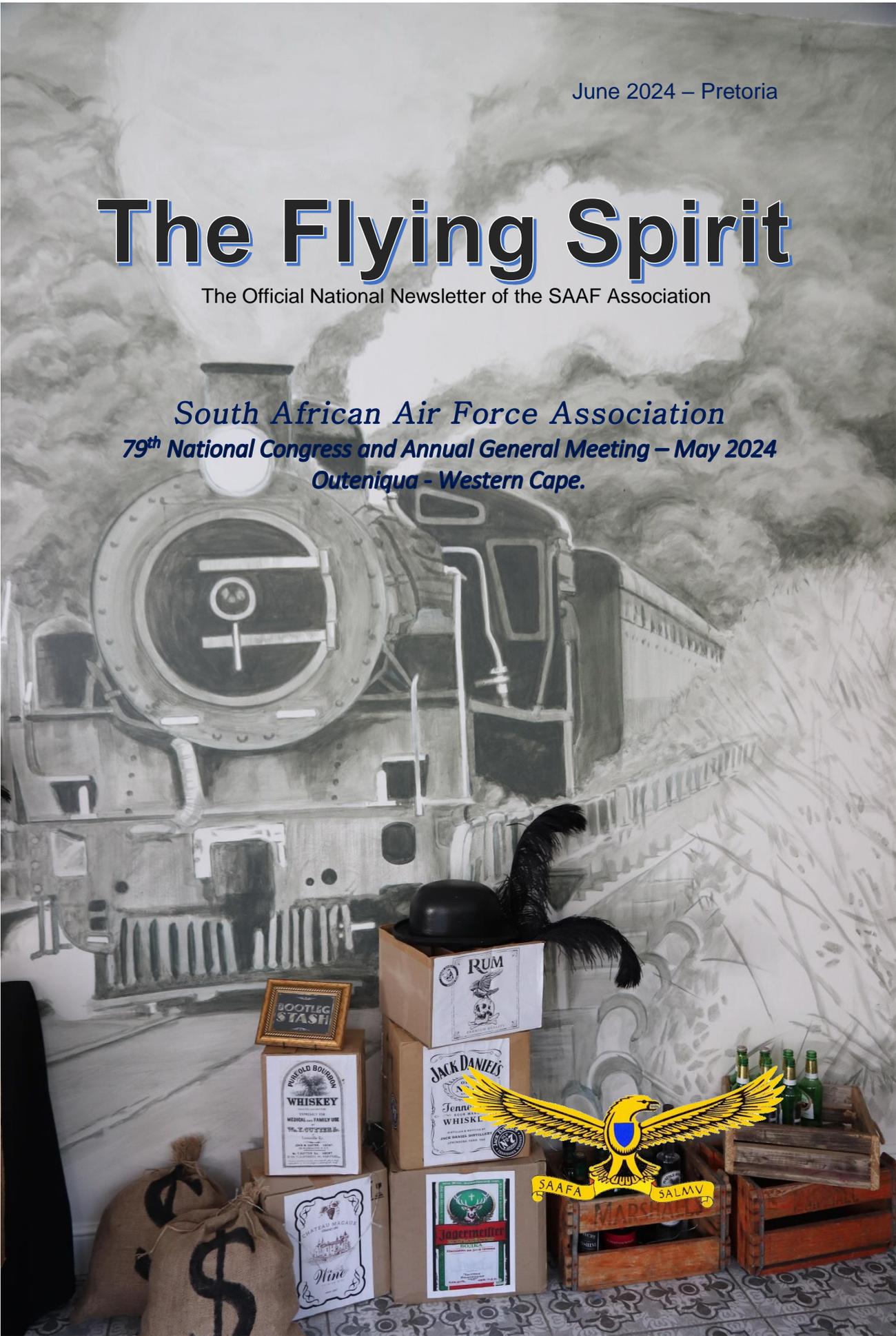


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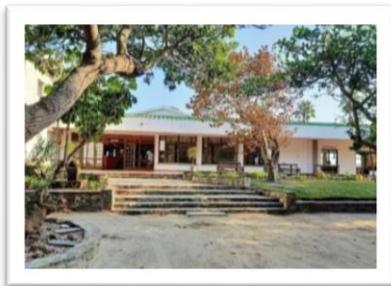
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The Fairy Knowe Hotel, affectionately referred to as ‘*the grand dame*’ of Wilderness, has been welcoming guests since 1924.



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The Fairy Knowe Hotel was renovated in 2021 and is looking gracious and glorious once again! The hotel is a birders paradise with over 280 species to be found here, of which the Knysna Lorie is a regular visitor.

Situated just a 25-minute drive from George Airport and central to all tourist attractions and the perfect base from which to explore the Garden Route which offers pristine beaches, indigenous forests, lakes, world-class golf courses, organic farmers markets, amazing water activities, para-gliding, shark cage diving, hiking trails and fantastic birding opportunities all within a radius of 30 – 50 km.



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# *South African Air Force Association*

79<sup>th</sup> National Congress and Annual General Meeting – May 2024  
Outeniqua - Western Cape.



The SAAFA Outeniqua Branch hosted the 79th National Congress and Annual General Meeting from 23 - 26 May 2024, at the Fairy Knowe Hotel in the Wilderness.

Our hosts met us at the airport after which we set off to the Hotel to register and then settle into our Rooms. The first evening was a welcoming supper and in true SAAFA spirit, all enjoyed some great camaraderie in the entertainment area.

The Official Opening of the 79<sup>th</sup> National Annual General Meeting on the morning of Friday, 24 May 2024 started with scripture reading and prayer, followed by Act of Homage, conducted by Rev Trevor Slade.

The National President then welcomed everyone and introduced the Deputy Chief of the Air Force, Maj Gen M.M. Matanda, psc(j), ensp. Who subsequently officially opened the 79th National Annual General Meeting. This was followed by Congress business for the remainder of the day.



Arrival of Dignitaries

During the first session the Strategic Leader Ian Janse van Vuuren MBL, LLB, BA (BMil) gave a brief on Military Strategy Implementation - From Operation Blouwildebees to Swords of Iron, 1966 to 2024 and provided personal insight into his experiences.

While the business of the Congress was underway, the Spouses departed for George for their 'Transport Museum' and 'Power Van' outing. After the day's activities refreshments and a meal were enjoyed by all in true SAAFA spirit.

On Day 2, 25 May 2024, it was business as usual until the lunch break, whilst the ladies departed for, Sedgefield Wild Oats Market where they had lunch as well. After lunch, everybody enjoyed some free time and prepared for attendance at the evening's Banquet.

## 79<sup>th</sup> SAAFA Banquet and Awards Ceremony



Hartog Blok

Master of Ceremonies was Hartog Blok, who managed the programme professionally and most enjoyably.

The theme happened to be a *Gatsby Gala Evening*. The majority of ladies were dressed in gorgeous 1920s-style outfits, decorated with long strings of pearls and feathers in their hair, escorted by their formally dressed spouses. The tables were decorated accordingly.



Gatsby Ladies

Several OSAFA Awards were handed out by Mike Louw, SAAFA National President, assisted by Trevor Slade, SAAFA National Vice President.

### *Order of the SAAF Association – Gold*

Michael J Louw	No 043	Pretoria
Renier F Feldtmann	No 044	Pretoria
Frans J Labuschagne	No 045	Weskus
Hermann W Olmesdahl	No 046	Pretoria



### *BAR to Order of the SAAF Association – Gold*

Dirk E Ackerman	No 001	Outeniqua
Graham Smith	No 002	Port Elizabeth



### *Order of the SAAF Association – Silver*

James F Canepa	No 069	Port Elizabeth
William C De Pinho	No 070	Pretoria
Nick F Havenga	No 071	Cape Town
Mark K Kelbrik	No 072	Port Elizabeth
Tony N A D Randall	No 073	Pretoria



### *Order of the SAAF Association – Bronze*

Dries E De Wit	No 135	Outeniqua
Colin Bowring	No 136	Outeniqua
Adrian J De Waal	No 137	Port Elizabeth
Johan W Ferreira	No 138	Weskus
Phillip Gouws	No 139	Pretoria
Cathy A C F Weideman	No 140	Outeniqua



### *The SAAF Association Presidential Medal Award*

Laurett E Blok	No 196	Outeniqua
Chrishella Crause	No 197	Pretoria
Sandra Drummond	No 198	Outeniqua



### *The SAAF Association Presidential Medal Award – Continued.*

Hester C Ferreira	No 199	Weskus
Stephan A J S Jansen van Vuuren	No 200	Outeniqua
Megan I Kelbrick	No 201	Port Elizabeth
Dave L Knoesen	No 202	Outeniqua
Vanessa Louw	No 203	Pretoria
While M Mbiza	No 204	Port Elizabeth
Sean A Moorhouse	No 205	Port Elizabeth
Claire Paine	No 206	Durban
Sandra A Smith	No 207	Port Elizabeth
Andries W Steenkamp	No 208	Weskus



### *The SAAF Association Certificate of Merit*

Jani De Beer	No 153	East Rand
Allan Eccles	No 154	Port Elizabeth
Johann R Kruger	No 155	Whale Coast
Audrey Kruger	No 156	Whale Coast
Sherry Moorhouse	No 157	Port Elizabeth
Gerry Van Niekerk	No 158	Port Elizabeth
Burgundy Restaurant Hermanus	No 159	Whale Coast
SAAFA Port Elizabeth Branch Port Elizabeth	No 160	Port Elizabeth
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Fairy Known Hotel Outeniqua	No 162	Outeniqua



### *Branch of the Year Award*

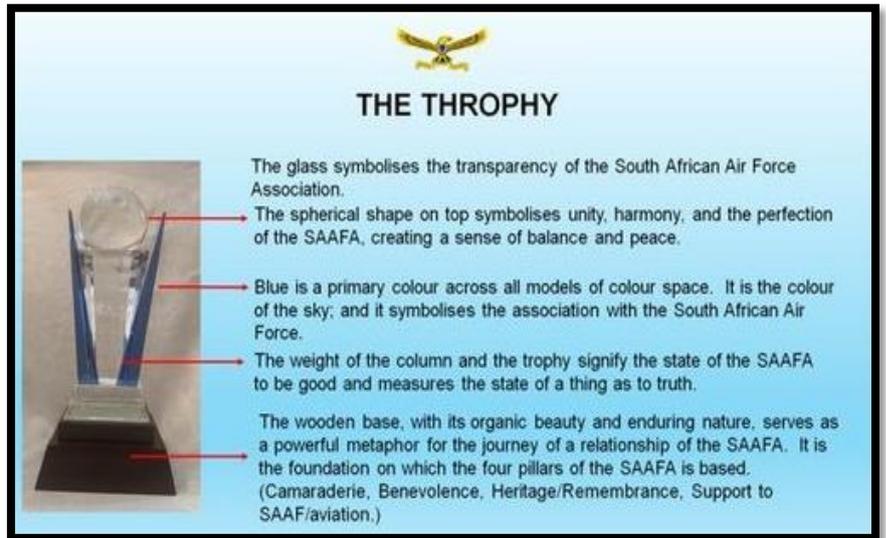


The highlight of the evening’s programme was when a new award was announced, “**The Branch of the Year**” Award! This award will be awarded annually to a Branch for excellence and best performance in terms of the most active branches and who played an extensive role in promoting the objectives of SAAFA. Four branches were considered for this award, being East Rand, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Whale Coast.

The criteria for selecting the winner of the “Branch of the Year” award were not explicitly mentioned in the original announcement. However, within the context of “excellence and performance”, factors taken into consideration for such an award include timely submission of monthly reports, active participation, community impact and engagement with other veterans’ organisations, in support of the SAAFA’s objectives i.e. friendship, support and camaraderie in the branch, but also within the broader SAAFA community.

## Branch of the Year Award - Continued

Then the surprise with the announcement that Whale Coast Branch is the recipient of the “Branch of the Year Award” for 2024! The National President, Mike Louw handed over this prestigious award to the Branch Chairman, Marthie Visser. In her response, Marthie expressed her gratitude to the NEC and Awards Committee for bestowing this honour on the branch. She furthermore thanked members of the BEC, for their commitment and dedicated services to the branch and referred to the active participation of branch members that ultimately contributes to the friendship and camaraderie that flourish within the branch.



Mike Louw & Marthie Visser

The evening concluded with a memorable and inspirational song, “*Outeniqua Congress 2024 Song*” with lyrics compiled by a member of the Outeniqua Branch, Stephan Janse van Vuuren, with a special focus on our lives and careers in service of the South African Air Force and thereafter, the friendship and camaraderie that bonded us all to be part of a greater family, being the SAAF Association.

From the respective Branch Executives, and the members of the National Executive, Congratulations on your outstanding achievements! Wishing you even more success in the future!

## Appointment of SAAFA Office Bearers and Patrons.

The next item on the programme was the announcements made by Hugh Paine, Chairman of the Electoral College, of the appointment of SAAFA Office Bearers and Patrons.

The new office bearers for the National Executive Committee were announced, being Trevor Slade, as the new National President and Bill de Pinho, as the new Vice President. A new Country Vice President was appointed, being Marthie Visser (Whale Coast Branch).



Hugh Paine



Trevor Slade



Bill de Pinho



Marthie Visser

From all members of the SAAFA and respective Branch Executives a heartfelt congratulations to you all, wishing you all the best in your exciting new role!



# 79th SAAFA Banquet - Gatsby Gala Evening





## *From the desk of the Immediate Past National President Col (Ret) M. J. Louw*



Well, it is difficult to believe that at the SAAFA Congress 2024, I delivered my 6<sup>th</sup> and final Annual Report. The past six years have been somewhat of a rollercoaster ride, with many ups and downs, twists and turns, but thankfully, mostly soft landings.

Soon after my appointment, I had the privilege of witnessing the formal establishment of the Whale Coast Branch as an independent entity separate from the Cape Town Branch.

Unfortunately, I have also experienced a lack of growth and revival at some of our smaller Branches. And then along came Covid and the Lockdown months which really stymied our enthusiasm and dampened our spirits. Not to let this get us down, the Pretoria Branch, of which I am a member, resorted to online “Thirstday Gatherings” just to satisfy our need for camaraderie and social interaction, albeit in the confines of our own homes. On occasion, we had individuals from all over the country and indeed, even from Downunder and North America join in our online sessions. Military veterans are by nature social animals and it was obvious that we craved such interaction.

We are now four years down the line since the hard lockdown of 2020 was instituted and much has happened since then. The converse is, however, also true, in that in some instances not much has happened, with the blame for this being placed on Covid. Thankfully during 2023 several Branches showed strong revival, awakening from what can be termed as a slumber, and have started to reinstitute Branch activities to normalise things, if that is even possible.

Perhaps it is time to think outside of the box and to develop a new normal for ourselves, being creative and perhaps changing the way we did things in the past. Fundamentally though is that we continue to do things with the four pillars of the Association providing a sound basis, namely camaraderie, heritage/remembrance, benevolence and support to the SAAF and general aviation industry. We will need to identify and exploit all possible opportunities as they present themselves to grow and expand our sphere of influence. I do not doubt that we have within SAAFA, members with the calibre to rise to the occasion and to shape the way we need to do things going forward.

When the SAAF crafted its new vision and mission towards the end of 2021, it provided us with an opportunity to also craft for ourselves an updated vision and mission, although one that would remain true to our founding principles. Since the SAAF’s slogan calls to “Free the Eagle”, so it is that we as SAAFA should also seek ways and means of unleashing our inherent combined abilities to rise to the challenges of the current and future environment, and not merely to accept the mundane, blaming any inactivity on Covid. **“Let’s make SAAFA great again”**. It is now up to the new National President to decide to either remain with the current vision or to craft new horizons for our beloved Association.

One of the pillars upon which SAAFA is grounded is support to the SAAF and aviation in general. We all know the crippling effect that the ever-decreasing Defence Budget allocation has had over the years, to such an extent that capabilities have been eroded and continue to do so. Notwithstanding, the SAAF is putting in a sterling effort to do as much as they can with the little they receive. Yes, it is easy to make comparisons between the modern-day SAAF and the SAAF of our own younger days, but in this regard, context should not be ignored. The environment in which the SAAF was operating in our younger days differs vastly from the environment in which they are now operating. Resource allocation, particularly in terms of finances, has driven the SAAF to explore innovative ways of remaining afloat and to try to deliver on its mandate as best it can.

## From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

I do not think it's productive or helpful for persons to continually criticise the SAAF and in essence its members, on social media and other platforms, for this state of affairs. Rather, the SAAF and its members deserve our support and encouragement for performing near miracles with what little they have. The real SAAF is the bases, units and squadrons, and it is here in particular where the members deserve to be treated with respect and admiration for their efforts.

From our side, particularly at Branch level, we need to ensure that we remain on a good footing with Base and Unit Commanders by ensuring that there is very good communication and mutual respect.

Although our membership status has remained rather stable, there are a few Branches that are showing remarkable signs of growth. This can be attributed to their vibrant Branch Executive Committees being led by passionate Chairpersons. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of all Branches and in some instances, one sadly notes the continuous comments in monthly reports that no meetings were held or no activities took place. In these instances, it is clear that stagnation has set in which stymies any growth potential. In this regard, it saddens me to have to report that our Soutpansberg Branch is no longer active and their status will be changed to dormant.

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It is, however, a sad reality of life that from time to time we will find individuals or groupings that, with ulterior or personal motives, will resort to behaviour that challenges this desired state, all in pursuit of their selfish agendas.

I wish to thank the Outeniqua Branch for their willingness to have accepted the responsibility to arrange and host Congress 2024, and for all the preparatory work that they put in. It is great that after the disappointment of the Covid era we have since been able to set aside a few days to deal with the soft issues normally associated with Congress. For me, this has been a very special Congress, as it not only signifies the end of my term as National President but also highlights for me what challenges lie ahead in terms of my new role as the Immediate Past President.

I would like to thank our Patrons for their support during the past six years, as well as all the current and past members of the National Executive, including the past and current Country Vice Presidents, for their commitment and contributions.

I would like to thank the Chairmen and Chairwoman of the Branches, both past and present, for their contribution and those of their members. Our members are the Association and without them, there would be no Association.

It is my earnest wish, that during the years ahead, SAAFA will remain an Association that provides **Assistance** where required, is active in **Remembering** those who did not return, is able to **Support** our SAAF and aviation industry as and when required, and we will carry out these, our SAAFA objectives, whilst engaging in meaningful **Camaraderie**; enjoying one another's company, which is the platform on which all else is based.

## From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

Let us then continue to truly live out the values of our Association in being a source of comfort and strength to those most vulnerable among us, and to continue to maintain and foster friendship, comradeship, and good fellowship among all members. Let us continue to bear one another's burdens during the challenging and unknown times that still lie ahead.

To Trevor Slade, my successor, thank you my friend for your support, patience, guidance, and, at times, my sounding board, and for just being you, good old Trevor! Both you and Gwynn are an exceptional couple, and I know that with your caring hearts and attitudes, the most vulnerable of our Air Force military veterans will be most ably looked after. The light you exude shines in the darkness, and the darkness will never put it out. May you and your new leadership, including our new National Vice President, Bill de Pinho, be blessed in abundance as you go about being a blessing to others.

Having said the foregoing, it is now time to reflect on our activities of the past year. I have no intention of repeating ad nauseum that which is incorporated into the various portfolio reports, but will only highlight a few salient points under each heading.

### ***SAAF, MAAC LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS***



Brig Gen Donovan Chetty, DCSS

Initially, 2023 continued as in 2022 where there was a distinct lull in the Corporate Staff Services environment at the Air Command which, unfortunately, had a negative impact upon the updating and maintenance of guest lists resulting in advanced planning for upcoming events not being handled and executed timeously causing much embarrassment for all concerned. On a positive note, a new Director of Corporate Staff Services, in the person of Brig Gen Donovan Chetty, was appointed earlier this year and interaction between the SAAFA and SAAF has improved tremendously.

The interactions with the Military Attaché and Adviser Corps continue which is a most rewarding SAAFA-related activity. Good relations exist between SAAFA and various foreign country missions, particularly that of Korea, Taiwan, the USA, Thailand and the UK.

My thanks and appreciation are expressed to Craig Stanton for his continued efforts in this regard.



Craig Stanton

It was a fun journey with great camaraderie.



## From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

### **HERITAGE**

During the past year, SAAFA was well represented at several Memorial Services held country-wide. Over the years we were fortunate that the sacredness of the Air Force Memorial at Bays Hill was rarely subject to any acts of vandalism and desecration. Unfortunately, this ended during November 2023, when the Memorial was indeed vandalised and parts of it desecrated.



As many of you might know, the Air Force Memorial is co-owned by the SAAFA and SAAF. Initially, it was thought that the site would not be ready in time to host the annual Air Force Memorial Service, but thankfully, due to the resolve of the Chief of the Air Force and his Command Cadre, the Service was held at Bays Hill this past Sunday. The unfortunate reality though, is that the Base just does not have the resources to ensure that the terrain is secured 24/7. Nonetheless, I have been assured that they are exploring all practical alternatives to secure this asset.

Renier Feldtmann continues to ensure that the national memorial events receive the appropriate treatment and support.

A fundamental of our heritage pillar is that of the preservation of our military aviation heritage. To this end our three Gauteng Branches have partnered with the Ditsong SA National Museum of Military History in Saxonwold, to partake in the general upkeep and maintenance of the air assets on display. Seen here, are Trevor Slade, Anton Sinclair, Gwyn Slade, Vanessa and Mike Louw, Roelf Rossouw, Carl Bollweg with Collin Bowring.



### **FINANCES**

In terms of our finances, we continue to live within our means, which will ensure that our Association will have a long financial horizon. This will only be possible by sticking strictly to our approved budget and cutting unnecessary costs. Cost saving remains the name of the game and the National Secretary, together with our National Treasurer, are doing a sterling job at ensuring that we spend within our means and budget. Our investment at Sanlam Private Wealth continued to provide us with reasonable returns despite the volatile market conditions.



Carol Havenga & Marianne Mostert

Although we ended the year with a net loss of R210 800 in terms of our income and expenditure, this was mainly due to the fact that we did not receive our annual Wilmot Trust Bequest of over R122 000, we also had additional Congress expenditure, as well as increased financial support towards the Curamus Association.

Additionally, we did not make use of the budgeted drawdown of R50 000 from our SPW investment which also impacted upon the increased deficit. Nonetheless, the statement of financial position clearly illustrates the healthy state of our Association, with assets being represented in the main by our investment in Sanlam Private Wealth, which has increased in value from R1 738 989 to R2 012 994 (almost 15.75%).

In terms of Funds and reserves, we commenced 2023 with R2 239 238 and ended 2023 with R2 286 929 funds under administration. The General Fund stood at R1 021 716 at the end of 2022 and now reflects a balance of R1 013 368 at the end of 2023 (down by 0.8%).

## From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

### **BENEVOLENCE**



The ongoing efforts by Branches to support the needy are greatly appreciated. My appreciation goes to Trevor Slade for his commitment to improving the lot of those less fortunate and he has ensured that from the National level, we are able to assist in terms of the annual bonuses.

By the end of 2023, six Branches had supported eleven Beneficiaries and funds expended towards their welfare totalled just R178 740, including NEC Christmas Bonuses. With grants to other benevolent causes, total benevolence payments of just under R200 000 were made for the year.

On this note, it must be reiterated that Branches are to ensure that every Branch Beneficiary is assessed at least on an annual basis and even more often where necessary. However, our Beneficiaries should not be seen as a burden, but as an opportunity to celebrate one of our main reasons for existence through the pillar of Benevolence. We encourage those Branches with no Beneficiaries to please consider giving support to their local Air Force Base should there be one, or indeed to local Charities, particularly Hospices that provide support to ailing ex-servicemen and women.

### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

We continue to have very good relations with individual veteran organisations and the Council of Military Veteran Organisations (CMVO).

Finally, we can report the enactment of the long outstanding military veteran legislation which regulates the payment of veteran pensions. However, we are still faced with the challenge of having to deal with a dysfunctional Department of Military Veterans. Once again I need to reiterate that it is vitally important for every member of SAAFA to be registered on the database of the Department of Military Veterans. The benefits are considerable and we encourage every Branch to launch a campaign to register their members with the DMV.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to Colin Bowring for carrying the mantle of veteran affairs. Colin obviously has a passion for the plight of military veterans as he is also the local Chairperson of SAMVOZA. He was also recently co-opted onto the Board of Directors of the National War Fund.



### **MEDICAL**

Our National Medical Liaison Officer, Bill de Pinho, endeavours to maintain cordial relations with the Regular Force Medical Continuation Fund as well as the South African Military Health Services. Although the rollout of the Schedule of Benefits initially caused much consternation, much of it was due to ignorance and a lack of understanding of the processes.



The RFMF has tried to counter this through the hosting of information sessions, online roadshows and links sent out for one-on-one discussion. Despite the initial negative sentiment, there are many positives in the new system and this will be elucidated upon by Bill de Pinho later on. Information sessions have been arranged by The Fund, and links sent out for one-on-one discussion, including how to manage the way any procedures should be followed, who to report to, and other specific information relating to the SoB.

A vital aspect though is that of communication. Beneficiaries of the RFMCF are encouraged to download and register on the applicable App to remain abreast of affairs and to source authorities for medical services required. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Chairpersons and/or Medical Liaison Officers of those outlying Branches who are doing sterling work in assisting particularly the elderly veterans to access medical assistance as and when required.

From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

## **CONSTITUTION, REGULATIONS AND RECORDS**



At the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the SAAF Association held in May 2023, no resolutions to change the SAAFA Constitution were passed, therefore the constitution of May 2022 is still the latest version.

With respect to the Manual of Administration, NEC has approved a change relating to Chapter 10, Preparing for the Final Day. The updated version is now available.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to Hugh Paine for the relentless manner in which he perseveres to ensure that our Constitution, Manual of Administration and Records remain up-to-date and relevant.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership has always been an ongoing task with new ways and means of getting information to update the membership database of each Branch being developed. This in itself brings about its own challenges.

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Branches are reminded of their responsibility to maintain and update their records on the SAAFA online database on our [saafa.co.za](http://saafa.co.za) Website. It is imperative that the records of Branches and the National Database are aligned and there are no discrepancies. Should problems be experienced then the NEC Membership Portfolio Coordinator should be consulted for assistance. My thanks and appreciation are extended to Roelf Rossouw for his enthusiastic approach to the management of this portfolio.



## **CAMARADERIE**

Amongst others, our Constitution clearly states that the Association has been formed to perpetuate a tradition of comradeship. Thus camaraderie remains one of the fundamental pillars of our Association. Active camaraderie in our Association is vital for the well-being of every member, for the wellbeing of every Branch and the wellbeing of SAAFA at large. Every military person knows that caring for one's comrade is pivotal to the success of any venture. That injunction is clear to us all in SAAFA and we strive to uphold the pillar of camaraderie in all that we do.

It is, however, a sad reality of life that from time to time we will find individuals or groupings that, with ulterior motives, will resort to behaviour that challenges this desired state, all in pursuit of their selfish agendas.

The Ladies are ready to Depart!



Bruce Harrison & Ray Ledlie



Liisa Grobler, Kevin Sampson Devon Cardases



## From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

### **WEBSITE**



In contrast with the SAAFA Facebook Group, our Website is mainly used to distribute formal information regarding the Association i.e. Records, Roll of Honour, Patrons, Elected Officials, Branch Information etc, whereas the Facebook Group fulfils the social media side of member and Branch activities.

However, the official site in many cases is considered to be a more reliable source of information (as it should be) and therefore many members prefer browsing the Website rather than Facebook. For this reason, we need to ensure that the Website remains relative, informative and attractive to address visitor needs. Branches are requested to provide the Webmaster with pictures and information regarding Branch activities in order to update the Website regularly.

Branches are now able to update their member database with a special focus on Member Status (Active or Nor-Active) and Last Levies Paid.

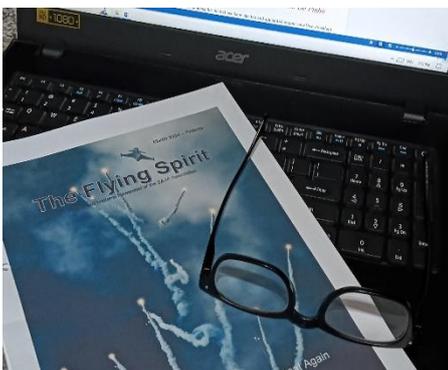
My thanks and appreciation go to Koos van Rensburg for his dedication to maintaining our Website.

### **NATIONAL OFFICE**

The NEC monthly meetings have been held using a hybrid model of onsite and online meetings. The online meetings have proved very effective, as all parties could interact from far and wide. Several meetings have, however, also been held at the National Office at Swartkop. Going forward we will continue to adopt a hybrid model with on-site meetings being held every quarter and the balance of the meetings will be held via Teams. This is also to compensate for the impact of load shedding and the effect thereof on travelling time.

In terms of regalia, this may still be sourced via the National Office. However, several Branches have had merchandise manufactured through local suppliers. Whilst NEC is not averse to this practice, it is imperative that the SAAFA logo used is heraldically correct and that our sacred golden fish eagle is not corrupted into looking like a flying turkey or something similar. Designs are to be formally submitted to NEC for consideration and approval.

### **NEWSLETTER**



Over the past year our new editor of the National Newsletter, Roelf Rossouw, has not disappointed with his enthusiasm and drive. He also introduced Snippets to keep members informed of happenings within our Association.

Branches are again encouraged to provide material that will be of national interest, although Roelf makes a concerted effort to assess the Branch's monthly reports for excerpts for the Newsletter. If Branches do not feature in the Newsletter, it is because they have failed to submit monthly reports to the National Office.

My thanks and appreciation to Roelf for the sterling work done in this regard.



From the desk of the Immediate Past National President - Continued.

## AWARDS



Jaap Rossouw has once again efficiently managed the awards process over the past year and he reports that there has been a pleasant increase in the number of citations submitted for consideration. This is very pleasing indeed.

A concerted effort has been made during the past number of years to achieve consistency with the approval of awards nominations, despite a level of bias which inevitably creeps in during the drafting of motivations. Consistency will remain a primary objective of the Awards Committee.

This year the Awards Committee has something of a surprise for delegates, but I will leave this up to Jaap to reveal during his Portfolio Presentation.

And last, but not least. I wish to thank all members of SAAFA, the respective Branch Executives, and the members of the National Executive, for their sincere support and cooperation over the years. It has been a tremendous honour and privilege to have served as your National President over the past six years.

To me, it was a period of immense personal growth and a source of inspiration about my purpose in life. We have been set aside to serve others, and I have embraced that as a personal mission. Even though I step away from the leadership role, I will continue to serve SAAFA and its members, in particular the vulnerable veteran members, with all of my being in any way that I am able to (*you did not read this Colin Bowring!*). Thank you to all, for your friendship, comradeship and loyalty over the years. I am truly blessed and much richer for knowing you and for having you share a significant part of my life.

May God bless you all.



**M.J. LOUW**

*Immediate Past National President.*



*Mike & Vanessa Louw, Graham Smith, Hugh & Claire Paine, Gwyn Slade and Marius & Mariska van Wyk*

## *From the NEC Benevolence Portfolio.*



The Benevolence Portfolio of the NEC begins by complimenting and thanking our Comrades, Chair Couple Marius and Mariska van Wyk, Committee Members and supporters, Stevan, Errol and Sandra, Cathy, Lorette, Benny, Hartog and others of SAAFA Outeniqua for this year hosting, so well, our 79th Annual General Meeting in this beautiful part of our country. Marius, you and your Team are deeply appreciated for your very hard work in making this Congress successful and enjoyable for all of us. We thank you!

The general hangover and lethargy caused by COVID-19 is OVER and it is evident that SAAFA's resilience and dedication to the ideals of our proud Association, and the care and well-being of our Beneficiaries and Members are vibrant, and in many cases most inspiring! I know of Branches who organise fun Outings for their Members AND Beneficiaries...Christmas Parties for needy children and Senior Citizens...who Donate funding to struggling SAAFA Branches...who provide medication and health aids to Members in need...The list goes on and is impressive.

But so much more must be done to continue giving credence to the veracity of SAAFA Benevolence. It importantly concerns every one of us in caring for our Members.

In the April edition of the "Flying Spirit" I quoted from John Maxwell's book, "The Four Pillars of Leadership", where he says that **"People don't care how much you know... until they know how much you care"**. Our Branches and all of SAAFA care for our Members and this Portfolio appreciates and thanks every Branch and Member for your focus on this very important founding Pillar of the South African Air Force Association. May you continue in strength and enjoyment.

There are two important Benevolence additions to our SAAFA Manual of Administration which have been included in Chapter 10..." Preparing for the Final Day".

I feature them here for our information:

### **\*DEMENTIA.**

It is an unfortunate fact of life that some elderly people (one in ten over the age of 65) develop dementia to varying degrees of severity. The traumatic social impact of this illness will always be severe. However, where the spouse, afflicted with dementia, is in **sole control** of the family's Accounts, Assets and Properties it could/will be economically devastating for the family and financial hardship is very likely to be suffered if appropriate action is not taken. The following steps can substantially reduce the impact of such a situation:

\* While a couple is healthy, and before any dementia is diagnosed, they can **together** visit their Bank/s and obtain the Banks Power of Attorney giving each spouse access to the other's Bank accounts, if and when necessary. Such authorities are not without risks and need to be discussed in detail with the Bank official. Downloaded "self-help" Power of Attorney forms are of no benefit for banking matters.

\* Before, or especially during the early stages of the onset of the disease, an attorney needs to be approached, particularly where the Property is concerned, to draw up a suitable Power of Attorney which sets out specific conditions and scope of the powers. It is generally required that **two** doctors provide the attorney with written reports on the individual's diagnosis.

It is preferable that the document be formally registered to avoid legal ramifications later if other family members disagree with actions taken by the remaining partner.

## From the NEC Benevolence Portfolio – Continued

### **\*LIFE FILES.**

With the sad passing of a loved one, many families and Executors of Estates have experienced great difficulty in accessing important information regarding the deceased. While we are **alive** we need to ease that burden on our family and executors by providing as much comprehensive information as possible. For example, in this electronic era, the safe retention of Banking, Tax and other passwords on your devices is vital. The detailed safekeeping of these passwords and important legal documents is not only a reminder of your current living status, but your Life File will also advise your family of your wishes when you die. Many financial advisors have developed comprehensive Life File documents which would help people record this data.

A Life File prepared by Mark Wenzel of Efficient Wealth is available from SAAFA NHQ. Remember to keep your Life File in a safe place so that the information is not misused and let your next of kin know where it is!

### **SAAFA BRANCH BENEFICIARIES.**

Those Branches supporting Beneficiaries in 2023 and 2024 reported as follows:

WHALE COAST. Paid ONE Beneficiary...R1920 in 2023. They have NO Beneficiaries in 2024.

PORT ALFRED. Paid TWO Beneficiaries R38 100 in 2023 and will pay ONE Beneficiary R7 200 in 2024.

CAPE TOWN. TWO Beneficiaries were paid a total of R52 000 in 2023. The Branch will be paying ONE Beneficiary R36 000 in 2024. PRETORIA. TWO Beneficiaries were paid R26 520 in 2023 and ONE Beneficiary will be paid R17 640 in 2024. (A Budget of R18 000 has been provided for the possibility of a further Beneficiary).

STILFONTEIN. TWO Beneficiaries were paid R13 200 in 2023 and TWO will be paid R13 200 in 2024.

DURBAN. TWO Beneficiaries were paid R38 934 in 2023 and TWO will be paid R40 881 in 2024.

All other Branches report NO formal Beneficiaries in their care.

IN CONCLUSION, SIX Branches supported ELEVEN Beneficiaries paying R170 674 in 2023. It is envisaged that FIVE Branches will be supporting SEVEN Beneficiaries paying R114 921 in 2024.

The NEC paid a December 2023 Christmas bonus of R2 750 to EIGHT Beneficiaries...A Total of R22 000...Plus R25 000 to other receivers of Benevolence. An NEC Total of R47 000 in 2023.

**In conclusion, a Total SAAFA BENEVOLENCE FIGURE of R217 674 was PAID in 2023.**

Well done to our Branches, our Members, our families and our NEC; all of whom give their Effort, Time, Gifts and Talents to the Growth of the South African Air Force Association and the Benevolent well-being of our Members and others in need.

I end by encouraging every Branch to please share your inspiring Benevolence activities with me, so that I may share your good news with the rest of our SAAFA Family.

I thank you.

*Trevor Slade.*

*NEC Benevolence Port Folio.*



*Left – Nick Havenga, Marianne Mostert  
Carol Havenga and Maruis van Wyk.*

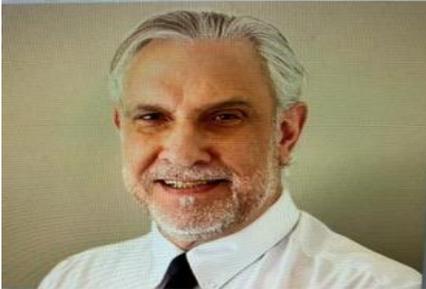


*Right – Bill De Pinho, Chrishella Crause  
and Jaap Rossouw.*

# *A Glance at the Biography of the Guest Speaker*

## *Ian Janse van Vuuren MBL, LLB, BA (BMil)*

Strategic Leader / Expert Manager / Visionary Thinker / Author / Experienced People Leader.



Forty years of risk, intelligence, training, defence, policy formulation and strategic planning experience, serving inter alia as Director of Air Force Intelligence in the South African Defence Force, as well as a further twenty years of experience in private and public companies in South Africa and the Middle East. Recipient of 7 medals, inter alia SM and MMM.

His range of practical experiences is augmented by academic studies which have left him with numerous certificates as well as BA (Military Sciences), LLB and MBA degrees. Other qualifications include all military requirements up to the rank of General, ISO 9001 & 3100 Strategic Leadership, Emergency Management, HSE, Assessor, Fraud Examination, Six Sigma etc.

His specific skill lies within the domain of strategic and scenario-based planning, having developed his unique facilitation approach, fusing methodologies found in among others Blue Ocean, Mind of a Fox, Balanced Scorecard, quality management (ISO 9001), and risk management implementation (ISO 31000).

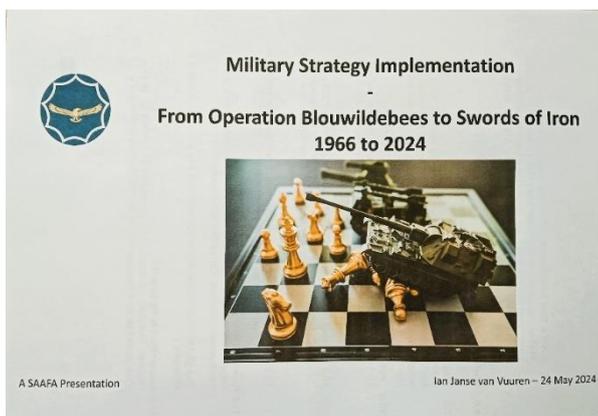
His strategic planning interventions (dozens) include the following:

- Facilitated the DoD strategic planning sessions, presenting the results to Parliament.
- Acted as chief strategy facilitator for the South African Banking Risk Information Centre (SABRIC).
- Assisted with developing Iscor's (now Mittal Steel) strategy.
- Facilitated the Defence Institute's strategic planning process.
- Develop strategic planning models for Armscor and the Defence Institute.
- Acted as chief strategy officer for companies in Qatar.

Ian gave a brief on Military Strategy Implementation - From Operation Blouwildebees to Swords of Iron, 1966 to 2024 and provided personal insight into his experiences.

### *Conclusion*

- If the ends are not clearly defined, communicated, and pursued ruthlessly, mission creep and gradualism set in – selection and maintenance of the aim.
- The forces on the ground do not need to understand the strategy but they must know what the ends are to be achieved – Sun Tzu.
- If there is an ends/capabilities mismatch you will lose the war, no matter how good your ability to execute - Angola.
- Unity of effort is key. If all resources are not mobilized to this effect strategic diffusion and strategic ambiguity set in. Also, coordination of effort - SAMIM.
- A good military strategy is sustainable over time – Angola, Mozambique, Gaza.
- Military power alone cannot defeat an ideology – Salafi-Jihadism.



# *The Outeniqua Branch Chairman' s Final Chirp*

## *Marius Van Wyk.*



SAAFA CONGRESS 2024 – FAIRY KNOWE HOTEL 23 May – 26 May 2024

In 2022 the SAAFA Outeniqua Branch was aware that Congress 2024 would be held in the garden route. I presented our plan at the Port Elizabeth Congress in 2023. We planned to hold Congress at the Fairy Knowe Hotel over the set dates in 2024.

From the onset, the national elections in 2024 were a great concern as we estimated that there is a great possibility that voting will take place over the dates of Congress. As the voting date is set by the president 90 days before voting this was quite a challenge if not a bit of a gamble.

By December 2024 we had a rough idea of what we wanted to present. But still the voting date was not set. A lot of rumors around the date was investigated but nowhere could we find anyone that would commit to the correct date which was kept a great secret until March 2024. By the beginning of February, we decided to plan Congress, to cancel it at short notice and or postpone it. Our committee consisted of an operational committee and a “Fees Committee” as they referred to themselves.

The operational committee consisted of myself as chairman, my wife Mariska and the secretary Stephan J Van Vuuren, also being Vice chair and Treasurer. The Fees Committee consisted of 4 ladies, Laurétt Blok, Sandra Drummond, Cathy Weideman and Mariska van Wyk. This worked exceptionally well as each committee then concentrated on what was agreed upon in the initial meeting, without having too many people together to change ideas and directions of thinking. This made the planning in a short time very easy.

In March the invitations went out and all was booked with the option of postponing at short notice due to the elections. By the end of March all branches responded and paid for the delegates attending Congress. The only exception was Chief of the Air Force and his delegates which only responded a week before the start of Congress.

By the 15th of April the Fees committee had all the decor made, booked and arranged. Laurétt and Mariska even worked in a two-week vacation to the UK between the 15<sup>th</sup> April and Congress. Cathy and Sandra made all the sweets and feather decorations which was all ready in time.

As operational committee Stephan, myself and Mariska got together once or twice otherwise, we had a quick zoom meeting to double check Stephan' s Well-presented spreadsheets with all details and statistics required planning such an event. Between him and Mariska they checked each other's figures and ensured that everything's balanced so that we would not be at a loss at the end of Congress.

With the announcement of the election date being three days after the end of Congress we were now totally relaxed having all ready and planned. The expected cost for the delegates attending was approximately R 1000 lower than presented at Congress 2023 in Port Elizabeth, which came as a big relief for me as it becomes ever increasingly more difficult to present such an event at a reasonable cost. My two number crunchers Stephan and Mariska put my restless mind at ease that financially I had no concerns.

## *The Outeniqua Branch Chairman' s Final Chirp – Continued*

As I arrived fully loaded with all the decor and Congress paraphernalia at the Fairy Knowe Hotel on the 23rd of May, I was completely at ease and could not believe how easily everything fell into place so well. I did not have to check up on anybody that was tasked to do something for Congress. If a task was given it was done with complete enthusiasm and success.

Transport was done by Hartog Blok , Laurétt and Mariska for the delegates arriving at the airport. This gave an added personal touch to arriving at Congress. The delegates arriving on their own were met by myself and Stephan. All delegates were taken directly to their rooms where they welcome packs awaited them. Many of the delegates complimented us on the way that the arrival at the hotel was handled. There was no unnecessary queuing at the reception area waiting to be taken to your room, as you arrived someone took you directly to your room to unpack and relax.



The Fairy Knowe Hotel Being 100 years old this year provided a most relaxing setting within the Wilderness area of the Garden Route to give the delegates the feel of what the Southern Cape was like back in the day. The hotel treated us to a lovely oxtail dinner for the evening which was well prepared. As always, the dining room was buzzing with laughter and conversation, where after the conversations continued in the pub till late.

The Friday morning started with the customary act of homage which was held in the main hall of the hotel. The weather was of the concern and therefore it could not be held outside in the garden. But even if weather was of no concern being May month it is quite chilly early in the morning and makes an outside parade quite uncomfortable if it is going to be chilly. The act of homage was done by SAAFA Vice President Trevor Slade and the Congress was Opened by Deputy Chief of The SA Air Force Maj Gen MM Matanda, psc(j).

As the first day of Congress started the spouses departed on an outing on the South African railways power van excursion up the Outeniqua mountains which was followed by a picnic lunch and a visit to the motor transport Museum of George. When the spouses arrived back it was noticeable that new friendships had been made as the conversations were now flowing. Mariska and Laurétt was assisted by Ian Jansen van Vuuren's wife Magdelize as being hosts going up the mountain. Picnic packs were personally pre- pared and packed by Cathy Weideman for the trip.

During the day Congress had a guest speaker Ian Jansen Van Vuuren one of our Branch members. He gave a short presentation on Military Strategy Implementation from Operation Wildebeest to Swords of Iron 1966 to 2024. Ian closed his presentation with the words that an ideology can never be defeated. This presentation was a highlight of the day. We also had Dries de Witt who gave us a short overview of the strategy that he has presented for the survival of the Regular Force Medical Continuation Fund (RFMCF), which is in dire need of a survival strategy. Dries de Witt has also been involved as Trustee with the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF) for many years where he has been a valuable asset for each and every Veteran and Veterans organization in South Africa. We as a Branch have the best of the best representing us at various levels which matters to veterans in South Africa, and we are proud of our members contribution to the bigger picture of SAAFA.

The evening dinner was in the main hall where Dave McMillan an Outeniqua branch member set up his one-man stage band singing and playing guitar. It was not long after dinner that spontaneous dancing erupted, and the pub filled with laughter and banter. The Friday evening camaraderie was put in full speed ahead.

## *The Outeniqua Branch Chairman' s Final Chirp – Continued*

The Saturday morning was the final day of Congress, with the spouses who departed to the Sedgefield Scarab Market for the morning under the guidance of Dave Knoesen. Congress concluded at lunchtime after which everyone had a short time to relax and prepare for the gala event.



The Gala event was a Gatsby Theme, which was embraced by all and especially the ladies in their evening attire, rounded off with a feathered headband handmade by Cathy Weideman for each lady. The gala event started at 17h00 to afford enough time for the formalities to be concluded.

Leadership was handed over from retiring SAAFA president Mike Louw to Trevor Slade. Bill de Pinho was elected as Vice President of SAAFA. Various awards and appointments were handed out during the evening of which the award of Branch of the Year is a new award that was handed to the Whale Coast Branch. The venue was beautifully decorated and set the mood for a relaxing evening of camaraderie. After dinner, the delegates enjoyed some more dancing in the spirit of the previous evening. The evening was concluded with more laughter and back-slapping in the pub, and everyone had the feeling that Congress was just too short.

The Sunday morning the delegates departing for the airport were transported by our members who met them on their arrival. All the other delegates departed after another great breakfast at the Fairy Knowe Hotel. Numbers were exchanged and new friendships were made.

Just as I thought everything was over, I realized that there is quite a bit to do in the unwinding of Congress. Stephan and Mariska double checked the finances of Congress and a week after Congress the final figures were ratified and completed. After the Congress, we had a very welcome sponsorship of the spouse's outing transport from Mario Fabbraio from TF System. This boosted our funds as we budgeted for a substantial amount just for transport (R13 000-00). All the personal expenses of the Committee members of the Fees Committee and Operational Committee were sponsored by the Committee members themselves. The impromptu court that was held on the Friday evening of Congress where the other branch members were fined for transgressions added another R 2 200-00 to our fund. All in all, we ended Congress 2024 with a profit but not due to planning for one but because of the generous sponsorship of Mario Fabbraio and our committee members' generosity in putting in no claims for their hard work and efforts.

Transport remains one of the biggest expenses for Congress and we recall that it was the same for the previous year's Congress. The Airport Transport was not a problem but the larger group on the spouses' outing is the expense.

Congress 2024 was well received by all delegates and letters of thanks and gratitude were received from all. As Chairman I can only thank everyone for their support in just doing what they promised to do without having to check if it was done. Quite honestly, I can't think of anything that did not go according to plan, even the emergency visit to the Hospital one late evening went well without planning for such an event. I had a great team that made the presentation of Congress a great pleasure. A big thank you to each delegate for the great spirit that you brought to Congress 2024, as that is a requirement to have a great Congress.

From the Outeniqua Branch, we would like to thank SAAFA NEC for trusting us in presenting a memorable event that will be remembered for quite some time.

Best regards

*Marius van Wyk*  
*Chairman SAAFA Outeniqua Branch*

## *National President – Trevor Slade*

*A message from the new President of the South African Air Force Association.*



Dear Members and friends of our esteemed South African Air Force Association. I greet you with my thanks and respect for warmly welcoming me into this elevated position as President of our Association. I can assure you that I, with my wife Gwyn and our SAAFA Branches, will strive to serve and honour you, our Members and families, and the proud traditions of SAAFA, in all that we do.

I take over now from Past President Mike Louw, whose wisdom, energy, diligence and leadership have been an inspiration to me over many years, especially during the isolation of the COVID years when Mike's innovative management kept SAAFA strong and vibrant. We wish you well as IPP and will often rely on your guidance in the days ahead. Thank you, Mike!

Please allow me to tell you something about myself. My mother was born into the Barker family. Her Father, "Jack" Barker was one of the Founding Members of the fledgling South African Air Force. His Force Number was 27. Every one of his five sons, Ted, Wally, Eric, Dennis and Dougie Barker served in the SAAF. Three of them were Korean War Veterans. Jack's three grandsons, one of whom is me, served in the Air Force. My cousin General Des Barker served the SAAF with distinction until his untimely death doing what he loved. One great-grandson also served in the Air Force. And so the "Lifeblood" of the SAAF is in me and my family. And the "blood" of my family is in the South African Air Force.

My own SAAF history began while I was studying for a BSc degree at UPE in 1969/70 when I read an article in a newspaper advertising Flying Training in the SAAF. Well, it was a "no-brainer" and I soon found myself on the Pupil Pilot's Course of 3/70. After a stint at the Military Academy, I began flying Impalas at FTS Langebaanweg and "went solo" after 17 hours of instruction by Captain Piet Roos. After 125 fun-filled flying hours, the Air Force and God believed that my future "lay in a different direction!" But certainly the DNA of the SAAF streams through all that I am and I vow to you that I will endeavour to honour our prestigious South African Air Force Association in all that I do.

While serving as Chaplain to the Royal Air Forces Association I met a Past President of SAAFA in the form of Mr. Leon du Plessis who asked me why I was not a Member of SAAFA. I told Leon that I had "never heard of the SAAF Association!!"...How does that happen? I have now been a Member of the SAAF Association for 20 years and served on the Johannesburg Branch Executive Committee for the past 18 years with 5 years as Chairman of the Branch. My years of service on the National Executive Committee as Chair of the Benevolence Port Folio, and 6 years as Vice President of the Association, have been a wonderful privilege and an honour to serve every Member of the South African Air Force Association and to serve the Heritage of the South African Air Force.

I remember Dave Owen the "Silver Fox" telling me many years ago that the SAAF is a "Family" and my work as President of our SAAF Association will be focused on building this vital element of an uncomplicated Family and Respect based on the Four Pillars of our SAAF Association...of Camaraderie...of Benevolence...of SAAF Heritage...and Remembrance of those gone before us.

It is as simple and significantly powerful as that and so thank you for placing your valued trust in me. With God's unending Grace I will strive to honour that trust, and so importantly with every SAAFA Branch, build our South African Air Force Association into an admired family in which every SAAFA Member will be so profoundly honoured.

*Trevor Slade.*

*National President SAAFA*

## *National Vice–President – Col (Ret) W.C.K.M. De Pinho*

It is indeed an honour and humbling for me to have been elected and appointed as your new Vice-President. Serving in this position during our 80<sup>th</sup> year of existence, which we will be celebrating throughout 2025, means a tremendous amount to me and SAAFA.

All Branches have gone through some tough times in differing degrees over the last number of years. We have witnessed the COVID-19 impact on our activities, the loss of lives of our members due to this, and the reduction in numbers as a result. Looking forward will necessitate our focus on making sure that we represent SAAFA in the way the founders of the Association intended, and which our Constitution and Manual of Administration guide us.

We have witnessed personal agendas at a few Branches and this is not what would have been expected of our members, given the nature of our Association and our member's background in the Air Force. We should be ever mindful of what the Association represents and uphold this in all we do.

What has happened cannot be changed, however, we can only adjust our speed, altitude and direction in order to do things better for SAAFA, and our fellow members as well as to ultimately honour those who have gone before us – “Lest we Forget”.



What I am asking from each of us, is to once again reflect on what SAAFA stands for as a whole and what it was founded upon, how it is important for the current generation as well as for the future generations to come. We should all note and adhere to the so-called “Four Pillars of SAAFA” again and ensure that our Constitutional foundation is secure.

Each of the Pillars is important, but most of all, the people (members) within SAAFA are the most important. We need to stand together and support our fellow members, their families and friends of SAAFA as well. As we all get older the human touch, friendly interaction, sharing and caring become more essential.

I wish you all a wonderful year ahead and looking forward to all our interactions.

Warm Regards, Bill de Pinho

## *80<sup>th</sup> SAAFA Congress 2025*

The planning for the 80<sup>th</sup> SAAFA Congress, Banquet and associated activities in 2025 has been given to the three Gauteng Branches, namely: Pretoria, Johannesburg, and East Rand.

The main events will be at the Centurion Hotel period from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 is tentatively scheduled to coincide with the annual Air Force Memorial at Bays Hill, Pretoria. This event will also mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SAAF Association.

The Organising Committee is already in full swing and we can look forward to a great Congress. If you know of anyone or any company that would like to make any donations or sponsorships please let us know at [saafa80congress@gmail.com](mailto:saafa80congress@gmail.com). You can also contact your Branch to get hold of any of the Committee members by phone or email.

## Act of Homage



Isaiah 40 Verse 31 – But those who trust in the Lord will  
find new strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.  
They will run and not grow weary.  
They will walk and not faint.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember him

Rev Trevor Slade / Marianne Mostert

<b>BLOEMFONTEIN</b>	<b>CAPE TOWN</b>	<b>DURBAN</b>	<b>EAST RAND</b>	<b>JOHANNESBURG</b>
Val Nel	Brigitte McCormack		Gavin Brown	Harry Shires
	Charlie Scheffer		Ray Watts	Sheilagh Harrison
	Eileen Bacon		Steve Sutherland	Peter McLean - RAFA
	John White		Neil Haasbroek	Piet Visser - SAKWVA
	Harold (Buddy) Mockford		Jos Sharman	Florence Salomane
<b>KIMBERLEY</b>	<b>LAEVELD</b>	<b>LOWER SOUTH COAST</b>	<b>OUTENIQUA</b>	<b>PIETERMARITZBURG</b>
<b>PORT ALFRED</b>	<b>PORT ELIZABETH</b>	<b>PRETORIA</b>	<b>SOUTPANSBURG</b>	<b>STILFONTEIN</b>
Rodney Keet	Anne Stewart	Cynthia Belcher		
	Jim Hippert	Henry van Reenen		
	Frank Hardy (RAF WW11)	Henri Viljoen		
		Ike van der Merwe		
		John van der Veen		
		Katie Muller		
		Rudi Nieuwenhuizen		
		Meisie van der Merwe		
		Jan Pohl		
<b>WESKUS</b>	<b>WHALE COAST</b>	<b>SA KOREAN WAR VETERANS</b>	<b>KINDRED ORGANISATIONS</b>	
	Peter Dagg		SA Legion - Demetri Fried	
	Jan Scheepers		MOTHS - Francios Viljoen	
			RAFA - Shirley Stone	
			SAMVO Markus -Guide Dog	
			Tvl Scottish Trevor (Porky) Wright	

## Act of Homage – Continued

<b>SA AIR FORCE</b>				
<i>Lange Pretorius</i>	<i>Lindsay Crawford</i>	<i>Pieter Botes</i>	<i>Salome Meyer</i>	<i>Malcolm Christie</i>
<i>Dirk Muller</i>	<i>Jurie Groenewald</i>	<i>Frik Geysler</i>	<i>Arthur Bradstreet</i>	<i>Riel Du Toit</i>
<i>Dan Boosens</i>	<i>Hercules Olivier</i>	<i>Gerhard Burger</i>	<i>Andre Dreyer</i>	<i>Boet van der Walt</i>
<i>Johan Krige</i>	<i>Sibonelo Lembede</i>	<i>Neville Eriksen</i>	<i>John Buxton</i>	<i>Johan Botha</i>
<i>Ron Stacey</i>	<i>Danie Engelbrecht</i>	<i>Matthys van As</i>	<i>Willie de Vries</i>	<i>Nico Swart</i>
<i>Piet Myburgh</i>	<i>Johnny Massey</i>	<i>Dirk Coetzee</i>	<i>Adre Grobbelaar</i>	<i>Willie Hattingh</i>
<i>Petro Rightford</i>	<i>Johann Boshoff</i>	<i>Vic Hermanson</i>	<i>Ernest Claasen</i>	<i>Dawie Keyser</i>
<i>Stan Furstenburg</i>	<i>Koos Groenewald</i>	<i>Ines Klaasen</i>	<i>Callie Coetzer</i>	<i>Jimmy Hannon</i>
<i>Piet Pretorius</i>	<i>Nic Van Zyl</i>	<i>Dave van Staden</i>	<i>Mario de Gouveia</i>	<i>Cpl S. Bose</i>
<i>Tienie Rautenbach</i>	<i>Dries Dryer</i>	<i>WO1 G. Tong</i>	<i>Hermann (Harry) Fick</i>	<i>Zak van der Merwe</i>
<i>Herman Rother</i>	<i>Bobbie Whitfield Jones</i>	<i>Martin Joubert</i>	<i>Charmain Tait-Botha</i>	<i>Louren Coetzee</i>
<i>Gordon Struthers</i>	<i>Nic Teubes</i>	<i>Theo van Rhyneveld</i>	<i>Doreen Hamlett</i>	<i>Gert van Aswegan</i>
<i>Dina Brett</i>	<i>Callie Stelzner</i>	<i>Robbie Arendt</i>	<i>Jan Blaauw</i>	<i>Louis Conradie</i>
<i>CT Claassen</i>	<i>Neil Kidson</i>	<i>Brian Macnab</i>	<i>Andries Joubert</i>	<i>Chris Pedlar</i>
<i>Frikkie Bolton</i>	<i>Div (Snakes) van Deventer</i>	<i>Carl Koen</i>	<i>Dirk de Villiers</i>	<i>Skippie Scheepers</i>
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