



Swiss Association of Historical Troops (SAHT)

If we want to know who we are and where we are going, we must know and understand our history. It is essential to remember events of the past. Keeping memories alive also helps future generations to better understand their parents and grandparents, and to be aware that things were not always better in former times, they were simply different.

The Swiss Association of Historical Troops helps us to understand our past. Switzerland has the privilege of being able to look back on more than 170 years of history without military confrontation on its territory. We owe this remarkable fact not least to our conscript system and thus to the troops that have served Switzerland over the past two centuries.

To enable our armed forces to protect our security and our liberty, it is crucial to restore the balance between our military's missions and its resources. This is the goal of the Armed Forces Development Programme (AFDP), which is being implemented from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2022. The AFDP will bring about significant improvements in readiness, training and equipment, and in addition support the regionalisation of our armed forces.

Let us take the time to remember but at the same time we must not forget that it is our duty to stand together and guarantee our security and freedom.

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