



VECONAC 18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM – COUNTRY REPORT

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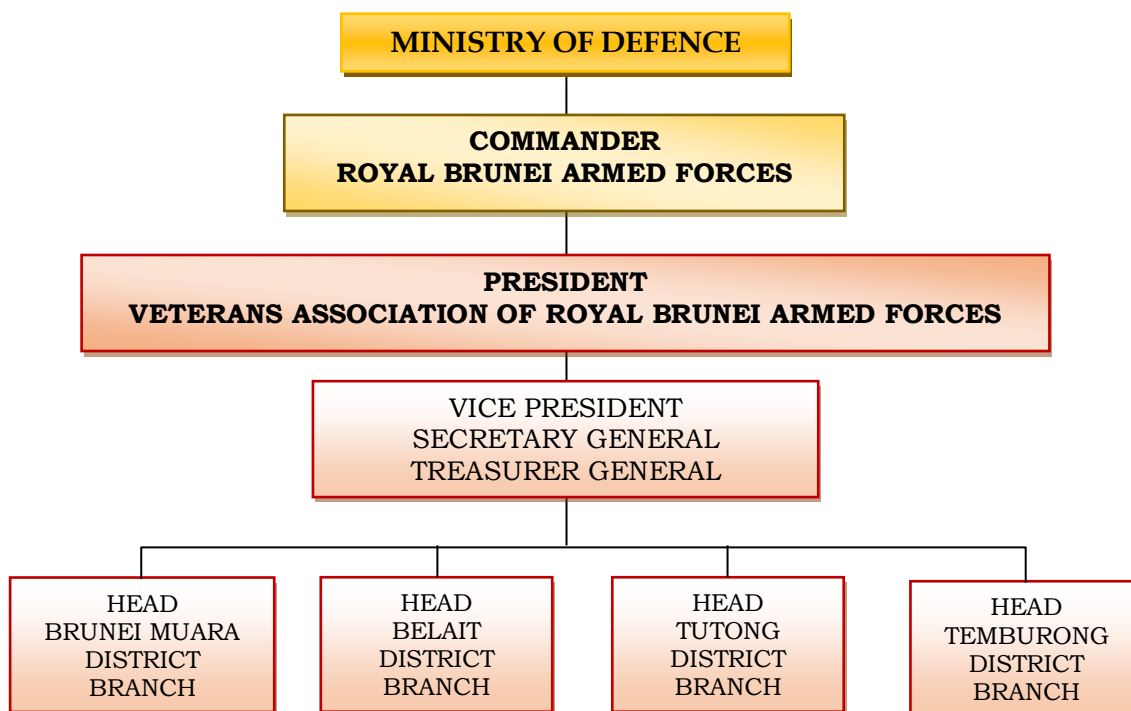
1. On 25th August 2018, His Majesty The Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam has consented to rename The Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESABD) or in Malay “Persatuan Bekas Perajurit Negara Brunei Darussalam (PBP NBD)” to **VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF ROYAL BRUNEI ARMED FORCES (VARBAF)** and in Malay **PERSATUAN VETERAN ANGKATAN BERSENJATA DIRAJA BRUNEI (PERWIRA)**.

2. On VECONAC, Brunei Darussalam has hosted the 9th GA in TY2000, 29th EBM & 16th GA in TY 2016, and 30th EBM & 17th GA in TY 2017.

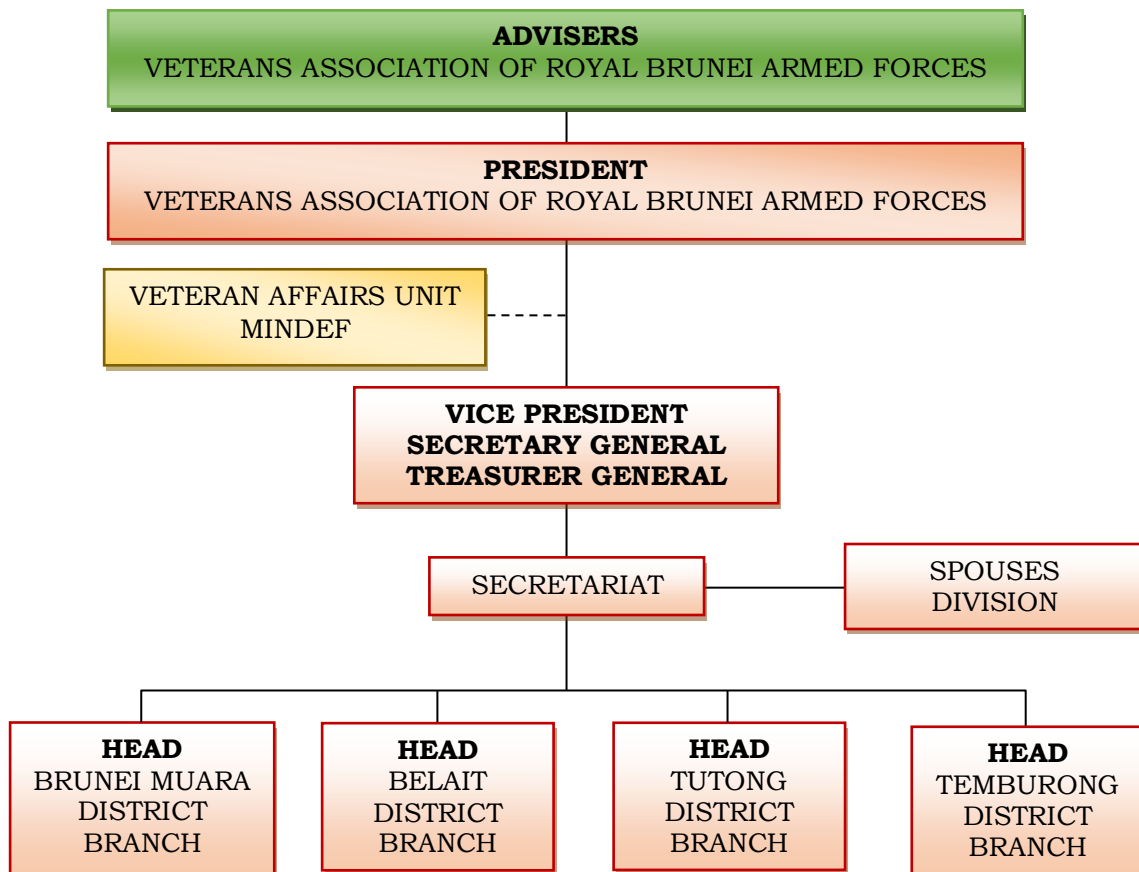
BACKGROUND OF VARBAF

3. Organisation. Updated.

a. General.



b. **Organic.**



4. **Current Executive Board Members.**

- a. **President.** HE MAJ GEN (RETD) PEHIN DATO HJ SHARI BIN AHMAD.
- b. **Vice/Deputy President.** COL (RETD) HJ MAHALEH BIN HJ ABDUL MAJID.
- c. **Secretary General.** LT COL (RETD) RAMLI BIN ABD HADIS.
- d. **Treasurer General.** LT COL (RETD) HJ HASHIM BIN HJ ZAINAL ABIDIN.
- e. **Permanent Members – Districts Branch.**
 - (1) **Head Brunei Muara District Branch.** SSGT (RETD) HJ UMAR BIN SERUDIN.
 - (2) **Head Belait District Branch.** CPL (RETD) HJ HASSAN BIN TUAH.
 - (3) **Head Tutong District Branch.** WO1 (RETD) HJ MARSAL BIN HJ TALIB.
 - (4) **Head Temburong District Branch.** WO1 (RETD) YUNUS BIN MOHAMMAD.

5. **Current Strength.** 767+ Members.

ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS

6. **National Level.** Participate in all national calendar events, such as Brunei National Day on every 23rd February, RBAF's Anniversary on every 31st May, and HM The Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's Birthday on every 15th July.



34th National Day Parade



Royal Brunei Armed Forces' 57th Anniversary



His Majesty The Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan's 72nd Birthday's Royal Banquet
@ Istana Nurul Iman (The Royal Palace)



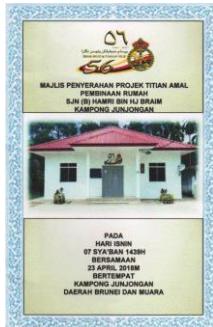


Celebrating His Majesty The Sultan And Yang Di-Pertuan's 72nd Birthday 'Bersama Rakyat & Penduduk Negara Brunei Darussalam' @ all four districts (Brunei Muara, Belait, Tutong & Temburong)





Royal Brunei Armed Forces' 57th Anniversary Welfare Program (Kamathali Habbah)



Royal Brunei Armed Forces' 57th Anniversary "Titian Amal" Welfare Program



Celebrating Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (Eid) @ Istana Nurul Iman (The Royal Palace)

7. **Internal.** VARBAFD's Anniversary every 25th April.



Veterans Association of Royal Brunei Armed Forces' 26th Anniversary



Veterans Association of Royal Brunei Armed Forces' 26th Anniversary's Combined Welfare Program with Harley-Davidson Owners Group Brunei Charter (VARBAF-HOGBC's Charity Ride)



The Holy Month of Ramadhan's Religious Functions



Celebrating Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (Eid)



Celebrating Prophet Muhammad PBUH's Maulid Nabi in Temburong District

8. **Regional Level.** VECONAC.



VECONAC 30th EBM & 17th GA in Brunei Darussalam



Royal Regatta @ Royal Wharf in Bandar Seri Begawan

9. **Personal/Individual Commitment.** Some of the Association Members are working in public and private sector (such as Security Personnel, in Oil & Gas, Chamber of Commerce etc), as Businesspersons, active in NGOs (such as in Young Entrepreneurs Development Program, 4-Wheel Drive, Photography Society etc), and in Uniformed Organisations (such as Scouts, Red Crescent etc). These also provide most of them getting exposed overseas either in conference, seminar, jamboree, expos, visits etc.



10. **Welfare**. Welfare of the Association's Members has been a priority.



Welfare Program with The Royal Palace Guards of The Royal Brunei Police Force



VARBAF Inter District Branches' Interaction Program

11. **Community Services / Outreach Program.**



Repairing an old wooden bridge with the Mukim Sg Liang community



Sg Liang Primary School's Parents-Teachers' activity



Annual Working Lunch hosted by 3rd Battalion Royal Brunei Land Force



Supporting National Youth Program hosted by Youth & Sport Department

12. **Health Awareness.**



CONCLUSION

13. Our association will continue to serve for its member's needs. To conduct regular welfare home visits. Coordinate with other agencies, particularly the Veterans Affairs Unit, Ministry of Defence. Welcoming donations, in kinds. Process them and appropriately distribute to the needy. We are looking forward for more new members, and to those wish to play active role.

“VECONAC FOREVER – FOREVER VECONAC”
