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MESSAGE FROM LT COL F.S. MARAIS, THE OFFICER COMMANDING

First and foremost let me congratulate all who were involved in and or took part in the recent exercise which was held in co-operation with SAAB Grintek and their advanced drone technology enabling the CR team to take training in the rural context, to new heights.

The recent budget in which Defence was allocated 47.9 Billion down from 48.9 Billion in last financial year is somewhat disappointing when one sees that the SAPS are to receive double the amount allocated to the Defence of our Country. Have we become such a lawless society that the internal threat is perceived to be greater than any possible act of aggression from beyond our borders?

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance, this has been stated and used as a motto the world over and we as Soldiers must realise that the way in which we conduct ourselves in pursuit of our personal goals, reflects on our organisation as a whole.

Law and order starts with every bona fide South African and respect for not only each other, but the fabric of society inclusive of our infrastructure, service personnel and amenities must become part of our commitment, not just the apparent willingness to defend our State from external aggression.

This is our Country, our Rail network, our public amenities, posts and telegraphs and public transport.

It is therefore our collective responsibility to protect and maintain, that which makes our country the envy of the rest of the continent.

The Police have received the Lion's share of the safety and security budget allocation, shame on us, as South Africans, that this should be the requirement, in order to live in this beautiful and bountiful country, we all call home.

CHAPLIAN'S CORNER : MONTH OF LOVE

"Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him".

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OUR NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa was born in Johannesburg on November the 17th 1952 and was raised in Soweto. He completed his school career in 1971, matriculating from the Mphaphuli Secondary school in, Limpopo.

Among others, Ramaphosa has received honorary doctorates from the University of Natal, the University of Port Elizabeth, the University of Cape Town, the University of the North, the National University of Lesotho, the University of Massachusetts Boston and the University of Pennsylvania.

Ramaphosa received the Olof Palme prize in Stockholm in October 1987.

He was awarded Honorary Actuary by the Actuarial Society of South Africa for his role in developing Actuarial professionals from historically disadvantaged communities in South Africa.

In 2004, he was voted 34th in the Top 100 Great South Africans.

Ramaphosa was included in the 2007 *Time* 100 an annual list of 100 men and women whose power, talent or moral example is transforming the world.

International positions

In his role as a businessman, Ramaphosa is a member of the Coca-Cola Company International Advisory Board as well as the Unilever Africa Advisory Council. He was also the first deputy chairman of the Commonwealth Business Council.

Along with the ex-president of Finland, Martti Ahtisaari, he was appointed an inspector of the Irish Republican Army weapon dumps in Northern Ireland. Ramaphosa is the Honorary consul general for Iceland in Johannesburg.

Personal life

Ramaphosa is a very private person and not much is known about his personal life. Ramaphosa had previously been married to businesswoman Nomazizi Mtshotshisa, but the couple divorced. He later married Tshepo Motsepe, He has four children and his Family home is in Fresnaye, Cape Town.





Lt Ndzena and MWO Prins



The Dukes Colour Party

ARMED FORCES DAY – 21 FEBRUARY 2018

The SANDF Armed Forces Day was held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 in Kimberley. The event was officiated by the new President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Armed Forces Day also commemorated the centenary of the sinking of the SS Mendi on 21 February 1917, one of South Africa's worst tragedies of the 1st World War.



SS MENDI PARADE 25 FEBRUARY 2018

Maj Brimacombe laying a wreath on behalf of the Officer Commanding CTR

On 21 February 1917, the sinking of the SS *Mendi* claimed the lives of 616 men from the South African Native Labour Corps, who boarded the ship to lend support to the war effort in Europe.



2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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BUDGET FRAMEWORK

- The budget deficit is projected to narrow from 4.3 per cent of GDP in 2017/18 to 3.5 per cent in 2020/21.
- Main budget non-interest expenditure is projected to remain stable at 26.6 per cent of GDP between 2017/18 and 2020/21.
- Net debt is expected to stabilise at 53.2 per cent of GDP in 2023/24.
- Proposed tax measures will raise an additional R36 billion in 2018/19.
- The fiscal framework reflects two major changes that followed the 2017 MTBPS: medium-term expenditure cuts identified by a Cabinet subcommittee amounting to R85 billion, and an additional allocation of R57 billion for fee-free higher education and training.
- Contingency reserves have been revised upwards to R26 billion over the next three years.
- Real growth in non-interest expenditure will average 1.8 per cent over the next three years. Post-school education and training is the fastest-growing category.

MACROECONOMIC OUTLOOK - SUMMARY

Percentage change	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Estimate	Forecast		
Household consumption	1.3	1.7	1.9	2.3
Gross fixed - capital formation	0.3	1.9	3.3	3.7
Exports	1.5	3.8	3.4	3.5
Imports	2.7	4.4	4.6	4.5
Gross domestic product	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.1
CPI inflation	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5
Current account balance (% of GDP)	-2.2	-2.3	-2.7	-3.2

SPENDING PROGRAMMES

Over the next three years, government will spend:

- R528.4 billion on social grants.
- In total, R324 billion is provided for higher education and training, including R57 billion of new allocations for fee-free higher education and training.
- R792 billion on basic education, including R35 billion for infrastructure, and R15.3 billion for learner and teacher support materials, including ICT.
- R667.8 billion on health, with R66.4 billion on the HIV, AIDS and TB conditional grant.
- R123.3 billion on subsidised public housing.
- R125.8 billion on water infrastructure and services.
- R207.4 billion on transfers of the local government equitable share to provide basic services to poor households.
- R129.2 billion to support affordable public transport.

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT FISCAL FRAMEWORK

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
R billion/percentage of GDP	Revised estimate	Medium-term estimates		
Revenue	1 353.6	1 490.7	1 609.7	1 736.9
Percentage of GDP	28.8%	29.7%	29.9%	29.9%
Expenditure	1 558.0	1 671.2	1 803.0	1 941.9
Percentage of GDP	33.2%	33.3%	33.4%	33.4%
Budget balance	-204.3	-180.5	-193.3	-205.0
Percentage of GDP	-4.3%	-3.6%	-3.6%	-3.5%
Gross domestic product	4 699.4	5 025.4	5 390.1	5 808.3

TAX PROPOSALS

In 2018/19:

- The VAT rate will increase from 14 to 15 per cent from 1 April 2018.
- R6.8 billion will be raised from partial relief for bracket creep.
- Increases in the general fuel levy and alcohol and tobacco excise duties will together raise revenue of R2.6 billion. *Ad valorem* excise duties for luxury goods, such as motor vehicles, will be increased.
- Estates above R30 million will now be taxed at a rate of 25 per cent.
- The plastic bag levy, motor vehicle emissions tax and the levy on incandescent light bulbs will be raised to promote eco-friendly choices. A health promotion levy, which taxes sugary beverages, will be implemented from 1 April 2018.

TAX REVENUE 2018/19

R505.8 bn Personal income tax

R348.1bn VAT

R231.2 bn Corporate income tax

R97.4 bn Customs and excise duties

R84.8 bn Other

R 77.5 bn Fuel levies

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION, 2017/18 - 2020/21

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2017/18 - 2020/21
R billion	Revised estimate	Medium-term estimates			Average annual growth
Learning and culture	323.1	351.1	385.4	413.1	8.5%
Health	191.7	205.4	222.0	240.3	7.8%
Social development	234.9	259.4	281.8	305.8	9.2%
Community development	183.5	196.3	210.5	227.1	7.4%
Economic Development	183.5	200.1	211.9	227.1	7.4%
Peace and security	195.7	200.8	213.6	227.7	5.2%
General public services	62.1	64.0	65.9	70.5	4.3%
Payments for financial assets	20.4	6.0	6.2	6.6	
Allocated expenditure	1 394.8	1 483.1	1 597.3	1 718.1	7.2%
Debt-service costs	163.2	180.1	197.7	213.9	9.4%
Contingency reserve	-	8.0	8.0	10.0	
Consolidated expenditure	1 558.0	1 671.2	1 803.0	1 941.9	7.6%

**08302671 WO1 JOHN WEST RIDGWAY
05/10/1930— 25/02/2018**

WE SALUTE YOU!!

**TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN WEST
RIDGWAY By Maj S.J. Brimacombe**

WO1 John West Ridgway died last week and we pay special tribute to him in this addition, which has the sad duty of bidding farewell to two icons of Military life in the history of our Regiment.

When asked why his parents named him John West, he, in his normal dry and somewhat wry sense of humour replied that when he was born, he was "Pink and wriggly" which reminded his parents of John west Salmon and thus was he christened, John West.

True or not, he will be fondly remembered as a soldier who devoted his life to his passion for the Military.

He served in many varied capacities, see "Military synopsis, and we who had dealings with him over the years, both in and out of uniform will have yet another void in our life, which will be impossible to fill.

Voluntary Military Service : 1952—1958 with 3 Field Ambulance ended with the rank of S/Sgt

In 1964 joined Cape Flats Commando and served to 1977 becoming RSM.

1977 – 1987 served with 31 Battalion thereafter RSM of Grootfontein Area Force Unit.to 1990.

Returned to Cape Town and joined Cape Light Infantry and then transferred to CTR in 1993 and served in the Regiment to 2003 when he was placed on National Reserve.

He awarded the following medals: Pro Patria; Medal for loyal service Comdo– bronze 1989; Medal for loyal service PF– silver - 1989; Medal for loyal service PF – gold - 1998; Medal for distinguished conduct and loyal service – 40 year - 2005; Unitas Medal – 1997; General Service Medal - 1998; SA Medal - 1998



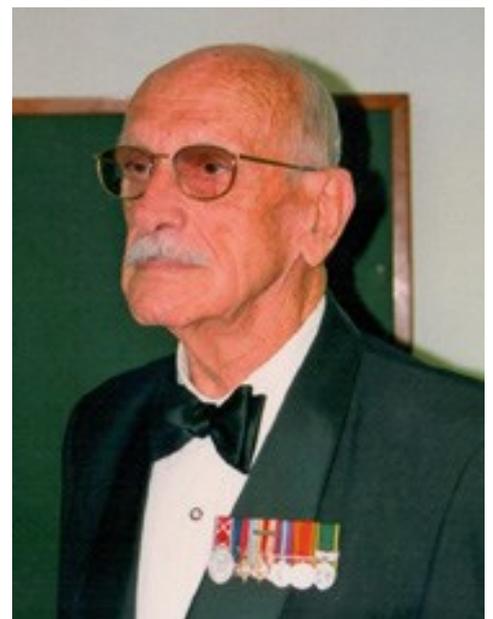
FAREWELL TO AN HONORARY DUKE

**CHARLES DANIEL HOLLOWAY BY BRIG GEN D.J.
JELLIMAN (FORMER DIRECTOR SIGNALS RES F)**

15 JUNE 1918— /02/2018

We now only have good memories of one of the most outstanding signallers the SACS has ever had. I salute him and he will always be in my memories for this remarkable man that at 99, could still be an example to all of us and teach us what the good camaraderie of a soldier should be. He has left the Signals Association with a legacy that will and must never be forgotten.

He, as an Honorary Duke attended as many of our parades and functions as his health permitted and made and was seen annually at the Associations Mobilisation Lunch held to commemorate the Mobilisation of the 1st South African Brigade in World War 2 where he was attached to the DEOVR. May he rest in peace.



Whats happening in March 2018



- 08 March (postponed)- Unit Golf Day
- 17 March - St Patricks Day
- 23 March - Human Rights Day
- 28 March to 10 April - School Holidays
- 30 March - Good Friday



W.O. M.W. CAIRNS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.

I would like to thank the members of the Regiment CTR Dukes for the memories. I have served under various Officers Commanding and RSMs during my career in the Regiment. The best of the best. I have enjoyed working with my junior officers and troops. As my eldest sister said I have upheld the family name, n the Regiment in which my father served. Thanks to my family for their support and my sons for saying they are proud of me. To my Section Head for allowing me to use my skills and talent in Corporate Communication. To the present Officer Commanding. Lt.Col. Marais, who's name I must mention for him keeping me as a family member of the Regiment. To the Dukes Association . I am all yours



Wishing the following a speedy recovery:

- Cpl Thandi Viti's mother
- Cpl Charleen Overmeyer
- Capt Esme Oates's sister
- Cpln Daweti's brother
- Mrs Fakier



We are very sorry to hear that Rfn C.R. Ruiters's house was destroyed in a fire.

Rfn Stamper-Mankayi and family
Although we know that no words can ease the loss you feel, just to know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers



Rfn Washing-Green and Family.
We are sorry for the loss of your father. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



CO Louw (Moffat) and Family
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for the loss of your father. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.