



**RAFOA**

RETIRED AIR FORCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

A 22 YEARS JOURNEY

2001 - 2022

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This document gives a brief history of RAFOA with activities, events, social functions and fellowships held from the inception in 2001 and includes documents/information and photographs, applicable to the association.

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## PREAMBLE

The idea of forming an organization so that Retired Air Force Officers could meet and greet each other, had gathered momentum in the process of organizing an 'Informal Get-together' of Ex-Air Force Officers in connection with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the Air Force.

The get-together was arranged at the Air Force Sports Complex, Colombo on 28<sup>th</sup>.February 2001, and the occasion particularly served the need for Ex-Air Force Officers who were domiciled abroad wanting to be in Sri Lanka during the celebrations, and their desire to meet their one-time colleagues and their ladies.

The encouragement and facilities provided by the Commander of the Air Force to make the get-together a success, and the consensus among those who gathered, that we have a more formal organisation, led to the formation of RAFOA.

## THE BEGINNING OF RAFOA IN 2001

1. **Inaugural General Meeting** was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.June 2001 at the SLAF Pavilion, Rifle Green at 100hrs.

2. **1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee (Exco)**

The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| President:       | AVM Duncan Dissanayake     |
| Vice-President:  | Wg. Cdr. C.A.O. Dircksze   |
| Secretary:       | Sqn.Ldr. F.E.L. Cooray     |
| Treasurer:       | Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell        |
| Asst. Secretary: | Wg. Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  |
| Asst. Treasurer: | Wg. Cdr. R.P. Samarasinghe |

### Committee Members

Sqn.Ldr. J.T.R. Fernando  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe

3. Members enrolled at the inaugural AGM were 33.

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4. It was decided to invite all Past Commanders to be Honorary Life Members of RAFOA.
5. **Objectives**

The objectives of the RAFOA will be social and primarily to :

  - a. Give retired Air Force Officers a collective identity.
  - b. Foster continued fellowship between retired and serving officers.
  - c. Promote social activity for retired officers and their spouses.
  - d. Have a centre with club facilities for use of members.
6. **Activities**

The **first Get-together of members and their ladies was held at the Officers' Mess, Colombo** on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.September 2001. The Commander of the Air Force, Retired Air Force Commanders and a total of 102 attended the function, which included members and their ladies.
7. **General**
  - a. The Officers' Mess, Colombo had been made available by the Air Force, for Retired Officers and their Ladies to use on the last Saturday of every month.
  - b. The Air Force agreed to issue Identity Cards to Retired Officers to facilitate entry.
  - c. The membership had grown to 76 by this time and included 06 retired Commanders (Honorary Members + 12 Overseas Members).

### THE PROGRESS AFTER THE INAUGURAL YEAR

#### 2002

8. **The first Outing of members and their ladies was arranged to SLAF Base, Katunayake** on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2002 and 44 members and ladies attended the event.
9. **The 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of RAFOA was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 at the SLAF Ex-Services Association Committee Room ,AFHQ at 1000hrs.

President AVM Duncan Dissanayake called the meeting to order requested committee to observe two minutes silence in memory of departed SLAF personnel, special reference was made to the demise of Flt Lt. E.W. F. Seneviratne a founder member of the RAFOA Condolences were offered to his family and death of Sqn Ldr. X Sornabala was also recorded and condolences were offered to his family as well.

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Vice- President: Wg. Cdr. C.A.O. Dircksze

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| Secretary:       | Sqn.Ldr. F.E.L. Cooray     |
| Treasurer:       | Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell        |
| Asst. Secretary: | Wg Cdr B Liyanaarachchi    |
| Asst: Treasurer. | Wg. Cdr. R.P. Samarasinghe |

### **Committee Members**

Wg. Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe

The President thanked the members for electing him and urged members to use the facilities offered to the members by the Air Force.

10. Older members of the RAFOA entertained Sqn Ldr Lal Walpita and Mrs Walpita for drinks at the Officers Mess, Colombo on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2002.
11. **A visit to the Air Force Museum, Ratmalana** by members and their families was arranged in September'2002. Viewing the exhibits were 80 RAFOA members, their families, children and Grand Children.

### **2003**

12. **A Social evening** was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at the Officers' Mess, Colombo. The Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Donald Perera too attended the party which was enjoyed by the members joining the sing song around the Piano reminding the good times at Katunayake.



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13. **An Outing to SLAF Koggala** was arranged on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2003. RAFOA members and their ladies. Wives of two senior officers who have passed away recently enjoyed the programme which included a day visit to Martin Wickramasinghe Museum, Boat rides at the Lagoon, and the function at the Sea side holiday bungalow and lunch at the Chalets adjoining,



14. The **3rd AGM** of RAFOA was held on 27<sup>th</sup>.June 2003 at the SLAF Sports Pavilion , AFHQ at 1000hrs.

President AVM Duncan Dissanayake called the meeting to order requested committee to observe two minutes silence in memory of Air Vice Marshal. J.L. Barker former Commander of the Air force and condolences were offered to his family .

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Treasurer: Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Asst. Secretary: Wg. Cdr. B Liyanaarachchi  
Asst: Treasurer: Wg. Cdr. R.P. Samarasinghe

### **Committee Members**

Wg. Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe

15. The President thanked the committee members for their commitment and the commander for facilities offered to the members and further thanked A.V.M Morris Fernando, Wg. Cdr. B Liyanaarachchi , Wg. Cdr. R.P. Samarasinghe for organizing gifts for the get-together held on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: '2003 at the Officers' Mess, Colombo .

16. In reply to the suggestion by Sqn.Ldr. N Lokuge to open a web site to RAFOA, the President informed that the commander had agreed to provide the facility through the Air Force Web site due to open shortly.

## **2004**

17. **RAFOA Get-together** was held on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb'2004 at the Officers' Mess, Colombo.





18. The **4th AGM** was held on Sunday 26th.June 2004 at the SLAF Sports Pavilion, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mw at 1000 hrs.

President AVM Duncan Dissanayake called the meeting to order requested committee to observe two minutes silence in memory of Squadron Leader Tissa Jayasekera and condolences were offered to his family .

The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

President : AVM Duncan Dissanayake

Vice-President : Wg. Cdr. C.A.O. Dircksze

Secretary: Gp Capt. P Jayasingha

Treasurer: Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell

Asst. Secretary: Wg. Cdr. B Liyanaarachchi

Asst: Treasurer. Wg. Cdr. R.P. Samarasinghe

### **Committee Members**

Wg. Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa

Flt. Lt. C.F. Marambe

Gp. Capt. K.W Kirinde

19. **A Get-together** was held at SLAF Ratmalana on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2004 with an attendance of 50 members, spouses and guests.

## **2005**

20. **A Get-together** was held at Officers' Mess, Colombo on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

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The **5<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at the SLAF Sports Pavilion Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mw at 1000 hrs. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| President :      | AVM Duncan Dissanayake    |
| Vice-President : | Wg. Cdr. C.A.O. Dircksze  |
| Secretary :      | Wg Cdr Chanaka Fernando   |
| Treasurer:       | Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell       |
| Asst. Secretary: | Wg. Cdr. B Liyanaarachchi |
| Asst: Treasurer. | Wg Cdr Asela Vithanage    |

### **Committee Members**

Wg. Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe  
Gp Capt. K. W. Kirinde  
Gp Capt. P Jayasingha

The President thanked the committee members for their commitment and the commander for facilities offered to the members and further thanked the Rep. from SLAF pensions branch for briefing the members on the new pay structure.

The question of deceased officers participation in Air Force functions and granting the associate member status was discussed.

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The facility for members to use officers mess on in third Sunday was approved and DHS agreed to explore more facilities for RAFOA members.

### 2006

21. The **6<sup>th</sup> AGM** of RAFOA was held on Sun.27<sup>th</sup>.July 2006 at the Officers Mess, SLAF Ratmalana.

The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

President : AVM Duncan Dissanayake  
Vice-President : Wg. Cdr. C.A.O. Dircksze  
Secretary : Wg Cmdr Chanaka Fernando  
Treasurer: Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Asst. Secretary: Wg. Cdr. B Liyanaarachchi  
Asst: Treasurer. Wg. Cdr. Asela Vithanage

#### **Committee Members**

Wg. Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe  
Gp Capt. K. Kirinde  
Gp Capt. P Jayasingha

The AGM was followed by a Get-together of Officers and Ladies.

The Membership had increased to 116 Full Members,6 Associate Members (includes widows of Retired Officers) and 6 Honorary Members.

### 2007

22. The **7<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the auditorium of the SLAF museum Ratmalana at 1000 hrs. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

President : Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  
Vice-President : Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Secretary: Wg Cmdr Chanaka Fernando  
Asst: Secretary: Gp Capt. P Jayasingha  
Treasurer: Gp Capt. K.W. Kirinde  
Asst: Treasurer. Gp Capt S. Dias

#### **Committee Members**

Gr Capt. N.de Zoysa  
Wg. Cdr. T. P. Obeysekera  
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Sqn Ldr. J.T.R . Fernando informed that since seven years had passed since the formation of the RAFOA it is time to review the objectives of the constitution. He further informed that Constitution of an institution gives the directions regarding the tasks of an institution.

The Membership of RAFOA had increased to 137 full Members,6 Associate Members and 6 Honorary Members

23. The **Annual Get-together** was held on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2007 at the Officers Mess, Colombo with nearly 110 in attendance.

### 2008

24. **An Outing to Koggala** was arranged on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and around 40 members and their spouses participating in the event.
25. The **8<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at the SLAF Museum Ratmalana auditorium at 1000 hrs. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

President : Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  
Vice-President : Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Secretary: Gp Capt. P Jayasingha  
Asst: Secretary: Wg. Cdr. B Liyanaarachchi  
Treasurer: Gp Capt. K.W. Kirinde  
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#### **Committee Members**

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Gp Capt. N.de Zoysa  
Wg. Cdr. T. P. Obeysekera  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe  
Wg Cdr Chanaka Fernando

26. The **Annual Get-together** was held at the Officers Mess, Colombo on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2008.

### 2009

27. The **9<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at the SLAF Museum Ratmalana auditorium at 100hrs. President Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa called the meeting to order and thanked the members present. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

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| Asst: Treasurer. | Gp Capt. S. Dias          |

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AVM Elmo Perera

Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe

Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe

28. **An Outing to SLAF Base China Bay** was arranged from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 for a total of 30 members and spouses. On the return journey the tour group visited the new Cultural Museum in Sigiriya and SLAF Station at Sigiriya (for lunch).





29. The **Annual get-together** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009 at the Officers Mess, Colombo with 88 members and spouses in attendance.

30. The RAFOA membership had grown to 145 full members ,15 Associate members and 7 Honorary members.

### 2010

31. The **10th AGM** was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 at the Officer`s Mess SLAF Ratmalana.

President Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa called the meeting to order and thanked the members present. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

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AVM Elmo Perera

Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe

Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe

Wg. Cdr M.C. Fernando

32. A family **outing to SLAF Diyatalawa** was conducted successfully from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 with a total of 34 participants gracing the event.



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33. The **Inaugural RAFOA dinner dance** was held at the Galadari Hotel on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010. Tickets were priced at Rs.3500/= per head and 170 tickets were sold.

Band- Misty

Buffet Dinner

Drinks - JW Black Label Whisky/ Bacardi/Martini/Sparkling Wine for table of 10 with all chasers/ bites.

Raffle Draw - Air Tickets and surprises

Midnight auction of a hotel package

Dance Committee: Wg. Cdr Nalin Jayetileke – Chairman

AVM Elmo Perera

Gp. Capt Kumar Kirinde

Wg. Cdr Chanaka Fernando

Wg. Cdr Palitha Obeysekera

Gp. Capt Shantha Dias

Flt. Lt Chrysantha de Alwis

The Dance was an outstanding success, and full credit went to the hardworking and efficient Dance Committee for a job well done.

## 2011

34. A RAFOA family outing was done to **SLAF Weerawila** with 32 participants from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Major development sites such as the Hambantota Harbour and the Ranminitenne Tele-Village were also visited. Some members visited the Yala National Park. Return journey was via SLAF Koggala.



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35. The **11<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held in July 2011 at the Officer's Mess SLAF Ratmalana. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RAFOA was celebrated before the fellowship by the senior most retired officer and a former commander, ACM Paddy Mendis being invited to cutting the cake.



36. The **second RAFOA dinner dance** was held at Hotel Galadari on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011. Tickets were priced at Rs.4000/= per head.

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Band- Super Pink & Purple

Buffet Dinner.

Drinks - JW Black Label Whisky / Bacardi/Martini/Sparkling Wine for table of 10 with all chasers/ Bites.

Raffle Draw - Air Tickets and surprises

Midnight Auction

Dance Committee: Wg. Cdr Nalin Jayetileke – Chairman  
AVM Elmo Perera  
Gp. Capt Kumar Kirinde  
Wg. Cdr Chanaka Fernando  
Wg. Cdr Palitha Obeysekera  
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Flt. Lt Chrysantha de Alwis

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### 2012

The **12<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 28th July 2012 at the Officer's Mess SLAF Ratmalana. President Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa called the meeting to order and thanked the members present. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| President :      | Wg Cmdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa  |
| Vice-President : | Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell        |
| Secretary :      | Wg Cmdr Palitha Obeysekera |
| Treasurer:       | Gp. Capt K.W. Kirinde      |
| Asst. Secretary: | Wg Cdr N. Jayatilleke      |
| Asst: Treasurer. | Gp Capt. S. Dias           |

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Gr Capt. N.de Zoysa  
AVM Elmo Perera  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt.Lt. C.F. Marambe  
Wg. Cdr M.C. Fernando  
Flt Lt Nihal Gunawardena- co opted  
Flt Lt MC De Alwis -co opted

The RAFOA membership stood at 171 Full members,16 Associate members and 7 Honorary members.

RAFOA web site was launched and a pension desk was opened by the SLAF for the RAFOA

Sqn Ldr JTR Fernando informed that it is not ethical to have as members those who do not fall in to the category of retired when the question of refunding money of Sqn. Ldr. Jayer Rodriguez came up.

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37. The **RAFOA trip to Iranamadu** was done from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012. The group was well supported by SLAF Palavi (breakfast), SLAF Anuradhapura (lunch) and SLAF Vavuniya (evening tea). The trip included SLAF Mullativu which facilitated the group to visit various locations.



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34. The **Third RAFOA dinner dance** was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Hotel Galadari.

### 2013

38. **An informal get-together** of a few members and their ladies was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 at the Officers Mess, Colombo utilizing the facility for RAFOA members to patronize the facility on the last Saturday of every month.



39. **A Get-together** was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 at the Officers Mess, Colombo with the attendance of 88 Members and their ladies and other guests.

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40. The **13<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the Officer's Mess SLAF Ratmalana. President Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa called the meeting to order and thanked the members present. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

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Wg Cdr P Kannangara  
Sqn.Ldr. A Vitharana  
Flt Lt Nihal Gunawardena -co opted  
Flt Lt MC De Alwis -co opted  
AVM Elmo Perera - co opted

The founder President AVM Duncan Dissanayake proposed a vote of appreciation to outgoing President Wg Cdr. R.H. Hulangamuwa

A Social Evening was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at the Officer's mess Colombo at the Officers' Mess,

President informed the members the following aspects was agreed by the commander.

- Members and spouses can use the Colombo mess on last Saturday of each month.
- Medical facilities to be extended to the spouse.
- Rifle green officers club can be used by members to entertain guest (max 5 nos.)
- Marble beach, Eagles bay, view, Golf links Club house facilities to be made available at same rate given to serving officers

The meeting was followed by a fellowship luncheon at the Officers Mess, Ratmalana which was well attended by Officers and ladies.

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41. **The fourth RAFOA dinner dance** was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo. Tickets were priced at Rs.5000/=.

Bands: Super Pink and Purple, and Journey

Buffet Dinner.

Drinks - JW Double Black Label Whisky/Absolute Vodka/Martini/Red Wine for table of 10 with all chasers/ Bites.

Raffle Draw - Air Tickets and surprises

Midnight Auction of a hotel package



### 2014

42. An **Outing** by members and their ladies was made to the Jaffna Peninsula from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014.





39. **The 14<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at the Officer's Mess SLAF Ratmalana. President Wg Cdr. Chanaka Fernando called the meeting to order and thanked the members present. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| President :      | Wg Cdr. Chanaka Fernando   |
| Vice-President : | Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell        |
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### **Committee Members**

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Sqn Ldr P Kannangara  
Sqn.Ldr. A Vitharana  
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### RAFOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014/15



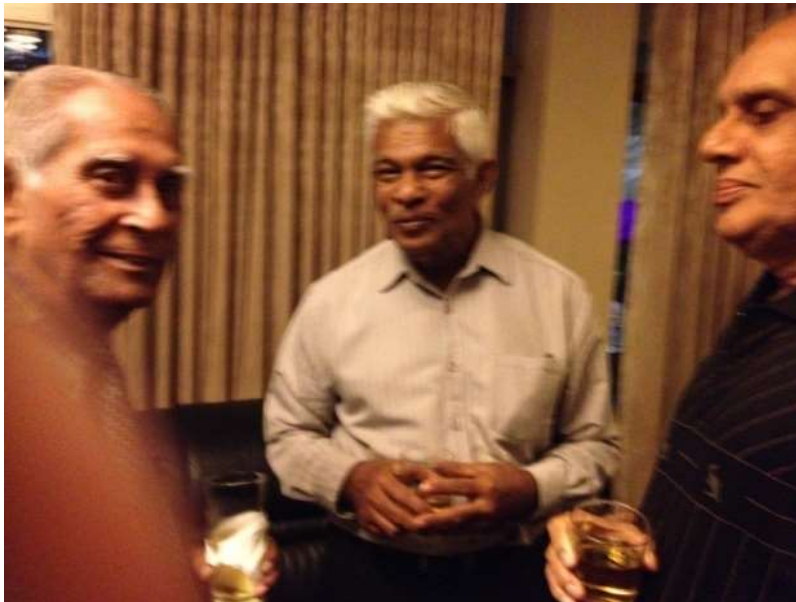
Standing L to R: Gp. Capt D.P.S.A Dias, Gp. Capt P. Jayasinghe, Gp. Capt N.D de Zoysa, Flt. Lt M.C.L de Alwis, AVM P. Tennakoon, Wg. Cdr T.P. Obeysekera, AVM K. St. E Perera

Seated L to R: Wg. Cdr R.P. Samarasinghe, Wg. Cdr E.Y. Buell, Wg. Cdr R.H. Hulangamuwa, Wg. Cdr M.C. Fernando, AVM VDA Dissanayake, Wg. Cdr N. Jayatileke, Gp. Capt K.W. Kirinde

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43. **The fifth RAFOA dinner dance** was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo
44. A **Get-together** was held on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 at the Officers Mess, Colombo.





### 2015

40. The **15<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at the Officer's Mess SLAF Ratmalana. President Wg Cdr. Chanaka Fernando called the meeting to order and thanked the members present. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

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|------------------|--------------------------|
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| Vice-President : | Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell      |
| Secretary :      | Wg Cdr N. Jayatilleke    |
| Treasurer:       | Gp. Capt K. Kirinde      |
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Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe

Sqn Ldr P Kannangara

Sqn Ldr. A Vitharana

AVM Elmo Perera

Flt Lt Nihal Gunawardena- co opted

Flt Lt MC De Alwis -co opted

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- 41. The sixth RAFOA Annual Dance** was held at the Hotel Galadari on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Tickets were priced at Rs.5,500/=

Bands : Heat and Fire

Buffet Dinner.

Drinks - JW Double Black Label Whisky/ Jameson/Absolute Vodka/Martini/Red Wine for table of 10 with all chasers/ Bites.

Raffle Draw - Air Tickets and surprises

Midnight Auction



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42. A **Get-Together** was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Officers Mess, Colombo. The Commander of the Air Force, ACM Gagan Bulathsinghala dropped in while on his way to service function.





### 2016

43. The RAFOA was invited to participate at **National Independence Parade held in Matara** on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 and was represented by the Exco.
44. An **Outing to SLAF Koggala** was done from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 with 17 members and spouses participating. The outing included a boat trip in the lagoon, some golf and a barbeque dinner.



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45. **The 16<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on 21st July 2016 at the Officer's Mess, SLAF Ratmalana. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

President : Wg Cdr. Chanaka Fernando  
Vice-President : AVM Elmo Perera  
Secretary: Wg Cdr N. Jayatilleke  
Treasurer: Gp. Capt K. W Kirinde  
Asst. Secretary: Flt Lt S Rajapaksa  
Asst: Treasurer. Wg Cdr P Jayasingha

**Committee Members**

AVM Duncan Dissanayake  
AVM Prakash Tennakoon  
Wg. Cdr E.Y. Buell  
Gp Capt. N.de Zoysa  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt Lt Nihal Gunawardena  
Gr Capt. S. Dias

46. The seventh RAFOA dinner dance was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Galadari Hotel.



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### 2017

**48. The 17<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 31st July 2017 at the Officer's Mess, SLAF Ratmalana. The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| President :      | Wg Cdr. Chanaka Fernando  |
| Vice-President : | AVM Elmo Perera           |
| Secretary :      | Wg Cdr P Jayasingha       |
| Treasurer:       | Gp. Capt K. W. Kirinde    |
| Asst. Secretary: | Air Cdr Sanjaka Wijemanne |
| Asst: Treasurer. | Flt Lt S Rajapaksa        |

#### **Committee Members**

AVM Duncan Dissanayake  
AVM Prakash Tennakoon  
Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Gr Capt. N.de Zoysa  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt Lt Nihal Gunawardena - co opted  
Gp Capt. S. Dias - co opted  
Wing Commander N. Jayatilleke - co opted

**49. The eighth RAFOA dinner dance** was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at the Galadari Hotel. Commander of the Air Force, ACM Kapila Jayampathy along with his lady graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

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**50.** The holiday bungalow built by the SLAF for RAFOA members at China Bay as per the direction of Commander of the Air Force was declared open by him on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017. A team representing the RAFOA headed by its President attended the event. Wg Cdr E Y Buell and his lady were the first occupants of the Bungalow.



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**2018**

An **Outing to SLAF BASE Katunayake** with visits to some formations was made on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018



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51. The **18<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 31st July 2018 at the Officer`s Mess, SLAF Ratmalana.

The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| President :      | AVM Elmo Perera        |
| Vice-President : | Wg Cdr P. Jayasingha   |
| Secretary :      | Wg Cdr N. Jayatilleke  |
| Treasurer:       | Gp. Capt K. W. Kirinde |
| Asst. Secretary: | Gp. Capt. S. Dias      |
| Asst: Treasurer: | Flt Lt S Rajapaksa     |

**Committee Members**

AVM Duncan Dissanayake  
AVM Prakash Tennakoon  
Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Gr Capt. N.de Zoysa  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt Lt Chrisantha De Alwis

Newly elected President AVM Elmo Perera thanked the Exco for nominating him and the General membership for electing him as the President of RAFOA. He also thanked the outgoing President Wg. Cdr. Chanaka Fernando for the invaluable services he had rendered to the RAFOA as the Secretary for three years and as the president for four years.

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Further he requested members to make use of the facility of the RAFOA holiday bungalow and informed that the SLAF had given a free return flight to retired officers and spouses once a quarter to China Bay therefore it will be easier for members to make use of the holiday bungalow facility. The application for air passage will have to be submitted through the RAFOA and the necessary form will be made available in the web site.

AVM Elmo Perera also stated that RAFOA Treasurer Gp. Capt K. W. Kirinde is most likely will be elected as the President of Ex SLAF Association (ExAFA) and requested members to take an active part in the ExAFA.



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52. The **ninth RAFOA dinner dance** was held at the Colombo Hilton on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Commander of the Air Force along with his lady graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



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54. A **Get-together** was held on 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 at SLAF Colombo.



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**2019**

**55.** The **19<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the Officer's Mess, SLAF Ratmalana.

**56.** The **tenth RAFOA dinner dance** was held at the Eagles Lakeside Banquet Hall, Attidiya on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The Commander of the Air Force ACM Sumangala Dias along with his lady graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



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**57.** A **Get-together** was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Officer`s Mess, SLAF Colombo

### 2020

**58.** As a result of the country wide lock downs due to Covid-19 RAFOA could not arrange the AGM and any activities to its members during the year.

### 2021

**59.** As a result of the country wide lock downs due to Covid-19 RAFOA could not the arrange the AGM and any activities to its members during the year.

### 2022

**60.** The following facilities built for the RAFOA as directed by the Commander of the Air Force, Air Mshl Sudarshana Pathirana was declared open by him at the beginning of the year.

### RAFOA Holiday Home Koggala



### RAFOA Holiday Home Nuwara Eliya (maintained by SLAF Station Piduratalagala)



61. Following the opening of the above two holiday homes, **RAFOA was allocated two double rooms from the officers Peacock transit rooms complex at SLAF Station Weerawila** as directed by the Commander of the Air Force, Air Mshl Sudarshana Pathirana.



**62.** The **20<sup>th</sup> AGM** was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Officer's Mess, SLAF Ratmalana.

Approval was granted by the General membership to amend the constitution as proposed by the outgoing Exco. The amended constitution is at **Annex A**.

The following were nominated and elected to the Exco unanimously.

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| President :      | Gp Capt Kumar Kirinde       |
| Vice-President : | Gp. Capt. Shantha Dias      |
| Secretary :      | Wg Cdr Nalin Jayatilleke    |
| Treasurer:       | Gp. Capt Sarath Wijesinghe  |
| Asst. Secretary: | Air Cdre Janaka Nanayakkara |
| Asst: Treasurer: | Wg Cdr Suresh Fernando      |

### **Committee Members**

AVM Duncan Dissanayake  
AVM Prakash Tennakoon  
AVM Thilan De Silva  
Wg. Cdr. E.Y. Buell  
Gr Capt. N.de Zoysa  
Wg. Cdr. R. P. Samarasinghe  
Flt Lt Chrysantha De Alwis

**63.** During the year the AFHQ introduced a **more organised procedure for reservation of RAFOA holiday homes and transit rooms facilities** as per **Annex B**

**64.** Also during the year the AFHQ introduced an **on-line application system for RAFOA membership** with the procedure as per **Annex C**

**65.** A **Get-together** was held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Officer`s Mess, SLAF Colombo with the attendance of a total of 86 members and their spouses.

### **BENEFITS FOR RAFOA MEMBERS OFFERED THROUGH SLAF SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

#### **Medical/Dental**

Air Force has extended OPD Facilities to the spouse of the member of RAFOA. If any assistance is needed beyond OPD services, the SLAF M.O. appointed as the contact point for RAFOA to be consulted.

#### **Officer Club House**

RAFOA members can use the Officers Club at Rifle Green at times given subject to the prevailing rules and regulations which are attached to the document. Member can bring maximum of five guests.

Officer in Charge of the Club House could be contacted on 0112495495 Ext: 23292 (Club)

Retired Officers need to carry the RAFOA Membership Card for access.

#### **Use of Officers Mess, Thunmulla**

RAFOA members could use Officers Mess, Thunmulla on last Saturday of each month. Members are requested to contact Mess Manager for this purpose.

#### **Use of welfare Shop, Guwanpura**

RAFOA members could use the Welfare Shop Guwanpura as following.

**All working days except Wednesday** - 0830 to 1200 Hrs and 1400 Hrs to 2000 Hrs

**Wednesday** - 0800 Hrs to 1300 Hrs only

**Weekends** - 0800 Hrs to 1300 Hrs only

#### **Marble Beach Resort, Eagles Bay View and Eagles Golf Links Club House, China Bay and Heritage Golf Course, Anuradhapura**

These facilities are available for RAFOA members at the discounted rates granted to serving officers

Rates are attached for reservations,

General Number AFHQ : 0112495495

Marble Beach Resort: 0263021000

Eagles Bay View: 026223377

Eagles Golf Links Club House: 0333438593

Eagles Heritage Golf Course: 0252222138

Prices given in the SLAF website <https://www.airforce.lk/> for above facilities are at **Annex D**



## CONSTITUTION OF THE RETIRED AIR FORCE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

### Preface:

This new constitution, effecting changes and adjustments, in content and lay out, to replace, the initial (first) constitution of the Retired Air Force Officers Association adopted at the Inaugural General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2001, is hereby adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### Establishment

1. An Association by the name of Retired Air Force Officers' Association hereinafter referred to as RAFOA, is hereby established.

The Patron of the Association will be the Commander of the Air Force.

The office of the Association shall be located at Sri Lanka Air Force Head Quarters, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, P. O. Box 594, Colombo or any other location. Members of the RAFOA will be notified of any change to this address via email and press notification.

### Objective

2. The objective of the Association will be social & welfare activities primarily to;
  - (a) Give retired air force officers a collective identity.
  - (b) Foster continued fellowship between RAFOA members and serving Officers.
  - (c) Promote social & welfare activities for retired officers and their spouses.
  - (d) Having a centre/s with club facilities for use of members.

### **Membership**

3. Membership of the Association will be in three categories as follows.

(a) Member:

All officers who have served in the Royal Ceylon Air Force, Sri Lanka Air Force, Royal Ceylon Air Force Volunteer Force and Sri Lanka Air force Volunteer Force and who are listed as "Retired Officers" in the current Sri Lanka Air Force Regular & Volunteer Force Air Force List.

(b) Associate Member:

- (i) Spouses of members, or of deceased officers who would otherwise have been eligible for membership of the RAFOA.

On the death of a RAFOA member, the spouse on submitting an application will be eligible for Associate membership without payment of any membership related fee. Spouses of the deceased officers who are not members of the RAFOA at the time of their demise are also not required to pay any membership related fee to join as Associate members.

- (ii) Associate members will not have voting rights nor eligible to hold any posts in the Executive Committee.

(c) Honorary Life Member:

All retired Commanders of the Air Force.

4. The activities of the Association will be managed by an Executive Committee (Exco) elected at the Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

### **Executive Committee**

5. The Executive Committee hereinafter referred to as the Exco shall consist of the following Office Bearers:

- (a) President
- (b) Immediate Past President
- (c) Vice President
- (d) Hony. Secretary
- (e) Hony. Treasurer
- (f) Hony. Asst. Secretary
- (g) Hony. Asst. Treasurer
- (h) Six other committee members

Founder President may be invited to attend RAFOA Exco meetings.

6. The quorum for an Exco meeting shall be Seven (7)

7. The Exco may form sub - committees and co-opt non Exco members to serve in such sub-committees.

8. The Exco and / or sub-committees will meet as and when necessary to organize activities of the association.

9. The names of those desiring to be elected must be proposed and seconded by members eligible to vote. In the event of any post being unfilled at the AGM, the Exco shall fill such vacancy or vacancies from members who have voting rights.

### **Applying for membership**

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- 4. Applications for membership will be on the prescribed application form. Approval or rejection will be decided by the Executive Committee (Exco) of the Association whose decision is final.

Serving officers who are making monetary contributions towards RAFOA still need to apply for membership after their retirement to receive membership status.

- 5. An enrolment fee of Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred (Rs.1,500) and life membership fee of Rupees One Thousand (Rs.1,000) will be payable for membership under Clause 3 (a)

6. Membership fees [excluding life] will be revised and determined by the Exco to suit contemporary economic standards of the country, with a percentage increment in every two years if deemed necessary.
7. Only a member under category 3 (a) will have voting rights at meetings and be eligible to hold any posts in the Executive Committee.

### **Meetings**

16. General Meetings of the membership shall be conducted subject to the following conditions.

(a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be convened each year, for the tabling of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any other General or Special General Meeting held since; Annual accounts, Annual report, and the election of office bearers for the ensuing year. At least fourteen days' notice of an AGM is to be given, together with the Agenda. The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall be not less than Twenty-Five (25) members who have voting rights.

(b) General Meetings (GM) may be convened, as required, by the Exco. At least 14 Fourteen Calendar days' notice of such General meeting is to be given with the Agenda. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be not less than Twenty-Five (25) members who have voting rights.

(c) Special General Meetings (SGM) will be convened by the Secretary on a written request made by not less than one third of the members who have voting rights or as requested by the President of the Exco with the concurrence of a simple majority of the members of the Exco. Such request should specify the business to be transacted and giving the text of the proposed resolution/s. Thereafter within 28 days of receiving such request and giving at least fourteen Calendar days' notice to members, together with information of the business to be transacted, the special general meeting is to be convened. The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be not less than Twenty-Five (25) members who have voting rights.

(d) Meetings of the Exco will be held on monthly basis and as deemed necessary. Minimum of 11 Ex Co meetings has to be conducted during each current year. The quorum for an Exco meeting shall be not less than seven (7)

### **Accounting of Funds**

16. Accounting of funds of the Association shall be subject to the following conditions.

- (a) The Accounting year will be from 1st April of one year to the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year with monthly financial statements being tabled at Ex Co meetings and the Annual final accounts being tabled at AGM's.
- (b) There will be a Current Account and any other account (s) as required for RAFOA operations, opened in a reputed Commercial Bank. The signatures of two members, namely the Hony. Treasurer / Hony Assistant Treasurer and the President / Hony Secretary / one other Exco member whose specimen signatures are lodged with the Bank, are authorised to draw funds from the RAFOA accounts.
- (c) The Association may receive donations and shall maintain records as specified in schedule I and account for such donations.
- (d) The members present at the AGM will elect an Auditor.
- (e) All fixed deposit certificates, any deeds of property and any other document pertaining to the fixed assets of the Association shall be lodged in the bank (vault), for safe custody, where the Association funds are. No Exco member or other person is permitted to retain such document/s personally.

### **Disciplinary Inquiries**

17. The Executive Committee shall refer to the Disciplinary Committee to inquire into complains received on breach of discipline or any matter that warrants an inquiry against a member(s). The Disciplinary Committee shall conduct the inquiry and submit its report to the Executive committee within One (1) Calendar Month.
18. The Disciplinary Committee consisting of not less than Three Members (3) and not more than Five Members (5) shall be convened, as and when the need arises, by the Executive Committee from members who have been in the Association for Ten (10) years or more and the most senior member among the members of such a Committee will be nominated as Chairman.

19. The Executive Committee based on the report of the Disciplinary Committee may at any time suspend the membership of any member by a simple majority vote if it is of the opinion that such member should be removed from the membership of the Association. Such decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing within Seven (07) working days of receiving the Disciplinary Committee report. The Member may appeal to the Executive Committee against such decision within one (01) Calendar Month of the decision been conveyed to him/her.

20. The Executive Committee shall then refer such appeal to the Disciplinary Committee to convey its recommendations within one (01) Calendar Month. The Executive Committee shall take appropriate action as recommended and inform the member in writing. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

21. The Executive Committee will have the right to suspend a member for a period not exceeding three (3) months who has been reported by the AFHQ that he / she has acted against the air force or filed a case against the air force. At the end of the three (3) months, the Disciplinary Committee to study the reason for suspension and recommend to the Executive Committee whether suspension period is to be extended or membership is to be cancelled. In such a case the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

### **Rules**

17. This Constitution shall be subject to the following two conditions:

(a) The Exco may make rules amplifying any of the provisions in this Constitution or for dealing with any procedural matters.

(b) Resolving any matter arising which is not provided for by this constitution will be as decided upon by the Exco.

### **Amendments to Constitution**

18. Any provision or part of this this constitution may be amended by the general membership subject to the following conditions:

- (a) At least 28 days clear notice of any proposed amendment (s) should be forwarded to the Hony Secretary together with the text of the proposed amendment (s). Such proposed amendment (s) shall be communicated to the members together with the notice of any AGM/SGM, giving Fourteen (14) Calendar days' notice.
- (b) The proposed amendment (s) must be adopted by at least a not less than two-thirds majority of the votes cast by of the membership present in person and eligible to vote at the SGM or AGM, conforming to quorums specified clause 15 (a) & (c) at the AGM or SGM and who have voting rights.
- (c) Any decisions made or acts carried out under the provisions of the earlier (initial) Constitution, and the circumstances of which have changed shall continue to be valid and operating under this constitution until specifically agreed.

### **Handing / Taking Over of Duties of Office Bearers**

19. The duties of office bearers are described at schedule I. All office bearers who cease to hold office shall hand over their duties to the new office bearers. A certificate as to the proper hand/take-over of duties shall be furnished to the Exco by the Hony Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the changeover.

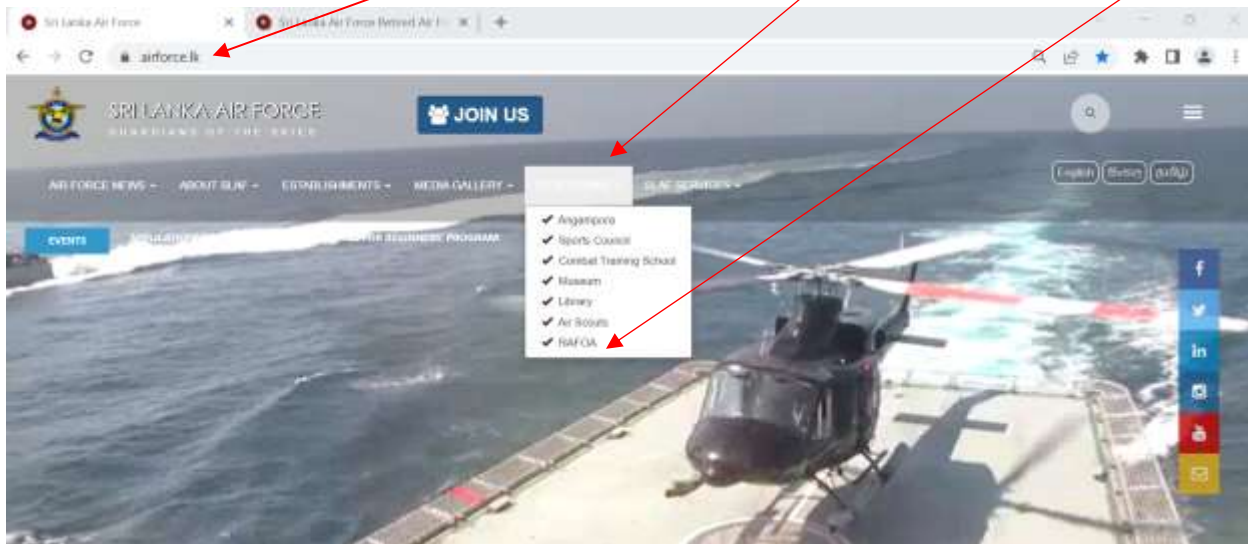
### **Repeal & Promulgation**

20. (a) The new constitution adopted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2001, is hereby repealed.
- (b) The new constitution adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as provided in the preface to this Constitution, will take effect from such adoption.

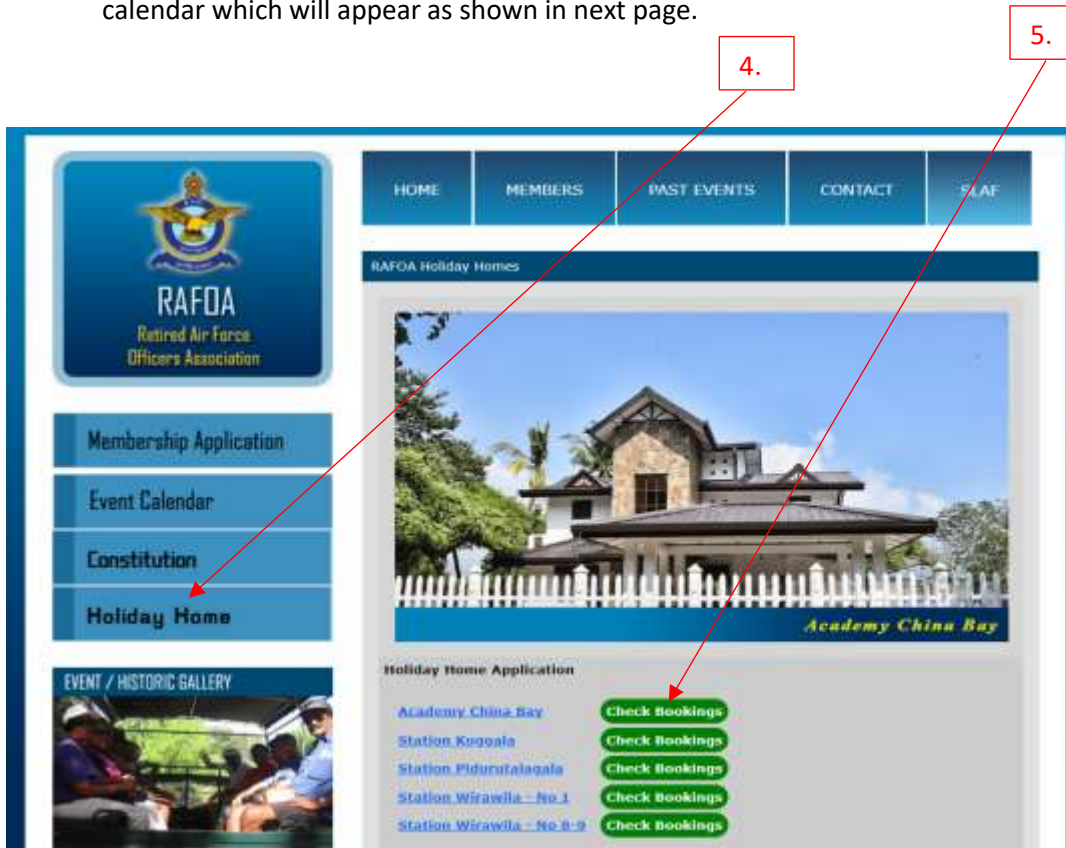
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## PROCEDURE FOR RAFOA HOLIDAY HOME BOOKINGS (WITH CHINA BAY AS AN EXAMPLE)

1. Access SLAF website.. [www.airforce.lk](http://www.airforce.lk)
2. Click.. **OTHER LINKS**
3. Click.. **RAFOA**



4. Click.. **Holiday Home**
5. Click.. **China Bay Check Bookings** (to see if dates you prefer are already booked as per the booking calendar which will appear as shown in next page.





6. Once you decide on the preferred or alternative dates to return to the previous screen and click **Holiday Home Application China Bay** to download the document.



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Downloaded application will be as shown below



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ANNEX E TO  
SLAF 4713.DRG  
DATED 22 SEP 22

President  
Retired Air Force Officers' Association  
(RAFOA)  
Colombo

Sir,

**RESERVATION OF RETIRED AIR FORCE OFFICERS' HOLIDAY HOME AT SRI LANKA AIR FORCE ACADEMY CHINA BAY - (RAFOA MEMBERSHIP NO. ....)**

**Part A**

1. I kindly request approval to occupy Retired Air Force Officers' Holiday Home (RAFOHH) at Sri Lanka Air Force Academy China Bay from 1200 hrs on ..... to 1000 hrs on ..... accompanied by following guests.

| Name of Occupants | Permanent Address | Occupation/Designation | NIC No or Passport No | Age (for under 18 Yrs) | Sri Lankan Citizen |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| a.                |                   |                        |                       |                        | Yes/No             |
| b.                |                   |                        |                       |                        | Yes/No             |
| c.                |                   |                        |                       |                        | Yes/No             |

2. The details provided above are true and correct.

Yours faithfully,  
(.....)

**Part B**

**Remarks by Secretary RAFOA**  
Reservation of Retired Air Force Officers' HH by ..... is recommended from 1200 hrs on ..... to 1000 hrs on .....  
(.....)

Date: ..... SECRETARY RAFOA

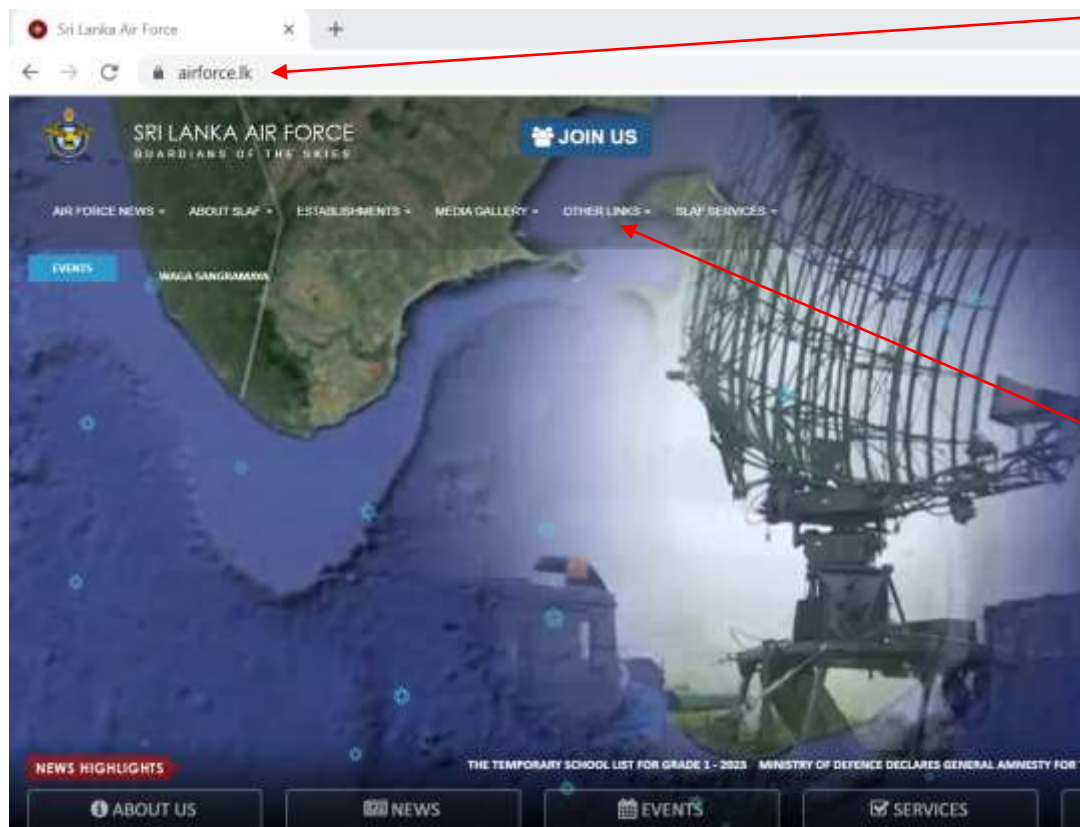
**Recommendation by President RAFOA**  
Recommended/Not Recommended

Date: ..... PRESIDENT RAFOA

**Approval by the Comd of the AF**  
Approved/Not Approved

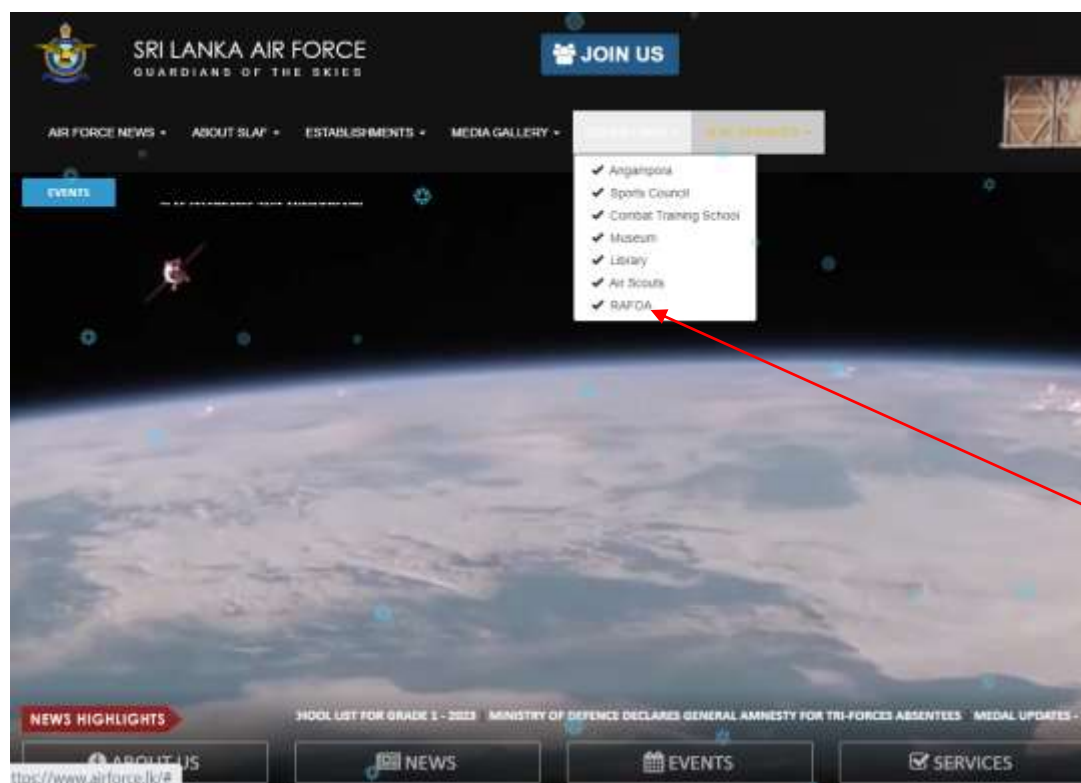
Scanned copy of the duly completed hardcopy of this application to be emailed to Hony Secy, RAFOA (nalin@asiafort.com) to arrange final approval for the booking through the Air Secretariat, AFHQ.

### RAFOA MEMBERSHIP – PROCEDURE FOR ON-LINE APPLICATION



**Step 1 – Go to  
SLAF Website**

**Step 2 – Click  
on OTHER  
LINKS**



**Step 3 – Click  
on RAFOA**

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## The First Jets Arrive

The RCyAF pilots coped well with their latest acquisition and first ever jet aircraft.

Welcome to the Retired Air Force Officers Association (RAFOA)

The Retired Air Force Officers Association (RAFOA) was established under the patronage of the Commander of the Air Force to provide a collective identity to retired Air Force officers and to foster continued fellowship between RAFOA's and serving officers. RAFOA promotes social activities for retired officers and their spouses and provides a centre with club facilities for its members.

All officers who have served in the Royal Ceylon Air Force, Sri Lanka Air Force, Royal Ceylon Air Force Volunteer Force, Sri Lanka Air Force Volunteer Force and those who have listed as "Retired Officers" in the current "Sri Lanka Air Force List" are eligible to be members of this association.

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**Step 4 – Click on Membership Application and below shown screen will appear to enter data.**

Application form for membership  
as per Section 3 of the constitution

Full Name

Rank at Retirement

Service No

Branch

Permanent Address

E-mail Address

Official Address

Telephone No

Current Occupation

Applicant Photo  No file chosen

Date of Enlistment

Date of Retirement

Total Service

Commissioned Service

National ID No

Passport No

Membership Type

Bank Deposit Slip  No file chosen

Retired Service ID  No file chosen

E-Signature  No file chosen

☐ I certify that the aforesaid details are correct. Further, I hereby undertake to return the membership card at any time I am instructed to do so by the SLAF.

**Submit**

## Marble Beach Resort, China Bay

### Blue Whale & Dolphin



Twin storied chalets provide the luxury and comfort of your own private beach. The perfect place with all facilities on offer, simply adds to the taste of paradise. Privacy is ensured by thickets of lush tropical landscaped gardens which add a sensuous touch to the Marble Beach experience. The beachfront private lounge area and the hammocks in the trees are the place for a perfect chill out. [more>>](#)

| Room Type | Local              |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
|           | Single Rates (.Rs) | Double Rates (.Rs) |
| Room Only | Rs 14,000.00       | Rs 14,000.00       |
| B/B       | Rs 15,500.00       | Rs 17,500.00       |
| H/B       | Rs 17,500.00       | Rs 22,000.00       |
| F/B       | Rs 19,500.00       | Rs 26,000.00       |

### Tuna & Stingray



This new addition to the host of magnificent chalets is located close to the resort amid a sensuous surrounding of the lush green. The chalet housed in a picturesque location overseeing the splendour of the beach has its own access to the twin storied apartment. The chalet adds the comfort of a modern home with an aesthetic touch to fill up the senses between the thicket and the deep blue sea. [more>>](#)

| Room Type | Local              |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
|           | Single Rates (.Rs) | Double Rates (.Rs) |
| Room Only | Rs 14,000.00       | Rs 14,000.00       |
| B/B       | Rs 15,500.00       | Rs 17,500.00       |
| H/B       | Rs 17,500.00       | Rs 22,000.00       |
| F/B       | Rs 19,500.00       | Rs 26,000.00       |

### Tamarind



This two-storey house accessed via a quaint wooden bridge is ideal for a group or family. It offers three spacious bedrooms, a private dining area, private balcony with a spectacular ocean view. [more>>](#)

| Room Type | Local              |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
|           | Single Rates (.Rs) | Double Rates (.Rs) |
| Room Only | Rs 14,000.00       | Rs 14,000.00       |
| B/B       | Rs 15,500.00       | Rs 17,500.00       |
| H/B       | Rs 17,500.00       | Rs 22,000.00       |
| F/B       | Rs 19,500.00       | Rs 26,000.00       |

## Eagles Bayview Resort, China Bay



**EAGLES BAYVIEW RESORT**

| Room Type    | Single Rate (Rs)            | Double Rate (Rs) |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Room Only    | 14,000.00                   | 14,000.00        |
| B/B          | 17,500.00                   | 17,500.00        |
| H/B          | 17,500.00                   | 22,000.00        |
| F/B          | 19,500.00                   | 26,000.00        |
| Serene Villa | 40,000.00 Bed and Breakfast |                  |




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## Eagles Golf Links Club House, China Bay

| Room Type                                             | Maximum Guests                       | ROOM CHARGES ONLY                   |                           |              |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                                       |                                      | Members of the Eagles Golf Link(Rs) | Non Members ( Air Force ) | Other Guests |                  |
|                                                       |                                      |                                     | Serving / Retired (Rs)    | Locals (Rs)  | Foreigners (USD) |
| <b>Deluxe (L)</b><br>(No of rooms 02)<br>(No 30 & 31) | 02 Adults & 02 Kids (Below 12 Years) | 2,400.00                            | 3,000.00                  | 12,000.00    | 80               |
| <b>Deluxe (M)</b><br>(No of rooms 06)<br>(No 32 – 37) | 02 Adults & 02 Kids (Below 12 Years) | 2,100.00                            | 2,625.00                  | 10,500.00    | 70               |
| <b>Standard</b><br>(No of rooms 06)<br>(No 38 – 43)   | 02 Adults                            | 1,800.00                            | 2,250.00                  | 9,000.00     | 60               |

## Heritage Golf Course, Anuradhapura

| Room Type                               | Maximum Guests Permitted Per Room | ROOM ONLY CHARGES |                                 |              |            |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
|                                         |                                   | Members (Rs)      | Air Force Personnel Non Members |              | Civilians  |                  |
|                                         |                                   |                   | Members (Rs)                    | Retired (Rs) | Local (Rs) | Foreigners (USD) |
| <b>Triple (2 Nos) (No 12 &amp; 14)</b>  | 03 Adults and 01 Kid (Below 12 Y) | 2,100.00          | 2,100.00                        | 2,625.00     | 10,500.00  | 70               |
| <b>Double (7 Nos) (No 10,11,15 -19)</b> | 02 Adults and 01 Kid (Below 12 Y) | 1,800.00          | 2,250.00                        | 2,250.00     | 9,000.00   | 60               |
| <b>Single</b>                           | 01 Adults                         | 1,500.00          | 1,800.00                        | 1,800.00     | 6,000.00   | 40               |

## Banquet Halls

15% Discount is given for all retired personnel at the following two facilities.

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**Types of Events**

- Corporate Events
- Weddings & Receptions
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Engagements

**Types of Services**

- Fully air conditioned hall capable of Seating 500 guests
- Waterfront Lawn for low key events
- Four Double Rooms
- Photographic Studio
- Two large changing rooms
- Onsite Catering
- Spacious parking area
- Professional, qualified and well trained staff

## Eagles Lakeside, Attidiya

**Facilities**

 **EAGLES' LAKESIDE**

**Types of Events**

- Corporate Events
- Weddings & Receptions
- Dinner Dances
- Musical Concerts
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Engagements

**Types of Services**

- Fully air conditioned hall capable of Seating 1000 guests
- Waterfront Deck for small Events
- Wide Stage
- Large Dance Floor
- Two bridal dressing rooms
- Three large changing rooms
- Onsite Catering
- Convenient valet parking
- Spacious parking area
- Professional, qualified and well trained staff

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