

Auto Biography for Air Force Commander

Air Vice Marshal Martin Kambulu Pinehas, born on 11 November 1962 in Ondangwa Oshana Region, is the current Air Force Commander.

Prior to his appointment he served to the following positions:

- (i) 01 September 2008 :Air Force Commander (Air Vice Marshal)
- (ii) 2002 - 2008 :Air Force Commander (Col & Brig Gen)
- (iii) 2000-2002 :Commander NDF Air Wing (Col)
- (iv) 1998 - 2000 :Air Wing Chief of Staff (Lt Col)
- (v) 1994- 1997 :Commander 1st NDF Air Wing Squadron
(Major)
- (vi) 1986 - 1989 :Commander Pilots group in Libya.
- (vii) 1980 :Deputy Commander at Namibian Cadets
Military Academy, Cuba.

Air Vice Marshal Martin Pinehas 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 Cadet Military Academy in Cuba and completed cadet training in 1981.

In 1984 to 1989 he received the Flying Training on Jet aircraft in Libya, and became a Fighter Pilot.

Air Vice Marshal Pinehas was inducted in the NDF as Capt in 1993.

In 1996, he completed Junior Staff Course, Squadron Leader Officer Course, and the Qualified Flight Instructor Course (higher performance aircraft) at Air University in USA. He successfully completed the Qualified Flight Instructor Course (higher performance aircraft) in 1997, China. He also completed a Military Basic Law Course at the University of Namibia in 1997.

Air Vice Marshal Pinehas went further to do Air Command and Staff Course at Air University in USA from 1998-1999. He attended a Level 3 Aviation Security Managers Course and Executive course in Defence Management in 2001.

Air Vice Marshal Martin Kambulu Pinehas has 33 years of Military Aviation Experience including commanding of various aircraft. He has 3000 Flight time on various aircraft, 760 Flight time as an instructor and 3 760 Flight time in Grand total.

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

The Air Vice Marshal possesses the following awards and decorations:

- I. Meritorious Service medal
- II. Merito Santos – Dumont medal
- III. Order of Eagle 3rd Class (National Medal)