



Session 5 Duty of Care: International Missions

The Veterans Ombudsman of the Netherlands

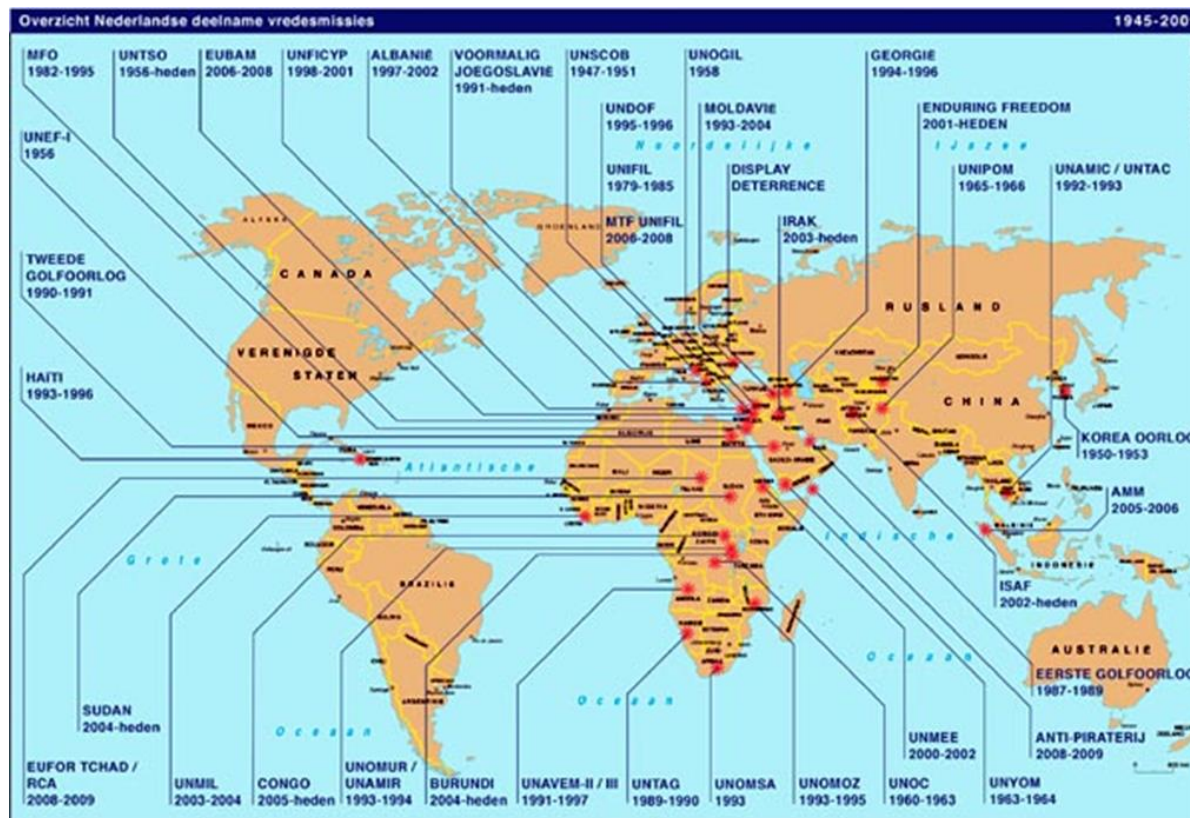
National Ombudsman and Veterans Ombudsman

Wish of Parliament 2011 (broad consensus): an independent and impartial Veterans Ombudsman, not tied to the MoD.

The National Ombudsman is also Ombudsman for Dutch Veterans
(**Veterans Act** , **June 2014**)



Missions abroad since 1945 (Netherlands, UN, NATO, EU)





Mali 2016 – In conversation with Dutch troops. Camp Castor, Gao.





March 2017 – Visiting with the Office of the Veterans Ombudsman the Dutch School for Missions abroad





Februari 2018 – Visit troops in the Dutch Caribbean (veterans, naval base Parera, coastguard)



2018 and onward - Further visits

Key messages (lessons learned)

- Use your statutory powers and mandate and our International Network and Guidelines (Conference Statement 8th ICOAF).
- Be respectful but tenacious in your dealings with the MoD.
- Let the outside world – both military and political – know about your visits (reports, media).

“The soldier of today...is the veteran of tomorrow”



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