



PRETORIA CANOPY



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BAT CHAT – Newsletter Oct 2018

WOORD VAN DIE VOORSITTER

In die laaste byeenkomste het ons die praatjies van Genl Les Rudman , Genl Andre Bestbier; AO1 John Haynes en ons eie Oom Ronnie ervaar. Die byeenkoms van 14 September is rustig deurgebring waar die manne geleentheid gegun was om te gesels en braai.

Krige het wel vir ons 'n kort vertoning aangebied van die valskerm sprong in die VSA.

Daar gaan gepoog word om elke drie maande 'n Nuusbrief uit te bring – maar kan nie gedoen word sonder bydraes nie



NEXT CANOPY MEETING VOLGENDE CANOPY BYEENKOMS

DV 12 Okt om 19h00.
Tyd : 18h30 vir 19h00
Drag : Informeel
Plek : Centurion Moth
Adres: Evendon House,
139 Glover avenue,
Die Hoewes, Centurion



Spreker: Kol (Dr.) Louis Du Plessis.

Tema: “Die innerlike dryfkrag van valskermtroepe, geïllustreer met die Slag van Kreta.”

Elke lid word uitgenooi om aan die bespreking deel te neem oor hoe en hoekom valskermtroepe verskil van die res!



4 things paratroopers can teach the business world

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“Airborne soldiers are exceptional individuals, but the commitment they demonstrate is not innate. It is built on trust – and managers should take note”



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WATERSPRONG 2018

Die watersprong is geskeduleer vir Vrydag 30 November.

Heropleiding is 'n vereiste en moet in die week voor die sprong by 1BN in Bloemfontein gedoen word. Ons vlieg van Bloem af en spring oor Bloemhofdam uit. Hopelik val ons almal in die water.....

Belangstellendes moet op die "Watersprong 2018" WhatsApp groep aansluit en hulle inligting vir Samajoor Ivy Thiant deurgee – Sluit aan op die skakel - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GVgALpzacmW7PEntC9QTJo>

Gee die volgende inligting deur op die groep:

1. Naam en Van
2. Magsnommer
3. Jaar gekwalifiseer,
4. Springkursus nommer

Voor enige persoon kan spring, hou die volgende in gedagte.

Dokumentasie: Jy sal die volgende dokumentasie moet toon voor jy toegelaat word om te spring.

1. Afskrif van ID
2. Afskrif van Spring Sertifikaat
3. Dokters brief wat sê jy mag spring
4. Mediesefonds detail
5. Inligting van naasbestaande
6. Jy sal ook die vrywarings vorms moet teken.

STAAN IN DIE DEUR EEN TWEE!!!

The PVO website

www.parabat.org.za is there to give you all the information you need on the organisation. Please visit it regularly. Any paratrooper who needs to know where his nearest PVO Canopy is will be helped from this website. New members are welcome and existing members who are unsure of any of the benefits on offer can make enquiries there.

PVO APP

Go onto the Android or Apple store, search for Parabat Veterans Organisation and download the PVO app on your mobile device. Soon paid-up PVO members will have access to premium information and additional benefits.

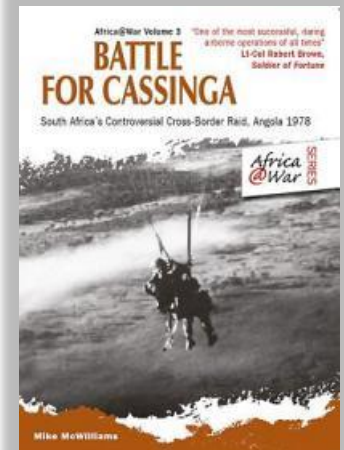
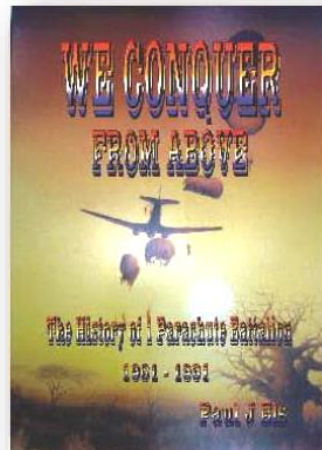
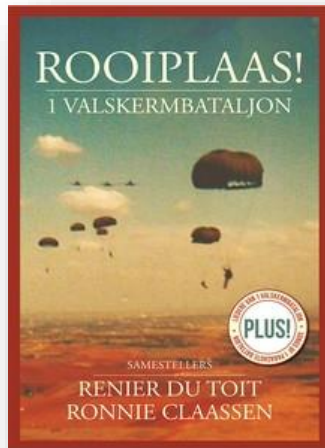


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BOOKS / CD'S / DVD'S OF THE BATS

Order from our Canopy a variety of books cd's and DVD's



We have DVD recordings of presentations by

- 1) Genl. Rudman
- 2) Genl. Bestbier
- 3) Oom Ronnie
- 4) Sgt. Maj. John Haynes – Recce seaborne operations

..... and a growing media library with recordings we will be making of all future presentations



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BELANGRIKE DATUMS VIR 2018

PARABAT REUNION



**27 October
2018**



Invitation to all Parabats 1960 - 1994

<p>Venue: Schoemansville Resort Time: Official Opening—10h00 Fee: R50 per person & 2 tins of food Lunch: Foxtrot 87-88 To supply</p>	<p>Corner of Waterfront & Marais Schoemansville, Hartbeespoort S25.44.081 E27.52.968</p> 
<p>RSVP: parabat@lantic.net LATEST 30 September 2018 Please supply the following information: Name Force No. / Intake Year Telephone Number Email address No. of persons attending Camping Accommodation available CASH BAR AVAILABLE</p>	<p>Memorabilia If you have any old Parabat memorabilia that you are prepared to donate towards the auction or museum, please contact us.</p> <p>Stalls Available 3mx3m Stalls available Cost R2000 per stall Payable in advance</p>
<p>Hosted by: In His Honour Outreach Foundation If you are able to assist with funding for the reunion it would be appreciated: In His Honour Outreach Foundation, ABSA Bank, Branch code: 632005, Account no: 9244722025 Reference: Reunion</p>	<p>Contact details: Mike 071 595 6300 Dianne 082 442 5807</p>  <p>Email: parabat@lantic.net</p>

Friday 16 Nov – Canopy meeting

Friday 30 November - Waterjump

Saturday 8 December - Annual Canopy Spitbraai



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BATS IN NOOD

'n Groot dankie aan al die manne wat bydraes gemaak het vir makkers in nood. Ons kon die afgelope paar maande verskeie manne help wat in nood is/was.

Ons het ook hospitaal beddens gekry en het reeds een van ons makkers daarmee gehelp. Sy dienspelig kompanie help hom ook met ander behoeftes. Indien daar enige ander Parabat is was so n bed nodig het laat weet ons.



Enige manne wat bydraes wil maak kan betalings in PTA Canopy se rekening inbetaal – gebruik verwysing Bat Hulpfonds.

Rekening besonderhede –

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Neem asseblief kennis dat die finansiële state beskikbaar is vir enige opbetaalde lede vir besigtiging en vrae. Ons het strukture en ouditeure in plek om verantwoording te doen vir elke sent wat ge-in of spandeer word.

PROFILE OF AN AIRBORNE SOLDIER

TO BE ABLE TO PARACHUTE YOU MUST HAVE SOME GUTS FOR THE SELECTION COURSE AND YOU NEED AGILITY, CO-ORDINATION AND CONFIDENCE TO JUMP.

BUT TO BE AN AIRBORNE SOLDIER, YOU MUST BE SMART, DISCIPLINED, FIT, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY TOUGH, DETERMINED, HAVE A TEAM SPIRIT, BE AGGRESSIVE, HAVE INITIATIVE AND ALSO HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR.



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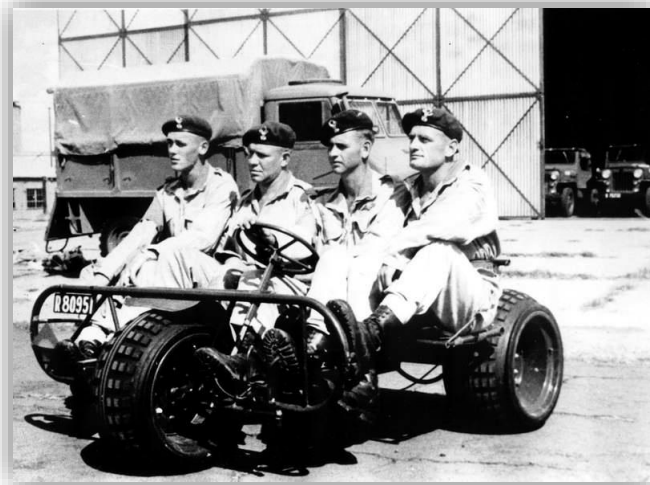


Tiko Car

The Fabrique Nationale in Belgium designed and manufactured a small vehicle for their Para-Commando Regiment. These vehicles were foldable to a certain extent, lightweight, could carry four paratroopers and, if necessary, they could be picked up! During 1964 vehicles were utilised when the Belgians launched an excellent airborne operation on Stanleyville in the Congo to set a few thousand hostages free. When the South African Defence Force purchased the first Fabrique Nationale (FN) rifle from the Belgians to replace the old .303 Lee-Enfield rifles during the early sixties, some other items were also bought, amongst them a few of the funny-looking, small parachute vehicles. All these vehicles were given to 1 Para Bn.

At that stage, the transport officer of 1 Para Bn was an obstreperous little Lieutenant who, until not long before that, was a Corporal in the Armoured Corps. As Corporal, he was one of the original 15 men who were trained as paratroopers in England during 1960 and Commandant Louw must have thought that this small guy would be the most suitable officer to look after the unit's new vehicles. When the vehicles arrived, the Lieutenant immediately took charge and was solicitous of them.

One day, the Lieutenant was driving one of these vehicles from the transport park along the road past the old hangar on his way to the Battalion HQ. Between the parade ground and the road was a sloping wall as the parade ground was higher than the road. This was exactly where the road split in two, the road to the left going on to the Battalion HQ and the other straight to the Battalion entrance. Approximately 60 metres from the fork in the road, the Lieutenant lost control of the vehicle due to loose gravel on the tarmac, the vehicle spun right around, rushed up the slope and stopped stalled half way up. The only damage was to the Lieutenant's ego that was crushed for weeks. The Lieutenant was Tiko Brink and the small vehicles were aptly named Tiko cars. C.J. Brink's nick-name was Tiko and he has a large eagle tattooed on his chest.



Above left: Comdt C.J. Brink in a Tiko car – photo taken in 1982 during the celebration of the 21st birthday of the unit. Above right - seated L to R: Ray Burgess; Rassie Erasmus*; Jeff Burger*; Yogi Potgieter* (Brink).

Taken from *We conquer from above* of Paul J. Els