

100 YEARS OF ADA HISTORY



Fellow Gunners and Friends, 2014 is a significant year for the SA Army Air Defence Artillery. This year the Air Defence in South Africa is 100 years old, the Corps is celebrating 75 years and Regiment Oos Transvaal is 50 years old.

To commemorate these events the ADA Fmn decided to embark on a project to write and publish a new book on the ADA History since the inception of the corps up until recent times. Col Lionel Crook (Rtd) has graciously accepted to take on the challenge and be the author. It is foreseen to be a three year project.

The focus will be to do proper research as well as to address the history since 1994, with special attention given to the MK/APLA history, the evolution of ADA equipment and the projects environment. The ADA Fmn History Steering Group's main goal will be to facilitate this effort.

The following members have been nominated to serve on the history Steering Group:

Brig Gen J.S. Mbuli, GOC ADA Fmn (Chairperson)
Maj Gen R. Andersen, General of the Gunners
Col H.J. Baird, COS ADA Fmn
Lt Col M. Mostert, SO1 ADA Projects DAA
Maj L. Janse van Rensburg, Corp Comm Officer
CWO P. Olivier, FSM ADA Fmn.
MWO E.R. Brits, RSM Apex Base (Reserves)

The funding for the book will mainly be raised through sponsorships. If you have wealthy fairy godmothers hiding somewhere please also provide their details. The committee will be sure to contact them. ADA Partners such as RRS, Intertechnic (PTY) Ltd, Rheinmetall (PTY) Ltd as well as the General of the Gunners' have already reached deep into their pockets to support this project.

If you have any documentation, photographs or other material that will contribute to the book, and support the research effort, please contact the Chief of Staff, ADA Fmn, Col Jacques Baird at (012) 355 2429 or e-mail jacques_baird@yahoo.com.



*Official contract signing between the GOC ADA Fmn, Brig Gen Jabu Mbuli
and the Author, Col Lionel Crook (Rtd)*