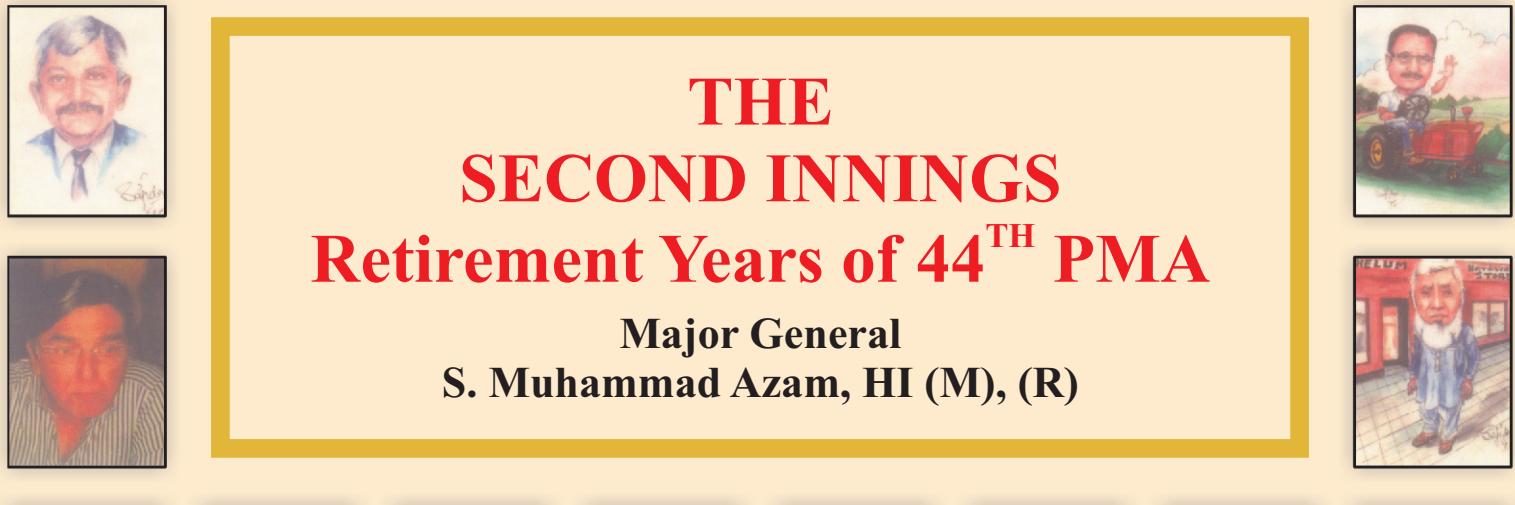




THE SECOND INNINGS Retirement Years of 44TH PMA

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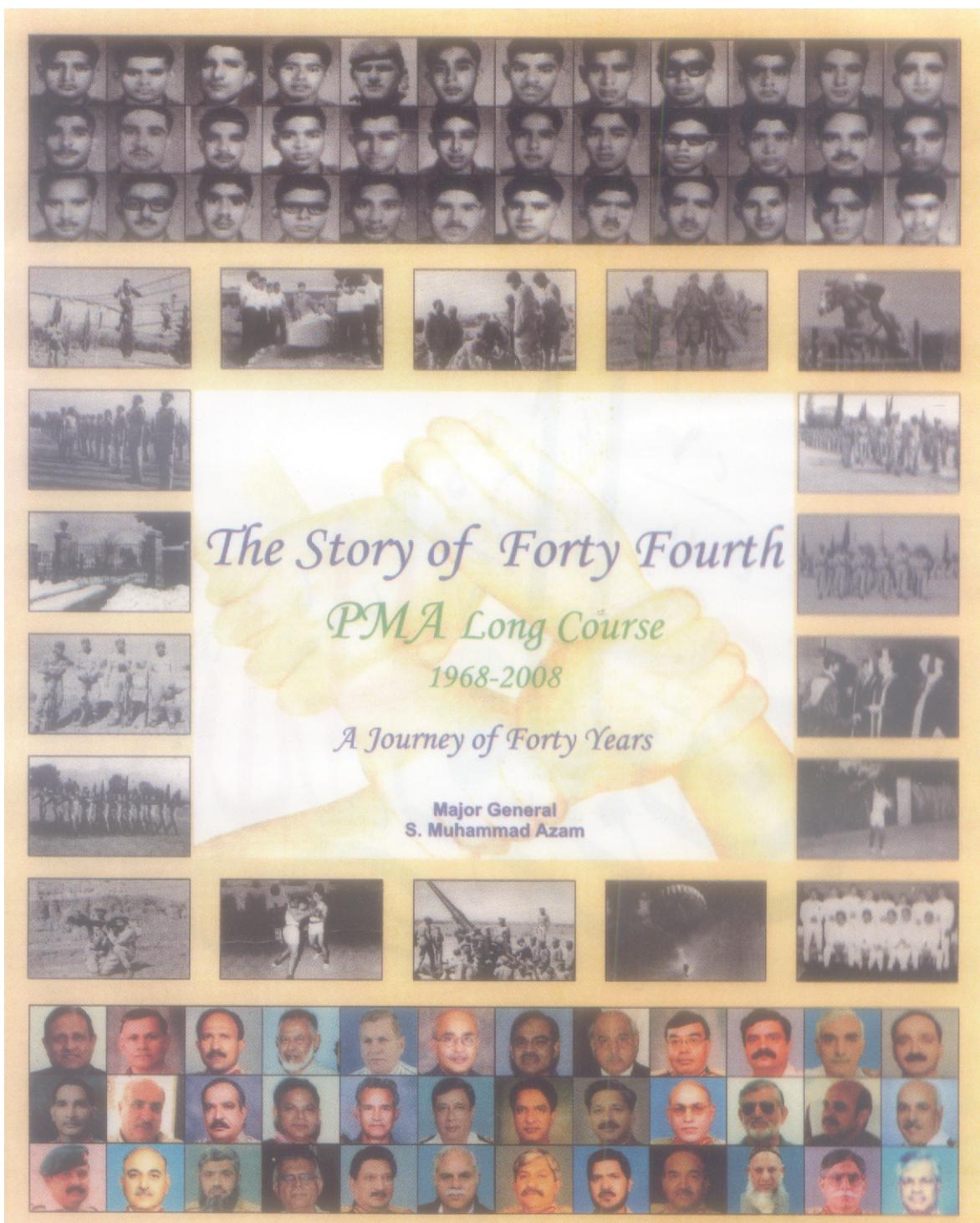
Maj Gen S. Muhammad Azam

with hand painted caricatures by

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The First Course Book



The Story of 44th PMA was the first Course Book published in 2008 and covered the professional lives of our course. Part-II called "The Second Innings" deals with post retirement years.

PREFACE

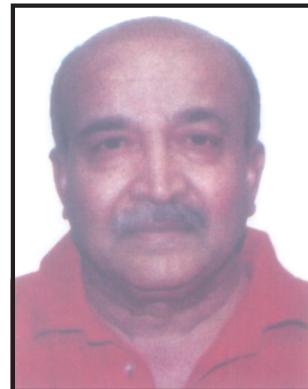
The first part of 44th PMA Course Book was published in 2008 on the eve of completing 40 years of being together. That part essentially covered the years of uniform of the Course. Part-2, aptly termed as the "The Second Innings" covers the post retirement years of 44th.

The Second Innings has been fascinating some were more brilliant than their first innings, some were at par and for some the struggle was more than the earlier part. It was interesting to see how some displayed distinct vision and initiative to venture into a completely different/new line of work. Some charted a path close to what had been their training/grooming all along.

A big number sought greener pastures and migrated to new and faraway lands and beautifully adjusted to the new culture and environments. Another wonderful aspect of the second innings has been to see the offsprings complete their education and tread on their practical paths. Yet another fascinating aspect of the second innings was seeing their children finding their soulmates and providing their parents the pleasures/joy of enjoying their grandchildren.

Ability to laugh at oneself is fundamental to the resiliency of the human spirit. Hand painted caricatures have been added while describing "The Second Innings" to bring about smile and laughter - An important element of our lives.

One important observation which emerges from 44th's second innings is the remarkable and amazing bonding among the coursemates. Appears that this sense of camaraderie, oneness and friendship has strengthened over the years. This course bonding proved stronger than the political upheavals and physical separation.



Dedication

***This book is dedicated to the fond memory of our 39 coursemates
who are no more with us.***



Malik



Farooq



Shabbir



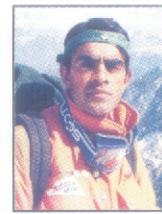
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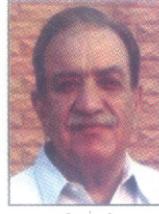
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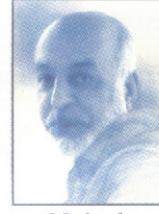
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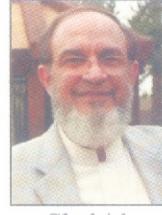
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It sure was an excellent teamwork & thanks every one those I have mentioned and all those who I may have missed to mention.

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Part I

FIFTY YEARS OF 44TH PMA

Commandants



Maj Gen S. Abid ALi Bilgrami



Maj Gen Ijaz Ahmed



Maj Gen Riaz Azim

Dy Commandants



Brig Mohammad Aslam



Brig Mohammad Yusuf

Bn Commanders



Brig Niaz Azim



Brig Mahmood Hussain

FIFTY YEARS OF 44TH PMA

The Journey Begins. It was half a century back in 1968 when on 25th Aug 1968 an advertisement appeared in the national newspapers inviting applications for Regular Commission in the Pakistan Army through 44th PMA Long Course. The last day of receiving the applications was 30th Sep 1968.

The Selection Process. The selection process was spread over six months with eight centres announced for handling this selection. There were six centres for West Pakistan and two for East Pakistan as under;

Selection Centres-West Pakistan

- a. Peshawar
- b. Rawalpindi
- c. Lahore
- d. Multan
- e. Quetta
- f. Karachi

Selection Centres- East Pakistan

- a. Dacca
- b. Rajshahi

The Selected Candidates. After paper scrutiny of the applicants at GHQ qualifying individuals went through the next step that was the preliminary interview by a board. All those who cleared this interview were asked to appear in a written test. The three hours written test was aimed at testing the knowledge as well as the writing abilities. Those who cleared this part were then called for the medical screening done at various Military Hospitals. The last step in selection, however, after the medical was the four days comprehensive testing by Inter Services Selection Board, commonly called by its abbreviated form-ISSB. There were two boards, one at Kohat for candidates from West Pakistan and the other one at Dacca for the East Pakistani applicants. This six months selection process resulted in finalizing the selected candidates to be **137**. This included **122** from West Pakistan and **15** from East Pakistan.

An Interesting Collection. A closer look at these 137 selected applicants revealed interesting aspects. They came from all nooks and corners of the two wings of the country- From Gilgit & Peshawar in the North to Quetta & Karachi in the west & South. From Rangpur to Chittagong & Khulna in the Eastern Wing. Five major cities and five major colleges these candidates came was as shown;

Major Cities Represented in the 44th.

a. Lahore	32	d. Dacca	9
b. Rawalpindi	28	e. Peshawar	7
c. Karachi	16		

Major Colleges Represented in the 44th.

(a). Gordon College, Pindi	15
(b). Govt College, Lahore	12
(c). Military College, Jehlum	10
(d). FC College, Lahore	9

(e). PAF College, Sargodha	8
(f). Cadet College, Hasan Abdal	8

Selected Candidates Join PMA. 15th May 1969 was the reporting day for the selected candidates. A bulk of the cadets arrived by train until Havelian where they were met with PMA reception teams waiting to take them to PMA in Army 2x1/2 Ton Trucks, Some came by public vans known more commonly as wagons till Abbottabad and hired cabs which commuted between Kakul and Abbottabad. These cabs were mainly old vintage Chevrolet Limos charging rupees one each from five to six passengers for this short haul. Early occupants of these cabs would have to wait for the complete load unless they agreed to pay additional charges to compensate/cover the vacant seat. Some selected candidates especially the ones from Pindi were dropped by their parents /relatives in private cars. Reception for the newcomers was being handled by the duty staff who were completing the formalities in the Battalion Mess close to the PMA Entrance. First Rank was being bestowed upon the reporting candidates. From here on they would have another identity, the GC Number (Gentleman Cadet). Little did they realize that this number would go a long way with them. Along with the GC number cadets were allotted their Companies and Platoons. Qasim and Tariq Company cadets were happy to be in new buildings but Khalid and Salah ud din Cadets were trying to figure out as to how would they spend the next two years with such primitive arrangements. The new entry was allotted five platoons since one of the Platoon Commander was away on leave and another platoon, T-25, would be added later. The initial five platoons were Q-17, Q-18, T-11, S-23 and K-2.

The Naval Cadets Arrive. 14 Naval cadets arrived to join the 44th PMA. They would be part of the course for the entire first term and thereafter leave Kakul to join their own Academy in Karachi. This practice stopped after a few courses but certainly resulted into long and lasting friendship/understanding between the two inter-service streams. Two to three Naval cadets joined each platoon. At the end of first term thirteen cadets returned to Karachi whereas one Naval Cadet applied for shifting over to the Army stream and stayed back. He was GC Ibne Hussain from Q-17. Khalid Saleem from this batch rose to three-star rank whereas Syed Afzal ended up as two star. There was one cadet who belonged to East Pakistan and after 1971 War went back to Bangladesh. He was promoted Rear Admiral and was the Naval Chief from 2005 to 2007. With addition of these 14 naval Cadets the Course total rose to 151.

Ten Foreign Cadets Join The Course. This figure rose to 161 when ten foreign cadets arrived. Six were from Tanzania and four from Uganda.

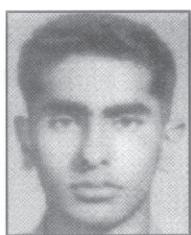
Tanzanian Cadets



GC # 8985
Weethert Marwar



GC # 8986
Muduma



GC # 8987
Zulfikar Alibhai



GC # 9044
Modest Kessey



GC # 9055
Mauyrilyo Mavika Othman Mackenga

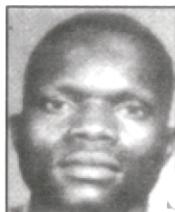


GC # 9056

Cadets from Uganda



GC # 9051
Ogwang Ben



GC # 9052
Tom Oomba



GC # 9053
Nazareth Talli



GC # 9054
Obita Christopher

Some Other Changes in PMA. There were a number of changes taking place resulting into additions and subtractions from the Course. These changes finally ended up with the passing out numbers of 44th which reached 152 including the ten foreign cadets. Passing out numbers of 44th Pakistani Cadets was thus 142. The changes which took place in PMA in its two years stay is explained subsequently;

1	Starting Numbers of 44th PMA.	161	
2	GC Ali Baz shifts over to 5th Grad Course.	161-1	160
3	Naval Cadets leave after 1st Term	160-13	147
4	Cadets ex PAF Academy Join in 2nd Term	147+12	159
5	Cadets revert to Civil	159-9	150
6	Cadets ex 43rd L/C added	150+15	165
7	Cadets shifted to 45th L/C	165-13	152
	The passing Out Number	152	

The 44th Fraternity-All those who have been with 44th. $152+1+9+13+13=188$

The PMA Training. The two years stay of PMA is an amazing study which reveals what remarkable results are achieved by an institution covering so many varied aspects of an individual. It is literally incomprehensible how this one great place of learning transforms its pupil so thoroughly and so swiftly. From walking, running, eating, talking, writing, punctuality, dealing with seniors, juniors dresses, riding, gliding, physical fitness, mental conditioning, dealing with stress, hunger, thirst, climbing hills, crossing freezing rivers, cooking, crawling, shooting, hunting, boxing, public speaking, sleeping while walking, continuing to run when totally exhausted, drinking from mountain streams pushing aside weeds and tadpoles, sleeping in grave yards or sharing the solitary wet blanket with a buddy, carrying machine-gun for miles because your platoon mate is running fever, para-jumps or deep sea diving, writing analytical papers, debates and so much more. It was simply magical to see how they do it, so effectively and so completely. All said and done what PMA achieves in two years is to produce confident officers brimming with honour, pride, integrity and the ability to lead men into the toughest and most demanding battlefield. The first lecture in the "Ingall Hall" exposes the doctrine or Credo around which is built the complete leadership philosophy of PMA - The Famous "Chetwode Motto" displayed in the Ingall Hall are the famous lines extracted from C-in-C India, Field Marshal Philip Chetwode's inaugural address to the first course being trained in IMA, Dehradun, in Dec 1932.

"CHETWODE MOTTO"

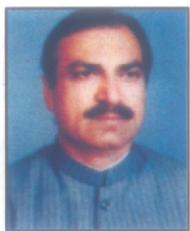
**THE SAFETY, HONOUR & WELFARE OF YOUR COUNTRY COMES FIRST
ALWAYS & EVERYTIME**

THE HONOUR, WELFARE & COMFORT OF THE MEN YOU COMMAND COMES NEXT

**YOUR OWN EASE, COMFORT AND SAFETY COMES
LAST ALWAYS & EVERYTIME.**

Role & Impact of PMA Instructors. How PMA was able to achieve such fascinating results in a two year short span is by itself a marvel and can be attributed to a large extent to the excellent pick of instructors. 44th PMA was extremely lucky to have had such inspiring & charismatic mentors or role models. This super line-up of instructors included legendary bold & decorated soldiers like Major Nadir Pervaiz, Sitara-e-Jurrat (Runn of Kutch Fame), Major Shabbir Sharif, Sitara-e-Jurrat, (Nishan-e-Haider of 1971) Major Qais, one of the few Sitara-e-Jurrat Doctors of Pakistan Army at that time, Major TM, Sitara e-Jurrat.

War Decorated Role Models / Mentors



Maj Nadir Pervez, SJ



Maj Shabbir Sharif, SJ



Brig TM, SJ



Maj M Qais, SJ

The legendary brave OC of Para School under whose watch two batches of 44th Completed their para training in Peshawar during term breaks (who added another SJ in 1971). The Olympic Hockey star Maj Zafar Hayat and the inspiring Majors like Shah Babar, Rahat Aman Ullah Bhatti, Moin ud din, Iftikhar, Rathore, Nazad, Azam, Ayub, Saleem Arshad, Sher Afzal & the tall and handsome Saleem Ishaq. And of course, last but not the least who could forget the No-Nonsense & forever Serious Weapons Training Officer, Maj Zafar Iqbal Qureshi.

Academy Staff



Maj Sher Afzal



Maj Nadir



Capt Saleem



Capt Ayub



Maj Zafar



S M Rafi Ullah

We would also acknowledge the guidance/ mentoring received at the hands of a devoted group of education instructors like Majors Naseer, Saeed, Wasiq, Mozaffar, Irfan, Sami, Azam, Shajar & Ishaq. We would forever stay indebted to these mentors, Inspiration figures and our Role Models for helping us

into shape what we are today or what we were able to achieve in our lives. Thank you so much. Even a great institution like PMA would not have achieved what it did without the dedication & hard work of these excellent Platoon Commanders, Education Instructors and Academy Staff.

Platoon Commanders



Maj Rahat



Maj Zaffar



Maj Shah Babur



Maj Zulfiqar



Maj Moin



Maj Mazhar



Maj Nazad



Maj Iftikhar



Maj Shabbir



Maj Wahid



Maj Azam



Capt Saleem

Education Instructors



Maj Naseer



Maj Saeed



Maj Zain



Maj Wasiq



Maj Saeed



Maj Mozaffar



Maj Saleem



Maj Sami



Maj Irfan



Maj Azam



Capt Shajar



Capt Ishaque

The First Professional Test. 44th PMA went into the 1971 War with India with less than a year commissioned service. When war started bulk of the course was busy with their basic training in various schools of instructions. Almost half of the course was, however, in the units deployed/busy with the looming clouds of war.

Shaheeds of the Course. We had the first Shaheed at the very outset of the 71 War on 3rd Dec. **Lt Md Abdul Malik, 3 Punjab**, Led his platoon in assault on an Indian Strong Point at Hussainiwala Headworks. Fierce hand to hand fighting ensued with the enemy and brave Lt Abdul Malik embraced Shahadat but only after having made the Indians flee/abandon the Post. The second Shaheed of the course was **Lt Farooq Shamshek Haider, 43 Baloch**. An EBR Regiment in Maqboolpor Sector had abandoned their defences on the first day of the war and 43 Baloch was pushed in to plug the gap. They were attacked by the Indians while still in the process of organizing their defences. Coming under heavy pressure CO decided to pull back the two Companies from the other side of the river. Lt Farooq was controlling the entire River Controlling Operation and drowned in the freezing Ravi while trying to save a soldier who was injured and waiting for help On the other side of the River. This was Farooq's third crossing of the River but was totally exhausted in this last attempt. He helped the stranded soldier reach the home bank but was not seen himself thereafter.



Lt Abdul Malik, SJ



Lt Farooq Shamshek

Gallantry Awards. Two Lieutenants of 44th PMA won the Gallantry Awards in 71 War;



Lt Abdul Malik, SJ



Lt Saleem Akhund, SJ

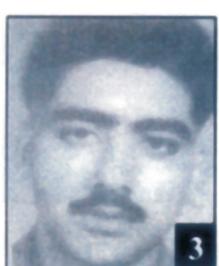
The War Wounded. We had six course mates wounded in action during the War:



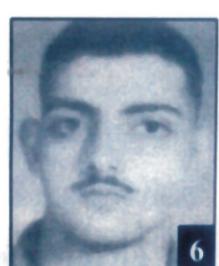
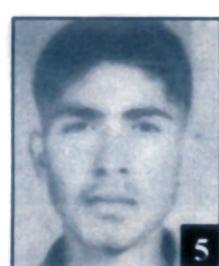
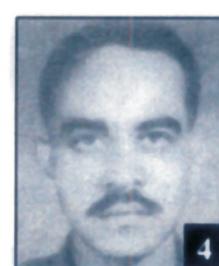
**1. Lt Aleem Ud Din
4. Lt Shoukat Nawaz**



**2. Lt Asad Raza
5. Lt Mukthar Ahmed**



**3. Lt Qaswar
6. Lt Tariq A Hussain**



The POWs. There were nine (09) POWs.



Lt Shahid Siddiq Tirmazey
25 Punjab
Camp 25 Ramgarh



Lt Majeed Ismat
12 Punjab
Camp 25 Ramgarh



Lt Farhat Ullah
22 FF
Camp 44 Agra



Lt Saeed Akmal
32 Punjab
Camp 46 Faizabad



Lt Mushtaq Hussain
33 Punjab
Camp 54 Sagar



Lt Qazi Zafar Ullah
10 Punjab
Camp 58 Bareli



Lt Tariq A Hussain
15 FF
Camp 94 Ranchi



Lt Qaswar Nasir
34 Punjab
Camp 95 Ranchi



Lt Muhammad Azam
25 Baloch
Camp 99 Allahabad

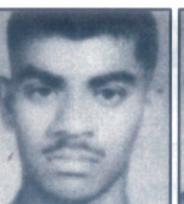
East Pakistan into Bangladesh. A very painful result /aftermath of 71 War was the separation of the two wings of our Homeland. How and why such a ignominious event happened to the Muslims of Sub-Continent is a subject which needs a very detailed analysis/post mortem not part of our scope. 44th PMA lost its course mates who left Pakistan to be part of the newly created country Bangladesh.



Hasan



Ahsan



Faruk



Golap



Fazlur Rehman



Murad



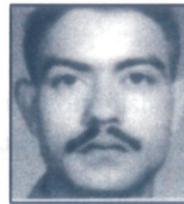
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Shahed



Latif



Mozammel



Jahangir



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Ashraf



Kamal



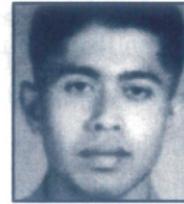
Rafik



Hamid Mian



Imtiaz



Fazlul Haq



Faizul Anwar

The Rank Structure of 44th. One very obvious criterion to judge performance of a course is to have a look at the ranks reached. 44th is certainly one of the good courses of PMA with an excellent array of senior officers.

Serial Rank	Pakistan		Bangladesh		Total
	Army	Navy	Army	Navy	
1. Lt Gen / Vice Admiral	5	1	-	-	6
2. Maj Gen/Rear Admiral	7	1	1	1	10
3. Brig / Cdre	15	4	-	-	19
4. Col / Capt	10	-	-	-	10
5. Lt Col / Cdr	40	3	8	-	51
6. Maj / Lt Cdr	47	3	9	-	59
7. Capt / Lt	10	-	-	-	10
8. Lt	4	-	-	-	4
9. GC	8	-	1	-	9
Total	146	12	19	1	178

Salient Appointments held during Service. Some salient appointment held by 44th during service were;

- a. Rear Admiral Hasan has been the Chief of Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy.
- b. Lt Gen Shahid Aziz was the CGS, Pakistan Army.
- c. Five Corps Commands.
- d. Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (Training & Personnel), VCGS, Commander Army's Strategic Forces, Commander Air Defence Division. GOC Army Aviation, DG ISPR, DG Armoured Corps, DG O&M, DG W&E, DG HR in NAB & Dy Chief of Naval Staff (Projects).

Awards. Yet another very valid criterion to judge performance of a course is awards. 44th award list appears impressive;

Serial	Award	Pakistan		Total
		Army	Navy	
1.	Sitara-e-Jurrat	2	-	2
2.	Sitara-e-Basalat	3	1	4
3.	Tamgha-e-Basalat	2	1	3
4.	Hilal-e-Imtiaz (M)	11	2	13
5.	Sitara-e-Imtiaz (M)	16	5	21
6.	Tamgha-e-Imtiaz (M)	7	2	9
	Total	41	11	52

Post Retirement Contribution. 44th PMA's contribution continued remarkably even in retirement. Some of the salient appointments held are shown to prove this point,

Judiciary. A number of 44th course mates opted to join the legal profession after retirement. One very successful career has been that of Justice Sarmad Osmany. He has been Chief Justice Sind High Court and later was elevated to be the judge of the Apex Court of the country Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Ambassadorial Slots. Three course mates held ambassadorial responsibilities in their retirement. Gen Ali Baz was ambassador in Indonesia, Gen Ghazanfar served in Ukraine and Gen Ahsan Nazmul Amin served as Bangladesh Ambassador in Oman.

Federal Secretary. Gen Shahid Siddiq Tirmizey was Federal Secretary, Defence Production from 2006 to 2009.

Advisor to the President. Gen Rashid Qureshi has been the Advisor and Spokesperson for the President Gen Pervez Musharraf.

Federal Minister. Col Farooq Khan has been a Federal Minister, in Bangladesh. The portfolios he held are Civil Aviation, Sports & Industry.

Heads & Members of Public Service Commissions. Our three course mates have served tenures with Public Service Commissions. Gen Shahid Hamid was the Chairman Federal Public Service Commission in Islamabad. Gen Ovais has also been the member of the Federal Commission. Brig Naveed Nasar was a member of Provincial Public Service Commission in Sind.

Chairman NAB. Lt Gen Shahid Aziz has been the Chairman National Accountability Bureau.

Heads of Fauji Cement. Two officers from 44th Course have been the head of Fauji Cement. Maj Gen Malik Iftikhar followed by Lt gen Javed Alam Khan.

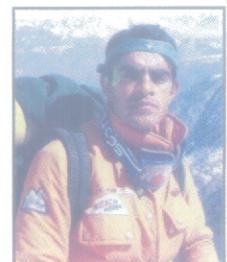
Heads of National Corporations. Lt Col Farooq Umar served a term of five years as Chairman National Fertilizer Corporation. From 1997 to 2002.

Heads of Service Welfare Organization. Vice Admiral Saleem Khalid held the slot of MD Bahria Foundation on retirement for three years.

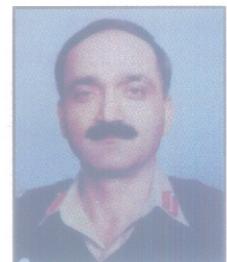
Shaheeds in addition to 1971 War. There have been three more Shaheeds who gave their lives while in service and one during his post retirement employment.

In Service

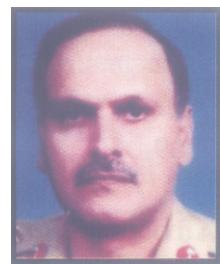
Maj Matlub ul Hassan Nuri, SBt. An accomplished and a spirited mountaineer he lost his Life due to a massive avalanche while climbing the Nanga Parbat on **4th May 1982**.



Brig Najam Salim, SBt. An outstanding & a professional soldier who was posted as the Chief of Staff, 10 Corps, was on his first Reconnaissance mission in Kashmir in an ALT-111 helicopter. This helicopter met with a accident while landing on Karim Top in Jura Sector. On **7 Jun 1994**. Brig Najam was the only martyr in this unfortunate accident.



Post Retirement. Brig Masood Salam SI(M). A highly dedicated and a passionate professional engineer. He was the First Project Officer of the new Islamabad Airport and fell victim to an assassin's bullet while in his site office on **11 Sep 02**.



Course mates Who Left Us For Their Heavenly Abode. The first Course mate who left us for his heavenly abode was Lt Md Abdul Malik, SJ from erstwhile East Pakistan was martyred on 3rd Dec 1971 during war with India. A total of thirty-nine course mates have left us till date. The details are:

Lt Md Abdul Malik, SJ. Martyred on **3rd Dec 1971** while serving in 3 Punjab in Hussaini-Wala Headworks in 1971 War with India.

Lt Farooq Shamshek Haider. Embraced shahadat on night **5/6th Dec 1971**. He was drowned in River Ravi while helping one of his unit soldier to cross the River.

Capt Shabbir Hyder. He lost his life in a motor-bike accident in Sialkot on **15th Apr 75**.

Capt Amjad Mir. Died in a MI-8 helicopter crash near Sibi on **25th Jan 1977**.

Maj Anser Ahmad. Lost his life due to injuries sustained in a L-19 aircraft crash on Lahore Airfield **30th Aug 1979**.

Maj Shahin Shaukat. Met with a road accident near Taraki while driving from Nowshera to Lahore on **20th May 1981**.

Maj Matlub ul Hasan Nuri, SBt. An accomplished mountaineer who embraced shahadat on **4th May 1982** while attempting to climb Broad Peak as part of Army Expedition.

Maj Sajid Nomani. Died in Karachi on **18th Nov 1983** due to cardiac arrest.

Brig Najam Salim, SBt. Embraced shahadat in a helicopter accident in Kashmir, Karim Top on **7th June 1994**.

Maj Raja Umar Farooq. Lost his life in Pindi CMH on **16th May 1995** due to hepatitis C.

Maj Javed Akram Malik. Died due to a road accident near Pindi Gheb, **30th Jun 98**.

Lt Col Agha Muhammad Ali Hussain, TI(M). Lost his life on **14th Jan 1999** due to heart ailment.

Maj Javed Sarwar Ch. Lost his life due to Renal failure on **19th Dec 1999**.

Brig Saleem Akhund, SJ, SI(M). Passed away in Karachi on **11 Nov 2005** due to brain Haemorrhage.

Maj Gen Ahsan Nazmul Amin. Suffered a heart attack and passed away on **25th Jun 2006** in Dhaka.

Brig Masood Salam, SI(M). Martyred while in his office on site of New Islamabad Airport due to an assassin's bullet on **11 Sep 2007**.

Lt Tariq Ahmed Hussain. Suffered a heart attack and lost his life in Pindi on **12th Oct 2007**.

Maj Bazlul Huda. Was hanged on **27th Jan 2010** in Dhaka jail for murder of Sh Mujeeb ur Rehman who was killed in a coup in his house on 15th Aug 1975.

Maj Shaukat Nawaz Janjua. Suffered a heart attack and passed away in Pindi on **18th Apr 2011**.

Lt Col Shakeel Ahmed. Was abducted and killed in Kohat after fajar Prayers on **27th Aug 2011**.

Rear Admiral Hasan Ali Khan. Suffered a heart attack in a New Dehli Hospital on **19th Feb 2013**. He went to India from Dhaka for treatment.

Lt Pervaiz Iqbal Audas. Suffered a heart attack and passed away in Lahore on **22 Jan 2014**.

Brig Zubair Tahir SI(M). Passed away in Pindi CMH on **15 Jun 2014** as a result of mystery infection he contracted in Karachi where he was for last few days.

Maj Amin ur Rasheed Abbasi. Suffered from respiratory complications and passed away in CMH Bahwalpur on **7 Oct 2014**.

Lt Col Muzaffar Ahmed. Died in Karachi due to heart failure on **26 Nov 2014**.

Lt Col Iqbal Niazi. Suffered a heart attack and passed away in Gujranwala, **6 July 2015**.

Maj Iftikhar Ullah Khan Sumbal. Passed away in sleep in Lahore, **24 Dec 2015**.

Maj Zafar Akhtar. Passed away in Lahore on **31 Aug 2016** after protracted illness.

Maj Khursheed M Bharucha. Passed away in Quetta on **22 Oct 2016** having suffered a heart attack.

Cdr Himayat Ullah Khan. Passed away in Peshawar on **28 Oct 2016**.

Lt Col Qazi Zafar Ullah. Suffered a heart attack on the day of his son's wedding and passed away in Peshawar on **25 Dec 2016**.

Lt Col Khan Golap. Was un well for some time and passed away in CMH Dhaka on **12 Jun 2017**.

Maj Najeeb Rasul. Passed away due to heart failure on **30 Oct 2017**.

Maj Gen Malik Iftikhar Khan, HI(M). Passed away in AFIC, Pindi on **3 Apr 2018**.

Lt Gen Shahid Aziz, HI(M), TBT. Was out of touch with any one and initially the family conveyed that he is on tableegh but later was revealed that he lost his life in a drone attack on Pak-Afghan border. Exact circumstances & dates are not known.

Lt Cdr Pervaiz Mohsin (Pak Navy), passed away in Karachi on 11 Feb 2019 was not well for some time.

Maj Zafar ul Ahsan passed away in Pindi on 23 Feb 2019. He was very sick for some time.

GC Ati ur Rehman. Was not in touch with any course mate after having left PMA. Generally believed to have passed away. The dates and reason are not known.

They left us in their youth

A number of 44th families lost their offsprings in their youth. An extremely painful & sad occurrence.

Lt Col & Mrs Agha Muhammad Ali Hussain. Lost their 17 years old son Jaffer Hussain In Rawalpindi on **4 Jul 1994**.



Lt Col & Mrs Javed Riaz Hussain. Lost their son-in-law Capt Amir Ahmed when he embraced Shahadat in an encounter in Karachi while serving in Rangers on **16 Mar 1996**.



Lt Col & Mrs Nazir Ahmed. Lost their number two son **Lt Haider Nazir** who embraced Shahadat in South Waziristan in an encounter with the terrorists on **30 May 2009**.



Brig & Mrs Ch Pervez Akhtar lost their brilliant son Dr Jahanzeb Salim on **25 Aug 2007**.



Lt Col & Mrs Shaikh Shamim Akhtar lost their grown-up son **Hassan Adeel** in the tragic Air Blue Crash in Islamabad on **28 Jul 2010**.



Gen & Mrs Ovais lost their son **Maj Waqas** on **15 Feb 2013** in Pindi CMH. The young man was under treatment for leukemia.



Lt Col & Mrs Israr Muhammad Malik. Lost his 25 years old son **Rumman** in Lahore on **5 Apr 2013**.



Muhammad Anwar Mirza. Though blessed with ten children he lost his number two son 35 years old **Imran** due to heart failure in **Oct 2015**.



Maj & Mrs Saleem Ullah. Lost their 35 years old elder son **Salman** in a tragic road accident in Lahore on **24 Dec 2015**.



DSP Jahanzeb (Q-18) was very unfortunate to have lost two of his three sons. **Ahmed Bilal** the 31 years old son suffered from a heart condition and passed away on **5 Nov 2016**. His youngest son **Athar Shahzad** had lost his life earlier when only 16 years old in a very tragic fire arm accident in Sargodha on **4 Feb 2014**.



Loss of Soulmates / Spouses. One sad aspect of our lives has been the loss of our life partners. We had seven coursemates who had been through this traumatic Occurrence. These include Gen Tirmizey (2017), Gen Azam (1980), Cdre Shahid Nawaz (2010) Col Shams (2017), Col Tariq Pervez (2017), Anwar Mirza (2012) & Maj Sumbal (1988).

A Synopsis of Post Retirement Activities. An interesting feature of 44th PMA's Post Retirement activities is involvement in various lines of work chosen by the course. The descending order gives out the interest of 44th with numbers of Participants;

Education

Justice Osmany. After leaving Army Osmany completed his law from Punjab University, LLM from London and started teaching in Sindh Muslim Law College. Though this teaching pursuit did not continue for long because of his increasing involvement in legal profession.

Maj Gen Ovais Mushtaq Qureshi. He started teaching "Governance" in NUML (National University of Modern Languages) in Islamabad. He taught here for two years. Later having been appointed in Federal Public Service Commission he had a break from teaching but again in 2012 continued with his passion in academics for four years till 2016.

Cdre Shahid Nawaz. He started teaching "Education Project Management" In 2006 to 2008 at NUML in Islamabad. Next he joined faculty at the Bahria University where he conducts classes for MBA. He continues with this teaching assignment to date.

Lt Col Nasr ul Haq. Longest & uninterrupted academic career has been that of Col Nasr who started teaching in NUST immediately after retiring in 1997 and continues till date. His post retirement teaching span is almost 22 years. The subject he handles is Civil Engineering Surveys.

Lt Col Tasneem Bari Salimi. Having retired from Army Education Corps he pursued the teaching line. He served in Pakistan and abroad (Abu Dhabi & Saudi Arabia for almost eight years.

Lt Col Naeem. Another long career in teaching has been that of Lt Col Naeem who started in Fauji Foundation School in Bahawalpur in 2002 as Principal and in 2008 became the Regional Director of Army Public Schools in Bahawalpur. Currently he is Principal of Rangers Public School in Bahawalpur.

Maj Ahsan ul Haq Warriach. Another 44th coursemate who had been involved in managing education as Principal in various Schools for almost twelve years.

Lt Cdr Pervaiz Mohsin. He served as an instructor in Karsaz for almost ten years after his retirement. Col Riaz ul Haq. Having retired in 1999 he opted for a Principal's job in Army Public School in Gujranwala. He held this job for five years till 2004. Currently he is with City School in Lahore.

Lt Col Zafar Ahmed. He started a School in Islamabad in 1996 after retirement. This School has done well and is one of the good schools of Islamabad.

Lt Col Mansoor Akbar. He was Principal Fauji Foundation School, Satellite Town in Rawalpindi for five years from 2000 to 2006,

Lt Col Farooq Azam. After retiring in 1999 he started planning and started a School project in Islamabad. He worked hard on this project and it was elevated to College level. Col Farooq, however, started having multiple health issues and was forced to close down in 2013.

Maj Farhat Ullah. After retiring in 1991 he started a children School in Chamkani District Peshawar. He is also looking after his law practice in Peshawar but continues to overwatch this School which is being run by his wife.

Lt Col Masud Amin. He started work as Principal of the new School started by Gen Khalid Munir & Brig Mumtaz in Lahore suburbs in 2003. The School was elevated to be an Intermediate College with 750 students in 40 class rooms.

Col Liaqat Raja. After retirement his first job was being Principal of a School for two years and migrated to USA thereafter. On return he flew helicopters for four years and is currently Principal of Army Public School in Kharian.

Real Estate. The next popular line of work chosen by eight coursemates is Real Estate. Following were/are involved in this pursuit.

Lt Col Irfan. He started his Real Estate Business in 1996 and continues till date.

Lt Col Mahmud Rashid. After his retirement in 1996 he concentrated on his Real Estate Venture in Rawalpindi. He pursued this work for twelve years till 2008.

Lt Col Khalid Hassan Butt. An off and on businessman dealing in property. He created a real good impression of himself with excellent deals for coursemates. He is currently out of this pursuit and calls himself a retired Property consultant.

Lt Cdr Pervaiz Mohsin. After his retirement in 1990 he was involved with an instructional job in the Navy and then participated in a business venture. In 2008 he started his own Estate Agency in Karachi. Continued with this work till 2017 when he developed a number of health issues.

Maj Shujaat Janjua. Runs a small property business from home.

Col Tariq Masood. Has tried his luck with other businesses and has recently acquired a licence to handle real estate as well in Tennessee, USA.

Lt Col Syed Jahangir Hossain. Migrated to USA after retirement and tried his luck with the garment business which did not take-off due intense competition. He is back in Dhaka and running a real estate business.

Capt Kamran Haroon Mirza. Migrated to USA after leaving Army rather early in 1976. He did well in his business ventures in Illinois but suffered huge losses after 9/11. Currently he lives in Atlanta and is into real estate.

Security Companies. Four coursemates opted for this venture and all of them did well except Brig Lodhi who sold off this business due health reasons.

Maj Qaiser Nawaz Gandapur. He is running a well-managed/established Security Company by the name of "Ghouri Security". He has business spread all over the Country. He operates from his Islamabad Office.

Maj Amirul Kamal. He retired in 1994 and started a Security Company in Dhaka by the name of ISSL Integrated Security Systems Limited. With sheer hard work and focus he has been able to establish his company as the best run / managed Security Company of Bangladesh.

Lt Col Abdul Latif. He retired in 1989 and started couple of businesses in Dhaka. His Security Company was also one venture which he continues to date.

Brig Shah Rukh Lodhi. Started a Security Company in Karachi in 2002 which he operated till 2009 but sold off because of his health issues.

Farming. A number of our course resorted to looking after their family lands or some worked hard to establish their own Agro-Farms.

Brig S M Abbas. He has settled in the suburbs of Faisalabad on his lands where he concentrates on seasonal crops, fruit and Vegetables.

Brig Khalid Jamil. He has become a full-time farmer on his lands in Kabirwala, District Khanewal. Though his family continues to reside in Karachi but Khalid Jamil is mostly busy with his farming.

Brig Tariq Mahmud. On retirement he held few Islamabad based jobs but is now completely immersed/ absorbed in his new passion for Farming. He is mostly found on his 300-acre farm in Bhakkar.

Maj Saeed Ullah Khan. Having tried his hand in couple of jobs in Peshawar he is finally settled and enjoys farming on his ancestral lands in Charsadda.

Maj Muhammad Alam. Having retired in 1992 he opted to go back to his village in Okara and concentrated on his family agro-farm.

Maj Muhammad Shafiq Khan. One of the early ones to be out of uniform in 1985 he stayed busy in Peshawar with couple of desk jobs but is looking after the family farm in Swabi.

Politics. There have been four 44th coursemates who have participated in Politics. Three out of these four coursemates belong to Bangladesh and one from Sialkot, Pakistan. These four coursemates are;

Lt Col Faruk Khan, Bangladesh. After leaving Army in 1995 he joined Awami League and participated in 1996 elections. Having made it to the Bangladesh Parliament first time in Oct 96 and was elected for the third time in a row from Gopalganj. He was the Commerce Minister in 2009 and currently is Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism.

Lt Col Abdul Latif Khan, Bangladesh. He has been involved in Bangladesh Politics for a long time. Has been a First-Class Cricket Player in his College days. Was manager of Bangladesh Cricket Team's visit to Pakistan in 2014. Continues in politics and contested the 2018 Elections.

Maj Abdul Hamid Miah, Bangladesh. He contested the 1988 elections and was Elected Member Parliament. Served for one complete term but left politics Thereafter.

Maj Tariq Yusaf. Having retired in 1982 he tried exporting sports goods and thereafter served in IB for four years. He joined Peoples Party in 1990 but was unlucky to have been denied Party Tickets for Elections in 2012 & 2018. He has now left politics and is living with a number of health issues.

Some Excelled in their Business Ventures. The second innings for majority of the course has been interesting. There was a wide range of activities which were pursued. A large number opted for private employment and some ventured into their own business. Results of these business ventures were varying-some took-off brilliantly, some struggled and some were simply wiped-out. A few successful business models are as under;

Capt Hanif Butt in USA. He left Army early and migrated to USA in mid-seventies. Tried few odd employments but settled on to owning/running a gas station in Miami. A lot of hard work, long hours and focus resulted positively for Butt sb. Today he owns over five Gas Stations & enjoying the fruit of his hard work or the "**American Dream**". Both Hanif and his wife are an excellent host to any 44th coursemate in that part of the world.

Maj Muhammad Azam in Manchester, UK. He left Army in 1984 and migrated to UK. Though an infantarian he opted to buy a Motor Garage. Azam had invested all his army savings and worked for long hours till this Garage picked up positively. He diversified and added a residential block in the workshop premises to accommodate students of Manchester University. Today he is enjoying fruits of his hard work and lives in a beautiful house in a small/exclusive gated complex. Azam & his wife are a great host for any coursemate visiting UK.

Capt Syed Javed Iqbal in Manchester, UK. Yet another Q-17 coursemate who left Army Early and migrated to UK. He started a fashion apparel marketing business and then launched a TV Channel with the name of "**Hidayat**". An extremely popular channel with religious over-tone and working towards achieving inter-faith harmony. Today this channel is viewed in over hundred countries.

Maj Qaisar Nawaz Gandapur. His initial few attempts on a couple of businesses did not take-off till he struck it well in the Security Business. He set up a Security Company "**Ghouri Security Guards**" in Islamabad in 1996. The existing environments and his hard work resulted into this company take-off in the whole country. Qaisar is a motivated 44th coursemate and participates in all course activities with an exceptionally spirited approach.

Maj Abu Ansar Muhammad Amirul Kamal. After his retirement in 1996 Maj Kamal started his Security Company in Dhaka with the name of **ISSL (Integrated Security Systems Limited)**. Over the years with hard work and excellent business acumen he was able to establish credentials of being one of the best run Security Company of Bangladesh.

Lt Col & Mrs Zafar Ahmed. This husband-wife team initiated a School Project in Islamabad in 1996. Mrs Zafar had been a teacher of long standing and contributed immensely towards success of this initiative. Today their School is considered to be one of the top few Schools of Islamabad.

Maj Jawed Saeed. Another success story of 44th PMA's post retirement businesses. He dealt with supply of Defence Equipment for the Armed Forces. MI-17 Helicopters and power packs (Engines) for Al-Khalid Tanks from Ukraine were the two mains products which he successfully supplied. His involvement with this deal continues as he supports the spares for these engines.

Two Significant Spouse Contributions. Two spouses from 44th fraternity have been Source of pride.

Mrs Tahira Qazi. Wife of Lt Col Qazi Zafar Ullah was Principal of Army Public School, Warsak which was the target of the 16 Dec 2014 attack by the terrorists. Mrs Qazi acted very heroically and stood between the militants and the school children. She lost her life in this attack which resulted in shahadat of 149 including 132 children. Mrs Qazi was posthumously awarded **Sitara-e-Shujaat**.



Mrs Roshan Khursheed Bharucha. Wife of Maj Khursheed M Bharucha. An eminent name from Quetta, Balochistan. She made remarkable contribution for over 30 years in the fields of Education, Poverty Alleviation, Rural Support & Women Uplift programmes. She has been a Provincial & Federal Minister and has also been a Senator. Her Services have been acknowledged /awarded here and abroad.



A look at our Second Generation. Around 500 young men and women belonging to 44th Fraternity are contributing immensely. There are a number of high achievers which surely are the pride of their families and of course make us all very happy.

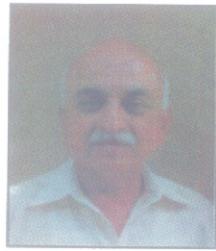
Armed Forces. There have been around twenty young men from 44th who joined Armed Services. Ranks reached by these youngsters are as under,

1. Col	1	4. Sqn Ldr	1
2. Lt Col	8	5. Lt Cdr	1
3. Maj	8		
Other Fields			
1. PhDs	9	4. Engrs	30
2. MBBS/BDS	40	5. MBA	66
3. CA	9	6. Masters	95

Note; There are around fifty youngsters who are in practical life after their graduate level studies like BBA, ACCA & Bachelors.

Social Service Initiatives. A number of 44th retired officers are contributing in social service initiatives. Some salient projects are;

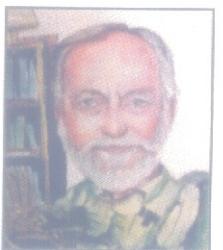
"REACH"-A Free Charity School in Lahore. A free eight acre school for the poor built in Lahore suburbs is a joint social Project of **Lt Gen Khalid Munir and Brig Mumtaz.** Started in 2005 this excellent facility now comprises of **40** class rooms, **fifty** teachers and over **750** students.



"ARKCMF". Amir un Nisa Rashida Khanum Charitable Medical Foundation. A charity hospital built in Pindi by Lt Gen Javed Alam Khan in memory of his mother and mother-in-law. This facility has treated over 64000 patients till 2018.



"SAHEE"-A Prison Correctional Programme. Capt-Saleem Aziz Khan started this social Service NGO in 1996 but focused on to Correctional Programme for Karachi Jails. In 2006 he came to know of this correctional treatment in over thirty countries with amazing results. This initiative works on the research that close to 70% of jail inmates return to the jail because of serious barrier in their rehab/absorption in society. This requires special mental therapy to inspire/ motivate these individuals to distance them from crime. His work for 12 years has produced fabulous results out of 2500 inmates who were given this rehab/motivational therapy only one returned as a habitual criminal.



CONCLUSION

44th PMA's second innings has been as fascinating as its first. Some showed their mettle in the beginning and some excelled later. All said and done as we get close to our 50th anniversary there is one very clear and obvious conclusion-- That each and every member of the course certainly displayed his shine & brilliance at some time and somewhere. Each coursemate was thus a STAR in his own right. Fifty years of 44th PMA clearly bring out the passion, hard work and professionalism with which this course has served the nation. From its first operational calling during the 71 War and a score of other challenges which were to follow 44th was always in the eye of storm. This course did well in any calling and in any challenge. A big representation in higher ranks, appointments and awards was a testimony of the course' commitment and hard work. 44th's professional legacy was equally matched by the educational achievements of the second generation. Offsprings pursuing Phd & Masters programmes in Harvard, Berkeley, Oxford or Cambridge.

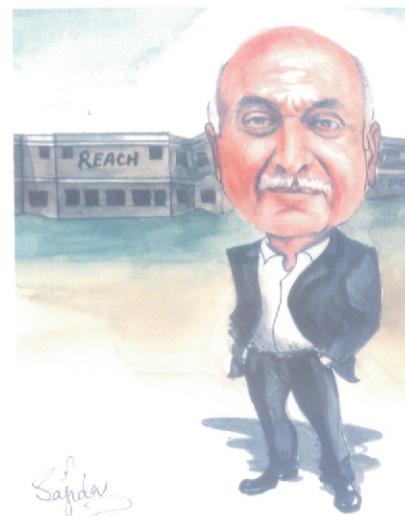
The Pride of Being Together for 50 Years. Besides proving its professional mettle, the Course displayed an exceptional Camaraderie, Friendship and Group Solidarity. A superb and unmatched sense of belonging and steadfast loyalty is evident the way these Spirited 44th Coursemates have stayed connected for all these fifty years.

Part II
RETIREMENT YEARS OF 44TH PMA



Lt Generals

1. **Lt Gen Shahid Aziz**
2. **Lt Gen Shahid Hamid**
3. **Lt Gen Shahid Siddiq Tirmizey**
4. **Lt Gen Javed Alam Khan**
5. **Lt Gen Khalid Munir Khan**



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Lt Gen Shahid Aziz, HI(M), TBt, (LATE)

Lt Gen Shahid Aziz retired on 12th Oct 2005. His last posting was Commander 4 corps in Lahore. Was offered some plum slots like MD, AWT and ambassadorial placement in Saudi Arabia which he declined but accepted the slot of Chairman NAB. Could not continue for long in this responsibility because of differences with the then Government. Shahid left NAB in May 2007 and was out of public view. He did "Masters", in Islamic Studies from International Islamic University in Islamabad. Later served as Co-VC of International Urdu University. Published his memoirs in 2012 in which he talked of and supported the requirement of "Islamic Government". In later years he became increasingly religious and would frequently be out for "Tableegh". He left home in Dec 2015 on "Tableegh" and has not been seen thereafter. **The family now believes that Gen Shahid Aziz lost his life on Pak-Afghan border in a drone strike some time in 2016.** Specific details about this incident as to place, date and circumstances are not yet known.

Spouse

Mrs. Anjum Shahid

Son, Adnan Shahid-The elder son did his MBA (Fin) from Preston University, He worked for Pepsi Cola Inc, for some time but now he is at home in Rawalpindi, Married with one son.

Son, Zeeshan Shahid-The younger son of Shahid joined Army and graduated as Academy SUO of 94th PMA. was serving in MO as a Major when he resigned. Did M.Phil & MBA is currently employed with Ufone at Lahore.

Daughter, Sarah Shahid-Did her BA (Fine Arts) and is a school teacher. Married with two sons and a daughter, lives in Rawalpindi.

Daughter, Linah Shahid - MBBS, Ophthalmologist married with one son and lives in Dubai with her husband,



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