



BATTLEFIELD SYMPOSIUM



Hajipir

Valor Beyond the Pass

*Commemorating Diamond Jubilee
of
the Indo-Pak War 1965*



Our Panelists



Brig Arvinder Singh (Retd)

Brig Arvinder Singh (Retd) was commissioned into 1 PARA in 1961, fought valiantly in the capture of Hajipir Pass in 1965, wherein he was severely wounded and lost part of his leg. He took part in the 1971 War, commanded 9 PARA Commando Bn, served as Military & Naval Attaché in the Middle East, and later on he commanded 161 Infantry Brigade.



Brig Shamsher Singh, AVSM (Retd)

Brig Shamsher Singh, AVSM (Retd) was commissioned into the Corps of Signals on 11 Dec 1962. He served as OC, 68 Inf Bde Sig Coy during the 1965 Hajipir Ops, part of the Bde Cdr's Rover Group. He later served as BM of an Inf Bde, Col Adm of a Mtn Div, Instr at School of Arty, and headed Wargame Section, ARTRAC. The Offr worked in a multinational company for thirty years after superannuation from Army.

Maj SK Sharma (Retd)

Maj SK Sharma (Retd) was commissioned into 164 Fd Regt on 10 May 1964. He played a pivotal role as an Intelligence Officer in the planning and execution of artillery support plan for the capture of Hajipir Pass in 1965 and also served as Anchor OP. After joining the SFF in 1969, he completed over 100 Para jumps across varied terrain and aircraft, exemplifying unwavering dedication and valour. He took part in the 1971 war as Coy Cdr in the challenging Chittagong Hills of Bangladesh.



Major General P K Goswami, VSM (Retd)

Major General P K Goswami (Retd) is associated with the United Service Institution of India (USI) and is the Deputy Director and Head of the USI's UN Cell. He also heads the Centre for UN Studies at USI. He is a Senior Faculty at the National Defence College and a Distinguished Fellow at USI. He has extensive experience in UN Peacekeeping operations and has represented the National Defence College at various international forums.

Sub (Hony Sub Maj) Lajja Ram (Retd)

Sub (Hony Sub Maj) Lajja Ram (Retd) was enrolled in 6 DOGRA on 18 June 1963 at Partapur. He was part of C Coy during the assault and was in the leading column of his platoon for the capture of Gitian during the night of 21-22 September 1965, contributing to the successful capture of Hut Hill & Knoll.



Sub Jai Singh (Retd)

Sub Jai Singh (Retd) was enrolled in 6 DOGRA on 27 March 1963 and served with B Coy during the assault on Gitian post. He was wounded in Artillery shelling, wherein his coy suffered heavy casualties. Despite this, he fought bravely & valiantly with his coy and contributed immensely to the successful capture of Gitian.



The Battle of Hajipir



Courage Meets Strategy on Pir Panjal

Opening Remarks	GOC, Dagger Division
Keynote Address	GOC, Chinar Corps
Brigade Plan for the Capture of Hajipir Pass	Brig Shamsheer Singh, AVSM (Retd)
Hold Fast - Reinforcement of Hajipir	Brig Arvinder Baichar (Retd)
Turning the Tide- Capture of Bedori	Brig Suneet Chadha, Commander 68 Mountain Brigade
Thrust Deep - Artillery Perspective	Maj SK Sharma (Retd)
Experiences in Battle	Sub (Hony SM) Lajja Ram (Retd) & Sub Jai Singh (Retd)
Questions & Answers	Open House
Closing Remarks	Maj Gen PK Goswami VSM (Retd), USI



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*"Some victories redraw maps.
This one rewrote the meaning of courage."*