

# Air Force pioneers get together

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*(From left) Brig-Gen (rtd) Datuk Huang Chew Siong, Air Vice-Marshal (rtd) Tan Sri Sulaiman Sujak, Brig-Gen (rtd) Datuk Soon Lian Cheng, Maj-Gen (rtd) Datuk Muslim Ayob and Maj-Gen (rtd) Datuk Dr Mohd Salleh*



*(From left) Col (rtd) Naga R Ampalam, LtCol (rtd) Wong Chi Ming, Col (rtd) Danny Loh and LtCol (rtd) Frank Chong*

**PETALING JAYA:** Some 150 former senior officers and guests attended the 3rd Air Force Pioneers' Night at the GAB Tavern in Sungai Way recently.

Event convenor Brig-Gen (rtd) Datuk Soon Lian Cheng said the idea, mooted three years ago, was to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the Royal Malaysian Air Force on June 1 this year.

Among the notables present were the country's first RMAF chief Air Vice-Marshal (rtd) Tan Sri Sulaiman Sujak, 77; Maj-Gen (rtd) Datuk Muslim Ayob; former Armed Forces Health Services director-general Maj-Gen (rtd) Datuk Dr Mohd Salleh Sam; and retired brigadier-generals Datuk Huang Chew Siong and Datuk Param Thambapillai.

Major (rtd) Anthony Joseph Lim Seng Soon, aged 81, was the oldest officer present

Another senior officer, Col (rtd) Maximillian Theseira, had joined the RMAF when it was formed in 1958 and was trained at the Royal Air Force College in Cranwell, Britain. Sulaiman was at the college earlier in 1955.

Federal government coordinator for PJ Utara, Datuk Dr Wong Sai Hou, was also present.

Luke Manickam and wife Jennifer of the band Mix & Brew provided musical entertainment regarded as "oldies but goodies".