

## South Africa



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"Unity In Diversity"



**Free fall**



**Basic**



**Basic**



**Free fall instructor**



**Basic**



**Instructor**



**Beret patch  
1<sup>st</sup> issue (rejected)**



**Beret patch**



**3<sup>rd</sup> para battalion beret  
patch – (unofficial)**



**Basic mess dress**



**Beret badge**



**Basic**



**Instructor**



**Instructor free fall**

**Basic**



**Air resupply unit instructor**

**instructor**



**Instructor free fall**



**Parachute jump instructor**



**Parachute jump instructor**



**Parachute jump instructor**



**Hunter group parachute wings**



**Hunter group**



**Special Forces headquarters  
(compass rose – anywhere anytime)**



**1st para battalion**



**1st reconnaissance commando - RECCE  
1972- early 90s**



**Special forces brigade headquarters**



**S.A. special forces 90s**



**1<sup>st</sup> Special force regiment (maroon) 1977-1992**



**44<sup>th</sup> para brigade**



**2<sup>nd</sup> para battalion Formed 1977**



**44<sup>th</sup> para battalion**



**3<sup>rd</sup> para battalion**



**2<sup>nd</sup> reconnaissance regiment**



**Special forces badge**



**Special forces badge**



**Special forces emblem**



**Variant - RECCE**



**Gold operator  
Over 10 years of service**



**E.A.M.A – Aeromedic  
Para medic  
(One of many variants)**



**Special forces operator  
badge**



**South African police task  
force**



**SA railway police task force**



**South African police task  
force**



**SA railway police task force**



**South African police task force**



**SA railway police task force**



**Basic OD**



**SA railway police task force**



**Basic OD  
1976 - 1990**



**Basic OD**



**Instructor OD**



**Basic OD**



**Hunter group qualification  
shoulder patch**



**RECCE unit  
Reconnaissance**



**RECCE**



**Reconnaissance  
qualification wing**



**32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
Beret badge**



**44<sup>th</sup> para brigade  
Test jumper**



**Scuba**



**44<sup>th</sup> parachute brigade  
dispatcher**



**Scuba**

## **The Special Forces Operator**

I am a Special Forces Operator  
I will go where others fear to go  
I will do what others cannot do  
I will face the impossible, and triumph  
Always

I seek neither fame nor glory  
I seek neither medals nor praise  
I seek only the acknowledgement of my Brother Operators  
For they alone can judge me

And to be counted amongst them is my greatest Honour

I will never dishonour my Brothers  
Or the name of Special Forces  
I will never turn away from any challenge  
I will face anything, and succeed  
Nothing will stop me, save Death  
And even this will be temporary  
For my memory will spur my Brothers on

I will, at all times  
Uphold the principles that guide us  
Duty, Honour and Loyalty  
The highest code of Morals, Principles and Ethics  
I will never abandon my post  
Or turn from my duty  
No matter the consequences

I will always remember my Brothers  
Who have made the Supreme Sacrifice  
They will be with me at all times  
In my thoughts and prayers  
Their Deeds will not go unrecorded  
And their Songs will not go unsung  
Their memory will inspire me  
Constantly

I know that wherever I am  
Whatever the situation  
I am always in my Brothers