



NEWS RELEASE

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Enlistment of Inaugural Intake of SAF Volunteer Corps

26 Mar 2015



SAFVC Volunteers during the oath-taking ceremony led by Lieutenant Colonel James Yin, Head Training and Plans Branch of the SAF Volunteer Corps (extreme right).

The Singapore Armed Forces Volunteer Corps (SAFVC) enlisted its inaugural intake of SAFVC Volunteers (SVs), comprising 68 Singaporeans and Permanent Residents, at Maju Camp on Tuesday, 24 Mar 2015.

The SVs pledged their commitment and loyalty to the SAF by taking an oath of allegiance, with their family members and loved ones as witnesses. Speaking to the SVs in his opening address, Commander

SAFVC Colonel (COL) Mike Tan commended them for stepping forward to play their part in national defence and highlighted that this was an important commitment. COL Tan said, "By stepping forward to volunteer, you are making a commitment to serve alongside our servicemen and servicewomen to ensure the continued peace and security of Singapore. You have made the all-important decision to give your time and commitment, out of your own volition, to serve the nation and the people who live here."

The SVs will undergo two weeks of Basic Continuous Training from 24 Mar to 2 Apr 2015. During the course, SVs will be equipped with basic military skills and knowledge, such as SAR 21 technical handling and live firing, standard obstacle course familiarisation, foot drills and will go through a two-day field camp. They will also be introduced to general military knowledge and culture. They will subsequently undergo one week of Qualification Training and if required, one week of Advanced Training to prepare them for their specific roles.

This is the first of three intakes of volunteers for the SAFVC this year. The SAFVC is a uniformed volunteer scheme that allows more Singaporeans and Permanent Residents to contribute to national defence, support National Service, and deepen their understanding and ownership of national defence. A total of 150 SVs will be recruited in 2015.

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COL Tan delivering his opening address during the enlistment of the inaugural intake of SVs.



Family members viewing the bunks of SVs as part of a guided tour of the camp facilities.





SVs observing a minute of silence as a mark of respect for Mr Lee Kuan Yew during enlistment.

SAFVC

Be a Part of our National Defence

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WHO CAN APPLY

Non NS-liable Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (e.g. women, 1st generation PRs)

Recruitment age: 18 to 45 years old

Service period: 18 to 50 years old

SAFVC ROLES

Command, Control, Communications & Computers (C4)

- C4 Expert

Engineering

- Airbase Civil Engineer
- Naval Safety Engineer
- Naval Combat/Platform Systems Engineer

Information

- InfoMedia Staff

Legal

- Legal Specialist Staff

Maritime Trainers

- Merchant Ship Operations Trainer
- Merchant Ship Engineering Trainer

Medical Trainers

- Doctor
- Nurse
- Dentist
- Radiographer
- Medical Technologist

Naval Operations

- Bridge Watchkeeper
- Deck Operator (Seamanship)

Psychology

- Defence Psychologist


Security

- Auxiliary Security Trooper

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Application Process

Apply (www.mindef.gov.sg/safvc) → Interview → Medical and security clearance → Enlist



TRAINING

The SAFVC will be enlisting three intakes of Volunteers this year. The first and third intakes will undergo their Basic Training Course (Continuous) from 24 Mar to 4 Apr 15 and 15 to 26 Jun 15 respectively. The second intake will undergo their Basic Training Course (Modular) from 11 Apr 15 to 14 Jun 15.

2 weeks [Basic Training]

Volunteers will undergo progressive training to ensure that they are adequately trained and qualified for their roles.

- Continuous 2-week course or courses over a series of weekends
- Common module for all SVs to develop a basic understanding of defence

BASIC MILITARY SKILLS

- Individual Field Craft
- SAR 21 Technical Handling
- Basic Train-fire Package
- Battle Inoculation Course
- First Aid
- Foot Drills

FITNESS

- Aerobic and Strength Training
- Standard Obstacle Course Familiarisation
- Route March

LEARNING & UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT

- General Military Knowledge and Culture

LEADERSHIP & VALUES


- Team Building, Team Learning & Action Learning Process

CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

- Two-day Field Camp

COMMITMENT & ENGAGEMENT

- National Education




1 week [Qualification Training]

- Prepares volunteers for their specific roles
- Continuous 1-week course or modular courses

1 week [Advanced Training]


- Prepares volunteers for roles that require additional training
- Continuous 1-week course or modular courses



RANK STRUCTURE


*SV - SAFVC Volunteer

SV (Trainee)




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SV 1




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SV 2




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SV 3



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SV 4



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Fact Sheets:

- Fact Sheet: First Intake of the SAF Volunteer Corps (MINDEF_20150326003.pdf)