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Alec Cruywagen was born on February 8, 1947 at Rouxville in the Vrystaat. After schooling, he studied veterinary science and focuses on farming. In the late eighties he joined the [Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging \(AWB\)](#) and progress till to the rank of General in 1990. He was the first general of the AWB and later became Chief of Staff and later assistant commandant-general of the Movement.

After the founding of the AWB Wenkommando he became the commander of the Suid-Wenkommando, he helps Wenkommando across the country to establish and organize training camps for to mobilize the Boer volk. Originally, the training camps were only for men, but he feels strongly that the women of the volk needed training. An outcome of the training to the women was the establishment of an elite unit for women in the AWB Wenkommando structure, the Rooivalke.

At the request of the Boers, he also initiated action to protect farms on Lesotho and Transkei borders. Horse and bike patrols were part of these actions and so ensure that theft and attacks on farmers drastically reduced. Although the NP government would want to deny, the former minister Cobie Cotzee impressed and grateful for the support of the AWB on the borders.

In April 1992 he was delegated to a rightwing congress in Athens, Greece, to represent the AWB. There he met several right-wing leaders from all over the world. In Greece he gained honorary membership of the New Dawn movement and he explained to the foreign rightists the history of South Africa, how people lived and was educated in South Africa.

In Standerton he and the Wenkommando stopped an [ANC](#) march that would run through the white neighborhood, and in Warrenton he lead to obtain a court order to prohibit an ANC march through the town.

