

## GGSA Gauteng-Noord / GSSA Gauteng North

Takbyeenkoms /
Branch Event

Saterdag / Saturday 13 Julie / July 2024 @ 13:00 vir / for 13:30

Kruger Galery / Kruger Gallery
VOORTREKKERMONUMENT /
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& via gelyktydige / simultaneous Zoom

The battle of Vegkop

Speaker
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About the speaker

Francois de Villiers Tredoux was born on 18 April 1964. He studied at UNISA and lives with his family in Erasmuskloof. His home language is Afrikaans but he is fluent in English and German.

François introduces himself as follows:

I hold a (BA Hons) degree in Strategic Studies, majoring in Evolution of Warfare, Air & Maritime Warfare. Of particular interest to me is advanced theory and practice of internal war, the study of Strategy, and the study of National Security Policy.

My interest has always been in general military history in the world and in particular South Africa. The history and military conflicts of the South African pioneers (Voortrekkers) are of special interest to me.

A major interest and expertise of mine is in geopolitics, especially on current events shaping the world.

I have had the opportunity to visit and tour many major battlefields and museums in Europe and North Africa, such as the following:

- Normandy (D Day landings)
- Battle of the Bulge (German staging areas in the Ardennes)
- WW1 battlefield tours in Lille, France
- Battle of Waterloo in Belgium (Napoleonic Wars)
- Battle for Moscow (German glimpse of Kremlin 15 miles)
- Russian tank museum at Kubinka
- El-Alamein in Egypt and museum including the military graveyards of the South Africans, Italians and Germans.

