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## Ex Airguard 05



CAF (left) presenting the Exercise Airguard 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book to Colonel Dato Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin.

The eleventh Ex Airguard, an annual bilateral air defence exercise between RSAF and the Royal Brunei Air Force, was conducted from 15 to 26 Aug 05. This year's exercise marked a significant milestone as it was the first time that the exercise was conducted in Brunei. A total of about 70 personnel, from both air forces, were involved in the 12-day exercise. Mistral air defence missile systems and RSAF P-STAR (Portable Search and Target Acquisition Radar) were deployed for the exercise. The assets were deployed to protect vital installations in the exercise grounds at Binturan Range against simulated air attacks.

Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon was in Brunei from 22 to 24 Aug 05 to observe the conduct of the exercise. During his stay in Brunei, CAF also paid courtesy calls to Commander, Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Pehin Major-General Dato Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof and Commander, Royal



**Above:** CAF (left) with his Bruneian counterpart, Commander, Royal Brunei Air Force, Colonel Dato Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin.



**Left:** CAF (left) meeting Commander, Royal Brunei Armed Forces, Pehin Major-General Dato Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof.

Brunei Air Force, Colonel Dato Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin. To commemorate the success of Airguard for the past decade, MG Lim presented the Ex Airguard 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book to Colonel Dato Haji Mahmud bin Haji Saidin during his visit to the deployed troops at Binturan Range.

Inaugurated in 1994, Ex Airguard has served to strengthen the interoperability between the RSAF and the Royal Brunei Air Force and further enhance the close defence relationship between the two armed forces.

## Ex Red Flag

Ex Red Flag, a large-scale air combat training exercise hosted by the United States Air Force (USAF), was conducted from 19 Aug to 3 Sep 05. Conducted at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, the annual exercise saw the participation of Air Forces from Singapore, Denmark, Norway, Canada and the United States.

The RSAF deployed 110 personnel and 8 F-16C/Ds from the Peace Carvin II Detachment. Conducted in a realistic 'combat' environment, the exercise provides the RSAF with an opportunity to strengthen its operational capabilities and benchmark itself against the best Air Forces in the world. RSAF detachments in continental United States (CONUS) regularly participate in exercises such as Ex Red Flag, underscoring the warm friendship between the RSAF and the USAF.



The RSAF detachment to Ex Red Flag in a group photo.

## Ex Camar Indopura

The 12th Ex Camar Indopura was held from 30 Aug to 2 Sep 05 in Bintan Island (Kijang Airbase). The annual bilateral maritime exercise is conducted between RSAF and the Tentara Nasional Indonesia - Angkatan Udara (TNI-AU, the Indonesian Air Force). Traditionally held in the Natuna Islands (Ranai Air Base) and Pontianak (Supadio Air Base), this year's exercise marks the first time it was conducted in Bintan since its inception in 1999. One RSAF Fokker 50 Maritime Patrol aircraft and a 36-man team comprising personnel from RSAF, a medical team, and Singapore Technologies Aerospace Engineering personnel were deployed for the exercise. In conjunction with the exercise was the presentation of three water tanks to three Village Chiefs around Tanjung Pinang, in a ceremony held at Bukit Bestari Primary School on 31 Aug 05. The water tanks are expected to benefit the local populace of Kijang greatly. S3, Changi Air Base, LTC Upanand Nair was present to perform the symbolic handover of the tanks to the Indonesians. "It significantly enhances not only the good defence relations between our air forces but also the friendship and goodwill between the people of Singapore and Indonesia," said LTC Nair of the handover of the water tanks. His counterpart, Kol John Dallas Sembiring, from the TNI-AU said, "We hope that the water tanks that have been handed over to the people of the village will benefit them greatly and improve the quality of their lives."

Following the handover ceremony, a one-day joint socio-civic programme was conducted at the school, in aid of the local populace. The programme featured free medical and dental services, provided by doctors and dentists from both RSAF and the TNI-AU. In all, 24 medical crew personnel ran the day-clinic, which saw a total of 1042 patients, for maladies ranging from muscular-skeletal disease to respiratory tract infections. For the people of Kijang, the clinic was certainly a great help in providing valuable relief of ailments.



CPT (DR) Tan Wee Boon examining a patient.

For CPT (DR) Tan Wee Boon, running a clinic in the rural setting of a village school was a novel experience. "It's a great way to interact with our Indonesian medical counterparts and to learn from one another about how we treat different patients," he said. Such interaction over the course of Ex Camar Indopura has certainly helped strengthen the good relationship between RSAF and the TNI-AU and contributed towards the warmth and comradeship between personnel from both air forces.



The water tanks presented to the three village chiefs around Tanjong Pinang



LTC Nair (centre) with TNI-AU officers and village leaders from Tanjong Pinang, following the handover of the water tanks.



## RSAF Bids Farewell to the Hueys



The Hueys' final flight over Singapore.



CAF (right) and LTC Lock preparing for the final flight.

The RSAF community bid its final adieu to the UH-1H "Hueys" of 120 Squadron (SQN) on 11 Jul 05. At the commemorative ceremony officiated by Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon at Sembawang Air Base, eight Hueys took to the sky for their final flight and concluded the flight with a fly-past over the base. The ceremony was attended by more than 200 officers, specialists and guests.

The UH-1H helicopters, part of the RSAF family since 1977, have been involved in critical missions, including casualty evacuation when the Hotel New World collapsed in 1986 and most recently, peace support operations in Timor Leste in 2002. Incidentally, the year-long helicopter operation in Timor Leste was RSAF's first long-term deployment in support of a UN peacekeeping mission.

Despite the arrival of modern, more sophisticated aircraft, the Hueys with their reliability and unique charm, have earned a special place in the hearts and minds of many in the RSAF. After an illustrious service of almost three decades, the UH-1H Hueys will no longer be seen in our skies, but they have surely left an indelible mark on the history of our air force.

For most in 120 SQN, the evening's proceedings were tinged with a slight feeling of sadness and nostalgia. "As a machine I love it," said Head Joint Operations, BG Wong Huat Sern (right), veteran Huey pilot since 1986 and former CO 120 SQN in 1994 and 1995. "To me it's an icon, an antique," he added, likening the helicopter to a classic car - technologically inferior to its more modern counterparts but rich in character and steadfast in reliability.



The draw-down of the UH-1H helicopters will create capacity for the Air Force to transform towards a 3G RSAF. In fact, their departure makes room for the return of RSAF Apaches, currently part of the Peace Vanguard detachment in Arizona, USA. "We have both technicians and pilots already trained on the Apaches and we are looking forward to their arrival," commented COMD Sembawang Air Base, COL Chan Choy Kee (left) on the base's preparations to accommodate the returning choppers.



Indeed the love for the unique, single-engine Huey seems to emanate from all who have come into contact with the aircraft. "What I would miss most is definitely flying the Huey and the people in the SQN. They are the ones who make flying truly great," said CO 120 SQN, LTC Lock Kok Leong (left) on how he felt about the helicopters retiring from service.



1WO S. Selvanathan (left), shares his CO's sentiments. "I started out with this aircraft and over the years I've come to feel very affiliated to this aircraft and also the tradition and culture of this squadron," he said.

## Presidential Garden Reception 2005



The President (centre) with servicemen from the RSAF.

More than 1000 personnel from MINDEF and the SAF attended the Presidential Garden Reception hosted by President Mr S R Nathan at the Istana on 10 Jul 05. The annual reception is held in recognition of contributions made by MINDEF and SAF personnel towards the defence of Singapore.

During the reception, Chief of Defence Force, LG Ng Yat Chung presented a cheque of \$845,000 to the President Nathan as part of MINDEF/SAF's contribution towards the President's Challenge 05.

## Inaugural WOSA Forum

The first Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) Warrant Officers, Specialists, and Airmen (WOSA) Forum was held on 19 Aug 05 at the Air Force School Auditorium. The Chief of Air Force (CAF) graced this forum, which provided a platform for the WOSA Corps to exchange ideas and experiences with one another so that WOSAs are well aware of the latest developments in RSAF.

The forum, initiated by the Air Force Warrant Officers Council (AFWOC), showcased the roles and involvement of WOSAs in the third generation (3G) RSAF transformation journey. WOSAs were given the excellent opportunity to demonstrate their presentation skills in this half-day forum. Topics presented included the roles of WOSA in Operation Flying Eagle and the experience of studying in the United States Armed Forces Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (SNCO) by Chief Warrant Officer, Paya Lebar Air Base, MWO Koh Yong Meng. After these presentations and exchange of ideas, letters of appointment were presented to Command Chief Warrant Officers.

An informative WOSA website that contains all of these discussions and further details on developments in RSAF was also launched during this forum. RSAF personnel can access this website by clicking on the RSAF WOSA link in the Intranet.



CAF (centre) answering questions fielded by WOSA during the dialogue session. Also on the panel were HAM, COL Tan Swee Bock (left) and CWAF, SWO William Ng (right).

## 122 SQN: the RSAF's Rainmakers



**Above:** The RSAF's C-130 dispensing cloud seeding chemicals into the air.

**Left:** The personnel in the C-130 had to work in tight conditions to dispense 8 tons of Calcium Oxide (CaO) per sortie.

As part of Singapore's efforts to help its neighbours in combating haze around the region, one C-130 Hercules from 122 SQN was deployed to aid the forest fire fighting effort in Sumatra, Indonesia. Working closely with relevant Indonesian authorities and the Indonesian Air Force (TNI-AU), 122 SQN conducted cloud seeding operations for a period of ten days from 22 Aug 05. By dispensing cloud seeding chemicals into the atmosphere, the RSAF sped up the process of precipitation in the area, hence preventing forest fires from spreading and controlling the proliferation of haze in other parts of the region, including Singapore.



## 115 Officers Graduate from 36th Command and Staff Course

"Lifelong learning is the key — completion of this course is but another beginning and that the real key to your personal development is continued and self-initiated learning," advised Minister for Manpower and 2<sup>nd</sup> Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen. These words had added meaning for the 115 graduands of the 36<sup>th</sup> Command and Staff Course (CSC) who attended the graduation ceremony at the Istana on 7 Sep 05. This cohort was the first to graduate from a significantly revised curriculum, aimed at educating and developing officers for senior command and staff appointments in a more dynamic and uncertain strategic environment. The cohort included eleven international officers and one police officer and allowed the SAF officers to interact and strengthen their ties with their foreign counterparts.

For MAJ Benedict Ang, who emerged as the top Air Force student, relished the "experience of self-discovery and the opportunity of working closely with officers from the three services" during the course. Doing well in studies comes naturally for the 37-year old F-5 Tiger pilot, who has been awarded the UOB Gold Medal and Tay Seow Huah Book Prize while studying at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) in 2003. Notwithstanding, MAJ Ang was eager to note that his family was an important factor in his success. "The course is very consuming as you would really need to put in a lot of effort, whether it is in the college or staying back in the classrooms together with the other officers who are willing to put in the extra effort to deliver an excellent tutorial or presentation. So it is only with good, strong family support that I am able to achieve this."



MAJ Ang (right) receiving his certificate from Dr Ng Eng Hen.

## A Student and a Leader



LTC Lim (left) with Professor Lim Chong Yah after his graduation.

"A conscientious and responsible student who has impressed many professors with his knowledge and maturity." That is how Assistant Professor, Nanyang Business School and Director, Nanyang Fellows Programme, Dr Lee Chay Hoon described COMD Air Defence Brigade, LTC Lim Kok Siong in a testimonial presented to him following his completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Nanyang Fellows Programme - a 12-month full-time Executive Masters in Business Administration (MBA) programme.

LTC Lim however did not merely complete the course. He excelled in it - being awarded the Professor Lim Chong Yah Gold Medal for emerging as the most outstanding student in his graduating class, in addition to receiving the Dean's Outstanding Achievement Award.

"I was really happy to have won the two awards. They certainly made the hard work throughout the year worthwhile," said LTC Lim of his achievements.

"I had set out to learn as much as I could in the one year programme and indeed the span and depth of the topics covered were so rich that I found myself wishing that there was more time to research and debate on the topics," he said of his experience while on course.

Other than achieving academic excellence, LTC Lim also showcased his fine leadership qualities while on course, serving as the class leader for the second trimester and again during a six-week long Executive Programme at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

Air Force News congratulates LTC Lim on his outstanding achievements!

## RSAF Duo Clinch NSMen of the Year Award 2005

For their outstanding display of professionalism and commitment beyond their call of duty, MAJ (NS) Christopher Koh and SSG (NS) Fwok Yew Wing from the RSAF were named SAF Operationally Ready National Servicemen (NSmen) of the Year for 2005. This year, twelve NSmen received the award from Minister of Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean, at the Total Defence Awards Presentation Ceremony held at Raffles Convention Centre on 22 Jul 05.

As Vice President of Dennis Wee Properties Pte Ltd, MAJ (NS) Koh faces a hectic work schedule but still makes time to attend to the demanding duties as Commanding Officer of 9 DA BN. Greatly honoured that he was given the award, MAJ (NS) Koh attributed this achievement to his positive attitude and strong support from his employers and family. "Being born a Singapore male and understanding the responsibility of protecting not just your country but the people around you would certainly motivate you to take national service very seriously."

Besides citing good time management, he also credited the improvements in NS administration as a key element to his success. "I hope NSmen and employers will understand that In-Camp Training (ICT) is not what it used to be. The ICT programme is much tighter now such that familiarisation programmes start almost right away after you in-process. With MIW.com one can view his training schedule in advance, and can plan his other commitments such as night classes. An NSman coming to ICT now is more likely to get a positive, rewarding experience because the management recognise that training should be effective and efficient."



MAJ (NS) Christopher Koh (left) receiving the NSmen of the Year award from Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean (far right) as Mrs Koh looks on.

The 12 winners of the 2005 SAF NSmen of the Year Award were selected by a committee chaired by the Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant-General Ng Yat Chung. The key criteria for the awards included high standards in training, good discipline and attitude. NSmen contributions to their units were also considered. Among this year's winners were those who volunteered their services to the SAF beyond the call of duty, commanders who raised their military proficiency standards, and NSmen who participated actively in projects and activities that improved the training, administration and welfare of their units.

## Exemption of PPL Holders from Air Grading in RSAF



OCT Aaron Chan (right) receiving the Best in Flying award from A/P Koo.

In a study done in 2003, the RSAF learnt that pilot trainees with a Private Pilot License (PPL) consistently cleared the Air Grading phase of the Pilot training with much ease. This trend was partly attributable to the introduction of aerobatics flying as part of the PPL package under the Singapore Youth Flying Club's (SYFC) flying training. Aerobatics flying, an essential requirement for the RSAF Air Grading phase, assesses the pilot trainees' airsickness, spatial orientation and the ability to operate the aircraft under gravitational-

stress conditions. Such physical aspects are critical requirements for military flying, thereby allowing the RSAF to reduce training costs and significant waiting time, while focusing resources to better evaluate the flying potential among the non-PPL holders.

Therefore, from 2004, a decision was made to exempt pilot trainees holding a PPL from the Air Grading phase in the RSAF.

Through a well-structured course, the objectives of SYFC's PPL programme are two-fold: to cultivate fundamental personality traits essential and expected of a pilot as well as to hone his flying skills. Not only does the student learn to be highly disciplined, self-reliant and be a good team player, he will also be trained to think independently and exercise initiative. These are qualities a pilot in the Air Force must possess.

OCT Aaron Chan, 19, who was presented with the Best in Flying award during his PPL course, believed his stint in the SYFC had definitely helped him gain entry into the RSAF. However, OCT Chan maintains that it does not guarantee his path to become a pilot. "After some time, we will achieve the same standing as our peers who have not been through flying at SYFC. We still have to work as hard as them in the RSAF, but there is no doubt that the knowledge we gained from the flying experience and ground school in SYFC would definitely put us at an advantage."



## 122 SQN Awarded Unit Citation



LTC Francis Ngooi (left) receiving the Unit citation from Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean.

187 SAF personnel involved in the multinational effort for the reconstruction of Iraq received the SAF Overseas Service Medals in recognition of their contributions. At the same ceremony held on 23 Sep 05 at the MINDEF Auditorium, the Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean also presented 122 SQN with the Unit Citation for Meritorious Service. 122 SQN, which was deployed to the Gulf region from February to April 2004, assisted multinational forces in Iraq to ferry supplies and personnel, and was the first RSAF squadron deployed in the hostile environment.



The squadron felt privileged to contribute to the multinational effort. But it was ultimately the experience and the lessons learnt that made this mission memorable in the minds of every personnel. 2WO Ramesh (left) from 122 SQN elaborated, "We are very proud, especially since this is an overseas mission and such a mission only occurs once in a lifetime. We are very honoured to receive this citation."

CO 122 SQN, LTC Francis Ngooi, added, "It really enhanced our operational edge by sharpening our learning curve. We had the opportunity to apply what we have learnt in our training in a scenario where real threats and situations exist. The squadron was able to do our missions safely and professionally. The fact that we were able to execute the missions in the most efficient way possible and we were able to contribute where help was needed meant a lot to the squadron."

This is the second unit citation that 122 SQN has received for its untiring efforts. The first unit citation was achieved in recognition of 122 SQN's significant contribution to Operations Flying Eagle in the wake of the Tsunami disaster which affected neighbouring countries like Indonesia and Thailand.

## OFE Recognition Ceremony

Over 480 RSAF personnel were presented with the Tsunami Relief Operation 2004 Medal and certificates during the Operations Flying Eagle (OFE) recognition ceremony held at Air Force School auditorium on 7 Jul 05. Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon, officiated the event as the guest-of-honour and handed out the medals and certificates on behalf of the Chief of Defence Force, LG Ng Yat Chung. CAF, MG Lim, noted during his speech at the ceremony, "Your excellent performance as a team in this operation has firmly emplaced Singapore as a responsible member of the international community. Further, we enforced the SAF's, and in particular the RSAF's, reputation as a capable, professional, compassionate and operationally ready force."

For the medal recipients, receiving the medal was the culmination of a significant mission in their career in the RSAF. CPT Ang Teo Hong from Joint Operations and Planning Directorate, who acted as a media liaison officer during the mission, elaborated, "I feel that this operation has opened up a new dimension of what it means to be an officer. As an Air Defence Artillery officer, I used to think that my role



CPT Ang Teo Hong (left) receiving his medal from CAF, MG Lim Kim Choon.

was limited to air defence or even just the RSAF, but the experience of being involved in a humanitarian mission such as OFE will be something I will never forget."

CO 201 SQN, LTC Perry Tan, who led a team of air controllers to ensure the safety of the RSAF helicopters in Meulaboh, elaborated, "It's a form of recognition for not just myself but also for all those who have participated in the relief operations. It's also something that we can in time to come, look at and remember some fond memories of how we have contributed



LTC Perry Tan with his Tsunami Relief Operation 2004 Medal.

and made a difference in neighbouring countries. Whenever you turn back and think of the mission, you not only think of the mission you were able to carry out successfully but also those days where we spent onshore with the people. In the combined Hari Raya Haji celebration on the last day, the atmosphere and the feeling of standing side by side with the Indonesian soldiers and people was the most memorable. Sensing that life was getting back to normal and seeing the local children showing their appreciation was very fulfilling for me."

## RSAF Combined Graduation Ceremonies

### A New Beginning

32 graduates, comprising 8 pilots and 24 Weapon Systems Officers, were appointed as RSAF officers at the RSAF Combined Graduation Ceremony held on 15 Jul 05. The ceremony, held at the Air Force Museum, was graced by Chief of Air Force (CAF), MG Lim Kim Choon. In the presence of their parents and loved ones, the graduates were presented with the ceremonial sword, and the much-coveted vocational Wings and Brevets by CAF.

OCT Tan Yaode Joe, Best Trainee for the 20th Aerodrome/PAR Course, expressed his motivation for completing the course, which he described as "mentally tiring". He believed that "completing the course well is important to excelling in our job because it's a matter of our nation's assets and our operational capabilities all depend on our job." Besides this strong sense of responsibility, the SAF's value of team spirit is deeply ingrained in the trainees' mind too. LTA Ng Ming 'En, Samuel, Best Trainee of 121st RWC, emphasised that he "cannot do it alone" and "the support of the course mates is the most important of all".

### Tall in Stature

While working on the Parade and Ceremony segment of last year's National Day Parade (NDP), CPT Boh Lee Wee was struck by a sudden aspiration – to someday stand in the shoes of the Parade Commander and lead the largest parade in our country, on National Day. But alas she was told that she was not tall enough for the role.

However, undaunted, a year later CPT Boh has made some progress in her journey towards achieving her dream. On 16 Sep 05 she stood tall and proud as Parade Commander at the RSAF Combined Graduation Ceremony, becoming the first ever female graduand to lead the parade. "I feel proud to be given this opportunity," said CPT Boh at the ceremony. The newly graduated Weapon Systems Officer (Air Defence Artillery) added that the "unique experience" of being Parade Commander at an NDP would be "a challenge I take upon myself".

Along with CPT Boh, 50 other graduates from the 122nd Transport Wings Course, 18th Weapon Systems Officer (Air



CAF, MG Lim Kim Choon (seated, centre), and senior RSAF officers with the graduands.



CPT Boh leading the parade.

Defence Artillery) Course and 7th Air Logistics Course received their Wings, Brevets, Swords and Certificates during the ceremony. Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon graced the event which was also attended by parents and loved ones of the graduands, who shared their proud moment.

Air Force News congratulates all graduands and wish them well in their future endeavours!



The graduands with CAF (seated,centre) and senior RSAF officers.



## Flying High with the RSAF

Proud parents, school principals and senior SAF officers gathered at the Temasek Club on 13 Aug 05, to witness the conferment of the SAF Overseas Scholarship (SAFOS) on officer cadets. The annual event was presided by Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean.

This year, two officer cadets from the RSAF were awarded the SAFOS. For both OCT John Nehemiah Samuel and OCT Daxson Yap, the RSAF SAFOS recipients, winning the scholarship was a proud moment in their lives. "I am very happy and grateful to be given the chance to pursue this scholarship. Past the glamour and glitz of the scholarship, the sense of responsibility and the challenges I would be facing as a SAFOS scholar are beginning to dawn on me. However, I am confident of being able to contribute positively to the organisation upon completion of my studies," said OCT Samuel. The SAFOS ensures that the SAF attract the best and brightest talent from each cohort of college school leavers to join the SAF/MINDEF.

Air Force News congratulates OCT Samuel and OCT Yap on their outstanding achievements!



**The RSAF SAFOS recipients:** OCT John Nehemiah Samuel (left) and OCT Daxson Yap.

## Champions of their Sports



SSG Chua (right) receiving his award from CAF, MG Lim Kim Choon (left), at the ceremony.

The Annual Singapore Armed Forces Sports Associations' (SAFSA) Sports Award presentation ceremony was held on 19 Aug 05 at The Chevrons' Ballroom. Chief of Air Force (CAF) and Chairman of the SAFSA Management Committee, MG Lim Kim Choon, presented the annual sports awards to the top sports persons, coaches, officials and teams from SAFSA.

SSG Chua Ping from Air Force School received the SAFSA Colours Award for his participation in basketball. Having clinched the Public Service Commission Cup and the PSC 3-on-3 Basketball Men's Open, SSG Chua was proud and excited to receive the award. Juggling training and work commitments was no easy feat and he thanked his officers, CPT Susan Oh and Mdm Felicia Gwee, for releasing him for his training. Still, SSG Chua maintained that even so, getting his work done was important. "Passion and discipline is the key to success in sports," he said. "We should also ensure our job is well done and not neglected."

The SAFSA Colours Award is awarded to athletes and officials who have displayed exemplary conduct, sportsmanship and performed outstandingly in their individual competitions. Air Force News congratulates all winners on their achievements.

Sport	Recipient	Unit
<b>Award: Colours (Athelete)</b>		
Basketball	CPT Loh Woon Liang	165 SQN
	SSG Chua Ping	AFS
	2SG Goh Sheng Khoon	ALS-PLAB
Dragon Boat	CPT Ong Suat Lin	163 SQN
	LTA Ho Hwee Ling	111 SQN
	LTA Germaine Lim Siew Min	ASB
Softball	2WO Eng Kwong Choon	ALS-PLAB
	CPL (NS) Jeremy Toh Weihao	FSS-SBAB
Swimming	MAJ Alvin Lim Jin Siew	125 SQN
<b>Award: Certificate of Merit (Official)</b>		
Football	2WO Kumana Rajan	6 DA
<b>Award: Certificate of Merit (Athelete)</b>		
Badminton	LTA Germaine Lim Siew Min	ASB
	2WO Anthony Kong	ALS-PLAB
	3SG Claudia Tan	FSS-PLAB
Fencing	LTA Danny Lee Mun Kit	PLAB
Netball	CPT Zanna Lee Li Hwee	111 SQN
	Ms Lim Buay Hong Mei	CAB
	Ms Amerjit Kaur	FTS
Softball	3SG Jonathan Toh Weisheng	160 SQN
Taekwondo	1SG Pang Jia Leong	149 SQN
Water Polo	CPL Ouyang Guangyan	PLAB

## A Force Like Nothing on Earth



Mr Neil Johnson, a Creative Director at local advertising agency, DDB, and his colleagues had been huddled in one of their regular brainstorm sessions. The task at hand was to conceptualise a new commercial for the RSAF. While mulling over footage of an F-16 aircraft performing an acrobatic roll, a member of the team playfully quipped, "That's like doing yoga at MACH II." In response, another offered, "Yeah, it's like nothing on earth!" As that last line lingered in the air, the truth it held began to sink in for several members of the team. "The air force is like nothing on earth - as a career, as a job, as a vocation, the experience is really like nothing on earth" said Mr Johnson.

Despite the tagline for the commercial having come to the team like an epiphany, the production process had only just begun and there was much work to be done. "It was ultimately a matter of capturing in 30, 45 or 60 seconds, the entire essence of what is a huge organisation, from the man on the ground right up to the Chief of Air Force," said Mr Johnson of the challenge the creative team faced.



The team from DDB.

It was a challenge that the team seems to have overcome with flying colours. The commercial, first screened on Channel 5 and Channel 8 on 1 Sep, has since graced TV Mobile screens and the Videowall at Orchard Emerald shopping centre.

The commercial offers the viewer glimpses of life in the RSAF and the qualities that RSAF personnel possess. Pilots are seen firing up afterburners, technicians scramble to prepare an aircraft for take off, and Air Defence Artillery gunners point their I-Hawk air defence weapon systems to the skies. Not forgetting the numerous shots of pristine RSAF aircraft gliding over the Singapore skyline. In all, the scenes depicted successfully portrayed RSAF's First Class technology and World Class people as a synergistic whole. But what makes the commercial stand out is the unique treatment given to the footage - shot in a raw, desaturated style and voiced over with a deadpan, gruff narration. To this, reasoned Mr Johnson: "The action itself is so dramatic, we didn't need very vivid colours and bright lights."



The crew creating "mist" for a dramatic shot of a Dedicated Crew Chief at work.



What the team did need though was plenty of footage of RSAF personnel at work, and many takes of such footages at that. "Honestly, I'd lost count after a while," said MAJ Wang Shee Peng, a WSO (C3) [Weapons Systems Officer (Command, Control and Communication)], of the number of takes she had to endure for her scene. "But the director made the process very enjoyable. We had a lot of fun," she added.

Cutting a dashing figure in the commercial's opening scene is LTA John Sng, an F-16 pilot, "It was quite interesting having so many people attending to you during the shoot." adding that he was proud to have represented RSAF in the commercial.

Co-Creative Director, Terence Tan, had ample opportunity to interact with MAJ Wang, LTA John and their fellow RSAF personnel during the arduous shoots. "We were dealing with a bunch of very professional people. They were helpful, very professional about their jobs and roles and very well versed with the equipment they were handling," he said.



*"The portion of the shoot where the crew was supposed to zoom in on my right eye was quite a laugh because I had to be strapped to a chair to ensure that I remained completely still while the camera was rolling."*

- MAJ Wang Shee Peng, WSO (C3), Air Force Systems Brigade

*"My friends were like 'hey wasn't that you on tv?' and my family was definitely excited about it too"*

- LTA John Sng, Pilot, 145 SQN



*"It has been a very interesting experience and an eye opener for myself. I felt proud to be involved."*

- LTA Tan Wee Lee, Super Puma helicopter pilot, 125 SQN

Despite seeming like actors in a movie, in reality the RSAF personnel involved in the commercial did little more than carry out their normal duties for the shoot. No one was asked to do anything out of the ordinary and as a result, the commercial paints a picture of the RSAF in its clearest, truest form. Perhaps Mr Johnson puts it most aptly then when he says that all that needed to be done was to "take the truth and tell it beautifully."



Hangars such as the one above were converted into makeshift "studios" for the shoot.

## Bringing About A New Era – RSAF 37th Anniversary Celebrations



The Colours Party and the Guard-of-Honour forming up at the command of Parade 21C, MAJ John Vincent (left, foreground).

### RSAF Day Parade

The RSAF ended yet another excellent year with the RSAF 37th Anniversary Parade at Tengah Air Base on 1 Sep 05. Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon, officiated at the parade and presented the Best Airmen Award to outstanding airmen. The Parade, led by COMD Aviation Wing, Air Force School, LTC Eddie Tan, featured contingents made up of RSAF formations Tengah Air Base, Paya Lebar Air Base, Sembawang Air Base, Air Defence Systems Division, Changi Air Base, Tactical Air Support Command and Air Force School and the Guard-of-Honour contingents made up of personnel from Field Defence Squadrons of the four air bases.

For the RSAF, the past year had seen the air force being called upon to provide



LTC Eddie Tan (front) leading the parade.

assistance to disaster victims in the earthquake stricken provinces of Aceh and Phuket, with our helicopters and transport aircraft delivering aid and the deployment of a mobile air traffic control tower to assist at Banda Aceh. Besides the humanitarian missions, RSAF personnel displayed more of the professionalism and dedication through the conduct of various multilateral and bilateral exercises with established air forces in the world, providing valuable opportunities for the RSAF to hone and benchmark its operational capabilities with the rest of the world.

Despite the heightened operational tempo due in part to the humanitarian missions and uncertain global security environment, the RSAF has not forgotten its vision to transform itself to a 3G air force. Urging the parade not to relent in its efforts to remake the RSAF, MG Lim elaborated during his speech at the parade, "Key transformational thrusts have been identified and are at various stages of development. Plans for technology, concepts and people development have been laid and are being pursued with vigour. Organisational restructuring is being deliberated and planned to take place in tandem with other transformational initiatives."



CAF affixing his birthday wish for the RSAF – "to transform into an Air Force that is unsurpassed in its operational readiness, capabilities and safety".

While the challenge of maintaining operational readiness and managing change will persist, MG Lim was confident that the men and women of the RSAF will rise to the challenges in the best traditions of the air force. "The coming years would bring about a new era in RSAF's history as we transform ourselves to a 3rd Generation Air Force. Everyone has a stake in this transformational journey, and you must seize the opportunity to help shape the future of our Air Force."



## Best Airmen Awards

The premier award for servicemen rank 1SG and below, the RSAF Best Airmen Award recognises airmen who profess exceptional knowledge, outstanding performance and exemplary conduct. A total of eight Best Airmen awards were presented to various servicemen from the gamut of vocations.

1SG Wilky Wong from 122 SQN, who participated in the humanitarian relief missions and helped his squadron clinch the best Tactical Air Support Squadron in the recent best unit awards, was very happy and proud to receive the Best Airmen Award for Best Aircrew Specialist. "It shows clearly that when you put in hard work and effort into your daily job at a safe and consistent level, our organization will definitely take notice and reward us accordingly. This award will serve as a reminder for myself to continue working hard and strive to excel further in my career."

For Air Manpower Department's Ms Angela Seah, winning the Best Service Support Specialist had an added significance, "The fact that I am given this award bears testament that the RSAF recognises every personnel's contribution regardless of gender or type of service. Every individual has a part to play in the RSAF's transformation to become a 3G force."

Many of the award winners, however, expressed that their win was not an end by itself. Best Air Operations Systems Specialist, 1SG Yong Chee Chong from 203 SQN, explained, "As an Air Operations Systems Specialist, my job scope involves both technical and operational aspects. I am currently searching for courses to upgrade myself in my technical skills which will allow me to contribute further to the organisation."



The Best Airmen Award winners with CAF, MG Lim: (from left) best air operations systems specialist, 1SG Yong Chee Chong; best aircrew specialist, 1SG Wilky Wong; best combat support specialist, 1SG Irene Ng; CAF; best service support specialist, Ms Angela Seah; best logistics support specialist, 2SG Andy Wee; best air defence systems specialist, 1SG Ananthan s/o Subramaniam; best field defence specialist, 3SG Goh Kah Xian. (Not pictured: best technical specialist, 1SG Chua Wei Siong)

## Walk-a-Jog

Celebrations for the RSAF's 37th Anniversary took a lighter turn during the RSAF Walk-a-Jog held at the Marina Promenade on 3 Sep 05. Nearly 2,100 participants from all RSAF formations donned their PT kits as they took a scenic jog around the area. Besides promoting a healthy and active lifestyle amongst servicemen, the event also sought to raise funds for the underprivileged members of our society. Guest-of-Honour, Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon, flagged off the runners and presented cheques worth \$106,000 and \$45,000 to the Singapore Red Cross and the SAF Benevolent Fund respectively.

MG Lim also acknowledged the top fundraisers for the RSAF Walk-a-Jog at the event. Ms Irene Tan, 1SG Ng Jun Feng, LTC Low Eng Siang and the Air Manpower

Department were recognised as the top fund raisers in RSAF. LTC Low Eng Siang, who has continuously appeared amongst the top fundraisers for the Walk-a-Jog, said of his effort, "The only motivation I had while I was doing the rounds was to help the underprivileged and spread the message that we can and should help them. I am glad that the people I met have shared the same vision to help charity. We had a common goal and we worked to achieve it."



CAF (left) presenting a cheque of the RSAF's contribution to the Singapore Red Cross Society.



Head Air Manpower, COL Tan Swee Bock (right), receiving the top fundraising unit award from CAF.



All the way! Joggers completing their run at the finish line.

## Celebrating 40 Years of Independence: National Day Parade 2005



A crowd favourite, the mobile column featuring the Iglu rumbled in all its glory through the Padang and the heartlands.

Nostalgia was not the only emotion running high amongst Singaporeans as NDP 2005 returned to the Padang. As they gazed up into the sky around the area in the weeks before the actual parade on 9 Aug 05, they had a free 'preview' of what was in store for NDP and knew that Singapore was going to celebrate its 40th year of Independence with a big bang. The RSAF, already a prominent player in past NDP celebrations, went the extra mile to ensure that NDP 05 will have a very special place in the memory of Singaporeans.

The ceremonial showpiece of the NDP, the Parade and Ceremony (P&C) Segment was managed once again by the RSAF, this year by Air Defence Brigade led by its Commander, LTC Lim Kok Siong and before him by his predecessor, COL Cheng Siak Kian. Besides managing the 2,293 participants, which comprised a good mix of uniformed personnel, civilians and even schoolchildren, the P&C committee had to ensure the smooth flow of the parade. Field Defence Squadrons from Changi, Paya Lebar, Sembawang and Tengah Air Bases assumed the honourable task of representing the RSAF in the Parade contingents.

Exclusive to NDP celebrations at the Padang, the Mobile Column returned to the NDP with great gusto. Along with the machines from the Army, Navy and the Home Team, the RSAF also showcased their air defence artillery weaponry in the mobile column, which after rolling past the Padang, broke up into three columns to share the excitement of the mammoth machines with the heartlands.

A first for NDP, three simultaneous celebrations at Jurong East, Marina, Tampines and Yishun were held to connect the entire nation to NDP. The RSAF was no bystander, providing visitors to the nine-day Marina carnival with a dynamic show that highlighted the RSAF's

capabilities and its integration with the other Services as a unified, 3G force.

Already a prominent player in any NDP, participating aircraft in the RSAF were undaunted even when air participation in this year's NDP quadrupled to 44. Featuring almost every aircraft in the RSAF, the aerial display for the NDP showed three waves of rotary and fixed wing aircraft, followed by three aerial manoeuvres performed by the F-16D Blk 52+, apart from crowd favourites – the State Flypast and the Bomb Burst. Having so many aircraft in Singapore's tight airspace proved to be a challenge, but the solution was all about organisation, as Chairman, Air Participation Committee, COL Tan Kah Han noted, "To overcome space constraints, we co-ordinated the flying such that it was staggered, much like a multi-storey carpark in the air."

Training through the many internal and combined rehearsals certainly helped iron out the kinks, but much of the success of the flypast relied on the communications from the ground and the pilots' skills and situational awareness, such that the pilots can quickly compute how to arrive on time at the Padang. For the best impact, the bomb burst and the flying manoeuvres also had to be executed at the right spot such that everyone in the Padang would be wowed by it.

Besides acknowledging the RSAF and the SAF as integral members of the Singapore family, the National Day Parade also reinforced the nation's impression and expectation of the RSAF as a first class air force made up of world class people. COL Tan elaborated on what he hoped Singaporeans would take away from the flypast, "I hope that Singaporeans would realise that this is a very professional air force and at the backend, there is a group of dedicated people that supported the aerial display and made it happen."

### Did you know?



Think hoisting a flag is all about pulling ropes? The CH-47D Chinooks performing the state flag flypast are flying a flag the size of a standard NBA basketball court, carefully folded by 16 personnel from Air Logistics Squadron – Sembawang Air Base, Field Defence Squadron – Sembawang Air Base, and 127 SQN, which took them an hour. 45 more minutes were required to rig the folded flag up a Chinook (pictured here) and be ready for flight.



The F-16D Blk 52+ of 145 SQN pictured here aren't the only ones having their maiden performance in this NDP. The smoke pods retrofitted in the F-16D are the first locally produced ones to debut here, through a collaboration between Air Logistics Department and ST Aerospace.



It may elude the careless eye, but the debuting KC-135R Stratotanker and the four F-5 Tigers behind it are in position for "refuelling", the main task of the KC-135 from 112 SQN. You should have taken another look with your own eyes while you still can; the process of refuelling usually takes place 3 to 4 km above ground, which is too high in the sky for most to see!



## Men on a Mission



Despite the harsh environmental conditions in the Gulf, our deployed RSAF personnel remained unfazed and undeterred from their goal of successfully accomplishing all the missions they embarked on, during their three-month long detachment, from June to September this year.

Deployed on 20 Jun 05, the RSAF detachment provided air-to-air refuelling support for multinational aircraft operating in the region, via KC-135 Stratotankers. The deployment was part of SAF's contribution to the multinational efforts towards the reconstruction of post-war Iraq.

The 35-man strong detachment crew returned on 17 Sep 05, having flown a total of 62 missions with a 100 percent mission success rate and having refuelled coalition aircraft with a total of close to 3.4 million pounds of fuel.

Director of Mobility Forces, United States Air Force, BG John Howlett complimented the "can do" attitude and professional work ethic displayed by the RSAF detachment. His sentiments were echoed by LTC Kip Turain, Commanding Officer of the USAF's 340th Air Refuelling Squadron, which also operates KC-135 Stratotankers. "They have contributed significantly and have been coalition partners, standing side by side with us in support of the operations," said LTC Turain of the detachment's contribution to coalition operations.



Engaging in real missions, as opposed to the training scenarios conducted back home, lent an element of unpredictability



and dynamism to the operations. National Contingent Commander, COL Henry Toh (left), recounted an incident in which a problem with one of the aircraft had required the maintenance crew from Singapore Technologies Aerospace Engineering to recover the aircraft in merely 15 hours, as opposed to the usual three days – an achievement he described as "tremendous".

Pilots too had to be ever-vigilant and be prepared for the unexpected. "The dynamic nature of the operations helped to keep us nimble and made it necessary for us to react to the demands of the operations expeditiously" said the Detachment Commander, MAJ Sivaraman Rajan (right).



And indeed they have. For many in the detachment, the highlight of the operations was an incident in which a Royal Air Force Tornado GR4 aircraft required fuel urgently whilst it was airborne. Despite being a non-routine air-refuelling offload, the RSAF crew succeeded in delivering the fuel to the aircraft expeditiously.



MSG Ho Kwong Yong, an Instructor Boom Operator is all too aware of the need to be prepared for the unexpected. "While we were flying, the chances of us having

to carry out unscheduled tasks were quite high. We had to be mentally prepared for different kinds of receivers, ranging from fighter aircraft to heavy aircraft types," he said.

Other than unexpected tasking orders, operating in such a non-benign environment did have its inherent risks. 1WO Kan Loong Kin (right), a Communications Specialist with the RSAF Communications Squadron, had the support of his family, once he convinced them that the detachment crew would be well taken care of. "They felt that my going on deployment was a service to my country and they were proud of that. And I am proud of it too," he said.



The detachment in the Gulf also saw visits from Chief of Air Force MG Lim Kim Choon and Chief of Defence Force, LG Ng Yat Chung on 27 Jul 05 and 28 Aug 05 respectively. During their visits, the senior commanders had courtesy calls with high-ranking Air Force officers from the Gulf Region. They also toured the RSAF detachment headquarters and mingled with detachment personnel through meet-the-people sessions.



CAF, MG Lim (left), meeting servicemen during his trip to the detachment.

## RSAF Supports US Army in JRTC Rotation



RSAF Apaches taking part in the exercise.

The RSAF's Peace Vanguard (PV) and Peace Prairie (PP) detachments participated in the United States Army exercise – the Joint Readiness Training Centre (JRTC) rotation exercise in Fort Polk, Louisiana, United States of America in June 2005. The JRTC, a premier training centre for contingency forces, holds 10 exercises a year preparing units for their deployment to operational theaters outside of the United States.

This was the fifth occasion that Peace Prairie, flying the CH47 Chinook helicopter, participated in the JRTC since their first in 1997. However, it was the first time that Peace Vanguard, which flies the AH-64D Apache Longbow, participated in the high level exercise conducted by the US army.

COMD PV Detachment, LTC Christopher Wong, and COMD PP Detachment, LTC Kevin Rodrigues, led their units in the four-week exercise, working with the Aviation Task Force to provide support for US army units as they performed Stability Operations and Security Operations (SOSO). A highlight of the exercise was a major combined Task Force Night Air Assault Operation, involving all the Apaches, Chinooks and US Army UH60 Blackhawks in the force. RSAF's participation accounted for almost half of the Task Force's strength and a significant part of helicopter support. PV also participated in its first bilateral combined arms live firing exercise to provide convoy security to the ground units. Head Air Operations, BG Charles Sih visited the detachments during the exercise and called on Commanding General of JRTC and Fort Polk, BG Michael Barbero.

"It has been a remarkable experience and a great learning value for both detachments", recounted LTC Wong. "Our participation in the live firing phase of the exercise provided invaluable training to both the US Army units as well as our pilots. It has also allowed our detachments to understand the US Army better and to foster many close friendships between our personnel."



Detachment personnel conducting a briefing session prior to the exercise.

## Mission Accomplished



**The men behind the machine.** The Team deployed to bring the MATC tower back home.

Following the Boxing Day earthquake and tsunamis in December 2004, the airport at Banda Aceh saw daily aircraft movements into and out of the airport rise from its usual 10 or so, to more than 170. The earthquake had damaged the local air traffic control tower. The RSAF assisted by quickly deploying the Mobile Air Traffic Control (MATC) tower on 7 Jan 05 to enable the Indonesian civilian air traffic controllers to regain effective control of all arrivals and departures at the airport. Since then, the MATC has facilitated more than 18,000 aircraft movements into and out of the airport.

Personnel from the Air Movement Centre in Paya Lebar Air Base had worked tirelessly to dismantle and transport the MATC tower to Indonesia via the C-130 aircraft. That was six months ago.

On, 20 Jul 05, the familiar green cubicle lay on the tarmac at the Sultan Iskandar Muda Airport in Banda Aceh having accomplished its mission successfully. It was ready to make its journey back to Singapore.

In a simple ceremony held at the airport on that morning, Panglima Komando Operasi Angkatan Udara 1 (Commander Air Force Operation Command 1) Marskel Muda (Air Vice Marshal) Mardjono SW officially handed over the tower to then Commander of Air Defence Systems Division, BG Jimmy Tan. In his address, Marskel Muda Mardjono expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the RSAF for the assistance rendered in loaning the MATC tower to the Indonesians and reiterated how well it had

served their needs. Both senior commanders also signed a Certificate of Hand-over, as part of the proceedings.

Bringing the MATC back home proved to be no mean feat. A 12 man team lead by CO Flying Support Squadron – Paya Lebar Air Base (FSS-PLAB), MAJ Muralidharan Narayanan and comprising personnel from the FSS, Air Maintenance Squadron – Paya Lebar Air Base, Communications Squadron and the Air Movement Centre was assembled for this specific purpose. Deployed to Aceh on 18 Jul 05, the team carried out detailed planning to transport the tower back home. A total of three C-130 Hercules transport aircraft were deployed to ferry the tower and its components back to Singapore.



Marskel Muda Mardjono signs the Certificate of Handover while BG Tan (right) looks on.

The local ATC tower at Sultan Iskandar Muda airport, now fully functional, has since taken over the responsibility of facilitating aircraft movements into and out of Banda Aceh.



The tower in its lowered position.



## RSAF Assists in Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations



An RSAF serviceman surveys the flooded region of New Orleans from a Chinook helicopter.

Four RSAF CH47-D Chinook helicopters and 41 personnel deployed to Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts completed their mission on 9 Sep 05. They returned to the Peace Prairie training detachment at Grand Prairie, Texas, together with elements of the Texas Army National Guard with whom they had worked side by side on the mission. "I'm most privileged to lead the RSAF detachment and carry Singapore's national flag into the rescue and relief operations," said LTC Kevin Rodrigues, Peace Prairie Detachment Commander. "It has been a humbling experience to see the amount of suffering and I am happy to lend a hand to bring relief to the victims," he added.

RSAF had first deployed three Chinooks to assist in relief operations in the wake of the hurricane, on 2 Sep 05. A fourth Chinook was deployed on 5 Sep 05. The choppers had been based in Fort Polk Louisiana for the duration of their week-long mission. During that mission the Chinooks flew 79 sorties, transporting 837 evacuees and security personnel and a total of 1,203,500 pounds of equipment, humanitarian supplies and sand.

The RSAF's Peace Prairie detachment had worked together with the Texas Army National Guard on other relief missions in the past, including relief operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina in 1999 and fire-fighting and flood relief operations in Texas in 2000.



Some members of the RSAF Peace Prairie detachment deployed to assist in Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations.

## Eyes in the Sky Initiative Launched



Officials from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand after the launch of "Eyes in the Sky". In the middle is Singapore Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean. On his right is Malaysia Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Najib Tun Razak and second from left is Singapore Chief of Defence Force, LG Ng Yat Chung.

A joint initiative entitled "Eyes in the Sky" (EiS), that will see the littoral states of Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia conducting combined maritime air patrols over the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, was launched at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) base of Subang, in Kuala Lumpur on 13 Sep 05.

The launch of the initiative was graced by Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Najib Tun Razak, who had first broached the concept of the project at the Shangri-La Dialogue in June 2005 in Singapore.

Initially undertaken by the three littoral states and Thailand, other friendly states and stakeholders will also be welcomed to partake in the near future, after a period of review with the agreement of the littoral states. "I consider this as phase one," said Mr Najib, after witnessing an RMAF C-130 Hercules maritime patrol aircraft take off

for its first patrol of the Straits. "Phase two will entail the participation of the international community and we are hoping that there will be offers... to participate in this Eyes in the Sky programme," he added. The RSAF commenced its own patrols on 15 Sep 05, with the deployment of a Fokker 50 maritime patrol aircraft.

Speaking about Singapore's participation in EiS, Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean, who was at the opening ceremony, said: "It is certainly an initiative that Singapore strongly supports."

"It is a very good illustration of the three principles which we agreed upon – littoral states have primary responsibility for security in the Malacca Straits, the international community and user states have a role to play, and whatever is done should be respectful of the sovereignty of the littoral states as well as in accordance with international law," he said.

The area of operation of the project will include international and national airspace over the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Initially each participating state will conduct two patrols per week along designated sectors of the area of operations.

Being a strategic channel and vital to international trade, the security of the Straits is of paramount importance to the littoral states, user states and other stakeholders.



Mr Najib (2nd from right) and Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean (right), meeting personnel who will be involved in the patrols.

## Friends You Can Count On



SSG Lang (left) and 1SG Tan (bottom) receiving the CAF Safety Awards from CAF, MG Lim Kim Choon, during the Quarterly CAF Safety Forum. (Pictures courtesy of Air Force Inspectorate)

It was a run for his Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT), but an unexpected encounter with cardiac arrest could have proved nasty if not for the efforts of CPT (Dr) Tan Jit Seng, SSG Lang Kum Wai and 1SG Tan Kian Meng. While he was about to pick up pace for the final leg of his run, 1SG William Tan suffered a sudden heart attack and collapsed to the ground. 1SG Tan Kian Meng, who was a few steps behind him, quickly stopped his run and administered some First Aid for him that allowed him to continue breathing. It was then that SSG Lang drove past in a vehicle and saw the commotion. He decided to use his vehicle to evacuate 1SG William Tan to the medical centre, where CPT (Dr) Tan revived him. 1SG Tan and SSG Lang also received the Chief of Air Force Safety Award for their efforts during the Quarterly CAF Safety Forum.

1SG William Tan has since made a full recovery, which is a great relief, considering that when a person who suffered a cardiac arrest does not receive immediate medical attention, he or she may suffer brain damage or even death.

In this edition of Your Health!, we shed some light on cardiac arrest and what one should do if it happens to you. While the SAF conducts regular intensive health checks on servicemen and there are also automated external defibrillators and other

### So how much do you really know about Cardiac Arrest?

CPT (Dr) Tan Jit Seng, the medical officer in Tengah Air Base who was credited with the successful resuscitation of a serviceman recently, elucidates this unpredictable nature of cardiac arrest. According to him, "an undetected heart disease or some congenital abnormalities in the heart" can cause cardiac arrest. Contrary to the impressions of most people, you do not need to be exercising strenuously in order to be at risk of cardiac arrest, and a seemingly healthy person can be at risk when he is at rest.

Sudden cardiac arrest deaths are also not unheard of here — there are 87 such cases a year in Singapore among men of ages 18 to 45, of which the SAF receives two on average. According to studies here and in other countries, survival rates are also quite low — 2 to 4 percent if it happens outside a hospital and 18 to 32 percent in a hospital. Nevertheless a little help can mean the difference between life or death for your fellow servicemen in need.



measures on standby during Individual Physical Proficiency Tests (IPPT), some knowledge of First Aid can be helpful in managing the situation. You can also sign up a Buddy Aid course, which would amongst other useful life skills, teach you how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

### What should you do if someone has a Cardiac Arrest

Before CPR is attempted, one should attempt to revive the victim and call for help if he or she remains in an unconscious state. It is also prudent to observe for any rise or fall of the chest as well as to check for any breathing. CPR should begin without hesitation if the victim still shows no signs of breathing or any pulse rate after blowing into his or her mouth. Listed here is the procedure for CPR:



- 1 Compressing location two fingers spacing above rib cage (4 cycles with 15 compressions each)



- 2 Blow into mouth after each cycle



- 3 Listen for any breathing after 4 cycles. Blow twice if breathing is absent.



- 4 Checking pulse rate. Blow every 5 seconds if pulse is back but breathing absent. Turn to one side if breathing and pulse are cleared.



## Peace Carvin II and Peace Carvin III

Officials from the United States involved in RSAF's Peace Carvin II (PC II) and Peace Carvin III (PC III) detachments were in Singapore for an official visit from 7 to 13 Aug 05. Leading the five-man delegation from PC II was the Honourable Bryan Hackbarth, Mayor of Youngtown, while PC III was represented by Deputy Commander, Mission Support Group, 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Lt Col James A. Lewis III and, Deputy Commander, Aircraft Maintenance Group, 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Lt Col Ronald C. Roux

During their six-day visit, the US officials called on 2<sup>nd</sup> Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen as well as Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon. The guests also visited Tengah Air Base (TAB) on 8 Aug, where they were briefed on the operational roles and capabilities of the RSAF and TAB. In addition, they toured 140 and Air Logistics Squadrons as well as interact with the Squadrons' personnel.

The annual visit allowed the US delegation to better understand the operating procedures of the RSAF and served to enhance the warm defence relations between the RSAF and the United States Air Force.



CO 140 SQN, LTC Neo Hong Keat (left) briefing the visitors on the roles of 140 SQN.

## Oakey Detachment



BG Fraser (third from right) and Councillor Taylor (second from right), accompanied by CO 125 SQN, LTC Calvin Ng (far left), and Head Operations Planning Branch (AOD), LTC Tang Tong Seng (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), being briefed on the operational roles and capabilities of SBAB by CO FSS-SBAB, LTC Quek Chiew Teck (far right), in the control tower.

Two Australian officials involved in the RSAF Oakey Detachment visited Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) on 8 Aug 05. Mayor of Jondaryan Shire, Councillor Peter Taylor and Commander, 16<sup>th</sup> Brigade (Aviation), Australian Army, Brigadier Anthony Fraser, were given a brief on SBAB and the Base's roles in RSAF missions during the visit. In addition, the guests visited 125 SQN and toured the RSAF's training facilities at the Helicopter Simulator Centre. Councillor Taylor and Brigadier Fraser also called on Second Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen and Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon, on 11 Aug 05.

Based at the Army Aviation Centre in Queensland, Australia, the RSAF Oakey detachment that operates the Super Puma helicopters, provides the RSAF with valuable airspace for helicopter operations and pilot training. The visit underscores the strong defence ties between Singapore and Australia, who are both members of the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA).

## Texas and Arizona National Guard

Four officers from the Texas and Arizona National Guard involved in the Peace Prairie (PP) and Peace Vanguard (PV) detachments visited Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) on 8 Aug 05.

Led by Adjutant General of the State of Texas, Major-General (MG) Charles Rodriguez, the officers were briefed on the roles and operations of the RSAF as well as that of 127 SQN. In addition, they viewed a static display of the CH-47D Chinook at 127 Squadron. The officers visited the SBAB air traffic control Tower and the Helicopter Simulator Centre too. The guests also made a courtesy call on Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon during the course of the visit. This visit enhanced the officers' understanding of the operational capabilities of the RSAF, SBAB and 127 SQN. It also signifies the enduring and warm relationship between the armed forces of the United States and Singapore. The PP detachment operates the Chinooks in Texas whilst the PV detachment operates the AH-64D Longbow Apaches in Arizona.



CPT (Dr) Elton Tay (3rd from left) explaining the usage of air mobile life support unit (AMLSC) to MG Charles Rodriguez (far left).

## Director of Institute for Military and Politics, Vietnam

The Vietnamese Director of Institute for Military and Politics, Major-General (MG) Le Minh Vu, visited Air Force School (AFS) on 16 Aug 05. Together with a Vietnamese Study Delegation, MG Le Minh Vu was briefed on the roles and mission of AFS before touring its facilities, which included the Radar & Tower Simulator, Aircraft Recognition Resource Centre (ARRC) and Computer Aided Instruction (CAI) Centre. The visitors also toured the Air Force Museum.



MG Le Minh Vu (left) exchanging gifts with Air Engineering Training Institute (AETI) commander, LTC Long See Kwong (right).

## Royal Thai Army



CO, HSC, LTC Cheong Hon Seng (right) briefing the delegation led by COL Khamkomnikorn (centre) on the characteristics of the Chinook Full Mission Simulator.

Personnel from the Royal Thai Army (RTA) visited Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) on 18 Aug 05. Led by Deputy Commanding General, Aviation Centre, Royal Thai Army, COL Teerapong Khamkomnikorn, the eight-man delegation was briefed on the base's roles and responsibilities during their visit. They also visited SBAB's Helicopter Simulator Centre (HSC) where they were briefed on characteristics and capabilities of the Chinook Full Mission Simulator, the latest addition to HSC.

The visit by the Royal Thai Army personnel is part of a series of regular exchanges between the SAF and the Royal Thai Armed Forces to promote greater interaction and exchange between officers from the two armed forces.

## Assistant Secretary, Department of Defence, Australia

Mr Ben Coleman, the Assistant Secretary (Asia) at the Department of Defence of Australia, visited Changi Air Base (CAB) on 15 Sep 05. Hosted by COMD CAB, COL Andy Tan, the visit allowed Mr Coleman view the base facilities including visiting the air traffic control tower and viewing a static display of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Mr Coleman's visit underscores the warm and friendly relations between Singapore and Australia as both countries are part of the Five Power Defence Arrangements, which hold regular exercises that the RSAF participates in, such as Ex Bersama Lima. As the Assistant Secretary (Asia) of the Department of Defence's International Policy Division, Mr Coleman provides policy guidance on Australia's defence interests in North Asia, South Asia, and South East Asia, and manages bilateral defence relations.



CO FSS-CAB, LTC Subash (left), briefing Mr Ben Coleman on the capabilities of the Air Traffic Control tower at CAB.



## Air Component Commander, HQ Joint Forces, New Zealand



Air Commodore Newlands (left) with Deputy Base Commander, COL Ho Foo Sing (right) during his visit.

Air Component Commander HQ Joint Forces New Zealand, Air Commodore Richard Newlands visited Paya Lebar Air base on 16 Sep 05. During his visit, Air Commodore Newlands attended a brief on the base's roles and capabilities. He was also given a windshield tour of Paya Lebar Air Base and was shown the facilities that visiting troops from New Zealand utilise. The visit included a tour of the Air Movement Centre and a brief of the facility by a customs officer.

## Director, Engineering Systems Division, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dr Daniel Hastings, the director of the Engineering Systems Division at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) visited the Flight Simulator Centre (FSC) on 20 Sep 05. Dr Hastings learnt more about RSAF's pilot training and the simulator facilities at the Centre. During his week-long visit to Singapore from 17 to 24 Sep 05, Dr Hastings also visited the Defence Science and Technology Agency, National University of Singapore and Maritime Port Authority of Singapore. Dr Hastings also called on Chief of Defence Force, LG Ng Yat Chung, during his visit.

A former Chief Scientist for the United States Air Force (USAF) and former Chief of the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Dr Hastings' visit underscores the close defense co-operation and relationship of the RSAF and USAF. Both air forces interact regularly through exercises and professional exchange.



Dr Hastings (front) signing the guestbook at FSC, as CO FSC, LTC Mike Yeo, looks on.

## Commander of Joint Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, United Kingdom



AM Torpy (far left), being briefed on Heliborne Medical evacuations operations in the RSAF.

Commander of Joint Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, United Kingdom, AM Sir Glenn Torpy, visited Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) on 29 Sep 05. Earlier AM Torpy had called on Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon, at Ministry of Defence. During his visit, AM Torpy was given a brief overview of RSAF's capabilities and had the opportunity to view the features of a CH-47D Chinook. AM Sir Glenn Torpy will assume the position of Chief of Air Staff of the Royal Air Force in May 2006.

AM Torpy's visit underscores the warm and friendly relations and professional co-operation between the RSAF and RAF. Singapore and the United Kingdom are part of the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA), and the RSAF and RAF interact regularly through professional exchanges and exercises such as Ex Bersama Lima.

## Community Leaders Visit 127 SQN



2M, Dr Ng Eng Hen (left) interacting with personnel from 127 SQN after the familiarisation flight.

Members of the Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD) and the Government Parliamentary Committee for Defence and Foreign Affairs (GPC-DFA) visited 127 SQN at Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) on 16 Sep 05. The visit was hosted by 2<sup>nd</sup> Minister for Defence (2M), Dr Ng Eng Hen, for ACCORD and Senior Parliamentary Secretary (SPS), Associate Professor Koo Tsai Kee, for GPC-DFA. During the visit, the squadron treated the community leaders to a 45-minute familiarisation flight on two Chinook CH-47D, and provided insight into relief operations to the visitors through interactions with personnel involved.

More importantly, the visit allowed the members of ACCORD and GPC-DFA to witness the professionalism and operational readiness of the RSAF themselves and hence transmit these experiences to the community at large. 2M, Dr Ng Eng Hen, who was hosting his first visit for ACCORD, elaborated, "The visit was to profile the Chinooks and some capabilities of the RSAF, and in particular because of the recent humanitarian operation in Meulaboh, Nias and after Hurricane Katrina. I think there's a quite lot of interest and I think the boys have acquitted themselves very much for their operations and the many tonnes of load they lifted and the many evacuations that they did."

Member of Parliament and Chairman of the GPC-DFA, Mr R Ravindran (left), added, "I think the RSAF has done well over the last two years, particularly after the tsunami disaster and lately during the Katrina hurricane disaster; it shows the operational readiness of the RSAF, particularly the helicopter squadrons. It clearly shows that our RSAF crew are always ready and can be mobilised quickly, and most importantly, they are able to do their job safely and effectively."



Vice Dean of Nanyang Technological University and ACCORD member, Professor Angela Goh (right, picture courtesy of *Pioneer*), appended, "Certainly the RSAF seemed to be in top shape. I am particularly impressed by the fact that within this one year, they have been to so many places, helping not just Singapore but also around the region."



SPS (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), A/P Koo Tsai Kee, and members of the GPC-DFA riding in a Chinook.

## Calls

The following visitors called on Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon, during their stay in Singapore:



4 Aug 05

**CAPT (N) HCS Bisht**  
Defence Attaché  
High Commission of India



5 Aug 05

**CAPT (N) Frank Somon**  
Defence Attaché  
French Embassy



10 Aug 05

**Mr Craig Hunter**  
Deputy Asst Secretary of Army  
(Defence Exports &  
Co-operation)  
United States Army



3 Sep 05

**AM Geoffrey Shepherd**  
Chief of Air Force  
Royal Australian Air Force



14 Sep 05

**COMD Lee Sang Dae**  
Defence Attaché  
Embassy of the Republic of Korea



## 1MS Achieves Initial Operating Capacity



HEME Medic, 3SG(NS) Yeo Bak Chye, assisting in the monitoring of the casualty on board the Air Mobile Life Support Unit (AMLSU).

The development of 1 Medical Squadron (1MS) in Sembawang Air Base (SBAB) marked a significant milestone on 24 May 05 having achieved its Initial Operating Capability (IOC) status. In the IOC validation exercises held in January and May 2005, four sorties were flown and seven Intensive Care Unit (ICU)-level casualties were evacuated by HELiborne Medical Evacuation (HEME) teams on the Super Puma and CH-47SD Chinook platforms.

The IOC status recognises the operational advances of 1MS and its participation in supporting routine exercises and the recent Operation Flying Eagle.

Originally known as SBAB Medical Centre, 1MS was formalised as a squadron in 2002 when it created HEME teams and placed Air Mobile Life Support Units (AMLSU) on board flying platforms. The HEME teams and the AMLSU provided dedicated aeromedical evaluation capabilities for SBAB, allowing helicopters to function like an ICU in a hospital. For 1MS, the IOC is only the first step of its advancement, as CO, MAJ (DR) Lai Kah Weng elaborated, "Achieving IOC is all but a small component of the squadron's development. Although this is an important and proud milestone for us, we must continue to look ahead."

1MS projects to take on more operational roles and get involved in various exercises, so as to allow the Squadron to consolidate its operational experience. Looking further ahead, 1MS intends to establish its long-term development plans and target the attainment of FOC (Full Operational Capability) status in the near future.

## 2nd Minister for Defence Visits Tengah Air Base

On 22 Aug 05, the 2nd Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen made an inaugural visit to Tengah Air Base (TAB). He was briefed on the operational capabilities of TAB. This was followed by a presentation on the capabilities of the Air Combat Manoeuvring Instrumental (ACMI) debriefing system. After the presentation, he visited 140 SQN. The highlight of the day was Dr Ng's first one-hour flight on the F-16D aircraft. "It's an exhilarating experience," said Dr Ng after the flight. "Flying speaks volume of the training

RSAF personnel undergo because of its stressful conditions," added Dr Ng. He proceeded to interact with personnel from the 140, 143 and 111 Squadrons after this flight.

This visit had certainly made Dr Ng confident of the RSAF's operational capabilities. "I think that the time and resources invested in RSAF is well worth it because of its great competence and professionalism," said Dr Ng after this visit.

## Doing Our Part for the Community

49 children from the Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home were treated to a day of fun and enjoyment at Sentosa on 9 Sep 05, courtesy of volunteers from 160 SQN. Besides the thrilling magic show and fun-filled ice-breaker games, the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the games at Palawan Beach, where 160 SQN organised and led the children through competitive games with attractive prizes to be won by all at the event. It was obvious that the children were not the only ones who enjoyed the activities; their 'big brothers and sisters' from 160 SQN had a whale of a time too. The Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home is 160 SQN's adopted home. This yearly trip is the third it has organised for the home since adopting it in 2003.

"One of the goals of the Home is to provide meaningful activities for the children and so we are always glad that organisations like the RSAF would take some time off their busy training schedules and activities to take the children out on such outings. I am sure that the children have enjoyed themselves here," remarked Chief Executive Officer of the Home, Mr Eugene Lim.



The children having fun with their big brothers and sisters from the RSAF.

## 14th Commander for Tengah Air Base



Chief of Air Force, MG Lim (left), presenting BG Gary Ang with the certificate of appointment.

On 5 Jul 05, Tengah Air Base (TAB) witnessed the assumption of command of its 14th Commander in its 34 year history, as BG Richard Lim handed over leadership of the base to BG Gary Ang. Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon presided over the Change-of-Command Parade held at TAB.

The outgoing Commander, BG Lim began his career as a member of the elite first Commando Battalion and earned the coveted red beret in 1977. A year on, BG Lim chose to pursue his passion for flying and decided to join the RSAF as a pilot and earned his wings in 1979. Since then, BG Lim accumulated more than 4300 hours, flying aircraft such as the Hawker Hunter, F-5E and the F-16 Fighting Falcon. A Qualified Flying Instructor and Fighter Weapons Instructor, BG Lim was also a member of the prestigious RSAF Black Knights aerobatics team.

BG Lim has held several staff appointments in the RSAF, including CO, 140 SQN, Head, Force Planning Branch, Air Plans Department, Detachment Commander of Peace Carvin II, Deputy Head Air Operations (Exercise, Doctrine and Operations Development) and Deputy Base Commander of Tengah Air Base before assuming command of the Base in 2001. BG Lim is presently stationed at Washington as Singapore's Defence Attaché.

The incoming commander is no stranger to Tengah Air Base. BG Gary Ang, an SAF (Overseas) and President's scholar, had his operational grounding as a Weapon Systems Officer in 111 SQN. After completing his Officer Commanding tour, BG Ang was posted to the Air Operations Department in HQ RSAF, where he held the appointment of Head Operational Planning Branch. He returned to TAB in 1996 and became CO 111 SQN a year later.

BG Ang also held the appointment of Head Air Intelligence and served as Director (Policy) in MINDEF for the last four years.

Air Force News wishes both BG Lim and BG Ang well in their respective appointments.



Outgoing Commander BG Richard Lim (right) with incoming Commander, BG Gary Ang (left).

## New Commander Air Defence Systems Division



CAF witnessing the oath-taking by BG Tan Meng Dui (left).

The Air Defence Systems Division (ADSD) bade a fond farewell to BG Jimmy Tan and welcomed its new Commander, BG Tan Meng Dui, during the Change-in-Command Parade on 25 Jul 05. The Parade, held at the ADSD Complex was officiated by Chief of Air Force, MG Lim Kim Choon.

BG Jimmy Tan joined the RSAF in 1980 and was awarded the prestigious SAF Scholarship (Overseas) in 1981. He received his Basic Air Defence Artillery training and Air Operations and Communications training in 1983 and 1985 respectively. In his 25-year career with the RSAF, BG Jimmy Tan has held a variety of senior leadership positions, such as Commander Air Force Systems Brigade, Head Air Intelligence Department and Director, National Security Secretariat, before his appointment as COMD ADSD in August 2002. BG Jimmy Tan attended the United States Air Command and Staff College in 1991 and attended the Master of Science (National Security Strategy) programme in National



BG Jimmy Tan (left) handing over the ADSD symbol of command to BG Tan Meng Dui.

Defence University, USA, where he was named a Distinguished Graduate. BG Jimmy Tan is currently Commandant, SAFTI Military Institute.

BG Tan Meng Dui joined the RSAF in 1985. An SAF (Overseas) scholar in 1986, BG Tan received his Basic and Advanced Air Operations and Communications training in 1987 and 1994 respectively. In the last 20 years, BG Tan Meng Dui has held several senior appointments, which included Head Defence Studies Department, Head Air Plans Department, Commander Air Defence Brigade and Head Air Training Department. In 2001, BG Tan Meng Dui was named Littauer Fellow when he graduated with top honours for his Master in Public Administration programme at Harvard University.

Air Force News would like to congratulate both BG Jimmy Tan and BG Tan Meng Dui on their new appointments!



## Senior Management Dialogues



Permanent Secretary (Defence), Mr Chiang Chie Foo (third from left), with the panel members during the dialogue session at CAB.



The panel members for the officer dialogue session during the TAB visit: (from left) COMD Central Manpower Base/ Assistant Director (Enlistment & Employee Services), D'Executive Services, COL Karen Tan; Director Manpower, Lam Yi Young; PS(DD), Dr Tan Kim Siew; COMD TAB, BG Gary Ang; Head Air Manpower, COL Tan Swee Bock; and Head DMG Corp, Mr Desmond Yeo.

Permanent Secretary (Defence), Mr Chiang Chie Foo, and Permanent Secretary (Defence Development), Dr Tan Kim Siew, visited Changi Air Base (CAB) on 26 Aug 05, and Tengah Air Base (TAB) on 28 Sep 05 respectively. Both visits centred on dialogue sessions between the visiting senior management and base personnel. The sessions enabled our personnel to attain a better understanding of MINDEF policies and allowed the senior management to have a better appreciation of the issues and concerns of servicemen on the ground.

## Changes in Command and Senior Appointments

### *Changes in Senior Appointments*

COMD, Air Defence Brigade — 4 Jul 05

Incoming: LTC Lim Kok Siong

Outgoing: COL Cheng Siak Kian

COMD, Tengah Air Base — 5 Jul 05

Incoming: BG Ang Aik Hwang Gary

Outgoing: BG Lim Keng Yong Richard

Head Air Manpower — 8 Jul 05

Incoming: COL Tan Swee Bock

Outgoing: COL Peter Wee

Head Air Training — 8 Jul 05

Incoming: COL Hoo Cher Mou

Outgoing: BG Tan Meng Dui

Deputy Head Air Logistics (Material), Air Logistics Department — 22 Jul 05

Incoming: LTC Chung Wei Ken

Outgoing: COL Ang Chee Keong

Defence Attaché (Washington) — 23 Jul 05

Incoming: BG Lim Keng Yong Richard

Outgoing: BG Voon Tse Chow

### *Changes in Senior Appointments cont.*

COMD, Air Defence Systems Division — 25 Jul 05

Incoming: BG Tan Meng Dui

Outgoing: BG Tan Cheng Yaw Jimmy

Head, Air Operations Centre, Air Operations Department — 15 Aug 05

Incoming: COL Toh Chor Kah Henry

Outgoing: COL Tan Lik Kok

### *Changes in Command*

CO, 3 DA BN — 30 Aug 05

Incoming: LTC Roland Ng Kian Huat

Outgoing: LTC Koh Cheng Boon

Det COMD, Peace Carvin II Detachment — 30 Sep 05

Incoming: LTC Tan Ah Kheng

Outgoing: LTC Anil Sankar

The F-16D Block 52+ of 145 SQN performing the Bomb Burst at National Day Parade 2005 at the Padang.

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