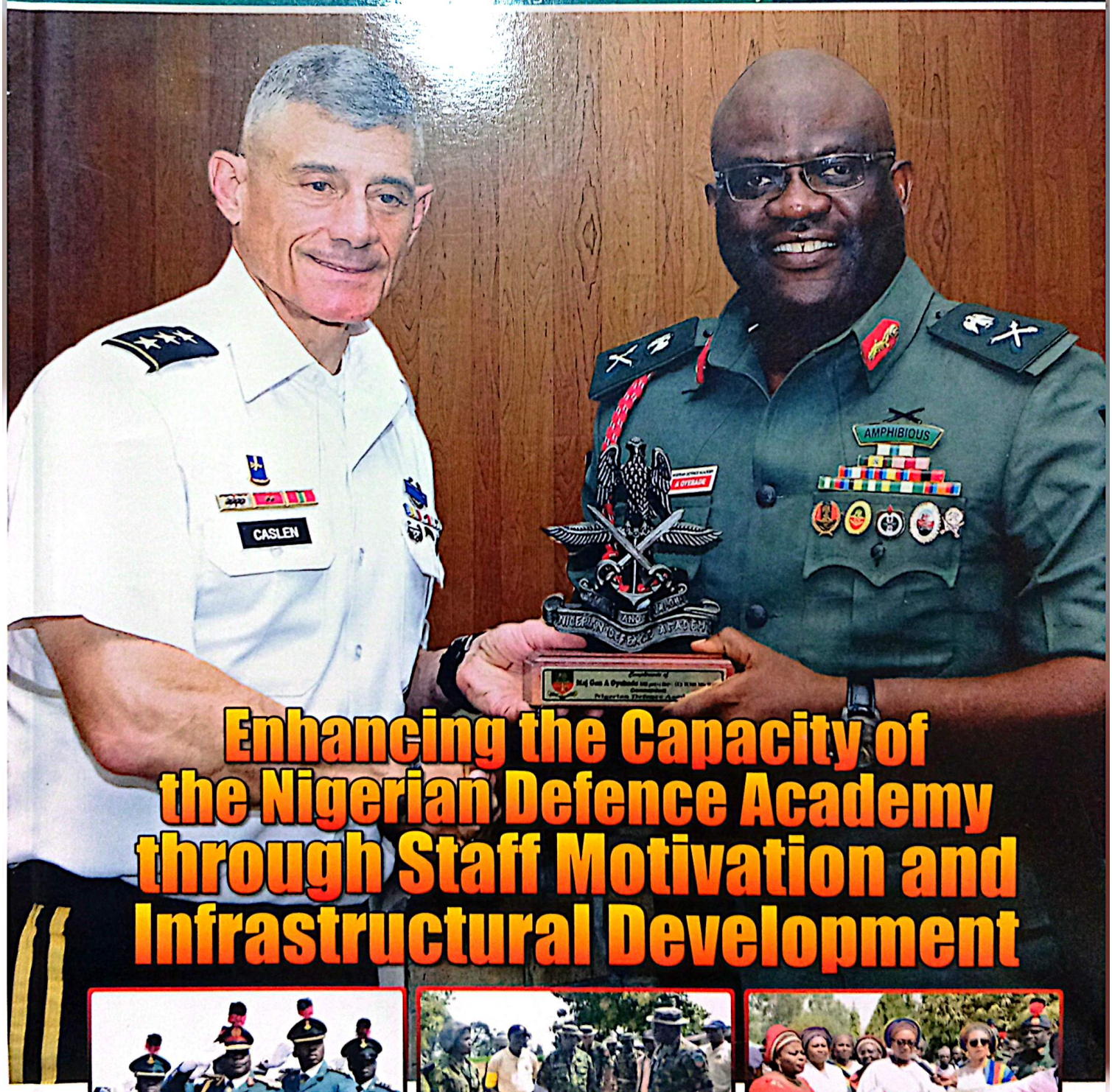
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Forever the Nigerian Defence Academy.

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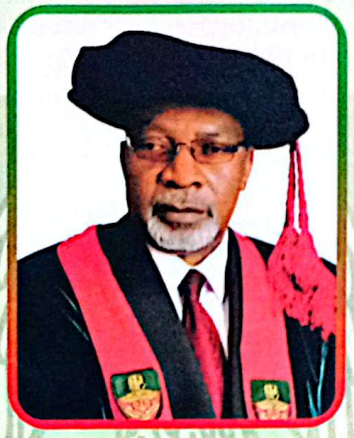


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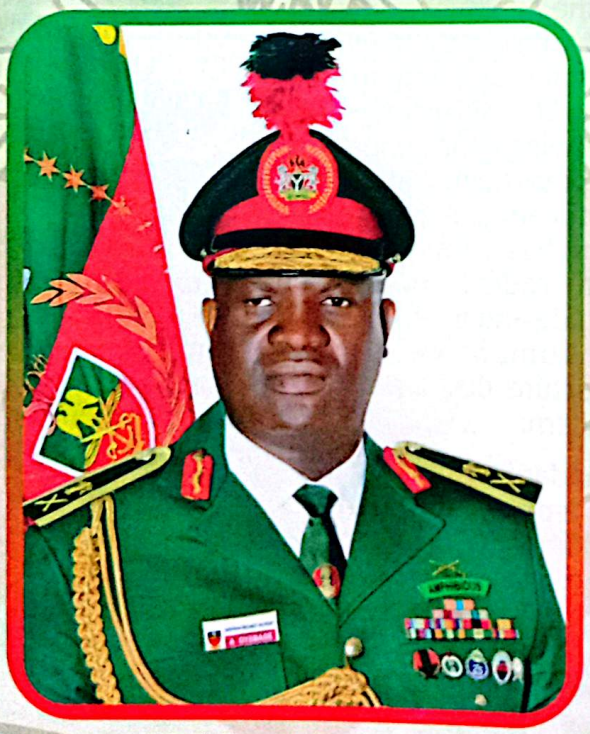
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Dear Esteemed Readers,

I am delighted to welcome you to this special edition of your favourite magazine, The New Valiant. You have been the reason we remain in circulation, not only for your support but for our avowed duty to continue to inform, educate, entertain and enlighten you on cadets' activities and many other features that have become the hallmark of the Valiant. Permit me to quickly pledge on behalf of the Editorial team our commitment not only to sustain the quality and standard for which you have come to identify the magazine, but to strive to improve on each edition.

This annual publication is the 47th Edition and undoubtedly quite a lot has happened since the last edition, not only within The Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) but across Nigeria. Our focus in this edition is on the combined Passing Out Parade of the cadets of 65 Regular Course(Army) and 66 Regular Course (Navy and Air Force).

Let me begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to our publisher, the Commandant, Maj Gen Oyebade for his visionary leadership, untiring support, editorial inputs and other contributions towards the timely and successful publication of the Valiant. We are privileged to be obliged to his invaluable service and remain highly indebted to him.

In the quest for training, moulding and mentoring of officer cadets, the NDA has always strived to achieve its mandate, making it one of the renowned military institutions in Africa. If you would agree that in order to be able to contain the emerging security challenges, the required facilities and equipment ought to be in place for adequate training. This entails staff motivation, continuous infrastructural development, reviving the traditions, customs and ethics of regimentation in the Academy among others. Thus, so many achievements in line with the aforementioned have been recorded ranging from renovation and reconstruction of the Academy Drill Shed, Parade ground and Equitation wing, deployment of beddings for Cadets among others. With the Commandant's transformation agenda in repositioning the NDA for better learning and results, it constituted the theme for the 47th Edition of the Magazine as **"Enhancing the Capacity of the NDA through Staff Motivation and Infrastructural Development"**.

In line with our commitment, we have packaged stories that will keep you abreast with the latest development in Military training and academic activities of Cadets. Additionally, we have lined up educative, incisive, interesting and sensational articles with colourful pictures to thrill our readers. We conducted an interview with the first indigenous Commandant NDA, Maj Gen DA Ejoor (Rtd) to share with us his experiences and opinion about training in the Academy.

The Magazine pithily captured details of the operations in the North-East where Maj Gen MSA Aliyu was the Brigade Commander and GOC 3 Div, in an interview with same senior officer while receiving medical treatment in India. The Chief of Naval Staff was also interviewed to highlight internal operations the Nigerian Navy is involved in.

These and other interesting stories and developments including our regulars like incisive features and articles, interviews, sports, photo splashes etc, are all packaged here for your reading pleasure.

The 47th edition of Valiant Magazine is also aimed at encouraging cadets to imbibe and embrace the culture of reading and writing. That is why their articles are prominently featured. Furthermore, this edition also contains activities, performances and experiences of NDA cadets sent to Foreign Military Academics. Notable among these countries are the United States of America, Greece, Pakistan, India, United Kingdom, Brazil just to mention a few.

It may also interest our esteemed readers to know that the NDA was invited to the 17th edition of the Law of Armed Conflict Competition for Military Academies held at Sanremo, Italy. Three NDA Cadets were selected to attend and two of the cadets were awarded prizes for 2nd and 5th position where 14 countries comprising of 21 teams participated. Also, the Commandant graciously approved and ensured that representatives attended all passing out parades of NDA cadets in other foreign military institutions.

We are indeed thankful to the Deputy Commandant, AVM I Amin for his guidance throughout the compilation of this magazine. Our gratitude also goes to the Academy Adjutant, Lt Col IB Sheriff for his contribution towards the success of the publication. I am also grateful to members of the Editorial Board for their commitment in ensuring the feat of this work. I wish to thank all our advertising partners and contributors for sustaining the Valiant Magazine with intellectually stimulating articles and contributions. Finally, I wish to reiterate my heartfelt congratulations to all cadets of the Academy Community and to you, our distinguished readers.

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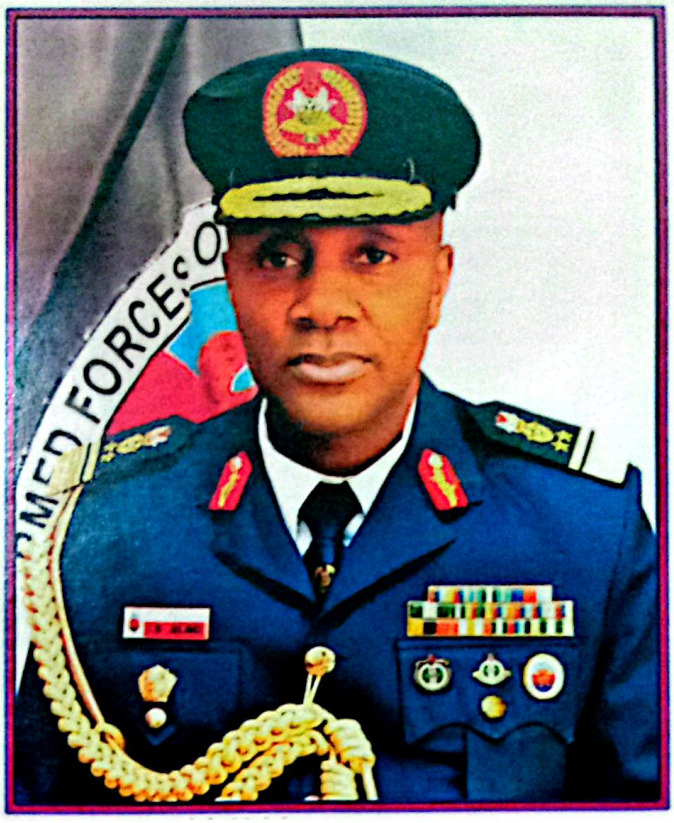
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Goodwill Message from the
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It gives me great pleasure to write this goodwill message for publication in the Forty-Seventh Edition of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) Valiant Magazine which coincides with the combined passing-out of Cadets of 65 Regular Course (RC) of the Army and 66RC of the Navy and Air Force. On behalf of the entire Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCSC) Community, I heartily congratulate the Commandant, Staff and Cadets of the NDA on this joyous occasion. The NDA has continued to play a vital role in generating the required human resources for the Armed Forces of Nigeria (AFN) by training officer cadets to become disciplined, courageous and erudite young officers capable of holding forth in their own stead as they rise to the peaks of their careers. Just as rightly stated in the Academy Anthem, "the NDA is the mother of Generals, Admirals and Air Marshals" in the AFN. This August occasion of the passing-out of yet another set of cadets is a clear testimony that the Academy is living up to the purpose for its establishment.

I wish to use this medium to commend the Commandant and staff of the NDA for the giant strides made towards improving the quality of training in the institution. This is coming at the heels of when the nation is in dire need of knowledgeable as well as physically and mentally fit young officers capable of leading troops to combat various security challenges. Further to this, the quality of training received at the Academy is strongly felt here at the AFCSC. As the institution responsible for training middle level manpower for the AFN, the AFCSC is an important transit point for products of the Academy as they rise through the ranks. The type of foundation laid at NDA goes a long way to determine the quality of officers in terms of character and academic performance that pass through the AFCSC. The NDA is therefore encouraged to continue to maintain its high standards of training in order to ensure the production of quality officers for the AFN.

The annual publication of the NDA Valiant Magazine to showcase and chronicle achievement and events of the Academy within the year is highly commendable. The magazine serves as a veritable medium for education and dissemination of information on activities of the Academy to an ever growing audience of persons within and outside the AFN. In addition and more importantly, the publication amounts to a gradual development of a repository of information about the NDA. Thus, it offers itself as a future source of historical information which would be useful for generation to come. For these reasons and more, I am indeed glad to identify with the 2018 edition of the NDA Valiant Magazine. Accordingly, I say a resounding well done the editorial team for the dogged efforts at sustaining this unique medium of education, information dissemination and entertainment. I urge the team to keep up the good work.

Finally, I once again offer my hearty congratulations to the Commandant, staff and cadets of the NDA on the occasion of the passing out of the cadets of the 65 Regular Course (RC) of the Army and 66 RC of the Navy and Air Force. I wish the passing out cadets fruitful careers in the service of the nation and assure the NDA of the continued collaboration and support of the AFCSC.

LS ALAO
Air Vice Marshal
Commandant

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