



NAMIBIAN DEFENCE FORCE

**PROFILE OF AIR MARSHAL MARTIN KAMBULU PINEHAS
CHIEF OF THE NAMIBIAN DEFENCE FORCE**



Air Marshal Martin Kambulu Pinehas, born on 11 November 1962 in Ondangwa, Oshana Region. He joined the liberation struggle in 1977 at the age of 14. In 1980, he joined the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN) and was sent to the Military Academy in Cuba and completed cadet training in 1981.

From 1984 to 1989 he received the Flying Training on Jet aircraft in Libya, and became a Fighter Pilot. Air Marshal Pinehas was inducted in the NDF as Lieutenant in 1993. He is one of the pioneers of Namibian Air Force since its inception in 1994.

MILITARY CAREER PROFESSION

In 1996, he completed the Junior Staff Course and Qualified Flight Instructor course on higher performance aircraft at Air University in USA.

In 1997 he successfully completed the Qualified Instructor Course on transport aircraft in China and he also completed Military Basic Law Course in 1997 at the University of Namibia.

In 1999 he Completed the Air Command and Staff Course at the Air University, USA. He later attended Level 3 Aviation Security Manager's Course as well as the Executive Defence Management Course in 2001.

Air Marshal Pinehas has 39 years of Military experience of which 35 years are in military aviation including Command of various aircraft. He has 3000 Flight time on various aircraft, 760 flight time as an Instructor and 3760 flight time in Grand total.

COMMAND AND SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Prior to his appointment as CDF he served to the following positions:

- (i) 1980 : Deputy Commander at Namibian Cadets Military Academy, Cub
- (ii) 1982 - 1983 : Served at PLAN HQ in Lubango
- (iii) 1986 - 1989 : Commander Pilots group in Libya
- (iv) 1994- 1997 : Commander 1st NDF Air Wing Squadron (Major)
- (v) 1998 - 2000 : Air Wing Chief of Staff (Lt Col)
- (vi) 2001-2002 : Commander NDF Air Wing (Col)
- (vii) 2002 - 2005 : Air Force Commander (Col)
- (viii) 2005 - 2008 : Air Force Commander (Brig Gen)
- (ix) 2008 - 2020 : Air Force Commander (Air Vice Marshal)
- (x) 15 March 2019 - 31 March 2020 : Acting Chief of the Defence Force (Air Vice Marshal)
- (xi) 01 April 2020 : Appointed Chief of the Defence Force (Air Marshal)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

He holds a Master of Business Administration Degree and a Bachelor of Commerce Degree at Regent Business School (RSA)

Holds a Diploma Honours in Air Operations from Air University Alabama (USA)

MILITARY DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

The Air Marshal possesses the following awards and decorations:

- (i) Meritorious Service medal (NDF)
- (ii) Merito Santos – Dumont medal (Brazil)
- (iii) Order of Eagle 3rd Class (National Medal)
- (iv) Air Force Pioneer
- (v) Air Force Exemplary medal
- (vi) Air Cadre Medal
- (vii) Operation Mandume Ya Ndemufayo Medal
- (viii) Longevity Medal

He is happily married with four boys and three girls

His hobbies are soccer, reading and music

