

FACT SHEET

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THE CHEVRONS Golden Jubilee Celebration Fact Sheet

A Shared Space Serving Generations

1. After the Singapore government purchased the Britannia Club from the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Club was officially opened on 17 March 1974 by then Minister for Defence, Dr Goh Keng Swee. This clubhouse at Beach Road served the NCOs, offering lounges with food and beverages, duty-free shopping, sporting opportunities, and outlets for creativity through dance troupes and the Photographic Society. As the go-to place for members and their families on weekends, the club gave members opportunities to improve their skills in different interests.

2. Following the restructuring of the NCO Corps in 1992, the clubhouse on Beach Road was closed in 2001 and a new four-storey clubhouse on Boon Lay Way, THE CHEVRONS, was opened in 2002. New facilities include chalets, bungalows, BBQ pits and function rooms of various sizes, all designed to strengthen bonds between Warrant Officers and Specialists (WOSpecs), Military Experts (MEs) and Enlistee members from different age groups. The club has also welcomed many local and foreign dignitaries through the years.

3. Regardless of the many changes to club premises over 50 years, one aspect of the club's purpose has remained constant – to serve as meeting grounds that facilitate recreation and the handing down of knowledge and expertise from one generation of WOSpecs and MEs to the next.

Forging Closer Ties for 50 Years

4. Since its inception as the SAF NCO Club in 1974, THE CHEVRONS has offered its physical spaces for a myriad of recreational and celebratory activities, all with the purpose of cohesion, building camaraderie, and maintaining the esprit de corps of its members and their families. These experiences came in the form of social gatherings at Cozy Corner, Barrel Lounge and Mission Disco in the old NCO Club, and unit cohesions, festive celebrations, graduation ceremonies, creative workshops, golf tournaments, and e-sports competitions frequently held at the current clubhouse. Overseas excursions were even organised outside its spaces to Malaysia and Indonesia. THE CHEVRONS today is an experiential centre that strives to create engaging and memorable experiences for the Corps.

Recognising All Personnel

5. MINDEF/SAF recognises the contributions of its personnel across rank and service schemes, and THE CHEVRONS serves as a home away from home in appreciation of the men and women of the Corps and their support to the nation. The club will be organising a two-day open house on 16 and 17 March 2024 for its members, their families and friends, with a range of competitions, fairs and workshops available for free.

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