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## South African Air Force Association 76<sup>th</sup> Annual National Congress 2021

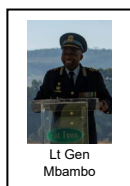


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The 76<sup>th</sup> SAAFA Congress was hosted by Durban Branch on behalf of NEC over the period 18 to 21 May at the St. Ives Lodge in the KZN Midlands and what a splendid and successful event it was!

The planning and execution by Durban Branch was meticulous in every respect, and the venue lent itself extremely well to our requirements.

After the restrictions and indeed dangers arising from Tannie Rona last year which compelled a virtual meeting, this year saw a return to semi-normality and personal interactions with the renowned SAAFA camaraderie very evident, accompanied by much merriment and obvious pleasure. Existing friendships were renewed and new ones forged, the most evident of the SAAFA objectives, camaraderie, was obvious.



Lt Gen  
Mbambo

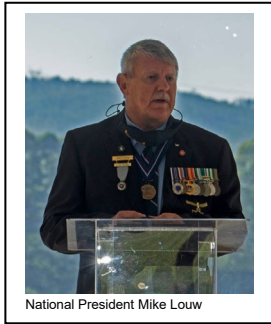
The Opening Ceremony and Act of Homage were conducted by Vice-President, Trevor Slade and we were honoured to have CAF, Lt Gen Mbambo deliver the opening address and officially open Congress for us.

The Ladies programme under expert guidance of Linda Bekker was by all accounts splendid, to the extent that even the mini-bus driver was a Brig General, John Bayne! Such was the appeal of the stops which included the Notties Brewery and Abingdon Wine Estate that certain of the gentlemen present were unable to resist temptation and joined the Ladies on their travels!



The Ladies programme under expert guidance of Linda Bekker

The Annual General Meeting under guidance of National President Mike Louw was conducted in excellent style; a fine blend of business and light-hearted moments, many provided by Steve Bekker,

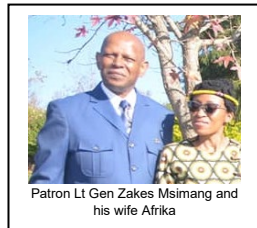


National President Mike Louw

Chairman of Durban Branch. Apart from the usual agenda items, there was a very comprehensive talk presented by Gen Dries De Wit regarding the GEPF, much in the news of late. Passion for SAAFA and unity of

purpose was evident throughout the sessions.

It was of note, and delightfully so, that Patron Lt Gen Zakes Msimang and the ever-charming Afrika attended Congress which was wonderful. Gen Msimang was an enthusiastic delegate and pledged his full support for SAAFA which was most gratefully received.



Patron Lt Gen Zakes Msimang and his wife Afrika

The Chief of the Air Force, Lt Gen Wiseman Mbambo and Mrs Mbambo were also the honoured and most welcome guests at our formal banquet. The effort made by CAF to grace us with his presence was sincerely appreciated.



CAF, Lt Gen Wiseman Mbambo and Mrs Mbambo

We were also honoured to have the President of the South African Korean War Veterans Association, Col Dirk Louw and the Defence Attaché from the Republic of Korea, Col Byungchul Lee and their charming ladies, Cornal and Eu-Ra, join us for the banquet. Dirk was awarded the OSAFA



Attaché from the Republic of Korea, Col Byungchul Lee and his wife Eu-Ra; South African Korean War Veterans Association, Col Dirk Louw and his wife Cornal.

Gold at the function for his extraordinary service over many years to the South African

veterans of the Korean War and their dependents.

Adjacent to the main complex is a facility called "The Boma", with an excellent bar and even better kitchen and this was where most attendees found themselves engaged in SAAFA revelry, an essential and inevitable element of Congress and no doubt familiar to us all. It happened every evening that the first-class barman, Des, had to usher the final few die-hards out of the facility. In most cases the revellers retired to their rooms to continue slaking their prodigious thirsts into the wee hours. More than one delegate was seen to be struggling to navigate the three steps to their rooms and making sustained use of the banister to maintain a straight and level course! Doubtful that even an artificial horizon would have been able to help.

All things considered, Congress 2021 was a splendid and productive affair, much fun and joviality clearly evident as was the wonderful SAAFA spirit that prevailed throughout. After many months of planning and preparation, Durban Branch can justifiably be very proud of hosting an extremely successful event, the result of their obviously hard work did SAAFA great justice! Congratulations and thank you all!



National President Mike Louw and Chairman of Durban Branch Steve Bekker



SAAFA 75th Congress Attendees



Col Mike Louw (Ret)

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT CONGRESS MAY 2021

The year 2020 promised to be a year to remember in terms of numerous celebrations that were in the offing but unfortunately, due to the global pandemic, it turned into a year that will long be remembered for many other reasons.

The year 2020 was the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the South African Air Force Association (SAAFA), also the centenary years of the South African Air Force (SAAF) and the Aero Club of South Africa. In addition, to this it was also the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of General Jan Smuts, who is widely acclaimed as being the founding father of both the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the SAAF. Furthermore, 2020 also heralded the 100-year commemoration of the epic Silver Queen flight between the United Kingdom and Cape Town.

Sadly, this array of celebrations was not to be. With the uncertainty and the worldwide need to combat the unseen enemy, many of the planned events ended up on the back burner to either be pushed to the right or be postponed until this year. Nonetheless, we as SAAFA have an obligation to continue with our exploits in whichever way we can in support of the many less unfortunate souls who we support, as well as those whose desire it is to maintain close links with past friends and comrades, which is so much part of camaraderie.

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

As might have been expected, the effect of the Corona virus pandemic had a more adverse effect on such liaison as would ordinarily have been expected. Nonetheless, the past year has again been marked by very good relations indeed between the SAAF and the SAAF Association, typified by limited social interaction, where possible, and the open exchange of ideas relating to heritage of the SAAF, particularly as it pertains to its collective heritage over the previous 100 years.

Despite the limitations imposed by the various lockdown levels, we were extremely fortunate to have the Deputy Chief of the Air Force and the then Acting CAF participate and officially open our Virtual Congress held

in June last year. Maj Gen Buthelezi also graced us with his presence at our National Banquet and Awards Evening during November 2020. During his tenure as the Acting CAF, he continued to do his bit to encourage Base Commanders to support the SAAFA Branches in their areas. From our side we need to remain on a good footing with Base and Unit Commanders, ensuring that there is very good communication and that we respect the limitations that they have to endure.

We are very pleased to welcome the newly appointed Chief of the Air Force, Lt Gen Wiseman Mbambo at this Congress. Lt Gen Mbambo is not unknown to the SAAFA and if past experience serves as an indication, we can look forward to a good working relationship with our new CAF. Even though only in his third week in office and still in the

process of fully taking over command of the SAAF, Lt Gen Mbambo has already shown his resolve and had no hesitation in accepting our invitation to join us at Congress 2021. We wish Lt Gen Mbambo well in his new post and wish to assure him of our wholehearted support however we can.

The MAAC were very quiet until September last year. The Diplomatic Missions were of course subject to their countries' restrictions in addition to those imposed locally in South Africa. The SAAF Association continues to enjoy an excellent relationship with a number of High Commissions and Embassies. From those, we have invited over twenty Defence Attachés to join SAAFA as Honorary Members. The MAAC initiative, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, will be continued as in the past.

The Public Relations component of this portfolio is becoming more active and appears to be fulfilling a very necessary service. The vast majority of the PR activities centre on information requests (RFIs) relating to past members of the SAAF, often dating back to WWII. These requests are usually received on our Website and routed by kind favour of our Webmaster and our National Secretary. Because the requests for information have become such a time consuming and frustrating component of the PR function, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was drawn up for distribution to enquiring parties and is mailed as a response to RFI's. The document provides a number of links for self-research. However, more often than not these RFI's are satisfactorily dealt with.

Although, the many plans for celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were for the most part cancelled or postponed, two events are worth of mentioning, namely our birthday function held at Inanda Club on 26 January which was truly extraordinary and very successful and for which a great debt of gratitude is due to Hon Col Basil Hersov, and the second, in November last year being a belated banquet held at the Saint George Hotel at Doornkloof.

We are also engaged in the publication of a book in celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

and the Centenary of the SAAF. The Project Leader, Marthie Visser, who also initiated the concept, will be providing a full briefing.

The Aero Club who also celebrated their centenary last year, have started organising some of their events which had of necessity to be postponed, and we are in contact with Chairman, Rob Jonkers of the Aero Club, regarding reviving the Silver Queen Air Rally which was also planned to have taken place during June of last year.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Philip Weyers for his enthusiasm and absolute commitment in managing this portfolio over the years. With his impending departure to Down Under later this year, SAAFA is going to surely miss him.

## **HERITAGE**

Due to the limitations imposed by the lockdown, most of the memorial services in which we would have participated did not take place. We did participate in a few virtual memorial services.

The SAAF Memorial site is in a very good state of upkeep with no acts of vandalism having been reported during the course of the past year. Renier Feldtmann continues to ensure that the national memorial events receive the appropriate treatment and support. Renier and Bruce Harrison have been assigned to compile guidelines for Branches to establish the whereabouts, record and compile a database of all SAAF related memorial sites spread throughout the Country, and to accept ownership to ensure the maintenance and upkeep thereof.

The intended Heritage Chapter for the Manual of Administration is currently in its third draft and this will be finalised during the course of this year and incorporated into the MoA before our next Congress.

## **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 has only been possible by sticking strictly to our approved budget and cutting unnecessary costs. 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 continues to provide us with reasonable returns despite the volatile market conditions.

In terms of funds and reserves, we commenced 2020 with R 1 186 244, and ended 2020 with R1 867 143 funds under administration. The general fund stood at R 491 542 at the end of 2019 and now reflects a balance of R 819 457 at the end of 2020. (Full financial statements are available on request from NHQ)

### **BENEVOLENCE**

By the end of 2020 seven branches had supported sixteen beneficiaries with funding of R321300. This figure consists of monthly Branch and Christmas donations and NEC Christmas Bonus' paid to Branch Beneficiaries. By comparison the "virus free" year of 2019 yielded eight Branches that had supported sixteen Beneficiaries with funding of R412 124. The year 2020 has indeed been a year of belt tightening as our economy markedly declined during the various stages of lockdown. It is envisaged that during 2021, six branches will be supporting eleven beneficiaries.

It must be reiterated that Branches are to ensure that every Branch Beneficiary is assessed on an annual basis and more often where necessary. We encourage those Branches with no Beneficiaries to please consider giving support to their local Air Force Base, should there be one, or to local charities that would significantly enhance the presence of SAAFA in their community.

Trevor has embraced the CMVO initiative to help veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, which is extremely commendable. The NEC Benevolence Portfolio provides a range of services which are available to all Branches and to all our members. We certainly encourage our branches and members to avail themselves of these services.

### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

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

(CMVO). The Military Veterans Act of 2011 is in the process of being reviewed. While we had hoped that the Department of Military Veterans (DMV) would finally make some progress in providing the much needy support to veterans, this has not always been the case.

During the year a procedure was drawn up to submit applications to the DMV which was approved and distributed to all Branches for action. The DMV is once again undergoing a reappraisal exercise and a Presidential Task Team is looking into the effectiveness of this Department. The environment in which we currently operate is far from satisfactory, with the DMV personnel being unqualified to understand the needs of various veterans and in some cases, being politically inclined, does not do the Department justice and frustrates many members.

Notwithstanding, it is vitally important for every member of SAAFA to be a Registered Member of the Department of Military Veterans. The Benefits of Membership are considerable. Some of these benefits include compensation for injury, trauma, and disease; facilitation of employment placement; subsidised public transport; access to health care; housing and funeral support up to R25000. Certain Veterans registered with the DMV may also apply for Social Relief of Distressed (SRD) should they qualify through the determination of a means test. We encourage every Branch to launch a campaign to register their members with the DMV.

### **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. Bill took over this portfolio in March last year just prior to the implementation of the Covid-19 Level 5 Lockdown and, therefore, an adjustment needed to be made in how matters were to be handled.

Because the current COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and has not diminished in any way, this, therefore, remains his main point

of concern and the Regular Force Medical Continuation Fund (RFMCF), as well as all Military Medical Health Services, remain focused on this as well.

Please keep up the good work at Branch level.

### **CONSTITUTION, REGULATIONS AND RECORDS**

At the 75th Annual General Meeting of the SAAF Association in June 2020 no resolutions to change the SAAFA Constitution were passed, therefore, the Constitution of May 2014 is still relevant. Although the principle of having Satellite Branches was accepted at the 74th Congress in Bloemfontein, the proposed changes have not yet been finalised for inclusion in the SAAFA Constitution and Manual of Administration and this will be addressed and a resolution in this regard tabled at Congress 2022.

Being recognised as a Non-Profit Organisation and a Public Benefit Organisation, any change to our Constitution needs to be communicated to both the Department of Social Development and the Receiver of Revenue. It is therefore important to maintain a healthy balance between having a stable Constitution and one that is able to remain relevant to the times. Every effort is being made to ensure that the documentation so essential for our effective functioning is kept up to date. With respect to the Manual of Administration, NEC is busy developing some proposals, but they have not reached the point where a formal proposal can be submitted for consideration.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to Hugh Paine for the relentless manner in which he perseveres to ensure that we 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. There were some Branches that were not sure what the process is of adding a member to the SAAFA Branch membership. We have now

generated an agreed upon process flow which is attached to the separate Membership report in order to assist the various Branches. 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.

NEC has also created an application form that is an editable digital PDF form that seems to be working very well. This will again be distributed to all Branches, specifically to assist new executive members on Branch Committees. An added feature to the database is the inclusion of a column to indicate VPA status of Branch members, ie: in respect of those who are beneficiaries of the Regular Force Medical Continuation Fund.

It is envisaged that the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI Act) will start with the issue of guiding Regulations later this year. This will place a special responsibility on SAAFA to ensure that we manage member information and data in a responsible way so as not to potentially expose members to any risk. The Convenor of our Membership Portfolio will elucidate on this in his report.

Over the last year our Membership Database has faced a clean-up and now reflects a decline in the total number of members and of more concern, a decline in the number of active members. I believe this is due to a number of reasons, not least being the inactivity at many Branches during the past year as well as the clean-up already mentioned. Although we need to continue with the exercise to clean up our membership database, we also need to be sensitive not to remove inactive members who are still alive and wish to remain affiliated in some or other way.

An aspect that we need to continue to emphasise is that in terms of our Constitution, we have only three categories of membership, these being honorary members, full members, and associate members. Although there is no such a category as life members, when we join the Association, we all pay a once off membership fee and then annually thereafter a levy (which includes the annual

capitation fee) to cover the reasonable costs of running the Association and its Branches. Perhaps this is where the confusion arises where some Branches and individuals still refer to there being life members who no longer have to pay annual membership fees. This perception needs to be continually corrected.

### **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 wellbeing of every member, for the wellbeing of every Branch and for the wellbeing of SAAFA at large. Every military person knows that care 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.

### **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). 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 on a regular basis.

There are currently 2,690 Facebook members linked to a vast number of 'friends' and other groups. However, we must be careful that Facebook does not become too much of a SAAFA source of information. Rather direct formal information to the

Website and thereafter to Facebook. The Webmaster requests that Branch information (officials, contact numbers, email addresses, etc) be forwarded to him (post Branch AGM) to ensure that the Website is updated as soon as possible as some detail currently displayed might be outdated. It is proposed that they be encouraged to open Gmail accounts as they are more open to mass mail.

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

### **NATIONAL OFFICE**

Since the implementation of Lockdown, seven of the eleven NEC monthly meetings have been conducted using a Zoom platform. This included the virtual Annual General Meeting held in June 2020. As SAAFA we have access to the Zoom Account of the CMVO and have thus not had a need to purchase our own package. Although the Zoom meetings have proved very effective, as all parties could interact from far and wide, it certainly is not a substitute for the camaraderie that is experienced to physical face-to-face encounters.

We as SAAFA have been fortunate in that we now have the use of Key 360, a management system software program, to enhance our management of information. Currently the Niches at the Garden of Remembrance at Bay's Hill are also being managed on Key 360 and this has proved to be very effective as the National Office of late has had to deal with a significant number of enquiries in this regard.

SAAFA regalia, including particularly SAAFA 75 specific items, continue to be advertised on the SAAFA Website. Advertising is also done via Facebook and other social media platforms.

Details of what is available, prices and order forms are available on our Website and members can order directly from the supplier. Any further enquiries in this regard should be directed to the National Office.

## NEWSLETTER

Over the past year our editor of the National Newsletter has not disappointed with his enthusiasm and drive. Although our Newsletter was previously only published bi-annually, Hermann Olmesdahl produced a monthly edition ever since taking over and he has shown that he is an accomplished writer who never fails with his in-depth research and wonderful articles of interest which now feature in our monthly publication.

Branches are again encouraged to provide material that will be of national interest, although Hermann makes a concerted effort to assess the Branches 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.

## AWARDS

There was a reasonable spread of nominations for awards this year and Jaap Rossouw has once again efficiently managed the whole process. However, it is a concern that not many Branches submitted motivations for their members as many of the citations received were initiated on NEC level. There is a concern that this well established and constituted mechanism to recognise SAAFA members is still not being used effectively or comprehensively.

A concerted effort has been made during the past number of years to achieve consistency with the approval of awards nominations and will remain a primary objective of the Awards Committee.

It was rather disappointing to have received a number of citations which did not meet expectations. It is concerning that this well established and constituted mechanism to recognise SAAFA members is still not being used effectively or comprehensively. I wish to appeal to all Branch Chairpersons to ensure that worthy recipients of SAAFA awards are not disadvantaged due to shoddy and incomplete staff work.

## CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the Durban Branch for their willingness to have accepted the responsibility to arrange Congress 2021, and for all the preparatory work that they put in. In conclusion I would like to thank our Patrons for their support during the year. I would also like to thank all the members of the National Executive, including the Country Vice Presidents, for their commitment and contributions. I would like to emphasise that that NEC members are also actively involved in their own Branches in addition to their National activities, which amounts to them committing substantial amounts of time and effort to our Association.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Chairwomen of the Branches for their personal contribution and those of their members.

I thank you.

**M.J. LOUW**  
**NATIONAL PRESIDENT SAAFA**





## Military Attaché and Adviser Corps

The MAAC were very quiet until September last year when they started emerging from hibernation. The Diplomatic Missions were of course subject to their countries' restrictions in addition to those Minister Nkosasana Dhlamini-Zuma foisted upon us. They were however able to buy short-sleeved shirts and lady's sandals as well as shoes with open toes at the start though, and as of 30 April this year none had contracted Covid and died from the consequences.

The Indian Attaché, Capt (N) Nitin Kapoor mailed last year a prospectus from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited with a wish to appoint a South African agent. Considerable time and effort was given to this request and approaches made to amongst others Aerosud.

Letters of congratulations and condolences were sent as circumstances required to High Commissions and Embassies, as were letters of thanks to hosts for all occasions enjoyed.

In November last year Col Byungchul Lee, the Korean DA invited us to their annual "Turn Towards Busan" Remembrance Ceremony and lunch. This is the occasion where the Koreans remember and honour those members of 2 Sqn who fought for their freedom and is always a poignant occasion.

In January this year, Col Jeffrey Cheng-Hung Lin, the Attaché of the Republic of China completed his tour in South Africa and headed home to Taiwan. What made Col Lin extraordinary was the tenacity and determination he brought to his duties, bearing in mind that Taiwan does not enjoy Diplomatic accreditation with the South African Government for fear of upsetting China. Col Lin was a gracious and generous supporter of the SAAF Association as an Honorary Member, to such an extent that NEC decided to invite him to continue as a member with honorary status. This was a first for us, and an invitation that was accepted with much enthusiasm.

The new DA of the Republic of China, Col Thomas Chi-Tung Liu suggested that SAAFA might wish to write a letter of congratulations to Taiwan's new Minister of

Defence, General Kuo-Cheng Chiu. This was done with pleasure, causing ripples of great happiness at the Taiwan Embassy. It emerged a day or two later that the General had done the Joint Senior Staff Course in South Africa in 1988 and 1989. Subsequent to this, a personal letter of thanks was received from General Chiu, remarkable that he would trouble himself with sending a personal, signed letter and refer to his time in South Africa which he recalls most fondly.

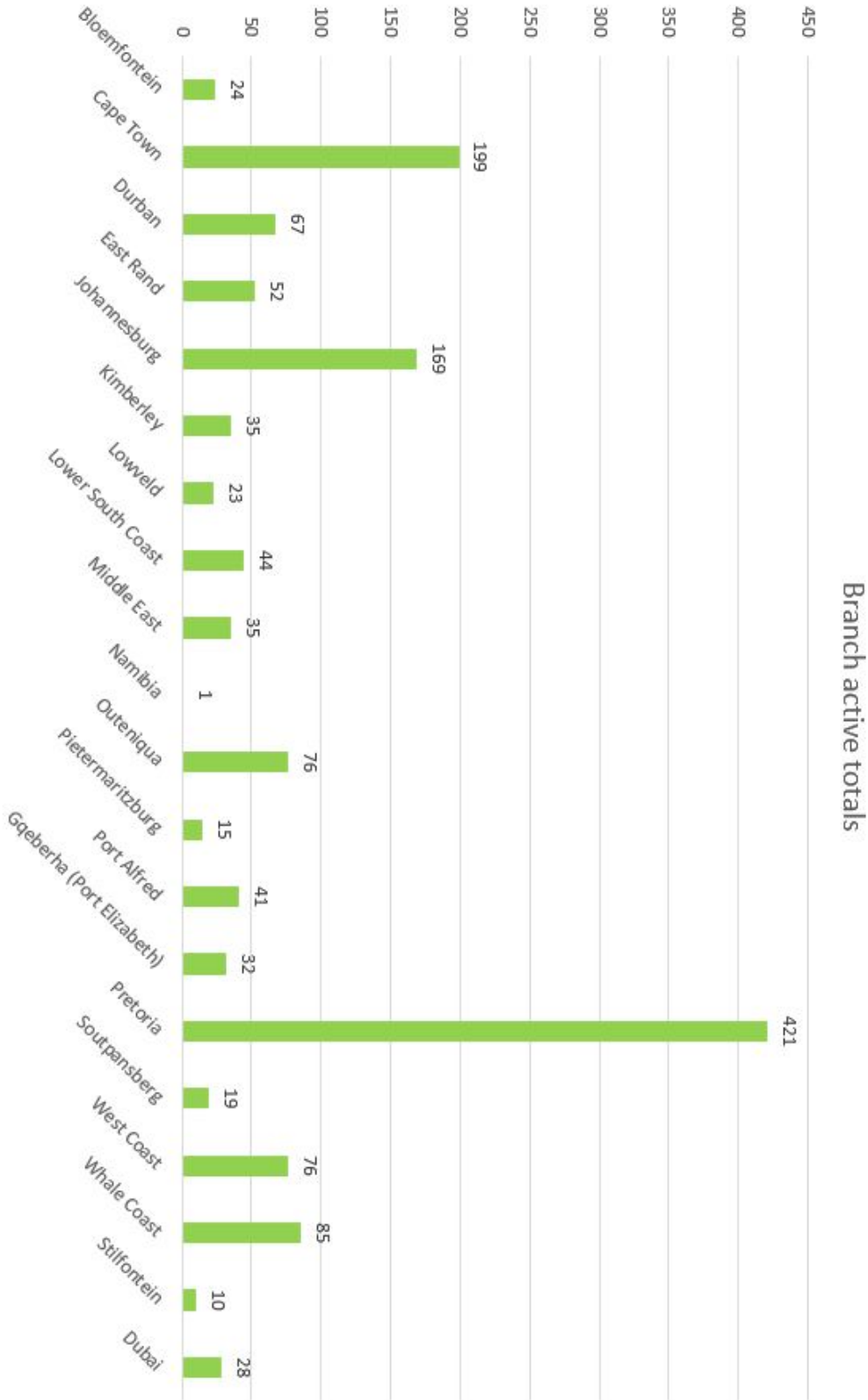
In March of 2021, DC, Col Suthep Khiewpakdee from the Kingdom of Thailand returned home and asked that the SAAF Association deliver the main address at his farewell which he combined with the Thai Armed Forces Day. This went well and a good time was had by the limited number of guests present.

The Defence Section of the United States Embassy have for a number of years been great entertainers, inspired by the recently departed DA Capt (N) Steve Morgenfeld. His successor, Capt Dereck Brown, has continued where Steve left off, and now that Covid restrictions permit it, hosted some good folks to a "Happy Hour" gathering which was splendid entertainment.

Finally, you might have read that certain Diplomats and Defence Attachés have been less than honest or what we might call skelm while in South Africa, last year purchasing tax-free liquor from the two duty-free outlets in Pretoria and thereafter selling the merchandise on at discounted retail prices. These activities cost the Receiver R100-million a month, so one can only imagine they bought duty-free liquor by the truck load.

# SAAFA Branches Active Members

(As of May 2021)



# SAAF ASSOCIATION HONOURS AND AWARDS



2021

In a volunteer organisation such as the Association, all persons are worthy of recognition. The undermentioned honours and awards have been awarded and authorised by the National Executive Committee in accordance with the SAAF Association Constitution. The Awards Committee made recommendations to the National President for his approval in the following categories:

- Order of the South African Air Force Association (Gold, Silver or Bronze).
- South African Air Force Association Presidential Merit Award.
- Certificate of MERIT.

The following members received the various awards:

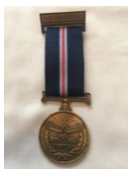
## SAAF Association Certificate of Merit.

The SAAF Association Certificates of Merit is awarded to non-members of the Association and other organizations for meritorious service to the Association.

Ignette Moolman

Pretoria

### SAAF Association Presidential Merit Award



The SAAFA Presidential Merit Award is awarded to members of the Association for commendable service to the Association.

Mark Barth	Port Elizabeth
George Jacobs	Durban
Rudi Nelson	Port Elizabeth
Roelf Rossouw	East Rand
Schalk van Heerden	West Coast
John Wesley	Port Alfred
Claude Wessels	Port Elizabeth

### Order of the SAAF Association

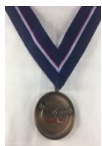


Long and Distinguished exceptional service to the Association.

**SILVER**

Michael John Louw	Pretoria
Martin Urry	Johannesburg
Marthie Visser	Whale Coast

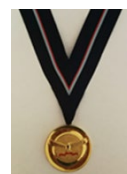
### Order of the SAAF Association



Distinguished continuous service to the Association.

**BRONZE**

Tim Cockbain	Port Alfred
Marianne Lee Mostert	Pretoria
Andre Nortje	Lowveld
Johan Pentz	Whale Coast
Nick Havenga	Pretoria



Long and Distinguished meritorious service to the Association at a National level.

**GOLD**

Dirk Louw	Pretoria
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Memorial Services 2021/22

Date	Time	Service	Venue	Town
<b>JULY 2021</b>				
11	10h00	Delville Wood Memorial Service	Burgers Park	Pretoria
11	10h00	Delville Wood Memorial Service	Soweto	Johannesburg
25	10h00	Korean War Veterans Ass Service	Bays Hill	Pretoria
<b>AUGUST 2021</b>				
15	11h00	Border Boys Parade	Eloffsdal	Pretoria
21	TBN	61 Mech Memorial Service	Ditsong	Johannesburg
21	10h00	SAP COIN Memorial Service	Doornpoort	Pretoria
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>				
5	11H00	WARSAW Flight Commemoration Service		Johannesburg
12	10h30	RLI RAFA Battle of Britain Service	Bedfordview	Johannesburg
12	09h00	International Day of Peace Service	NGK Raslow	Pretoria
<b>OCTOBER 2021</b>				
10	10H00	Alphine 44 Memorial Service	Bays Hill	Pretoria
24	11h00	Battle of El Alamein Pretoria District MOTH	Coal Box MK2	Pretoria
<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b>				
7	09H30	Italian Prisoners of War Memorial Service	Italian Cemetery	Zonderwater
11	17h30	Cornwall Hill Service	Cornwall Hill	Pretoria
14	11h00	Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service	Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery	Johannesburg
<b>DECEMBER 2020</b>				
5	09h00	SAMHS Veterans Ass Memorial Service	1 Mil	Pretoria



The Editor's Desk



Moving forward, the Flying Spirit will be published quarterly, bringing you all the news and updates of the happenings over the past quarter.

This issue has focused solely on our congress that took place at St Yves in the Midlands of KZN. The branch news will be back and hopefully booming in the next issue. If there are specific topics that you would like to see, feel free to contact us at head office we always appreciate the feedback and hearing about what you would like to see more of provides that guiding light.

Till next time.



Thank You

Philip; Marianne; Christel; Johann; Jean.



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