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## NSmen Win Special Awards

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National Servicemen (NSmen) play a vital role in the defence of Singapore as they form the bulk of the nation's fighting force. As a small nation, Singapore cannot afford to take security for granted. Singapore needs the commitment and support from NSmen to achieve Total Defence and to maintain a strong Singapore Armed Forces. The Ministry of Defence recognises this and rewards NSmen who have demonstrated outstanding performance.

Since 1994, two categories of awards for outstanding NSmen are presented annually. These are the "SAF National Serviceman of the Year" and the "Formation National Servicemen of the Year" Awards. These awards are presented to NSmen who have demonstrated excellent performance and consistently set exemplary standards in training, discipline and attitude towards National Service. Some of the contributions made by these NSmen include the willingness to extend their services to the SAF beyond their National Service liability; the extra efforts put in by the NS Commanders to increase their own military proficiency and that of the men under their command. These NSmen have also actively participated in projects and activities to improve the training, administration and welfare of their units.

### SAF National Servicemen of the Year Award

The ten "1996 SAF NSmen of the Year Award" winners comprise of Officers, Warrant Officers and Specialists. These award winners were selected from the 41 nominations received from the Army, Navy and Air Force. They will receive their awards from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, at the Total Defence Awards Presentation Ceremony at the SAFRA Resort and Country Club on 17 Jul 96.

The "Formation of the Year Awards" and commendations are presented annually to outstanding NSmen by their respective formations. Winners of this Award are identified by their formations and the number of awards and commendations presented by each formation will depend on the manpower strength of the formation. Each formation can present a maximum of three awards and seven Letters of Commendation annually. This year, 49 awards and 82 Letters of commendations will be presented to NS Officers, Warrant Officers and Specialists at formation-level presentation ceremonies.

The attached table shows the list of the "1996 SAF NSmen of the Year Award" winners.

### 1996 NSMEN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

RANK/NAME	NS APPT/ FMN	CIVILIAN APPT AND COMPANIES	CONTACT NO.
MAJ(NS) Beh Jit Han	Commanding Officer/ HQ 2 PDF	President (Asia Pacific)/ Reed Exhibitions Pte Ltd	Off: 3382002 Home: 4581425
MAJ(NS) Boon Swan Foo	Senior Staff Officer/ HQ 2 PDF	President/ Singapore Technologies Aerospace	Off: 3806118 Home: 2414355
MAJ(NS) Lim Chee Chau	Pilot/ Paya Lebar Air Base	Pilot/ Singapore Airlines Limited	Home: 4691389
MAJ(NS) Sng Cheng Keh	Commanding Officer/ HQ 1 PDF	Chief Industrial Property Officer/ Housing and Development Board	Off: 2797660 Home: 4685904
MAJ(NS) Marc Tay Tze Hsin	Division Medical Officer/ HQ 6 Div	Ophthalmologist/ Tay Eye Surgery Pte Ltd	Off: 3444678 Home: 7343259
MAJ(NS) Alex Teo Seng Cheong	Commanding Officer/ HQ Singapore Combat Engineers	Marketing Manger/ Singapore Technologies Automotive Ltd	Off: 4708879 Home: 2821138
CPT(NS) Tan Choon Heng	Commanding Officer/ HQ NALCOM	General Manager/ Ipacs Computer Services Pte Ltd	Off: 2711118 Home: 5842698
1WO(NS) Ross s/o K S B Nair	Regimental Sergeant Major/ HQ Armour	Manager/ Greyhound Sports Impex	Off: 3364550 Home: 5609891
L/2WO(NS) Nah Kok Meng	Regimental Sergeant Major/	Manager, Operations Efficiency/	Off: 3371117

	HQ Armour	Sembawang Kimtrans Singapore Pte Ltd	Home: 2811284
<b>1SG(NS) Koh Kok Kiang</b>	Air Crew Specialist/	Regional Sales and Marketing Manager/	Off: 7426831
	Sembawang Air Base	Thinc System Technology	Home: 5810673

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