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FRONT COVER: Our soldiers abroad making a difference. Please read more about these deployments on pages 20 to 24. (Photo: Sgt Mercia Engelbrecht)

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W e, as a nation, will be celebrating ten years of freedom on 27 April 2004. Apart from these celebrations the Department of Defence will also celebrate the tenth birthday of the SANDF.

Let us work and stand together to face the second decade of freedom, which will be about meeting the challenges arising from the lessons of the first decade, and new challenges created by the first stage of transformation.

"A new chapter dawned on a windy morning on 6 February 2004. As I stood in the corridors of Parliament for the state of the nation address, nostalgic memories flooded in. I reminisced about the opening of the first democratically elected Parliament on 24 May 1994. A decade ago, I stood in front of these corridors as a member of a guard of honour when former President Nelson Mandela delivered his first state of the nation address.

"Once again the SANDF proved that it was really a national asset. The streets were lined with different flags that bore witness to the "invasion" of Cape Town. The men and women of the SANDF oozed professionalism and determination and their precision drills caused a frenzy of ululation and jubilation among spectators and members of the legislature alike." Please read more about the Opening of Parliament as experienced by our journalist, PO Dennis Ndaba, on pages 14 and 15.

4 SAI Bn has embarked on a journey to the unknown in the Great Lakes region. Backed by much theory and lectures of peacekeeping received during mission training the battalion arrived in Burundi as part of the first RSA national contingent deployment to the African Union’s mission in Burundi. The battalion was deployed from 25 July 2003 to 8 February 2004 and gained international admiration. Please read more on page 21.

Having been the first female warrant officer to carry the Naval Colours on a parade held at Air Force Gymnasium on 14 October 2002, WO1 Magriet Strydom again made headlines by becoming the first female Warrant Master-at-Arms in the SA Navy and the first female RSM in the SANDF. She was part of Mistral V (RSA CCSU Special Command and Contingent Support Unit) in Kinshasa, DRC, from April to November 2003. Of 197 members deployed, only eleven were female. Please read more about this admirable woman on page 22.

This issue is also packed with sports news, on pages 40 to 45. Please indulge!

Nelda Pienaar
Acting Editor

Go tšwa go Morulaganyi

K a la 27 April 2004 rena bjale ka setšhaba re tlo ba re keteka mengwaga ye lesome ya tokologo. Ka ntle ga mekete yeo, kgoro ya tsa tshirolete o tlo ba e keteka mengwaga ye lešome go thamilwile Sešole sa Bosetšhaba sa Afrika Borwa (SANDF).

A re šome re eme mmogo re lebane le ngwagasome (decade) wa bobedi wa tokologo. Se e tlo ba go ite-banya le diliholotša tša go hlošwa ke dilihuto tša ngwagasome wa mathomo gommogo le diliholotša tšo tša go hlošwa ke kgato ya pele ya phetogo.


Sešole sa Bosetšhaba sa Afrika Borwa se ile sa bontšha gape gore ke sona letšhabo se setšhaba. Mibile a be e tšete ka difolaga tšo di be di hlatsela gore Mose-Kapa o wešwe. Mašoše a naga a leadiše ho boprofešenale le maikemšišo gommogo mogwanto wa bona o bakile medudwetešo le lethabo go babogedi gommogo le maloko a palamente. Bala tše dintši ka ga pulo ya palamente go tšwa go mmega ditaba wa rena, PO Dennis Ndaba, mo matlakaleng 14 le 15.


WO1 Magriet Strydom e biele warrant officer ye mosadi sa mathomo go rwa melaba ya madira a lewate le mo fofola wo o swawaretšwe gore. Her wu na o tshoko se o swawaretšwe go o tshepo. Maikutlo o lešome go tša tšwane go rometšwe. Bala tše dintši ka ga setšhabo ya lešome ya go letšaleng la 22.

Mo kgatišong ye go hwetšwa gape le ditaba tša dipapadi go tloga letšaleng la 40 go fihla go la 45. Ikgotsofatšhe hle!

Nelda Pienaar
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Career advice for SANDF members

Think success, act, feel, speak, look, plan, intend, prepare and expect to be successful. Let every day dawn with the sense of purpose to make a difference in the lives of others. Invest in others, because it pays the greatest dividends. Be yourself and believe in yourself. Remind yourself to be humble everyday. Never sell your soul for a career. If you fail, do not be discouraged - take a moment to pause, and then go forward.

Only hard work combined with passion will yield results to make a success. Whatever career you choose, make sure you love it. You will come across a lot of challenges and barriers in any chosen career. What will help you stand the pain is how much that pain is worth to you.

The greatest enemy to your future success could previous success. Never say: I have arrived. Adopt the mentality which says: It is good, but it could be better. It is important to be able to learn, unlearn and relearn, and make use of any opportunity for development presented to you at all times.

We live in a world full of opportunities and to succeed requires passion, commitment and willingness to learn continuously. A great working environment begins with you. Valuing yourself and others and accept accountability for your actions works magic in defining success - Mr P.D. Mogale, IG Complaints Office.

Our military needs leadership with vision

To have Christ as a military foundation means that Christ is the one upon whom we depend as soldiers to reconcile us with God, and it means we are militarily ruled by Him!

Note that everything my DOD does is part of its witness. This includes the military service of caring and integrating the former black (AIC) and SADF heroes who come together for fellowship, reconciliation and to share the good military bulletins with every soldier!

The witness to Christ involves the whole military life at the place where the Lord God has called us to be. Are we all ready to be part of this spiritual dimension in this military celebration? If so, as a pastor and a military sergeant, I have no doubt that if we remain spiritually confident, the military glory days will not be far away from us.

My DOD promises me that it will do what is militarily right in the wrong military way! To my surprise, now, a couple of years after my integration struggle, which toppled white minority military rule and paved the way for my DOD to claim my rightful share of the military glory days will not be far away from us.

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You are not alone

It is so amazing to know how other people believe in God. They are like Daniel, who trusted in his Lord until the end; he was tested, but he passed the tests. When I read through an article written by one of our colleagues published in the July 2003 edition of SA SOLDIER, I started to realise how important it is to put everything in the hands of God and to let Him take control of our lives.

I would like to congratulate Cpl J.I. Boase, Group 20 HQ/ Africa Mission (ops clerk) - I was glued to his portion. I started to ask myself a lot of questions, eg “Will I still remember God when I am in places like Burundi or will I trust my Commander, my colleagues or the weapons we have in order to defend ourselves?”

Yes, allow me to share with you what my Padre shared with us one Sunday. It really did surprise me, but I knew that God was then giving an answer through his servant to me. We read from the book of 2 Chronicles 32:7-8 that King Hezekiah encouraged his soldiers by saying that God was with them in their battle, so they must not be afraid of the king of Assyria and his army, although they came in multitudes, for they believed in their weapons, not in God. He told them that they should not be afraid because there was a greater Power with them than with the Assyrians. So the people gained confidence from his words.

I just want to say to all the commanders out there, know that you are not alone. We really care for you, but God is with you out there. Be strong and courageous. What a mighty God we serve! - Capt N.O. Thom, Hoedspruit.

R200-00 prize for the best letter

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**Leaders with vision**

Vision is important because it is what sustains life. It is what sustains an individual. It is what sustains a community, a nation. A nation without vision will surely perish.

If there is an uncertainty in your life, there cannot be hope. Certainty is what gives you confidence. Confidence gives hope that tomorrow will as good as the day before. Tomorrow might turn out to be a bad day, but at least you realise in what shape it is!

Those who are depressed and have psychological problems are not looking into the future. Their planning is in shambles, and they tend to survive from day to day. While motivational speakers urge us to live from day to day, this turns out to be a superficial and instant, quick-fix solution. We cannot live from day to day as we are not living tomorrow yet, for we did not prepare for today yesterday. Vision is bigger than looking forward to tomorrow - it says that we should focus rather on this day because it tells us where we are from, and where we are going. So, if you are prepared for today, you have vision! - Cpl Zola Lamati, Kroonstad.

**From a child**

So many years have passed since men threw the dark cloud over a little child’s life. They do not see the webs, which they spin, which will stay with her forever. Darkness will enfold the corners of her deepest thought. Dark dragons will chase her in her fearful dreams. Never will it be the same. Trust is broken. Sir, you, who think only of yourself, think a moment of that child and the blackness that will fill her for the rest of her life. Her feet will stumble and her love will fail. All because your needs were above your responsibility. Please help save a life. Help a child - S Sgt E.W. Gouws, Centurion.

**Attention collectors**

The following insignia of the South African Defence Intelligence College (SADIC), formerly known as the South African Military Intelligence College (SAMIC), are for sale: Flashes (for nutria dress) @ R25,00 per set of two; SADIC scarfs @ R25,00 each; and affiliation hang- ers on leather straps @ R15,00 each.

* Collectors who are interested can contact WO1 Sam Mew at tel no: (012) 315 0994 or (012) 315 0901 - Ed.

**Left their tracks and mark in Burundi**

Our unit was there when it was called upon as we started our mission, as a pride of lions, wandering through Africa from support company to 6 SAI Bn and 9 SAI Bn. Finally the battalion deployed, with results that speak for themselves. We were deployed in the first cantonment area and made history as the first battalion to be utilised to safeguard the ex-combatants and to ensure safe passage for rebel groupings to report to the cantonment area. The unit did exceptionally well in the absence of the NGOs in fulfilling roles new to them. We become a beacon of hope of the ex-combatants and for the Burundian people in general.

4 SAI Bn, supported by members of 5 SAI Bn, left permanent tracks on the African continent, which was reflected in goodwill, marksmanship and excellence. We received visits from the Chief of the SANDF, political leaders of ex-combatants and various high delegations on a frequent basis. They all had only high praise for a job well done. We know it is a big challenge to adhere to all the demands of combatants, but Mount Everest was also conquered. I myself, the 2IC, Maj Keith Aarons, to the last man on the ground, took this battalion to a higher level. I gave my team this formula - If a man would be very good, he must imagine intensively and comprehensively, he must place himself in the place of others, and the pains and pleasures of his species must become his own "Barney The Great". To our critics, look at the scoreboard - Maj Barney Klaasen, AMIB Battalion Commander.

**The emancipation of Africa**

The SANDF was formed through the determination and persistent efforts of the people of South Africa to wage a struggle for the emancipation of the African people from exploitation and division and war. Our Defence Force does not speak in isolation about emancipation of the continent. The genuine emancipation of Africa is that which entrusts responsibilities to its people and involves them in the productive activity of the people in all areas of life. The SANDF considers Africa as an integral part of society, i.e. the village society, the national society and the international society. The aim of our Defence Force is to unite Africans and to promote the educational, cultural and economic advancement of the continent. To propagate and promote the concept of the AU, the SADC promotes unity among the people of the continent. Our brothers and sisters in the DRC and Burundi must develop a high sense of responsibility with respect to all matters relating to the AU. The ideas of the AU and SADC for the continent, Africa for humanity and humanity for God, must be understood and appreciated - Rfn T.C. Molekudi, Potchefstroom.
**Place of peace**

There is a place not far from you, where the world’s impossible is true, where love, peace and harmony rule. It is a place where the dragons of darkness do not fly in the sky, where the angels walk light over green fields, where no one needs to be healed of sickness because it does not exist. It is a place where evil was thrown out by good and banned forever, where peace and perseverance is your key to happiness. This place needs no locks for its castles and no stalls are needed. It is a place where early light shines but does not burn, where your feet are guided by love and that where your key to happiness. This place exists. It is a place where evil was healed of sickness because it does not exist. It is a place where love, peace and harmony rule.

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**Code of honour**

As full-time or part-time soldiers deployed in Burundi and the DRC, it is with pride that we support and promote South Africa and the objectives of the AU. The aim of our country and our democratic SANDF is to bring about the preservation of peace and stability in the country and the continent in general. We must do our duty without prejudice, partiality or ulterior motives, but in accordance with the laws of our country and the UN. We must consider the great importance of the AU and the SADC. Furthermore, war in Burundi and the DRC is a burning issue, which directly affects our continent. The continent is in a bad way for different owing to serious reasons, some historical. Our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers have been and often still are victims of war. One of the main reasons is the political, economic and social conflict in our continent, which has resulted in political, economic and social chaos causing critical disorder for the people of Burundi, the DRC and our continent. The SANDF and the AU have a keen interest in political, social and economic matters affecting our continent - Rfn T.C. Molekudi, Potchefstroom.

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**Attack from the firm base**

Responsibility is our ability to respond, ie response-ability. Between stimulus and response there is a space (space of freedom to choose response). If we do use that space, people and circumstances will use it for us, thereby allowing ourselves to be victims of them. We become puppets pulled by the strings of conditions or people. This does not mean we must neglect them, but we must consider their presence when we choose our own response. If the people treat us badly, it is not an obvious answer to feel bad. There is an option to choose not to feel bad. Just be careful not to suppress your feelings because you will be burying them alive, and one day they will outburst in an uglier way. We blame neither people nor conditions for our attitudes and progress; instead we must realise that we are responsible for our strong characters based on our emotions or conditions for our responsibility.

As human beings, we have the ability not to be programmed or conditioned and that is why we have dominion over animals. That space belongs to each individual and we must not surrender it to other people or conditions in which we find ourselves, otherwise we become irresponsible. As an infantry soldier, I am proud of my corps which is characterised by its ability to operate under any circumstances. During the “Advance Phase” if the terrain is dense, there are many alternatives to overcome the objective: we change our formation or bypass, and there are many more.

The choices we make are also inseparable from their consequences. If we choose the right actions, there is no other choice for the outcome except that it will be the right thing and that also applies to “wrong actions”. If we choose a negative attitude towards people, they will also look at us with negative eyes. Courage, initiative, resourcefulness, flexibility and disciple displayed by some members characterise their effective usage of “space of freedom to choose”. When we attack there are principles to be followed, but I will only choose one, namely “Attack must be from the firm base”. Responsibility is our firm base from which we can develop our attitudes and behavioural patterns towards progress - Cpl T. Ngwane, Wonderboom.

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**Talent in the SANDF**

I greet you all, especially the magazine officials for letting us communicate among ourselves as soldiers of the SANDF via SA SOLDIER. I am concerned that choral music and boxing are not promoted enough in the SANDF.

I think it is very important for us as the people who protect and defend our communities to show them that we can also entertain our communities and not only compete with them so that they can see us as their brothers and sisters and as part of the community and not as soldiers who have nothing else to offer them than protection. Let us entertain our communities. I have seen the SAPS members competing against each other in their different provinces in choral music. We have a lot of talent in the SANDF. Soccer is a good example, and is making good progress.

When I arrived at Northern Cape Command there was boxing equipment in one of the halls, which had been turned into a gymnasium. Some of us used the facilities, but it was not long before the equipment was taken to the stores.

We do have talented boxers who we can use to bring us together, rather than separating us. I am saying this because the most popular sport we have is soccer, which is dominated by blacks and coloured people, while rugby is dominated by whites and coloured people. If we can try boxing and music we might make a difference. I would like to congratulate 14 SAI Soldiers of God, the first gospel group in the SA Army. Watch the gospel Gold on Sundays - Cpl M. Fudumele, Kimberley.
I reckon we all need to have a bigger vision as to the direction in which our military lives are heading, apart from the sudden realisation of a democratic SANDF. I have never been one to make military resolutions, and my opinion is that they are way overstated. I set military goals! I am a young soldier and still aspire to the military grandeur of wisdom and not to dwell on my failures, with all military things considered.

Please do not get me wrong, I am not claiming to be militarily perfect, but no one is without faults. I am still making military mistakes, the only thing that gets me by is the military and social hope of learning from them. I am too busy living the military life to let it be oriented around unrealistic perceptions of my abilities. Trendy phrases, new military hypotheses and the latest temporary surge of willpower are not going to get me there. No real military sustainable resolutions for me!

Make long-term military plans and objectives. I am just going to live my military life. I learned from my experiences and mistakes, and I try not to repeat the same mistake. I did say no one is perfect, as there is always room for improvement. I will channel my roaring military aggression in the right direction and I am never too old to start.

Nothing in my military life is permanent, so I cherish what I have today, as tomorrow is no more. There will be better management of my post. Now this is more of chronic disease than a military fault and I will keep on returning fire with fire! Only the soldier who has military faith in himself is able to be faithful to others. I am called to be free, but do not use my freedom to indulge my sinful nature.

Rather, I serve others with love. Love your fellow soldiers as yourself or you may harm them. You have to watch out or you will destroy the whole Defence Force.

Your acts of a sinful and evil nature are obvious: oppression, prejudice, discrimination, revenge, hatred, racism and the like. Finally, my military brothers and sisters, I warn you that those who live like this will not inherit the military kingdom of democracy!

Sgt (Pastor) T.D. Makiti, Lenz.

I have realised that there is one more criterion, which must be added to become a member of the SANDF contingent used for external operations.

God knew before our birth that He would send us to African countries to reconcile His people, integrate their forces and assist in rehabilitating their minds, eg we should be an example to those countries. But as long as we are still deploying with stubborn people, who refuse the changes, it will be difficult for us to achieve our objectives. Such people are the ones who like to walk and work according to their racial or tribal groups. What impression do we give to our claim to reconcile?

Even if we are in foreign countries, we still have the commanders who are always negative towards the backbone of the Army (Riflemen and Privates), eg the commanders who are always making sure that their subordinates are demoralised so that the mission will be meaningless. When we dream about a better future for our fellow Africans, they dream about becoming rich and then leave our SANDF corrupt. I suggest we must leave such people behind in South Africa.

Adding to the selection criteria, a member of the SANDF contingent for external operations must be physically and mentally transformed.

Rfn J.P. Ramello, 4 SAI Bn.
Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, the South African Minister of Defence, and Her Excellency Ms Laetitia van den Assum, Ambassador of the Netherlands, signed an arrangement for financial assistance for South Africa’s participation in the AU Mission in Burundi. At the signing ceremony, which was held at the Defence Headquarters on 4 December 2003, Mr Lekota said that it was South Africa’s role within the vision of Africa’s rebirth to promote peace, prosperity, democracy and sustainable development. He said that the relationship with the Netherlands now reflected South Africa’s new world outlook.

The generous contribution will make a substantial contribution to South African DOD deployment under the AU Mission in Burundi. Mr Lekota said that this contribution was a true manifestation of the ongoing partnership between the two countries to bring peace and stability to our region. During her keynote address Ms Van Den Assum said that this was the second commitment of funds to the SA DOD by the Government of the Netherlands. “We are only too glad to give the money because of the positive changes in South Africa’s view on peacekeeping”, said Ambassador Van Den Assum.

Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, the South African Minister of Defence (left), handed a gift to his counterpart, Mr André Flahaut, the Defence Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, during his visit to the South Africa in January 2004. The aim of the visit was to discuss security and defence policy matters of common concern. (Photo: Sgt Nathan Geduld, Reconnaissance System Section)

The Chief of the Spanish Armed Forces, Adm A. Moreno Barberá (left), returning a compliment during his visit to South Africa in February 2004, accompanied by his counterpart, the Chief of the SANDF, Gen Siphiwe Nyanda. The aim of the visit was to show goodwill and to strengthen relations between the SANDF and the Spanish Armed Forces. (Photo: PO Eddie Kgomo)
Hawk Lead-in Fighter Trainer will lift eyes

By Nomonde Vuthela
Photo: Cpl Elias Mahuma

The South African defence industry received the first Hawk MK 120 aircraft on 4 February 2004 at the SA Air Force Test Flight and Development Centre (TFDC) at Cape Agulhas, the most southerly tip of Africa.

The TFDC is where the integration and flight test of the Hawk Lead-in Fighter Trainer (LIFT) programme will be conducted for the next fifteen months. The aircraft has now been handed over to Advanced Technologies & Engineering (ATE) to conduct the necessary flight-test programme.

Although still the property of BAE Systems it will later be delivered to Armscor in terms of the contract entered. For the next few months experts will demonstrate, fine-tune and test the required accuracy and reliability of the avionics and combat-training weapons suites on the Hawk.

As part of the Strategic Defence Packages contracted in December 1999, the Hawk Lead-in Fighter Trainer project aims to replace the aging Impala Fighter Trainers that have a proud service of forty years.

This Hawk is the first of 24 fully operational Lead-in Fighter Trainers that will be delivered to the SA Air Force. The aircraft deliveries remain on schedule, commencing mid 2005 through to mid 2006.

Two major developmental aspects of the Hawk have been its power plant and avionics suit, initiatives that will ensure modern, cost-effective and Gripen focused fighter training for the next thirty to forty years. The integration of the Hawk and the Gripen light fighter acquisition programmes should lead to significant benefits for the SA Air Force.

As the Chief of the SA Air Force, Lt Gen Roelf Beukes, explained to all present: aligning the functional design and support planning phases of these two aircraft systems will ensure a logical progression from the Astra to the Hawk and the new generation Gripen combat aircraft.

The Hawk handingover ceremony and inaugural flight witnessed by all key players was a milestone on the programme. It coincides with South Africa’s ten years of freedom and also the tenth birthday of the SANDF. The Hawk is a vehicle for transformation that will see a new generation of fighter pilots representative of a new South Africa.

"The selection of the first group of technical personnel is in the process, with the focus on identifying black and female members to optimise representivity," noted Lt Gen Beukes.

This is a sentiment also shared by the Managing Director for Hawk within BAE Systems, Mr Mark Parkinson, who said this aircraft and others joining it will play a vital role in the training and education of a new generation of young South African professional fighter pilots.

"While they are among the finest examples of efficient, capable and modern military technology, they also represent two most important vehicles for transformation in South Africa," said Mr Parkinson.

According to Mr Parkinson South Africa joins seventeen other air forces and customers around the world to have selected Hawk for its Lead-in Fighter Trainer. In South Africa it is being tailored to prepare pilots who will graduate onto the Gripen multi-swing role fighter. "It is the first time BAE Systems has ever outsourced an avionics integration contract and it demonstrates the confidence we have in ATE and its various South African partners and subcontractors," affirmed Mr Parkinson. The total industrial participation commitment from BAE Systems for the Hawk project is $USD 680 million.

By the time the Hawk is delivered into service next year BAE Systems will also be celebrating ten years in South Africa. May the next ten years of South Africa’s young democracy see further forging of ties and bonds in the quest for technological advance and good business.
Explore areas of mutual interest

By Capt Tsolo Tseke, SO3 Visits and Courses Foreign Relations

In May 2002 the Chief of the SA Air Force, Lt Gen R.J. Beukes, paid a goodwill visit to the Chief of the Algerian Air Force. The Commander offered to train officers from the SA Air Force as flying instructors. In August the same year three South African pilots were sent to Algeria to be trained as flying instructors and successfully completed their training in nine months at the end of 2003. The Algerians intended not only to consolidate the friendship with their South African counterparts, but also to improve and elevate the level of exchange. The visit by the Chief of the Algerian Air Force, Maj Gen M. Benslimani, and his wife, Mrs A. Benslimani, and Capt M. Hermissi, as Staff Officer, to the SA Air Force in January, was therefore partly to foster closer ties between the Algerian Air Force and the SA Air Force with a view to explore and exploit areas of mutual interest and benefit.

Welcome and farewell

The incoming and outgoing military attaches and advisers from the Czech Republic, Greece, Indonesia and Italy were greeted by means of a general salute executed by the National Ceremonial Guard at an outdoor ceremony held in Pretoria on 5 December 2003. It was followed by an indoor ceremony during which aiguillettes were exchanged, gifts presented and speeches made. Front, fltr: Col Luigi Telesca (DA to Italy), Lt Gen Mayunga da Silva (former MA to Angola), V Adm Martyn Trainor (former Chief of Corporate Staff), Lt Gen Fernando da Rosa (MA to Angola) and Col Francesco Fiore (former DA to Italy). Back, fltr: Col Leonidas Marougas (DA to Greece), Col Dusan Svarc (former DA to the Czech Republic) and his wife, Ms Helena Svarc, Lt Col Witjaksono (DA to Indonesia) and his wife, Ms Ir Witjaksono.
The doors of the first Phidisa Clinic opens

By Sivuyisiwe Matanga
Photo: Cpl Elias Mahuma

The official opening of the Phidisa Clinic at 1 Military Hospital brought light and hope for many SANDF members. As HIV/AIDS is slowly killing our nation the DOD and the US National Institute of Health are making a difference to many Defence Force members and their dependants by fighting the HIV/AIDS virus. 20 January 2004 marked the beginning of a new journey as one of the six sites that was selected to conduct the research was officially opened.

“This clinic can achieve its set objectives only if those members and their families voluntarily enrol and participate fully in the project,” said Ms Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Deputy Minister of Defence. She encouraged members of the SANDF to test and know their status so as to get support.

Project Phidisa was launched on World Aids Day on 1 December 2003. It is a collaborative effort between the DOD, the Medical University of South Africa and the US National Institute of Health to undertake research on treatment options for HIV positive SANDF members.

The Director of the Clinical Research National Institute and Allergy Infectious Diseases, Dr Henry Masur, said that the US DOD was very proud to be part of this project. He said that although research was the keyword, it was first important to know how HIV begins and what the project entailed. “The mission is to provide better for our members in uniform wherever they are in the world,” added the Division Head, Naval Research Centre DOD HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme, Dr Stephanie Brodine.

“Making better and prolonging lives” is what is happening at the Phidisa Clinic at 1 Military Hospital, which is already up and running. Social workers, physicians and councillors are ready to make a huge difference in people’s lives.

Left: Ms Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Deputy Minister of Defence, compliments one of the personnel of the Phidisa Clinic at 1 Military Hospital.

Be afraid of the deadly virus

By Lt H. Cele, SO3 Corporate Communication AMHU KZN

Just before 2003 ended, something hopeful took place at Mtubatuba in Kwazulu-Natal. It is one of the provinces that has a large number of people living with HIV/AIDS. Millions of people are reported to have contracted this deadly virus and it claims the lives of people every day.

On 3 December 2003 Project Phidisa was launched at Mtubatuba and history was made. Hundreds of people gathered in a hall to witness the event. Ms Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Maj Gen M. Radebe, Chief Director Military Health Force Preparation, Col A. Mbiza, Officer Commanding AMHU KZN, members of the Defence Force and the SAPS and community leaders were among the guests.

The launch of this project would have been incomplete without the involvement of social workers who will be playing a vital role for the duration of Project Phidisa. Ms Madlala-Routledge appealed to the soldiers who attended the launch to be afraid of this virus. A variety of people shared the stage to convey various messages ranging from plays to speeches, all projecting simple and clear messages against HIV/AIDS.

Candles were lit to signify the light and new hope which will be brought by this new treatment that the nation has long been waiting for. It was the beginning of the end of hopelessness in the military community of Mtubatuba.
A new chapter dawned on a windy morning on 6 February 2004. As I stood in the corridors of Parliament for the state of the nation address, nostalgic memories flooded in. I reminisced about the Opening of the first democratically elected Parliament on 24 May 1994. A decade ago, I stood in front of these corridors as a member of a guard of honour when former President Nelson Mandela delivered his first state of the nation address.

Once again the SANDF proved that it was really a national asset. The streets were lined with different flags that bore witness to the “invasion” of Cape Town. The men and women of the SANDF oozed professionalism and determination and their precision drills caused a frenzy of ululation and jubilation among spectators and members of the legislature alike.

The streets were lined from Strand Street, along Adderley and Spin Streets to the entrance of Parliament. The SANDF participated by providing a guard of honour and band, aircraft flying in salute, step lining, MP ceremonial motorcycle escort, aides-de-camp, a 21-round gun salute, the above-mentioned lining of the streets and by provisioning additional equipment.

The scene was now set for the Commander-in-Chief of the SANDF, President Thabo Mbeki, to deliver his state of the nation address. He began by saying that as we enter our second decade of liberation, we must continue to build the sense of national unity, united in action in our new patriotism, working together in conditions of entrenched democracy, respect for human rights, peace and stability. He also urged the masses to continue to produce the GOOD NEWS that has made our country a place of hope even for other people in the rest of the world.

“We must be impatient with those in the public service who see themselves as pen-pushers and guardians of rubber stamps, thieves intent on self-enrichment, bureaucrats who think they have the right to ignore the vision of Batho Pele, who come to work as late as possible and knock off as early as possible. We have also established institutions and processes to give effect to our shared desire to mobilise all our people voluntarily to act together to achieve the tasks of reconstruction and development,” President Mbeki continued.

He emphasised that the masses of our people sacrificed everything to achieve peace and democracy for all, but that we are perfectly aware of the tasks of the African Renaissance.

Together, we have worked very hard to ensure that we make the necessary progress with the challenges of the regeneration of our continent. At the same time, we will still have to contribute as much as we can to the common African effort to strengthen such institutions as the SADC, the African Union and Nepad and help ensure that they discharge their responsibilities effectively. We must do this work driven by the conviction that we will not allow anything to stand in our way towards the building of a peaceful, democratic and prosperous Africa.

“In this regard, I would like to pay tribute to the officers, men and women of the SANDF, who are doing sterling work to help advance the
President Thabo Mbeki, and his wife, Ms Zanele Mbeki, and Ms Naledi Pando, the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces, during the Opening of Parliament.

cause of democracy and peace in various parts of our continent. The new equipment they are receiving will give them increased capacity to meet this and other obligations. Other regions of the world, including the most developed countries, are hard at work to change their neighbourhoods for the better. We can only ignore or minimise this task with regard to ourselves at our own peril, driven by a lingering sense that we are not an integral part of the African continent. This we will not do. All major current international developments emphasise the importance of constructing a new world order that is more equitable and responsive to the needs of the poor of the world, who constitute the overwhelming majority of humanity,” President Mbeki acknowledged.

Reinforce foreign military relations

By Alpheus Dzivhani
Photo: PO Eddie Kgomo

The Chief of Staff of the Algerian Armed Forces, Gen M. Lamari, visited South Africa in response to the invitation by the Chief of the SANDF, Gen Siphiwe Nyanda, to visit South Africa as his personal guest over the period 16 to 20 February 2004. This was a great opportunity to explore areas of co-operation between the two armed forces, and to reinforce bilateral (military) relations. The visiting delegation consisted of Gen Lamari and his wife, Maj Gen A. Saci, the Foreign Relations Staff Officer, Maj Gen A. Djoudi, Chief of Communications and Maj L. Yadel, the PA to Gen Lamari.

The programme of the official visit included a welcoming parade, courtesy calls and a presentation on the SANDF. Gen Nyanda and Gen Lamari conducted a parade inspection, which was preceded by a march accompanied by a ceremonious rendition of the National Anthem by the Air Force Band. Defence industry companies visits included the Advanced Technologies Engineering (ATE), which was hosted by Denel.

Wise men do not overstay their visits: the Algerians left for Algiers on 21 February from Waterkloof AFB with mixed feelings of happiness and sadness saying: “Au revoirs” (good-byes), “A bientot” (See you soon!), and the hosts were heard trying to respond in French “Merci beaucoup!” which simply means thank you very much!
Veterans from around the globe gathered

By PO Dennis Ndaba
Photo: Sgt David Nomthongwana

Mr Thabo Mbeki, President of South Africa, formally opened the 24th General Assembly of the World Veterans Federation (WVF). The General Assembly was held at the Sandton Convention Centre from 30 November to 5 December 2003.

The WVF is an international non-governmental organisation, which brings together associations of those who have experienced the sufferings of war, fighting side by side or facing each in combat, and who want to contribute to the establishment of a more peaceful, just and free world based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the International Bill of Human Rights.

War veterans, resistance fighters, former deportees and prisoners of war from six countries founded it on 29 November 1950 in Paris. The aim of the Federation is to maintain international peace and security by the application of the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations and by respecting human rights and the fundamental freedoms set forth in the International Bill of Human Rights and other international instruments.

During his keynote address President Mbeki said that our country and continent have not been spared the trauma of war. A number of African countries are not at peace. As with all military conflicts, those on our continent leave behind a haunting legacy not only of death, but of war veterans who need the closest attention and support of their societies. In addition there are soldiers and civilians who carry many disabilities, displaced persons, and destroyed infrastructure.

"I am indeed very pleased that this General Assembly will discuss many of these issues with a view to ensure that all our countries and the international community as a whole respond to the consequences of war and military conflict in an appropriate manner that reaffirm respect for human life and the dignity of all persons. As a country we too still face the consequences of various military conflicts that took place both within our country and outside our borders. Among others, we have a continuing responsibility to ensure that our own war veterans are treated properly and given the support they so richly deserve. Our Government is therefore very interested in the outcome of your deliberations, which should help us to improve our performance with regard to the welfare of our war veterans," President Mbeki said.

President Mbeki further elaborated that he was certain that nobody who had experienced the destructive fury of war would wish to see any people exposed to military conflict.

"I am therefore convinced that the World Veterans Federation cannot but be among the foremost advocates in the world for peace and the resolution of conflicts by peaceful means."
The conflicts currently taking place in various parts of the world, including Africa, means that all of us must raise our voices in favour of peace and the resolution of all conflicts by peaceful means," President Mbeki continued.

He also mentioned that the legacy of war will remain, and challenged us to respond positively to the decisions that will be taken at the 24th General Assembly of the World Veterans Federation. That legacy includes the anti-personnel mines that litter the African landscape. It includes the proliferation of small arms that are used to commit crime and threaten the safety and security of millions of people on our continent. It includes the emergence of the phenomenon of mercenaries, especially in West Africa, people who are armed and have no skills except to kill, and who are ready to earn a living by hiring out themselves with this deadly skill.

"It must surely be one of the tasks of this General Assembly to help us find the ways and means to end that rage, to give hope to all humanity so that desperation does not lead to terrorism, so that we no longer experience the 'monstrous anger of the guns' and the 'stuttering rifles rapid rattle' of which Wilfrid Owen wrote in his poem, 'Anthem for Doomed Youth',” concluded President Mbeki.

A message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Kofi Annan, was read by the President of the WF. In his message, Mr Annan said that the federation was a unique grouping, which brings together former belligerents, the enemies of yesterday, to reconcile and to become friends today and to work for a peaceful tomorrow.

Mr Annan added that few people speak with more authority on the need for peace than the veterans because they know the face of war. Their work promotes disarmament, advances human rights and strengthens the peaceful settlement of international disputes. He also emphasised the need for societies to take

shortcomings or deficiencies in prevention, rehabilitation and aftercare as experienced by our members, as stated in "Rehabilitation Vol 36 No 4 1992 page 110". The Surgeon General and the newly elected president of the Curamus Association, Lt Gen Rinus Jansen van Rensburg and Mr Ibrahim unveiled the new Curamus plaque.

In his address the Surgeon General explained that disability, with all its implications, is an extremely important issue, but unfortunately it is not pursued to its full consequences. "This thought was substantiated by the following statement, made by the World Veterans Federation: 'The moral obligation of a nation, to care for its war veterans and victims of war, has long been recognised, but acceptance of the total implication of this obligation has not yet been universally achieved, nor have the basic principles of this care been fully established'" said Lt Gen Jansen van Rensburg.

"These words are disturbing, but measures to rehabilitate former soldiers and integrate them into society and to remember those who had lost their lives.

Mr Ibrahim was concerned about certain countries that have not formulated their policies concerning veterans, and as a result these veterans do not enjoy the rights and privileges that they deserve. He also added that in other countries veteran organisations are not provided with proper facilities to carry out their functions. They operate from their homes without any basic equipment such as telephones, telefax machines, computers or even typewriters.

He urged his fellow veterans, as responsible members of the international community, to continue in their efforts to bring about a more peaceful, just and free world. "Let us with more sense of purpose and with more vigour, continue our efforts in promoting and defending the rights and interests of our comrades worldwide," Mr Ibrahim concluded.

Quest for sound disability care

By PO Dennis Ndaba
Photo: Sgt David Nomtshongwana

The Curamus Rededication and Homage Ceremony for the International Day of the Disabled was held at 1 Military Hospital in Thaba Tshwane on 3 December 2003. This service was held to pay tribute to our disabled brothers, sisters and comrades in the SANDF and to acknowledge their contributions, sacrifices and positive attitudes. The Chief of the SANDF, Gen Siphiwe Nyanda, Chiefs of Services and Divisions and the President of the World Veterans Federation, Mr Datuk A. Hamid Ibrahim, were among the dignitaries that graced this occasion with their presence.

Project Curamus was formally established on 20 October 1990 with the aim of providing aftercare for security force members with disabilities. The original purpose of Project Curamus was to eliminate existing

Disability care is still an uphill struggle.

true! Able-bodied people cannot comprehend the situation in which a person with disability finds him or herself. The unfortunate implication of this fact is an uninformed and intolerant society, seriously lacking in empathy for people with disabilities. Sometimes the barriers our disabled friends face and the hardships they experience pass unnoticed. This is a situation of which we should be aware, and it should be our passion to ensure that it is corrected or rectified," Lt Gen Rinus Jansen van Rensburg added.

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Emphasising Service uniqueness

By PO Dennis Ndaba

Since joint training has been decided on as the way forward in the SANDF, the Joint Senior Command and Staff Programme (JSCSP) has developed a curriculum, which also includes aspects of Service-unique training. This need was required by the Service Chiefs during the JSCSP in order to also address their Service’s own individual training needs, but as part of joint training.

It is against this background that the Service-unique training, and in particular the SA Air Force Single Service Term (SAAF SST) was developed. This SAAF SST is now being presented for the second year as part of the JSCSP at the SA National War College in Thaba Tshwane. It covers aspects, such as air power, Air Force Office and Air Command. These subjects are presented at operational level and presenters are mainly senior Air Force members.

During the presentations, the Air Force learners are informed about the latest and newest developments taking place in the SA Air Force. The SAAF SST will equip the Air Force learners with the necessary skills and knowledge to fill posts as commanders and senior staff officers at the operational level. It will also enable them to develop campaign plans in the joint operations environment with specific reference to the policies and doctrine of the Air Force and their implications for joint operations.

The development of the SAAF learners is measured by formative and summative assessments that take place throughout the three-week period.

Learners are afforded the opportunity, individually and in syndicate context, to prepare presentations, submit written assignments and participate in syndicate room discussions focussing on contemporary Air Force issues.

Be wise condomise

By Maj Merle Meyer,
Communication Officer
SA Army Infantry Formation
Photo: Col Horst Schobesberger

Seven hundred members of 9 SAI Bn in Eersterivier, Cape Town, experienced a total change of routine on the morning of 10 December 2003. The soldiers formed up after roll-call at the battalion’s main gate with banners depicting messages of hope to those suffering of HIV/AIDS, such as We care, do you? The soldiers then marched through the streets of Khayelitsha and visited the Missionaries of Charity Centre, which cares for physically and mentally challenged people and those affected by HIV/AIDS. At the centre the Acting Officer Commanding of 9 SAI Bn, Maj Joseph Thyalisi, presented a message of hope and confirmation that 9 SAI Bn supports the fight against HIV/AIDS. The battalion offered moral support to those who have been affected by the disease and those who take care of them. As the procession moved through the streets, large groups from the community joined them. Maj Thyalisi also said that the SANDF is neither immune to nor apathetic towards the AIDS pandemic. This march succeeded in creating awareness for the fight against AIDS and the visit confirmed that the SANDF must support the communities in this fight that kills more people than all the soldiers lost in recent wars.
Finding the recruitment office

By Nomonde Vuthela

The SANDF Personnel Acquisition Simon’s Town would like to make all potential applicants for posts in the SANDF aware of the office location where the recruiting process takes place.

The SANDF Personnel Acquisition Simon’s Town was previously known as the SA Navy Recruitment Office. It recruited exclusively for the SA Navy and was situated in SAS Wingfield.

As a result of transformation the need for a centralised personnel acquisition (recruiting) function arose, the aim of which was to improve efficiency and ensure cost-effectiveness. The SANDF Personnel Acquisition Simon’s Town was established in 2000.

The Personnel Acquisition Office is situated at OSVLO Building in Simon’s Town and is one of nine recruiting buildings. Potential applicants should take note that although the office is run by SA Navy staff, recruitment at the centre is done for all four Services.

Advertisements in the media will announce the starting dates for recruitment in April 2004.

The office is looking to attract candidates from all sections of the population.

Candidates will be appointed using criteria based on the inherent requirements of posts to be filled; the future focus will be on potential rather than academic requirements.

The office will conduct recruitment on behalf of the SA Army, SA Air Force, SA Navy and the SA Military Health Service, including recruitment for all PSAP required levels for the SANDF. Study opportunities will be made available upon recruitment.

Remembering those who paid the supreme price

By WO1 Eddie Hoffman

On Sunday, 9 November 2003, a remembrance service was held at the Garden of Remembrance at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, organised by the South African Memorial Service Committee.

During this annual remembrance service 6 Signal Regiment (Reserve Force) made history by becoming the first Reserve Force unit to lay a wreath at this service. 6 Signal Regiment, which forms part of the Reserve Force component of the CMIS Division, was granted special permission to lay a wreath in remembrance of all military signallers.

WO1 Elwin Heath, the wreath layer, was given this honour because his father had served as a gunner during World War II.

6 Signal Regiment is committed to the establishment of a Signals Association, which in turn will enable the members to form part of the SA Memorial Service Committee.

Thereafter they will be able to represent the CMIS Division on all such occasions. The memorial service, held annually on the Sunday preceding or after 11 November, was first held in South Africa in November 1918 to honour those who had fallen in the Great War of 1914 to 1918. From this small beginning, this commemorative service has spread and is now recognised all over the world.

Remembering our fallen Infanteers

The SA Army Infantry Formation and the Infantry Association presented the annual Infantry Memorial Service at Fort Klapperkop in Pretoria on 25 January 2004.

This event was planned to launch the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Infantry Corps, which was established in 1954. The Tshwane Regiment, a Reserve Force regiment, provided the guards and sentries for the service. Several military veterans associations, families and friends of fallen Infanteers laid wreaths or planted crosses.

WO1 Elwin Heath laying a wreath.
By Capt Lizelle Clulee,
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SAI Bn and detached members from more than ten different units from all over the country amalgamated for the deployment to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where they were to serve from middle October 2003 until almost the end of April 2004.

Members who formed part of the detached units reported at 7 SAI Bn from the beginning of August 2003 for a two month pre-deployment training phase, which included a two week field phase at the General Ben Viljoen Training Area, almost 70 km outside Phalaborwa, and a one week combat-readiness evaluation, Exercise ROOIKAT.

Proper training and retraining were conducted in detail, which included section attacks, platoon attacks, helicopter drills and patrols. Specialist mortar instructors from Infantry School joined the training for the first week and gave proper training to the 81 mm mortar sections, since base protection will be an essential function in the DRC.

Back at 7 SAI Bn the unit divided into two groups for thorough specialist training. The leader group (Sgt and upwards) carried on with the Training of the Trainer Package (TOTT), for which the Infantry School had sent instructors from the External Training Team.

Members dealt with subjects such as negotiation skills, base protection, vehicle control points, operations and foreign weapons. At the same time the rest of the contingent carried on with the Chaplains Support Plan for the deployment, and Project Resilience was presented by social workers from 7 SAI Bn and 5 Special Forces Regiment respectively.

On 17 September 2003 the first contingent-battalion parade was held for the newly appointed Officer Commanding of 7 SAI Bn, Lt Col Charles Mtei, who operated from 7 SAI Bn, while the unit was in the DRC. Lt Col Mtei was responsible for the training phase of the deployment contingent, so that Lt Col John Rakau of the Infantry Formation was able to take over the best trained contingent in the SANDF only one week before the advance team left the unit.

43 Brigade visited the unit on 21 September 2003 for the combat-readiness evaluation, Exercise ROOIKAT. The contingent had to deal with real scenario training in the base, in which the contingent had to erect a total base, complete with a Brigade HQ and a Battalion HQ.

Part of the training and evaluation was meant to show how members would react if an incident occurred by filling in the reports and forwarding all the necessary information to the relevant personnel. On the last day of the exercise live firing exercises were conducted at the General Ben Viljoen Training Area.

After the week of evaluation the contingent went on a week’s leave for the last and final preparations. After the leave period the advance team had only four days to get everything ready before leaving for the MOD Centre in Bloemfontein.

The contingent stayed another two weeks at 7 SAI Bn after the leave period before they left for the MOD Centre. The main force left for the DRC on 2 November 2003, so that 2 SAI Bn was able to return to South Africa after a long deployment period of six months.

Members of 7 SAI Bn retraining on 81 mm mortars.
Battalion gained international admiration

By Maj Barney Klaasin, Officer Commanding AMIB Infantry Battalion

SAI Bn embarked on a journey to the unknown in the Great Lakes region. Backed by much theory and lectures of peacekeeping received during mission training, the battalion arrived in Burundi as part of the first RSA national contingent deployment to the African Union’s mission in Burundi. The battalion was deployed from 25 July 2003 to 8 February 2004.

Africa is a tough country. We moved to a rural site, 30 km northwest of the capital city, Bujumbura, to the cantonment area, which later became the Demobilisation Centre 1 (DC1). The site was converted in no time into a livable and defendable routine base sited 300 m away from ex-rebels, who share an area of 500 m by 600 m.

Battles between rebel forces and the Government were worse in the beginning in the region, but fortunately scaled down as time passed. We dominated in our area of responsibility and from the Chief up to the Governor of the province we have had only the highest praise for the noble deeds of the battalion. A Christmas party for all the village children, which was attended by all Chiefs, the mayor of the town, the Governor of Bubanza province and local leaders, was solely sponsored by the battalion members. The Chaplain General also donated 100 US dollars for the children’s party. The event was even broadcast live over Burundian radio.

This event was followed by a sports day at DC1 for the village ladies against ours. It was won by DC1 - the destination was not that important, but the journey. Friendship and camaraderie were the objective. This resulted in my having to attend the Governor’s New Year’s celebration and his address to the provincial parliament.

Almost 200 ex-combatants were accommodated at DC1. A school was established to upgrade the educational levels of ex-combatants. This portrays one of the challenges of peacekeeping in Africa. The soldier of the 21st century needs more than only military expertise when assisting NGOs to perform their daily duties.

The mission started as a wait and see approach as the political process dragged on. The ex-combatants stayed longer than foreseen, which created a certain frustration; therefore members of the battalion had to act as protectors, mediators and peacemakers. The battalion gained international admiration for a job well done.

More days more trouble, as we had to retain the trust of the ex-combatants, with little or no equipment. Hats off to my staff and soldiers who have had to endure staying in bunkers, trenches and observation posts for six months.

A baby girl was born at the main gate of DC1 on 22 November 2003, assisted by our medical staff. This incident filled WO2 Mackson Mnisi with tears. WO1 Simon Sethlako, RSM of 4 SAI Bn, named the baby, “AMIB”. The baby was well looked after by her granddad, WO2 Mnisi, and grandma, WO2 Joan Robertson. Sgt Maggie Nkosi is the godmother of “AMIB”. The battalion gained experience second to none, which I recommend for inclusion in our doctrines because Mama Africa is full of surprises. 5 SAI Bn, 2 Field Engineer Regiment and the medical support were outstanding. We appreciate your friendship and trust.
This soldier gave what she could

By PO Dennis Ndaba

Education is the great engine to personal development, it is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor; the son of a miner can become head of the mine; the child of a farmer can become the president of a great rainbow nation. It is what we make of what we have, not what is given, that separates one person from another.” These words echoed by the former President, Nelson Mandela inspired the Warrant Master-at-Arms of SAS IMMORTELLE, WO1 Magriet Strydom, to accomplish what she did.

Having been the first female warrant officer to carry the Naval Colours on a parade held at Air Force Gymnasium on 14 October 2002, WO1 Strydom again made headlines by becoming the first female Warrant Master-at-Arms in the SA Navy and first female RSM in the SANDF to be deployed as an RSM in the DRC. She was part of Mistral V (RSA CCSU Special Command and Contingent Support Unit) in Kinshasa, DRC, from April to November 2003. Of 197 members deployed, only eleven were female.

Her responsibilities for the duration of the deployment were normal RSM duties, such as base maintenance and discipline logistics. She acted as the link between the juniors and the seniors. The contingent consisted mainly of firefighters, drivers, HQ members and cargo handlers. Under administration of the command were the medical task teams and UN specialist members.

Asked how she experienced the DRC as a female, she said that despite what psychologists claim, she believes that females and males are not from different planets. Actual studies show that boys and girls share a lot of characteristics. “We have the same capacity to succeed in reading, writing and dancing. For some years females have been overlooked, have even been pushed back, because men thought we needed testosterone to belong to their class.”

The reality today is that the Defence Force is approaching a new era of peace support and peacekeeping and so far there is absolutely no intelligent, logical or sensible reason for a woman not to be in a combat role, especially with the technological style of warfare that abounds today.

WO1 Strydom believes that women have a greater chance of making a success in a combat support role because of female intuition. Women make quicker decisions, act on the spot and can foresee problems much faster than their male counterparts, in other words, women can multitasked.

“I was very fortunate to serve with a great group of men who respected me and bonded with me in such a way, beyond gender. It was clearly understood that I would be there for them as they would be there for me. I have realised that there is no difference, we feel the same pain. We share the same feelings. We all missed our families and loved ones. We shared family pictures, letters and parcels. We even shared some secrets. It was through this that I have learnt a life lesson: colour, gender, religion and cultural backgrounds do not matter in times when things get tough, because we all have the same mission to complete and most importantly, we are all human beings,” she added.

One thing that people must not forget is that gender does not make a person a hero, no more than the colour of one’s skin or the amount of money in one’s pocket. It is what lies within a person’s heart and character that makes him or her a hero.

After a life changing conversation with a young boy named Patrick, WO1 Strydom started a project with MONUC child welfare for the street children living with HIV and the AIDS orphans. The project was
By Nomonde Vuthela

They contributed to peace on our continent

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Photo: Cpl Elias Mahuma

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Being alive and in good health is everything, so what kind of person sacrifices this ultimate gift of life just so that somebody else can live. What love is this and what could possibly be bigger than such an act? Are such people made differently and, if so, where do they come from?

A member of the SANDF once said to me her vocation was a calling. Well, I believe it! It certainly takes true commitment to enlist in the kind of business where your life is put at risk every moment you are at work.

Everyday the email and fax lines of SA SOLDIER are inundated with messages and greetings from Burundi/DRC. These are sent by South Africans who have left behind all that is dear to them. They are members who will one day be able to say, "I contributed to peace on our continent".

The inoculation process that one must go through before deployment to Burundi/DRC is a daunting task in its own right. Although the long queues of people waiting to be vaccinated are a means of guaranteeing protection from disease, nobody likes (Continued on page 24)
needles. I have known people to refuse medical help when there is a needle involved.

Having braved the inoculation process and the long bumpy flight in a “flossie” many members get their first taste of deployment far from all that is familiar. In most cases these are members who have never travelled beyond the places of their birth and yet they are able to understand that without peace and stability in Africa NEPAD is doomed to fail.

When the SA SOLDIER team attended a welcoming parade for members of 14 SAI Bn who had just returned from deployment in the DRC on 23 January 2004 in Umtata, those present were acquainted with the extreme valour and dedication of our members. It was a heart-warming experience and we were once again reminded of the tremendous stance taken by all those contributing to bringing about peace in the Great Lakes Region.

Nothing quiet prepares you for the DRC experience noted Lt Erich Naudé who has just returned from six months in the DRC: “The sheer size of the country and the beauty of the unspoiled nature, as well as the lack of infrastructure compared to South Africa. There are no roads there or what we call roads,” said Lt Naudé.

“It was an enabling experience, we learnt a lot and we saw a lot. We saw what it is that we have in South Africa to be grateful for,” recalled Lt Naudé.

Lt Naudé said that he realised that he too could also make a difference to a country like the DRC. In his words, “One tended to be a little frustrated because you can do so little in that short space of time, and it is not possible to help everybody or to be everywhere”.

Another member happy to be back home from deployment to the Kindu Base in the DRC is Lt Mululeki Musutu who said members had to walk from one point to another for lack of a public transport system.

“In the DRC you get people who live permanently in the fields; there are no houses,” revealed Lt Musutu.

She mentioned that without support from back home the deployment would not be a walkover.

Hooray for Vodacom for giving our members in the DRC special tariffs. Those phone calls home make all the difference.

Addressing the parade, the Officer Commanding 14 SAI Bn, Lt Col Nontobeko Kupiso, praised the battalion for its outstanding conduct and excellent work during the deployment. “I am proud to say that during the deployment no member of 14 SAI Bn was sent back home on account of to discipline problems,” commented Lt Col Kupiso.

She further said that South Africa’s approach to conflict resolution was strongly informed by her own recent history. “This strong national interest and experience in the peaceful resolution of conflicts compels us to participate in peace,” emphasised Lt Col Kupiso.

“Why must my battalion and the rest of my members be deployed and I am then given a company from other battalions,” questioned Lt Col Kupiso, in the spirit of wanting to contribute even further to all AU/NEPAD processes.

Lt Col Kupiso looks forward to the day that she too will be deployed to the DRC as a battalion commander. As a South African woman she is looking forward to being fully utilised in all UN/SADCC peacekeeping initiatives. She is, after all, the Officer Commanding 14 SAI Bn, where outstanding members are bred.

The SANDF Choral Choir was launched at Thaba Tshwane City Hall at the end of last year.

The choir consists of members representing all four Services and all rank groups. Prior to the launch the choir had been in existence, but was faced with major financial and time management constraints.

The idea of the launch was to give the choir a more professional feel and also popularise it among Defence Force members. The choir hopes to be utilised at social functions of all types, parades and memorial services.

Cpl Themba Matiwane, the conductor, said he would like to see the choir become a rainbow choir. He also called upon people to lend a hand in promoting choral music in the defence environment. Persons interested in joining the choir can phone Sgt Thelma Fuzile at cell no: 083 997 2167.
Admiral comes to an end of an era

By Nomonde Vuthela

The DOD held a farewell parade for a dynamic man, V Adm Martyn Trainor, Chief of Corporate Staff, at SA Army College in Thaba Tshwane on 29 January 2004.

SA SOLDIER spoke to his secretary of three years, Ms Wilma van Heerden, and she said even on his last day at work the Admiral came in at the usual hour, stuck to his Thursday work schedule and went into a meeting with the Chief of the SANDF, Gen Siphiwe Nyanda.

According to Ms Van Heerden, V Adm Trainor returned to his office satisfied that he had made more than a courtesy call to Gen Nyanda and had bid him farewell. Ms Van Heerden further stated that V Adm Trainor’s last Thursday at the office was about tying up loose ends and sorting out matters outstanding.

Unknown to V Adm Trainor though was a surprise “stake-out” by some colleagues waiting to pop some champagne in his honour. “Partly sad, but mostly happy,” said Ms Van Heerden on V Adm Trainor’s mood that morning. She continued: “He was happy with the opportunities that the Defence Force gave him”. After forty-two years in the Defence Force one can understand that V Adm Trainor would probably walk away with mixed feelings.

“He is a very big man, not in posture, but in other ways,” emphasised Ms Van Heerden who also said V Adm Trainor was dedicated and that he took it on himself to learn from all his experiences within the SANDF. Ms Van Heerden maintains that V Adm Trainor was not outspoken and many perceived him to be a diplomat, a trait in the Admiral that too had a chance to experience. SA SOLDIER published a joint interview with V Adm Trainor and his colleague, R Adm Barend Willem Visser in 2002 when the two gentlemen celebrated forty years of service.

I conducted the interview not knowing where to begin; where does one begin with men such as these? The two admirals through tact and diplomacy came down to my level. It was a good interview I was given facts and a lot more. Today I work for a stable SANDF thanks to men like them who built the organisation.

V Adm Martyn Trainor was born in Cape Town on 13 January 1944. He was educated at Wynburg and Bishops, and joined the SA Navy via the Naval Gymnasium in 1962. He became a midshipman and attended the Military Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of Military Science degree in 1965.

He started his seagoing career on the frigate, SAS PRESIDENT PRETORIUS. He served on the minesweepers, SAS MOSSELBAAI and SAS KIMBERLEY.

He was selected for submarine service and spent eighteen months in France with the French Navy in 1969, training as a submarine and anti-submarine warfare specialist. V Adm Trainor served in the submarine Flotilla as Officer in Charge of the Submarine School, Weapons Officer of SAS MARIA VAN RIEBEECK, Personnel Officer of the Submarine Flotilla and as First Lieutenant of SAS JOHANNA VAN DER MERWE.

V Adm Trainor was appointed Director Staff (Operations) at the Naval Staff College in 1979, Officer Commanding Naval Base Durban in 1982 and Officer Commanding of Naval Staff College in 1984. In 1989 he was appointed as Commodore and then as Chief of Naval Staff Personnel. In 1992 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and appointed Chief of Naval Staff and Chief of Naval Support.

On 1 October 2000 he was promoted to Vice Admiral and appointed Chief of Corporate Staff of the SANDF with the specific responsibility for the direction and control of Strategy and Planning, Military Legal Services, Corporate Communications, the Chaplaincy, Defence Reserves and Defence Foreign Relations.

His sporting career to date covers rugby, sailing, cricket, squash, volleyball, athletics, cross-country, swimming, hockey, soccer and surfing. As a sports administrator he served as Chairperson of the Military Academy Rugby Club (1965), Chairperson of the Defence WP Squash, Patron of Surfing and Patron of Sailing.
Squadron geared for customer focus

By WO2 Arina Barnard, Reserve Force

During the annual Air Force Day parade the SA Air Force awarded 28 Squadron the trophy for top performer for 2003. The SA Air Force presents this prestigious award annually to the unit that excels in all levels of tasks and operations.

Bases and units are evaluated according to the South African Excellence Model, which comprises of eleven criteria. The model provides a non-prescriptive framework for management education, self-assessment and continuous improvement for all organisations, large and small, public or private, in both the service and manufacturing fields. It is a tool that allows organisations to assess their own levels of efficiency and effectiveness, identifying deficiencies in the processes being used.

28 Squadron was rated first in four categories, namely customer and stakeholder focus, resources and information management, customer satisfaction and supplier, as well as partner performance. 28 Squadron was the runner-up in the organisation results category. The unit was also placed third in the leadership results category. 28 Squadron was also awarded the Air Force Permanent Flying Unit Award. The assessment shows that 28 Squadron is truly geared for customer focus and customer satisfaction.

Communication breakthrough

By Bertus Celliers, Manager Corporate Communications Armscor

The Command and Management Information Systems (CMIS) of the SANDF and the Telecommunication, Radar and Electronic Warfare and Command and Control Divisions of Armscor had identified a need to create a forum where information and communications could be discussed in a military context.

The forum, known as the Military Information and Communications Symposium of South Africa (MICSSA), is envisaged as a vehicle where information and communications could be discussed in a military context.

The theme for MICSSA 2003: “In pursuit of affordable strategic solutions” sets the scene in which its strategic requirements have to be met in a cost-effective manner. MICSSA can no longer bind itself to massive investments in home-grown solutions purely for the sake of independence. Equally, MICSSA has to ensure that those technologies and capabilities that give it the winning edge and are strategically important, remain within its grasp.

The SANDF is on the verge of launching several extensive programmes that will impact on the information and communications field. These programmes encompass the whole spectrum of communications from the static fixed installations to the tactical equipment deployed in the battle space. With these programmes in the offing, the timing for MICSSA is impeccable.

The vision for MICSSA is even greater than that which was achieved with the 2003 event. It is hoped that MICSSA will expand to have a regional impact not just on the SADC region, but on all of Africa, South America, the Middle East and the Pacific Rim. Given the build-up to MICSSA 2003 as a point of reference, future MICSSAs will achieve this dream: already MICSSA 2005 is under consideration.
Gathering crime data much easier

By Nomonde Vuthela
Photo: Cpl Elias Mahuma

It was all systems go for the Military Police Agency (MPA) when the Chief Military Police Agency, Brig Gen Joseph Ledwaba, activated the long-awaited Crime Administration System at the Wynberg Military Police Office (Southern Military Police Region) in Cape Town on 1 December 2003.

Negotiations to implement the SAPS Crime Administration System (CAS) within the military police environment were successfully completed. Now the MPA can become an agency for military police excellence with added efficiency.

In terms of the Defence Act the MPA is an authorised legal policing organisation and the decision to implement the CAS was made in the late nineties, following the need to administrate crime in a professional manner. In the earlier days various manual systems were used to administrate crime, registers and returns were completed manually, which made the administration process lengthy and time consuming.

The DOD considers criminality to be a strategic issue and therefore the newly implemented CAS has become a superior aid to combat crime. This was a historical moment for both the MPA and the SAPS as it confirmed a common objective to fight crime in South Africa.

Speaking to SA SOLDIER, Lt Col Piet van Deventer, SO1 CAS, said the main problem with the old methods used to gather crime data and statistics was time consuming and not readily available. “CAS will allow for the availability of crime statistics, information and data about crime at the push of a button,” said Lt Col Van Deventer.

“Access to CAS will be the first policing oriented computerised system that the MPA will have access to and it will bring the MPA a step closer to the vision that the Defence Force will be a technologically advanced force,” added Lt Col Van Deventer.

Although the CAS is only implemented in the Southern Military Police Region, full implementation throughout the MPA will ensure a streamlined service to the clients of the MPA and better co-operation with the SAPS. Implementation within the remaining three military police regions will follow once implementation is completed.

The CAS was evaluated, tested and accepted by the Command and Management Information Systems (CMIS) and State Information Technology Agency (SITA) and was found to meet the requirements of the MPA.

Fight crime in South Africa

Performing excels

WO1 Lucia Brown of the HRSS Langebaanweg was chosen by Human Resource Support Formation as the Best Performer for Planning and Budgeting for 2002/2003 within all the human resources support satellites. Lt Col Leon Beer, HRSS Manager, handed the trophy to WO1 Brown. (Photo: F Sgt D.C. Guthrie)
Pride of Lions celebrating together

By PO Dennis Ndaba
Photo: Sgt David Nomtshongwana

The SA Army, the “Pride of Lions”, were united in song, in their quest to celebrate the fifth annual Festival and Award Ceremony in November 2003 at the Thaba Tshwane Town Hall. This event consisted of a medal parade, change of post between Maj Gen Roy Andersen and Maj Gen Keith Mokoape as the Chief Director Army Reserves and awards presented to various achievers.

Throughout the day the spectators were entertained by the music of the five SA Army bands and several choirs. At the medal parade, the Chief of the SA Army, Lt Gen Gilbert Ramano, presented the South African Army Cross to Maj Zirk Coetzee (posthumous). It was received by his wife, Capt Laetitia Coetzee. Another recipient was WO2 Aldo Mattheus. Awards presented included the following categories: shooting, special sport awards, communication excellence, Chef of the Year, physical fitness, Sergeant Major of the SA Army Awards and the Best Band and Choir. Lt Gen Ramano also launched the new SA Army Journal.

During his address Lt Gen Ramano urged the pride to continue with their good work as they have achieved many milestones during the past year and also thanked each and every member for his or her role in achieving these milestones. “We have progressed from the burning tents of Wallmansthal, the shooting incidents at Tempe and Phalaborwa, to our great achievements in contributing to the noble values of the African Union and Nepad through participating in peace support operations in the Great Lakes Region in Central Africa. This achievement has gained us enormous international recognition,” Lt Gen Ramano said.

He continued: “When I look back on the activities of the year there is perhaps one major achievement that stands out above the rest and that was our ability to deploy almost three battalions in the DRC and Burundi. This deployment will remain the focus or main effort for some time and it is the Government’s contribution to creating conditions for peace and stability in the region. As the Chief of the SA Army I am proud today that we, as one integrated army, have come so far and that we have learned so many lessons in the past year.”

Lt Gen Ramano reminded them that discipline was the cornerstone of any nation, and that when discipline fails so does a nation. He pleaded with everyone to look around and observe the situation and ask themselves if they want to be part to the collapse of the SA Army and their country. If we want to become a credible military role player on the continent, we have to start taking our business seriously. We can only be a credible combat ready force if we are all physically and mentally fit, are subject to strict military discipline, live out the expectations of the Code of Conduct and develop our intellectual abilities.

“Let us all as the ‘Pride of Lions’ take hands and start to make a meaningful contribution towards nationhood by developing ourselves into a well-trained, highly disciplined and combat ready force of which our people and country can be proud,” concluded Lt Gen Ramano.

Lt Gen Gilbert Ramano, Chief of the SA Army, and Col Horst Schobesberger, SSO Army Corporate Communication, displaying the new SA Army Journal.
Improve service delivery

By Col Bobby Keller, SSO Management and Renewal Services (SAMHS)

Management Service practitioners of all the Services and Divisions converged at the SAMHS Training Formation to attend the first conference of its kind in the DOD in November 2003.

Mr Dirk Ehlers, Director Integrated Management Services, opened the conference by stating that its main aim would be that of knowledge transfer through the presentation of papers according to one theme per day.

Speakers were invited to share their knowledge by presenting papers as follows:

- **Functions in the DOD.** The conference started off with each service giving an overview of its activities during the past year. During these presentations many best practices and creative ideas were shared between the delegates to improve service delivery in their environment, including a career model to be used for management service practitioners. Guidelines were presented by Mr Ehlers on the way forward for management services to finalise planning for 2004.

- **Striving for Excellence.** Prominent guest speakers presented papers on various topics relating to the management services field of work. The session started with a presentation by Dr Louise Botha, the CEO of the SA Excellence Foundation, regarding the strategic direction of the Foundation. This was followed by a presentation by Mr Peter Bentley on the Excellence Model integration with the Balance Scorecard. Mr De Winnaar from the Pretoria University of Technology (previously known as Pretoria Technikon) gave feedback regarding the recent survey done on management services training needs and the challenges for the future. A motivational talk on mentorship by Dr Bjorkman and an inspirational session with Mr Dawid Crawford on client satisfaction were thoroughly enjoyed by all the delegates. An integrated management system was presented by Dr Cilliers-Hartslief on a model used in the SA Army to design structures, which can lead to a more integrated approach in structuring for the future.

- **Commitment to Excellence.** To move forward on the road of excellence a suggestion generation session was facilitated by Mr Weldon Bond to determine creative ideas for management service practices. This was followed by the signing of the Code of Conduct as a gesture of the commitment to excellence in the DOD.

- **Batho Pele.** The Batho Pele principles were adopted as a service delivery improvement tool for management services consultants. Col Keller presented a paper in which these principles were customised for the management services environment for contracting, execution and feedback to clients regarding support provided. An exercise was done to develop a client satisfaction survey using the principles as a framework. The questionnaire will be further developed to be used as a measurement of the management services level and the quality of service delivery.

- **Signing of the Code of Conduct.** The Code of Conduct developed for management services was also signed by all the Services and Joint Support Division’s Head of Management Services. The Code of Conduct will guide practitioners to deliver a professional service based on the Batho Pele principles and from an ethical point of view. The management service practitioners will each sign the Code of Conduct at their Services and Divisions.

Mr P. Madau, Deputy Director Performance Management DIMS, holding up the Code of Conduct developed for management services.
Shaping the SA National War College

By PO Dennis Ndaba

It was a proud day indeed when the Chief of the SANDF, Gen Siphiwe Nyanda, officiated at the inauguration parade of the SA National War College on 30 January 2004 at the site of the former Boulevard Hotel in Pretoria. This augurs well for the presentation of the newly designed Joint Senior Command and Staff Programme. Gen Nyanda said that he trusted that the SA National War College would add value to the community in this area and that the unit would prove to be a reliable and useful neighbour to the business enterprises and other institutions in this part of the city.

"Today also marks the official opening of the third Joint Senior Command and Staff Programme. This programme is considered by the Military Council to be one of its flagships and it enjoys a high priority in the SANDF. I would therefore like to welcome all the students who will be attending the programme this year, both SANDF members and our foreign guests. You have been specifically selected by your respective Chiefs to attend this programme and therefore great things are expected of you. You are indeed privileged and the eyes of the Defence Force will be on you as you progress with your training," added Gen Nyanda.

By implementing this programme the Defence Force has ensured its alignment with internationally accepted norms with regard to joint training at the operational level. "The ultimate success of the programme will be measured by the performance of persons, such as yourselves, once you have completed the training and have been suitably deployed. The need for adopting the concept of true military jointness in the execution of assigned tasks is currently evident throughout the world wherever forces have been, and still are, deployed in a variety of roles. The SANDF therefore has an obligation to prepare itself accordingly for whatever tasks it will be allocated in future. In order to operate effectively in the joint environment, it is essential that we train our future commanders and senior staff officers in a joint fashion," he continued.

The ceremony also coincided with the unveiling of the new SA National War College Flag. For centuries the military has made use of flags to convey certain messages. One such purpose, for which flags were used, was to signal the start of military actions on the battlefield. It has also been used to indicate surrender to a superior opponent and most importantly it is even today still used to identify a unit. The inner pride that each member feels when the unit flag is displayed enhances the desire to belong to something bigger and better than the individual, and this augments morale and commitment. "Therefore, the unveiling of the SA National War College Flag can be seen as an imprint in the wet cement of history that will solidify with this unit. This certainly contributes to a very proud moment in the history of this prestigious college. We are all proud of you," the Chief of the SANDF concluded.

Brig Gen William Nkonyeni, Commandant of the SANWC.

learn the best practice from across the globe. Therefore, one of the training objectives of the programme makes provision for students and staff to conduct working visits to foreign countries. This year, visits will take place to Australia, Brazil, India, Algeria, Senegal and the United Kingdom. In addition, this concept of international liaison is reinforced by the fact that this year there are military students from Germany, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. There are also officers from Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and the United Kingdom already serving as Directing Staff at the College.
The SANDF believes in training

By Nomonde Vuthela
Photo: Cpl Elias Mahuma

Hats off to the new generation of qualified senior officers who graduated from the Joint Senior Command and Staff Programme 2003 (JSCSP) at the end of last year at the War Simulation Centre in Pretoria.

As the Officer Commanding SA National War College, Brig Gen William Nkonyeni, in his foreword noted, "Any time spent on training and development has as its aim the enhancement of knowledge". Brig Gen Nkonyeni further noted that knowledge is the key to achieving those objectives prescribed by the SANDF, but most importantly it is also the key to achieving those goals individuals set in order to reach their personal goals.

The 109 senior officers of the SANDF who graduated means that the knowledge gained from the JSCSP will undoubtedly lead to a more competent and professionally run and managed SANDF. The learner body also included eight international students.

This programme is the third Joint Senior Command and Staff Programme since its inception in January 2000. In 2003 the number of graduates was almost twice that of the class of 2002.

The JSCSP is the first to have completed the senior management programme in partnership with the Pretoria University of Technology (previously known as Technikon Pretoria). This is a partnership which in the near future will ensure that students from the SA National War College will be able to choose whether they want to graduate with a master’s degree.

Another highlight of the programme was Exercise AFRICAN SHIELD conducted by the SANDF Joint Operations Division in conjunction with the British Armed Forces. It was the first and the biggest command post exercise conducted in South Africa.

Presenting the graduates with certificates, the Chief of Joint Support, Lt Gen Temba Matanzima, said that the programme would see the introduction of a new generation of qualified senior commanders who will lead the Defence Force forward. He also stated that the skills learnt through the programme must now be ploughed back into the organisation.

In Lt Gen Matanzima’s own words: "The thoughts, which you will now put to paper in the form of policies and other documents, will be the policies that will change lives forever, especially for our deployed soldiers in far-off shores. I therefore urge you to think clearly, plan well and bring our fighting forces home alive".

Lt Gen Temba Matanzima, the Chief of Joint Support, awarded the JSCSP graduation certificate to Lt Col Schalk Bosch, SO1 Health Intelligence.
A soul healing change of leadership

By Alpheus Dzivhani
Photo: PO Eddie Kgomo

Col Warren Burgess, outgoing Officer Commanding, handed over command of the Military Psychological Institute (MPI) to Col Johan Botha, the new Officer Commanding, at 1 Military Hospital in Thaba Tshwane on 6 February 2004. The MPI is currently a unit within the SAMHS’s Tertiary Military Health Formation. The unit is responsible for providing specialist psychological assessment and development, as well as health-related research and services to the DOD.

Col Burgess assumed command of the unit on 1 September 1997 and has been transferred to SAMHS HQ as the Head of the Directorate Psychology at the Office of the Surgeon General.

Col Johan Botha was born on 7 April 1964 in the mining town of Virginia in the Free State. He was conscripted in 1983 for national service. He completed his Junior Leaders Course in December 1983 and became a platoon commander at the School of Catering of the SA Army. In December 1984 he was paralysed in a Buffel accident. He completed his undergraduate studies in Industrial Psychology at the University of Stellenbosch in 1989.

He became a personnel trainee on one of the gold mines in the Free State in 1990, married his wife Martie in April of the same year and joined the SADF as a captain in April 1991, under the auspices of Project Curamus. The main aim of Project Curamus was to look after the interests of serving and former serving members of members “who were injured or disabled while in the service of the SADF”. Since integration in 1994, former members of the Non-statutory Forces (MK, APLA and TBVC states) have also been incorporated. During the period 1997 to 1999 Col Botha was National Chairperson of the Curamus Association for the Service Disabled.

Col Botha was involved in disability equity matters in the SANDF until October 1999 when he was appointed as SO1 Patient Administration at the Office of the Surgeon General. During this time he completed his MBA at the University of Pretoria, and also served in the Rotary Club of Centurion for a period. He completed the Abridged Senior Medical Command and Staff Course in 2001.

The unit started with only two black members, but today it is proud to have twelve of whom some are departmental heads, a gigantic leap towards visible transformation. Again, what makes this event unique is the profile of the incoming commander, Col Botha, who will be the first non-psychologist to take responsibility for the unit. This reflects the unit’s transformation from a psychological to a multi-disciplinary health institute. In the second place, this event is unique in the history of SAMHS. Col Botha is the first disabled person to become the Officer Commanding of MPI. He was injured and disabled in the line of duty as a young soldier in 1984, and his appointment reflects the commitment of the SANDF to previously disadvantaged individuals and to caring for its members who are injured in the line of duty.

Celebrating Air Force Day

By Nomonde Vuthela

The second oldest air force in the world, the SA Air Force, celebrated its 84th anniversary at the SAAF Memorial at Bays Hill in Thaba Tswane on 30 January 2004.

The parade was a dedication to all Air Force members, past and present, for their professionalism and dedication over a period of 84 years. Most of the day highlighted all the bases, squadrons, units and sections that have excelled in performance during 2003. 28 Squadron was awarded the trophy for the SA Air Force Top Performer for 2003.

In his address at the event, the Chief of the SA Air Force, Lt Gen Roelf Beukes, said the SA Air Force could look back with pride on 2003 as a very busy and challenging year, yet one filled with great opportunities and some outstanding achievements. "During 2003, as in 2002, the SA Air Force contributed substantial numbers of manpower and other resources to the contingents of the SANDF that are currently deployed in the DRC and Burundi,” said Lt Gen Beukes.

"The recent flight of the Boeing 707 from 60 Squadron to Iran, at very short notice, to assist with the rescue operations after the devastating earthquake that had taken place in that country is but one example,” the Chief of the SA Air Force continued.

Some of the SA Air Force’s successes in 2003 included the major role it played in enhancing defence diplomacy and co-operation with other air forces. During June 2003 Exercise GOLDEN EAGLE took place and Exercise BLUE EAGLE in August the same year.

Early 2003 saw the introduction into service of the Inkwazi Boeing Business Jet and the signing of the contract for the Lynx maritime helicopter by the Minister of Defence. The SA Air Force also witnessed the arrival of the first South African Hawk, SA 001, for flight trials at the Test Flying and Development Centre.

According to the Chief of the SA Air Force the highlights of 2003 were the appointment of Brig Gen Tersia Jacobs, the first female General in the Air Force, and the first black Officer Commanding of a helicopter squadron, Lt Col Zakes Msimang. The SA Air Force also saw the return of the flying instructors trained in the USA and Nigeria and the increased number of instructors at Central Flying School Langebaanweg.

“All in all 2003 was very busy, but very successful,” emphasised Lt Gen Beukes. He also mentioned that 2003 saw the introduction of the first financial incentives for SA Air Force engineers. Another highlight included the progress that was made with the Air Force Aviation Awareness Programme, Siyandiza, and specifically the introduction of the Young Falcons Programme. On the sporting front eight members were awarded national colours while 87 members obtained provincial colours.

The year 2003 also marked the introduction of the ten-year strategic plan of the SA Air Force, known as Vision 2012. The year 2004 will be remembered as the start of a new era in the history of the SA Air Force with the introduction of the new summer ceremonial uniform.
Analysing and managing security

A challenge indeed.

Background

The Centre for Military Studies (Cemis) was established towards the end of the 1980s at the Military Academy in Saldanha as a joint centre of the DOD and the University of Stellenbosch. The purpose of this centre, which forms part of the Faculty for Military Science of the University of Stellenbosch, is to analyse national and international security trends. Cemis has achieved such success in this field that in 1995 the Defence Staff Council, as the decision-making body of the DOD and financing body of this centre, decided to create a second branch with a similar capability in Thaba Tshwane, Pretoria, closer to Defence Headquarters.

The centre, which is geographically located at the two most senior military units within the Joint Training Formation, namely the Military Academy and the SA National Defence College in Thaba Tshwane, is staffed by a director and a core of full-time project team leaders and temporary associates. Since its establishment the centre has systematically increased its national and international expertise, network and influence. Cemis finds itself in a dual position: On the one hand, Cemis conducts research for the DOD, and on the other hand, it is a research institution of the University of Stellenbosch. The centre functions within the legal framework of an agreement between the DOD and the University of Stellenbosch and within the ethical framework for scientific research of the university. It focuses on maintaining scientific standards, academic integrity and intellectual independence.

Leadership

The Director of Cemis is Col (Prof) Louis du Plessis, and the Deputy Director is Ms Lindy Heinecken. The centre reports to Prof Johan Malan, Dean of the Faculty of Military Science in Saldanha, regarding personnel management. The Cemis Advisory Board is chaired by R Adm Rolf Hauer, the Chief Director Strategy and Planning of the SANDF, in Pretoria.

Research fields

Since its inception in 1990 members of Cemis have planned and managed a series of comprehensive academic research projects on international and African security trends to the benefit of the SANDF. Among the fields covered are: Civil-military relations and military professionalism, the management of military human resources (including service systems and the management of diversity), policy directives on ethnicity and race in the SANDF, surveys on the SANDF members' views on transformation, the nature of training and education for military officers, the accountability of intelligence services; the features of the internal deployment of the defence force, the nature of and policies on external military operations (particularly peace operations), the management of regional (particularly Southern African) military relations, and the security functions of the African Union.

Among a series of submissions presented to the South African security community were those on military personnel systems, on national military service, on the development of a modern air defence complex, and on the relationship between the security community and non-governmental organisations.

Cemis researchers have submitted numerous articles for publication. Despite the long wait in getting articles published - especially in accredited journals - the list of publications has grown steadily, not only academic journals, but also popular journals, magazines and newspapers.

Among a series of academic papers delivered and academic articles and chapters published, are those on the role of information in effective military training management, the functions of labour unions in the armed forces, the growth of HIV/AIDS as a grave threat to the African armed forces, the relationship between democratisation and military trends in South Africa, the expanding focus on South African security, the historical development of the capabilities, roles and functions of African armed forces and the complex relationship between security and development in African societies.

Information on projects is available from the Cemis website at: http://www.sun.ac.za/mil/Cemis/index.htm and the Cemis Secretary can be contacted at tel no: (012) 674 4821 or via email at: carol@cemis.co.za.
The Director has served as co-editor of international books on security, such as Protecting sub-Saharan Africa: the Military Challenge, and Managing African Conflicts: the Challenge of Military Intervention to which Cemis members have contributed extensively.

**International co-operation**

In order to enhance the exchange of security analysis for the DOD and to respond to invitations to present papers, Cemis has obtained the support of the DOD to conduct a series of research and fact-finding missions to foreign establishments, most of these being military academic institutions. In addition to military institutions in Western European countries, such as Britain, France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany and Austria, members of Cemis have undertaken projects in the United States at institutions, such as the US Military Academy at West Point, in Canada at the Royal Military College in Kingston and in Nigeria at the National War College and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Research in Abudja, and the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies in Kuru.

In Amman in Jordan, as part of a delegation of the SA National Defence College, Cemis co-operated with the Royal Jordanian War College. In Beijing, in the People’s Republic of China, Cemis was a guest at the Headquarters of the General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army and, *inter alia*, at the Academy for Military Science and at the Chinese Space Corporation; and, in Badalieng, at 6 Armour Division. Valuable information on security trends has been and is currently being exchanged internationally.

**Appreciation**

Among the tokens of appreciation that the University of Stellenbosch has received for the services of the Centre for Military Studies, is that from Gen Nyanda. At a function during which he received a recent study conducted by Cemis, he said, *inter alia*: “The Centre for Military Studies of the University of Stellenbosch is one of the most important components of the DOD, since it has become our primary source of strategic research. It is the findings of this institution that guide our forward strategic planning and the research of security trends undertaken by other Defence Force members.”

The main focal points of current research deal extensively with matters of intense interest and great value to me and the members of our integrated headquarters. The issues already addressed by Cemis have had a profound influence on our progress and development as the shield of the nation.”

*Lt Gen Godfrey Ngwenya, Chief of Joint Operations (right), and a previous Chairperson of Cemis, during the presentation of a copy of the Cemis study Managing African Conflicts: the Challenge of Military Intervention to Dr Volker Tutenberg, Chief Librarian of the most comprehensive military scientific library in Europe at the German Academy for Information and Communication in Strausberg, east of Berlin.*

*R Adm Rolf Hauter, the Chairperson of Cemis (middle), discussing the priorities for projects with Moses Khanyile, Director Planning and Programming, and Capt Sethu Lubisi, a Cemis specialist on African security.*
Utilisation of Reserve Force military legal practitioners

By Brig Gen Koos Botha (Ret), Reserve Force Project Officer at Military Legal Services Division

The Reserve Force component of the Military Legal Services Division has in recent years expanded noticeably, which has resulted in an improvement of the overall output of the Division. To date 104 officers have successfully completed the Advanced Military Law Course; 68 have passed the Military Orientation Course and nine officers have also successfully completed the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) Course as presented by the Defence Institute for International Legal Studies (DIILS). One senior member, Col Victor Sibeko, attended an international judge advocate’s course in the USA during 2003.

The stage has now been reached where some of these officers have already been called up for service as military legal practitioners (MLPs). Some 56 officers have already rendered more than 60 days’ non-continuous service. Fifty of these officers are from the previously disadvantaged communities. The majority of the officers have been assigned and utilised as prosecution counsel. The others have been assigned and utilised as defence counsel, military judges and senior military judges.

These Reserve Force officers have already made an appreciable impact on service rendering at the Legal Satellite Offices (Legsatos) where they have been employed to date. The officers assigned as military judges were responsible for the finalisation of more than one hundred cases during the course of last year. The group of officers utilised as prosecution counsel was involved in the finalisation of some one hundred and fifty cases.

These positive results from the Reserve Force officers have facilitated their acceptance as fully-fledged and respected officers of the Legsatos and the Military Legal Services Division as a whole. Their contributions have been noted and are appreciated throughout the Division.

New uniforms to suit our African summers

By WO2 Arina Barnard, Reserve Force

One of the strategic objectives of Vision 2012, the SA Air Force’s dynamic transformation programme, is the development of a new Air Force culture. This new SA Air Force culture will include a new corporate image, which will in a visual sense be brought about by the introduction of the new SA Air Force uniform.

Further to the new uniform’s appearance, quality standards have been improved, promising more durable, crease-resistant garments that will require less upkeep than the current uniform.

Summer parades have always been known for the discomfort caused by the high temperatures and the current dress policy.

The present tunic is based on an earlier version of a European design, which is not compatible with the African summer. The Air Force Board has decided to take the bold step to introduce a new uniform specifically for the summer.

The proposed dress policy changes and a completely new design will ensure a more appropriate summer ceremonial uniform.

Problems that are currently experienced are the complexity and number of dress codes, incompatibility of the uniform with South African climatic conditions and the quality and cost of various items.

In addition, uniform stock levels are low owing to the current financial situation that has prevented normal replenishment actions to be taken. This situation created the ideal opportunity to launch the SA Air Force’s uniform review project.

The development cost to date has been R212,000. This figure includes expenditure on design, prototype manufacture, production of fifty sets for evaluation purposes and the development of the specifications for each item.

The material proposed for the new uniform cost nearly fifty percent less than the material in use at present. This saving alone will offset the development costs within the first bulk production order that will be placed this year.

A comprehensive review of the current uniform of the SA Air Force is to be carried out with the following objectives:

- To create a new image for the SAAF by changing the design and colour of the uniform.
- To reduce and simplify the dress codes.
- To make the uniform compatible with SA climatic conditions.
- To improve the quality of the various uniform items.
- To draw up a new size chart for the SAAF.

Garments that will change are the tunic, men’s trousers, ladies’ skirts and slacks, colour of flight caps, peak caps and felt hat. A summer tunic will also be introduced for use during ceremonial and other formal occasions during summer.

The evaluation sets were distributed across the country at the end of May 2003 for a three-month evaluation period after which the design was defined and frozen.

The new uniform was introduced on Air Force Day 2004. The Chief of the SA Air Force and selected officials wore the new uniform during the parade. Its introduction into the wider SA Air Force will take place during the next financial year (2004/05) and will start as soon as the suppliers can deliver.

Lt Gen Roelf Beukes, Chief of the SA Air Force, in the new SAAF summer ceremonial dress.
Several new faces have "invaded" the SA Army Infantry Formation Headquarters and, if you ask who they are, you hear they are members of the Reserve Force or, as we used to call them, "Kampers". These four gentlemen will look after the interests of the Reserve Force members of the Infantry Formation, the biggest formation with the most Reserve Force soldiers.

These appointments are a clear indication that the Infantry is again leading the way by enhancing the One Force Concept.

These members will contribute to the expansion of the role of the Infantry Reserve Force, which has a long and striking history of serving the country, not only here but also abroad.

**Col Les Fouché**

The leader of this pack is Col Les Fouché, who has been appointed as the Reserve Force Adviser for the GOC of the Infantry Formation. He has a long military career that started in 1964 at 1 Special Service Battalion. Thereafter he received paratrooper training at 1 Parachute Battalion and at the Infantry School.

In 1999 Col Fouché completed the Senior Staff Course at the Kingston Staff College, Ontario, (Canada) where he passed with distinction.

He has several degrees in Business Management from both the University of Stellenbosch and Rhodes University.

He also serves as an executive director for Sea World Frozen Foods and Blue Marine Foods.

Col Fouché has served on several Reserve Force councils and committees and will be in a good position to advise the GOC on the important role of the Infantry Reserve Force, especially now that its role will become more important.

**Col Ray van Zanten**

Col Ray van Zanten has been appointed as the Senior Staff Officer Motorised Infantry. His military career started in 1972 at the Services School. After that he served at 16 Reception Depot where he completed several stints in the operational area.

In 1982 he became the Officer Commanding of 16 Reception Depot and later joined 82 Brigade after becoming an Infanteer.

Col Van Zanten later served in 7 SA Division. He also served in the Reserve Officers Association of South Africa.

Throughout his military career he has been involved in shooting competitions, and in 1995 he was appointed to the Reserve Force.
Talk show for the Reserve Force

By Mrs Jennifer Render, National Promotions Co-ordinator for the Reserve Force

What is Reserve Force Service? This is a question which is asked frequently by our internal, but especially the external target publics of the SANDF. To try and simplify and explain what Reserve Force Service is all about, the Reserve Force Division decided to produce a video to carry over the message to the broader population. To this end they embarked on a video production campaign.

There was a vibe of excitement as the project manager, Maj Rina van Schalkwyk, began to draw in the main role players. Firstly we needed a script and who better to write it for us than Josias Moleele. Moleele’s writing skills have been proven without a doubt. His pen scooped him the Aardklop Award, an annual festival hosted by SABC 2. His Gogo’s Groove will be produced for the channel and screened as a feature in the near future. Josias captured the spirit of Reserve Force Service in his script and at the same time indicated the criteria needed to join. It was decided that the video would take the form of a TV talk show, and it was aptly named The Latitia Talk Show.

The panel (military “representatives” from each of the four Services) on Latitia’s Show were actors sourced from the National Ceremonial Guard, as well as one professional actor.

After two weeks of practice the day finally arrived for the cameras to start rolling. There was a buzz of excitement at Defence TV as cameramen, sound technicians, and a make-up artist began working with the actors. One could feel the nervous tension as the set, which was supplied by Corporate Communications Visual Communication Department, was scrutinised one last time, the actors making sure of their words once more, and finally the cameras were in a position to shoot.

Although the actors were tense but excited at the prospect of being captured on video, much vying went on behind the scenes as to who would be selected to make up the “audience” in the talk show. Many were happy just to be part of the audience, but some definitely wanted to be part of the show and were given a question to ask the panel!

The Reserve Force Division certainly achieved what it set out to do, namely to make a video which would take the message across South Africa about what Reserve Force Service really is, and how as a patriotic South African you can offer your services to your country through serving as a Reserve Force Volunteer in the SANDF.

The Latitia Talk Show.
A farm attack simulated to support rural safety

By Capt E. van Staden, SO3 OPCOM Tac HQ WC

Swellendam Commando and the SAPS Boland Area in McGregor simulated a farm attack on 13 November 2003. The aim of this exercise was to test contingency plans to inform those involved in rural safety and to exercise rural safety support systems.

The main role players were members of the Swellendam Commando, the SAPS Boland Area, the SAPS Robertson Region, the SAPS McGregor Region, the McGregor Farm Watch, a farmer and his workers (including his family) and a representative of the Farm Workers’ Union. Lt Col Jimmy Stadler, SO1 Ops J Tac HQ WC, facilitated the debriefing after the simulation exercise while still at the scene of the farm attack.

The participants (guests) gave constructive inputs to identify and eliminate loopholes still present in the system. The local newspaper, Die Breederivier Gazette, Swellendam Newspaper and Radio KFM also supported the exercise.

The simulation was a huge success because the joint structures and contingency plans were in place and updated.

Secondly, the local community’s positive attitude and the Farm Watch contributed to the quick arrest of the perpetrators (attackers).

Fourthly, the follow-up actions to the farm attack simulation will comprise exploiting the awareness created among the community through the distribution of pamphlets, booklets, farm visits and by addressing local structures on rural safety, which is currently taking place.

The Joint Tactical Headquarters Western Cape, with its Territorial Reserve Force units, is one of the leading role players in creating and maintaining a stable and safe rural community within its area of responsibility.

Korea donated Taekwondo uniforms

By Nomonde Vuthela

On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea Lt Col Nah Yoon-Yub, the Korean Defence Attaché, donated uniforms and equipment to the Pretoria Military Taekwondo Club at a handing over ceremony held at 68 Air School in Lyttleton in December 2003.

The SANDF adopted Taekwondo as one of its official sporting codes in 2002. In the same year the Korean Embassy donated books and videotapes on the sport.

During the handing over ceremony Col Nah Yoon-Yub said he was glad to learn that the SANDF was investigating the possibility of implementing Taekwondo training, not only as a sporting code, but as part of the curriculum of formal training within the SANDF.

Taekwondo forms part of basic Korean military training. In Korea, all young men are required to undergo two years of compulsory military service, during which time they receive Taekwondo training, and most of them leave the military with a first-degree black belt.

Col Nah Yoon-Yub suggested that the SANDF consider sending some members to Korea to train with the Korean military Taekwondo team.

On their return they could serve as Taekwondo instructors in the SANDF.

Taekwondo has been recognised as an official sports event at the Olympic Games and is now being practised throughout the world, especially within the defence forces of many countries.
Thousands donated for cricket

By Maj Albertus Kennedy, Chairperson SANDF Cricket Association

Gauteng-North proved that the cricket power of the SANDF is once again situated in the north when they retained their title successfully by winning the 36th SANDF Cricket Championships. Eight regional teams participated in the tournament that was hosted by the Military Sports Club of Oudtshoorn in December 2003.

The defending champions clinched the tournament with an exciting four-wicket victory over North West in the final, after having been upset by the local team of South Eastern Cape on the first day of the tournament. Free State finished third, in front of Western Province.

Gauteng-North's all-rounder, Niel Burger (who is also a national action cricket player), was named Player of the Tournament. Western Province opening batsman, Craig Denton, was named Batsman of the Tournament. Chappies van Rooyen of North West was awarded the Trophy for Bowler of the Tournament, while Makka Swart of South Eastern Cape was awarded the Trophy for Best Fielder.

Burger, Denton and Van Rooyen were all included in the SANDF team that was selected upon completion of the tournament.

Another highlight of the week was the SANDF involvement in the Baker's minicricket coaching clinics, which was presented by players and coaches involved in the tournament in conjunction with the youth and development officials of the SWD Cricket Board. The coaching clinic was presented at Bridgton Township. It was attended by numerous learners and proved to be a huge success.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) also got involved in the tournament by donating a substantial amount of R30,000,00 to the SANDF Cricket Association to promote the game in the SANDF. The involvement, commitment and efforts of the UCBSA in regard to cricket in the SANDF also underlines its serious efforts to promote cricket at club level in South Africa. The 2004 tournament will take place in Bloemfontein during December.

Cyclists supporting Masibambisane

Members of the CMIS took the longest trip of their lives when they got the go-ahead from the Chief of CMI, Maj Gen Ashwin Hurribunce. The idea of cycling from Pretoria to Durban was born after a CMIS Sports Day. After a practice session was held on the Moloto road by members of the CMIS Division Cycle Club the idea caught on. A cause worthy to support was eventually chosen, namely Masibambisane. The total distance covered by each cyclist was 783 kilometres.

WO1 Cassie Snyman (left) and WO1 Eric Kahn ready for more cycling.
Athletes competed in world class event

With Etna as witness.

Mount Etna was a silent witness to the highlight of the military sports calendar when the city of Catania in Sicily played host in December 2003 to the third Military World Games. Altogether 85 countries and almost 3 000 athletes participated in the games.

The games are hosted under the auspices of the International Military Sports Council (CISM), which takes place every four years. The aim of the Military World Games is to provide accredited defence forces from all over the world with an opportunity to compete among each other on the sporting field.

This unique event gave the SANDF the opportunity to proudly display its standards, uniform and flag before the thousands of athletes and spectators that were present.

The programme of the third Military World Games included eleven sports codes, namely track-and-field, football, cycling, judo, swimming, basketball, volleyball, fencing, sailing, boxing and modern pentathlon.

Only three other countries from the East and Southern African Liaison Office (ESALO) region entered for the games, namely Namibia, Tanzania and Botswana. As South Africa is currently the Chair of ESALO we supported and assisted our friends in the region during the games with transport arrangements and by liaising with the Italian authorities. The SANDF was also complimented by other countries for the way in which it was involved in supporting the organising committee with the administrative arrangements.

The SANDF team, under the command of Brig Gen Lindile Yam as the...
Chief of Mission, entered individuals and teams in the following sport codes, namely boxing for men, track-and-field, marathon for both men and women, sailing for men, judo for women and swimming for men.

**Boxing**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the SANDF boxers were thrown into the deep end when it was decided by the Boxing Technical Committee that the first fight had to take place at the same time as the opening ceremony.

Unfortunately for Lt Bonakele David Madolo from 1 Special Services Battalion, his Korean counterpart was just too strong for him and he lost on points. Rfn Elias Mashinini kept the South African flag flying high when he won his bout against Ireland with a technical knockout in the first round. He was, however, unfortunate not to win the next match. Lt Bonakele David Madolo, Cpl Zendile Nquru and L Cpl Gerald Dingiswayo all lost on points.

The SANDF was honoured by the CISM boxing fraternity when R Adm Eric Green from Simon’s Town was elected as the Acting President of the Boxing Technical Committee for the third Military World Games. R Adm Green acted in the place of Cmndt James Hunt of Ireland who had to return home. The role of the Technical Committee is to ensure that the whole tournament takes place in accordance with the international rules and regulations.

The South African referee, Maj Johan “Barries” Barnard from the School of Armour, was widely praised for the way in which he refereed. Maj Barnard was also selected to be one of the few referees for the final fights.

**Track-and-field and marathon**

Three of our athletes participated in an open marathon in the city of Palermo. L Cpl Andries Hendricks of GSB Bloemfontein finished in a time of 2 hours 28 minutes and was 22nd of all the military athletes. S Sgt Koos Aphere from the SAMHS Training Formation in Pretoria came 38th in a time of 2 hours 37 minutes. Cpl Frans Motsamai from 1 Special Services Battalion in Bloemfontein finished 45th of the military athletes in a time of 2 hours 47 minutes. After winning a bronze medal at the first African Military Games in Kenya, Maj Dinah Heymans was unable to qualify for the finals in this event.

**Sailing**

The sailing team faced very difficult wind conditions and had to battle technical problems on a type of yacht which was new to the team, but ended 18th overall. Cdr Braam Weller, who works at Colet in Pretoria, was a member of the Sailing Technical Committee and was also selected as a member of the jury.

**Judo**

Lt Cdr Henriëtte Möller, currently ranked second in her weight division in Africa and a member of the national team, was the only judoka to accompany the SANDF team to the games. Though qualifying for the semi-finals she lost to the judoka from the People’s Republic of Korea, obtained the bronze medal and came fifth in her weight group.

**ESALO**

South Africa became a member of CISM in 1994, and the SANDF was given the responsibility of hosting the East and South Africa Liaison Office (ESALO) for the next four years by the Annual General Assembly of ESALO held in Harare, Zimbabwe, in 1996. At the 2000 Annual General Assembly meeting in Namibia this period was extended to the year 2004, thereafter Botswana will take over the liaison office. Currently Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe are member countries of ESALO, with Mozambique as an invited member.

The mascot of the third Military World Games.
Greens and putters abroad

By Maj Karin Watts,
PRO SANDF Golf

Players from Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the USA and South Africa competed in the first CISM World Military Golf Championships. The Championships were held at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida in October 2003.

The SANDF team had a great honour bestowed on it by the tournament organisers as they received the “Fair Play Trophy”, which was awarded to the team that excelled during the championship. The SANDF team was very successful during this championship - in the individual competition two SANDF members received bronze medals, namely Maj Stefan Venter (men) and Maj Karin Watts (ladies). In the team competition the SANDF ladies team received a silver medal and the SANDF men’s team a bronze medal.

The format of the championship was a 54 hole medal competition played over a three-day period. Players competed in the individual and team categories. In the ladies’ competition both scores counted, while in the men’s competition it was the best 4 scores out of 6 that counted on each day of play.

The next SANDF Golf Championships will be held in May 2004. During the SANDF Golf Championships players will be rated according to their performance and will stand a chance to be selected for the SANDF team to take part in the next Military World Championships.

A golf day with a difference

The SA National Defence College (SANDC) is well known as the foremost and most senior educational institution in the DOD. The fact that this institution focuses on helping to shape a better future for the RSA, the subregion - SA National Development Community (SADC) - and the region (Africa) by means of their targeted training and educational programmes is probably less well known. The fact that the President of South Africa is the Patron of the Executive National Security Programme (ENSP), presented by the SANDC, also is not common knowledge.

This SANDC focus is rooted in the elements of the power base of the RSA and manifests itself at the national strategic level. The ENSP targets not only senior officers and officials in the DOD, but also a variety of state departments that have an influence on, or can contribute to furthering national security.

The SANDC has identified the shortcomings in the effectiveness of its marketing efforts, viz of this programme in regard to institutions and departments outside the DOD. The decision was therefore made, inter alia, to use the annual Golf Day of the SANDC to promote the image and the core business skills of the SANDC. National security issues are used as themes at the Golf Days of the SANDC. The legend of the Four Musicians from Bremen is used as a script depicting four very unlikely animal characters that found a common vision for a successful future.

The theme of the 2002 Golf Day was “Food Security” and in 2003 it was “Crime and Crime Prevention”. On the latter occasion the role of the SAPS in fighting crime in the RSA and the subregion was recognised.

The Commandant of the SANDC, R Adm (JG) Bryan Donkin, made the decision that some of the proceeds of the day should go to a cause to show the community the military’s support for the often thankless task SAPS members have to perform. The fact that many lives are lost in the effort to protect others is one clear example that demonstrates the commitment of professional policemen and women.

The next SANDC Golf Day will be held at Services Golf Club on 15 June 2004. The theme will be the Four Musicians - third leg of the journey - “Batho Pele - where did the rainbow go?” Col Dirk Hanekom is the co-ordinator for this event and he can be contacted at tel no: (012) 674 4808 should you have enquiries about the Golf Day.

R Adm (JG) Bryan Donkin, the Commandant of the SANDC, hands over a cheque of R3 000 to Mr Abrie Burger, the Deputy Commissioner, who represented the SAPS Widows and Orphan Fund. Mr Ben Groenewald, the Deputy Commissioner (left), who is representing SAPS Golf, and Col Dirk Hanekom, the co-ordinator of the SANDC Golf Day (right), looking on.
The flag of tennis flies high

By Maj Thea Pelser, representative of the SANDF Tennis Head Committee

The annual SANDF Tennis Championships were held in Bloemfontein in November 2003. During the championships the men and ladies SANDF tennis teams were selected to play Lesotho in Bloemfontein in November 2003.

Almost 100 tennis players competed in the tournament. For the first time in the history of the tournament a mixed doubles tournament was also played.

On the first day the weather was fine and hot - on the second day rain prevented play until 11:00. This delay resulted in matches piling up and some members had to play up to six matches a day for the remaining two days. The doubles finals of the men’s junior veterans (35-40) was played, while most members started to prepare for the championships end function.

The winners of the different categories in the SANDF Tennis Championships are: Leon Wiltshire won the men’s singles under 35, while Thea Pelser won the ladies’ singles. Gustav Pieters won the men’s junior veterans singles (35-40). The men’s senior veteran’s singles (40+) winner was Hein van Niekerk.

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During the CISM Tennis Tournament against Lesotho the SANDF team, sore feet and all (after the whole week’s play) sent our neighbours (Lesotho) home to try again another time.

We are looking forward to more members participating, especially ladies, for the 2004 championships. If you are a tennis player and need support in your region, please contact WO1 Gert Gouws at: (012) 671 0082 or 082 712 3209.

The regional representatives for SANDF tennis are:

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Randal Allard, participating in the tournament. He and his partner, Kevin Dreyer, came second in the men’s doubles under 35 category. The tournament also delivered the first player of colour to win the men’s singles under 35 - Leon Wiltshire, as well as the first players of colour to win the men’s doubles under 35 - Leon Wiltshire and Shane Elie.

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On the first day the weather was fine and hot - on the second day rain prevented play until 11:00. This delay resulted in matches piling up and some members had to play up to six matches a day for the remaining two days. The doubles finals of the men’s junior veterans (35-40) was played, while most members started to prepare for the championships end function.

The winners of the different categories in the SANDF Tennis Championships are: Leon Wiltshire won the men’s singles under 35, while Thea Pelser won the ladies’ singles. Gustav Pieters won the men’s junior veterans singles (35-40). The men’s senior veteran’s singles (40+) winner was Hein van Niekerk.

Leon Wiltshire and Shane Elie won the men’s doubles for under 35s. Thea Pelser and Scolla Verster won the ladies’ doubles. Gustav Pieters and Hein van Niekerk won the men’s junior veteran’s doubles (35-40). Hein van Niekerk and Daan van den Berg won the men’s senior veteran’s doubles (40+). The mixed doubles was won by Gustav Pieters and Thea Pelser.

During the CISM Tennis Tournament against Lesotho the SANDF team, sore feet and all (after the whole week’s play) sent our neighbours (Lesotho) home to try again another time.

We are looking forward to more members participating, especially ladies, for the 2004 championships. If you are a tennis player and need support in your region, please contact WO1 Gert Gouws at: (012) 671 0082 or 082 712 3209.
Arms management in Africa

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Destroying Surplus Weapons: An Assessment of Experience in South Africa and Lesotho reviews and evaluates the experiences of South Africa and Lesotho with the disposal of surplus weapons and the management of their stocks.

The aim of the book is to highlight the lessons from the two countries and thereby encourage other governments to carry out similar programmes if they have not already begun to do so.

According to the book, in the period following the end of apartheid, the South African Government quickly learnt (the hard way) how weapons that had previously been used in conflict situations could become the tools of violent criminals.

South Africa’s response was first to understand the depth and scope of the problem and then to act nationally, regionally and internationally.

Small arms and light weapons have been termed the new weapons of mass destruction. The Small Arms Survey (SAS) has estimated that there are more than 600 million small arms in the world - enough for one in every ten people globally.

The SAS also found that the African continent is frequently lamented as the region most affected by the proliferation of small arms. However, it is also the region that has taken some of the most far-reaching steps to control the spread of small arms.

Since 1995 South Africa and Mozambique have co-operated in finding and destroying arms left over from Mozambique’s long and bloody civil war. In addition South Africa has destroyed thousands of domestically seized illicit weapons, established control of government established stockpiles, reviewed and revised its domestic firearm legislation and assisted Lesotho in the destruction of its surplus small arms and lightweight weapons.

The book shows that the approach used by South Africa and Lesotho is adaptable and most certainly worth emulating. It is cost-effective and can benefit societies in terms of security, development and economics if governments follow the method described in this book.

Launching the book in late 2003 in Pretoria, the Minister of Defence, Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, said the book was yet another milestone in the endeavour of the international community to make the world a safer place to live in.

“The book’s introduction states that ‘South Africa and her neighbours (also) recognised both the regional dimensions of arms trafficking, as well as the need for a more co-ordinated subregional response to the problems posed by arms trafficking,’ ” said the Minister of Defence.

Mr Lekota also stated that since 1999 the SANDF had destroyed more than 260 000 weapons and the SAPS more than 75 000.

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