NMS EX-BOYS ASSOCIATION -FCT CHAPTER-

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#### INVESTITURE OF PATRONS AND INDUCTION OF NEW EX-BOYS

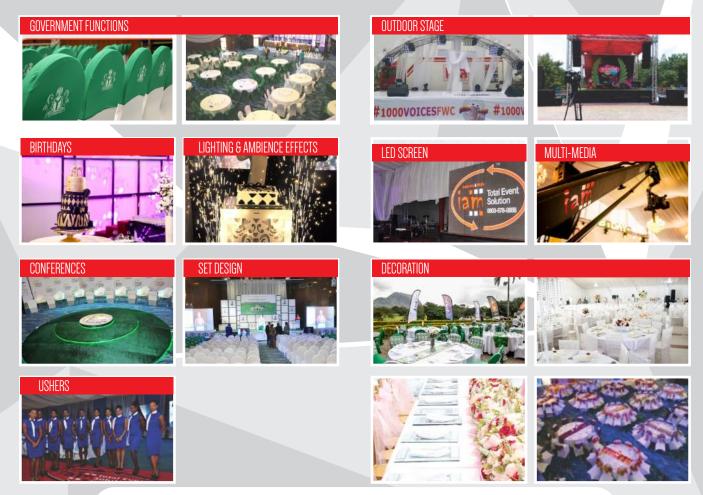


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# **PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

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| 01 | Opening Prayer<br>- National Pledge   |  | 1400hrs           |
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| 02 | Introduction of Chapter Officers  | МС   | 1405hrs – 1415hrs |
| 03 | Welcome Address   | Ex-Boy Hassan Abdul<br>Chairman FCT Chapter  | 1415hrs – 1420hrs |
| 04 | Introduction of Distinguished<br>Guests   | Ex-Boy Dan Abu Abdulrasheed<br>Chairman, Investiture/ Induction Committee  | 1420hrs – 1430hrs |
| 05 | Keynote Address   | Ex-Boy IBM Haruna<br>Special Guest of Honour   | 1430hrs – 1440hrs |
| 06 | Guests of Honour Address  | Ex-Boy GSA Ombo<br>National President<br>NMS Ex-Boys Association<br>Ex-Boy Abubakar Sani Bello<br>Executive governor, Niger State<br>Brig. Gen. MM Bunza Fss Mss Msc<br>Commandant NMS Zaria | 1440hrs – 1450hrs |
| 07 | Induction of New Members<br>- Administering the Chapter<br>Pledge<br>- Presentation of Lapel Pins | Ex-Boy Ayuba Abdul (Legal Adviser, ExBA)<br>Ex-Boy Gbenga Tobe (Secretary General, ExBA)<br>& Ex-Boy Ahmed Tijjani (Immediate Past<br>Chairman, FCT Chapter)                                 | 1500hrs – 1520hrs |
| 08 | Introduction of Distinguished<br>Guests   | Ex-Boy Hassan Abdul<br>Chairman FCT Chapter  | 1520hrs – 1535hrs |
| 09 | Investiture of Patrons<br>- Citations<br>- Decoration   | Ex-Boy Faruq Baba-Inna<br>Guests of Honour and Senior Ex-Boys Present  | 1535hrs – 1605hrs |
| 10 | Refreshment   |  |                   |
| 11 | Patrons' Acceptance Speech  | Ex-Boy Musa Shehu  | 1605hrs – 1610hrs |
| 12 | Goodwill Messages   |  | 1610hrs – 1630hrs |
| 13 | Closing Remarks   | Ex-Boy Garba Audu (Past Chairman, FCT Chapter)   | 1605hrs – 1610hrs |
| 14 | Group Photograph and<br>Press Interviews  |  |                   |

# **CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH**

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On the occasion of the 1st Investiture of Patrons and Induction of new ExBoys of the FCT Chapter on September 9, 2017.

The Special Guest of Honor, Maj. Gen IBM Haruna (rtd), the National President of the Ex-Boys Association, R/Adm Godwill Ombo (rtd), other esteemed members of the National Executive Committee here present, state Chapter chairmen, former chairmen of the FCT Chapter, all senior Ex-Boys present, all protocols duly observed.

Why are we here today?

Like every other living organism, we desire growth.

First of all, because when we stop to grow and we start to die.

Whenever any group ignores the young, it begins to die in different ways because the young carry the seeds of the future. The visions we have today for the association may not mean much if we do not have people to carry it on decades from now.

We have amongst us today, young Ex-Boys who passed out over the last three years who we will like to welcome formally into our fold as a Chapter with the hope that this will be a symbiotic relationship that will help them as they find their steps in life and that will help the Chapter and Ex-Boys in general attain our individual and collective goals.

Secondly, we desire growth, the type of growth that is fired by the influx of ideas borne out of experience, opportunities built over age-long relationships and access to high value networks. So, while we are bringing in young ones into our fold, we are also extending our arms to our elders who have so much to offer us in this journey. Standing on their shoulders, we are confident that we will create enduring structures that will make the FCT Chapter and the Ex-Boys Association in general, add the real value in the lives of its members that it should, impact on NMS, and be a force for good in the society as a whole.

At the arrowhead of this venture are the Patrons who we have also gathered here to decorate and on whose shoulders we hope we will find a place to stand over the coming year to help us achieve our goals.

This event therefore, beyond the ceremony, is therefore our attempt at bringing together generations in that unique bond forged in the lines of NMS and of which there is no equal across the breadth of this nation.

The Nigerian Military School Zaria stands out for two major things: promotion of unity and breeding of leaders. The diverse backgrounds of the occupants of this room today who see themselves as nothing other than brothers is a testimony to the first ... the fact that everyone here has led and is still leading within our various spheres of influence is a testimony to the other.

Let us therefore come together even more than we have ever done to take NMS, the Ex-Boys Association and Nigeria as a country to a better destination.

"The strength of the wolf is the pack; the strength of the pack is the wolf"-Rudyard Kipling.



Ex-boy Hassan Abdul Chairman, NMS Ex-boys Association, FCT Chapter



### FCT CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2017 – 2019)

| Ex-Boy Hassan Abdul                    | Ex-Boy Ibrahim Salka          |
|--|-------------------------------|
| - Chairman                             | - Vice Chairman               |
| Ex-Boy Ahmed Baba                      | Ex-Boy Ifeanyi Ogbuefi        |
| - Secretary General                    | - Assistant Secretary General |
| Ex-Boy Saidu Mohd Garba                | Ex-Boy Inusa Oshogwemoh       |
| - Financial Secretary                  | - Treasurer                   |
| Ex-Boy Ado Ahmed                       | Ex-Boy Amadin Aisosa          |
| - Director of Socials                  | - PRO                         |
| Ex-Boy Spencer Briggs                  | Ex-Boy Ayuba Abdul            |
| - PRO II                               | - Legal Adviser               |
| Ex-Boy Abdulmajid Mohammed             | Ex-Boy Christopher Yaro       |
| - Provost                              | - Auditor                     |
| Ex-Boy Faruk Baba-Inna<br>- Ex-Officio |                               |



#### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NIGERIAN MILITARY SCHOOL ZARIA, EX-BOYS ASSOCIATION

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fforts to form an umbrella body to represent the interests of Ex-Boys of Nigerian Military School, Zaria dates back to the mid-60s. Notable amongst such early gatherings was the one that usually held at a hotel around Ojuelegba, Lagos. Such gatherings continued in various locations where Ex-Boys were found in large numbers but because of the unfavorable disposition of the governments at the time, formal approval could not be obtained.

It is this early congregation of Ex-Boys in such locations that made it possible for a very large number of Ex-Boys to attend the School's 21st Foundation Day ceremony in 1975 which had a distinguished Ex-Boy, Brig. Gen. EE Ikwue (Rtd) of the 1st Platoon as the reviewing officer of the parade. After this, Ex-Boys have made concerted efforts to be involved one way or the other in the affairs of our dear Alma mater.

Unfortunately, due to the several coups associated with that era and the security implications of allowing military men meet in un-monitored settings and also against the backdrop that the military is the single largest constituency of Ex-Boys, many Ex-Boys' activities went underground though some Ex-Boys convened by Ex-Boy Nurudeen Dalemo were still said to be meeting at Mopet Restaurant owned by Ex-Boy (Engr.) Peter Owolabi.

While all these small group meetings were going on, efforts were made by Ex-Boys in service to convince the Army Headquarters to officially allow Ex-Boys to meet and this culminated in the authorization by the then Chief of Army Staff in June, 1994 to the Director of the Nigerian Army Education Corps to instruct the Commandant of the Nigerian Military School to launch the Ex-Boys Association.

The pioneer steering committee of the Ex-Boys' Association as appointed by the Army headquarters had Ex-Boys (Maj Gen) IBM Haruna, Ex-Boy Nurudeen Dalemo and Ex-Boy (Flt Lt) MU Salisu as members. The authorization was announced at the Passing Out Parade of July, 1994.

A Board of Trustees with a broad representation was appointed and a draft constitution was produced. The Association was registered in March 1995 and meetings continued at the states and national levels.

By May 1995, the Association had taken over recorded by the previous Executives.

fforts to form an umbrella body to represent the the celebration of the school's Foundation Day interests of Ex-Boys of Nigerian Military School, celebration after which state chapters as well as Zaria dates back to the mid-60s. Notable campus chapters took off.

> The Association thrived until 1997 when there was a down turn in the business of the then Secretary-General (Ex-Boy MU Salisu). The dues being collected then were not enough to carry out activities and the Association could not even pay for the meeting venues. Apart from the financial downturn of the Secretary-General's business, the political climate of the nation at the time was also marked with uncertainty. Consequently, the only a semblance of life the Association had were few and far between scanty meetings.

> In the course of time, some younger elements who had hitherto started relating on the social media which eventually culminated into physical meetings saw the need to set up a formal structure and decided to register an Ex-Boys' Foundation and were galvanizing support for a formal launch. At the same time, some more senior Ex-Boys were marking the 80th Birthday of a former Commandant, Gen. Ogundeko in 2012. This occasion brought to their knowledge, the newly registered Ex-boys' Foundation. The Foundation's launch was well attended by Ex-Boys of several generations on 1st December, 2012.

> After the launch, several meetings were convened with a view to harmonize both bodies and at a meeting held in April 2013, at Amana Suites, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, it was agreed that the Foundation should be relegated while members of both bodies will form the Interim National Executive headed by Exboy (Cdre) FD Onimole. The Ex-Boy Onimole-led Interim Executive inaugurated the Lagos, Abuja, Kaduna and Port-Harcourt chapters. It also led the Association to the Golden Jubilee Celebration of NMS in May, 2014 whereat it conducted elections and handed over to the Ex-Boy (Col) JM Hassan-led Executive which in turn inaugurated Plateau, Kwara and Kano chapters, among others. Upon completing her tenure in May, 2016, elections were conducted and the Ex-Boy (R/Adm) GSA Ombo-led Executive came on board. They have since been been working assiduously towards consolidating on the successes

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE F.C.T CHAPTER OF THE NIGERIAN MILITARY SCHOOL ZARIA, EX-BOYS ASSOCIATION

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he F.C.T Chapter of the Nigerian Military School, Zaria, Ex-Boys' Association was inaugurated at Amana Suites, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja on the 22nd day of April, 2013 by the Ex-Boy (Cdre) FD Onimole's led Interim National Executive. In attendance were very senior Ex-Boys including Ex-Boy (Lt. Gen) Obiakor, Ex-Boy (Gen) SL Teidi, Ex-Boy (Gen) Tanko Ayuba amongst others.

The FCT Chapter was the second chapter to be inaugurated. The first chapter being the Lagos State chapter and it has currently produced three (3) chairmen:

- 1. Ex-Boy (Maj. Gen) Garba Audu April 2013 April 2015
- 2. Ex-Boy Ahmed Tijjani Ibrahim -
- April 2015 April 2017
- 3. Ex-Boy Hassan Abdul May 2017 Date

The FCT as a chapter which has a large concentration of Ex-Boys has been touted to be the flagship of the Ex-Boys Association and have been living up to that expectation.

Past executives have drawn up several programmes which are yet to be implemented majorly due to financial constraints. They include:

- 1. The Ex-Boys Business Forum;
- 2. The Ex-Boys Co-operative Society;
- 3. The Ex-Boys Website;
- 4. The Ex-Boys Online shop.

The current Executive has also rolled out the Internship, Business Incubator and Mentorship programme (IBM) with which it hopes to empower her members in their various fields. The current executive have also sustained the weekly Physical trainings. This activity has in no small measure assisted Ex-Boys to bond better and provided an informal avenue to network while meeting the primary objective of keeping the body physically fit.

The current executive also intends to revisit programmes of the previous executives which are yet to be implemented and also revive those projects that are currently comatose.

The major source of revenue is membership dues and freewill donations. It is hoped that when the projects are fully functioning, we may not fully depend on these dues and freewill donations as there will be several other avenues for income generation.

#### **PATRONS CITATION** Ex-Boy Ibrahim Bata Malgwi Haruna OFR, Walin Garkida

Ex-Boy Ibrahim Bata Malgwi Haruna was born on the 24th of July 1940 in Maiduguri, Borno State. He is from Wuyaku in Garkida town in Gombi Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Ex-Boy IBM Haruna was privileged to be among the initial intake of 30 Boys into the Boys Company (Nigerian Military School) in 1954. They were known as the "First Platoon". In 1958, Ex-Boy IBM Haruna went to Regular Officers' Special Training School, Teshi, Ghana and later to Mons Officers' Cadet School, Aldershot, England (1959). He was commissioned into the Nigerian Army in 1961 upon his graduation as a member of RMA 27 of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, United Kingdom.

As an army officer, Ex-Boy IBM Haruna attended various courses. These include Joint-Services Staff College (JSSC) Latimer, United Kingdom (1972-1973). Prior to this he had qualified as an Ordnance Officer at the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Blackdown, United Kingdom in 1963.

He was appointed the Principal Provision Control and Accounts Officer, Army Base Ordnance Depot, Yaba Lagos (1964); Commanding Officer, Base Ordnance Depot, Yaba-Lagos (1965); Chief Ordnance Officer Nigerian Army and Ordnance Corps Commander (1966-1967); Leader, Army Delegation to U.S.A. Orientation Visit (1966). At the onset of the Nigerian Civil War he was appointed Rear Commander, 1 Division Nigerian Army, Kaduna (1967). He was once Commandant, Lagos Garrison Organisation and 3 Marine Commandant.

Ex-Boy IBM Haruna was also the Quarter Master General, Nigerian Army (1968); General Officer Commanding (GOC), 2 Division (Main), Nigerian Army, Onitsha (1968-1969); Principal Staff Officer (PSO), Supreme Headquarters, Dodan Barracks Lagos (1969); Quartermaster General, Nigerian Army Headquarters (AHQ) (1970); Member of the General Adebayo Committee for the Re-Absorption of Biafran former Nigerian Army Officers (1970); Chairman Ceremonial Committee, 2nd All African Games (1970); General Officer Commanding (GOC), 1 Division Nigerian Army, Kaduna (1973-1975) and the Federal Commissioner for Information and Culture (1975-1977).



As the Federal Commissioner for Information and Culture, he established the National Television Authority (NTA) in 1975 and the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), he also advocated for the Press Council of Nigeria. He attended UNESCO Conference on Culture Accra-Ghana (1975) and Non-Aligned Nations Conference, New Delhi, India (1976).

He left the Nigerian Army as a Major General in 1977.

Ex-Boy IBM Haruna was also the Chairman at Nigeria's Participation in Africa's Festival of Arts and Culture (FESTAC 1977); Chairman of Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), Lagos (1978-1985); Chairman, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos (1985-1992); Member, Constitutional Conference (1988-89); Short term Chairman of Nigerian Railway Reform Committee (1992); a Member of the 19-Member Committee for the National Constitutional Conference Commission, under the Chairmanship of Justice Kawu, (1994); Advocate of Arewa consultative Forum (ACF) at the Oputa Panel (2005); Chairman, Executive Council, Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) (2009-2012).

He was a member of the pioneer Steering Committee of the Ex-Boys Association appointed by the Army Headquarters in 1994 to launch the Association after authorization was given by the then Chief of Army Staff in 1994 and has since then remained passionately involved in Ex-Boys related activities.

Ex-Boy IBM Haruna was a former Director of Public Quoted Companies – Mobil Oil Nigeria Limited; Mobil Producing and Chemical & Allied Products Limited (CAPL). He is a Director of Jagal Group of Companies and Dizengoff W.A (Nig.) Ltd; Former Chapter Chairman, Nigerian-American



Chamber of Commerce, Kaduna Chapter; Member, Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce Lagos; Member, Edwin Clark Foundation and Member, Governing Council of the Edwin Clark University.

Ex-Boy IBM Haruna is a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He is also a Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as well as a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management.

A former private poultry farmer, Ex-Boy IBM Haruna's hobbies include tennis, swimming, chess, ayo game and playing scrabble. Ex-Boy IBM Haruna is an avid golfer and he is the Life President of the Nigerian Professional Golfers Association (NPGA), the Chairman, Board of Trustees of the IBB Golf and Country Club Abuja; a member of the Board of Trustees, Ladies Golfers Association of Nigeria (LGAN), and a member of the West African Golf Tour Abuja.

He was also given the National Honour as an Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 1980 by the then President Shehu Shagari GCON. In 2014, he was given the Integrity Magazine Merit Award, Accra, Ghana

Ex-Boy IBM Haruna loves to read and is a public analyst and commentator. He is happily married and blessed with children and grand-children.

#### Ex-Boy Peter John Okoli

Ex-Boy Peter John Okoli, an indigene of Ekwulobia, Anambra State in Nigeria was born on the 23rd of July 1941.

At the age of 16, in 1958, Ex-Boy John Okoli was admitted into the prestigious Nigerian Military School, Zaria. He passed out in 1962 and proceeded to the Haile Selassie Military Academy, Harar, Ethiopia from August 1962 to October 1965. Upon his graduation from the Military Academy, he was commissioned into the Nigerian Army on the 11th of October 1965.

During his meritorious service in the army, Ex-Boy John Okoli attended many trainings and courses across the world. These include, the Young Officers' Course (Infantry) at Nigerian Military Training College (NMTC), Kaduna (1966); Young Officers' Course (Artillery) at the Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, United Kingdom (1973); Artillery Staff Officers' Course, Deolali, India (1976); Command and Staff College, Jaji, Kaduna (1977-1978); Gunnery Staff Officers' Course, Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, United Kingdom (1979-1980); Battalion Commanders' Course, Nigerian Army School of Infantry (NASI), Jaji, Kaduna, Nigeria (1983); and Senior Officers' Artillery Employment Course, Naushera, Pakistan (1987). He was also a member of the Senior Executive Course (Course 10) at Nigerian Institute for Policyand Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, Jos (1988).

Ex-Boy John Okoli held various appointments while in service, he was Troop Commander, 2 Field Battery, Artillery, Abeokuta (1965–1966); Battery Commander, Biafran Army Artillery during the civil war (he got re-absorbed into the Nigerian Army on January 1972). He was also General Staff Officer 3 (Training) at AHQ



Artillery, Bonny Camp (1972–1973); Battery Commander at 2 Field Artillery Regiment, Oyo (1973-1975); Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter Master General, 2 Artillery Brigade, Oyo (1975–1976); Commanding Officer, 11 Air Defence Artillery Regiment, Oyo (1976–1977); General Staff Officer 2 (Staff Duties) Nigerian Army School of Infantry (NASI), Jaji (1978–1979); Directing Staff, Command and Staff College, Jaji (1980–1982); Commander 33 Air Defence Artillery Brigade, Kaduna (1982–1986); Colonel, General Staff at HQ Nigerian Army Corps of Artillery, Bonny Camp (1986–1987) and Commandant, Nigerian Army School of Artillery (NASA), Kachia (1988–1990).

It is said "join the navy, see the world" but Ex-Boy John Okoli traversed the world as an army officer. He visited 15 countries in 4 continents learning languages like Amharic and French. He left the Nigerian Army in September 1990 as a Colonel. Since retirement, he has served as Director, Directorate of Foods, Roods and Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI), FCT (1990-1994). In his spare time, Ex-Boy John Okoli plays volleyball and squash. He also plays the keyboard.

Ex-Boy John Okoli's love for the Ex-boys Association has not diminished with his age and recently he participated in the weekly Saturday morning PT organized by the FCT Chapter.

Ex-Boy John Okoli is living a happy and fulfilled life with his family.



#### Ex-Boy Chikadibia Isaac Obiakor

Ex-Boy Isaac Obiakor was born on 18th February 1951 in Nigeria. He hails from Awka-South Local Government Area in Anambra state. He was admitted into the Nigerian Military School, Zaria in 1963. He was commissioned into the Nigerian Army as a Second Lieutenant on 15th December 1973.

Ex-Boy Isaac Obiakor took the Nigerian Artillery Basic Course in 1974, the Artillery Battery Commanders' Course, USSR (1975-1976), Field Artillery Target Acquisition and Survey Course, USA (1977), Junior Division Staff Course, Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji (1979) Senior Division Staff Course, Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji (1982-83) and later, the Comparative Staff Course, Indonesia (1986-1988)

He attended the African Centre for Strategic Studies in Dakar Senegal in 1999, the National War College, Abuja (1997-1998), and. He later acquired a Master of Science degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan (2001-2002).

As a Military Officer, Ex-Boy Isaac Obiakor held these positions while in service. He was Troop Commander in (1974-1975), Gunnery Instructor (1976-1978), he was the first Adjutant, Nigerian Army School of Artillery(1979), Commanding Officer, 23 Field Artillery Regiment (1979-1980), Brigade Major, 31 Field Artillery Brigade (1981-1982), 2iC, 301 Heavy Regiment Adjutant (1983-1984), Aide de camp to the Chief of Staff Supreme Headquarters (1984), Deputy Assistant Adjutant Quarter Master General (1984) GSO2 Training and Operations NACA HQ (1984-1985), GSO2 Plans, Nigerian Army Headquarters SD & Plans (1985-1986), Directing Staff Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji (1988-1989) Directing Staff Armed Forces Staff College, Ghana (1989-1991), Commanding Officer 313 Air Defense Artillery Regiment (1991-1992), Acting Brigade Commander 31 Field Artillery Brigade (1992-1994), Acting Military Administrator of Niger State (1993), Chief Instructor Field Nigerian Army Corp of Artillery Training branch (1994-1995), Colonel Coordinator Nigerian Army Corp of Artillery Headquarters (1995-1996), Commander, 30 Artillery ECOMOG, Liberia (1996-1997), ECOMOG Chief Coordinator for 1997 Liberian elections (1997), Commander, 32 Artillery Brigade, Abeokuta Nigeria (1998-1999), Directing Staff, National War College, Abuja Nigeria (1999-2000), Principal Staff Officer, National War College, Abuja (2000), Director Higher Military Org



National War College, Abuja (2001), External Accessor National War College (2001–2005). He was Chief of Administration Nigerian Army Headquarters (2001–2002), Commandant, Nigerian Army Corp of Artillery (2002–2003); GOC 2 Division Nigerian Army (2003-2005) Force Commander United Nations Military in Liberia (2006–2008) Guest Lecturer, Kofi Annan Peace Keeping Training Centre, Teshi, Ghana (2007).

Other positions held by Ex-Boy Isaac Obiakor were Military Adviser, Assistant Secretary General Office of Military Affairs, United Nations Department of Peace Keeping Operations (UNDPKO), UN Headquarters New York (2008–2010) Director and Expert Consultant, Division for Policy Evaluation and Training, United Nations Department of Peace Keeping Operations (UNDPKO) UN Headquarters, New York (2010–2011) Member Advisory Board, Peace Keeping Training Program (PTP) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) 2009 – Date.

He was also Member, Senior Advisory Group to the United Nations 2012, Secretary General On troop reimbursement and related matters. He was chairman, United Nations Board of Inquiry in South Sudan on the downing of a United Nations plane (January-April 2013) Chairman, United Nations Board of Inquiry in Abiyei in June 2013.

His love for the Nigerian Military School and the Ex-Boys Association is unmeasurable. He has been in the fore front in the struggle to make the association great.

Ex-Boy Isaac Obiakor is a Grand Fellow of the Institute of Strategic Management Nigeria (GFISMN) Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) 2014. He is also a recipient of the National Productivity Order of Merit (NPOM) award in 2014.

Ex-Boy Chikadibia Isaac Obiakor has been happily married to Mrs Meg Nnenna Obiakor for 35 years and the marriage is blessed with children. He is an avid golfer and loves listening to jazz music.

#### Ex-Boy Musa Sheikh Shehu, OFR

Ex-Boy Musa Sheikh Shehu was born on 1 January, 1952. He hails from Wurno Local Government Area of Sokoto State, Nigeria. He started his basic education at the age of 7 at Army Children School (1959-1965) where he attained his primary school certificate.

Ex-Boy Musa Shehu was admitted into the Nigerian Military School in 1967 and he passed out in 1971. From 1972 - 1975, he attended the Pakistan Military Academy, Abbottabad, Pakistan after which he was commissioned into the Nigerian Army. Throughout a distinguished military career, Ex-Boy Musa Shehu attended trainings and courses at the Armoured Corps Centre and School (1975), Nigerian Army School of Infantry, Jaji (1976), Royal Armour Corps Centre, Bovington, United Kingdom (1976), United States Army Armour School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, United States of America (1977), College of Armour, Odessa, Russia (1979), Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji (1986) and School of Armour, Nowshera, Pakistan (1991). He participated in a Peace Keeping Mission in Chad Republic (1979) and the UN Military Observer Group in Iraq (1988).

Ex-Boy Musa Shehu held several appointments during his time in the military. Some of these appointments are Deputy Senator Chief UN Observer Mission Iran-Iraq (1988), Military Administrator, Rivers State (1996-1998), Military Administrator Plateau State (1998-1999).

In 1999, Ex-Boy Musa Shehu was retired from the Nigerian Army as a colonel. Retired but not tired, he continued to excel as a civilian. He was an Independent Director in Sovereign Trust Insurance



Plc (2011), Secretary General, Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) (2008-2014) and a Director and board member of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO) (2013-2015).

Ex-Boy Musa Shehu also participated in various functions which include; Peace Keeping Mission – Tchad Republic (1979), UN Military Observer Group in – Iraq (1988), He was a Delegate to the 2005 Constitution/Political Conference and also a Member of the Presidential Commission of Enquiry on Security Challenges in the North – Eastern Region (2011).

For his service to the country, Ex-Boy Musa Shehu was conferred with the National Honour of Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 2011 by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Ex-Boy Musa Shehu is passionate about the Nigerian Military School, our alma mater. In 1997, he renovated the swimming pool – that was abandoned for many years - for the use of the boys. He has also been involved in the NMS Ex-Boys activities.

Ex-Boy Musa Shehu holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. He is married with Children. His hobbies include golf, swimming, reading, and travelling.

**Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman** 

Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman was born on the 22nd of April 1958. He hails from Okene in Kogi state.

Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman was admitted into the prestigious Nigerian Military School (NMS) Zaria, Kaduna State in 1973 and passed out in 1977. He was admitted into the Nigerian Defence Academy in 1978 as a member of Regular Combatant Course 24. In 1981, he was commissioned into the Nigerian Airforce as a Pilot Officer.

Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman proceeded to the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji for his Junior Staff Course in 1990 and his Senior Staff Course in 1998. He is an alumnus of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1983) also of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Plateau state (2008)

During his time in service, Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman held different command and staff positions. He was the Finance Officer, Base Services Organisation and Command Finance Officer, Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Makurdi. He was also the Deputy Director of Finance and Accounts, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force; Deputy



Director of Logistics Defence Intelligence Agency, Abuja; Director of Finance & Accounts Armed Forces Command and Staff College Jaji; Commander, Headquarters Pay & Accounting Group Ikeja, Lagos and the Director of Finance and Accounts Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force, Abuja. Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman retired from service in 2009.

Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman holds the distinction of being the First Regular Combatant Accounting Graduate in the Nigerian Air Force. He is a Chartered Accountant, member and fellow in 5 other professional bodies in Finance, Business and Management.

He is presently a Consultant in Finance & Investment.

Ex-Boy Yakubu Suleiman is happily married with children. His hobbies include football and watching movies.

# LIST OF 2017 INDUCTEES

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## FCT CHAPTER INDUCTION PLEDGE

"I (Ex-Boy's name) pledge today to abide by the Constitution of the Nigerian Military School Zaria Ex-Boys Association and the By-Laws of the FCT Chapter, to support and further the interests of the Association in its undertaking of building a formidable network of Ex-Boys and of providing assistance to our Alma Mater when necessary.

"Knowing that my public conduct will affect the perception and image of my Alma Mater by others, I will endeavor to be an ambassador and embody the leadership qualities inculcated in me by our Alma Mater wherever I find myself.

"I further declare that I will assist in maintaining, building and strengthening the membership of the Association and that I will help the club by actively serving on committees and in other capacities where my skills and efforts are needed."



# **GOODWILL MESSAGE**

**iam** (Innate Arts and Media) felicitates with all those being celebrated today at this auspicious and ground-breaking event being organized by the FCT Chapter of the Nigerian Military School, Zaria, Ex-Boys Association.

We admire and commend the work and diligent efforts the Ex-Boys who have put into cause of the Ex-Boys Association and the Nigerian Military School, Zaria in the past and who are being decorated today as Patrons of the Chapter for the year 2017-18.

We also commend them for their willingness to further put their time and resources to still continue to support the Association. Your wealth of experience, dedication and commitment to the Ex-Boys' cause will be a valuable resource to the Chapter. We celebrate you sirs.

We will also like to use this medium to welcome the young Ex-Boys being officially inducted into the Chapter today. You are now ambassadors of an elite institution and a member of the closest knit cross-cultural family in Nigeria.

We are confident that the training received over the years have built you up into potential leaders of the FCT Chapter, leaders in different areas of your careers, business and family, and ultimately leaders of our nation, Nigeria.

We look forward to witnessing the continued progress of the FCT Chapter. Yours faithfully,

For: iam Tayo Olugbemi MD/CEO





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#### ABOUT THE NIGERIAN MILITARY SCHOOL ZARIA

HE NIGERIAN MILITARY SCHOOL was 1972. established on 20 May 1954 with an initial intake of thirty Boys known as the "First Platoon". At inception, the school was named Boys Company of Nigeria and the First Platoon was divided into 4 Houses, namely Exam, Inglis, Fairbanks and Swynnerton. However, its history can be traced to 1951 when the idea of establishing a "Boys Company" along the same pattern of the Boys Wing of British Army was conceived for each of the four British West African colonies namely the Gambia, Gold Coast (Ghana), Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The aim was to inculcate and encourage family tradition in the force, hence the bulk of the pioneer set were sons and wards of serving military personnel.

In May 1954, the Boys Company was established as a full-pledged training institution under the regimentation and administration of the defunct Nigerian Regimental Training Company (NRTC) now Depot NA under the Command of Captain WU Bassey, the first Nigerian commissioned military officer. Two years later, the students' population rose to 200.

By 1957, the aim of the School was redefined with focus on the training of middle cadre skilled manpower to replace the departing British colonies' NCOs. With this redefinition of aim, the curriculum of the school was reviewed with more emphasis on academics. A year later, ten Boys from the school sat for the overseas Armed Forces General Certificate Examination and the School changed to school certificate status.

In the year 1960, the name "Boys Company" was changed to Nigerian Military School (NMS) and the names of the houses were changed to prominent Nigerian cities viz Kaduna, Lagos, Ibadan and Enugu. To boost academic excellence, Major PJ Wakeman, a graduate was appointed from the British Army Education Corps as Commanding Officer in 1962. The School therefore, commenced five years training programme as a secondary school. In 1965, the first set of Boys wrote the WAEC Examination in which they performed creditably well. Since then, the school's performance in examinations has always been excellent. It is important to note that the first set of ten Ex-Boys to enter the Nigerian Defense Academy enblock was in 1966 while the first set to enter the University to train as medical doctors was in January

In 1976, two additional houses were added and the names were again changed. The new house names reflected military company designations: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot. One additional has been added: Gulf, the 7th company. In late 2003, the school reverted to the old names of Kaduna, Lagos, Ibadan and Enugu, with Abuja, Calabar and Zaria given to the additional new companies of Echo, Foxtrot and Gulf

With the introduction of the new National Policy on Education, NMS now runs six years training programme broken into Junior and Senior Secondary classes of three years duration each. All the subjects required by this policy are being taught at the school by able and qualified officers, senior noncommissioned officers, Ministry of Defense staff, temporary staff and youth corps members.

The school also conducts leadership training programmes to inculcate confidence and the desired leadership traits on to the Boys. To enhance its status, a Governing Board headed by the Chief of Administration (Army), was constituted to oversee the running of the School.

The school from its establishment to date has produced numerous senior military officers and senior staff who have served at the highest levels in both government and private sectors. Its contributions to economic and socio-political development in Nigeria are in no way measurable. Also, because of its huge contributions to the manpower of Nigeria's military forces, the school has had the rare privilege of being instrumental in efforts to maintain peace and security in the country and the continent at large.

The Nigerian Military School Zaria as a symbol of identification has a distinct logo upon which there are 3 stars on green background which apart from signifying light, each of them stands for discipline, knowledge and patriotism. Beneath them is an eagle, which is noted for its gracefulness, strength and very good eyesight. In its determined efforts to train these children both in leadership and academics, the Nigerian Military School has a motivating and inspirational motto of "Discipline, Knowledge and Patriotism."

The current commandant of the Nigerian Military School is Brigadier General MM Bunza Fss, Mss, Msc.

## A BOND A WAR COULD NOT BREAK

he connection between ex-boys has always been and will forever remain strong. From Calabar to Sokoto, Lagos to Maiduguri it exhibits the bond of brotherhood, the spirit of camaraderie that transcends ethnicity and overlooks religious differences.

It declares an Ade the kin of an Ibrahim and a Chukwuma, their sibling.

It speaks for an Effiom when he finds himself in any part of the world and is welcomed with open arms by an Omeiza.

It makes a Nenponmini feel at home in presence of an Oghenekaro, who he is just meeting for the first time in his life and who is 40 years his senior.

It encourages a Mustapha to bring out his prayer mat to observe his Isha'a prayers in the home of a Pastor Dalaky.

It causes an Aisosa to weep over the demise of a Jaama, a young man he never met.

This bond can only be forged within the walls of the Nigerian Military School, Zaria. The story of two ex-boys during the Nigerian civil war reinforces this conviction.

During the war, Mwolima Anjikwi (NMS 64 Set) was among a group of federal (Nigerian) troops sent on a reconnaissance mission in a Saladin AFV. Unfortunately, the Saladin AFV got stuck in the mud in a location close to Biafran territory and before they could push the Saladin AFV away from the mud, the Biafran troops appeared and captured the federal troops. They were taken to a location inside Biafra and were to be summarily executed.

As they were being led to face the barrel of the gun, Mwolima Anjikwi saw a face he thought looked familiar. He strained his eyes to get a better look at the increasingly familiar face; alas it was his classmate in the Nigerian Military School, Chimah Udonsi (NMS 64 Set) who was now a Biafran Officer.

Before he could breathe a sigh of relief, his heart sank. His NMS classmate had looked at him and turned away without a flash of recognition. The Biafran Officer, Ex-boy ChimahUdonsi then requested to personally execute Mwolima Anjikwi, a request that was granted. Mwolima's heart sank further.

As they got into the deeper recesses of the bush, Chimah Udonsi shouted "268, Mwolima Anjikwi". He immediately hugged his brother and after exchanging pleasantries, he showed him a path to follow so as to link up with the federal troops. His brother had saved him.

As Mwolina Anjiwki moved through the bush path, he saw the corpses of his crew mates.

The Ex-Boys later meet in a bank after many decades.

Major Mwolima Anjikwi (rtd) recently passed on to glory after a prolonged illness. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

This remarkable story was shared on the Facebook group







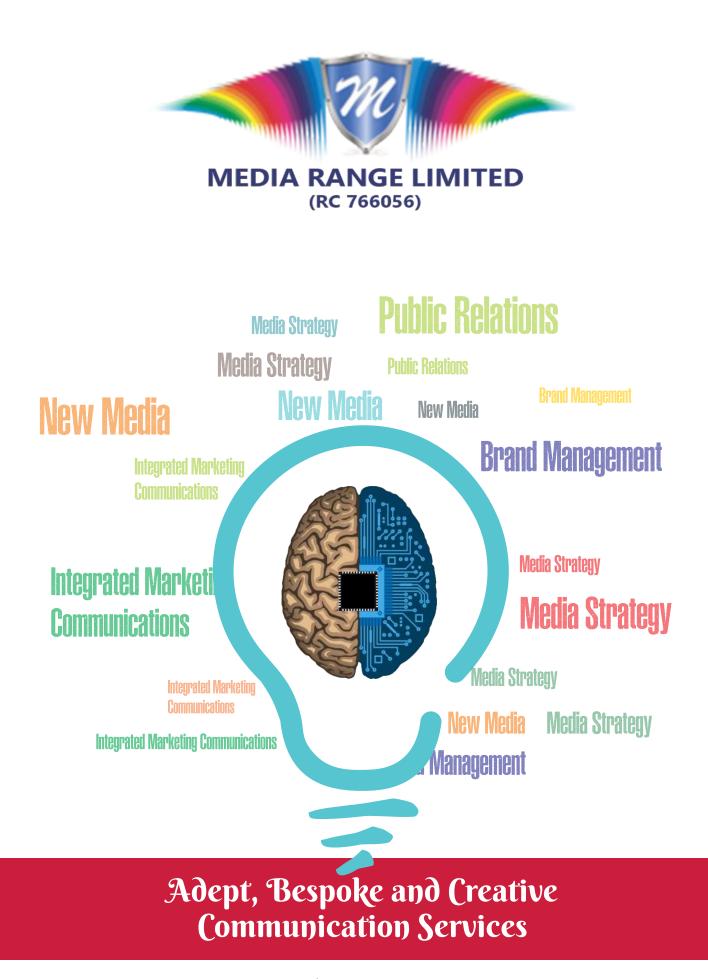


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