



HOLDING Spaces

for
50
years

HOLDING SPACE

for our members

When you hold space for someone, you create an environment where they feel seen, understood and cared for, a space where they can receive unconditional support without judgement. Emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic, holding space to support mental and physical wellbeing has never been more important. At THE CHEVRONS, we have been holding spaces for our servicemen and servicewomen and their families for 50 years, both through our club facilities, services and community activities and in the extended spaces where we connect and celebrate with the outside communities of our great nation.

Our Mission

We create memorable experiences for our members, their families and friends to build esprit de corps and forge closer ties.

Our Vision

To be the pride of our members and the SAF; always innovating, always striving to be the best!



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MESSAGE

It is not by chance that the memories of many NSmen and regulars include one with a Warrant Officer. In militaries around the world, the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) included, it is the Warrant Officer – his commanding presence, the master trainer, strict disciplinarian, lord of the parade square and such traits – that embody the stuff of military life.

Significantly, whether in training or real operations, Warrant Officers effect the plans of higher command. Without their day-to-day attention to detail, trained and capable units cannot be generated nor active units mobilised efficiently when activated.

Warrant Officers have played increasingly important roles in maintaining our sharp edge of our SAF as well as in the transformation process. Warrant Officers now serve as Commanding Officers, Sergeant Majors, Command Chiefs, Master Chiefs, Chief Experts, Master Trainers and Subject Matter Experts. These expanded roles reflect our high regard for their competence, dedication and abilities.

THE CHEVRONS, established in 2002, and its predecessor the SAF NCO Club set up in 1974, serve as a mark of recognition and respect for the WOSpec and ME Corps and to forge deeper identity and camaraderie amongst them. The clubhouse was upgraded and reopened in 2018 with newer facilities. Shortly after, in the fight against Covid-19 in 2020, THE CHEVRONS bungalow and chalet facilities were designated as Government Quarantine Facilities. The club staff were also deployed to the Changi Exhibition Centre to set up a Community Care Facility for the recovery of affected migrant workers.

In this commemorative book for the Golden Jubilee of THE CHEVRONS, it is timely to express Singaporeans' deep respect and appreciation for the significant roles and contributions of Warrant Officers, Specialists and Military Experts in building up a strong SAF. My personal thanks to all of you for your dedication and commitment – Thank you!



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DR NG ENG HEN
Minister for Defence

MESSAGE

Since the Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF's) inception, our Warrant Officers, Specialists and Military Experts have formed the backbone of our military. Our WOSpecs are warfighters, trainers and leaders; they are disciplined, professional and operationally ready. While a relatively newer construct, our Military Experts have quickly become an integral part of the SAF. They are domain experts who use their in-depth knowledge to build up our defence capabilities. Together, they partner with our Officer Corps to provide leadership and anchor the core competencies and capabilities of the SAF.

The roles, responsibilities and duties of our WOSpecs and MEs have grown in tandem with the capability and strength of the SAF. They have had to keep pace with the increased demands of operating more technologically advanced platforms, conducting higher-fidelity training and operationalising cutting-edge concepts of operation. I am proud of the commitment, dedication and excellence that all our WOSpecs and MEs demonstrate in the execution of their duties. This has enabled us to build a strong, capable and effective SAF to keep our country safe and secure.

THE CHEVRONS, formerly known as the SAF NCO Club, was set up to support and serve the needs of our servicemen and servicewomen. Similar to how the SAF has evolved over the decades, THE CHEVRONS has transformed to cater to the changing needs of its members through the years. The clubhouse was upgraded with more function and leisure facilities. New and innovative programmes are being organised to engage the younger generation of SAF personnel. The club is well patronised by members of the SAF, their families and friends.

I would like to congratulate THE CHEVRONS for achieving this significant milestone. The success of the club is a testimony to the dedication and hard work put in by the past and present management teams and its members. I am confident that the club will scale greater heights as it continues to serve our servicemen and servicewomen.



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VADM AARON BENG
Chief of Defence Force
Chairman, Board of Governors

FOREWORD

When we embarked on the journey of creating this commemorative book for THE CHEVRONS, we reflected on the rich history and cherished memories that have defined our club since its inception in 1974. Formerly known as the SAF NCO Club, THE CHEVRONS has played an important role in building relationships and strengthening esprit de corps for the WOSpec and Military Expert Corps.

Over the years, THE CHEVRONS has evolved, going beyond just providing recreational spaces for its members. It is a preferred venue for the hosting of SAF events and the club has also stepped forward to serve the nation in times of need. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the bungalows and chalets were put on standby as Government Quarantine Facilities and the club staff were deployed to set up the Community Care Facility at Changi Exhibition Centre.

The success of THE CHEVRONS stems from the strong support from its members and the dedication of the club staff to develop and grow the club to what it is today – a home away from home for WOSpecs and Military Experts and a place where friendships are forged and memories are made across generations.

This commemorative book is a narrative of the shared experiences of the club and a reminder of the collective journey we have undertaken in the past 50 years. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank all WOSpecs and Military Experts for their unwavering support of the club and dedicated service to our nation.



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COL WONG SHI MING
*Commander 9 Division /
Chief Infantry Officer,
Chairman, Management Committee*

FOREWORD

The growth and development of the Warrant Officer and Specialist (WOSpec) Corps since the restructuring of the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Corps in 1992 has seen the Corps taking up greater roles and responsibilities in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). Their professionalism and dedication to upholding high standards in tactical warfighting, training and leadership have been instrumental in maintaining the SAF's operational readiness. Furthermore, as repositories of values, knowledge and skills, the WOSpec Corps plays a crucial role as the backbone of the SAF. The establishment of the Military Domain Experts Scheme (MDES) in 2010 saw the junior Military Experts (ME1 to ME3) joining the club. With both active and National Service WOSpecs and Enlistees (Lance-Corporal and above), the membership of the club now stands at 28,000.

In line with the growth and development of the WOSpec and ME Corps, THE CHEVRONS has also transformed. From its humble beginning as the SAF NCO Club in 1974, the club moved from Beach Road to Boon Lay Way in 2002 and was renamed THE CHEVRONS. In 2018, the club underwent an upgrade to provide members with more recreational and leisure facilities. Besides catering to the needs of the members, the club is commonly used by SAF units for their official events and celebrations. The Sergeant Major group also uses the venue for hosting its foreign counterparts during their visits to Singapore.

THE CHEVRONS encapsulates the pride of the WOSpec and ME Corps. Over the past 50 years, lifelong friendships have been forged and fond memories created. This commemorative book captures the physical transformation of the club and the significance of its spaces as meeting grounds for all generations of Non-Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Specialists, Military Experts and Enlistees. I would like to thank the club and its members, both past and present, for making THE CHEVRONS a success.



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CWO CHUA HOCK GUAN
*SAF Sergeant Major
Deputy Chairman, Management Committee*

APPRECIATION



We all loved the NCO Club for its location and retro feel. THE CHEVRONS has evolved to meet its members' present needs, offering a wide range of facilities and activities. The Heritage Gallery is an important addition as it reflects the roots of WOSpecs and MEs. Besides bringing back fond memories, it serves as inspiration for future generations of enlisted corps.

ME6 Richard Goh
Master Chief Navy

THE CHEVRONS is a recognised NCO club in Singapore dedicated to supporting the military community, including WOSpecs and Military Experts. Over the years, it has played a pivotal role in providing a platform for camaraderie, professional development and overall wellbeing, offering a range of services, such as social events and recreational facilities, which facilitate social bonding and stress relief. This support has been crucial in nurturing leadership, fostering a sense of community and promoting a high standard of professionalism among these dedicated individuals within the Singapore Armed Forces.

CWO Sanjee Singh
Sergeant Major of the Army



FROM OUR CORPS

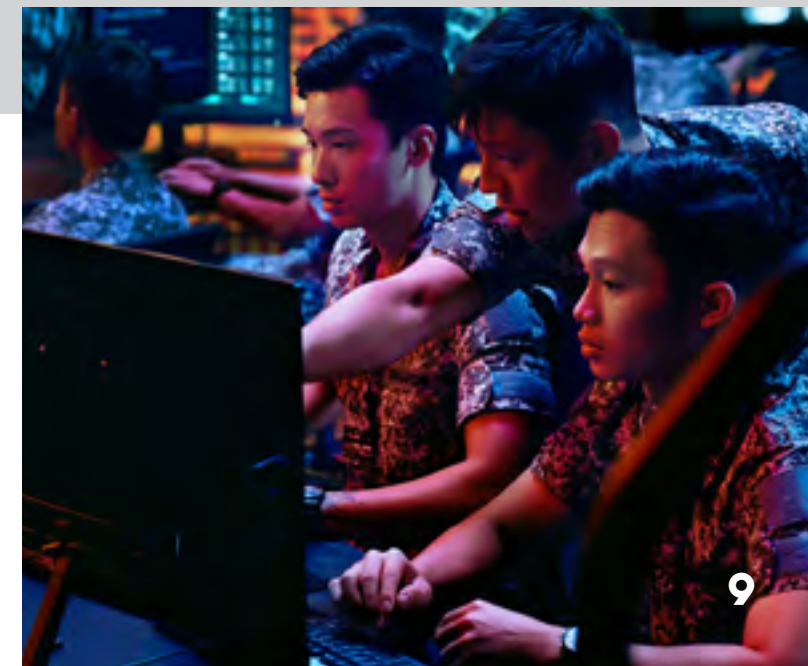


The role and responsibilities of Military Experts since the introduction of the Military Domain Experts Scheme (MDES) in April 2010 have changed significantly, evolving from a supporting role to being leading experts in their own domains of expertise, operating advanced sensors and digital tools, while ensuring the operational readiness of MINDEF/SAF's strategic infocomms and sensor systems around the clock. Similarly, THE CHEVRONS has also evolved over the past five decades and continues to fulfil its core mission of serving its members' changing needs. It has been an iconic recreational refuge and a place of pride and belonging since the 1970s, providing a space where we create fond memories and strengthen our bonds through social activities.

ME5 Noh Kok Tiong
Chief Expert, Digital and Intelligence Service

WOSpecs and MEs have proven their worth and demonstrated values through positive action. This has seen the partnership flourish over time. THE CHEVRONS plays an important part in harnessing this esprit de corps among the WOSpec and ME Corps in an informal setting. I have seen the club evolve over the years with a focus on service quality. Initiatives such as providing SAF units with cost-effective options to use club facilities are certainly welcome, and there have been more SAF activities conducted at the club as a result. The club has evolved to meet the needs of its members and attract our people.

ME6 Ng See Lye
Air Force Command Chief



Corps evolves to meet the changing threat landscape

The next-generation fighting force

Parallel to the Singapore Armed Forces' (SAF's) continued transformation into a modern next-generation fighting force, the Warrant Officer and Specialist (WOSpec) and Military Expert (ME) Corps have evolved from their beginnings as the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Corps and grown significantly to take on new responsibilities and appointments as the backbone of today's SAF. WOSpecs and MEs work in partnerships with Commissioned Officers to provide leadership to men on the ground. As warfighters, trainers and leaders, they cultivate new generations of WOSpecs and MEs who play a crucial part in building Singapore's Armed Forces. The WOSpec and ME Corps are a highly trained integrated force that is effective in military operations, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and peace support operations.



Defending our digital spaces

Digitisation has infiltrated every aspect of the lives of the people of our nation and continues to do so at tremendous speed and complexity. This has introduced new threats to our border defence both seen and unseen, and in the physical and digital domains. With the establishment of the Digital and Intelligence Service (DIS) in October 2022, the SAF's scope expanded to meet and counter the threats posed in the digital space. The roles of our WOSpecs and MEs have evolved from that of supporting to being leading experts who advance digitalisation and construct the SAF's digital core. Vigilant against regional cyber threats, they provide intelligence for critical decision-making and are a significant force in the digital domain pivotal to the SAF's mission.

“ THE CHEVRONS is the pride of the WOSpec and ME Corps and a place where good friendships and fond memories have been forged over the last 50 years. Its spaces serve as meeting grounds for all generations of Non-Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Specialists, Military Experts and Enlistees. ”

CWO Chua Hock Guan
SAF Sergeant Major
Deputy Chairman, Management Committee

CHANGING SPACES

THE CHEVRONS has been a constant in the lives of SAF Non-Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Specialists as well as Military Experts since its establishment in 1974 at the same venue on Beach Road that had been home for the Britannia Club from 1952.

Its location and facilities have changed over the years to continue to meet the needs of its members, becoming a family-focused recreation club designed to strengthen bonds with fellow servicemen, servicewomen and their family members.

Our changing spaces have served our club well, from Olympic-sized swimming pool to resort-style poolside retreat, from jackpot room to pool and darts room and karaoke meeting places, from discos to corporate meeting facilities and event ballrooms, and bowling alley to bouldering gym, as well as other interest groups that have evolved with time.

NAAFI Britannia Club

1952-1971

From 1952-1971, the Britannia Club served the British Armed Forces in Singapore. It was a popular destination for British soldiers and their families to socialise and relax. Friendly matches at the club's table tennis and billiards rooms surrounding the open-air terrace, dining at the al fresco cafeteria, swimming and diving at the Nuffield Swimming Pool and hanging out over a duty-free beer with mates became common weekend activities.



“ The first stop would invariably be the magnificent swimming pool. Dad would head off to the bar to meet other servicemen while mum would keep an eye on my two brothers and I as we swam in the pool, making sure that when we leapt off the highest diving board, which at 15 feet seemed as tall as the Eiffel Tower at the time, we resurfaced from the water! ”

John Harper,
son of Warrant Officer serving 1957-59

SAF NCO Club

1974-1993

In 1972, the Singapore government purchased the Britannia Club from the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI). Within three years of its closure, it underwent a \$286,000 refurbishment. The club was officially re-opened on 17 March 1974 by the then Minister for Defence, Dr Goh Keng Swee, as the SAF NCO Club. It served the SAF's Non-Commissioned Officers and their families and was a space of envy for senior officers at the time.

The new club came complete with a handful of hawker stalls selling local favourites such as chicken rice, wonton noodles and *rojak* at the Snack Bar. NCOs could also enjoy the Barrel Lounge, Billiards Room, Reading Room and the Nuffield Swimming Pool. In those days, officers earned a modest income and lifestyles were subsidised by a \$1 per month membership fee, duty-free shopping at the on-site

Safe Superstore, food and beverages at the club and free parking. Safe Superstore closed down in the early 1980s when officers no longer needed subsidised and duty-free shopping. Conveniently centred, the club was the go-to place at weekends for the armed forces and their family members and became a second home to many. The spirit of the NCO Corps was strongly evident, and NCOs liked to visit the club.

“It was the perfect place to meet up with my army buddies on the weekends. We would have a couple of cheap beers at the Barrel Lounge, walk over to the nearby Satay Club at the Esplanade for dinner and then watch a late-night movie at the old Capitol Theatre in Stamford Road. Everything was within walking distance.”

Aloysius Lim, Ex-National Serviceman

Pitching in to build a vibrant club culture

The club soon gained a reputation for its sporting prowess - soccer, hockey, swimming and more - and its display cases became heavy with trophies and awards. In addition to sports, members pooled their creative skills to support the club's entertainment needs. The Photographic Society was always on hand to document club events in pictures and the Bhangra and Lion Dance troupes added flair to club entertainment.

If anything was needed, members were always willing to step up. A solution was just a call away.



Dr Goh: The task now is to raise quality of SAF men

By CHIA POTEIK



DR GOH

“Our regular NCOs deserve to have a place where they and their families can foregather to enjoy entertainment, relaxation and recreation during their leisure hours at prices within their reach.”

*Dr Goh Keng Swee,
Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence*

The new club offered members the chance to upgrade their skills across a wide range of interests, and also provided families ongoing financial support through fairly priced facilities as well as outlets retailing necessities at below normal retail prices.



Activities on target
Members enjoyed leisurely darts games and friendly competitions.



A second home to many NCOs, the SAF NCO Club frequently served as a hosting space for the SAF's leadership in its early years.



Restructuring of the Corps

In 1992, the SAF restructured the NCO Corps as the Warrant Officer and Specialist (WOSpec) Corps to provide better career pathways and movement up the ranks and, by 1994, the club had been renamed the SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club.

A place of our own - THE CHEVRONS

2002 - TODAY

With the changing times, there came a need to modernise the club to continue to meet our members' needs. A larger facility was in the planning and the Corporate Image Committee was tasked to oversee the design and development of a four-storey recreation club on Boon Lay Way. We closed the SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club at Beach Road in 2001 and moved into THE CHEVRONS. The closing ceremony was a dramatic event and served as an apt and poignant goodbye for members who had come to regard the building as their second home. We signified the closure with a countdown and ceremonial switching off of the lights, plunging the club into darkness before a grand fireworks display lit the night sky.

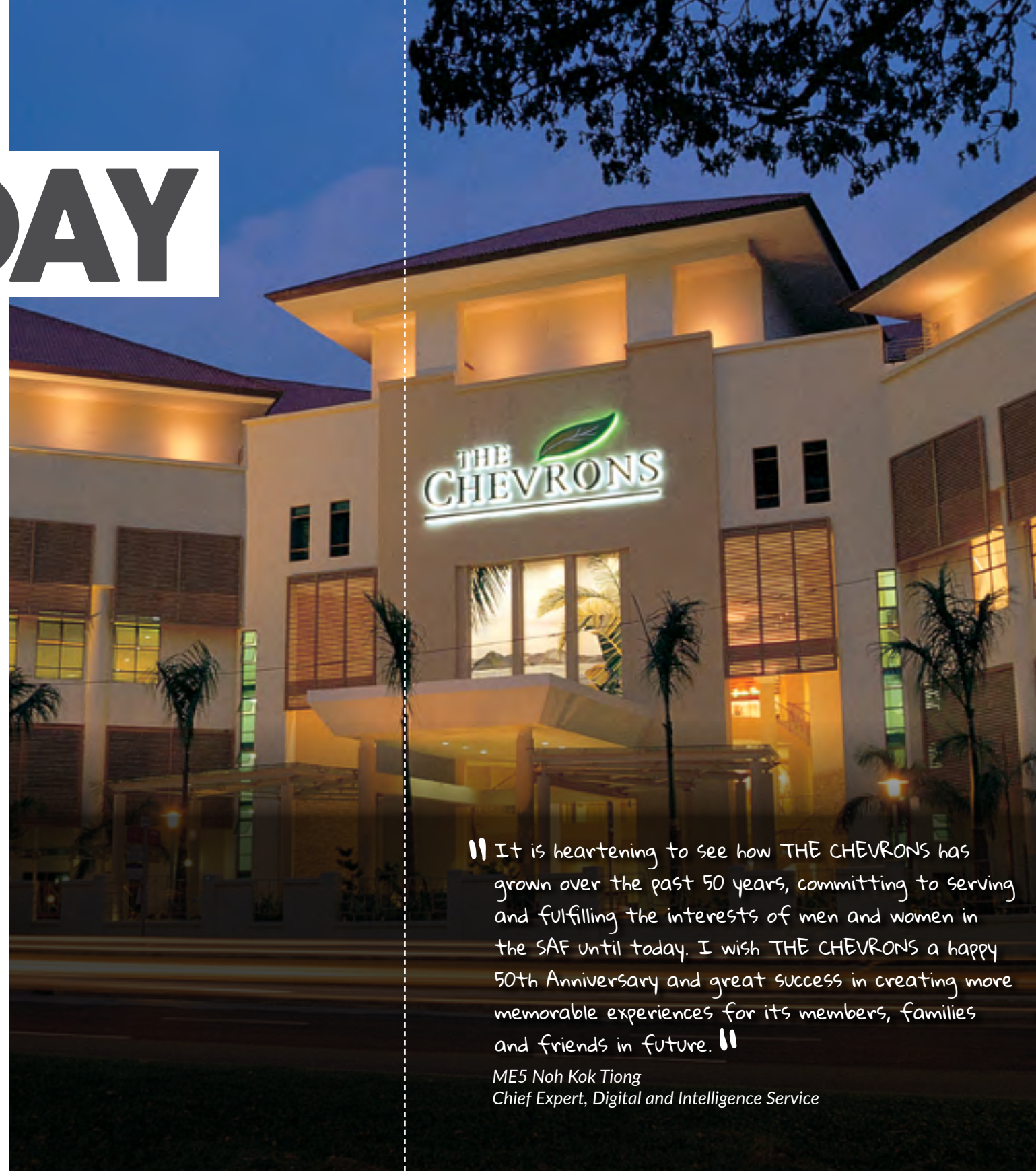
A modern facility

THE CHEVRONS was so named as a tribute to the chevron insignia worn by Warrant Officers and Specialists. The three pillars of the SAF: Army, Navy and Air Force were also celebrated on the front building façade. Careful thought went into the design of the building exterior and interior along with the facilities and amenities that would be on offer, all designed to strengthen bonds between Warrant Officers and Specialists. The division between Warrant Officers and Specialists was removed with this design, with spaces planned where the two could mingle and learn from one another.

A new corporate structure

For the first time, the club featured corporate staff and a much larger manpower base. This relieved the mounting administration burden on Warrant Officers and allowed them to focus on bringing in new members and growing the club rather than administering it.

Now a public-facing facility, the club was able to sustain itself financially by renting its function rooms to corporate clients and additional retail spaces to outside vendors to increase the number and variety of services available to club members on the clubhouse premises.



|| It is heartening to see how THE CHEVRONS has grown over the past 50 years, committing to serving and fulfilling the interests of men and women in the SAF until today. I wish THE CHEVRONS a happy 50th Anniversary and great success in creating more memorable experiences for its members, families and friends in future. ||

ME5 Noh Kok Tiong
Chief Expert, Digital and Intelligence Service

THE CHEVRONS meets different needs

The role and reason for being of The SAF Warrant Officers And Specialists Club has never changed, but activities ebb and flow to meet the needs and interests of an increasingly more affluent membership.

THE CHEVRONS underwent major renovations from 2016 to 2017 to overhaul and expand our facilities. This included chalet upgrades and adding three four-bedroom bungalows where the Tropical Pavilion previously stood as well as three BBQ pits around the pool area. The function rooms also received an upgrade, and the Ballroom was extended to give more flexibility to the use of space. The disco made way for new facilities more in keeping with the demands of our members.

Today, it's still a place for community, but with more choices for getting together through a range of enhanced facilities, fresh workshops and skill-based activities.



THE CHEVRONS gets a facelift

Wear and tear of the façade logo and a rethink on the energy efficiency of the lighting of the stone reliefs on the front façade wall led to a further upgrade to the clubhouse front façade in 2023. The improvements enhance the visual appeal of the club building, align with our commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability, and provide an up-levelled welcome to members and guests.



David T E Lim, then Minister of State for Defence and Information and the Arts, officiating the groundbreaking ceremony for THE CHEVRONS new building on 7 January 2000.



Opening ceremony for THE CHEVRONS club upgrading unveiling in 2018.



Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, with other military dignitaries at THE CHEVRONS opening ceremony on 8 February 2002.



The refurbished THE CHEVRONS includes LifestyleMart, a large eMart that brings more soldiering necessities and retail choices to members and guests, subsidised by credits.



THE CHEVRONS 40th Anniversary Dinner graced by Mr Chan Chun Sing, then Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence.

SPACES TO CELEBRATE

Celebration is built into the DNA of WOSpecs. Our days at Beach Road in our humble facilities witnessed many a social get-together and festive event at the Cosy Corner, the Barrel Lounge or the Zes Disco. We've been able to take the celebration up a few notches at our larger and grander professional meeting spaces and ballrooms at THE CHEVRONS, where we mark every festivity, graduation and National Day with the same vigour and camaraderie, but on a grander scale.

Looking back at our early celebrations



Cosy Corner Family Lounge was the venue for club events and military personnel meetings back in the day. It also hosted popular tombola events and festive parties. For larger celebrations, the club had to take it off premises. For example, every club anniversary in March would be celebrated with a huge Family Carnival, which usually took place at the Mitsukoshi Garden in Jurong or the Big Splash waterpark at East Coast Park in the '80s and '90s.



The Barrel Lounge was the watering hole at the NCO Club where members gathered in good company over drinks.



Meeting the trends of the time, no good social venue was complete without a disco and our Mission Disco at the NCO Club fit the bill at the time.

Spaces that do it bigger today

The adaptable Rose and Carnation function spaces on Level 3, as well as the Auditorium, twin lounges and three Pinnacle rooms on Level 2, give our members and the general public more choice and flexibility in hosting their events.

Marking every festivity with fun and laughter



JLC Graduation Ceremony

With ballrooms and function spaces dedicated to hospitality and celebration, we have been able to move our larger events such as the graduation ceremony for the Joint Warrant Officer Course (JWOC), now Joint Leadership Course (JLC), from Orchid Country Club to THE CHEVRONS.



Hari Raya celebrations.



Members having fun at Prosperity Nite.





Deepavali celebrations at the club.



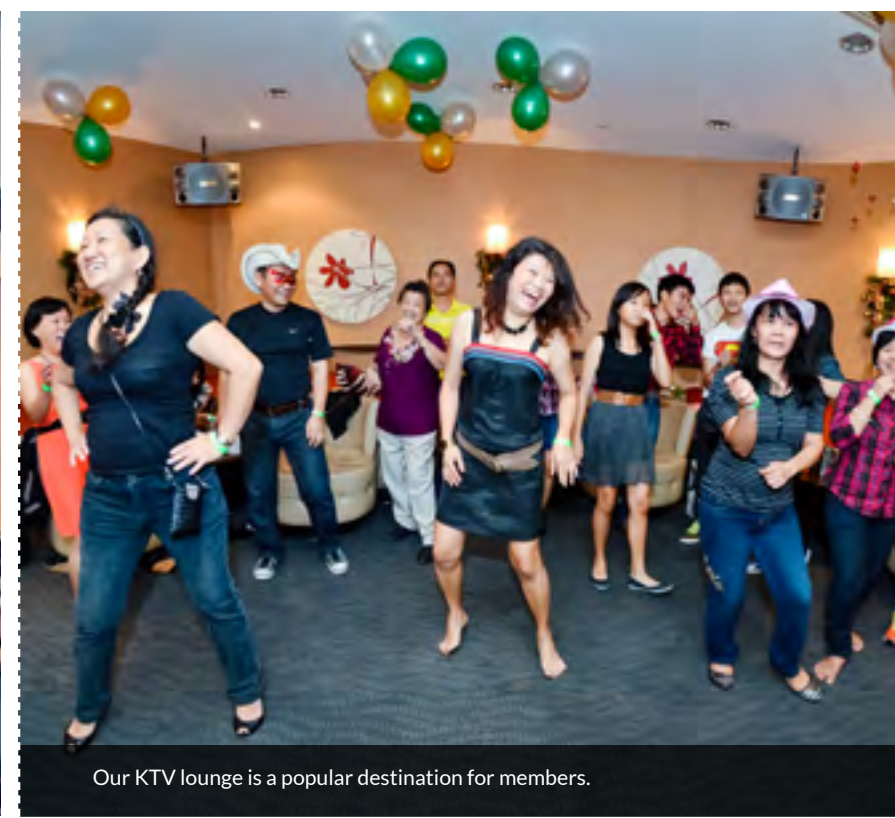
Songkran pool party.



Members raise a glass or a few to Oktoberfest.



26 The New Year countdown party.



Our KTV lounge is a popular destination for members.



Members come together to watch soccer at The Bistro.

SPACES TO CREATE

The club has long been a space to nurture innovation and the arts. It's a convenient location where members have gathered to plan major events, parades and club changes, and has played host to a treasure trove of activities and workshops over the years. Interests change with the times and members have, at one time or another, been treated to events ranging from copper tooling to cha-cha, quickstep and foxtrot dance lessons; music lessons; magic trick classes; and a range of language classes, sewing classes, computer courses, and even diving lessons and basic car maintenance. All brought new dimensions to experiences at the club and promoted family bonding and friendship.



Fostering creativity through interest groups

Along with ad-hoc workshops, NCO members formed sports and hobby interest groups and held a range of events and activities at the NCO Club.



Cultural Groups

Various cultural groups such as the Chinese, Malay, Indian, Eurasian Dance Groups, as well as the Bhangra and Lion Dance Troupes had an active calendar of performances. These groups, whose performers were volunteers, supported the Services, SAF, grassroots and National events.



The Splashers Swimming Club

A children's swim team, called the Splashers, formed in 1977. Children of NCOs from 7 to 17 years of age did the club proud, winning many medals and trophies in national sporting events and competitions over more than two decades. The Splashers dissolved with the move to the new club premises in 2001.



Inter-Formation Road Run Relay
Avid runners in the club took part in the Inter-Formation Road Run Relay, an annual race between SAF's different formations. In the early days, it was easy to hold the event along the public roads, which were relatively empty of traffic and crowds.



The Soccerites

Soccer tournaments were organised so that different units could compete against one another. Those serious about the game joined the club's soccer team, the Soccerites, which competed in the Singapore Government Services Football League.



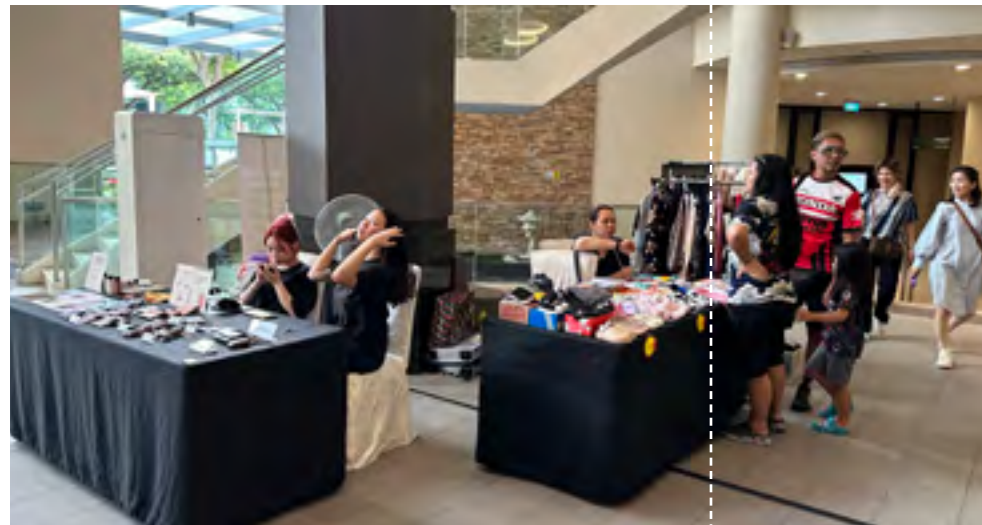
Sports activities are among the crowd pullers at the club

The club was abuzz with sports activities on a regular basis. Pool, darts and carrom were popular indoor games. Outdoor sports activities included soccer, basketball, hockey, swimming, netball and badminton. Many members went on to represent their Formations in the SAFSA Inter-Formation Competition and Singapore at the national level. Competition was always intense but it strengthened bonding and camaraderie among members.



SAF NCO Club Photographic Society

Our passionate photographers joined this dedicated interest group to hone their skills. The society organised workshops, photography trips and photo shoots with models to help members practise their craft.



Weekend Bazaar
A popular weekly event for members and guests, with booths featuring preloved items, handcrafted accessories, snacks and toys set up at the club's atrium.

Enhancing creative skills through a wide variety of fun-filled workshops



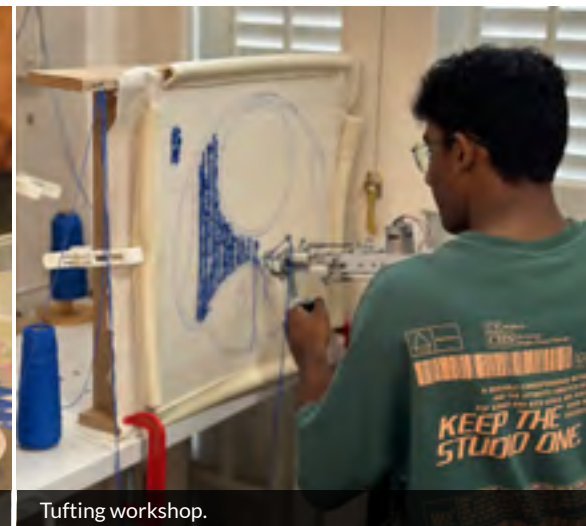
Baking class.



Chokmah workshop.



Floating Teacup workshop.



Tufting workshop.

SAF Ladies Affair
We've hosted many events for ladies only.



Mobile Legends Community Competition
This e-sports competition was hosted in our Ballroom and attracted many members vying for top position.



A space for creating ideas

Creating a healthier Singapore

At the old NCO Club, it was over casual meetings that important ideas were generated to serve the medical interests of Singaporeans into the future, including concepts for MediSave, the National Kidney Foundation and organ donation. It was also a place for committee members to meet to plan the National Day Parade.



Engagement Sessions

SAF Sergeant Majors hold regular engagement sessions at the club, facilitating learning and the sharing of new ideas between WOSpec and ME members.



SPACES TO CHILL

As the club grew, the need to adapt our facilities and services became a core focus. Both the Beach Road facility and the Boon Lay Way clubhouse underwent several changes and renovations to ensure that our members had revived spaces to relax and chill out with friends and family.

At Beach Road ...



The Barrel Lounge featured a live band to provide additional entertainment.



In addition to its Dance Nights, Cosy Corner added Karaoke Nights.



Supplementing the existing Billiards Room, a karaoke lounge added to the ways members could while away their time.

THE CHEVRONS offers a wide variety of spaces where members can come to chill, from eateries, bars, lounges and KTV rooms to chalet resorts, the swimming pool and gym. There is even a large bouldering venue on the top floor, which is an ideal space for climbing enthusiasts.

“The Aviary was the preferred choice for us divers and the place where we could meet frequently to sing, dance and let our hair down after a long day underwater.”

MWO Hans Seah
Naval Diver

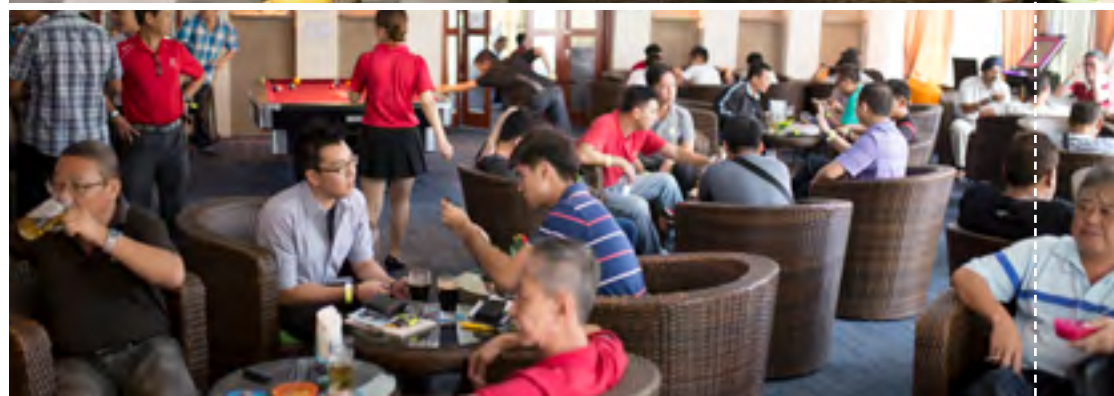


Chilling over a drink with great company

KTV lounges of differing sizes are ideal for members and guests to blow off steam and belt out their favourite tunes without fear of judgement.



Savannah Lounge is strictly for members only and offers an exclusive space for private gatherings and constructive discussions.



Rainforest Lounge for members and guests to chill over drinks.

Dine and unwind with friends and family



Café



BBQ @ Bungalow

Different ways to relax



Swimming Pool



Gym



Bouldering Gym

Welcoming dignitaries over the years



7th ASEAN Sergeant Majors Annual Meeting.



Malaysian Armed Forces Army.



Royal Brunei Land Force.

HOSTING SPACES

THE CHEVRONS today is a modern facility that regularly supports local business events through our professional function rooms and pillarless Ballroom facilities, a service that brings in revenue for the club to reinvest into its development. The club has also long been a welcoming host to local and foreign dignitaries through the years, many of whom expressed admiration and a little envy for the spaces our club members enjoy.



Royal Brunei Navy.



Royal Brunei Air Force.



Malaysian Armed Forces Army.



New Zealand Sergeant Major of the Army.



United States Army Pacific.



Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force.

Welcoming our new members

We use our spaces to host our New Members Orientation events, where we bring new members together and present the amenities available to them at the club. We showcase the benefits of the facilities and programmes available at THE CHEVRONS for the use of members and their families and encourage members to make the club their second home.



EXTENDED SPACES

While the walls of our clubhouse hold space for our members through the numerous facilities and services we offer to enhance their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing, we also support our members in extended spaces beyond our premises.

SPACES TO GATHER

The lobbies at our club locations through the years have long witnessed the comings and goings of our members and their families. They have also served as a convenient meeting place for participants of our numerous excursions and trips over the years – a springboard to fulfilling days of exploration and sightseeing.

|| The Britannia Club was a central meeting point for everybody. ||

*Mr John Cashmen,
former serviceman of Her Majesty's Forces in Singapore*

A snapshot of our excursions through the years ...



The Inter-Formation Road Run Relay.



Children's Camp
Sarimbun Camp was a 3D2N children's camp for members' children. Experiences at this Commando training camp included survival training and riding a three-tonner military truck. The three days culminated in a campfire on the last night.



Lunch event for senior citizens.



Family day.



Kids excursion to military camp.



Three-tonner experience.



Scuba diving.

Annual golf tournaments.



Durian buffet.



Family fun run.



Kelong fishing experience at Twin Beach Resort, Pulau Sib, Malaysia.



Overseas excursions to Penang, Genting, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia and Batam, Indonesia.



Prawning excursion at a local prawning place.



Paintball excursion.



Wakeboarding at Singapore Wake Park.



SPACES FOR NATION BUILDING

Pomp and ceremony play a large part in branding the SAF as a proud and capable defender and builder of the nation. In two annual events in particular, WOSpec and ME members join the parades in celebration of One SAF, One Nation.



SAF Day Parade

The WOSpecs and MEs come together with the Officer Corps on 1 July each year to commemorate the founding of the SAF by taking part in the SAF Day Parade. Held at the SAFTI Military Institute in Jurong West, in the presence of the President of Singapore, the parade is a grand display of military pride and splendour.



National Day Parade

Our members play significant roles every year in the organisation and execution of the National Day Parade. From parade proceedings, to marching contingent rehearsals, to medical, logistical, supply and transport operations, the WOSpecs and MEs dedicate themselves tirelessly to ensuring the parade's success.



Celebrating National Day together at THE CHEVRONS

National Day at THE CHEVRONS has always been a day of celebration with family, friends and club members. The event has become grander as the years have passed. Even the restrictions set by the Covid-19 pandemic did not faze our members, who were determined to be together at the virtual parties organised by the Events Team. Members turned up on screen from the comfort of home decked out in the nation's colours of red and white, and eagerly exchanged greetings with their fellow members.

Thankfully, by 2023, National Day celebrations had returned to THE CHEVRONS as a live club event that promised a packed day of fun and games with competitions and prizes galore. Members also got to take in a live screening of the National Day Parade.



SPACE TO CARE



Playing our part in the Covid-19 pandemic

The outbreak of the Covid-19 virus caught everyone by surprise. However, the staff at THE CHEVRONS gallantly stepped up in 2020 as part of a multi-agency team tasked to convert the Changi Exhibition Centre (CEC) into a Community Care Facility (CCF) for the rehabilitation of migrant workers who had been tested positive for Covid-19.

Applying logistical prowess on site

THE CHEVRONS team was assigned the role of overseeing the operations of the facility including liaising with vendors on day-to-day activities such as pest control, disinfection of equipment and spaces, housekeeping and general area cleaning. Team members were also tasked with ensuring each migrant worker entering the facility was equipped with basic necessities such as a mattress and bed frame, cupboards, rubbish bins, toothbrush, toiletries, water bottle and face masks.

It was a massive undertaking in logistical planning to ensure that the facility was able to cater to over 2,700 residents at any given time. This involved the procurement, storage, organisation and distribution of items for the migrant workers on site, and our collective efforts reached approximately 12,000 migrant workers in need.



Behind the scenes at the club

Back at the clubhouse, staff formed production lines to churn out Welcome Packs that were filled with necessities for the CEC residents. The club also conducted two donation drives, rallying the support of the public to donate clothing, since most workers arrived at the CEC facility without a change of clothes. Staff set to work at the club, sorting the donated garments by hand and delivering them to the CEC for distribution to the residents.

Above and beyond

Challenges were aplenty. The never-before-experienced situation was constantly evolving. There was a need to set up facilities fast and coordinate with multiple agencies, all working without prior experience of such a monumental operation. But THE CHEVRONS team stepped up and gave their time way beyond the call of duty.

By early June, the club could hand over the majority of its responsibilities to permanent CEC staff and take on a more supportive role.

Bungalows and chalets became Government Quarantine Facilities

THE CHEVRONS was placed on standby as a Government Quarantine Facility (GQF) in 2020. Taking reference from the CCF at Changi, club staff went into action to prepare an operations roster to ensure that the GQF would be operational 24/7. The facilities, including the air-conditioning units, were fully disinfected. Bookings for the bungalows and chalets were blocked from February to April 2020, fences were set up to barricade the area and instructional signages were installed to inform the public of the GQF.



Just some of our Covid heroes

RSS *Dauntless*, an *Independence*-class Littoral Mission vessel, is part of the Maritime Security Task Force. We conduct operational patrols and respond to maritime threats to Singapore, thus forming the first line of defence to safeguard Singapore's maritime security 24/7. I am proud that while the operations of many organisations came to a standstill and logistics infrastructures could hardly operate during the pandemic, our Navy remained operationally ready regardless of the challenges, and continued protecting the sea lines of communication and our way of life. This was even in times of festive celebrations like the Lunar New Year, when we had to be out at sea and away from our loved ones.

ME3 Ngim Guo Liang
Command and Control, Cluster Chief



I am proud to have been able to contribute to the country in times of need, especially for taking care of our friends who are here in Singapore contributing to building our country. It was rewarding knowing that I was a part of making our migrant workers feel looked after and not forgotten during the pandemic. Together with 9th Singapore Division, we were able to build a small logistics hub from scratch to support our relief efforts.

2WO Ho Chwee Guan
Mechanised Cluster SM, Supply Base West

Many of our members stepped up during the Covid-19 pandemic, placing their own lives at risk to help contain the virus and minimise its impact on the population.

Let's hear from some of our unsung heroes.



I managed the welfare of the deployed uniformed personnel for the EXPO ops during the Covid-19 pandemic and was eventually appointed Head of Registration. I was worried about bringing the infection home to my family as I was in close contact with Covid-19 patients, but I'm pleased to say that we completed the EXPO ops with few infections. The capabilities of our military also came to the fore with the speed at which we were able to set up efficient operations.

ME3 Heng Yi Xiang
Operations Warrant Officer

I was responsible for providing medical support for the 1,800 plus Covid-19 patients at Singapore EXPO and helped establish the SOP for daily operations to ensure smooth running 24/7. The medical acronyms used during daily huddles were a challenge, so I always clarified immediately with the medical staff. This was all before vaccines were available, so I made it a practice to change into clean attire after my shift and disinfect myself thoroughly with spray before reentering my home. What was most rewarding was the outpouring of appreciation we received from the public and the unwavering camaraderie experienced among the CCF task force.

ME3 Chew Jingyong
Operations Warrant Officer



ME3 Chew Jingyong



“ The Emergency Housing Task Force had to make sure the migrant workers received their meals on time. While we worked long hours during the Covid-19 pandemic, we came together as a team and built good friendships. I was also proud to be part of the mask-packing operations. ”

MSG Thiagu S/O Muthukumaran
Team IC, Emergency Housing Task Force,
Jurong Camp 2

“ During the Covid-19 pandemic, I had many roles. Initially I was involved in swabbing fellow servicemen returning from overseas, then deployed to the CCF at CherryLoft and finally to Singapore EXPO, where I was deployed as Hall Sergeant Major assisting the Hall Commanding Officer and leading the medical teams in Halls 5 and 6. I was proud of my medical team, who endured the heat and discomfort of working in full PPE and abided by the PPE SOPs religiously. We maintained a zero infection rate for the entire operation. The experience interacting with the migrant workers also made me appreciative of the racial harmony we maintain in Singapore and how lucky we are to have access to a good healthcare system. ”

ME3 Patrick Low Kim Piew
Hall Sergeant Major, EXPO



“ 6th Division was tasked as the Health Surveillance Task Force, handling the organisation and coordination during the initial set-up phase. It was new to us as we'd never executed the role of a Contact Tracing Centre before. However, we managed to quickly turn a military camp into a Contact Tracing Centre in a short span of time. Everyone came together and we formed strong bonds with other Army units and external agencies like MOH. ”

MWO Eng Yew Kiang
Operations Warrant Officer,
6th Singapore Division



“ I was part of the Contact Tracing Task Force to support logistical requirements during the Covid-19 pandemic. Setting up comm centres in a short period of time was a main challenge, and I had to keep my team motivated to give their best support. My responsibility was to ensure safe distances were observed during mealtimes and to enforce good hygiene habits to minimise risk of infection. ”

2WO Haslinda Binte Zainal
Supply Warrant Officer, Contact Tracing Task Force



“ My unit was tasked with providing primary health-care support to the S11 Dormitory, the largest Covid-19 cluster during the circuit breaker period. My responsibilities included conducting pre-deployment refresher training, coordinating and overseeing medical operations, ensuring the proper deployment of medical personnel and resources, managing the health-care needs of infected individuals and maintaining effective communication with authorities. The appreciation of the migrant workers definitely helped ease the mental burden. My wife was three months pregnant at the time and knowing that she was cared for by my family allowed me to focus and remain effective during deployments. ”

ME3 Tan Wei Chin Jeremy
Military Medical Expert, Medical Operations Warrant
(S11 Dormitory), Medical Response Force



GREEN SPACES



In 2022, THE CHEVRONS was awarded the Green Mark Platinum certificate by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) in recognition of our efforts to implement measures that reduce the club's environmental impact.

The award is a culmination of many initiatives the club has undertaken since 2018 to support green measures, including the installation of a two-tier bicycle rack at the West Entrance and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Car Park B and transitioning to lower energy consumption air conditioning around the clubhouse that should save 20% in energy consumption. Efforts also extended to replacing water fittings around the clubhouse with improved three-tick alternatives to reduce water wastage, planting trees to support the Singapore Green Plan 2030 and our observation of Earth Hour to increase awareness and spark global conversations on protecting nature, tackling the climate crisis, and working together to shape a brighter future.

Making space for a greener world

Beach clean-up

On 6 June 2023, staff members of THE CHEVRONS headed to East Coast Park for a beach clean-up with members of the Singapore Association of Convention & Exhibition Organisers & Suppliers (SACEOS) in celebration of Global Exhibitions Day. As a Green Mark certified club, we are continuously looking to play our part through sustainability efforts and by reducing our environmental footprint. Our staff members covered Area E of the park, filling up numerous garbage bags with litter while sharing fun and laughter as the teams bonded over working for a common cause for good. Our staff also set aside time every month for litter picking at the park connectors near the clubhouse.



A collaborative effort.



The culmination of a hard day's work.

Making travel greener



Catering to our members and guests with electric vehicles (EVs) through the introduction of EV charging stations at Car Park B.



Installation of bicycle racks also help our members reduce their carbon footprint by cycling to the club.

Replanting and reusing



A ceremony to plant trees to enhance the green environments around the club premises.



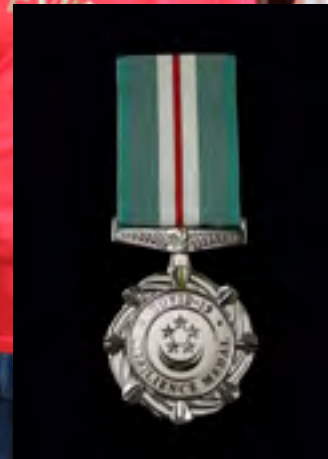
We encourage our members, guests and staff to bring their own reusable containers.

SPACES FOR RECOGNITION

President's Certificate of Commendation

Recognising the club's exceptional contributions to Singapore's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, President Halimah Yacob presented General Manager Mr Tan Chong Boon with the President's Certificate of Commendation on behalf of the club at a ceremony held at ITE College Central on 18 June 2023. On 21 November 2023, the club also received the Covid-19 Resilience Certificate from the Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, for its contributions as a Support Team for Covid-19 Community Facilities.

These awards are testament to the crucial role that THE CHEVRONS staff played during a time of global uncertainty. They recognise the selflessness and dedication of our staff members in the face of unknown personal risk.



A SPACE FOR HEROES

|| The opening of the SAF NCO Club, the improvement of the remuneration and welfare benefits for our NCOs uplifted the stature of the SAF and the SAF NCO Corps. For most NCOs, whose friends from the same cohort enlisted as Commissioned Officers, getting better National Service allowance and recognition, this was a shot in the arm. It was a morale booster. ||

SWO (Ret) Jeffrey Chung, former SAF Sergeant Major

|| THE CHEVRONS was built to cater for and in recognition of all Non-Commissioned Officers as part of nation building and the SAF. We wanted it to be family oriented too as we strongly appreciate the support of the family of each serviceman. ||

SWO (Ret) Soh Chye Ker

THE CHEVRONS has gone through many changes over the 50 years to ensure that it continues to serve our members. However, one aspect of the club has remained constant – it has always been a space to facilitate recreation and the handing down of knowledge and experiences from one generation of WOSpecs and MEs to the next.

The club continues to be a space where members can rely on one another. The mantra “If you need help, just call” is understood by all and this can be seen in the way members past and present step up when needed. There have been many examples over the years that include offering their talents to contribute to the National Day Parade and other celebratory events. Ideas for MediSave, the National Kidney Foundation and the organ donation scheme all started with members gathered around a table on the club premises. Camaraderie and team building remain strong and our members gladly stepped into action at an unprecedented time of deep uncertainty to coordinate the planning and distribution of supplies and services during the Covid-19 lockdown and beyond.

The spirit of the NCO Corps remains strong and THE CHEVRONS has become a place where members can come together, mingle among the ranks, seek guidance, and share expertise and ideas among friends.

It’s a space to bring family and chill, where members feel comfortable to come back and where staff know your name. It’s a space that feels like home. Most importantly, it’s a space for WOSpecs and MEs to grow, lead by example, challenge the status quo and push boundaries to bring in change born of fresh ideas.

In this space, we continue to create heroes every day.



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