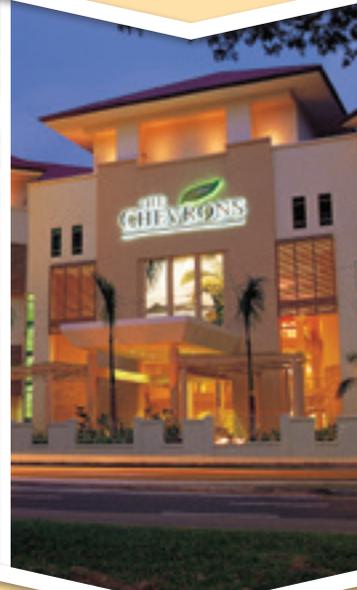
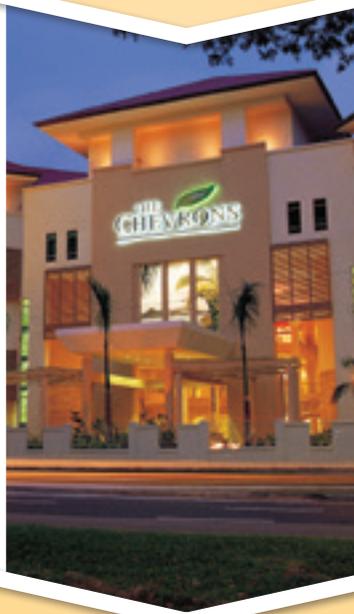


# THE CHEVRONS CELEBRATES



A SINGAPORE GOLDEN JUBILEE SPECIAL

# OUR JOURNEY OUR VISION



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## 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

As we celebrate our Golden Jubilee this year after 50 years of Singapore's independence, we count the many reasons to be thankful for what we have achieved. In this Singapore we have built together, all residents enjoy a secure, peaceful and harmonious society that is our home. For the men and women in the SAF, we can take pride that a strong and credible military keeps Singapore safe and secure. Without this security, our country cannot grow and prosper.

Our Warrant Officers are key players in transforming SAF into a modern and professional military. They led in the SAF's overseas missions such as those in Afghanistan and the Gulf of Aden with distinction. They have upheld their leadership creed, displaying excellence, fighting spirit, and dedication to our nation. They have trained countless servicemen and served as friends, mentors and leaders.

This strong identity of the Warrant Officer Corps is symbolised in THE CHEVRONS, which finds its roots in the SAF NCO Club established in 1974. THE CHEVRONS today continues to provide this important space for the Warrant Officer Corps to come together and build lasting bonds. THE CHEVRONS is where members of the Warrant Officer Corps can also spend quality time with their families and remember what it is we are defending – our loved ones, our home and our way of life.

I commend THE CHEVRONS for this book to commemorate SG50, which details the heritage of the club and celebrates the contributions and legacy of the Warrant Officer Corps. I hope members of the Warrant Officer Corps will continue to support and expand the club's facilities in the years ahead.



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**Dr Ng Eng Hen**  
Minister for Defence



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**MG Perry Lim**  
Chief of Defence Force  
Chairman, Board of Governors

## MESSAGE

The SAF has been fulfilling its mission of enhancing Singapore's peace and security since independence. This has allowed Singaporeans to pursue their dreams and thrive in a peaceful and stable environment for the past 50 years. Through the sacrifices and unwavering commitment of our servicemen and women, the SAF has been able to achieve mission success and give strength to our nation. It is without a doubt that the strength of the SAF stems from the hard work and dedication of our servicemen and women.

To support our fellow servicemen and women, the SAF must continue to look at how we could serve them, and cater to their needs. THE CHEVRONS, formerly known as the NCO Club, was set up with this idea in mind. Similar to how the SAF had evolved over the decades to adapt to the changing operating environment, the club's search for ways to better serve its members has always been evolving. As the years go by, the club has developed and innovated to suit the changing needs of its members, such as introducing new activities and events, moving to a newer, larger venue with more facilities and services in 2002, and carrying out upgrading works to improve its offerings. When we look back at the history of the club since its origins back in 1974, it is heartening to see how much the club has grown over the past four decades.

I would like to wish THE CHEVRONS success in all of its future endeavours, as it continues to develop and serve its members from the WOSpec Corps, as well as our Military Experts and DXOs.

## FOREWORD

Since its inception in 1974, THE CHEVRONS, then known as NCO Club, has been an integral part of the WOSpec journey. Many of our WOSpecs have precious memories of their time spent at the club. Over the years, it has grown from strength to strength. Various committees and management teams have devoted tremendous effort and heart to build and grow the club. More importantly, its success stems from the strong support of its members, without which nothing would be possible.

In my mind, THE CHEVRONS is not just another recreational club. It is much more than that. It is a place where friendships are forged and strengthened. It is a place where fond memories and close ties are created. And it is a place where every WOSpec is proud to call their club of choice.

Hence, this commemorative book is our attempt to capture not just the physical transformation of the club, but also the memories, friendship and the spirit of camaraderie that binds members of the WOSpec Corps.

I hope you will enjoy this commemorative book. On behalf of THE CHEVRONS, I would like to thank the members of the WOSpec Corps and every member, both past and present, for your support towards the club and dedicated service to our nation.

For many more years down the road, I wish for THE CHEVRONS to fulfil its mission, and create opportunities for its members in getting together, and forging closer ties.



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**BG Chiang Hock Woon**

Chairman, Management Committee  
THE CHEVRONS



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**CWO Tang Peck Oon**

SAF Sergeant Major

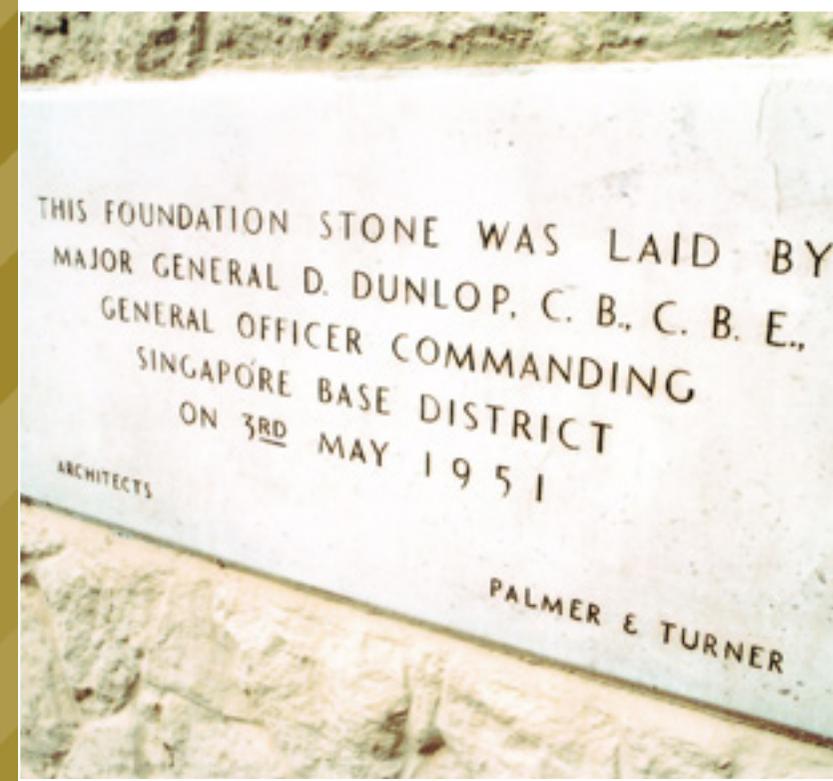
## FOREWORD

The SAF Warrant Officer and Specialist Corps has undergone considerable changes since it started out as the NCO Corps. Over the years, it has developed in terms of responsibilities, capabilities, and identity. Originally seen to serve a supportive role, the NCO Corps, and now the WOSpec Corps, has evolved to take on a partnership position alongside the Officer and Military Expert Corps in the SAF today. Now more than ever, the WOSpec Corps plays a vital role in the SAF, contributing in multiple levels ranging from the planning, organisation, and execution of both military and non-military operations.

As their club, THE CHEVRONS supports our WOSpec, ME, and Defence Executive Officer (DXO) members in a variety of ways, such as providing them with a recreation space, leisure activities, and an avenue for them to connect with their peers outside of work. From its origins as the NCO Club till today, the club has always been a symbol, and an identifying feature of the WOSpecs, and presently, the MEs and DXOs as well. Through their interactions with the club, members have a part of their lives and memories embedded within the history of the club, which collectively form its heritage.

This book was conceived to capture the history and heritage of the club, through the experiences of its members from the past, to the present. From this, we hope that readers will be able to attain a better understanding of the club and its members. Through this book, we also hope to express our thankfulness towards our members for the support they have shown towards the club, which I believe is invaluable in making the club what it is today.

# BRITANNIA CLUB



**WE REMEMBER...**  
...the history of THE CHEVRONS as a rich collection of unique features, significant milestones, and distinct customs. Intertwined with the memories of its members, and recollections of their time spent at the club, these elements combine to form an illuminating account of the club's heritage that spans over more than four decades.

Before the SAF Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Club came about, the club's venue at Beach Road was a hotspot for soldiers from the British Army. Set up by the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI) to provide a leisure space for Her Majesty's Forces stationed in Singapore, the Britannia Club was a popular destination for socialising and relaxation. Servicemen and their families having afternoon tea sessions at the club's veranda, and lazing by the side of the club's swimming pool, known as the Nuffield Swimming Pool, were common sights during weekends.



THE NUFFIELD SWIMMING POOL

SINGAPORE

### NUFFIELD SWIMMING POOL

The Nuffield Swimming Pool was the heart of the Britannia Club, a hub of activity where British soldiers would bring their spouses and children to bask in the sun and serenity.

“...was sort of like going home... where you could have a good time and relax in complete safety.”

— Mr David Pankhurst, former serviceman of Her Majesty’s Forces in Singapore



A manual elevator at the Britannia Club



“The Britannia Club was a central meeting point for everybody.”

— Mr John Cashmen, former serviceman of Her Majesty’s Forces in Singapore

### A POPULAR HANGOUT

Drinking was a common pastime among British soldiers stationed in pre-independence Singapore, and the Britannia Club was a popular hangout that catered to this social activity.

“Loved your tiger beer.”

— Mr Mick Wyer, former serviceman of Her Majesty’s Forces in Singapore



# SAF NCO CLUB



Following the Singapore Government's purchase of the clubhouse from NAAFI, and its subsequent allocation to the SAF, the iconic clubhouse of the NCO Corps was opened in 1974 as part of the SAF's efforts to recognise the contributions of servicemen and women from the corps. Characterised by a vibrant and homely atmosphere, and its centralised location, the club was a place where many soldiers would visit during their free time.

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



being conducted for regular NCOs. In addition, the SAF NCO Club conducts regular courses related to educational, cultural, social and sporting activities.

“ 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

## PX stores and NCO club for the SAF

**M**EN and women of the Singapore Armed Forces and their families are soon to get two new facilities — American military style PX stores offering cheaper goods and an exclusive club for regular Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs).

Dr. Goh Keng Swee, who announced this at a SAF officers commissioning ceremony at the Istana, said that Mindel is now strenuously searching for premises for the stores. Going by the American experience, he said soldiers and their families would be able to buy daily necessities at the stores at some 10 to 30 per cent below retail prices.



The NCO Club was perhaps most widely known, and remembered as the venue where soldiers queued up to purchase duty-free beer every month.



The SAFE Superstore offered servicemen a large selection of household items at affordable prices, such as groceries, electrical appliances, and even lifestyle items like sports equipment.

“ When my brother got married, I got his whole bedroom set and sofa set from the SAFE Superstore, and paid for it through a two-year instalment scheme. ”

— SWO (Ret) Jeffrey Chung, former SAF SM



Club events were often held at the Cosy Corner Family Lounge. Besides that, Cosy Corner also hosted military personnel during and after their meetings at the club.



Barrel Lounge was a gathering place for members of the NCO Club to drink and interact with each other.



Military Policemen and Warrant Officers were a common presence at the NCO Club, to ensure orderly behaviour by the members.



“When you go to the jackpot rooms nowadays, all of the machines are electronic... back in those days, the jackpot machines were all mechanical ones... the actual “one-armed bandits”... the ones that you put a coin into and pull the lever. ”

— SWO (Ret) William Ng, former CWAF



Cultural dance troupes, such as the Lion Dance, Bhangra, and Folk Dance troupes were notable fixtures in the club. These social clubs served as avenues for members to nurture their skills in the various indigenous dances, as well as provide them with the opportunity to perform at various occasions during unit functions, charity events, and festive celebrations.



In 1977, the NCO Club formed its own swim team, called Splashers, which often got together to take part in swim meets and competitions. The club's swimming pool was also a competition venue for water sports in national sporting events such as the Pesta Sukan.



The SAF NCO Club Photographic Society was a prominent group in the club that sought to further its members' interest in photography, by organising activities such as workshops, photography trips to scenic locations, and photo shoots with models.



The club regularly organised soccer tournaments for members to compete against each other as representatives of their respective units. Besides these in-house competitions, the club had its own soccer team, the Soccerites, which it fielded in the Singapore Government Services Football League.



The Road Treasure Hunt activity required participants to travel to different checkpoints, such as Jurong Bird Park, MacRitchie Reservoir, and Singapore Science Centre, to search for clues to locate “treasures” and earn points in the contest.



The Inter-Formation Road Run Relay was an annual race in which representatives from the various formations of the SAF compete against each other in relay routes centred around the National Stadium, or the Kallang Squash and Tennis Centre.

“ My favourite event from the NCO Club was a night fishing activity, which we did on a RPL (Ramp Powered Lighter). We left the Jurong Fishery Jetty in the evening, fished all the way through the night, and ended up at Jurong Fishery. For those who didn’t catch any fish at all, they bought fishes from the fishery, and I supposed when they brought it back home, they told their wives ‘There I caught this!’... That was fun... that was really fun. ”

– SWO (Ret) Wahab Hussain, former SAF NCO Club committee member



Social events and festive functions formed part of the activities that filled the club’s calendar throughout the year. Usually held at the Cosy Corner Family Lounge, these events often featured dancing as a part of their activities.



Familiarisation visits and excursions to venues such as military camps, and sites such as Senoko Power Station and the National Museum gave members the opportunity to explore and learn more about these places.



Trips to offshore locales, such as Kusu Island, Lake Kenyir in Terengganu, Pahang, and Kota Tinggi were occasionally organised for members who wished to venture outside of Singapore.



Senior citizens from various Homes were regularly invited to take part in charitable functions organised at the club. The elderly guests would be given goody bags, and treated to performances put up by the club’s cultural dance troupes, as well as a meal courtesy of their hosts.

“ The NCO Club was a gathering point for members and their families... say, for a trip to Bintan, everybody would meet there, a three-tonner would come and pick them up, and drive them to the ferry terminal... it was a very prominent meeting place. ”

– Mr Patrick Lim, a regular patron of the SAF NCO Club

# SAF WARRANT OFFICERS & SPECIALISTS CLUB

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In 1992, the NCO Corps was restructured to form the Warrant Officer and Specialist Corps. As a result of the restructuring, the SAF NCO Club was renamed in 1994, and the SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club was thus born. The club continued to fulfil the role of its predecessor, by providing its members with a steady flow of engaging events and services to encourage interaction with other servicemen, and promote bonding with their family members.



A children's excursion to Bukit Timah Saddle Club followed by a trip to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, organised in 1994. The interests of the children of club members was a main focus of the club, and activities that nurture their growth, such as camps and educational tours, were held regularly.



Tombola was a popular club activity that persisted through the years and garnered a lot of support from the members. Tombola sessions were usually held at the club's hall every Friday, and often saw large turnouts.



Celebrating the New Year was an annual function at the SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club, and celebrities were sometimes invited to grace the event. The Countdown Party in 1997 saw the participation of local stars such as Mark Lee, Henry Thia, and Patricia Mok.



Soccer remained as a popular sport among members, and over time, the club adopted other forms of the sport as part of the competitions organised for members to take part in, such as street soccer and futsal.



A fishing competition organised in 2000, in which prizes were awarded to participants with the heaviest catches.



The club served as a venue for both formal events such as Board of Governors (BOG) meetings, and informal interactions among servicemen over drinks and casual conversation.



### GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

David T.E. Lim, who was the Minister of State for Defence and Information and The Arts then, at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of THE CHEVRONS on 7 January 2000.

### RELOCATION CEREMONY

The club's Relocation Ceremony was held on 2 October 2001, marking an end to the era of the SAF Warrant Officers & Specialists Club as it shifted to its new premises at Jurong East.





# THE CHEVRONS

The opening of the WOSpecs' new clubhouse in 2002 signified a new beginning for the club and its members. Now known as THE CHEVRONS, the club not only grew in size, but also in its offerings in the form of a greater variety of services and facilities to meet the evolving needs of its members, as well as an expanded and growing membership base.

“As with any new phase of a club, there is an undoubted sense of pride and achievement. More importantly, it bears testimony to the recognition of the important role played by the Warrant Officer and Specialist Corps in the development of the SAF.”

– Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence



Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, who was the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, and other military dignitaries at THE CHEVRONS Opening Ceremony on 8 February 2002.

“It is our pride and satisfaction to see the new club standing today in its bright façade and design. The old clubhouse may be gone but I am confident that the enduring spirit of our members will continue.”

– LG (Ret) Lim Chuan Poh, former Chief of Defence Force

“Together we can fulfil our mission of creating a conducive place to forge closer ties.”

– BG (Ret) Leong Yue Kheong, former club president



“Previously at the NCO Club, we don't hold our major events there... we would go to other clubs, hotels, etc. But when we have our club (THE CHEVRONS) here, it becomes a chief rallying point for all of us (members of the WOSpec Corps), and we would organise our events here, such as the RSM Veterans' Night.”

– SWO (Ret) William Ng, former CWAF

“All the while, the JWOC Graduation Ceremony was always held at Orchid Country Club. Mine was the first batch that was held at THE CHEVRONS, so that was a very different experience... it was a whole new place, a whole new set-up. Other than that I must say that THE CHEVRONS is a WOSpec club... so for WOSpecs to hold their own events at their club, I think it should be done that way.”

— MWO Goh Soon Meng  
Head SCT Training Wing, Artillery Institute



### CLUB EVENTS

The club celebrating its signature New Year Countdown event in 2014. Besides organising cultural and celebratory events such as Prosperity Nite, Deepavali Nite, and Hari Raya Celebration, THE CHEVRONS organises workshops and coordinates trips to local attractions for members and their families.



### OVERSEAS TRIPS

The club organises overseas shopping, leisure, and golfing trips to allow members and their families to enjoy a change in scenery, and fulfil their recreational needs.



### SWIM MEET

A swimming competition held at the club's free-form swimming pool in 2014. The event, which was reminiscent of the swim meets held at the SAF NCO Club, had children from various age groups competing against each other.



### UNIT COHESION

HQ 3 SIB having their unit cohesion at THE CHEVRONS, in the form of a water telematch. The club regularly hosts unit cohesions and team building activities for SAF units, besides serving as a leisure spot for them.



“I personally feel that THE CHEVRONS has served its purpose in terms of providing facilities for members of the WOSpec Corps to enjoy. For example, the chalet units are really good and spacious... I held my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration there.”

— 2SG Chua Soon Hui  
Tank Specialist, 48 SAR



### 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THE CHEVRONS celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014, where then-Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence was the Guest of Honour, along with the service chiefs and service sergeant majors. Several pioneer members of the club, such as CPT (Ret) Hong Seng Mak and SWO (Ret) Wahab Hussain were also present. A main feature of the event was an exhibition tracing the history of the club from its days as the Britannia Club, to the present. The invited guests were treated to a night of nostalgia and memories, which centred on the commemoration and celebration of the club's heritage.



### HERITAGE GALLERY OPENING

THE CHEVRONS Heritage Gallery, symbolically named “NCO Club”, was officially opened on 11 May 2015 by club chairman, BG Chiang Hock Woon, in the presence of members, and pioneers of the club. Created to house historical artefacts from the club's past, as well as provide visitors with an enriching and educational experience of its heritage that stretches back to its origins at Beach Road, the “NCO Club” serves as a time capsule, and a monument to THE CHEVRONS' rich history.

# WE CELEBRATE...

...our nation's Golden Jubilee, and where she stands today. Viewed through the eyes of our members involved in several of its celebratory events, SG50 manifests as a significant milestone in many respects — a concoction of retrospection, unparalleled national pride, a success story on a regional, and even global scale, and much more. The club's Corporate Communication team had the opportunity to speak with some of these members, who shared their thoughts on being part of the SG50 celebrations. This year, we also celebrate the growth of the SAF, to mark how far it has developed, since its birth in 1965, to meet the changing times and the needs of our nation.



THE CHEVRONS Celebrates





## EVOLUTION OF THE WOSPEC CORPS

From its beginnings as the NCO Corps back in the SAF's formative years, the evolution of the WOSpec Corps has been in parallel with the transformation of the SAF into a modern 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation fighting force. The role of WOSpecs has grown significantly, with new responsibilities and appointments. As the backbone of the SAF, WOSpecs work in partnership with commissioned officers and Military Expert (ME) officers to provide leadership to the men on the ground.

The ME Corps is another essential part of the SAF that was introduced to recruit committed individuals, and develop domain expertise in them to build up the SAF into a capable and dynamic force, together with the WOSpec Corps and Officer Corps.

“ The WOSpec Corps has clearly evolved from its origins as a supportive element in the SAF... it now takes on a partnership role alongside the ME Corps and commissioned officers as part of the three officer corps... its responsibilities have expanded to cover areas other than its core functions of training, imparting soldiering fundamentals (SOFUN), and force preparation. ”

— SMA, CWO Ng Siak Ping

Our Army WOSpecs of today serve a multitude of roles — as Warfighters, they stand at the forefront of combat scenarios to execute battle plans; as Trainers, they take charge of multiple aspects of our servicemen's training, committing themselves to hone the knowledge and skills of our soldiers, and at the same time, enforce regimentation and discipline among the force; as Leaders, they exemplify the knowledge, values, and skills of a model soldier and by doing so, lead and cultivate new generations of WOSpecs. Through these contributions, we can see how our WOSpecs play a crucial part in building our Army and through that, create a strong and credible SAF.



“ As Military Experts, we anchor on our knowledge and technical proficiencies in a variety of operational fields and duties, and contribute towards the mission readiness and combat effectiveness of the Air Force, alongside the WOSpec Corps, and the Officer Corps. ”

– AF-CC, ME6 M.A. Pathi

“ As the SAF evolves over the years, we continue to enhance our value and capabilities even in peacetime. To develop our strength and effectiveness as an integrated force, the Navy works closely with both the Army and Air Force in many ways, be it in overseas operations, joint exercises, or national events. ”

– MCN, ME6 Phui Peng Sim

Similar to their counterparts in the Army and Air Force, Military Experts and WOSpecs in the Navy have adapted to changes by deepening their expertise to deal with the complexities of maritime security operations and naval warfare.

The growing capabilities of our Army, Navy, and Air Force have also led to greater involvement of the SAF in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts and Peace Support Operations (PSO) – another area our MEs and WOSpecs have ventured into, and made considerable contributions.

Building on their technical knowledge as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective fields, WOSpecs in the Air Force have evolved, and undergone specialisation in their operational duties to become Military Experts. This has enabled our airmen to keep ahead of technological advancements in the military domain, and equip themselves with the necessary skills to keep the Air Force operationally ready and competent at all times.



# 28<sup>TH</sup> SEA GAMES

Held in June 2015, the region's most illustrious sports spectacle took over Singapore for 12 days of non-stop sporting action in which legends were created, and records were forged.



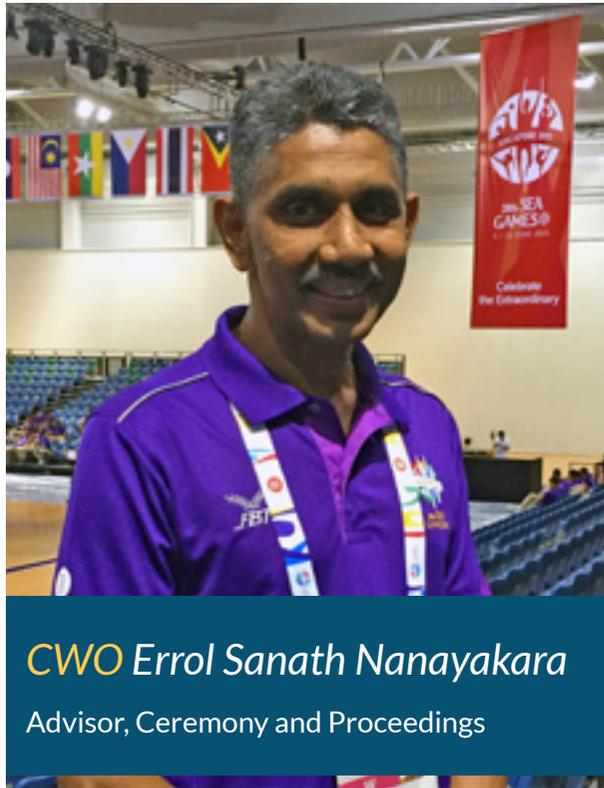
*“ For the WOSpec Corps to head the planning and execution of the Ceremony and Proceedings portion of the SEA Games, I feel proud... all the while, the Officer Corps has been doing the planning for events such as this... now, when we own the plan, and execute the plan, we feel the trust that has been given to us. ”*



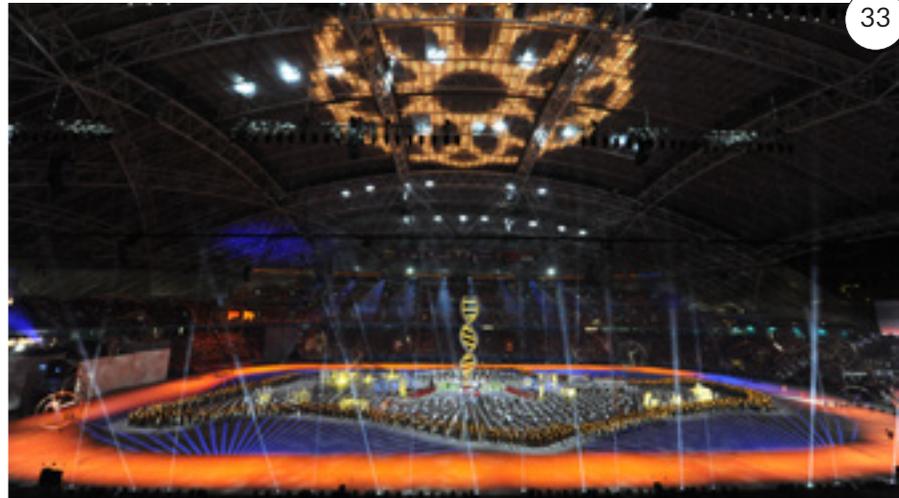
**MWO Goh Soon Meng**  
Chairman, Ceremony and Proceedings

MWO Goh led the Ceremony and Proceedings Committee as its Chairperson, overseeing the protocols of the ceremonial portions of the show, including the march-in by the athletes and the flag-raising segments.

*“ We will have this fire in us when we see the entire stadium come alive during the full dress rehearsals... that our plans have come alive... that inspires us to get things done better. ”*



**CWO Errol Sanath Nanayakara**  
Advisor, Ceremony and Proceedings



“ I think it is great to be part of this team... whether it is ushering, or packing funpacks, I feel a sense of pride, a feeling of inclusiveness... moreover, this year is SG50, so I feel this experience is something that comes once in a lifetime. ”

A veteran in Parade and Ceremony (P&C) protocols for national-level events such as 2010’s Youth Olympic Games, CWO Errol was roped in to be a part of the 28<sup>th</sup> SEA Games to guide the Ceremony and Proceedings Committee in the organisation of the major ceremonies.



**SSG Chan Chung Cheng**  
Trainer, SAF Military Police  
Silent Precision Drill Squad

As the drum major of the combined band in the performance segment, ME1 Chua dazzled the crowd with his immaculate mace work and showmanship during the Opening Ceremony of the 28<sup>th</sup> SEA Games.

“ It has been a very long time since Singapore hosted the games... and to be the leading drum major for the performance display this time round... I feel very honoured and proud to be a part of this. ”



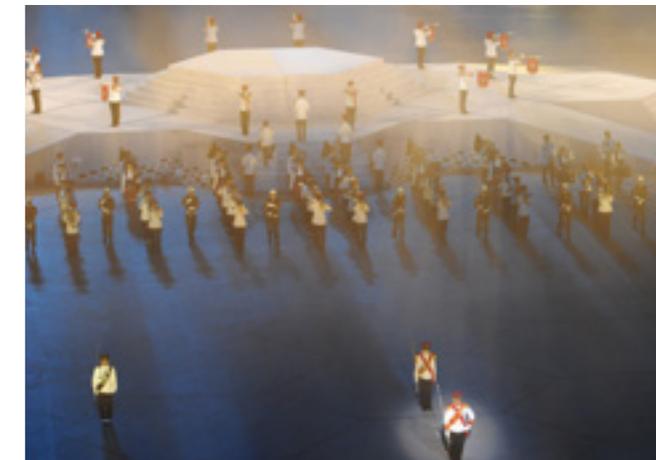
SSG Chan was responsible for training members of the Military Police’s Silent Precision Drill Squad in their precision drills and how to incorporate their drills with the combined band to create an integrated performance.

“ I feel proud seeing my guys perform on the ground with precise and accurate movements... together with all the pyrotechnic effects and their integration with the other performers. ”



**ME1 Chua Keng Hwee**  
Drum Major, Opening Ceremony

“ For this SEA Games, the NCC band and the SPF band are also part of the performance... it’s very touching to see when everything comes together and gel with the SPDS’ performance... everything seems wonderful when you see the final results. ”



# SAF50 PARADE

The SAF celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 1 July 2015 by putting on an overwhelming display of military pride and splendour at the SAF50 Parade held at SAFTI MI. The significance of the occasion is not only evident in the scale of the parade, but also in the numerous SAF50 events that were held throughout the year.



**MSG Padmanabh Rai**  
Trainer, Navy GOH Contingent

Having been part of the Navy Guard of Honour contingent during a SAF Day Parade previously, MSG Rai returned to the parade square in the capacity of a mentor to the members of the contingent, to motivate them and coach them in their drills.



“ When I see the parade formed up, when everything goes smoothly, and everyone looks sharp and smart... I feel a sense of self-satisfaction and achievement of how we play just a small role in one contingent to contribute to the overall effort when you see the whole SAF come together and execute the parade as “One SAF”... I think that this is a pat on the back for us as trainers.”





**MSG Nirmal Nelson s/o Vijay**  
Trainer, Guards Contingent

MSG Nelson was a trainer for the Guards marching contingent in the SAF50 Parade, responsible for sharpening their drills, and conditioning them to put on their best performance during the actual day.



**ME3 Jamie Tay Ai Ling**

Engagement Committee, Parade and Ceremony

ME3 Jamie was part of the SAF50 Parade's engagement team, under the Parade and Ceremony Committee. During the rehearsals leading up to the parade, she carried out activities to boost the morale of the parade's participants and engage them in a variety of ways, such as issuing refreshments during their breaks, and organising birthday celebrations.



“ I'm participating in both the SAF50 Parade and NDP this year, and I'm happy to be a part of both events, especially since this is a special year for both the SAF and Singapore... getting involved in both parades is something to be proud of, and I won't feel worn out because of this... rather, I feel motivated to be able to contribute in both events. ”



“ At the end of the day, when the guys tell me that they enjoyed our company, I feel happy about it... this is the least I can do for them... I'm not out there sweating in the sun with them, but by providing them with snacks and seeing their smiles... I'm very glad to be able to do this for them. ”

# NATIONAL DAY PARADE 2015

Fifty years from the day our nation attained sovereignty, Singaporeans from across all generations gathered at the Padang to witness a grand show 50 years in the making – National Day Parade 2015. NDP 2015 was the culmination of months of dedicated training and countless rehearsals, meshed together with the significance of the occasion it celebrates to stand as a milestone in its own right.



1WO Azmi was the second-in-command in the NDP Parade Support Group, which provided advice and trained the key appointment holders in the parade, such as the Parade Commander, in their drills, and in giving commands. He also served as a mentor for new trainers in the group.

**1WO Azmi bin Ahmad**  
Trainer, Parade Support Group

“ It is definitely an honour to be part of this parade... SG50 is a national celebration of what we have gone through so far, and it is also a reminder to treasure what we have... that makes it even more special. ”

“ To me, SG50 is an occasion for the whole nation to celebrate how far we have come, and to remember the hardship our forefathers have gone through to bring us to this point... SG50 is not just about the celebration... it is also about the journey. ”



**2SG Chua Soon Hui & 3SG Akash Saha**  
Tank Commanders, Mobile Column

2SG Chua and 3SG Akash were part of the Leopard 2SG Main Battle Tank (MBT) contingent that spearheaded the NDP 2015 Mobile Column, considered to be the most diverse in the parade's history.

*“Participating in this year’s NDP mobile column is indeed a great honour for me as this is a milestone for the nation, and I’m glad I’m part of it.”*

*“You can’t hide the pride, there is definitely a sense of accomplishment to be a part of the parade that reflects Singapore’s Golden Jubilee... we feel really lucky to be a part of this.”*

*“Rehearsals take a lot of effort... every Saturday is burned... the night before, and the night after... so we feel the pain, we feel the lack of sleep... but at the end of the day when we see the smiles on people’s faces in the crowd, I can say it’s worth it.”*



**2SG**  
**Chia Wen Bin Benjamin**  
Navy GOH

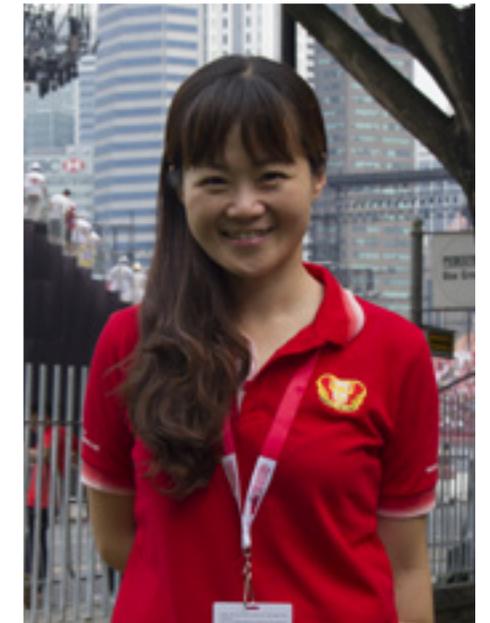
A naval diver by vocation, 2SG Benjamin is an NSF who was chosen to march as a Guard of Honour (GOH) for the Navy contingent in the Parade and Ceremony segment of the Integrated Show.

*“A few years down the road, I will be able to tell my son or daughter... “Hey, your dad has been there before, marching in the SG50 National Day Parade.” When I think about it, it’s actually quite sweet.”*

*“I feel honoured... you don’t really feel it during the rehearsals in camps... but after you get to the Padang and members of the public are looking at you... you will realise that this is really the thing... this is really happening and all eyes will be on you... and this will become a significant milestone in your life.”*



**ME3 Jasmine** took on a supportive role in NDP 2015 as a paracounsellor, tending to the emotional needs, and providing counselling to injured or unwell participants.



**ME3 Jasmine Yap Siew May**  
Paracounsellor

*“This is SG50, and this is going to be a very big event... I feel pretty good to be able to contribute... I was trained to be a paracounsellor so I volunteered to be in this position... I could be an usher too... whatever role I can do, or in whatever way I can contribute... I just want to be a part of this team.”*



# THE CHEVRONS Celebrates SG50

The club commemorated our nation's Golden Jubilee during the National Day Celebration @THE CHEVRONS event held on 9 August 2015. Singaporeans across all ages joined the club in celebrating Singapore's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at a live screening of NDP 2015. The atmosphere was one filled with pride for our nation, seen through the participants' enthusiastic performance in games, their soulful singing of popular National Day songs, and the resolve in their eyes during the recitation of the National Pledge.



With Singapore turning 50, we start a new chapter of the Singapore story, writing the first lines of our nation's new era with all of our actions from hereon. We, as Singaporeans, form the building blocks of our nation, and the tools to influence and shape Singapore's future lie within each and every one of us.

Let us aspire to do our utmost in contributing to our nation's growth for the next 50 years, so that when we celebrate SG100, we can look back at 2015 and marvel at how much we have progressed, and have an even greater cause for celebration. For this generation, and the next... **Majulah Singapura!**

# WE ANTICIPATE...

...what the future holds for the club, and what the club has in store for the future. Excitement is an emotion that accompanies the club's optimism for the next few years, over which it will transform in a variety of ways to enhance its ability to better serve its members.

## THE NEXT PHASE – FACELIFTS AND UPGRADES

Change is an area that THE CHEVRONS constantly explores, and it is an ideology that the club puts into practice while pursuing its mission to serve its members.

Taking such a stance allows the club to meet the needs of its variegated membership base, and satisfy its members' whims in this era of transient trends and interests.

More importantly, it creates a sense of freshness, when the club constantly considers ways, and executes plans to renew itself to be of greater value to members, and even guests at the club.

With over a decade of service to the WOSpec Corps under its belt, and presently, to its ME and DXO members as well, THE CHEVRONS has established itself as a communal base of recreation and interaction among its members.

Building on this core feature of the club, THE CHEVRONS aims to further develop its facilities, and construct new ones, such that members will be able to take away a unique and memorable experience with every visit they make to the club.



Artist's Impression

Over the next few years, THE CHEVRONS will be undergoing a major facelift that spreads across its entire premises. Striving to become a one-stop venue for the needs of its members in their personal and leisure time, the club will be focusing on strengthening its capabilities as a recreational nexus.

Expansions to the present chalet units, developing larger, premium accommodations, creating more avenues of entertainment for visitors of all ages, and enhancing its versatility as an event venue are some of the concepts the club will be exploring.

# REFLECTIONS AND VISIONS

By Tan Chong Boon, General Manager, THE CHEVRONS



In my tenure as the General Manager of THE CHEVRONS, I have come to learn of many things about this club and its proud history. Through this journey, I have a firmer grasp of how the WOSpec Corps functions, and the underlying spirit each member exemplifies that earns them the title of the “Backbone of the SAF”.

This club seeks to magnify that spirit – to foster, nurture, and grow that common denominator shared among members of the corps, through the events that we organise, and by offering a space for them to gather. It has been the purpose of the club then, it still is the purpose of the club now, and it will remain the purpose of the club in the future.

With the upcoming developments around the club, I envision THE CHEVRONS to become the “Club of Choice” for our members, a venue where WOSpecs, MEs, and DXOs will choose to convene when they require a place for recreational, business, or personal occasions.

It is my wish to see our members utilise the club to its fullest, and to know that the club will always be ready to provide for them as a companion in their journey as servicemen and women of the SAF.

# A TRIBUTE TO MR LEE KUAN YEW

1923-2015

Few would have achieved in lifetimes what Mr Lee did for the most part of the past 50 years.

And even fewer would have the will, and passion that Mr Lee had for Singapore as he saw her through her days as a young nation, up till her transformation into the bustling metropolis she is today. He was the living embodiment of the Singapore Spirit; the first true Singaporean who existed even before our Republic was formed.

Singapore commemorated her Golden Jubilee without her founding father in attendance at the Padang on 9 August 2015. A seat was left empty in remembrance of Mr Lee, a seat that everyone looked to, and willed with all their hearts for him to be there with the rest of Singapore, to celebrate how far our nation has come, how much she has grown.

Let us remember 2015 not only as a celebration of 50 years of independence, but also the year when we lost a very important member of the Singapore family, Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

Thank you, Mr Lee, for everything you have done for Singapore.

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