

pride
discipline
honour



Foreword



Still going strong, the SAF Provost celebrates 40 years of excellence, enforcing law and order, and upholding discipline within the SAF. As we embark on a new phase of our journey together, we must never forget our roots; the foundations on which our future will be built upon.

In our journey, we have managed to overcome many challenges, adversities, trials and tribulations. It is definitely with much pride as we look back upon our achievements and milestones of the past 40 years. The journey has not been easy, but the struggles of yesteryear, not to be taken for granted, have borne the rewards that we reap today.

Having come so far in our development and support of the SAF, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels or be complacent with our present success. With the SAF 3G Force Transformation, changes in societal landscapes, demographics and operational

concepts, the SAF Provost must adapt with the times. Thus, the impetus to restructure the SAF Provost into the SAF Military Police Command.

The new structure will be more integrated and networked, leveraging on technology, in our efforts to strengthen our core competencies and expand our capabilities. This will align and enhance the functions of the Military Police in the SAF.

This commemorative book is a record of our footsteps, a monument which the shared spirit of military policemen of past and present is engraved upon. The sacrifices of our founding fathers must not be forgotten, lest we lose touch with our rich heritage and tradition.

The journey ahead may be daunting, and the road may be long, but we will stride forward - always with Pride, Discipline and Honour.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Chan Wei Gan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

LTC Chan Wei Gan
Commanding Officer
SAF Provost



Vision

To be the Bastion of Enforcement in the Singapore Armed Forces,
A United yet Diverse Team of
Elite Protectors, Enforcers and Reformers of Law and Order,
Highly Regarded as Exemplary Guardians of Military Law and
Premier Leaders in Ceremonial Drills.

Mission

To uphold and enforce military law, order and discipline in the SAF
during both peace and war time, whilst providing security support and
executing ceremonial duties
for the State and SAF.

Provost Marshals

Our SAF Provost Marshals from past to present.



MAJ (Ret) Lim Choon Mong
1 September 1970 to 1 November 1972



LTC (Ret) Niaz Mohamed Shah
1 November 1972 to 14 May 1974



LTC (Ret) Simon Koh
14 May 1974 to 15 December 1976



LTC (Ret) Guang Yap Pin
15 December 1976 to 1 February 1980



LTC (Ret) Tan Lai Hock
1 February 1980 to 31 December 1982



LTC (Ret) Lee Meng Tong
31 December 1983 to 1 December 1984



LTC (Ret) Lim Theam Poh
1 December 1984 to 14 April 1991



COL (Ret) Ng Eng Hua
14 April 1991 to 29 June 1994



LTC (Ret) Chew Kian Seng
29 June 1994 to 17 January 1997



COL (Ret) Oh Beng Chin
17 January 1997 to 6 July 2000



COL (Ret) Cheang Kai Hien
6 July 2000 to 15 December 2003



LTC Chan Wei Gan
15 December 2003 to Present

The Muskets

Muskets were the weapon the Military Police of the past used. Though not in use anymore, the traditional musket weapon is still commonly associated with the Provost today. The muskets displayed in the logo symbolise two-things true of our unit. Firstly, the unit treasures certain traditions and values it has inculcated over the years. Secondly, the Unit is an operational combat unit.

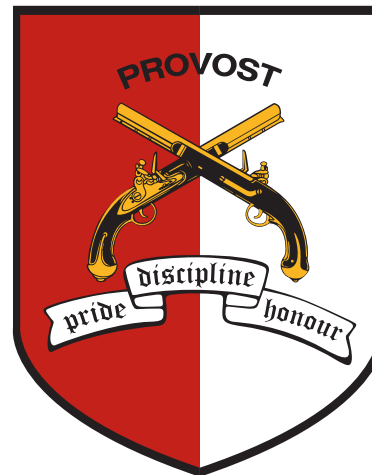
Background Colours

The red and white background represents our national colours. It symbolises the allegiance the Unit has towards the nation of Singapore. Red symbolises our brotherhood within the SAF while the white speaks of the virtuous character of the Provost.

The Unit Motto

‘Pride, Discipline, Honour’

The motto exemplifies the standards and qualities that the units is to live up to. Pride: The SAF Provost is proud to serve as the standard setter for the SAF both in character and turnout. Discipline: It is the goal of the unit to strive for the highest standards of personnel and unit's discipline in order to effectively enforce discipline within the SAF. Honour: In carrying out its duties, the SAF Military Police always seeks to bring honour to the Nation, SAF and the Provost.



Humble Beginnings

The first semblance of Provost took shape in the form of a platoon strength in the Singapore Volunteer Forces many years before the formation of the Singapore Military Forces. Along with the formation of the Singapore Military forces in 1965 came the establishment of the Singapore Infantry Brigade (SIB) Provost Platoon, where a small strength was formed under the command and control of the new SIB.

On 1 September 1966, the SAF Provost Company was established, a unit under the Manpower Division but remained under the administrative command of HQ 1 SIB due to the Brigade Commander being the Disciplinary Officer for the entire Army.

The Brigade Provost MPs, who patrolled internally in the camps, were later considered to give rise to friction among the good order of personnel from different formations residing in the Brigade. Their duties were eventually taken over the Brigade RPs and the Brigade Provost Coy was disbanded. The newly established SAF Provost Coy absorbed all Brigade MPs and held sufficient MPs for operational duties of the brigade and all battalions.

The SAF Provost Coy was initially located at Beach Road Camp. In the same period, the School of Provost was also set up to provide training for 40-80 personnel a year. There was an established strength of 129 personnel and a support of 19 vehicles.

Milestones

2006 Transformation of SAF Provost to SAF Military Police Command

2002 SAF Provost moved to the current new location at Kranji.

1995 Active Provost Company assumed all ceremonial duties performed at MINDEF.

1990 School of Provost was reorganised into the MP Training Wing and Dog Training Wing.

1987 SAF Detention Barracks officially opened to replace Tanglin Detention Barracks, Changi Detention Barracks and Nee Soon Detention Barracks.

1986 The Precision Drill Unit performed in its very first National Day Parade.

1984 School of Provost commenced its first SPDS course to familiarize MPs with drill movement using the MK 4 rifle.

1983 The Military Police Uniform (No. 3) was introduced.

The first prestige guard was assembled for the German ambassador to Singapore.
Ops Company assumed ceremonial functions.

1980

Kranji Disciplinary Barracks was converted to a Detention Barracks.

1977

Active Provost Company was established in Mowbray Camp.

1973

Kranji Disciplinary Barrack was established.

1972

The SAF Provost Unit shifted and officially established its camp at Ulu Pandan Road.

1971

SAF Provost Company shifted to Hill Street Camp where Dog Company and Ops Company were established.

1970

The SAF Dog Company was established at Seletar Camp.

SAF Provost Company was established at Beach Road Camp. Also School of Provost was set up to provide training for 40-80 personnel per year. The first detention cells were also situated at Beach Road.

1966

August 1966

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星橋北挂象天星



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水東流繞錦城

乙巳蛇四月運程1965年生人，諸多掣肘，獨力難支。
丁未羊四月運程1967年生人，財星破損，投資宜慎。

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Ministry of the Interior & Defence
Pearl's Hill,
Singapore 2.

25th June, 1968

UNIT FORMATION ORDER

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2. Abbreviation: SAF Pro Coy
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..... Singapore 7
..... 665730 and 361266
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7. Formation Instruction Ref No: 26th Aug 1966
8. Date of Formation: Independent Unit for all MP matters
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10. Logistics Status: MP/68/18
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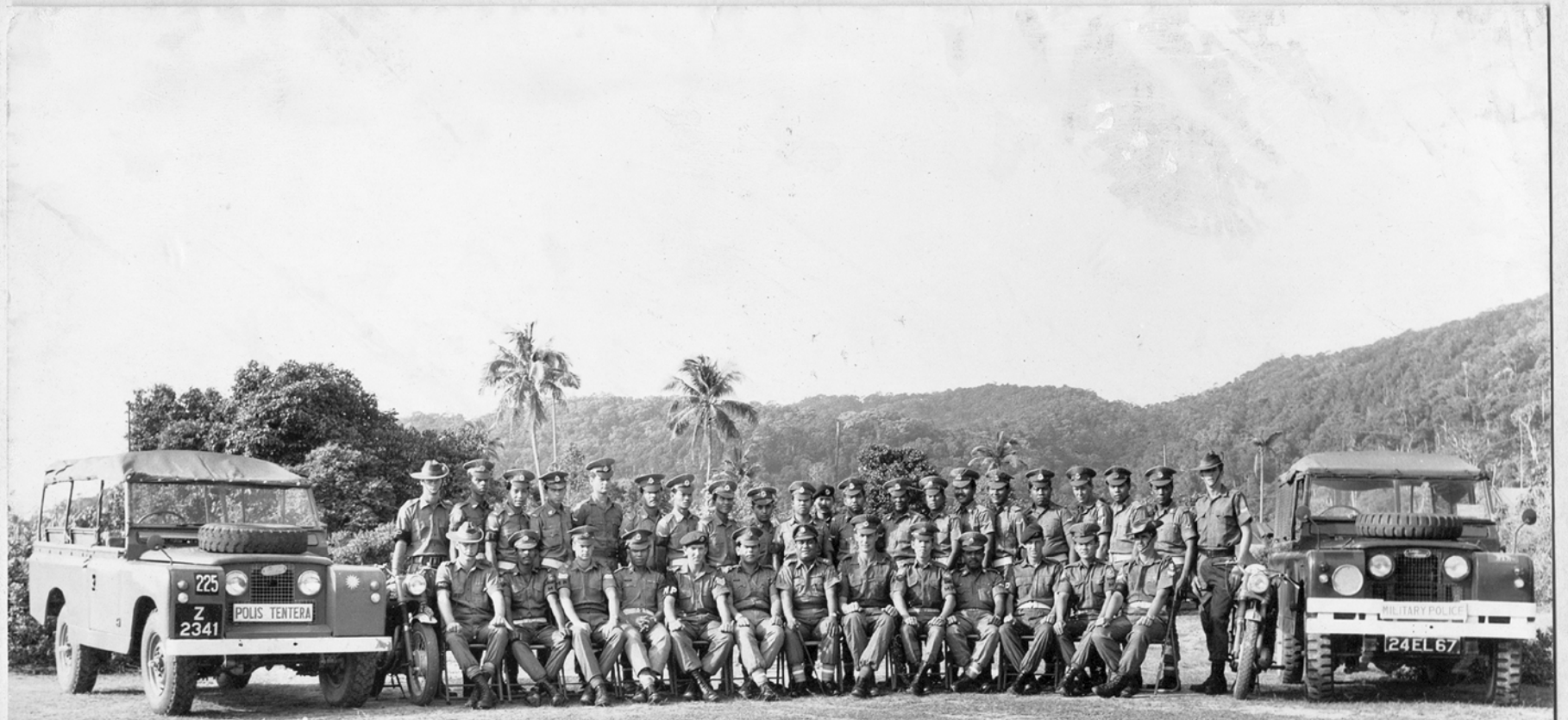
Maj H. VEEGE
Head, Organisation Department
for Director, General Staff Division

NCO Class 1 Course

ADMIN HQ PROVOST UNIT

EX 'BERSATU PADU'

28 MAY — 10 JULY 1970



SAF PROVOST UNIT



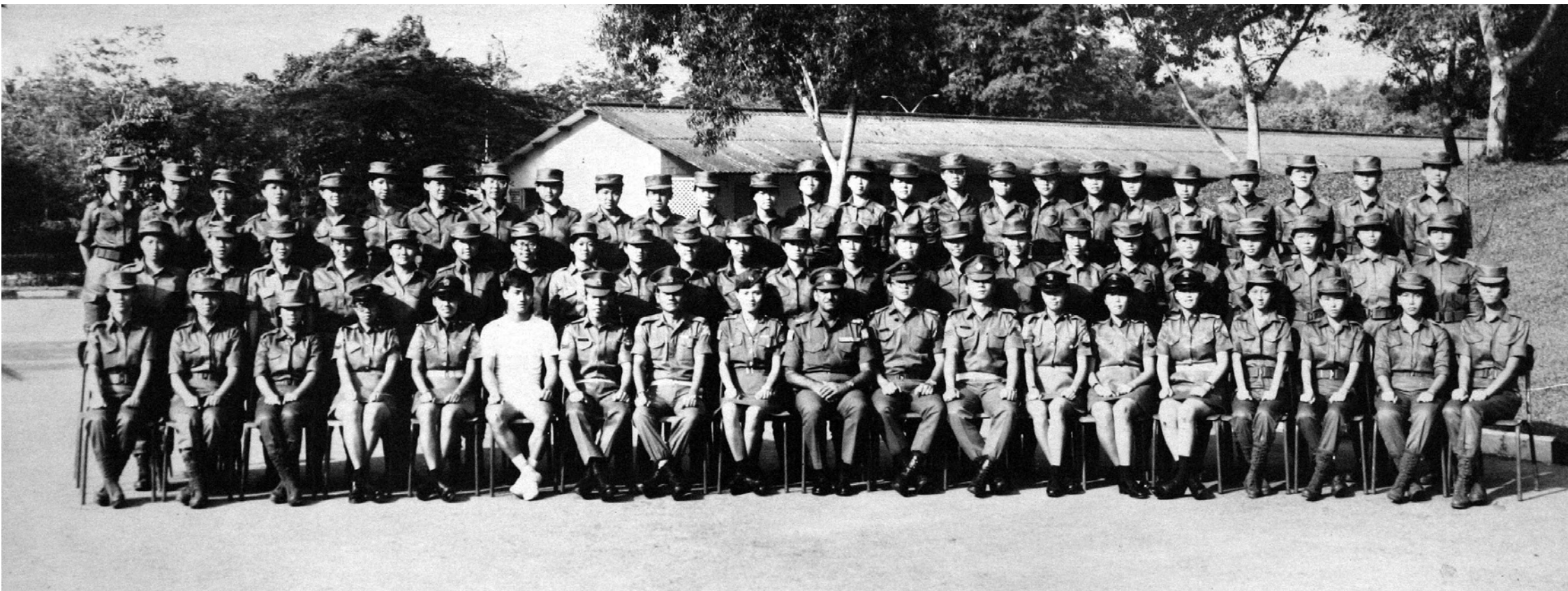
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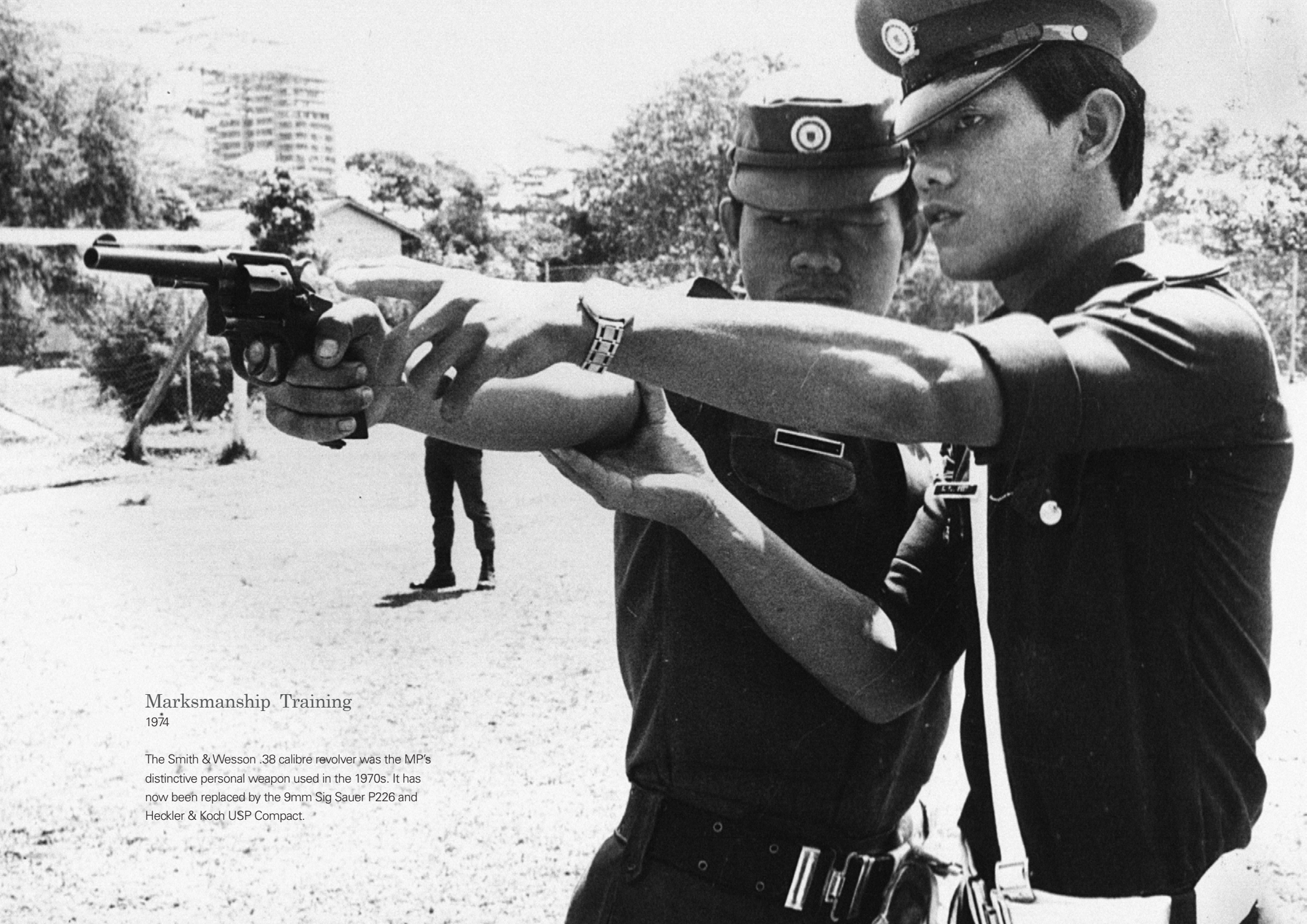
Left: Ulu Pandan Camp Premises

1971 - 2002

School of Provost undertaking her 1st batch of Women's BMT

1973





Marksmanship Training

1974

The Smith & Wesson .38 calibre revolver was the MP's distinctive personal weapon used in the 1970s. It has now been replaced by the 9mm Sig Sauer P226 and Heckler & Koch USP Compact.

National Day Parade
1975





Visits by VIPs and Dignitaries

1973

Informal visit by then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew to Mowbray Camp



20 May 1971

COL Kirpal Ram Vij, then Commandant SAFTI, accompanied by MAJ Lim Choon Mong, then CO SAFPU to Seletar Air Base, Dog Unit.

Tanglin Detention Barracks

1972

The British Army Military Correction Centre at Tanglin was handed to the Singapore Armed Forces.



Changi Detention Barracks

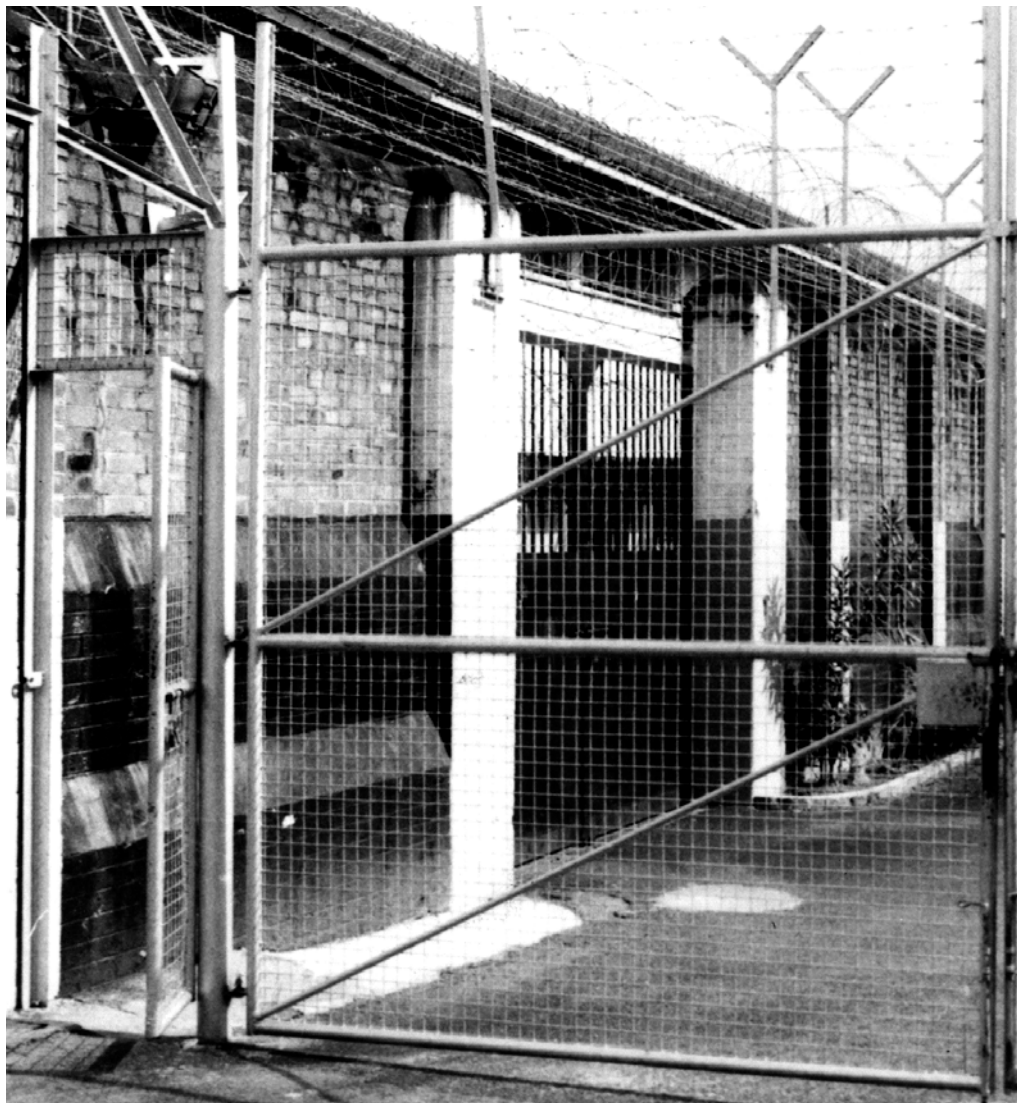
1973



Nee Soon Detention Barracks

1974

Nee Soon Detention Barracks was formed in 1974 and closed down on 29th March 1987



Traffic

1975

A performance by the MP Traffic
Outriders during National Day
Parade





Traffic Outrider

1976

Various Hand signals used in Traffic Control

Anniversary Celebration

1980

Even in the early days, it was never the case of all work and no fun





Security Company
1983



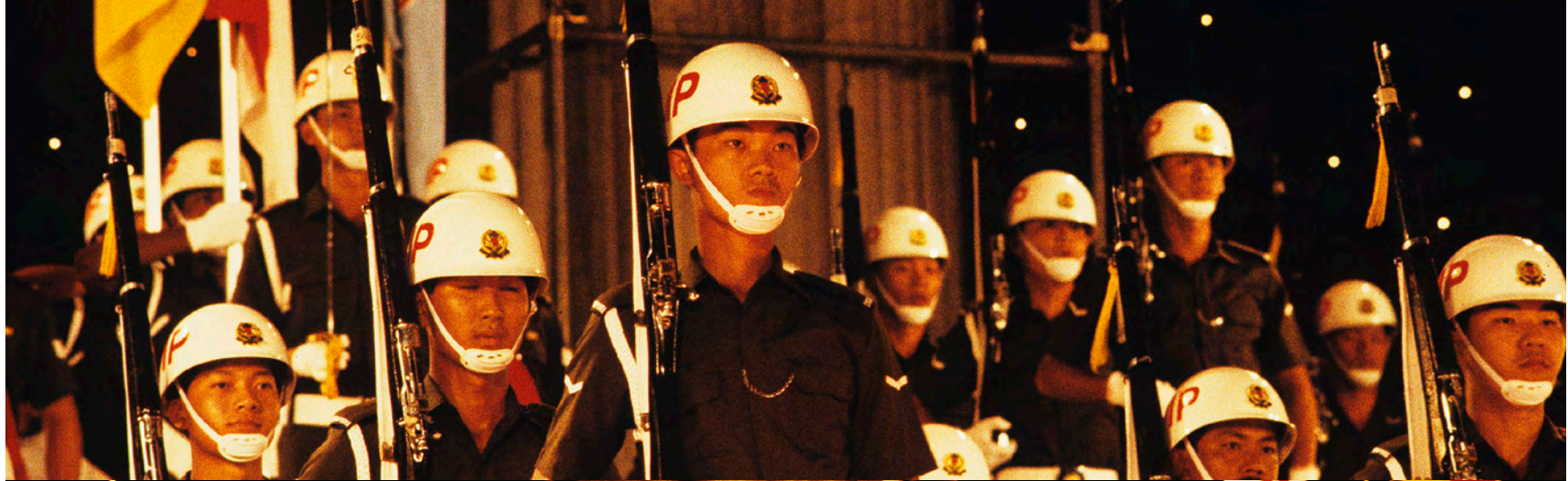
Special Investigation Branch
1986

1st Silent Precision Drill Public Performance

1984

Reach Out Singapore Performance at City Hall







Change of Guards Ceremony

1986
Istana

From 1986, the SAF Provost Unit assumed all ceremonial functions of the Singapore Armed Forces. Some ceremonial functions include mounting of Guard of Honour Contingents for visiting dignitaries and VIPs, and even the Change of Guard ceremony at the Istana which prior to 1986 was mounted by the then Guards Unit.



Typical Investigation
Interview Scene by
Special Investigations
Branch

1982



SAF Detention Barracks

29 March 1987

Officially launched to replace Tanglin Detention Barracks, Changi Detention Barracks and Nee Soon Detention Barracks.







SAF Detention Barracks

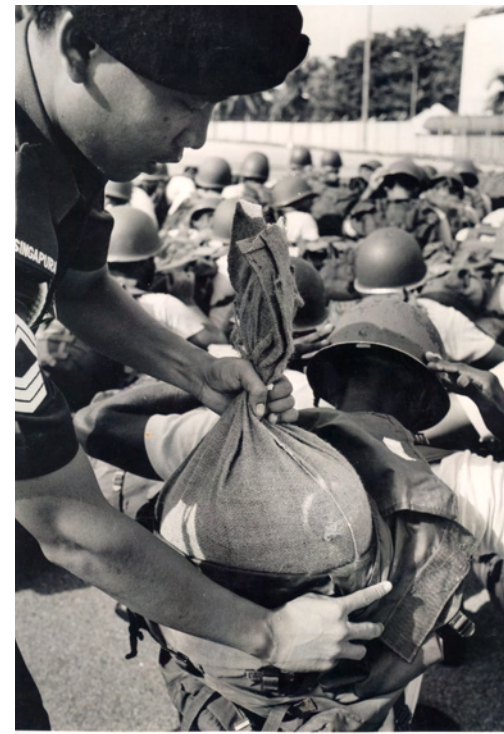
1987

Cell Block



Caning is administered as a form of punishment for serious offences committed by servicemen, and can only be served out by the SAF Court Martial Centre

Detainees wear a protective guard on their rear so as to avoid unintended infliction of injury when being caned.



Regime Training

1987

SAF Detention Barracks

Regime Training is designed to inculcate a sense of discipline in military offenders, as well as to improve their overall physical fitness. Detainees wore helmets and boots and carried field packs containing sand bags of varying weight, depending on the size and strength of the individual.

I AM A
MILITARY POLICEMAN
IN THE SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES.
I SERVE MY COUNTRY WITH
PRIDE, DISCIPLINE
AND HONOUR.

WITH *PRIDE*, I WILL **ALWAYS** DISCHARGE MY DUTIES
FIRMLY, FAIRLY, HONESTLY
AND WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR.

WITH **DISCIPLINE**, I WILL ALWAYS STRIVE FOR THE
HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SOLDIERING.

WITH HONOUR, I WILL ALWAYS ACCOMPLISH MY MISSIONS

COURAGEOUSLY, LOYALLY AND ***DECISIVELY.***



Presentation of SAF Provost Unit Colours

1 July 1995

President Ong Teng Cheong presenting the SAFPU Colours to then CO SAFPU,
LTC Chew Kian Seng at the SAF Day Parade.



SPDS Performance
National Day 1998

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Graduands of School of Provost

1990s

Ulu Pandan Camp

Military Police Participation in UN Mission to Timor Leste 1999 - 2002

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Our MPs guarding the coastline where ships docked to drop off supplies and rations for the people of Timor Leste.



Keeping the Peace in Timor Leste

1999 - 2002

In 1999, the Singapore Armed Forces began deploying small contingents of soldiers to Timor Leste as part of its commitment to the United Nations and its cause of global peace and security. The SAF contingent comprised of regulars from various vocations including Military Policemen. There, MPs were tasked to provide security, medical and transport assistance in light of the unrest there. In total, 7 contingents were sent to Timor Leste.



Our
New Home



Construction of New Mowbray Camp

2001

Construction of the School of Provost building

WE HAVE SHIFTED

**NEW ADDRESS FOR SAFFU
IN KRANJI CAMP**

**953, MOWBRAY ROAD,
#02-11
SINGAPORE 688235**

TEL NO: 6434 6444



Opening Ceremony of the New Mowbray Camp

2002

The New Mowbray Camp along Choa Chu Kang Way was officially opened by then Minister of State (Defence), Mr. Cedric Foo on 10th September 2002







New Home,
New Era

Anti-Riot Force

The Calming Force amidst the Storm

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Ever Ready

Our Anti-Riot Platoon is ever ready to diffuse any situation that may arise within SAF Camps as well as the SAF Detention Barrack and where their expertise in riot control is needed.





Security

To Protect and Safeguard



Close Protection Operators

Protecting SAF and foreign military dignitaries during major SAF and State functions, these operators are ever vigilant, quietly observing the surroundings for any threats to the principals whom they protect.







Protection of Installations

Military Policemen deployed at external units are trained to protect military and civilian key installations and maintain round the clock security at vital installations around Singapore.



Traffic Enforcer

Always On The Go

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Enforces Traffic Laws and Regulations for SAF vehicles travelling on the road, ensuring road safety and proper management of SAF vehicles on the move.

Traffic Regulation

MPs provides assistance to the Traffic Police in aiding traffic regulation and control along public roads, as seen here in the monthly Change of Guards procession along Orchard Road.





Vehicle Escort

MPs also provide mobile escort of SAF equipment between SAF Units and training areas for exercises. Outriders ensure escorted convoys do not hinder or obstruct traffic flow on public roads.





Training

Nurturing Military Policemen of Tomorrow

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Outfield Exercises

Training for Conventional Operations



Basic Military Police training specific to the conventional roles are often conducted in the field, so as to simulate the wartime scenarios. Training will include Prisoner of War Management, Traffic Regulatory Control as well as Security operations.



Basic Military Police Training

Training for Active and NSMen by School of Provost



Control & Restraint Lesson

MP Specialist Class II Course



Scratch & Sniff

Dog Handling Course



Dog Handling is another core competency of the Military Police. Dog Wing instructors conduct a series of upgrading courses from Basic, Advanced to Master Dog Trainer Courses for servicemen from various units, imparting to them, the skills and experience necessary for them to handle their dogs professionally and proficiently.

“A dog is not a creature which thinks and feels like a human, but a beast of nature which man has domesticated.”

1WO Silvarathi

Dog Wing Commander



Check 1-2-3-4...

Basic Silent Precision Drill Squad Course



In order to receive the prestigious Silent Precision Drills Squad (SPDS) Badge, trainees will have to undergo a month long intensive course that conditions the trainee both physically and mentally. Coordination and timing are paramount if one is to successfully complete the course.





“It instills within
me discipline and
perseverance.”

3SG Md Sarwani

Trainee of 01/2006 SPDS Batch

School of Provost

Ceremonial

Custodians of Regimentation and Ceremony

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Guard of Honour Contingent

Parades for Heads of State



Through deft and polished execution of ceremonial duties, the Provost Guard of Honour Contingent has represented the state and SAF in receiving foreign dignitaries at both the Istana and MINDEF.

Parades for Visiting Foreign Dignitaries







“The Provost Family...
A diversified force with a unified spirit.”

MWO Amar Singh

RSM, SAF PROVOST



Silent Precision Drill Badge

The Silent Precision Drill Badge was launched in 1999 to be worn by SPDS trained soldiers. Shown below is the Advanced SPDS badge, identified by the red backing of the badge.





SAF Day 2006
Silent Precision Drill Squad Performance



SAF Day Parade

1st July 2006.

The Custodian of ceremonial functions in the SAF, the ever present Guard of Honour Contingent of SAF Provost





Detention

To Rehabilitate and Reform



Entrance to Cell Block



For most detainees, this corridor marks the beginning of a new chapter in their lives - one which they will not soon forget and one that they would not want to go back to after leaving it. The corridor is a holding area between the cell block area and the outside.

Putting out their Attire



Detainees' attires are washed daily and distributed to the various cells by appointed detainees. In general, it is mandatory for detainees to change their attire at least once daily.

Dinner Time

Detainees in Cell Block 'A' collecting their dinner



At 1630 hours, two appointed detainees will begin wheeling a cart carrying dinner for the entire cell block. They will leave trays of food at the foot of the cell gates for detainees to collect. This will be their last meal of the day before lights off at 2200 hours.



Incarceration Centre with Heart

At Detention Barracks, servicemen don't merely serve time, they undergo rehabilitation and counselling, so as to ease them back into SAF and subsequently the society.

Detainees are given opportunities for self-improvement whilst serving their sentences. Professional counsellors are also invited to Detention Barracks to guide the detainees. Many lives have been touched and changed by these counsellors.





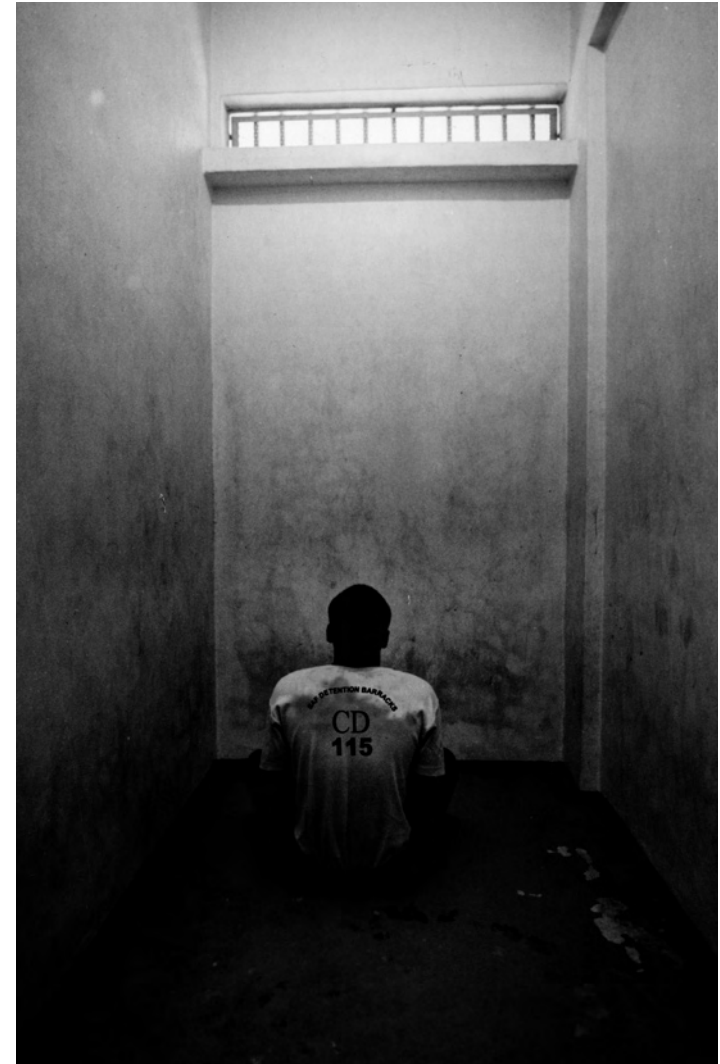
The Listening Ear

Counsellors engage the detainees to assist them to reform, ever ready to lend a listening ear and a helping hand.

Solitary Confinement Cell



This is one of the places where detainees want to avoid most of all. Detainees who misbehave might face up to a maximum of 2 weeks in the solitary confinement cells, where they are not allowed interaction at all.





Equipping of Detainees

Detainees are issued with basic amenities such as tooth brush and paste, soap, attire and slippers. Straw mats are also standard issue, but are considered a privilege and hence can be taken away from the detainee if he misbehaves. Besides that, detainees are also allowed religious books and academic books.



Investigation

In Pursuit of Justice

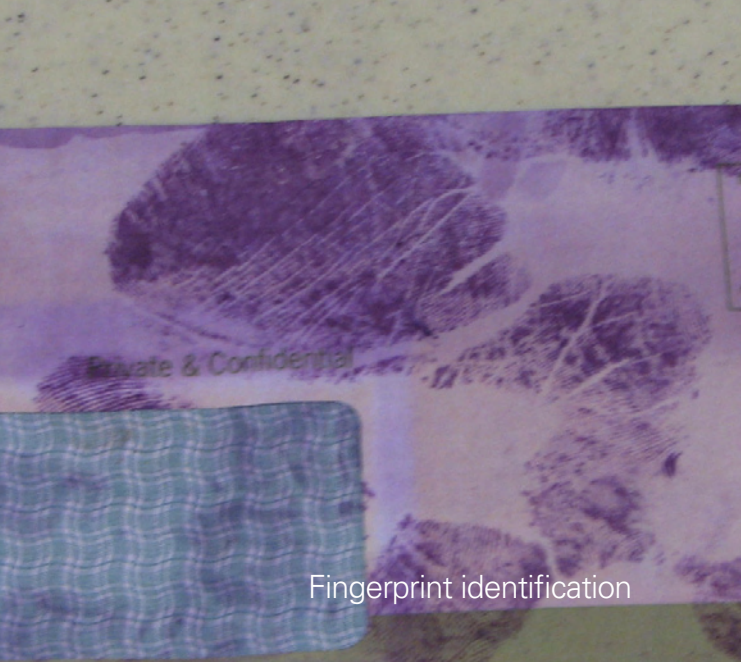
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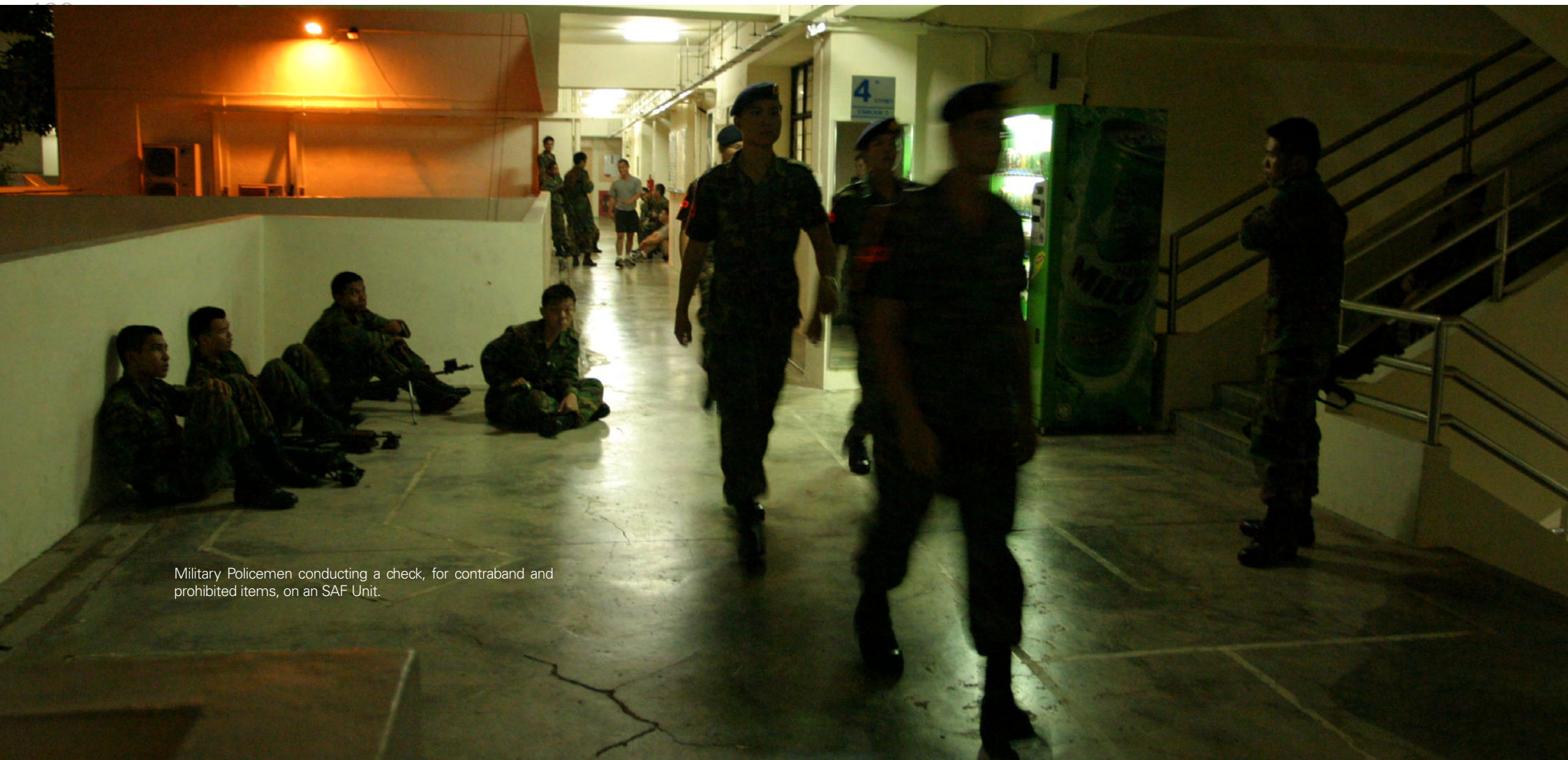


CSI Provost

Crime Scene Investigations and Forensic Analysts are critical skill sets that will allow our investigators to professionally handle cases and leave no stone unturned in the process.

Law & Discipline

Bastions of Enforcement



Military Policemen conducting a check, for contraband and prohibited items, on an SAF Unit.





SAF Military Working Dogs are used extensively in the routine spot checks conducted by Military Policemen. Their highly sensitive sense of smell and competent training enable them to sniff out illegal items such as controlled drugs as well as explosive materials.

Routine Spot Checks

Military Police Checks on all SAF Units are required to ensure that contraband and prohibited items are not widespread within SAF.



Mowbray Station

The Front Office

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**MOWBRAY
STATION**





Located within Mowbray Camp, Mowbray Station provides the processing and temporary incarceration facility prior to the subject's transfer to SAF Detention Barracks.

Headquarters

The Backbone of our Unit



Serving with Pride, Discipline & Honour

Behind every successful organisation is a group of dedicated individuals whose primary task is to provide managerial and administrative support to our unit wherever possible. Our Headquarters comprises of several branches which include Human Resource, Guard Room, Operations, Logistics and last but not least, Motor Transport Line.





MILITARY POLICE COMMAND

The SAF Provost has been the core law enforcement body in the SAF for the past four decades. With the emergence of new threats, advances in technology, and changing security landscapes, it has become imperative that the Military Police Corps of the SAF re-structures and reinvents itself to effectively respond to these new and emerging challenges.

Expanding existing capabilities as well as strengthening core competencies are our key thrusts in the restructuring of SAF Provost.

Recognising and harnessing the power of technology will assist in overcoming challenges faced in MP operations.

Keeping in tandem with the transformational vision of a 3G SAF, the proposed changes and capability expansion will ensure that the Military Police Corps of the SAF stays current and relevant well into the future, and that we remain at the forefront of law enforcement and discipline.

Pride, Discipline and Honour will continue to be our guiding light, and while our structure and emphases may change along the way, our spirit will always remain true to our motto.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT LAP
INTO THE FUTURE

SAF MILITARY POLICE
COMVAND
MILITARY POLICE
ENFORCEMENT UNIT
MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOL
1ST PROVOST BATTALION
INTELLIGENCE SECURITY
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