

## India's Wars Through Soldiers' Eyes

Our readers would recollect that in the USI Journal Vol CXLI, No. 586, Oct-Dec 2011 Issue, through the Director's Page, we had invited first-hand accounts of India's wars as seen through the soldiers' eyes, i.e. those who participated in these wars. We have received some contributions but the response has not been very encouraging.

We have formed an editorial team to evaluate the material received and edit the same for publishing. As the material received was not adequate to be published in the form of a book, we have decided to carry the selected pieces in the USI Journal over a period of time. It is a work in progress. In any case, the complete material will be kept in the USI Archives. Even if some material is not published, it will be available for reference to research scholars for posterity.

Through this column I once again appeal to our readers that those of us who have been thinking of writing their personal war experience but have not been able to do so for some reason, there is still time to put the pen to paper or tap the keyboard. We are open to receiving the same.

I would like to thank those who have sent in their contributions. Their names and the subject of their write-up are mentioned below:-

S.No.	Rank and Name	Contribution Pertains to
	<b>ARMY</b>	
1	Lt Gen Ajai Singh, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), Former Governor of Assam	Combat Leadership, 1965 and 1971 Wars
2	Brig N Bahri, VSM (Retd)	Nagaland 1973
3	HE Capt Shekhar Dutt, SM, IAS (Retd). Presently Governor of Chattisgarh	1971 War in The Barmer Sector
4	Maj Gen Surinder Singh Chhachhi, SM (Retd)	Partition 1947, 1947-48 J&K War and Mizoram 1965-66
5	Brig PT Gangadharan (Retd)	1971 War - Kargil Sector
6	Brig KA Gopalan (Retd)	1962 War - Kameng Sector (Se-La and Bomdi-La)
7	Maj Gen SCN Jatar (Retd)	1971 War - Poonch Sector
8	Lt Gen Pran Pahwa, PVSM (Retd)	1962 War - Kameng Sector (Bomdi-La)

9	Lt Col Ravel Singh Sidhu (Retd)	1965 War - Poonch Sector
10	Col SC Tyagi (Retd)	IPKF Operations in Sri Lanka (1988)
<b>NAVY</b>		
11	Cdr Arun Saigal (Retd) with inputs from General VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), former COAS & Gp Capt Anant Bewoor, VM (Retd)	Operation Cactus (Maldives) 1988
<b>AIR FORCE</b>		
12	Air Mshl MS Bawa, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)	1971 War, Western Sector Operations
13	Gp Capt Anant Bewoor, VM (Retd)	Iraq 1980, IPKF Operations 1987-88
14	Air Mshl KC Cariappa, PVSM, VM (Retd)	1962, 1965 and 1971 Wars
15	Gp Capt A Choudhry, VM	Kargil War 1999
16	Gp Capt AS Gill	IPKF Operations 1987-88
17	Gp Capt Sushil Gera	IPKF Operations 1990
18	Wg Cdr S Philip	Kargil War 1999
19	Aircraftman RA Sakuja (Retd)	1962, 1965 and 1971 Wars
20	Wg Cdr Gursharan Singh Uberoi (Retd)	Goa Operation Dec 1961; 1962, 1965 and 1971 Wars

Note:- The names above appear in alphabetical order of the surname and in the absence of the surname, the first name has been taken.

**Editor**

### **PROCESSING OF MEMBERSHIP** **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY POST**

Officers desirous of membership must obtain prescribed form from USI. Requests for membership will not be entertained on plain paper, letters or mere chits often sent by officers as many required details are missed out. Applications have to be accompanied by serving certificate; retired officers should attach any defence photo identity proof.

## OBITUARIES

With a deep sense of grief we inform you about the passing away of the following Life Members of USI :-

- (a) Surgeon Commodore KS Grover (Retd), expired on 25 January 2012. He was a Life Member since 1992.
- (b) Captain JL Kapoor, IN (Retd), expired on 03 July 2012. He was a Life Member since 1997.
- (c) Colonel AK Chakraborty (Retd), 5 Para, passed away on 17 July 2012. He was a Life Member since 1974.
- (d) Brigadier Sandeep Randev, ASC, expired on 16 August 2012. He was a Life Member since 1990.
- (e) Brigadier JM Singh (Retd), 62 Cavalry, expired on 27 August 2012. He was a Life Member since 2010.
- (f) Brigadier JP Sud (Retd), Regiment of Artillery, expired on 13 Sep 2012. He was a Life Member since 1994.
- (g) Colonel VM Nayak (Retd), AMC expired in 2012. He was a Life Member since 2011.