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## Best Units in the Singapore Armed Forces

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A tri-service shot of the men from 1 Guards, RSS Vigilance and 140 Squadron.

The Army's 1st Guards Battalion, the Republic of Singapore Air Force's 140 Squadron and the Republic of Singapore Navy's RSS Vigilance have won the Best Combat Unit, the Best Fighter Squadron and the Best Ship awards respectively this year.

Introduced in 1969, the annual Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Best Unit Competition recognises units that have distinguished themselves with sterling performances in combat readiness, operational proficiency and administrative excellence. President S R Nathan will present the awards to the winners on 1 Jul 03 during the SAF Day Parade at SAFTI Military Institute.

### The Army

This is the first time that 1st Guards, known for its heliborne deployment capability, has won the coveted SAF Best Combat Unit award. The Guardsmen also clinched the Best Infantry Unit award for the third time in the history of the competition. Lieutenant-Colonel (LTC) Nelson Yau commanded 1st Guards until June 2003 when LTC Perry Lim took over.

## **The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF)**

Winning the Best Fighter Squadron award for the ninth time, the RSAF's 140 Squadron, commanded by LTC Lim Yeong Kiat, operates the F-16A/B and F-16C/D Fighting Falcons. 140 Squadron's primary role is in air defence and executing strike and interdiction missions. 140 Squadron's ninth award establishes an RSAF record for the number of times that a unit has won the Best Fighter Squadron award.

## **The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)**

RSS Vigilance first won the Best Ship Award in 1992. Commissioned on 18 Aug 90, RSS Vigilance is from the RSN's 188 Squadron and is currently commanded by MAJ Tan Tai Tiong. The 62-metre long Missile Corvette is built for surface, air and sub-surface warfare. With a crew of fifty, its mission is to protect Singapore's sea lines of communications and provide seaward defence.



Rapeller from 1 Guards demonstrating Guardsmens' specialisation.



The proud crew of RSS Vigilance, winner of Best Ship Award.

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- SAF Best Unit Competition Results for Work Year 2002/03  
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