



AIR VETERANS' NEWS LETTER

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THINK IT OVER

**STRENGTH IS NOT MEASURED BY POWER ALONE—IT IS IN THE
ABILITY TO ENDURE, TO PROTECT AND TO UPLIFT OTHERS IN
TIMES OF NEED**

MESSAGE TO ALL AIR VETERANS

Attention All Air Veterans

You are kindly advised to **verify that the name of your spouse mentioned in your Pension Payment Order (PPO) matches exactly with the name recorded in their Aadhaar Card, PAN Card and Bank Account.**

Why this matters:

This office has observed several cases where **mismatches in spouse names** have led to **unnecessary delays and hardships** for widows in processing family pension and other financial entitlements after the veteran's demise.

These are **avoidable hardships** that can be prevented with a simple check now.

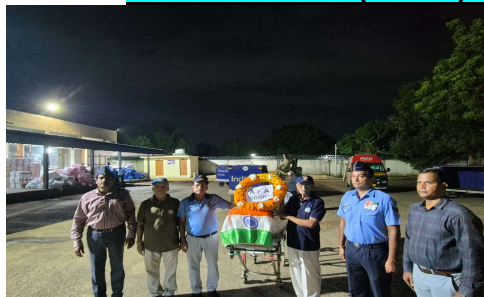
✅ If any discrepancy is found, veterans are requested to **contact this office** for guidance on the **procedure to update/correct service documents.**

💬 Let us take this small but vital step today — to ensure our families do not face distress in our absence.

A stitch in time could spare your loved ones a great deal of pain.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED

HFO DK RANA (RETD) PASSED AWAY ON 01 SEP 25



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1. **RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION WITH JEEVAN REKHA PARISHAD.**

On 07 August 2025, the Air Force Association Odisha Office hosted a heartwarming Pre-Raksha Bandhan ceremony, organised by Jeevan Rekha Parishad (JRP), an NGO working in the field of Human Rights and Sustainable Development.

In a touching gesture, members of JRP tied Rakhis to our Air Veterans, symbolising gratitude, respect and the bond of protection. The initiative beautifully honoured the veterans' selfless service, sacrifice and commitment to the Nation, while also strengthening civil–military harmony.

The event left a lasting impression on all participants and reminded us that the respect and love for our heroes extend far beyond their years in uniform.

PRE-RAKSHA BANDHAN CEREMONY AT AFA ODISHA BRANCH OFFICE



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2. **AFA ODISHA SANGINI LADIES WING SUPPORTS ODISHA HANDLOOM.**

On 10 August 2025, the Sangini Ladies Wing of AFA Odisha extended its wholehearted support to the weavers of Odisha by actively participating in and sponsoring the Handloom Walkathon. The event, organised by *Swabhimani Odia Women's World*, aimed at celebrating, promoting and preserving the rich legacy of Odisha's handloom heritage.

By joining this initiative, Sangini not only honoured the craftsmanship and dedication of our handloom weavers but also reaffirmed its commitment to empowering local traditions and artisans. The participation of AFA Odisha Sangini sent a strong message of solidarity with the custodians of Odisha's textile heritage, ensuring that the threads of culture, skill and tradition remain vibrant for generations to come.

LADIES WING PARTICIPATED IN HANDLOOM WALKATHON



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3. **TIRANGA BIKE RALLY – AFA ODISHA BALASORE CHAPTER.**

On 14 August 2025, the Balasore Chapter of Air Force Association Odisha proudly participated in the Tiranga Bike Rally organised around Balasore town on the invitation of Station Headquarters, Chandipur. Air Veterans of the Chapter rode with the Tricolour held high, symbolising unity, pride, and patriotism on the eve of Independence Day.

It was a moment of honour to ride alongside members of the Indian Ex-Services League, Odisha, jointly spreading the message of national integration and respect for the Armed Forces. The initiative not only strengthened camaraderie among veterans but also rekindled the spirit of service and sacrifice within the local community.

TIRANGA BIKE RALLY



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4. **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT AFA ODISHA BRANCH OFFICE.**

On 15 August 2025, the Tricolour was ceremonially hoisted at the AFA Odisha Branch Office by GpCapt J Brahma (Retd), President AFA Odisha. The event was attended by Air Veterans along with members of the Sangini Ladies Wing, who gathered to celebrate the nation's independence with dignity, solemnity and patriotic fervour.

The occasion reflected the enduring values of camaraderie, service, and sacrifice as veterans and families came together to honour the nation and pay tribute to the proud legacy of our Air Warriors.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2025



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5. **AFA ODISHA BRANCH – PRESIDENT'S HANDING/TAKING OVER.**

On 15 August 2025, a momentous baton change took place at the AFA Odisha Branch Office. GpCapt J Brahma (Retd), who had served with distinction as the President of AFA Odisha for an outstanding 17 years and 7 months, formally handed over the responsibilities to Air Cmde Arabinda Mohanty, VSM (Retd).

This transition marked the end of a long and dedicated tenure under which the Branch grew in stature and outreach, and the beginning of a new chapter under the able leadership of Air Cmde Mohanty.

HANDING/TAKING OVER OF PRESIDENT, AFA ODISHA BRANCH



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NAGARBANDHU SAMMAN AWARD

On the eve of **LOCAL SELF GOVT. DAY** (31 Aug 2025), The Minister of Urbana Development Odisha Dr.Krushna Chandra Mohapatra in presence of MLA Sj Babu Singh, Mayour Smt Sulachana Das and Commissioner BMC Sj Chanchal Rana IAS awarded to JWO Aruna Kumar Mohanty (Retd) by **NAGARBANDHU SAMMAN** at Jaydev Bhavan Bhubaneswar.

NAGARBANDHU SAMMAN AWARD : JWO ARUNA KUMAR MOHANTY (Retd)



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ETIQUETTES /NORMS FOR POSTINGS IN AFA ODISHA GROUP AND CAPITAL REGION WHATSAPP GROUP

Members are requested to follow the enlisted guidelines before any posting to the above-mentioned group.

1. Only matters related to the welfare of AVs & their families to be posted.
2. Important service matters of general interest only to be posted.
3. Greetings / messages on days of National interest viz Republic Day, Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, IAF Day, AFA day can be posted.
4. Greetings on New Year, and days of religious importance of all religions may be posted.

NOTE:-

- A. All such greeting messages in para 3&4 ARE TO BE POSTED ON BEHALF OF AFA, PREFERABLY BY ONE OF THE GROUP ADMIN ONLY.
 - B. No reciprocator messages from individual members needed.
 - C. However, the Dist Chapters can reciprocate.
 - D. Members may disseminate such messages to their families.
5. Messages relating to death, serious mishap, sickness, extreme distress that calls for help to any AV can definitely be posted by any one so as to initiate suitable action by the AFA(O).
 6. NO PERSONAL MESSAGES such as Good Morning/ Birthday, Marriage anniversary wishes to be posted in this group. This can be conveyed on personal basis only.
 7. We the Air Veterans need no reminder to be disciplined & respectful towards each other in our action and deeds, befitting to the ethics of Air Force as Air Warriors or as Air Veterans.

WITH MUTUAL SUPPORT, LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR BETTER TOMORROW.

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NOTICE

Fully Furnished Rooms (AC) with Kitchen for Veterans and families visiting Bhubaneswar is available at AFA Odisha Branch Office premises at Leelakunj Plot No. 2612 MAA Santoshi Marg, Patrapada (Bhubaneswar). Needy personnel may contact incharge of the Guest Room **AV JWO Subhash Chandra Raut-82498 71552 / HFO BB Pattnaik-8015796224/ AV JWO PN Swain-98187 63166 respectively @ Rs. 400/- per day + Electricity charges (as per prevailing rates).**



DRAWING ROOM



BED ROOM



KITCHEN



AN APPEAL TO ALL THE AIR VETERANS

Our expenses, involving various organized programs, are increasing every year. Our sources of income are limited to the 50% share of New Membership Fees, interest received from our Fixed Deposits and occasional donations from our generous members.

If over 8500 strong State Members of our Branch come together with their small efforts, we may be able to collect a decent amount which could be used to serve you better. As the saying goes, ***"it's the small drops of water that make an ocean"***!

Here are the ways to contribute:-

1. Air Veterans can order AFA, Odisha T-Shirts, Caps, Mugs and other items with logo to share, gift to others.
2. Air Veterans can give their advertisement in this eNewsletter with very nominal charges which will be added to generate more revenue for this organization.

TO ADD CONTENT IN THIS ENEWSLETTER

- (i) It is to inform you that the contents received from dist. Official email ID will be added in this eNewsletter and not to send us by any other means.
- (ii) It is also intimated you to provide content by **20th** of every month.

For Any Correction

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Amendments will be reflected in the next monthly eNewsletter.

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