

COMMENT

Letter sent to the President of Guyana from
Warrant Officers of the XGDF Association
of Guyana

His Excellency the President and
Commander-in-Chief
Office of the President
New Garden Street
Georgetown. 2010-02-12

Dear Commander in Chief,

We the retired Warrant Officers of the XGDF Association of Guyana, have learnt with great dismay, of a decision by the Defence Board to delegate to the Chief of Staff, under section 25 of the Defence Act, the power to reduce in rank, a Warrant Officer, for any offence committed. What is even more alarming to us is that the Chief of Staff is further authorised to delegate this authority, if the appropriate request is made.

As retired recipients of State Warrants, we are of the strong view that this dispensation has watered down and significantly diminished the prestige and status of the Warrant Institution. The esteem felt when we received our State Warrants has now been taken away, and the document is no longer a prized possession. It has now become a meaningless piece of paper.

As outlined in our organisation's newsletter, we know that the State Warrant is supposed to be an instrument which

bonds the Warrant Officer with the Commander in Chief. And in delegating these disciplinary powers to the Chief of Staff, the Commander in Chief is breaking the bond.

The Warrant Officer is not a fly-by-night rank. It is achieved after years of dedicated service during which good leadership qualities and professionalism had to have been displayed. It is not a hand-out but rather a coveted achievement.

We wish to ask what has necessitated the Chief of Staff being granted this dispensation? Is it that the present crop of Warrant Officers is inferior? If they are inferior, the fault lies not with them. The fault lies in the training system and promotional procedures existing in the GDF, and that is what needs to be addressed; not bringing down the status of the rank.

We feel that this delegation to the Chief of Staff was ill advised and that details about the history of Warrant Officers being presented with State Warrants by the Commander in Chief, were not made available to you.

We urge you to revisit this dispensation and seek advice from former Chiefs of Staff. This we are convinced would lead to your withdrawal of the new authority given to the current Chief of Staff. In so doing, you will once again restore the pride and regard we once had in our State Warrants.

Signed :

WO 1 George Joseph, WO 2 Keith
Mc Arthur, WO 1 Arno Solomon,
WO 2 Wilbert Nurse,
WO 2 Patrick Williams, and twenty (20)
others.



Mrs. Loraine Glasgow, Recording Secretary, XGDF Association of New York, visited Guyana and held a lunch for a number of shut-in members at the XGDF Guyana HQ, on 18th March 2010.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS – March – April 2010

Ludolph Wiggings, Conrad
Remmington, Percival Fowler,
Beryl Green

More Famous Names of the GDF

Michael Atherley - Barb Wire
Edward Collins - Bantifu
Beverley Sommerset - Thriller

Frankie Bishpam - Jesse James
 Ulric Sutton - Bolton
 Victor Solomon - Daddy
 Cyril Dowden - Sports & Games
 Edmond Smith - Chen Sing
 Randolph Reynolds - Green Hornet
 Jeff Damon - Cow Tongue
 Basil Blake - Bush Bully
 Lennox Higgings - Shines
 Carl Morgan - Susie Wong



Lone Birthday Celebrant
 For April 2010,
Beryl Green

**RESULTS OF BERBICE CHAPTER
 ELECTONS**

Linden Carrol Haynes - Chairman
 Gerald Young - Secretary
 Thomas Lovell - Treasurer

Our congratulations go out to them.

WHAT'S ON

2nd May 2010 -G M meeting
 23rd May 2010- Berbice BBQ

OBITUARIES

Faye Johnson, Rudolph Younge, Oscar Cambridge, Stanley Eastman, Allan Boyce, Eunice Batson, Michael Rodney, Neil Debarros.

May their souls rest in peace.

THANK YOU

Lorraine Glasgow for her financial contribution to the organisation. **Keith London** for contributing one television to XGDF club. **Wilbert Nurse, Jack Porter, Reynaud Alves, Hardeo Udit, Gerrard Payne** for contributing utencils to XGDF Club. **Mrs. Beverly Lovell** for her presentation on HIV.

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Mrs. Lorraine Glasgow of XGDF Association of New York, making a monetary donation to the XGDF Association of Guyana. Here the donation is received by XGDF Guyana President, George Gomes



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