



Milites Dei Academy Monthly Digest

We have a surprise update!

Firstly, a word from Major Daleen.



by **Maj. M. D. Marais** on 28 April 2021

Week 3 Surveillance scheduled as part of the curriculum, with regard to tactical surveillance. A theory-based classroom presentation was provided by the senior MDA official. After the session on the theory regarding anti-poaching surveillance and reconnaissance with the emphasis on over-watch, and on controlling an area or sector devised as a critical “hot-spot” where possible entry or exit by poachers is a high probability to be expected.

Into the practical execution based theory received, teams were formed by the operations official. These teams were issued with helpful information that will assist them in executing their mission successfully.

A four-tier reconnaissance and surveillance plan was provided to the teams to assist them with the following objectives.

- Map(s)
- Resources
- Team Scheduling
- Execution Planning

(The above bullet points simplified the mission objectives.)

The duration of the R & S took over the period of 3 days. And upon assessment success was demonstrated by the teams that produced intelligence through the objectives they achieved.

In conjunction with the R & S, it was followed by Special Weapons and Tactical training, which also lasted for a period of 3 days. The students were taken through a course with emphasis on a tactical approach to neutralize threat situations. Case studies were used by the instructor to create imagination around the subject of SWAT.

The students learned about the safe practices to secure areas or locations where threats were alerted – thus meaning the students could practically exercise the formations that will provide them with the instinctive awareness to carry out such practices to ensure their own safety and those that they come to assist.

The students were thoroughly assessed by the course instructor. Success was achieved by all students who completed the course.

Maj. M. D. Marais

OTHER
TOP STORIES

A hand-written letter about Phillip's Personal Gear



by **Phillip Coetzee** on 29 April 2021

Phillip's Personal Gear

Flecktarn fatigues

Flecktarn (German) or Mottled camouflage (English) is a family of 3-6 color disruptive camouflage pattern ~~is~~ that's been used since 1970. It was already designed in 1976 by the German company Marquardt and Schulz. It was widely introduced in 1990 after the reunification of Germany. Several other countries adopted it as well, such as Austria, Georgia, Ukraine, Ireland and some non-state users like Óglaigh na hÉireann (Republican resistance). The fatigues changed materials several times until it was perfected in 2000, which ensured it to be excellent quality as well as being comfortable to wear.

ÉbH

The ÉbH was introduced in 2004 ~~to~~ into the Australian Defence Force to replace the M9 helmet. It's manufactured by the Israeli company Kabintex. It's the same shape as the U.S. MICH 2000 helmet, but weighs less. It's used in 4 sizes; small, medium, large and extra large. Other armies such as the Irish Army (An tArm) and New Zealand Armed Forces also has it in service.

IOUV

The Improved Outer Tactical Vest is an enhanced version of the Outer Tactical Vest (O.T.V.). It was introduced in 2007 and is manufactured by multiple companies. The vest has ~~a~~ male and female models and in multiple sizes.

A report about an "oppie"

by **David Viljoen** on 27 April 2021



Dear Ma'am,

The follow turn-out of the "oppie" or truth reported by myself as witnessed.

On the night of the 27th April 2021, prior to the hours of midnight, an attempt by students and one staff was made to handcuff one student who was busy sleeping to the frame of his bed.

The students and one staff who attempted this event were under the influence of alcohol. Fortunately for the student who was trying to sleep was alerted when he heard his name mentioned in the phrase "lets cuff "D..." to his bed."

Within the frame of a few short seconds, the staff member was at "D..." bedside and grabbing hold of his right hand and called out to the students to assist him so.

But "D..." started wrestling back with the staff member and it continued until "D..." was on top of the staff by taking the handcuffs from his person. The staff member said it over and "D..." then let the staff member from his hold and the staff requested his handcuffs back which he was permitted to have back.

The next morning the students and staff member responsible for the attempt to handcuff "D..." to his bed was ordered by the permission and guidance of Mainhouse to give the culprits an "oppie" in terms of the MDA code of conduct disciplinary steps for "handcuffing" a student to his bed. Two hundred and fifty burpees were the count rule and prior to the "oppie" a standing on

attention for the period of one hour due the fact that the attempt was made to a higher ranking officer student for the MDA.

The students and staff took responsibility for their acts however the staff member refuses to stand on attention for one hour.

All culprits completed their 250 burpees and the punishment was over.

Punishment demonstrates discipline. And discipline enforces compliance. This is generally the code of consequence - all acts are not without consequences good or bad we learn through experience and those who care to learn can succeed....and it just makes us stronger physically. It is an honour to complete an oppie and people see you as a champion although it resulted from a mistake.

Report complete.

Signing off,
David

Our youngest member

Patrick Hogan on 26 April 2021



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