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A Tribute to our Armour Family

Celebrating SAF Armour 35th Anniversary



FOREWORD

by Comd 25 Div / Chief Armour Officer

SAF Armour was first unveiled to an adoring Singapore public 35 years ago, on 9th August 1969, when 18 AMX-13s rolled in front of City Hall in a mobile column in celebration of our 4th National Day. The raising of the Armour Formation in two short years was not just a stunning demonstration of the resolve of a young nation to build up an Armour force to defend itself. It epitomised the inspirational “can do” spirit of the pioneer generation of the Armour Formation in achieving the impossible. They laid the foundation of what is today a modern Armour fighting force, one that is “The Arm of Decision” of the SAF.

Over the years, waves of Armour warriors have passed through our ranks, and through their contributions, have built up a proud Formation noted for its exceptionally strong esprit de corps. The special bonding amongst Armour warriors is hard to explain. An ex Chief Armour Officer suggested that it is because we all share a common rite of passage. There are places that we are all familiar with, people who we all can relate to, and activities that Armour warriors instantly recognise. This rite of passage is what makes wearing the Black Beret so special, and why the Force is the Family.

This 35th Anniversary Commemorative Book is an attempt to capture images that are uniquely Armour. It captures people, places and activities that we as Armour Warriors all relate to. It celebrates the coming of age of the Formation, and pays tribute to the many soldiers, past and present, who make up the Armour family.

Swift and Decisive.

BG Bernard Tan Kok Kiang
Comd 25 Div / Chief Armour Officer























































































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