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SAF Awards for Best NS Units

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The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) organises the Best National Service (NS) Unit Competition each year to enhance the operational readiness of the Army's NS battalions through friendly competition, and to promote greater esprit de corps among NSmen who form the bulk of the SAF.

The high state of operational readiness ensures that the SAF remains a credible fighting force and serves as an effective deterrent. It is crucial for Singapore to maintain a well-trained and highly-operational citizen army as this ensures continued peace, stability, and progress.

There are six categories for the Best NS Unit Competition:

- Best NS Infantry/Guards Unit
- Best NS Armour Unit
- Best NS Artillery Unit
- Best NS Combat Engineers Unit
- Best NS Signals Unit
- Best NS Combat Service Support Unit

The NS battalions were assessed on their overall fighting capability as well as the individual proficiency of their NSmen. The assessment criteria are:

- Combat Proficiency Test
- Silent and open mobilisation exercises
- Individual Physical Proficiency Test
- Marksmanship Test

- Percentage of deferments from In-Camp Training.

The winners of this year's awards include 525th Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment; 204th Battalion, Singapore Artillery; 6th Signal Battalion; and 6th Direct Support Medical Battalion, which had won previous awards in their respective categories. The consecutive winning of these awards is testimony to the NSmen's efforts in maintaining their high level of operational readiness.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tony Tan, will present the awards to the top 11 NS units during the SAF Day Parade on 01 Jul 98.

Factsheet:

- Best National Service (NS) Unit Competition Results for 1997/1998 (Document No: MINDEF_19980624003.pdf)

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