

CURRICULUM VITAE



Full Name: Jioji Konousi **KONROTE**
Date of Birth: 26th December, 1947
Marital Status: Married to Sarote Faga Konrote
Family Members, sons: Emmanuel Jioje Konrote and Andrew Elaisa Konrote They are both Commercial Pilots with our National Airline Fiji Airways (First Officers – Airbus A330-200), who are happily married to Kazuyou and Patrina respectively and are blessed with their own children.
Religion: Whole family are Seventh Day Adventists (Sabbath Keepers).
Hobbies: Reading, Gardening and Fishing.

Primary and Secondary School Education

Draiba/ Nabua Primary Schools, Suva. 1953 - 1956
Motusa Primary School, Rotuma. 1957 - 1958
Malha'a Secondary School, Rotuma. 1959 - 1963
Natabua High School, Lautoka. 1964 - 1966

Military Educational Record and Qualification

New Zealand Army-Administration & Tactical Schools, **WAIQURU**, 1970 - 1971
Graduate, Australian Army Officer Cadet School, **PORTSEA**, 1972.
Graduate, Australian Army Command & Staff College, **QUEENSCLIFF**, 1982, psc.
Graduate, Australian College of Defence and Strategic Studies, **CANBERRA** 1996
(Fellow) Graduate, Programme for Senior Executives in National Defence and International Security, **John F Kennedy School of Government, HARVARD UNIVERSITY/ (United States of America)**, 2000.

Awards/ Decorations

Fiji Independent Medal	1970
UNIFIL Peace Medal	1978
Military Cross (UK) for Gallantry	1982
Meritorious Service Decoration	1987
Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, (UK)	1995
Officer of the Order of Fiji, (Military Division)	1997
Order of Merit (Italy),	November 1997
Order of Cedar (Lebanon),	October 1999

Junior Officer Record of Service

- May 1966: Enlisted into the Royal now Republic of Fiji Military Force (RFMF).
- 1970 to 1971: Seconded to the New Zealand Armed Forces and served with the **1st Ranger Squadron, NZ Special Air Service (NZSAS)**.
- 1972: Graduated as a Second Lieutenant into the Fiji Infantry Regiment from the Australian Army Officer Cadet School, **PORTSEA**.
- 1974 to 1975: As a **Subaltern** was seconded to the British Army Far East Land Forces and served as a Platoon Commander with the 1st Battalion, **The Royal Hampshire Regiment** and a **Staff Officer in Headquarters 51 Infantry Brigade in Hong Kong**.

Senior Military and Civil Appointments

- Jun – Dec 1978: **Appointed Company Commander, (C Company) and posted to the 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment, (1FIR) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)**
- Jun 1981 – Jun 1982: **Appointed Company Commander. (A Company, 1FIR (UNIFIL).**
- 1983 – 84: **Senior Operational Plans Officer, UNIFIL Headquarters, Naqoura, Lebanon**
- Mar 1986 – Apr 87: **Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, UNIF1L**
- Apr 1988- Apr 90: **Chief of Staff Republic Of Fiji Military Force, RFMF**
- Apr 1990- Apr 91: **Deputy Force Commander UNIFIL**
- Apr 1991- Sept 97: **Deputy Commander / Chief of Staff, RFMF**
- Oct 1997- Oct 99: **United Nations Assistant Secretary General, Force Commander, UNIFIL.**
- Feb 2000- Mar 02: **Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Immigration.**
- Apr 2002- Mar 06: **High Commissioner of the Republic of Fiji Islands to the Commonwealth of Australia and, Ambassador Plenipotentiary to The Republic Of Singapore.**
- June- Dec 06: **Elected Member of Parliament for Rotuma. Minister of State for Immigration & Ex-servicemen.**

Dec 2006- Aug 14: Government's Special Representative Advisor to the Council of Rotuma – Community Worker

Sep 2014 **Elected into Parliament as a Member of the FIJIFIRST Bainimarama led Government and appointed Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations.**

Summary - Personal Qualities and Achievements.

Major General Jioji Konousi **KONROTE** is one of Fiji's most **Outstanding** and **Decorated** Military Officers. He has been recognised by his superiors as an **excellent Regimental** and **Staff Officer** who was highly regarded by those he had served with. He was particularly noted for his **Courage, Strong sense of Morality** and **Righteousness, Forethought, Professionalism, Flexibility and Adaptability**. His outstanding qualities had been shown by the **calibre of his judgement and actions under very trying and difficult circumstances**. Major General Konrote was also highly respected by both the Lebanese and the Israelis for his wide experience with UNIFIL, but more so for his **Fair, Friendly** but **Firm stance** in resolving very difficult situations, which frequently arose between the different warring factions. His active involvement and assistance to the **1996 Peace Monitoring Group** was greatly appreciated by the **United States of America, French, Syrian, Israeli and Lebanese** delegates alike. In appreciation of his efforts for Commanding UNIFIL, which was **one of the biggest** and perhaps the **most difficult** United Nations Peace Keeping Operation Worldwide, Major General Jioji Konousi Konrote was awarded the **Order of Cedar and the Order of Merit** by the Lebanese and Italian Governments respectively.

Major General Konrote has had a very long, dedicated and distinguished career in serving Fiji as a Military Officer/ Commander, an International Peacekeeper, as a United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Force Commander UNIFIL, a senior Civil Servant, as a Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and immigration and as a Diplomat- Fiji High Commissioner to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Singapore.

Elected into Parliament following the **May 2006 General Elections** as an **Independent Member for Rotuma** and **appointed as a Minister of State for Immigration and Ex-Servicemen in the Qarase led Government**. Re-elected into Parliament following the **17th September 2014 General Elections** and appointed shortly thereafter as **Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations in the Bainimarama led FIJIFIRST Government**.

Major General Konrote's more than 4 x decades of service for his country and the people of 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 and **Tact** and **Perseverance** as a Diplomat and Parliamentarian.