The anecdotes in Humour in Uniform: A Potpourri from National Defence Academy make very interesting reading and aptly highlight the higher side of life at NDA.

— General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Army Staff. 2 June 2006.

Humour in Uniform is an excellent publication and captures the spirit of NDA. I am certain it will serve as cherished memorabilia and be a must for every alumni. My compliments for this effort to bring out such a publication.

Lt Gen Aditya Singh, AVSM, ADC, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, Pune. 02 Sept 2006

Humour in Uniform: A Potpourri from National Defence Academy is a significant contribution to the genre of military humour. It is a matter of great honour to the Academy. First-ever of its kind anywhere in the world, I recommend this book for all the military institutions, unit and formation libraries. This must-have repertoire of 'Humour in Uniform' merits a special place on the shelves of the NDA alumni and officers who have had the privilege of serving at the Academy in different capacities.

Lt General A K Chopra, PVSM, AVSM, ex-Commandant.

It certainly appears that the book Humour in Uniform should become a whopping seller in the country, certainly in the Services where a very large percentage of officers are ex-NDA. It is going to encapsulate the essence of that national monument in humour and caricatures. The Academy has done well to think of it.


Humour in Uniform is a rich treasure trove of funny cartoons and hilarious articles written by the ex-Cadets, who underwent training at NDA since 1949 when it was the Joint Services Wing of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. The variety of humorous articles and funny cartoons captivate the attention of the reader and tickle the funny bone with military élan. It's a unique book of its kind in the world as it deals with 'humour in uniform'. At the international fora, renowned military training academies like West Point and Sandhurst don't have a book on 'humour in uniform'.

The Maharashtra Herald, 30 Nov 05.

It dispels the myth that defence personnel possess everything but a sense of humour. For Humour in Uniform: A Potpourri from National Defence Academy is one such literary and artistic compilation that brims with healthy humour from the 'men in uniform' themselves. Be it portraying the Cadets' tough training on the field, or sombre lessons in the classroom or those precious moments of fun with their close friends, Humour in Uniform tries to look at the brighter side of NDA. This book is not a satire on the NDA or the uniform that we so revere. But it is an attempt by the Cadets, of the Cadets and for the Cadets to laugh at themselves. It lends a funny side to the otherwise gruelling life at the National Defence Academy.

The Indian Express, 30 Nov 2005.
The NDA alumni have kept the national flag flying high on the battlefields, at seas and in the air/space. The number of gallantry and distinguished service award-winners is legion. In adventure sports on land, at sea and in the air, they have added stirring chapters in the annals of the Armed Forces and won laurels for their Alma Mater and for themselves. A little known, but the most potent facet that has remained dormant hitherto and now brought to limelight is their new avatar as humorists, wits and cartoonists -- a rare blend of the sword and the pen!

**Humour in Uniform: A Potpourri from National Defence Academy** is a rare assortment of hilarious articles, funny cartoons, catchy captions, witty one-liners and amusing anecdotes about ‘humour at work’. One may think of any aspect of ‘Life at NDA’, it is there!!

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**Besides preserving the genre of military humour in units and formation libraries, it has immense entertainment value for the welfare of officers and Defence Personnel serving in retirement.**

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