears that the RFMCF is not adhering to its own mandate:

"The Regular Force Medical Continuation Fund (RFMCF) was established on 01 January 1964 as a private fund and is therefore not governed by the financial authority of the Department of Defence. The aim of the fund is to provide medical, dental and hospital treatment to members of the Regular Force who retired or retired on pension, on or after 01 January 1964, and their families and the families of members of the said Force who died on or after the said date. Furthermore, the fund was established in order to continue to provide all medical benefits to which a member of the Regular Force was entitled to during their term of service. The RFMCF was created by the Defence Act as a SANDF Fund. The Fund therefore has to comply with the Defence Act and the General Regulations promulgated by the Minister of Defence in terms of the Defence Act.

The RFMCF is committed to the principles and practices of fairness, openness, integrity and accountability in all dealings with its stakeholders. The RFMCF, governed by the Defence Act, 42/2002 and the General Regulations Chapter XV promulgated in terms there-of, has been adhered to. The Fund is also fully committed to the principles of the Code of Corporate Practices and Conduct set out in the King Report on Corporate Governance".

It is respectfully requested that that the Management Council of the RFMCF, or yourself, issue a statement in which the present situation regarding the responsibility of the members of the RFMCF to pay for their own medical services is explained, in order to adhere to the principles and practices of fairness and openness to which you profess to on your web page.

31. Reaction by Dr Anushka Jamuna of the RFMCF on 21/12/2017

Thank you for your letter and your concerns are noted.

I am unaware of what Newsletter you refer to. It does not appear to be any formal nor endorsed communication from the RFMCF. There is a formal complaints/queries channel and it is hoped members use those provided so that each member is afforded an opportunity to raise issues that bear directly on them.

Further to this, the notification you mention in a military facility/sick bay is something the RFMCF cannot comment on.

No such communication/nor instruction was issued to the SAMHS on such a matter. You will remember that an official communication was sent out to members around July 2017, whose contact details the Fund has, indicated the implementation of Fund tariffs, and clearly stated that members should bring to the attention matters of co-payment, and the Fund will deal with these cases, provided that all criteria in terms of authorities, and availability of clinical services or not are met.

32. Answering Letter on 27/12/2017

FUNCTIONING OF THE RFMCF

1. Your e-mail message of 21/12/2017 refers.

2. Your response is appreciated. Please note that the Newsletter for the Military Veterans has no formal standing, but serves as a forum for the Veterans where their concerns are noted. Your suggestion that the formal complaints channel of the RFMCF be used and that matters of co-payment be reported, will be conveyed to the Veterans in the next Newsletter.

3. The members of the RFMCF will be relieved to learn that the instruction at the Sickbay in Potchefstroom was not issued by the RFMCF. However, it is of concern that the telephone number on the notice is that of the RFMCF and it is requested that this be clarified.

33. Tony Dippenaar van Cela

“Ek het navraag gedoen oor die verwarring wat rondom die beweerde bybetalings aan die SMMVF en sovêr ek kon uitvind, is daar in wese geen werklike verandering nie. Die lede se voordele is dieselfde as vir dienende lede en is verskans in die Verdedigingswet en die Algemene Regulasies.
Dit is wel korrek dat indien daar ‘n generiese ekwivalent beskikbaar is, ‘n lid die verskil in koste moet inbetaal indien daar op die oorspronklike produk aangedring word. Indien enige lid ‘n rekening vir mediese dienste ontvang, moet die kwessie onmiddellik by die Fonds aanhangig gemaak word”.

TOEKOMSTIGE OORLOë

34. NTR.

EIETYDSE MILITêRE GESKIEDENIS

35. Gedagtes oor Oscar Cardosso van Afd Inl en die SALM

* Koos Louw van die SAV noem dat hierdie Veteraan van die Portugese Veiligheidsdiens en die SAW ‘n besonderse man was wat ‘n groot rol gespeel het. Hy is na jare se goeie diens deur genl Earp by SALM HK as persoonlikebeskermingsoffisier en pistoolskietinstrukteur aangestel is. In die vroeë negentigs het hy na Portugal teruggekeer en hom in Alentejo gevestig. In Nov 2017 was ek in Portugal en het by die Portugese Mariniers gaan kuier. Groot was my plesier om te hoor dat Oscar na sy aankoms in Portugal as skietinstrukteur by die Mariniers diens gedoen het en ‘n wonderlike bydrae daar gelewer het. Oscar het een van die mooiste versamelings gewere en handwapens gehad waarvan ‘n mens kan droom. Hy en sy vrou was ons goeie vriende en ons gesin het sy pragtige hond geërf toe hy landuit is. Hierdie is nog ’n karakter wat met vrug nagevors kan word”.

* Manuel Ferreira of the SAAF adds that Oscar was stationed in Mozambique as a member of the Portuguese Secret Service (DGS). He had travelled to Lisbon for work when the military coup of 1974 took place. He was arrested by the Military Junta, but eventually escaped by making his way to Spain. He joined the Rhodesian Army, serving with Ron Reid-Daily, before joining the SADF. He served at Int Div (DCC) before transferring to SAAF Int”.

36. A Christmas Story During Op Savannah

* On the web page at *Operation Savannah the Secret War 1975-1976,* Herman Les Lessing referred to the story of Rfn Malcolm Wolverson who got separated from his fellow soldiers while leaving the observation post, known as OP Beetle, in Dec 75. He had to survive on his own, while in between he was in contact with three different groups of enemy. He killed and wounded a number of them and took possession of firearms of some of the others. An unknown hero who did not even receive a Pro-Patria medal. I am busy putting this episode together in conjunction with him and will make it available for storage in our archives as soon as it is ready.

* Mark Goller explains that on 22/12/1975 Col Swart of the Cavalry ordered Lt Johan Blaauw to occupy Beatle Hill with a battle team and also to reinforce the OP. Johan left under cover of darkness and crossed the Queve River with the pontoon and by daybreak they were ready to start climbing the mountain. They followed a track leading up onto the mountains to where the road petered out, where he left some to protect the vehicles and the others to take what armaments and ammunition they could carry and moved forward on foot. They came under fire which they neutralized and found eleven of the team that had manned the OP. They brought them to the safety of the vehicles and the pontoon where an ambulance was waiting to evacuate the wounded. Of Rfn Malcom Wolverson there was no sign and it was accepted that he had probably been captured or killed. However, three days later, on 25/12/1976, Wolverson arrived at Cela on a bicycle. After becoming apart from the rest of the section and finding himself behind the attacking enemy, he had started walking living off the land, eating what he could find. Later he had come across a hut where he liberated a bicycle and pedaled like hell until he found a signpost that showed him the direction to Cela. It was believed that he had killed three Cubans during his journey.

NUWE MILITêRE BOEKE

37. NTR.

PAUL ELS SE BOEKE

38. NTR.

ALGEMENE ASPEKTE

39. Jaarprogram vir 2018

* Verlede week het Paul Els genoem dat hy besig is om vir die Veterane ’n algemene jaarprogram op te trek van al die gebeure wat vir 2018 beplan word. Datums vir re-unies, gedenkdiense, parades, sosiale byeenkomste, potjiekos en ander gesellighede moet na sy e-posadres by paul@who-els.co.za gestuur word.

* Paul noem dat ’n basiese program reeds opgestel is, maar dat insette vanaf die SAPK, SAA, SAG en 61 Meg Bn Gp verlang word. Insette vanaf die ander Weermagsdele sal waardeer word.

40. Persoonlike Items van AO1 JAB du Preez : Eerste Sersant-majoor van die SA Leër

* Die Sammajoor se dogter, Marie-Helene Maguire-du Preez. noem dat haar vader “... in 1980 oorlede is. Die Oorkonde, sy seremoniële sabel, pet en ander items van belang is vroeg in 1981 aan die Museum op Fort Klapperkop geskenk. In 1990 is die Fort aan die Stadsraad van Tshwane teruggegee en die persoonlike items sou aan die families terugbesorg word. Dit het nie gebeur nie en alle pogings van die familie se kant om die items op te spoor het tot dusver doodgeloop. Hulp van enige van die Veterane sal waardeer word. My e-posadres is marie.m@mweb.co.za”.

* Andy Malan van die historiese Kavallerie noem dat hy die kwessie "... breedvoerig met Marie-Helene bespreek het. Ek het genoem daar met met die sluit van die museums drie beskikkingsrade gehou is en dat die Rade hulle bes gedoen het om persoonlike skenkings aan die families terug te besorg, maar blykbaar het dit nie met hierdie skenking gebeur nie. Daarna kon ander museums en versamelaars uitsoek wat hulle graag wou hê en alles is behoorlik op uitreikingsbewyse uitgereik en geboekstaaf. Agterna het ek en Andy May ook nog twee Rade van Ondersoek gedoen oor spesifieke items wat vermis geraak het. Dit is moontlik dat hierdie besondere skenking na die Nasionale Museum vir Krygsgeskiedenis in Johannesburg gegaan het".

ICH HATT EIN KAMERADEN

41. Agtergrond

* Verlede week is insette vanaf Chris Wehrmann en Willem Steenkamp oor hierde bekende treurlied gedra.

42. Koos Louw van die SAV

Koos wou nie aftree nie en het bekend geraak as die Vlootbevelvoerder in Simonstad wat met 'n stoel weggedra moes word. Hy noem egter nou dat "... hierdie Duitse lied my herinner aan 'n lied wat ons in die sestigerjare op skool in Hopefield gesing het. As ek reg onthou was die eerste vers naastenby soos volg:

Ons was goeie kamerade;
nêrens kon jy beter kry,
kanonne bulder skote knal, die vaderland word aangeval,
nou veg ons sy aan sy;
nou veg ons sy aan sy.

Die ander verse kan ek nie onthou nie, behalwe dat die woorde soortgelyk is as wat verlede week in die Nuusbrief genoem is. Die Duitse Konsulaat in Kaapstad hou elke jaar in November 'n kranslegging by die Duitse oorlogsgrafte in die Woltemade Begraafplaas en versoek dan dat 'n trompetspeler van die Vlootorkes die treffende stuk musiek speel. Dit laat my altyd bewoë met gedagtes wat onwillekeurig hunker na makkers wat nie meer daar is nie".

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

Angel states that the Newsletter for Dec 2017 is available and can be requested from the Secretary, John Lamont, at glentyne@yebo.co.za.

WELSYNSINISIATIEWE

44. NTR.

NUUS OOR DIE VETERANE-ORGANISASIES

45. Inleiding

Hierdie groephoof 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.

46. Organisering van die SA Infanterie-vereniging (SAIV). John Lizamore is die Nasionale President van die SAIV en rapporteer soos volg:

"Takke van ons vereniging word met die volgende Takleiers op die volgende liggings geopen:

Pietersburg - Ben Smit
Phalaborwa - Johan Malan
Klerksdorp - Tinus Botha
Germiston - Leon Muller
Springs - Andre Wentzel
Krugersdorp - Jacques Grove
Middelburg (Kaap) - Mitch Faught
Oudtshoorn - Pieter Cillie
George- Derick Coetzee
Londen VK - Len Furlong
Beecroft Australië - Werner Coetzer

Aandag word aan die skep van takke by Durban en Pietermaritzburg gegee.

Ons het nou meer as 4 200 lede op ons Facebookblad en die Webtuiste is reeds deur 6 000 mense besoek. Die afgelope ses weke het 67 Veterane by die SAIV aangesluit en hulle aansluitingsfooi van R50 en jaargeld van R100 betaal.

Kobus Loubser is ons werwingsoffisier. Sy e-posadres is Kobus@sainfantry.co.za en sy selno is 072 918 3968.

In Op ons webblad by www.sainfantry.co.za word genoem dat daar pette en T-hempde, ghofhempde en wit hempde met die Bokkop beskikbaar is. Sakwapens, SAIV speld en dasse is ook beskikbaar. Ons vorder reeds ver om Caps Crumpton weer te laat maak en so ook windbrekers. Ons sal in die Nuwejaar 'n volledige lys met pryse voorsien.

ASPECTS CONCERNING OUR PENSION FUND (GEPF)

47. Radio Interview on Moneyweb. On 11/12/2017 Nastassia Arendse conducted a radio Interview on the popular Moneyweb programme of the SABC, which was subsequently placed on their webpage under the heading of 'Members of the GEPF Stonewall Questions'. The full interview is available from AP at adamusp2602@gmail.com or can be read on https://www.moneyweb.co.za/moneyweb-radio/safm-market-update/gepf-steinhoff-loss-and-pension-fund-concerns/. The following is an extract from the interview:

Nastassia Arendse: "I am speaking to Adamus P Stemmet, who is the spokesman for the Government Employees Pension Fund Monitor Group, on his concerns".

AP Stemmet: "The PIC is prepared to answer our questions but the Trustee Members of the GEPF are not. On 11/03/2017 we had sent them a list of questions about investments like African Bank, Lonmin, Independent Media, Afrisam and others. The PIC wanted to answer the questions, but the GEPF stopped them. And eventually on 19 07/2017 the GEPF bluntly said they are not prepared to answer any questions from us. Now that is a cause for alarm. And if you ask them questions about specific investments, you never, ever get an answer, but they give a lecture about investment policy. I see that Solidarity is taking them to court on the prior acts, forcing them, but so far we have not done anything like that. Our viewpoint is that the members of the pension fund, the serving members, as well as the people already on pension, are the real owners of the fund. The trustees are supposed to administer the fund. But how they do it we do not know".

SOEKTOGTE

48. NTR.

GELEENTHEDE, FUNKSIES EN KURSUS- EN ANDER RE-UNIES

49. NTR.

NETWORKING

50. NTR.

ADMINISTRASIE

51. Nuwe Lede. Later.

LAASTE LAWWE (EN SOMS ERNSTIGE) STUKKE

52. Die Lewe is ’n Lied. Dr/Ds/Oom Jozua Potgieter deel die volgende lewenswysheid met ons:

Ek het tot die insig gekom dat daar vir ‘n mens niks beter is as om vrolik te wees en die goeie van die lewe te geniet. Dat die mens kan eet en drink en onder al sy arbeid nog die goeie kan geniet, ook dit is ‘n gawe van God.

53. Application for Visa to Travel to the USA. It has been unreliably reported that the following conversation recently took place in an Embassy of the USA in the Middle East:

Official: Where do you wish to go to in the USA?
Arab: San Jose please.
Official: It is pronounced as San Hosey. In the USA a J is pronounced as H. Arab: Oh, okay!
Official: So how long do you plan to be in the USA?
Arab: From Hanuary to Hune or Huly.

54. Social Visit. A Gunner and an Infanteer decided to visit, where-upon the following conversation ensued:

Jim: Are you visiting us tomorrow and do you need directions?

Koos: I am all set. I have the address, a GPS and a GPS override.

Jim: what is a GPS override?

Koos: My wife.

55. Planning for a Restful Summer Night

Paul Els says that his father had always encouraged him to out-think the enemy. “So last night I opened all the windows and doors, then went and slept outside. When I went back in this morning I found a load of confused and pissed-off mosquitoes hanging around”.

56. Latest Amendment to Formal Table Etiquette. Arne Soderland states that the following example makes provision for all that is necessary at the dining table:

57. The Veteran's Lament

Sometimes I sit and think
Other times I just sit.

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58. And on that thoughtful note, seën met die Feestyd en 'n voorspoedige 2018 word al die makkers toegewens.

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59. 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.