

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAJOR GENERAL (Ret'd) JIOJI KONOUSI
KONROTE'S CURRICULUM VITAE

Major General Jioji Konousi **KONROTE** is one of Fiji's most **Outstanding** and **Decorated Military Officer** who was particularly noted for his **Courage, Strong Sense of Morality, Righteousness, Forethought, Professionalism and Adaptability** during his 36x years as a **Solider** and **Military Commander**.

- He was educated in Fiji and abroad.
- He is a Graduate of the:
 - New Zealand Army, Administration & Tactical Schools, **WAIQURU**;
 - Australian Army Officer Cadet School, **PORTSEA**;
 - Australian Army Command & Staff College, **QUEENSCLIFF**;
 - **(Fellow)** of the Australian College of Defence & Strategic Studies;
 - John F Kennedy School of Government, **HARVARD UNIVERSITY** (United States of America) – Programme for **Senior Executives** in **National Defence** and **International Security**.

As a soldier Major General **KONROTE** had served with the **1st Ranger Squadron, Special Air Service of the New Zealand Army (NZSAS)**.

As a young Officer, he had served as a **Platoon Commander** with the **1st Battalion of the Royal Hampshire Regiment** and a **Staff Officer** in the **Headquarters** of the **51st Infantry Brigade, British Far East Land Forces in Hong Kong**.

Within the Republic of the Fiji Military Forces, Major General Konrote served as a **Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment, (United Nations Interim Forces Lebanon) UNIFIL** and was appointed **Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff RFMF from 1988 to 1996**.

In **1997-1999** he was appointed as an **Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations** and took over as the **Force Commander UNIFIL**.

Major General Konrote retired from **Active Service** within the ranks of the **RFMF** at the end of his term as **UNIFIL Force Commander** and was appointed **Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs & Immigration in 2000**.

In **2002**, he was posted to **Canberra as Fiji's High Commissioner** to the **Commonwealth of Australia** and **Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Singapore**.

During the 2006 General Elections, Major General Konrote was elected into **Parliament as the Member for Rotuma** and appointed as the **Minister of State for Ex-Servicemen & Immigration**.

He returned to his home island of Rotuma in 2007 and was a **community worker** until the **2014 General Elections** when he was again **re-elected** into Parliament and **appointed Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations** in the present **FIJIFIRST Bainimarama** led **Government**.

Major General Konrote has had a very **long, dedicated** and **distinguished** career in serving Fiji as a **Military Commander, an International Peacekeeper, a United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Force Commander UNIFIL**, as a **Senior Civil Servant, Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs & Immigration**, as a **Diplomat Head of Mission, Fiji's High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia** and **Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Singapore**; and as a **Parliamentarian, Minister of State for Ex-Servicemen & Immigration** and presently, **Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations**.

Major General Konrote's **5x decades** of service for his country and the people of our beloved Fiji is a paragon of **Loyalty, Courage and Devotion to Duty** in his performance as a **Military Commander, Honesty and Dedication** as a **Senior Civil Servant, Tact and Perseverance** as a **Diplomat** and **Care and Compassion** as a **Parliamentarian**.