

# Western Front

Newsletter for ex-servicemen / women who were called up or who volunteered to serve their country, South Africa, in the SADF / SANDF, SAP / SAPS, or the South African Correctional Services, and who now reside in Western Australia.



*"In grateful recognition and memory of our countrymen, the Immortal Dead of South Africa, who, at the call of Duty, made the supreme Sacrifice on the battlefields of Africa, Europe, Asia, on the Sea, and in the Air. They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them. Lest We Forget."*

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## Ben se Pens

**A**n email sent out by the Chairman serves as an answer as to what matter to address in this month's newsletter. The contents were thought to be appropriate and the message quite clear. As an organisation, SAMVOA WA is not immune to problems that plague organisations, associations, clubs etc. The message goes like this:



A man, who regularly attended meetings with his friends, suddenly without any notice stopped participating. After a few weeks, one very cold night the leader of that group decided to visit him. He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright and cozy fire burned. The man welcomed the leader. There was a great silence. The two men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace. After a few minutes the leader, without saying a word, examined the woods that formed the fire and selected one of them, glowing most brightly of all, removing it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated. Before long, the lone member flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow and the fire soon went out. In a short time what was previously bright light and heat had become nothing more than a black and dead piece of coal. Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

Before preparing to leave, the leader with the tongs picked up the useless coal & placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the member piece of wood was rekindled, fuelled by the light & heat of the burning coals around him. When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said: "Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll return to the group soon."

Why is the group extinguished.....?

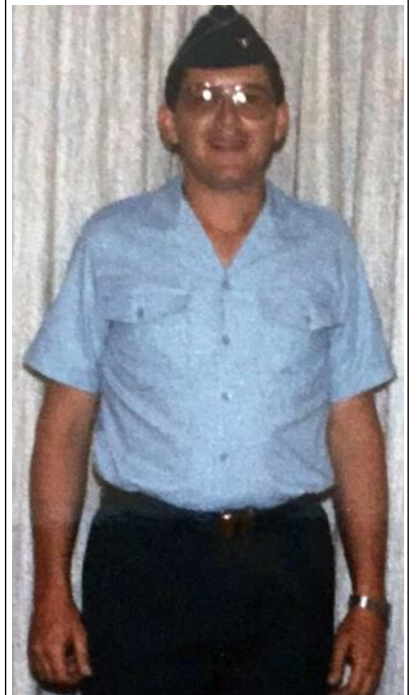
Very simple: Because each member that withdraws takes fire & heat from the rest. It's worth reminding group members that they are a part of the flame. It's also good to remind us that we are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning and we must promote the union among us so that the fire is really strong, effective and lasting.

The Group is also a Family. It doesn't matter if sometimes we are bothered by so many messages, quarrels and misunderstandings. What matters is to be connected. We are here to meet, learn, exchange ideas or simply to know that we are not alone.

**Let's keep the flame alive.**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE SAMVOA WA FIRE**

## Guess who? Raai wie?



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# Minutes of SAMVOA (WA) Veterans Meeting - 11th May 2021

## Opening

Attendees at Belmont RSL, 22 Leake Street, Ascot called to order at 19H00 by Chairman Veteran Dave Stevenson requesting Master-at-Arms Veteran Ian Higley to light the Flame of Remembrance.

Veterans called to order by Master-at-Arms for the reading of The Ode by the Chairman followed by singing "Old Soldiers Never Die, Never Die...."

Attendees called to stand at ease by Master-at-Arms and to take their seats.

## 2. Attendance

Well over 30 Veterans and guests.

## 3. Welcome

Welcome to all our SAMVOA Members, our Friends and guests.

*'n Hartlike welkom aan al ons Afrikaanse lede – lekker om julle hier by ons te hê vanaand.*

We have an action packed evening instore for all of you!

## 4. Apologies / New members

Veterans Johan Jankowitz and Peter Colvin has sent their apologies.

Those attending a meeting for the first time were asked to please take the opportunity to complete an application form on our website [www.samvooint.org](http://www.samvooint.org). It will only take a minute but it puts them on our mailing list for future events like this.

## 5. Important Announcements

As you are aware, we did not have an ANZAC Day march and we are pretty 'miffed' about that...

## 6. Feedback on Events in the last months

SADF 2,4km - The weather gave us a chilly start to the morning but we still had a super good turnout. Marion and Joe outdid all of us with their example of how 'civilised' folks do things!

## 7. Update on other Events coming up

### Boer War Service – Sunday 30th May

Please remember to diarise the service that takes place at the Boer War Memorial at the entrance to Kings Park, on Fraser Avenue. We need to be there at 10:30am for 11am start of the service.

As we were not able to have the ANZAC Day march, please help us to have a really good turnout for this event.

General Chris le Roux will be giving one of the main addresses at this year's memorial service.

## SAMVOINT Video Presentations

Veteran Joe Keyter (on behalf of SAMVOA VIC) has been arranging some very interesting guest speakers to talk about battles that took place during the Bush War that most of didn't know took place.

Usually the 1st Thursday of the month.

You need to RSVP so that Joe can arrange the required number of ZOOM seats

The last speaker was Rear Admiral Allan Du Toit – the sinking of the Sinking of the SAS President Kruger. I have sent out the recording for those that are interested.

## 8. Donations

Thanks to everyone that has kindly donated to our SAMVOA account – those that donate every month on a stop-order and those that have donated as a 'lump sum'.

These funds go to a worthy cause and we'll give Garth an opportunity to share the progress on our Museum Phase 2.

## 9. SAMVOA Display Cabinet

We have ordered the aluminium and glass components to construct the cabinet. They will arrive in the next 2 weeks. We have had the flooring (same as the other cabinet) donated to us. So things are starting to take shape.

Veteran Garth Pienaar has brought a number of the displays to share with all of us tonight. There are some stunning pieces here and something that will make us all very proud! We are looking for a SAAF pilot's uniform from WW2 (North Africa) with khaki tunic and short pants. Veterans are requested to keep their eyes peeled and ears open.

## Western Front

Please let me know if you are not yet receiving the newsletter.

If you have your own business or wife has her own business, please let us have your business card and we will publish it in the advert section – All we request in return is a donation based on sales generated from this exposure.

Veteran Ben Opperman publishes and circulates the newsletter on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and he certainly would appreciate any articles and photos for the newsletter.

## 10. Items for sale / Kit / Merchandise

The merchandise has arrived but I still need to address the caps and the name badges.

## 11. Recruitment

Please remember that we are always on a recruitment drive!

We are catching up on the eastern side but still need more folks to sign up.

Please take a recruitment card and hand it to a Saffer that you may know through work, school or kid's sports club.

## 12. The men speak....

Tonight we have a series of short presentations from a number of our members...

**Veteran Slade Healy** - As a helicopter pilot he certainly had an interesting time with the SADF. His story for the night revolved around a pick-up somewhere in Angola. With the troops came lots and lots of 'trophies' that were collected by the troops. Everything was hurriedly thrown into the chopper and to his horror he saw a stick grenade amongst all the 'collectibles'. The stick grenades are notoriously unstable and thinking what might happen and with the uploading continuing unabated, he reached for the mike and told the other chopper he was lifting off! They flew in silence back to base and executed (according to him) the softest of softest landings. They then scrambled to a safe distance and with beer in hand watched the troopies unload the chopper and take whatever fancied them. He managed to 'score' a bayonet from a Russian SKS rifle which he showed to the veterans.

**Veteran Ron Lee** - As a fixed wing pilot he was tasked with an airdrop of much needed supplies to a base somewhere deep in Angola. The guys from 28 Squadron crisscrossed the area but couldn't locate the base and returned to base mission 'unaccomplished'. It was then that he was ordered to do the drop. Not knowing how he would manage it he turned to a chopper mate of his who just happen to be around and asked for advice. Easy enough he said and summarily joined Ron on his flight.

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## Minutes of Meeting (Continued)

They followed a route of previous drops and bases, flying from one to the next until such time the men waiting for the drop told them “we can hear and we can see you!” The drop went off without a hitch – mission accomplished.

**Veteran Johan Burr-Dixon** - He regaled the veterans with his accounts of life on board a submarine, how to get on board and off the submarine in one piece. He pretty much described in detail how cramped the inside was, what ‘hot-bunking’ means, what happened when the sub did an emergency dive and a steep and fast surface exit and how it felt! For some peace and quiet the recce’s slept on a timber platform across the torpedo tubes with not much room to move. Also how they battled to get the canoes and zodiac off the sub when deployed and the mishaps that went with it. And the traditions aboard the subs for a variety of milestones and special passengers such as the recce’s. Every time such persons would be honoured with a certificate. Apparently much fun was had on the side.

**John Elsegood** - Our Australian friend and Boer War historian and very knowledgeable on the topic talked about what happened right before the onset of the Anglo Boer war. He described the struggle between Lord Milner (pro ‘uitlanders’ and anti-Boer) and General William Francis Butler who had the future of South Africa and its people at heart. Making no head-

way he tendered his resignation thus clearing the way for Milner and his ilk to antagonize President Paul Kruger who sent an ultimatum to them and what started the war. Very interesting indeed.

**Jess van der Nest** - Asked by Veteran Garth Pienaar to ‘have a look’ at a .303 and see if he can restore it. Challenge accepted and after what looked like a walk in the park, the restoration turned into a full blown effort on his part. Many hours later and lots of aching muscles the .303 was handed to Garth who was very pleased with the outcome. Disabling the rifle had its own problems. Taking the rifle apart had its own set of challenges as no one knew how to do it. It was a trial and error exercise. Veteran Jess vowed to never do something like this but would gladly put money up to have something similar done.

**Steve Toon** - Another Aussie veteran told the veterans about his time in the British army and in particular deployment to Northern Ireland and all the problems and mayhem associated with what happened there in the late sixties, the injustices, the measures put in place we all are too familiar with during our time spent in townships etc. It was a new type of warfare for the army with all sorts of problems. They were caught off-guard and nonsense rules and regulations were introduced as a result. He sketched a bleak picture of a soldier’s life caught between the warring factions and the total absurdi-

ty of it all. Very interesting.

**Veteran Ian Higley** - Told veterans the origin of the ‘beret’, why it is mostly worn to the right and why some countries wear it to the left.

**Joe Bryant** - Another Aussie friend who told us more about submarines. His father captained a submarine in WWII and how the 3” deck gun was used to great effect by him racking up an impressive tally of ships sunk with 7kg projectiles. He mentioned he was going to tell more but Veteran Johan Burr-Dixon had stolen the limelight.

**Veteran Garth Pienaar** - A show and tell on how he acquired some of the uniforms and equipment he had on display. There is a lot of goodwill out there with many people willing to contribute to our displays. All one has to do is ask.

**Veteran Dave Stevenson** - Being a parabat he talked about a number of jackets that paratroopers wore and still wear, why they look the way they look and the functionality of it all.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm after which members engaged in last minute conversations and a few more beers before leaving.

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the RSL Belmont.





## SADF 2,4km - KINGS PARK, PERTH - 1st May 2021

So...there we have it!....Perth's two-comma-fô for the month that will be May for the next 31 days done and dusted. Many veterans showed up along with Aussie friends and a very good time was had by all twenty-seven of us, not forgetting the doggo's. Always good to have ladies Cherie and Maree with us. Some veterans, no names no pack drill, haven't read their orders and arrived too early or too late! Come winter we rise and shine 30 minutes later.....06H30 for 07H00.

New standards not to be equalled were set by Aussies Joe Bryant and Marion Hercock with their very colonial table setting and enjoying a brekkie in style, champagne and all! Veteran Dave Stevenson had some Aussie ex-paratroopers join the rest of us up and down Riaan-se-koppie. Many Aussie veteran parachute and SAS members flew in last week from over east to join forces and show support for the embattled SAS regiment here in Perth and the RLI celebrations on the other hand. Of course the snap lockdown last weekend put the brakes on all occasions and parades etc. Good to have had Johan Schoeman join us as a guest of Philip Niman.

Up Riaan-se-koppie to Tim's Tower we went and back down the hill to a scrumptious self-prepared brekkie. Veteran Johan Burr-Dixon chucked his customary roll of boerewors on the 'barbie' for all to enjoy. Lots of talk centred around the snap lockdown last weekend and the effects there off. Though the restrictions only came into force at midnight on Friday many force's functions scheduled for early Friday evening were cancelled causing a lot of grievance. It was after all ANZAC weekend and many ceremonies and parades were organised to be held over the weekend. Nothing came of it! Not good at all!

Why do this at all one might ask? Well, one will never know the true value of this once-a-month-activity but what is set in concrete is that veterans need to take time off to reacquaint with one another and thereby cement existing friendships and forge new friendships. We are in a foreign country that we now call home where things can get a bit rough at times but we share the same story from way back – we were soldiers once - we were and still are brothers in arms. We share the hope and despair of all the veterans back in South-Africa, their families, our

families, friends, all the farmers.....the list is long. We pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, many of them friends and comrades in arms. Your sacrifice will not and should not be forgotten. Lest we forget.

The group photo standing left to right....Johan Schoeman, Marion Hercock\*, Jay Sprigg, Joe Bryant\*, Dave Stevenson, Ron Lee, Philip Niman, Dion Clegg, Christo Miller, Dean van Vuuren, Merrilyn Montefiore\*, Graig Goodson, Andre Pretorius, Lloyd Montefiore\*, Johan Burr-Dixon, Ian Higley, Bill Cochrane\*, Don Pengelly, Zander Opperman, Graig Howard and Ben Opperman.

Seated are Lesley Wittstock, Slade Healy, Garth Pienaar and Peter Celliers. Girls Cherie and Maree went walkabout when the photo was taken . Veteran Alf Naude came late and was still on the hill and Veteran Peter Colvin dropped by later on his bicycle. Birthday boy Veteran Jess van der Nest couldn't get out of bed but 'hèppie birfday' in any case! ●





## SADF 2,4km - KINGS PARK, PERTH - 1st May 2021



## ANZAC DAY PARADE - 25 APRIL 2021

It is not often that ANZAC Day falls on a weekend. It is then that the weekend becomes ANZAC weekend and many remembrance organisations use this weekend to host a number of functions, remembrance parades, ceremonies etc.

This year was to be such a weekend with ANZAC Day being on Sunday and many activities were planned by all such as the RSL ANZAC Day parade in Perth, the dawn service in Kings Park, various other remembrance ceremonies across the state, the Rhodesian Light Infantry function to name but a few. A lot of effort and money went into the planning and then the state premier decided in his doubtfull



wisdom to order a lockdown for the long weekend thus putting an end to all that was planned!

The lockdown was for the Perth metro and Peel areas resulting in a mass exodus before the lockdown came into effect at midnight on Friday. Caught unawares it was then decided the veterans, like last year, would line up on their pavements on Sunday morning at 06H00 to pay their respects to those who paid the highest sacrifice.

Word went out to the South African veterans and a number stepped forward to answer the call. (Continued next page)



# ANZAC DAY PARADE - 25 APRIL 2021

It turned out to be a really dismal weekend for us Perthians. A few veterans sent in photos of them all dressed up in No 1's for a photo collage.

Veterans down south in Bunbury and further afield were unaffected and could celebrate ANZAC Day as usual. In Bunbury a number of Saffa veterans stepped forward and attended parades and ceremonies. To the east of Perth in neighbouring York Veterans Bruce Acutt and Roy Chase flew the banner (so to speak) for SAMVOA. Read their accounts below.

One function a number of SAMVOA veterans were looking forward to was the RLI mess dinner to be held at a RSL facility on Friday night. Even though the lockdown would only come into effect at midnight, the particular RSL rolled over and cancelled the function on short notice to the disappointment of many! - Ed.

### Veteran Bruce Acutt wrote

"When the lockdown came I was in York so I decided to stay there as the march was cancelled in Perth. Roy Chase phoned me to invite me to join him in the march in York. I explained that my SAMVOA uniform was in Perth but Roy suggested that I join in as most of the other participants were in civvies.

I decided to join him and wear my Boer War outfit (old family clothes). The march was packed with people, and being a rural town animals were involved and a miniature donkey joined the march.

The march was nearly disrupted by a Sausage Dog in the crowd who must have taken a dislike to the donkey and wanted to attack it, but fortunately the dog's owner managed to restrain him.

The service at the York Memorial was excellent and it was good to see that many of the York High School scholars were in a special uniform and a speech was given by the head boy and head girl.

At the end of the service the Sergeant Major dismissed us and ordered us to retreat to the veteran friendly Settlers Inn Pub and have a drink. Roy and I sat at a table of SAS Veterans who had come over from Victoria to support their SAS comrades in Perth but had to flee to York before the lockdown came into force.

In hindsight what I should have done is ask Dave to email all SAMVOA Veterans and invite any veteran who wanted to march in York to bring their uniforms, swags, caravans etc. and arrive by midnight on Friday and stay at my place and join the march in York on Sunday as a separate group if necessary."

### Veterans Roy Chase wrote

"A Good Day to march in York....led by March Warden, Roger (SAS) and a few beers after the event with the rest of the SAS guys at Settler's Inn. They were over here from the East Coast to march in solidarity with the Regiment in this troubled time for the SAS." ●

## Bunbury

Veterans Andre Rix and Chris le Roux



## Bunbury Dawn Service

Veterans Ian Cocker and Andre Rix



## York

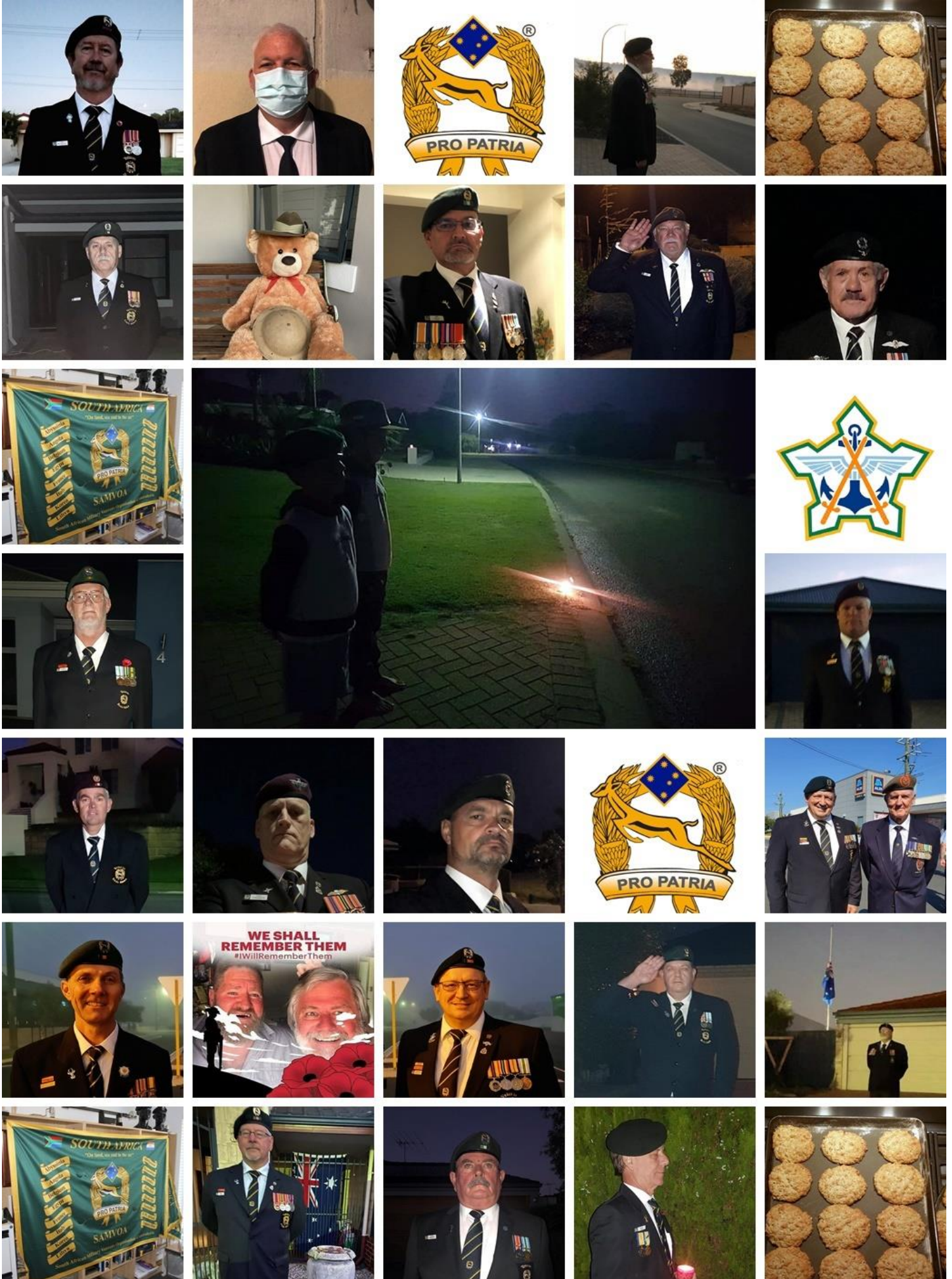
Veterans Bruce Acutt and Roy Chase



Pamwe Chete - 'We Are Together'



ANZAC DAY PARADE - 25 APRIL 2021



Pamwe Chete - 'We Are Together'





# Recollections

We are half way through our sixth year and to think back I must start at the beginning when Veteran Braam Coetzee introduced to me the concept of SADF2,4. He in turn got introduced by a friend who was introduced to Veteran Ian van Niekerk, the founder of the group and living over east in Sydney at the time.

Braam was having a go at it and invited me to join. I gave it a quick think over and decided it was a worthwhile activity. I could benefit from it. Nothing was formalised so I had a banner made up and scouted for a suitable venue. Kings Park seemed the logical place but where in Kings Park? An onsite recce showed the clearway between the DNA tower at the top of the park and Zamia's Café down at the bottom to be the most suitable. The clearway was incidentally just about the right distance, a bit longer but if one were to move the starting point a bit the distance would be exactly 2,4km.

But it did not happen like that for the first few runs. Initially we started at the top, went down the hill 600m, came back and repeat to make up the 2,4km. From there we would move to a spot where there were barbeques and have our brekkie there. It didn't work well and it was then unanimously decided to start at the bottom, make our way up the hill and back and from there start the barbeques which was very handy situated not far off. The rest is history.

But where did SADF2,4 start? It was the brainchild of Veteran Ian van Niekerk and an activity he thought would best remember and honour those lost in action. He set up a page on Facebook and soon veterans started signing up. They signed up from all over the world. At the moment there are 751 members. Only a handful are active,

some more than others but still manage to cover the 2,4km whether it be running, jogging, walking or crawling. At the last count as could be seen on FB veterans in South Africa, Australia, Vietnam, China, Canada, the USA, the UK were doing their thing, posting their photos etc. The 'run' is set for 16H00 South African time on the first Saturday of each month but being in Australia we are some eight hours ahead and so we do our run in the mornings. That leaves us with the rest of the day to do our chores.

Back to the Perth Chapter. With the location sorted, orders were drawn up and the concept introduced to SAMVOA (WA) of which I was a member. The notion seemed to appeal to many Veterans as many turned up for our inaugural run and one or two after that. The numbers soon stabilised as many found out they weren't as fit, as in shape as when they were in the army. Many came once and then disappeared citing lack of fitness, distance to travel and many more reasons. It wasn't their scene any longer. No problem there. Furthermore the idea was to do the run dressed in whatever 'browns' one could come up with. Many veterans still have their *boshloed* and other bits and pieces. They wear them with pride each run. The South African are lucky as they still have access to a variety of old SADF uniforms and stuff.

When I started I have been 'out of action' for over 30 years, physical condition not what it should be and getting worse by the day. The monthly run was the impetuous I needed. I got my *tekkies* sorted but also managed to source a pair of size 12 boots from back home and a pair of 'browns' trousers from the UK. The boots were brand new and needed breaking in, some-

thing which hasn't quite happened yet! Swollen feet most of the time put paid to the idea of wearing my boots. So is was back to *tekkies*. 'Browns' trousers, a brown t-shirt and *boshloed* rounded off my 2,4km attire. Ian had some T-shirts made up with unit emblems which he distributed and which most of us early boys still wear. I managed to source a pair of 'browns' trousers from the UK, brand new *noga!*...still in their original plastics.

A session of *paal* (pole) and tyres PT was tried in the beginning but that did not go down well although it was great fun but lugging some poles and tyres up and down the hill was a bit too much. There were also a few spells whereby veterans from different groupings, areas and units etc. would compete with the help of a handi-cap system. The older the more time can be deducted. That was fun.

I am pushing sixty-five years now and although I no longer run but rather walk the course, I still take pride in myself for picking up the challenge. It took me nearly two years to finally clock a time of 16 minutes and 31 seconds but that was it. Problems with my knees put paid to my effort. Having imagined a surgeon with scalpels in hand waving me on from the sideline made me realise I was nearing the end of my days jogging. My poor knees after all had to carry my large frame weighing around 125kg's. So I reluctantly settled for a brisk walk up and down the hill. My knees still serves me pretty well. Today I try to stop my head from writing cheques my body can no longer cash!

There are many other veterans with the same predicament. We all cope one way or another. Some stalwarts still get up early and travel long distances to do the 2,4km. Our numbers will dwindle as we march off into the mists of history one after the other. There will be a time when we will only gather for an early morning cuppa at the café a bit later in the day I suppose. Until such time I'll keep on troddin'.

I hope other veterans will also share their thoughts and their experiences. So, put pen to paper and I'll get them published in our newsletter for all to read.

Long live the 2,4km!

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## An ANZAC Story

On 29 November 1966, Lance Corporal Terry Hendle received a tin of homemade Anzac biscuits from his mum. Terry had been with the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR) in Vietnam for six months, beginning his tour of duty on 31 May. Terry's mother and sister regularly sent him homemade biscuits while he was deployed, which he shared with the men in his unit. Terry decided this time to wait until he finished his patrol that night before opening the tin to enjoy the biscuits. Sadly, Terry never got to enjoy his biscuits. At 10:15pm, Terry was unfortunately fatally wounded, and was survived by his young wife and daughter.

Terry's unopened tin of biscuits was returned to his mother, Adelaide. She kept the tin with her the rest of her life and every time she moved house, she would carefully carry "Terry's Biscuits" in her lap to her new home. The tin has not been opened since Adelaide first sealed in in 1966. It still has its original masking tape and you can feel the weight of the biscuits inside.



The Australian War Memorial will never open the tin, just as Adelaide never opened it. ●

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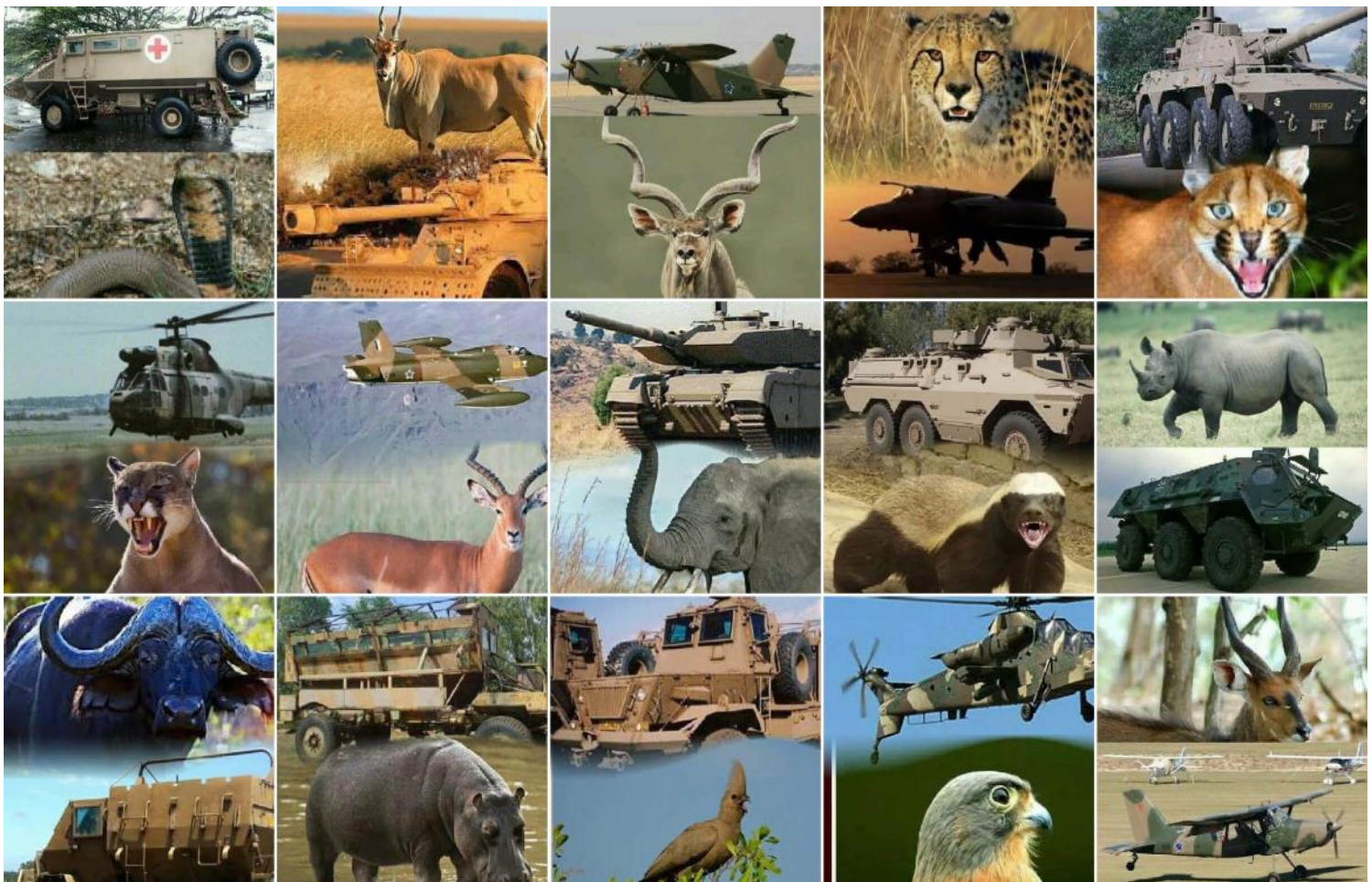
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## What's in the name? | Waarvandaan die naam?







## Rocket & Missile Launchers

This month we're looking at rocket and missile launchers, either anti-tank or anti-air. We show you the image, you tell us what it is. Score a bonus point if you can tell us the country of origin. Answers on page 98.



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## WWII and Afrikaner Participation Part Two (Conclusion) — Veteran Ernie Lomax

***Talk about hitting the nail on the head! Though it may be controversial to some the issue as highlighted is what it is. History cannot be undone and should therefor be accepted as it is. Wise folk will learn from mistakes and take the necessary steps not to repeat those mistakes - take the best from history and build a better future on that. Enjoy reading Part Two and conclusion - Ed.***

*(The paper was prepared using the Work of Dr. Rodney Warwick. Besides a strong interest in military, political and social history, both South African and general, Warwick retains a very strong interest in visiting historical battlefields and sites across SA; he is currently involved in research concerning Anglo-South African historical identity; the colonial government's Cape Mounted Rifles regiment, the Cape Eastern Frontier and related aspects of South African Historiography.)*

By mid-1943 the war had swung against Germany and the OB steadily lost both its members and ideological impetuosity. There were dramatic changes in the UDF as occurred under notorious NP defence minister Frans Erasmus. But certain Afrikaner and English-speaking officers were specifically targeted by Erasmus and his lackeys. Their victims included men such as Brigadier Bronkhorst and Colonel Gideon Jacobs, both of whom later became UP MPs.

Between 1948 and 1972 the future SADF Commandant General Rudolf Hiemstra (CG 1965-72) was the most important Afrikaner nationalist figure within the military. He had been one of the air force's top pilots during the 1930s, but he stood firmly by the NP party line in refusing to take the Africa Oath.

By 1941, in view of the massive hostility directed towards him by his brother officers who were preparing for war, Hiemstra resigned from the UDF and transferred to the Department of Transport. Here Hiemstra remained until after the 1948 NP election victory, returning to the military immediately the NP cabinet took office.

Firstly, as an advisor to Erasmus Hiemstra was imbued with an embittered determination for vengeance for he never forgot the slights directed against him. Hiemstra was instrumental in assisting Erasmus's 1950s political witch hunts within the air force and army particularly, successfully

driving out numerous competent officers who had been strong Smuts supporters and also overtly critical of the NP.

Hiemstra spoke of the defence force needing to personify a Volk's highest ideals and spiritual values. He claimed (in the late-1950s) that Afrikaners had during the war kept to one side regarding the military because for them the "English-orientated UDF" was an alienating experience.

By the mid-1950s Hiemstra was Adjutant-General and apparently oblivious to how such utterances effectively insulted Afrikaner war veterans by stressing rather his (Hiemstra's) own decision and experiences as a politically-orientated war objector. Hiemstra thereby reducing Afrikaner veterans to invisibility, including many still serving within the SADF; the UDF term had been dropped in 1957. This integration of Afrikaner nationalist rank and file into the defence force, was considered by the NP government to be far more important than any recalling, let alone lauding, those who had fought in the UDF during the war.

By early 1960, in a bid to promote white republican unity under Afrikaner nationalist leadership, Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd shifted the controversial Erasmus from the defence portfolio, appointing the markedly more diplomatic Jim Fouché. The new defence minister presided over damage control efforts to restore the SADF's operational effectiveness and repair polarized relations between Afrikaans and English-speaking members, besides also, between Afrikaners who had served in the war and those who had been objectors.

Fouché was welcomed by serving SADF war veterans and English-speaking members who had joined the military in the post-war years; they waved good-bye to Erasmus with both relief and enthusiasm. But even in the early 1960s antipathies still lingered towards the military amongst some Afrikaners; even though by this decade the SADF (with the exception of the navy and to a lesser extent the air force) was very Afrikaner-dominated but within predominantly Afrikaner forums, despite numbering in their thousands, Afrikaner ex-servicemen were never properly honoured.

This was in stark contrast to English South African society where in schools particu-

larly, former pupils who were amongst the Second World War fallen, remain to this day prominently commemorated. Virtually nothing of similar features can be located today at Afrikaans schools existent during 1939 to 1945 or traditionally Afrikaner universities, churches or community entities. Certainly many Afrikaner veterans joined the generally English dominated Memorable Order of Tin Hats (MOTHs).

As Grundlingh has stated elsewhere, both the war and the Afrikaans veterans' experiences thereof, were as far as Afrikaner nationalist politicians and historians were concerned, at best simply to be forgotten. The NP believed that the motives and political attitudes of Afrikaner World War Two veterans had simply equated those of the British Commonwealth and Smuts supporting English-speaking South African troops. If the war was not worth fighting, it was also not worth recording and teaching. Such has remained the situation today in SA schools. For "English South Africans" their World War Two participation represented honourable participation in a necessary struggle against fascist totalitarianism.

For Afrikaner nationalists of yesteryear and perhaps amongst still many of their kin today, World War Two service was connected to Afrikaner nationalist political accusations of South Africa under Smuts lending support to a perceived former oppressor. And also to the 1939 UP government for allegedly ignoring the will of an Afrikaner majority by rejecting and defeating Hertzog's call for South African neutrality.

The shameful history of the OB, its philosophy and the extent of its criminal actions, also needs to be re-opened for today's Afrikaners to scrutinize. But above all, the stories of Afrikaner soldiers like Major-General Dan Pienaar who was so loved by his troops; Captain De Villiers Graaff who as a prisoner of war did good work on South Africa's behalf; Adolf Gysbert "Sailor" Malan, the brilliant Royal Air Force Afrikaner ace of Britain's darkest hours of 1940 and one of Churchill's "few"; the legendary Lieutenant-Colonel "Papa" Britz of the 1st Special Service Battalion during the Italian campaign and thousands of others need to be retold and recognised. ●



## Lee-Enfield .303 Ugly Duckling transformed into a Magnificent Swan - Veteran Garth Pienaar

SAMVOA WA is in the process of constructing a 7.1m long display cabinet at our 'home base', the City of Belmont RSL Sub-Branch, the centre-piece of which will be a South African WW1 Springbok and an Aussie Digger during the Battle of the Somme.

The South African will represent a soldier of the 4th SA Infantry Regiment, part of the 1st SA Infantry Brigade at the Battle of Delville Wood, together with a replica of the Regiments mascot, a full sized taxidermied springbok, Nancy, and the Digger being part of the 2nd Australian Division at the Battle of Pozieres.

Special thanks to Veteran Karl Brown for so generously donating the Scottish tunic, khaki kilt apron and webbing. Veteran Tony Macquet for donating his Transvaal Scottish kilt and boots. Greatly appreciated gentleman, thank you.

Another unique display will be a mannequin wearing the 1st Pattern uniform of the State Presidents Guard, the uniform is in an immaculate condi-

tion. The only thing we did not have was a light coloured, deactivated Lee-Enfield .303 Mk4 to go with the uniform.

"I managed to acquire one from a good Aussie mate, Bob Wise, in exchange for a carton of Apple Cider."

The rifle had been converted into a sporting rifle at some stage and was deactivated and worse for wear. A message was sent to our members enquiring if they knew of a gunsmith whom could assist us in restoring the rifle to its original condition. Veteran Jess van der Nest, a former Gunner kindly stepped up to the mark, agreeing to remove the rust and the old wooden fore-end stock and butt, not knowing what a job that would become. The previous owner had glued the metal and the wood together with what Jess said, "#%@\$\* glue known to man". His trials and tribulations had just started....

As the rifle came with different coloured beech wood and no front and rear hand-guard assemblies it was

decided that we should approach Veterans in South Africa to try and acquire a full set of beech wood parts, as these coloured rifles are more common in South Africa than in Australia.

Veteran Johan Burr-Dixon suggested that we contact Veteran Paul Els for assistance. Paul very kindly put us onto Keith and Jean Carmichael, owners of Wearing CC Gunshop in Centurion, who very generously donated all the required parts in order that the rifle be restored to its original condition. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to them both for this fantastic gesture.

These were then shipped to Perth and handed to our aspiring 'gunsmith' for completion and what an amazing job he has done. Simply stunning, and when I mentioned to Jess that I would like him to tell our members at our May meeting about the good and bad points of the restoration, his reply was "Garth, there were no good points about this restoration, except the end result". So bietjie gesukkel ou maat? ●







*Lugmagveteraan Johan Gouws van Wooroloo het 'n handvol geskrewe petaljes aangestuur van sy tyd in die Lugmag - genoeg om vir die volgende paar maande een of twee stukkie te plaas.*

*Airforce veteran Johan Gouws from Wooroloo (East of Perth) kindly send in a number of stories on his time in the Air Force - enough to keep the reader busy for a few months - Ed.*

## WAGSTAAN BY DIE BBP HEK - Veteraan Johan Gouws

Na die chaotiese begin van my wagstaan-week by Waterkloof (April 1986), raak die RSM later in die week dapper (of dalk was hy net desperaat?) en sit sy "domste troep ooit" by die BBP hek, waar belangrike mense deurgaans voor hulle deur 21 Eskader rondgevlug word. Dié dag word die nuwe Swazikoning ingehuldig, en ek word gesê dat die Staatspresident, 'n paar Ministers, en hul gades sou deurkom om Swaziland toe te vlieg. Hulle word nie gestop nie, maar net visueel geïdentifiseer wanneer hulle stadig verbyry – "sonder dat jy vir hulle loer!". Die RSM het seker gereken ek kan nie te veel skade doen as ek net moet kyk en nie moet praat nie. Eerste kom daar 'n paar karre met die Staatspresident se oppassers verby. Mens weet nie of is hulle skelms of vlieëniers nie, want jy sien net hulle Ray-Ban donkerbrille. Hulle ry stadig verby terwyl hulle onheilspellend vir jôu loer! Toe kom Pres PW Botha en sy vrou Elize verby, baie stigtelik agter in die ampsmotor. Ek salueer baie formeel, terwyl hy nie eers opkyk nie, maar tannie Elize glimlag en waai baie vrolik vir my. Toe kom 'n kar aangejaag, wat net ligte flits, en nie eers naastenby stadiger gaan nie – met Pik Botha (daaityd se Minister van Buitelandse Sake) self agter die stuurwiel. Hy gaan so vinnig verby dat ek hom net-net visueel kon identifiseer. Hy maak dit moeilik vir 'n troepie wat wagstaan! 'n Rukkie later

kom Dr Gerrit Viljoen (toe Minister van Onderwys) en sy vrou ook heel stigtelik verby en nadat ek gesalueer het, salueer hy baie vriendelik terug en sy vrou waai ook. Die RSM moes verlig gewees het dat ek geen verleentheid vir hom veroorsaak het nie, en die res van die dag was baie rustig daar, met net nou en dan iemand wat in- of uitgaan. Dr Viljoen was ook Kanselier van die destydse Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit, waar ek voor my diensplig studeer het en 'n meestersgraad in ingenieurswese behaal het. Die Vrydagaand van daardie week was ek die eerste ontvanger van die RAU Kanseliersmedalje (toegeken aan die beste nagraadse student uit al die fakulteite); en ek en my vrou was ook uitgenooi na 'n ete die Saterdag, saam met al die hogere beamptes van die universiteit. (Dit het my baie mooipraat gekos voor die RSM ingestem het om my af te gee van my wagstaanbeurt op die Saterdag. Hy het die uitnodigingsbrief van die universiteit deeglik bekyk en my kleurvol vertel hy dink dis 'n lieg storie en dat ek in groot moeilikheid sou wees sodra hy kon bevestig dis nie die waarheid nie.) Tydens middagete die Saterdag vra dr Viljoen my wat ek op daardie stadium doen. Ek sê toe ek is besig met Diensplig, en hy reken hy is doodseker dat die SAW my opleiding as ingenieur behoorlik aanwend. Ek sê toe vir

hom "U sal dalk die troepie onthou wat vir u die hek oopgemaak en u gesalueer het toe u vroeër die week by Lugmagbasis Waterkloof ingery het. Dit was ek." Hy het gefronst, ge-gmmffff en gesê "O, hulle laat jou wagstaan? Ja, dis ook belangrik! Ek is seker jy lewer uitstekende diens daar." Nouja, wie sou kon raai dat Maandag se domste troep ooit, Vrydag se nie-so-dom-soos-wat-hy-lyk student kan wees, wat Saterdag saam met die Minister van Onderwys middagete sou eet terwyl dié oortuig is die troep kan nie anders nie as om 'n topklas-wagstaner te wees? Die lewe is vol interessante draaie, met baie dinge waarvoor mens lekker kan lag! (RAU se leuse was "Diens deur Kennis". Miskien sou "Wagstaan deur Kennis" 'n beter leuse wees?) ●

## HINDERLAAG LÊ

Teen die einde van 'n interessante wagstaan-week by Waterkloof (April 1986) was ons behoorlik moeg en het die son ons al goed gebrand. Die Sondagmiddag is ek en 'n kollega by een van die basis se hekke, en gelukkig is daar toe nie veel beweging van voertuie of personeel nie. Ons sit-lê lekker in die skaduwee, op stoele wat ons uit die waghuisie gedra het. Ons hou die pad en hek ligweg dop so om die hoek, en met ons ore gespits.

(Vervolg op bladsy 15)



## TRENDS by Veteran Joe Keyter



Veteran Joe Keyter needs no introduction as his highly informative online presentations is fast gaining popularity and becoming a ‘must watch’ event to many military veterans. He puts a lot of effort into arranging these presentations. As one veteran put it to me the other day — “I hear of things and operations I didn’t know existed!” Somewhere along the line the idea of him writing something of interest for WF was uttered and he immediately obliged by taking up the offer and will write something of interest under the heading of Trends. - Ed.

### Synopsis:

- Multiple countries now have 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft, reducing the USA’s superiority in terms of stealth fighters.
- New techniques are reducing aircraft development cycles from 15 years to a more acceptable 3-year cycle.
- The loyal wingman concept is the first step towards total pilot-less fighter planes.

### AIR SUPERIORITY FIGHTERS

During the 1990’s air historians started to refer to “generations” of aircraft referring to their design and capabilities. There was the usual bickering of how to classify aircraft, but it is now commonly recognised that there are 5 generations of combat aircraft and the new wave will be the 6<sup>th</sup> generation. A very generalised table indicating which aircraft fits into which category has been provided below, but even this table is open for discussion and dispute.

The important take away however is that aircraft with low observable or stealth capabilities is considered 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft and those without it will be considered earlier generations. (See Table 1)

The creation of the F35 was in many instances the aircraft that broke the system.

It took too long to develop (15 years), cost too much to build (\$100M each), was the first and probably the last aircraft US aircraft to be built with international partners and it failed in its original design concept to replace all 4<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft in the inventory. It is now recognised that the F35 will have to work in conjunction with the F22, F15 and F16s.

Meanwhile the Russians have developed a reasonable 5<sup>th</sup> gen fighter in the Su-57 and the Chinese have developed a very capable 5<sup>th</sup> gen fighter in the J-20, which is generally considered to be based on stolen plans of the F22. This means the USA do not have exclusivity in the 5<sup>th</sup> gen category of aircraft.

This means the race has started towards the next aircraft. Will it be so different as to be considered a 6<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft? Or will it just be a better 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft? This is to be seen.

### Shorter development timeframes

In a relative shocking revelation, the USAF recently (Sep 2020) boasted that they have developed and build a full-scale prototype of a new generation fighter aircraft, as part of the Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) program in the space of one year only. As the whole project is still highly secret, details are scarce, and it is unsure whether the new aircraft will be advanced enough to be a 6<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft or just a newer and better 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft.

The feat of producing a new aircraft in 1 year, is impressive though and was made

possible by using the same development methodology used by Formula 1 racing car developments. The F1 teams build a new car for each year and they do the design, initial testing, and fine tuning of the design of the vehicle all in a computerised environment. The first model that gets built are the final production model they race with.

The USAF indicated that this methodology was also used to design and build the T-7A Red Hawk Trainer. This trainer has been designed as an advanced trainer with advanced training capabilities, including data links, smart weapons, simulated radar and LVC (live virtual constructive) capabilities and is positioned as the trainer for pilots to convert to 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft such as the F22 and F35. The aircraft has no stealth capabilities, but all the other capabilities available in US 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft. They are cheaper to produce and cheaper to fly, making it the ideal training platform for pilots transitioning to a 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft. Using this new methodology, the T7A Red Hawk went from concept to flight in 3 years.

Should this methodology to produce aircraft become the norm. We may see a large number of new aircraft designs in the near future.

### Development in Other countries

Meanwhile other countries who partnered with the USA in the F-35 program, are all starting their own development programs of a locally produced 5<sup>th</sup>-generation or 6<sup>th</sup>-generation aircraft. The development of the F35 in conjunction with the USA was too painful to risk going down that path again.

France and Germany announced they will work together on a new 5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft to replace the Eurofighter Typhoon. Their development plan was a 15-year plan similar to the F35 but recent news is that they are running into strife with their project already. Cooperation in aircraft development seems to be a dying trend. Will they abandon their cooperation, and will Germany develop its first new aircraft since WW2? We will have to wait and see.

The UK and Italy are working together on their 6<sup>th</sup> generation fighter as part of the Future Combat Air System known as Project Tempest, but they are also following the outdated 15-year development plan with production models only expected by 2035, which is far too long. (Continue next page)

Table 1:

Period	Description	Example aircraft	Classification
1943–55	High subsonic conventional armament. Transonic air-to-air missiles, radar	Me 262, F-86, MiG-15, Hawker Hunter	1 <sup>st</sup> generation
1955–70	Early supersonic radar, air-to-air missiles	F-104, MiG-21, Mirage III	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation
1970–80	multi-purpose fighter-bombers	F-4, MiG-23	3 <sup>rd</sup> generation
1980–90	Supersonic multirole, high efficiency. High manoeuvrability	F-14, F-16, MiG-29, Tornado	4 <sup>th</sup> generation
1990-2000	Enhanced capabilities, advanced avionics, limited stealth	F/A-18, Su-30, Typhoon	4.5 <sup>th</sup> generation
2000-present	Advanced integrated avionics, low observable stealth	F-22, F-35, Su-57, J-20	5 <sup>th</sup> generation



## TRENDS (Continue)

South Korea recently unveiled its KAI KF-21 Boramae, which is technically still only a 4.5<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft, but it is using this as a footstep to ensure a local capability to developed advanced fighter aircraft. It is expected that the next step is to develop a full 5<sup>th</sup>-generation or 6<sup>th</sup>-generation fighter.

Japan, who was also a partner in the F35 program, decided in 2019 to press ahead with development of its own domestically designed 6<sup>th</sup>-generation Mitsubishi F-3 air-superiority stealth fighter, rather than purchasing an additional foreign stealth design to supplement its fleet of F-35s. This aircraft is also targeting production models by 2030.

Will these programs succeed or is the 15-year development plans too long to stay competitive? Will other nations follow the Boeing model for building new aircraft in the 1-3 year timeframe? Or will we need a war to shake up the process world-wide?

### Unmanned Fighters

Apart from the trend for capable nation states to build their own aircraft again, (and hopefully in shorter timeframes) the future goal for aircraft development is to get rid of pilots completely. Human pilots are prone to failure, they are hard to train,

require a lot of time and resources to train and keep in top shape and in a wartime environment with near-peer adversaries, the expected casualty rate is high.

The end goal is to have an AI driven computerised pilot capable of doing everything a human pilot can do. Once you have one of these pilots, you can just copy them and every new aircraft coming off the production line has the same capabilities of a fully trained pilot, no training required. Also, without a human pilot, the aircraft should be capable of much more agile manoeuvres as humans have their limits in tolerating G-forces.

To get to this end goal is no easy feat. AI driven software has recently beaten human pilots in air-to-air combat for the first time but that was in a simulator only. Transferring that to a real aircraft is some time away in the future.

The intermediate step to this goal is the loyal wingman concept. This concept teams up unmanned aircraft with manned aircraft. The unmanned aircraft (or multiple craft) will carry weapons that can be controlled by the human pilot, the human pilot can use the unmanned aircraft's radar and keep the manned aircraft in a stealthier mode, or it can send the un-

manned aircraft ahead into dangerous and heavily defended areas to find and clear Anti-Aircraft positions, making it safe for the manned pilot.

Both Boeing and Lockheed Martin have active loyal wingman projects underway and there is even one running in Australia.

Boeing and the RAAF have worked together with several local companies to build the first Loyal Wingman Aircraft, which is also the first Australian warplane to be built in 50 years. It took its maiden flight on 27 February 2021 at Australia's Woomera Range Complex. Originally only 3 Loyal Wingman Aircraft was to be built for evaluation, but in March 2021, the Australian government signed a \$115M contract with Boeing in March to extend the project to 6 aircraft.

Boeing claims this is another aircraft that went from concept to test flight in under 3 years. However, this was not their first drone built as a loyal wingman and it is probably an iterative model. Even so, hopefully the 15-year development cycle will soon be scrapped forever. ●

Watch the loyal wingman video here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSKNW-KAaJ0>

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## HINDERLAAG LÊ (Vervolg)



As daar wel iemand aankom, dan maak ons beurte en net een van ons twee staan op, tensy dit na iemand baie belangrik lyk. Die ander een hou aan hinderlaag lê daar om die hoek van die waghuisie. Ons sien toe daar kom 'n Volkswagen Jetta aangery, met M nommerplate en vier manne in civvie-klere. Ek bly sit so om die hoek, met my boshoe laag oor my oë getrek, terwyl my kollega flink opstaan, hulle voorkeer en ID vra. Ek hoor so vaagweg dat hulle sê hulle is kolonelle wat oppad is skietbaan toe en my kollega laat hulle inry. Hulle trek met 'n groot spoed weg, maar kom net so vinnig weer tot stilstand toe hulle my daar om die hoek gewaar. Daai Jetta lyk of hy

gaan bollemakiesie slaan! Alvier deure vlieg oop, en hulle spring daar uit. Ek staan net so vinnig op, druk my boshoe reg, ruk myself in 'n paraat-houding in, klap my hakke, en salueer baie mooi, maar dis nie goed genoeg vir hulle nie. Veral die een voel toe persoonlik baie te na gekom. Hy spring omtrent op en af en lyk of hy enige oomblik spontaan kan ontplof. Hy vra my

nommer, rang (asof hy nie kan sien dis "Vars-klaar-met-Basies Lugman" nie), naam, en skryf dit neer; en hy vertel my hoe sleg ek is, en watse bedreiging ek vir landsveiligheid inhou, ens. En ek vra baie nederig om verskoning, en strek, en

belowe om dit nooit weer te doen (waar iemand my kan sien) nie, en strek nog, en salueer weer. Toe kry die Jetta ook pakslae en hulle jaag daar weg. Hulle het sekerlik hul frustrasies op die skietbaan uitgehaal, want ek het nooit weer iets daarvan gehoor nie. Ek het al in my verbeelding gesien hoe spandeer ek die res van my lewe op voltydse wagdiens by die DB se hek! Kort daarna was dit die einde van my eerste en laaste vol week van wagdiens. Wat 'n week!! Die volgende dag het ek en my mede-wagstaner KOs geword, en ons twee het 'n opdrag gekry om 'n probleem met missiele op 1 Eskader se vliegtuie te ondersoek. Dit was die begin van 'n nuwe avontuur. ●



Pamwe Chete - 'We Are Together'



## Unimog Storie deur Veteraan Koos de Wet

Dis vanjaar 43 jaar gelede (1978) dat ek die Unimog plaaslik vervaardigde kajuit ontwerp en saam met Busaf PE ontwikkel, getoets en vervaardig het. Dit het saamgeval met wat die beginjare was van wat later die Samilprojek geword het en Krygkor het dus nie belanggestel nie en dit ook baie duidelik gemaak dat dit hoogstens 'n baie kort dienslewe sou hê (alhoewel dit BAIE goedkoper as die Samil 20 was!) was en dan sou verdwyn indien dit enigins suksesvol sou wees.

Hierdie projek het my ook 'n helse drag slae laat kry deur die bestuursraad van Daimler Benz destyds (maar het terselfdertyd ook baie deure vir my later ooggemaak binne die topbestuur van daardie organisasie). Toe hulle die eerste fotos sien (en meer spesifiek hierdie met die Mercedes ster op die neus) bars daar 'n kernbom in die raadsaal van D-B in Stuttgart en word ek en my destydse CEO, Morris Shenker beveel om binne 24 uur voor die raad te verskyn en te "please explain". Ons het eintlik nie geweet waarom alles gaan nie en toe ons die volgende oggend 10 uur voor die VOLLE raad verskyn toe weet ek HKGK!

Aan die woord was die destydse direkteur en hoof vragmotorontwerper van D-B, Artur Mischke en hy het my omtrent beetgekry .....omdat ek dit gewaag het om die Mercedes ster op my kajuit te sit! Ek moes vir amper 'n uur luister hoe D-B se ontwerpvermoë en reputasie oor amper 'n eeu opgebou is deur beroemde ontwerpers en wie dink ek is ek om die "heilige ster" op my lelike "derdewereld" kajuit te plaas. En hoe langer hy aangaan hoe groter bult die are in sy nek en hoe

meer spoeg spoei oor die tafel soos 'n ligte reenbui teen die agtergrond van die raadsaaligte. Boggerol is eintlik oor die kajuit self gesê (wat ek gedink het eintlik die probleem was voor die vergadering). Uiteindelik kom hierdie pynlike (vir my) skrobbering genadiglik tot 'n einde en ek word uit die vegadering verskoon terwyl mnr Shenker moet agterbly. Ek weet toe al wat gaan kom.

Die see kon my nie afwas nie en ek het begin beplan om van loopbaan te verander sodra ek die volgende dag in SA terug is. Verpletter en verneder het ek die raadsaal verlaat en begin gereed maak om nog dieselfde aand terug te keer SA toe. Groot was my verbasing dus toe mnr Shenker later by my hotel kamer in die Hotel Zeppelin instap en vir my sê ek vlieg nie terug nie want mnr Mischke het vir hom en vir my genooi vir n privaat ete daardie aand!!

Lang storie kort - ek ontmoet toe daardie aand 'n heel ander (en ook die ware) Artur Mischke wat my sê hy moes doen wat hy gedoen het MAAR hy het respek en waardering vir wat ek gedoen het en as ek in die toekoms tegniese hulp nodig het met enige nuwe projekte dan kan ek hom DIREK skakel maar ek moet net NOOIT WEER die M-B Ster op enige van my ontwerpe wat D-B komponente gebruik, plaas nie. Ek het later van hierdie aanbod gebruik gemaak en vir meer as 20 jaar n besondere verhouding met daardie organisasie en hul topbestuur gehad, 'n voorreg wat nie baie mense buite D-B gehad het nie.

Drie weke gelede sien ek sowaar twee van

hierdie ou Unimogs met my kajuite net buite Somerset Wes en toe kom al die ou herinneringe weer terug en per slot van sake, wat was 'n goeie pak slae tussen vriende nou gemeet teen al die positiewe wat daaruit gevolg het?

Dit was inderdaad goeie dae daardie, hoe mens ookal daarna kyk. ●



 **Military Quiz Answers**

### Rocket & Missile Launchers

1. M2 Law (USA)
2. Panzerschreck (Germany)
3. SA-7 Grail (Russia)
4. Bazooka (USA)
5. M141 SMAW-D (USA)
6. RPG-7 (Russia)
7. Carl-Gustaf (Sweden)
8. Panzerfaust (Germany)
9. PIAT (Britain)
10. BGM-71 TOW (USA)
11. RPG-29 Vampir (Russia)
12. FGM-148 Javelin (USA)
13. MILAN (France)
14. MATADOR (Britain)
15. FIM-92 Stinger (USA)

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## Wie onthou?





Who remembers the SAMI ? SAWI shops?

**SAWI EN VICTORINOX 'N SKERP KOMBINASIE**

**VICTORINOX**

R29<sup>50</sup> R4<sup>50</sup>  
 R15<sup>50</sup> R6<sup>20</sup>  
 R8<sup>95</sup> R9<sup>95</sup>  
 R5<sup>95</sup> R9<sup>70</sup>

SAWI

SAWI is a combination of Victorinox and Skerp knives. The knives are unique in that only one side has been made, the obverse has been left flat to facilitate framing and actual ribbons have been used.

**SAMVOA**  
 South African Military Veterans Organisation of Australia

**RAFFLE**  
**SADF Medal Knives**

A unique set of the drop point version of the medal series of boot knives mounted and framed along with a Pro Patria at the top and a plaque at the bottom explaining the Medals. The knives are unique in that only one side has been made, the obverse has been left flat to facilitate framing and actual ribbons were used.

The frame measures at 55cm by 58.5cm and the knives measure at 20cm in length. The knives are made by a professional South African knife maker Sean Culhane.

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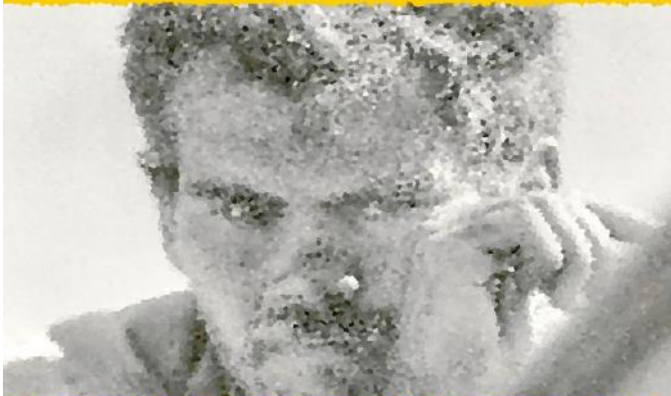
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