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**Fact Sheet – “United We Stand” Parade and Ceremony**

1. National Day Parade 2024 (NDP 2024)’s "United We Stand" Parade and Ceremony (P&C) segment will feature a total of 35 marching contingents. More than 2,100 participants will comprise the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Colours Party, five Guard of Honour (GOH) contingents, five contingents from the SAF, Singapore Police Force (SPF) and Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF), one Volunteer Contingent made up of the SAF Volunteer Corps (SAFVC) and Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN), 10 contingents from youth uniformed groups, 14 contingents from social and economic groups, Military Tattoo-Combined Band, Choir Music Video and Presidential Gun Salute.

**Guard of Honour Contingents**

2. Each of the five GOH contingents that escorts the SAF Colours Party comprises 60 soldiers and is led by a Contingent Commander and a Second-in-Command.

3. The five GOH contingents are made up of the following units:

Service	Unit
Singapore Army	• 1st Commando Battalion
Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)	• Naval Diving Unit
Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF)	• Air Power Generation Command
Singapore Police Force (SPF)	• Police Training Command
Digital and Intelligence Service (DIS)	• Joint Intelligence Command • SAF Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) Command

**SAF Colours Party**

4. The SAF Colours are awarded in recognition of achievements in the field of combat, training, administrative efficiency and service to the community. They represent the pride and loyalty of the service personnel to their units, formations and Singapore.

5. The SAF Colours Party is made up of four State Colours and 36 Regimental Colours. The State Colours (Singapore Army, RSN, RSAF and DIS) incorporate the design of the State Flag with the Service Crest imprinted on the bottom right-hand corner. They are carried by four State Colours Ensigns and accompanied by four State Colours Escorts.



6. The Regimental Colours represent the formations or units of the four services, and will display their respective logos or crests. The Regimental Colours are carried by 36 Colours Ensigns and accompanied by 36 Colours Escorts.

7. Together with the Colours Orderly<sup>1</sup>, the SAF Colours Party is made up of 120 participants. The 36 Regimental Colours are:

Service	Unit
Army (25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAFTI Military Institute</li> <li>• Headquarters Commando</li> <li>• 1st Commando Battalion</li> <li>• 1st Battalion, Singapore Guards</li> <li>• 3rd Battalion, Singapore Guards</li> <li>• 1st Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment</li> <li>• 2nd Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment</li> <li>• 3rd Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment</li> <li>• 5th Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment</li> <li>• 8th Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment</li> <li>• 9th Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment</li> <li>• 40th Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment</li> <li>• 41st Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment</li> <li>• 42nd Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment</li> <li>• 48th Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment</li> <li>• Headquarters Singapore Artillery</li> <li>• Headquarters Singapore Combat Engineers</li> <li>• Headquarters Signals and Command Systems</li> <li>• Headquarters Maintenance and Engineering Support</li> <li>• SAF Military Police Command</li> <li>• Headquarters Supply</li> <li>• Headquarters Transport</li> <li>• SAF Ammunition Command</li> <li>• Army Intelligence</li> <li>• Army Deployment Force</li> </ul>
RSN (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet</li> <li>• Naval Diving Unit</li> <li>• Maritime Security Task Force</li> <li>• Naval Engineering and Logistics Command</li> </ul>
RSAF (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Defence and Operations Command</li> <li>• Air Combat Command</li> <li>• Air Power Generation Command</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The Colours Orderly case and uncase the Colours for the parade.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation Command</li> <li>• Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Command</li> </ul>
DIS (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imagery Support Group</li> </ul>
Joint (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headquarters Medical Corps</li> </ul>

### **Supporting Contingents: Military Defence**

8. The core of Military Defence revolves around the capability of a robust SAF to deter potential aggressors, and should deterrence fail, to achieve a swift and decisive victory over the aggressor to keep Singapore safe and secure. The three military contingents, each led by a Contingent Commander and comprising 60 dedicated servicemen and servicewomen, add up to a total of 183 participants. They are made up of units from the Singapore Army, RSN, and RSAF. The units include:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Army	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence Battalion</li> </ul>
RSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maritime Training and Doctrine Command</li> </ul>
RSAF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Defence and Operations Command</li> <li>• Air Power Generation Command</li> <li>• Air Combat Command</li> <li>• Participation Command</li> <li>• Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Command</li> </ul>

### **Supporting Contingents: Civil Defence**

9. The pillar of Civil Defence will be represented by two contingents from the SPF and SCDF. Each led by a Contingent Commander and comprising 60 participants, they are made up of various SPF and SCDF units. Together, they demonstrate the commitment and readiness of the SPF and SCDF in upholding the principles of Civil Defence, and in ensuring the safety, security and well-being of Singaporeans during times of peace, civil crises, and emergencies. The participating units include:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Unit</b>
SPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Training Command</li> <li>• Training &amp; Capability Development Department</li> <li>• Jurong Division</li> </ul>
SCDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCDF Headquarters</li> <li>• 1st/2nd/3rd/4th SCDF Divisions</li> <li>• SCDF Marine Division</li> <li>• Civil Defence Academy</li> </ul>



### **Supporting Contingents: Volunteer Groups**

10. The Volunteer Contingent, comprising the SAFVC and HTVN, will make their first NDP reappearance since 2019 to commemorate Total Defence 40. The Volunteer Contingent is made up of 61 participants, including the Contingent Commander.

### **Supporting Contingents: Youth Uniformed Groups**

11. The 10 youth uniformed group contingents represent Singapore's youth and embody our nation's future. Each contingent is led by one Contingent Commander and comprises 36 participants, adding up to a total of 370 participants. The 10 youth uniformed groups are:

- Girl Guides Singapore
- Singapore Red Cross Youth
- Singapore Scouts Association
- St. John Brigade Singapore
- The Boys' Brigade Singapore
- The Girls' Brigade Singapore
- National Cadet Corps (Land)
- National Cadet Corps (Air & Sea)
- National Civil Defence Cadet Corps
- National Police Cadet Corps

### **Supporting Contingents: Social and Economic Groups**

12. The 14 civilian contingents are made up of local social and economic groups, and they represent the social and economic pillars of Singapore. Each contingent is led by a Contingent Commander and comprises 36 participants, adding up to 518 participants in total. Collectively, they demonstrate the significant progress that Singapore has achieved in both social and economic domains, highlighting the nation's development and success. The 14 Social and Economic contingents are made up of the following:



Social Contingents (4)	Economic Contingents (10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Trades Union Congress (NTUC)</li> <li>• People’s Action Party (PAP) – PAP Community Foundation (PCF)</li> <li>• One Team Singapore (Sport Singapore)</li> <li>• GoodHood.SG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singapore Telecommunications Limited</li> <li>• DBS Bank Limited</li> <li>• Keppel Ltd.</li> <li>• PSA International Pte Ltd</li> <li>• Sembcorp Industries Limited</li> <li>• EU Holidays Pte Ltd</li> <li>• OSIM International Pte Ltd</li> <li>• Seatrium Limited</li> <li>• SATS Ltd</li> <li>• Grab Holdings Inc.</li> </ul>

### **Military Tattoo-Combined Band**

13. The Military Tattoo-Combined Band in NDP 2024’s P&C segment will showcase a captivating full physical performance by 194 participants from across nine entities – the SAF Band, SAF Military Police Command Silent Precision Drill Squad, Music & Drama Company, National Cadet Corps (NCC) Command Band, NCC Precision Drill Squad (NCC PDS), The Voice Company, Ang Mo Kio Secondary School, Maris Stella High School, and Yishun Town Secondary School. This marks the highest number of schools and organisations ever involved in the NDP Military Tattoo-Combined Band, as well as the return of the NCC PDS after a five-year hiatus. The Military Tattoo-Combined Band will feature various formations and display technique, showcasing vibrant creativity and precise coordination.

14. NDP 2024’s Military Tattoo-Combined Band will also present the first NDP Military Tattoo music piece jointly composed by a military personnel and a civilian, “Strength in Diversity”. Co-composed by Military Expert 1 (ME1) Gordon Tan Li Chuan from the SAF Band and 15-year-old music prodigy Koh Boon Yew Nathanael, it symbolises the creative strength that emerges when individuals from diverse backgrounds come together. ME1 Tan, who is participating in NDP for his sixth time, will also be performing as a drummer in the Military Tattoo-Combined Band. This is Koh’s first involvement in NDP.

### **Choir Music Video**

15. The Choir Music Video will showcase the talent of 134 student performers from nine schools, including seven Special Education (SPED) schools<sup>2</sup>. This year marks the highest SPED school participation in the NDP Choir Music Video, reflecting the spirit of inclusivity and demonstrating the strength that comes from uniting as one voice. It is also the first time that

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<sup>2</sup> The nine schools comprise (i) Commonwealth Secondary School; (ii) Pasir Ris Secondary School; (iii) Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) Chaoyang School; (iv) APSN Katong School; (v) APSN Tanglin School; (vi) Lighthouse School; (vii) MINDS Lee Kong Chian Gardens School; (viii) Rainbow Centre Yishun Park School; and (ix) St. Andrew’s Autism School.



filming for the SPED participants took place outdoors, outside of a studio setting. Under the conductorship of Choir Director, Conductor and Arranger Dr Philip Tan, the choir will perform a specially arranged medley of past NDP theme songs curated and arranged by Dr Tan himself.

### **Presidential Gun Salute**

16. The Presidential Gun Salute comprises 169 participants from the 23rd Battalion, Singapore Artillery and 35th Battalion, Singapore Combat Engineers. The traditional 21-Gun salute is the highest military honour conferred and reserved only for the President. It is timed to match the President's progress as he inspects the parade. This year, four 25-pounder guns on the Mobility 3rd Generation (M3G) raft will sail around the Marina Basin and engage spectators at the Promontory. It will also mark the longest sail-past within the Marina Basin to date.

### **Total Defence 40 Transformation**

17. To commemorate 40 years of Total Defence, the parade will feature a special Total Defence 40 (TD40) Transformation, where the 16 supporting contingents from the SAF, SPF and SCDF, as well as volunteer and youth uniformed groups, will physically move into formation to create the characters "TD40". It aims to appreciate Singaporeans' strong support for TD over the last 40 years and remind Singaporeans that there is a part for everyone in the defence of Singapore, as well as to encourage them to strengthen our resilience and unity by emphasising the importance of Total Defence.

### **Onward March**

18. For the first time, the Onward March will take place at the Padang, where the 16 supporting contingents from the SAF, SPF and SCDF, as well as volunteer and youth uniformed groups, will march onto and through the spectator stands as part of creating an immersive 360-degree P&C experience. It aims to rally the audience to cheer on our military and civil defence personnel and support them for what they do. The Onward March also underscores that the defence of Singapore relies not only on uniformed personnel but also on the collective responsibility and vigilance of all citizens.

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