

CMVO MEMBERS

Council of Military Veterans' Organisations



The Council of Military Veterans' Organisations (CMVO) is made up of several Members being different Military Veteran Organisations and Associations.

It is the Members that actively fulfil various roles and activities to ensure PEACE by:

- ⇒ Recognising those that have served as well as their families
- ⇒ Supporting all veterans and their dependents
- ⇒ Remembrance of our fallen and those that returned who have passed on.

Military Veterans no longer fight, so united we come together forging Nation Building. **UNITED ensuring PEACE!** (UeP)

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01 South African Legion (The Legion)

Established: 25 February 1921

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Purpose: Motto is "Not for ourselves, but for others!"

- ◆ Manifesto: We recognise military veterans who served. We remember and salute our fallen. We promote service to others. We defend and advocate the interest of veterans. We strive to uphold their well-being. We promote comradeship, unity and nation building. We do not discriminate.
- ◆ Policy: The Legion is apolitical, non-sectarian, non-racial, non-sexist and non-partisan and it exists for all veterans who have served, as well as their immediate dependants.
- ◆ Mission: The Legion is to be the leader in remembering our fallen, recognising those who served and to promote service to all veterans and their immediate dependants when and where required.



02 Memorable Order of Tin Hats (MOTH)

Established: May 1927

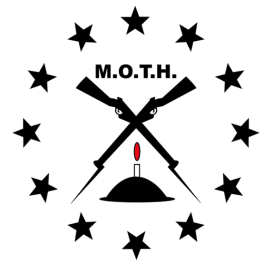
Contact: General Secretary, Moth Brian Potter

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Purpose: The Memorable Order of Tin Hats was started with three ideals of:

- ◆ "TRUE COMRADESHIP" by practising front line friendship in civilian life.
- ◆ "MUTUAL HELP" by acknowledging the personal / collective obligation to help each other as in front line service
- ◆ "SOUND MEMORY" by remembering the fallen as a living companionship, to serve their memory in practical actions which rise above divisions of social status, race, or politics.
- ◆ The organisation is international with units (SHELLHOLES) being self-sufficient, following the overall constitution of the MOTH. Shellholes are developed by groups of military and police veterans, having seen front line service, throughout the Republic of South Africa and other countries. Badge of membership is the Miniature "tin hat" worn on the left lapel of clothing.



03 The Gunners' Association (Gunners)

Established: 1946

Contact: Chairman, Gunner Niel Wiid

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Website: www.gunners.org.za

Purpose: The organisation's main objectives are to: maintain an association of those persons who are or become members of the Association; actively encourage Gunners to become members of the Association and partake in its activities in order to ensure the continuity of the Association; encourage the continuation of the traditions and to foster the heritage of Gunners; assist members in obtaining any right or privilege to which they are or should be entitled by reason of the member's military service; assist members in obtaining employment; sponsor and assist the formation of Branches in suitable centres under the auspices of the Association; affiliate with any organisation having objects similar in part, or in whole, to those of the Association, and whether within or outside the Republic of South Africa; render support to members and their dependents.



**Gunners' Association
South Africa**

04 Foundation for Military Engineering Excellence in Southern Africa (SAPPERS)



Established: 1944

Contact: Secretary, Irene Small

Contact No: 082 564 1619

Email: sappers@mweb.co.za **Website:** sappersfoundation.co.za

Purpose: To remember our fallen Comrades of WW11 and members of all conflicts since then and annually to remember our members at Congress and at our Annual Sappers Memorial Parade who have passed onto Higher Service.

To ensure the preservation of the Sappersrus Memorial and its grounds as well as the History, Culture and Traditions of the Sappers Foundation into perpetuity

To provide support to the five Retirement Villages in which the Sappers are involved or in control of.

05 South African Air Force Association (SAAFA)



Established: 26 January 1945

Contact: National President, Mike Louw

Contact No: 082 511 7217

Email: mjvlouw@gmail.com **Website:** www.saafa.co.za

Purpose: SAAFA was formed to perpetuate a tradition of comradeship, knowing no distinction of race, language, gender, or creed, which has developed over the years among members of the SAAF. Among its objectives are:

- ◇ To maintain and foster friendship, comradeship and good fellowship.
- ◇ To render assistance, to give advice and provide for the maintenance and general well-being.
- ◇ To establish Branches within the Republic of South Africa or elsewhere.
- ◇ To perpetuate the memory of those who have given their lives in the service
- ◇ To support the safeguarding of the Heritage of the SAAF.
- ◇ To promote the interest and competence in aviation.

06 Naval Officers' Association of Southern Africa (NOASA)



Established: 31 December 1946

Contact: President, Manny Jardine

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Purpose: To foster and maintain the spirit of the "Comradeship of the Sea" engendered by naval service and to uphold the image of the South Africa Navy.

- ◆ To ascribe to the values and objectives of similar Associations, Organisations and to uphold the image and character of an "Officer and a Gentleman/Lady".
- ◆ To encourage the maintenance of naval traditions, customs, standards, and practices through attendances at military ceremonies /events, liaison with other Associations / Diplomatic Corps.
- ◆ To host the Annual Trafalgar Night Dinner and arrange other events and functions.
- ◆ To maintain the Association Charitable Fund, a Registered Non-Profit Organisation.
- ◆ To foster mutual help to members and assistance to sailors who have fallen on hard times.

09 South African Jewish Ex-Service League (SAJExSL)



Established: 20 May 1944

Contact: National Chairman, Lt Hilton Kaplan

Contact No: 082 443 6946

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Website: N/A

Purpose: To maintain and foster a spirit of comradeship between all members of the forces by rendering active support to all ex-service organisations in their effort to safeguard the interests of ex-service personnel regardless of their religion. (Jewish and non-Jewish) .

13 Parabat Veterans' Organisation (PVO)



Established: 2015

Contact: PVO Liaison at CMVO, Deon Benadé

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Website: <http://parabat.org.za>

Purpose: The mission of the PVO is to promote, unite, assist and support all paratrooper veterans through a consolidated strategy within the PVO structures.

14 South African Infantry Association (SAIA)

Established: 1984

Contact: National Secretary, Col (rtd) Geoff Holland-Muter

Contact No: 076 637 9355

Email: Geoff@belosa.com **Website:** www.sainfantry

Purpose: To be the preferred Military Veteran Organisation in the RSA
Creating a home for the Infantry Corps to experience:

- ◇ To create and maintain a true sense of Camaraderie;
- ◇ To create and maintain an atmosphere of Recognition.
- ◇ To create and maintain a system of service delivery
- ◇ To create and maintain a system of Social Economical Support.
- ◇ To create and maintain true and open Communications.



16 Curamus Association for Security Force Disabled (Curamus)



Established: 20 October 1990

Contact: CEO, Kobus Swart

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Purpose: To:

- ⇒ assist members with suitable assistive devices.
- ⇒ act as a mouthpiece for members on a departmental and national level.
- ⇒ bargain for services and facilities for members to attain independence.
- ⇒ facilitate and assist with the integration of security services people with disabilities into society.
- ⇒ support members in becoming self-sufficient and to take on new challenges.
- ⇒ promote sport recreational opportunities for security services people with disabilities within the Department of Defence and in the broader mainstream.

20 SA Armour Association (SA Pantserbond)



Established: 30 APRIL 1993

Contact: President, Brig Gen (ret) Alwyn van Niekerk

Contact No: 082 786 3581

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Purpose: The Armour Association serves as a Veteran's Organisation, bringing together serving and former South African Armoured Corps (SAAC) soldiers and their dependants as well as interested persons in order to promote cohesion, camaraderie, the maintenance of customs and traditions and the rendering of mutual support among its members.

(Related unofficial site: www.saarmour.co.za website for the South African Armour Community)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pantserbond/members>

23 Savannah Veterans' Association (Savannah)



Established: September 1985

Contact: Chairman, Renaud Booyesen

Contact No: 083 375 6815

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Website:

Purpose: Savannah welcomes all those that served during Operation Savannah - 3 September 1975 to 11 February 1976, to join in order that we remember our fallen, those that returned and all the families that were affected by it. There is an annual Remembrance Service held at our monument at Voortrekker Monument – all are welcome. Together we socialise in order to remember the good and bad times. To assist those that are recording the history in articles and books to ensure our story is told correctly and with truth. We also participate in all veteran organisations events to ensure our veterans are not forgotten.

24 South African Korean War Veterans Association (SAKWVA)



Established: 1986

Contact: President, Dirk Louw

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Email: dirklouw57@gmail.com **Website:** N/A

Purpose: Formed as the South African branch of the International Korean War Veterans Association, developed by the SAAF 2 Squadron and other services members who have served in Korea, over the period 1950 to 1953. SAKWVA is affiliated to SAAFA. Among its objectives are:

- ⇒ To maintain and foster the comradeship, friendship of the South Africa Korean War Veterans, their spouses and direct Descendants.
- ⇒ To render assistance and provide for the maintenance of the general well being of members.
- ⇒ To perpetuate the memory of those who have given their lives in service.
- ⇒ To safeguard and promote the heritage of the SAAF.

25 South African Military Veteran Organisation International (SAMVOINT)



Established: 25 April 2003

Contact: Chairman, Veteran Tony Macquet

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Purpose: SAMVOINT is a global Veteran organisation where we, as a single-rank organisation, recognise the important role that all South Africans played who were either conscripted or volunteered to serve in the SADF and possibly later in the SANDF.

Our focus remains in Remembrance, Equality, Brotherhood, Respect and Reconciliation. With over 2,000 Members in 30 countries, we participate nationally alongside our host country's Veteran Organisations in recognised Memorial Services and Ceremonies, where we promote the ultimate sacrifice made by ordinary South Africans in the defence of their country. Through organisation and contact we gain comradeship and we network to better support each other.

27 61 Mech Veterans' Association (61VA)



Established: 30 August 2008

Contact: Manus Myburgh

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Email: admin@61mech.org.za **Website:** www.61mech.org.za

Purpose:

- ◆ To involve past members, from all arms of Service, to be part of the unique camaraderie.
- ◆ To let the ethos of 61 Mech continue as the professional actions, respect / trust, singular friendships, good discipline and proud actions. We were interdependent in the hour of conflict, and we maintain this esprit de corps in times of peace.
- ◆ There would be no political connotation attached to our activities. Any action we take must have a positive effect on nation-building, peace and reconciliation.
- ◆ To see that the unit's military legacy was properly documented – both human experiences, and the great contribution made to mobile-warfare doctrine.
- ◆ Some past members still seek closure, and we accept a responsibility to help them

29 South African Defence Force Association (SADFA)



Established: 14 February 2009

Contact: Johann du Preez

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Purpose: Slogan – **“Veterans Creating the Future”**. SADFA is creating a national support structure consisting of 4 areas: Support, Recognition, Commemoration & Nation Building. Veterans from all Arms of Service are welcomed. National Structure establishment, Welfare, Economic and Safety & Basic Services fall under Support. A Welfare leg is the assistance to register Veterans on the DMV database and the application of benefits. Recognition encompasses the member certificate thanking them for their service, Regalia, and functions, while Commemoration comprises memorial services to honour our fallen veterans. Under Nation Building the upkeep of Heroes Acres, monuments and graves are attended to, with passing knowledge, ethics and tradition down to the youth. We strive to build a strong support network for our Veterans and better communities.

30 31 Battalion Veterans' Organisation (CROW)



Established: 4 July 2011

Contact: Chairperson, PD van der Merwe

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Purpose: To accommodate all retired members of 31 Battalion, Battle Group Alpha, 31/201 Battalion from the Western Caprivi, 203 Battalion from Mangetti Dune, and 31 South African Infantry Battalion from Schmidtsdrift, Northern Cape, South Africa, irrespective of gender, race or creed.

- * To recognise and honour, re-establish and nurture the unique camaraderie and memory.
- * To provide a volunteer haven to strengthen bonds, protect their inheritance and traditions.
- * To provide support and service to ensure the needs of all members (mentally/physically challenged, widows and next-of-kin).
- * To perpetuate the memory of those who have given their lives in service.
- * To safeguard and promote the heritage.

32 Signals Association



Established: 2 December 2000

Contact: Chairman, Robbie Roberts

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Website: www.signalsassociation.org.za

Purpose: Our main objectives are: To

- unite Signallers all over South Africa and the world, current and former members of SACS;
- maintain an association of those persons who are members;
- foster and encourage the continuation of the spirit and traditions of Signals;
- assist members in obtaining any privilege to which they are or should be entitled ;
- affiliate with any organisation having objects similar to those of the Association;
- receive funds donated and to raise funds for the furthering of the objectives of the association.

38 South African Military Intelligence Veterans Association (SAMIVA)



Established: 12 April 2014
Contact: Chairman, Charles Laubscher
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Website: <https://web.facebook.com/groups/armyspy>

Purpose: The purpose of SAMIVA is to represent veterans with an intelligence mustering in the South African military, Permanent Force, Citizen Force, Commando, NSM or Civilian – MI, Army, SAAF, Navy, Medics or SWATF inclusive of TBVC Defence Forces and Former Statuary forces. Our goal is to take care of our own – Intelligence veterans in dire need, according to a set of verifiable criteria. SAMIVA is open to those who can submit proof that they were intelligence functionaries in the field of intelligence, counterintelligence, communication operations or related support services. Representation is made on behalf of Intelligence veterans by attending select memorial services and parades

39 Central Karoo Military Veterans Association (CKMVA)



Established: 15 March 2020
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Purpose: To care for one another and to be part of the national footprint as a CMVO member

41 South African Indian Legion (SAIL)



Established: 2018
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Purpose: The South African Indian Legion (SAIL) is a military veteran's organisation initially established to serve as a platform to document and preserve the South African Indian military history and its heritage. The organisation is registered as a non-profit company (NPC 2018/506152/08) and a public benefit organisation (PBO) which allows for the issuing of tax exemption certificates to donors who wish to contribute toward the research and preservation projects.

SA Indian Legion will comprise of military veterans, serving members and associated members (civilians) who have an interest in the South African Indian military history and its heritage. Members will actively participate in military memorials in conjunction with other South African Military organisations in honour of fallen South African Soldiers.

42 South African Irish Regimental Association (SAIRA)

Established: 14 April 1944
Contact: Chairman, Godfrey Giles
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Website: <https://sairish.webs.com/>
Purpose: To



SOUTH AFRICAN IRISH
REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

- * uphold and carry on the traditions of the 1st South African Irish Regiment, 22 Field Regiment and South African Irish Regiment, more commonly known as "the Irish".
- * foster a Esprit de corps and comradeship amongst all ex members of the Irish as well as the liked minded veterans and dependents.
- * work for and look after the well being of all ex-members of "the Irish" and their dependents.
- * promote and assist the Irish, especially the Pipes and Drums wherever and whenever possible.

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The Council of Military Veterans' Organisations (CMVO) also known in Afrikaans as "die Raad van Militêre Veterane Organisasies (RMVO)" was established on 24th August 1976 on the request of the CSADF to form one umbrella body of veterans' organisations by Brig Gen Neil Webster.

The CMVO is a voluntary association whose Members are autonomous Military Veterans' organisations. In the definition of a Council (group of people who come together to consult, deliberate, or make decisions) the CMVO is the "glue" between its Members in order to share issues and solutions, request particular individuals to represent, advocate and promote Members when required.

The CMVO was initially established out of the South African Defence Force (SADF), a Statutory Force (SF), however now its membership is open to all Military Veterans' Organisations from all previous and current Forces. It is a non party political organisation that does not discriminate with gender, ethnicity nor religious beliefs.

By representing and serving its Members the CMVO is indirectly assisting all Military Veterans. The CMVO promotes the Spirit of **Remembrance** and **Recognises** those that served by respecting veterans and **Supporting** those that assist veterans in order to ensure **National Building** by bringing all veterans together.

CMVO supports its Members who:

- * hold many Remembrance services in honour of our fallen, those that returned and their families that suffered due to wars, battles and liberation struggles.
- * honour those that served and are serving by recognising their service and accomplishments.
- * support veterans and their dependents with appropriate assistance in overcoming the consequences of their service, the re-integration into the community and other needs as they are required.

The CMVO is one of eight founder members of the South African National Military Veterans Association (SANMVA). To ensure that CMVO Members are kept informed as to what SANMVA is planning to do and ensure our Military Veterans voices are heard.

The CMVO is also in continuous talks directly to the Department of Military Veterans (DMV) to ensure all Members are kept abreast of any issues and changes.

The CMVO has set out to encourage those individual veterans to join a Military Veteran Organisation or to form they own so that they are represented and obtain the correct information — there are a number of scams that one needs to be aware of.

The CMVO also encourages other Military Veteran Organisations to join the CMVO so that as a united force with numbers we will have a bigger voice when approaching government, DMV and SANMVA about our issues and suggestions.

It is hoped that this CMVO brochure will give you an idea of each Member and what they do so that you can contact them directly.

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Moth Godfrey Giles — CMVO Marketing Convener.

