

## Daniel Pieter KNOBEL

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### VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION

LT. GEN. DANIEL PIETER (NIEL) KNOBEL

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Niel Knobel was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1936, as the youngest son of Dr W.F. Knobel, a surgeon from South Africa. Educated at the Afrikaans Boys High School in Pretoria, South Africa, he graduated as a Medical Doctor and Specialist Anatomist at the Edinburgh University of Scotland in 1966. After being involved in Academic Medicine as a teacher of Anatomy to approximately 20,000 students of all health professions in both Scotland and South Africa, he retired as Professor and Head of the Anatomy Department at the Pretoria University, South Africa in 1979. Having served for 13 years (from 1966 to 1979) as a Medical Officer, in various Staff and Operational

positions in the Part Time Forces of the South African Defence Force, he joined the Permanent Force as Chief of Staff Medical Operations, with the rank of Brigadier General in 1980. During the Period 1980 to 1988, he obtained the Command and Staff and Joint Staff qualifications of the SADF, and served in various capacities in numerous operations in the RSA, South West Africa, Angola and Mozambique. In 1988 he was appointed as Surgeon General

of the SADF with the rank of Lieutenant General.

During his term of office he was responsible for the medical care of four successive State Presidents of the RSA, all

Foreign Dignitaries, as well as providing a specialized supporting service to all the Security Services and the Department of Health in South Africa. In his capacity as SG, he served as a full member of the SAMDC, Interim MDC (and after his retirement the HPCSA), from 1988-2004. He officially visited 160 Military and Scientific installations in 14 Countries, received 21 honours and awards and was decorated on seven occasions. In particular the

Silver Star of South Africa was conferred on him by the State President of the RSA in 1992 and in 1994, HM the Queen, Queen Elizabeth the 2nd, sanctioned his promotion to KNIGHT of THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN. He is the author/co-author of 72 Academic, Military and/or Scientific publications and is associated with 45 Professional Societies/Organizations. With a special devotion to the needs of the Disabled, he established the CURAMUS Association and CURAMUS Monument, for serving and ex-serving members of the Security Services of the RSA in

1989 and was awarded the WVF Rehabilitation Prize for his work in this regard in 2000.

After his retirement as Surgeon General in 1997, he was appointed on the Advisory Board of Military Veterans Affairs

of the Ministry of Defence as well as the Appeals Tribunal for Military Pensions, and has been serving as the President of the CURAMUS Association as well as the SA Military Health Services Veterans Association. During 2000

to 2003 he represented South Africa as principal member of the Council of the WVF and as a member of the SCAA. In 2003 he was elected as Vice President of the WVF, and in 2004 as the Vice-Chairperson of the SCAA. Since then he established TANTOR Africa, an International NPO and PBO, for the upliftment and empowerment of

Military Veterans and Victims of War in Africa.

During May 2006 he was appointed as the chairman of a Working Group of the WVF, on the Study of Recognition,

Commemoration and Reconciliation among all members of the WVF. The purpose of this working group is to develop

acceptable guidelines for the members of the WVF, to achieve the objectives of these principles within their

environments. In 2007 he was invited to become the Medical Director and Chairman of the BOD of, GetMed (Pty)Ltd, a Managed Health Care company and is at present establishing a Managed Health Care scheme for Military

Veterans in collaboration with the Council of Military Veterans Organization in South Africa, which will operate throughout Africa.

Niel Knobel is married to Tersia with nine grown up children, all sharing his passion for service to their fellow human

beings. When he has time he plays a round of golf, and is a lover of Poetry and Classical Music.

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