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Welcome to the Reserve Force Volunteer Magazine, winter 2016 edition. This is another edition packed with a mean punch, like Mohammad Ali once said “Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee,” that’s the story of our lives here at Reserve Force Volunteer team.

June was youth month and South Africa remembers the bravery of the class of 1976. The entire world mourned the death of legendary boxer and former world heavyweight champion Mohammad Ali who passed on in June. Ali touched and inspired many lives not only in America but the whole world, from the streets of Manila to the jungle of Kinshasa and he remains one of the most celebrated boxers of all time - May his soul rest in peace.

Team South Africa is preparing for the Olympic Games in the city of Rio, Brazil and with support of the entire nation they will go all out to impress and bring back gold medals. Go Team SA!

Back to this winter edition of your favourite publication. This is what we have in store for you: Reserves message from the Newly Appointed Chief of the South African Army, Lieutenant General Lindile Yam, 100 years of History – Centenary of the Battle of Delville Wood and the Sinking of the SS Mendi, Launch of the Defence Provincial Liaison Council of the Eastern Cape Province and Visit by the CEO of the South African Post Office, MR Mark Barnes, to 11 Field Postal Unit.

Upcoming events: Gauteng Military Tattoo, 07-10 September, Apartheid Museum, Johannesburg, the 2016 Military Skills Competition, taking place from 23 – 30 October in Potchefstroom, see you there! Don’t forget to visit our website for updates: www.rfdiv.mil.za.

We sincerely hope that you are going to enjoy reading this publication as much as we did while busy preparing it for you. Until next time, keep well. Remember to pass this magazine on to a friend when you are done.

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I welcome the opportunity to provide the message in this edition of the Reserve Force Volunteer. This publication is indeed an important mouthpiece, dedicated to a large and essential component of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF). There is no doubt in my mind that the Reserves play a major and significant role in the SANDF and specifically in the SA Army by augmenting the Regulars and ensuring that we sustain the force levels for our ordered operational commitments.

This is my salute to our Reserves as we continue to celebrate their commitment to duty. From my previous experience as the General Officer Commanding of the SA Army Infantry Formation, no one needs to remind me of the continued sustained pressure that the Reserves endure during both internal and external operations. The fact that the Reserves have been able to absorb these pressures can be attributed to the high level of commitment shown by the Reserve Officers Commanding and their leader group to remain true to their cause. I am proud of the fact that the Reserves are standing shoulder to shoulder with the Regulars in the defence of our country.

It is true that even in high intensity military operations we have seen amazing leadership being exercised on the ground by some of our Reserve junior Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and troops through displays of exceptional loyalty, dedication and courage under very trying circumstances. Rifleman Francis Plaatjie from the SA Irish Regiment now has serious permanent injuries sustained in a heroic stand he made in a fight against rebel forces with his 7,62mm Light Machine Gun in Darfur, Sudan. We should always acknowledge heroes like these.

The SA Army acknowledges without any doubt that both the Regulars and Reserves will always form the One Force required for the defence of our country and that they are complementary and essential partners in our defence capabilities. The Army Reserves have an important role to play and provide a cost-effective and efficient means of providing significant capacity to the capabilities of the SANDF. In the previous financial year, a total of 10 889 SA Army Reserves were utilised and amongst other assigned tasks also provided more than 50% of the Companies deployed for border safeguarding. This was achieved at a cost of only 7,4% of the total SA Army personnel budget.

I fully agree that the imperative remains for a viable Reserve within the One Force in order for the SANDF to fulfil its mandate. The rejuvenation and transformation plan for the Reserves that was instituted in 2003, has succeeded in the providing of deployable sub-units in the Infantry, resulting in significant contributions to deployments. I however remain concerned...
about the Reserve component in the other formations. The implementation of the Defence Review provides a framework within which to develop the military capacity vested in the Reserves.

However, we have now come to a point where we need to re-asses ourselves, understand the future requirements and the roles we will be expected to fulfill on behalf of South Africa. To this end we will have to apply our minds to the best way in which we can organise and develop the Reserves for that future. As part of this we will have to address the ageing of the force and more specifically the renewal of the Reserves to ensure that they are fit for purpose. The rejuvenation of the Reserves is an imperative for them to be able to continue to supplement a Regular component beginning to show signs of battle fatigue.

I have therefore instructed that a new “Africanised” Reserve Service System must be conceptualised and developed so as to ensure an appropriate and viable Reserve for the future. It is clear that a classic western orientated Reserve Service System is not aligned to current socio-economic conditions in South Africa and does not capture the dynamics and aspirations of the youth of today. Unfortunately a reality in the Reserve component is that the vast majority of members are unemployed. This does however enable increased levels of utilisation and an on-going sustainable contribution by the Reserves to protracted operations. A clean slate analysis of this situation needs to be undertaken with a view to the development of management criteria and/or adjustment to the Reserve Service System as a whole. This new Reserve Service System must also be aligned with the new Military Strategy that will flow from the Defence Review 2015 implementation process.

The University Reserve Training Programme (URTP) remains an important objective of the SA Army and a tool for rejuvenating and developing its Reserve capability. Currently a significant number of URTP graduates are already participating as active Reserve Officers at unit level and are making significant contributions, not only to their units, but also to the SA Army as a whole. However, I have instructed my staff to focus attention onto the SA Army URTP in the following three ways: to confirm that all Reserve URTP members complete their corps related training to ensure that they are fully deployable as junior officers within their functional environments and to also undergo further training if necessary; to investigate whether the current URTP programme of the SA Army remains relevant and current and if required, to design a new URTP approach with any adaptations that are deemed necessary and lastly; to offer selected URTP members the opportunity of entering the Core Service System (CSS) as Regulars. This will maximise the utilisation and exploitation of the professional, leadership and intellectual capabilities that these members can provide to enhancing my vision for the professional full time component of the SA Army.

The SA Army has also successfully finalised the Name Review Process for Army Reserve units. The aim of this exercise is to acquire a level of synergy amongst role players, with unit names and regiments reflecting cohesiveness and regimental pride amongst all Reserves. The process that was pursued made provision for accommodating the South African military history currently not reflected in the makeup of the force. The process also accommodated regional uniqueness as well as the acknowledgment of military heroes of the past and the contributions that they made to the South Africa of today.

In my view, South Africa possesses a rich and diverse military history that spans many centuries. This history reflects a variety of themes, cultures, traditions, organizational features, combat experiences as well as personal histories. In the spirit of building a common military culture as well as being relevant to the new South Africa there is enough scope for us to ensure that unit names are, in a balanced way, reflective of this rich and diverse military history and heritage. The results of this process will be released once the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans has approved the new names.

I have also made it clear in my Commander’s Brief that the Centre of Gravity for the SA Army over the medium term will be “dynamic leadership within a disciplined and well trained SA Army”. I have every confidence in the SA Army Reserves and its leadership and the support it will give me as we move into the future.
In her budget vote speech in Parliament on 11 May, 2016, the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, made important references to the Reserves and the University Reserve Training Programme.

The Minister said:
“I am pleased to report back that we have increased the companies deployed on our borders from 13 to 15 as I had committed last year. This is still short of the 22 companies stipulated in the National Security Strategy. Despite this shortfall, the SANDF achieved major successes during the past financial year. The Reserves are currently contributing more than 50% of forces deployed on the borders.”

“The University Reserve Training Programme system is designed to enable the Defence Force to recruit the brightest and best from our tertiary institutions.

To this end, 275 university students have completed their basic military training and are continuing with officer and functional training before being deployed to Reserve Units. There is great demand among university students to join this programme, but a lack of funding has stunted its growth. This is regrettable, as it denies the Defence Force the opportunity to recruit critical skills into the Reserves and the Regulars.”

The comments by the Minister form a very relevant backdrop to the Message from the Chief of the South African Army, Lt Gen Lindile Yam, in this edition of the Reserve Force Volunteer. This message provides a clear summary of Lt Gen Yam’s Strategic Intent for the SA Army Reserves.

An important event addressed in this edition is the Act of Reconciliation at the very sad commemoration in France of the Battle of Delville Wood, which occurred 100 years ago. The troops in this Battle were drawn from what is today the Reserve Force. It has been said that:

“Two particular events had a seminal effect on the consciousness of South Africa.

The first, the Battle of Delville Wood in July 1916, resulted in the tragic loss of 763 South African lives, a large proportion of the total of 2 375 fatalities in France in that war. This battle was, however, also a reason for national pride, following the stoic defence of the Wood by the 1st South African Infantry Brigade over six days and five nights.

No less tragic was the loss of 628 members of the South African Native Labour Corps in the sinking of the troopship SS Mendi on 21 February, 1917. The bravery displayed by the troops as the ship sunk has become the stuff of legend.”

The commemoration of the sinking of the SS Mendi will be addressed in the next edition of The Reserve Force Volunteer.

Please enjoy reading this magazine designed for our Reserves.
The Commander in Chief of the SANDF and the President of the Republic of South Africa, President Jacob Zuma was the Chief Functionary at the Memorial Service held in Delville Wood on 12 July 2016 to commemorate the Centenary of the Battle. The spirit of this year’s service was one of Remembrance and Reconciliation and culminated in the President unveiling a Wall of Remembrance which contains an alphabetic list of South Africans, regardless of race and creed, who lost their lives in World War 1. This will ensure that the then members of the SA Native Labour Corps join their white compatriots in receiving just recognition for their sacrifices. In anticipation of the Commemoration on 21 February 2017 of the Centenary of the sinking of the SS Mendi in 1916, the Museum in Delville Wood has been updated to include an extensive display on this tragic event in our history.
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President Jacob Zuma delivering his speech

President Jacob Zuma, French dignitaries & Minister of Defence & Military Veterans Ms Noswe Noluthando Mapisa-Nqakula

SA Banner Bearers

The President pays his respects

Three SA learners sponsored by the Delville Wood Trust

National Ceremonial Guard
Military dignitaries observing the proceedings

French Banner Bearers

The new Wall of Remembrance

Artifacts from SS Mendi in Delville Wood Museum

Exhibit on SS Mendi
All roads led to Port Elizabeth for the men and women in uniform as they travelled in their numbers to support the fifth annual South African National Defence Force (SANDF) Armed Forces Day Parade. This prestigious edutainment event was held on Sunday, 21 February 2016, at Kings Beach, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province.

In 2012, the President of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) and Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) proclaimed that 21 February would be observed and commemorated as Armed Forces Day. He declared this to be a day on which the South African population honoured men and women of the South African National Defence Force by affirming their support and gratitude to them for upholding the Constitution of the Republic and defending the territorial integrity of the Republic and protecting its people.

It is for this reason that Armed Forces Day coincides with the commemoration of the sinking of the SS Mendi on 21 February 1917, which resulted in the deaths of 616 South Africans and 31 crew who died when the SS Mendi was struck by the SS Darro in the English Channel, near the Isle of Wight. Till today, this tragedy is still regarded as the worst South African maritime
tragedy in history. Prior to the parade, the President laid a wreath at the SS Mendi Memorial in New Brighton.

The Chief of the South African Navy was the main executor and coordinator of this successful event. Since the proclamation, Armed Forces Day has been celebrated in three provinces, namely Gauteng, the Free State and North West Province.

The President of the Republic, President Jacob Zuma, in his capacity as the Commander-in-Chief of the SANDF, officiated at this 5th celebration of Armed Forces Day and, as the main functionary, he took the salute from the South African National Defence Force during the military parade. He also conferred Mandela Gold Medals on deserving SANDF members, both men and women, for their role in taking care of our statesman during his illness, his funeral, the mourning period arrangements, the lying-in-state at the Union Buildings, and the contribution to the successful execution of the state funeral in Qunu.

In his speech, the Commander-in-Chief said: “Our soldiers must be skilled, healthy, fit and highly disciplined military professionals; they must possess a high level of morale and sense of duty. That is the character of the soldier we are moulding in the SANDF”.

Armed Forces Day was implemented to achieve several objectives, which are as follows:

- To unite all South Africans behind our military.
- To allow the SANDF to interact with communities.
- To expand public understanding of the military’s role and its purpose to society.
- To showcase the latest military equipment and technologies used to protect the public.
- To demonstrate the military combat readiness against threats and to support government during peacetime.

After the parade, the guests and over ten thousand members of the community who attended the event witnessed a fine selection of capability demonstrations by all four Arms of the Service. These included a live demonstration of anti-piracy operations by the SA Navy, beach landing by the SA Army, the release of hostages by SA Special Forces and the extraction of injured personnel by the SA Air Force and the SA Military Health Service, which was a marvel to watch for kids, senior citizens and all the inhabitants of the surrounding community. Nothing is more reassuring to ordinary citizens on matters of national security than capability demonstrations done by
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Flag bearers of the different Services.

The SA Army Reserves also supported the personnel who assisted with preparations for the marching column. Col Ray van Zanten from the SA Infantry Formation did the SABC TV commentary on the capability demonstration. This prestigious event on the calendar of the Department of Defence was, once again, executed in a professional manner as it left the community of Port Elizabeth astonished and begging for more.

Approximately one thousand SANDF members and over one hundred vehicles and aircraft participated in the march and flypast.

The SANDF Reserve Force formed part of the crew which supported and delivered great performances throughout the event.

Two Security companies were supplied by:
- Buffalo Volunteer Rifles – East London
- Regiment Piet Retief– Port Elizabeth

Parade Reserve Platoons were supplied by:
- First City – Grahamstown
- Prince Alfred’s Guard – Port Elizabeth
- Regiment Piet Retief– Port Elizabeth

Colour Party was formed by:
- 1st City - Grahamstown

Gun salute
A battery of the Cape Field Artillery fired twenty one and seventeen round gun salutes.

their very own National Defence Force and such was the feeling of many guests and members of the community around the Bay when they saw the SANDF “in action”.

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The Eastern Cape, DPLC (Defence Provincial Liaison Council) was launched on Saturday 20 February 2016 at Thatchwoods Country Estate, Port Elizabeth. The Pipe Major – Mr Derek Soutter, announced the arrival of VIP guests by piping their arrival. The national anthem was professionally played by him. The code of conduct was read by Lt Col. Bangani of the Eastern Cape Provincial office. The welcoming speech was delivered by Col. Roy Gowar, SSO Provincial Office Eastern Cape. Dignitaries who attended the launch were, Major General Roy Andersen, Brigadier General Susan Molefe, members from other Provincial Offices, as well as their DPLC Chairpersons, Mr E van Niekerk Chairperson of the Reserve Force Council Eastern Cape, and other invited guests. The address was given by Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen Andersen. Colonel Roy Gowar, Senior Staff Officer (SSO) Defence Reserves Eastern Cape, introduced the new DPLC members, as well as the friends of the Defence Reserves.

Maj Gen Andersen presented certificates of membership, to the newly inaugurated members of the Eastern Cape DPLC. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to three businesses in the Eastern Cape in appreciation of their loyal support to the Defence Reserves. These businesses were Mr & Mrs Tucker of Riverside Service Station in Port Elizabeth, Mr & Mrs Brett Pope of Sanas Fruit & Veg, East London and Mr Mark and Des Oberem of Ideal Butchery of East London.

Defence Provincial Liaison Council Inaugurated Members:

**Chairperson**
- Professor R. Haines
- Nkosi (Chief) M.D. Siwani
- Mr M. Dingwayo
- Mr M. Makapela
- Ms A. Shelver

**Ex Officio**
- Col R.E.W. Gowar
- Mr (Lt Col Ret) E. van Niekerk

The adoption and signing of the DPLC Western Cape Constitution by members of the DPLC-Eastern Cape was duly completed. The formalities of the evening were brought to a close with the presentation of two toasts viz:

**To our country, South Africa**
- Chief L. M. Siwani

**To the Defence Reserves**
- Mr A. Le Roux (Chairperson of Limpopo DPLC)

The evening closed with the traditional toast to the piper by Col R. Gowar.

This prestigious evening was acknowledged by appreciation on behalf of all the dignitaries, armed force members and the general public. It will always be remembered as an evening of camaraderie, good will and positivity towards our future.
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Launch of the Defence Provincial Liaison Council of the Eastern Cape Province

L to R: Professor R. Haines, Chairperson of the DPLC Eastern Cape; Mr Anton le Roux, Chairperson of the DPLC Limpopo; Advocate Anthea Michaels, Chairperson of the DPLC Western Cape and Mr Willie van der Schyf, Chairperson of the DPLC Gauteng who formed part of the event.

Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen Roy Andersen and Brig Gen Debbie Molefe, Director Defence Reserves with the Members of the DPLC-Eastern Cape.

L to R: Lt Col Graig-Mackie, SO1 Provincial Office KZN; Col Patrick Acutt, SSO Provincial Office KZN; Col Mpho Dijane, SSO Provincial Office FS; Lt Col Babalwa Mdingi, SO1 Provincial Office FS and Col Ferdi van Rooyen, SSO Defence Reserves Provincial Office Limpopo who were amongst the guests.

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Like the City of Johannesburg and gold, the Rand Show and the SANDF go back a long way and the relationship has continued to grow strong over the years. In fact, the relationship is now 10 hectares strong, as this year the SANDF was allocated 10 hectares of space, which the SANDF used efficiently, with world-class, show-stopping edutainment exhibition stalls and capability demonstrations from all four arms of the Services as well as the Divisions. The 2016 Rand Show was held over the period 25 March to 03 April 2016.

The show was officially opened on Friday, the 25th of March 2016, by the Secretary for Defence, Dr Sam Ngulube, on behalf of Defence and Military Veterans’ Minister, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.

In his opening address, the Secretary for Defence said: “Our participation in the Rand Show affords us the opportunity to interact with the people of South Africa in a more sociable and relaxed atmosphere. It offers us a good platform to interact directly with the people, which enables us to talk to them and make them understand our work as the military. He further stated that “through the Rand Show we, as the SANDF, are able to educate and raise public awareness of our activities in the area of defence. This includes informing the public about possible careers in the SANDF and showcasing the SANDF and its capabilities.

Dr Ngulube officially welcomed all exhibitors and members of the public and wished them a fun-filled week at this year’s edition of the Rand Show.

After the official opening, Dr Ngulube visited the Defence Reserves’ stall and was warmly welcomed by Maj Gen Roy Andersen, Chief Defence Reserves, who briefed him on matters concerning the Reserves’ stall and the importance of the Reserves forming part of the exhibition together with the other Services and Divisions.

The Reserves’ stall, which was located in Hall 10 together with other Services and Divisions, handed out Reserve promotional material, such as magazines, forms, pamphlets, brochures and other promotional items.
Besides the famous capability demonstration in the main arena on Thursday 31 March, the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) Reserve staffers had the chance to assist the South African Air Force (SAAF) in support of social responsibility initiatives and joint ventures with Reach for a Dream NGO in Pretoria that helped to fulfill Nonkululeko Xaba’s dream of becoming a military officer for a day and owning her own laptop.

To make the day extra special for the young damsel, who suffers from a kidney-related chronic condition, the SAAF took her though a long and exciting journey of life at the SANDF – from the capability skills demonstration site to a wide variety of exhibition stalls at the Rand Show.

Accompanied by her mother, Xolisile Mkhize, and her best friend, Gugulathu Sibiya, she could not hide her excitement and joy at finally meeting her heroes and heroines.

“I am happy and excited and wish that the two organisations also extend their open hands to my fellow peers”, said Nokuthula of her unforgettable experience.

Chaplain M.L. Mutshekwane from SANDF Chaplain Services encouraged the young motivated lady from Mayibuye Thembisa (Centurion) always to pursue her dreams in life. Yet another successful Department of Defence inspirational deed aimed at fulfilling childrens’ dreams in line with the government’s commitment of creating ‘a better South Africa by nurturing leaders of tomorrow’. There is no doubt that this one-day special treatment that this young lady received will be instrumental in her joining the Force in the future.

Reach For A Dream Foundation’s mission is to encourage children to use their dreams to fight life-threatening illnesses and inspire hope. Reach for a Dream believes, as far as possible, in making dreams come true.

The Foundation’s vision is to grow, which would enable the Foundation to continue giving hope to children fighting life-threatening illnesses through the fulfilment of their dreams, and to further help as many children facing these illnesses though its national projects, such as Camp Sunshine, Queen For A Day, Captain Courage and Jabulani Kingdom Hospital entertainment projects that all function on an ongoing basis. Each day, the Foundation fulfills four dreams across South Africa on average.
For 25 years, the Reach For A Dream Foundation has brought hope, joy and healing to South African children. These children, between the ages of 3 and 18 years, have used their dreams to fight life-threatening illnesses, such as cancer, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, kidney failure and blood disorders. A total of 1,328 individual dreams were fulfilled in 2012. The Foundation also orchestrated 218 outings organised by its various regions. A total of 4,920 children attended these outings. In addition to this, Reach For A Dream ran 34 Captain Courage projects and 38 Queen For A Day projects. It organised 27 Camp Sunshines and its Jabulani team paid 438 visits to children in hospitals.

On Friday, 1 April 2016, Chief South African National Defence Force (CSANDF), General Solly Shoke, paid a special visit to the members of the SANDF, who were participating in the Show.

Upon his arrival, the Chief visited every stall, checking on his members’ well-being and ensuring that they do what they are good at.

The Chief visited the Reserve Force stall and was welcomed by Col Shuping Motswadira, SSO Marketing and Promotions, who briefed him on his experiences at the show up to that point in time.

The Col told the Chief that members of the public visited the Reserves’ stall in numbers to gather more information about the Reserve Force System. He believed that the capability demonstrations played a crucial role in attracting members of the community – many of whom showed interest in joining the Force while others expressed their appreciation for the hard work that the SANDF does for South Africa and its people.

The show officially ended on 3 April 2016. To say the Force “stole” the show would be an understatement; credit must be given to Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen Roy Andersen, for his support during the show; Col Sipho Majombozi, Senior Staff Officer (SSO) Provincial Office Gauteng, and staff for their outstanding contribution and moral support; Col Shuping Motswadira as well as Chief Defence Reserves staff for outstanding service rendered; and SANDF Reserve Force Services (SA Army, SAAF and SAHMS) for supporting the show with professional and well-disciplined communicators. All these initiatives flew the Reserve flag as high as possible. The 2016 Rand Show was a resounding success by all accounts.
A parade took place at the Armscor Sports Ground in Erasmuskloof on Friday, 15 March 2016 to welcome Lt Gen Masondo. Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen Andersen, and staff, together with many other SANDF staff members, took time off their busy schedules to attend this important function. General Masondo assumed duty as Chief of Staff at Defence Headquarters in Erasmuskloof on 1 February 2016.

The Office of Chief Defence Reserves welcomes Lt Gen Masondo and is looking forward to a long and fruitful working relationship with Chief of Staff’s office under his leadership.
Speech delivered by Lieutenant General Vusumuzi Ramakala Masondo during the welcome parade

I am humbled by this opportunity to formally voice my appreciation for the manner in which you have warmly accepted me here at Defence Headquarters ever since our principals decided I would better serve our organization at this level. I have always wanted to put my heartfelt appreciation for your friendly and professional reception in words but was yet to find an appropriate opportunity to do so. Therefore, I embrace this opportunity I have been afforded to say what I have always wanted to articulate.

While I was walking up to the lectern, I saw numerous familiar faces and I am therefore comfortable to share my thoughts with you, because I believe I am in good company - the company of the people with whom I have previously worked and also those I still work with in various capacities by virtue of our being servants of the people and loyal members of our country’s armed forces.

I stand here before you today, humbled not only by the warm reception you have given since my appointment here, but also by the overwhelming confidence shown in me by the Chief of the SANDF to be his right hand man as Chief of Staff of our country’s armed forces. Kindly indulge me with this one favour and allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude to General Shoke for the confidence and trust he has put in me to support him in pursuance of his duty to lead our military. I solemnly pledge never to fall short of my constitutional obligations and disappoint him.

I am particularly honoured, because I walk into an environment in which dedicated leaders of our military served previously - an office of Chief of Corporate Staff that is renowned for being the point of call whenever the Chief of the SANDF requires dedicated men and women to step up and support our noble mandate of ensuring that our peace-loving citizens are able to sleep at night, knowing full well that the man at the helm of our armed forces has all the support he needs to command the SANDF.

Through my experience as a former Chief of the SA Army and the extensive conversations I have had with General Shoke, the Chief of the SANDF, I have come to internalize and appreciate the expectations and high hopes that my superiors have for me and the task that has been squarely put on my shoulders. I am well aware that this is not my task alone, but one that I share with many of you, members of our defence force, who will stop at nothing to ensure that
we rise to the occasion as a collective and do that which our Constitution expects of us.

Our military constantly adapts to the changing environment in which we operate in order to improve efficiency and bring us closer to our constitutional obligations. To that end, the post of Chief of Corporate Staff that I occupy has been upgraded to that of Chief of Staff, and, as I assume office, I am conscious of the additional responsibilities that it entails. I will exercise my leadership acumen to ensure that I rally all those who are determined to make our defence force a centre of excellence to collectively put shoulders to the wheel and advance our military’s mandate. I will also make it my mission to make those who have been dragging their feet realize the error of their ways and accept that, if we stick together as a united force, we have the power of numbers to transform our differences into sources of energy to advance our organizational goals.

As Chief of Staff, supported by our colleagues from the Services and Divisions, our office’s main thrust is to ensure optimal administration of the SANDF and present our principals in government with a well-oiled, disciplined, fit-for-purpose defence force, ready to effortlessly execute any mission that comes its way.

As Chief of Staff, together with loyal members of our armed forces, my responsibility is to create an environment in which Chief of the South African National Defence Force does not have to struggle with anything else that can be better dealt with by other levels within our hierarchy, but can focus solely on the demanding task of commanding our armed forces.

The success of the office of Chief of Staff largely depends on the unwavering support and cooperation of the Chiefs of Services and Divisions. Judging by the close rapport that we already enjoy with them, I believe the success that Chief of the SANDF expects us to achieve is within reach. Working together as we have done in the past, we shall strive to ensure that the SANDF remains a force to be reckoned with - a well-equipped and disciplined force that remains in touch with its constitutional mandate.

It is of critical importance to assist Chief of the SANDF in managing our military as a disciplined military force fit for its purpose. That responsibility should be uppermost in our minds and we shall strive to achieve that against all odds and never make failure an option.

Let me state unequivocally that the greatest challenge faced by my office is the need to resuscitate our military aggressively by driving the implementation of the Defence Review and achieving all the milestones set for us in an environment plagued by diminishing budgetary allocations. You all know that we are operating in an environment of fiscal strain, but that should not discourage us and cause us to deviate from the need to bring our military on a par with those of our contemporaries across the world. Our responsibilities remain and we need to manage what we have in such a manner that will still ensure that our military is suitably staffed by dedicated and loyal men and women in uniform equipped with fit-for-purpose state-of-the-art military hardware to fulfill the mandate given to us by the Constitution. Whatever the circumstances, we shall overcome and the SANDF will become the force we all aspire to realize.

When we work together to elevate the standards in our military as a united force, no input or contribution is too small. We need all hands on deck to help steer us to collective success for the benefit of the SANDF. We need one another’s talents to elevate our military and ensure that it meets its domestic and continental obligations.

Allow me to conclude my address by reminding you that it was the unity that Chief Bambatha kaMancinza Zondi forged with local chiefs around his area that helped him muster the courage and gather gallant fighters to challenge the Poll Tax imposed on his people by the British Colonialists in 1906. Chief Bambatha bravely led what was to be later known as the Bambatha Rebellion from his base in Nkandla Forest, because he had the support of his compatriots. He understood the true sense of unity and the power it has, once enmeshed into one’s way of doing things, to inspire people to achieve the inconceivable. Our forebears taught us well. Let us take their fighting spirit forward for the benefit of the people of South Africa, united in their diversity.

I thank you.
27 April 2016 was the official day on which all people of Mzanzi gathered in Giyani, Limpopo Province, to celebrate National Freedom Day. The Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force, President Jacob Zuma, congratulated Limpopo Province on successfully organising the 22nd celebration. It was pouring with rain the night before the event, leading the elders to reveal to the youth that the event was already blessed. On the morning of the event, it was misty, drizzling and overcast and this provided cool weather for the ceremony, as Giyani is mostly known for its extremely hot weather conditions.

The official programme for the occasion was preceded by a military parade executed by the National Ceremonial Guard and the Limpopo Military Army Band. Spectators, who packed the stadium, cheered as the President was honoured by means of a 21 gun salute and a flypast. Shortly after the military parade, the programme director, Minister Nathi Mthethwa, requested participants to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of lives lost during the struggle for freedom.

The President was introduced to the podium by the programme director for his key note address. In his speech, the Commander-In-Chief highlighted that South Africans should unite and advance the priorities of the country for a better life for all. He encouraged the youth to take education seriously, as they were the future leaders. He further revealed that the Government would roll out drought relief programmes aimed at providing water supply through the drilling of boreholes in rural areas. The President urged communities to initiate Community Policing Forums for their own safety. Finally, the President congratulated Limpopo for successfully hosting the Freedom Day Celebrations. For the past 21 years, the celebrations had been organised in Gauteng.

The event presented a good platform for the Defence Reserves to promote and market the Reserves. Volunteer Magazines and other promotional items were handed out to the youth and personages who attended the ceremony. Amongst the dignitaries, who gathered at Giyani Stadium for Freedom Day celebrations, were His Majesty Khosi Khulu ya la Venda Toni Mphephu Ramabulana-Ramabulana, the Ministers of Communications, Health and many others including the Premier of Limpopo, the High Commissioners from Africa and abroad, brothers and sisters from neighbouring countries, the Chief of the South African National Defence Force and all Chiefs of the Arms of the Service. They graced the occasion with their presence.

The event benefitted the small City of Giyani economically; all tourism facilities were fully booked and guests had to look for alternative facilities 100km away from the town.

Bravo Zulu to Limpopo Province!! 🇿🇦
A successful annual memorial service and wreath laying ceremony of Johannesburg Regiment was held at the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council on Saturday, 09 April 2016.

This year, the main functionary was Councillor Conny Bapela, the Madam Speaker of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council.

Troops from Johannesburg Regiment participated in the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony. This followed its recent return from a very successful operation on the South African borders under OPS CORONA.

Background

Johannesburg Regiment was founded in 1960, when the 8 Medium Field Regiment was disbanded on 28 February 1960, and remustered as the Johannesburg Regiment on 1st March 1960. Throughout the years, the Regiment has been loved by the citizens and feared by its opposition.

The Johannesburg Regiment, or JR as it is affectionately known, is an active Regiment, led by astute leaders and supported by an active Association. In its history, the Regiment has received many accolades, and experienced many highlights. Here are some of them:

• The Council of the City of Johannesburg has given the Regiment permission to use its coat of arms as a cap badge and shoulder flash.
• The Regiment was presented with Unit colours.
• The City of Johannesburg has bestowed the freedom of entry to the Johannesburg Regiment twice, once as a regiment, and once as part of 72 Brigade.
• In recent years, the Regiment has been successfully deployed in South Africa as well as Africa in a peacekeeping role.
• Last year, Johannesburg Regiment was voted the best operational unit in the South African Army Infantry Formation (SA Army Inf Fmn). It competed with other Reserve Force Units as well as Regular Force Units for this honour.
The Annual Gunners’ Memorial Service was held at the Gunners’ Memorial in Potchefstroom on 10 April 2016. Participants included Regular and Reserve Force members from the South African Army Artillery and Air Defence Artillery Formations as well as members of the Gunners’ Association.

The chief functionary was Major General Roy Andersen, Chief of Defence Reserves, and the address was given by Lieutenant General (Ret) Phillip Du Preez, National President of the Gunners’ Association.

Troops on parade were provided by 4 Artillery and ADA Regiments, the sentries and flag orderlies by both formations. The two salvos were fired by Transvaal Horse Artillery. The piper was Andrew Imrie of Cape Field Artillery.

The wreath laying was led by the Executive Mayor of Tlokwe, Councillor Khumalo, with a total of 56 wreaths laid by all artillery units, foreign attachés and veterans’ organisations.

A fitting tribute was paid to those Gunners who made the supreme sacrifice in defence of their country.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!!!
Honours and Awards as Recognition for Voluntary Service Rendered in the Reserve Force
The Chief of the South African National Defence Force’s Badge for Voluntary Reserve Force Service (BVRS)

Since 1994, the Reserve Force (Res F) has come to rely on volunteers who are prepared to sacrifice their free time to serve part-time in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF). It has therefore become very important to encourage citizens to voluntarily join the part-time component of the SANDF. The Chief of the SANDF has accordingly considered it desirable to extend special recognition to those men and women who join the SANDF for service in the Reserves.

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force’s Badge for Voluntary Reserve Force Service (BVRS) has consequently been instituted to specially recognize those officers and other ranks of the four Services of the SANDF who have completed a period of five years exemplary voluntary service in the Res F.

Qualifying Service

The badge is awarded by the Chief of the SANDF on the recommendation of the Chiefs of the Services to whom the awarding powers of the C SANDF are delegated. Voluntary service – which may be rendered on a continuous or non-continuous basis - is counted as qualifying service for the award of the badge subject to the following conditions:

• Certification by the Unit Commander that the member has completed the prescribed period of five years service and that the member was active and diligent in the performance of his/her duties
• The service record of the member recommended for the award supports the recommendation
• Service rendered in the former Citizen Force or the Commando of the SADF or the Res F of the SANDF is recognized for qualification of the award to serving Res F members

Qualifying Service – Honorary Appointments

Service in honorary appointments for not less than five years is recognized for the award of the badge provided the Unit Commander certifies that the person was active and diligent in the discharge of the duties relating to the honorary appointment.

Restrictions on Award

Only one badge shall be awarded to any member of the Res F of the SANDF and to anyone holding an honorary appointment. The badge shall be awarded only on completion of a single period of five years qualifying service served by the recipient irrespective of any time served in any Regular Force. It shall be awarded irrespective of the previous or anticipated award of any decoration or medal for long and efficient service, long service and good conduct or exemplary service or loyal service in any military or police force provided that the member complies with the requirements as prescribed in the paragraph “Qualifying Service” above.
Wearing of the Badge

As a National Defence Force distinction for exemplary voluntary Res F service, the badge takes precedence over and is worn above badges for proficiency, qualification, trades or identity.

On the award of the badge to a member, specimens of the badge will be issued which will be worn according to the prescribed Dress Regulations of the Service. The following are illustrated as examples:

Office Service Dress  Field Dress  Mess Dress (Miniature)

Procedures for Award

Recommendation. Divisional, Formation and Unit commanders must recommend to the next higher headquarters on the prescribed form (example attached) the award of the badge in respect of each qualifying member of the Res F.

Issue of the Badge. Specimens of the badge shall be issued at State expense to a recipient once only. Replacement after loss thereof shall be at the expense of the recipient or next-of-kin.


Presentation. When it is practicable, a badge shall be presented to a recipient on a parade provided that should a recipient have died before the presentation, the badge may be presented on a parade or otherwise to the next-of-kin.

Detailed Instruction

The institution, wearing, conditions, restrictions, logistic provisions and procedures for the award are prescribed in CSANDF Instruction No 05/04 under reference HR SUP CEN/AWARDS/R/104/13/2/8/1/P dated 17 August 2004. A copy of this instruction will be made available, on request, to the Chief of Services and can be obtained from WO1 George Potts at telephone number 012-355 5317.

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APPLICATION FOR THE CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE’S BADGE FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN THE RESERVE FORCE (BVRS)

1. The undermentioned member is hereby recommended for the award of the Chief of the National Defence Force’s Badge for Voluntary Service in the Reserve Force, having complied with the conditions prescribed in SOP No 003/04

   a. No: __________________________
   b. Rank: __________________________
   c. Full names and Surname: __________________________
   d. Unit/FSE: __________________________
   e. HR Support Satellite: __________________________
   f. Corps: __________________________

   qualifies for the award of the BVRS.

2. Qualifying Service rendered: (Minimum of 5 years continuous or non-continuous voluntary service). Printouts of PERSOL program EBG 12 are attached.

   a. Year: _______ Total days: _______
   b. Year: _______ Total days: _______
   c. Year: _______ Total days: _______
   d. Year: _______ Total days: _______
   e. Year: _______ Total days: _______


OFFICER COMMANDING

Unit/FSE date stamp

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED: (By Chief Director Human Resources Management)

Remarks: __________________________


CHIEF DIRECTOR HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: MAJ GEN

Date

General Order No:

Dated:

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I t seems like yesterday when The Defence Reserves Volunteer Magazine team visited the Defence Service Commission to ascertain what they were all about, why they exist and to determine the Commission’s level of commitment to and action plan as far as the Reserves are concerned. On 23 May 2016, the Reserve Force Volunteer Magazine team once again visited the commission and after a gap of nineteen months, we touched base with Commission’s affable chairperson, Professor Edna Lorraine van Harte.

It’s been almost three years since the Defence Service Commission was inaugurated and its contribution towards the welfare of men and women in uniform has been important.

“The commission has been in existence for three years now and can no longer claim to be new and still finding its feet. If I reflect upon that, I think over the last two years we have developed deeper insight and we are now more aware of real challenges faced by the South African National Defence Force Reserve Force members”, said Professor van Harte.

At the end of last year, the commission invited the Reserve Force Council to present their mandate and later on in March this year invited Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen Roy Andersen, to come and present the mandate, roles, plans and challenges that Division is faced with.

As she reflects on the presentation by Chief Defence Reserves, the Reserve Force has 22 953 members and out of that figure, over the last two years around 15 971 Reserves have been called up per year and approximately 7 000 Reserves have not received a call up. It is almost a third of Reserves currently in the system.

The SANDF needs to foster systems like the ones Prof saw during her bench mark visits in Zimbabwe and Namibia. In the Zimbabwe Defence Force they have a system in place; when the soldiers exit the force they are absorbed into other government sectors as in the Namibian Defence Force there’s a company called August 26 which they send their soldiers to for employment. In the SANDF, soldiers disappear like they never existed when they exit the force.
Asked about the consultative visits, Prof said they are continuing. The Commission is receiving more allegations arising from different Services and Divisions and because of these allegations the Commission is being triggered to go out and work. Prof urged the members to bear in mind that the Commission focuses particularly on submissions which are brought by a collective. She pleaded with the members not to submit the grievances anonymously as it makes them difficult to investigate. Members must be willing to testify and stand for their rights.

The following are the most common challenges that the Reserve Force members are faced with and where the Commission is currently making preliminary recommendations to name but a few:

- The call-ups are still a big challenge – too few.
- Learning opportunities.
- Military leave.
- Discipline.
- Group Life Benefits.
- Lack of representation by other ethnic groups (i.e. Whites).
- Corruption in call ups.
- Racism.
- Transport - Duty bus and Movement Flexibility.
- Cultural Issues.
- Medical Benefits and Leave.
- Leave (Maternity and Deployment).
- Occupational Safety.
- Uniform availability and sizes – having unsuitable uniform contributes to the loss of identity in members and impacts on military discipline. Uniforms must match combat readiness and deployment areas’ environment.
- Accommodation and living conditions – e.g. Buildings constructed with asbestos.

“What the Services and Defence Reserves need to bring to their consciousness is that they are dealing with a new constituency of Reserves. Unlike in the past, the majority of the Reserves are not necessarily employed. If we look at the statistics, at the top levels very few blacks are employed in civilian life. Most of the Defence Reserve members are breadwinners and remain unemployed when they are not on call-up. Do our policies reflect that shift?” she continued.

The chairwoman reckons from an SANDF point of view, people argue about the budget. The budget cuts are a reality but the budget does not give military personnel an excuse not to be critical when executing duties. The chairperson believes that things will be improved since the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans has initiated the development of a funding model for the Defence Force, as she stated during her 2016 budget vote speech. Prof said she was enchanted during Chief Defence Reserve’s visit, to learn that the Reserve Force have The Defence Provincial Liaison Councils (DPLCs) which were established and constituted by the Defence Reserves Provincial Offices (DRPOs) in terms of Section 47 (1) of the Defence Act. This Constitution regulates the functions and activities of the DPLCs in order to first, promote and maintain support for Reserve Force members, units and formations of the South African National Defence Force (SANDEF) with employers, organised labour and the broader public in the respective provinces. It also assists Chief Human Resources (CHR) (DHR Separation and D HR Educational Training and Development) in identifying skills development and job placement opportunities for trained Reserve Force members. She believes that initiatives such as this should be encompassed within the National Government’s imperative of alleviating poverty. The Commission pledges to support such initiatives to better the lives of Reserves. The SANDF Education Trust is also a noble initiative to support the dependents of deceased and injured Reserve Force members.

The Commission is proud to contribute in support of the Reserves. The Commission has called-up seven Reserve Force members on a continuous basis. Prof added that these members play a vital role in the division. She conveyed her gratitude towards the good work that they are doing serving under the Commission and will continue to utilise them as she believes the Commission is contributing towards positivity by affording them work opportunities.
Way forward,

- The Commission is planning to visit all Reserve Force bases and units. Inputs by Defence Reserves Division and the Reserve Force Council are going to be interrogated and worked on and the commission will make recommendations.
- The Commission will raise its voice for the Reserves at higher levels.
- The Commission continues to create posts and utilise Reserve Force Members where possible.
- The Commission will continue to support and attend the Reserve Force activities and initiatives such as Tattoos, Military Skills Competitions etc.
- Continue with bench-marking and recommendations.
- Follow up on the accomplishment of the Reserves that contribute to military culture e.g. Military Skills Competitions.
- The Commission is planning a Civil Military Relations Conference backed by the Reserve Force Council and the DPLCs which will be revisiting the decisions which were made when South Africa obtained democracy and the Forces integrated. The aim of this conference is to revisit these decisions and see if they are still relevant after 22 years in democracy and the impact that they have on conditions of service of the SANDF and members like Reserves in particularly.

Evidently, a lot has changed since our last interview with the chairperson. The challenges are now clearer and the Commission continues in trying to find solutions to various issues affecting Reserves. Soon the Reserve Force members will start to benefit from the dedication of the Commission.

“We are mindful of the Reserves and it is work in progress”, said the Defence Service Commission Chairperson Professor Edna Lorraine van Harte as we concluded the interview.
Here I am; it is the 1st of June 2016 and I have officially retired from my interesting 29-year job in the Reserve Force. Now what?

My "military life" started in 1987 in the then Citizen Force at 21 Maintenance Unit in Durban, which eventually amalgamated with 20 and 15 Maintenance Units to be known as 15 Maintenance Unit. In 1997, I relocated to Cape Town, and transferred to the Cape Town Highlanders at the Castle of Good Hope.

In 2001, I applied for a very interesting post with C Def Reserves, which was to establish the first Provincial Reserve Force Office at the Castle, for the purpose of marketing the Reserves. Western Province Command was closing down so I took matters into my own hands and went from office to office, armed with 1 L/Cpl and a big brown box, as they were all packing up their offices. I took the initiative to ask for staplers, memo books, file covers, punches, stationery and anything they were too happy to give me to make their packing easier. I collected and moved desks and chairs I found along the way. Col Alan Nelson and I started our first office. Lt Col Johan Conradie joined us a few months later and the rest is history. What a huge privilege it has been to work at the Castle and for the Defence Reserves Division.

The position (Senior Admin Clerk) has been very challenging, a roller coaster ride of happy and memorable, busy and exciting times. In the Western Cape, there is huge marketing potential and we have been kept extremely busy, educating the general public, captains of industry and local government departments on the value of a Reserve Force in the SANDF.

Marketing at local shows included the SA Navy Festival, the Hermanus Whale Fest, the Hout Bay Heritage Fest, Safety and Security shows at Makro and, of course, the highlight of the year, the Cape Town Military Tattoo. Producing a Tattoo, which takes place in November every year. Planning for the latter commences in January to accomplish all the logistical challenges, inviting local and international military bands, and typing orders and plans regarding authority, disaster management, medical, signals, rations and many more. The reward is when you finally attend the first performance and watch the show unfold - so proud of the little pieces you and many other Reserves have contributed to make this so spectacular.

I am so blessed to have met and befriended so many wonderful people from the Reserves, Regular Force, service providers and outsiders along the way. Working with the Reserve Units has been awe-inspiring. Members are always so willing to participate and assist the Reserve Office.

Thank you to all the members of the Def Res Division and Provincial Offices for all their faith in me, assistance, mentorship and friendship. I have so many good memories to treasure.

I now look forward to the next part of my journey in life - retirement. I would say that when you reach retirement, you need to be free of everything - control, rush and stress - and just ride on the wave to a new adventure.

I prefer this one - that's who I am.
As reported in the 2014 and 2015 issues of “The Reserve Force Volunteer”, the SANDF Education Trust was established in October 2013 and it can be reported that the Trust is going from strength to strength.

The object of the South African National Defence Force Education Trust is to provide bursaries and scholarships for study purposes to the dependants of the following persons:

- SANDF members killed or severely injured subsequent to 27 April 1994 whilst on official duty;
- Civilian members of the Department of Defence killed or severely injured subsequent to 27 April 1994 whilst deployed in operations with the SANDF;
- Citizens of the Republic of South Africa killed or injured subsequent to 27 April 1994 during the course of an operation mounted by the SANDF, provided that such citizens were not engaged in an activity in opposition to the aims of the SANDF operation.

The SANDF Education Trust is reliant on donations from the private sector, since no government funds are utilised. The Trust has now collected approximately R11m and, for the 2015/16 financial year, provided bursaries to 70 learners of which 32 were Primary School learners, 23 Secondary School learners and 15 Tertiary students. The total cost amounts to R1 189 054. Twelve of these bursaries were given to the dependants of Reserve Force members.

The Trust can be supported by donating money – no matter how much. The money can be deposited into the following banking account:

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Mrs Josephine Maake, mother of Mokgadi Maake (beneficiary), Mokgadi and Col Elsa van Wyk during their visit to the SANDF Education Trust Office in Pretoria.

The Trust is proud to relate one of the success stories, that of student Mokgadi Maake from Tzaneen. Mokgadi is a beneficiary of the Trust and has made the Trust proud by obtaining seven distinctions during her 2015 matric exams. She has subsequently been accepted at Wits University School of Medicine, and is busy with her first year. Mokgadi is the daughter of the late Mashape Frans Maake, who died in the Democratic Republic of the Congo whilst executing a patrol.
A very successful 40th commemoration of the 16th of June 1976 uprisings was hosted by Mr Steven Khanyile, the Principal of Morris Isaacson High School (MIHS) on Friday the 03 June 2016 in Soweto.

As part of these commemoration activities the MIHS invited the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) to create awareness about the role and the functions of the SANDF, but also to inspire learners to serve their country by means of demonstrations and career awareness exhibitions. The main functionaries were Honorary Colonel Doctor Ivirn Khoza, Gauteng MEC for Education Mr Panyaza Lesufi, Secretary for Defence Doctor Sam Gulube, Chief of Staff of the South African National Defence Force Lieutenant General Vusi Masondo, Service and Division Chiefs and Principal of Morris Isaacson High School Mr Steven Khanyile.

During his address, Dr Khoza said “This year marks the 40th anniversary of one of the most important events in our country’s history. The repression by one section of society on the basis of race, gender, religion and even political affiliation is guaranteed to weaken that nation. The attempt at recolonizing black members of our society through Afrikaans was a desperate attempt of social engineering that the students of Morris Isaacson stopped in its strides.

In fact, June 16 created awareness in the country and around the world that was a game changer that led to 1990...
and 1994”. He said he could say 1990 and 1994 or June 16 without a fear that anybody would miss what he was referring to. This was because the events of 1990, 1994 and June 16 were momentous. In 1990 political prisoners were released, the repressive government of the day recognised them as political prisoners and no more terrorists. Political organisations were unbanned and the path to democracy was paved.

After his address and viewing the exhibits of the SANDF four Arms of Service and Divisions, including Chief Defence Reserves Division, which formed part of the static hardware display and career exhibition, bringing the feel and touch of the SANDF and also marketing career opportunities available to learners, who were thrilled to bits while exploring the military world before and after the events.
INTRODUCTION

This article is about where and how military history can be displayed and be made accessible for educational values. This article will expose the reader to the various types and whereabouts of Military Museums. Museums are, at times, seen as a historic display of certain groups or individual beliefs. This is not true. Museums around the world are becoming a worthy norm of education.

Day after day, more than 30 000 European museums offer an impressively diverse range of educational activities. Education is rightly considered as being one of the main functions of a museum. To speak of the educational value of a museum is to go beyond the activities offered to the public and to step back and admire the display and preservation of history. There is a strong assurance internationally that various types of museums, when offering opportunities for formal and informal learning to people of all profiles and all backgrounds, can inspire, engage and help them understand the world in which they live.

“A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors...the men it remembers”

- John F. Kennedy
Learning and Research Opportunities

A museum may well be a place for learning while remaining conservative and elitist, and excluding a large number of citizens. This is unfortunately still a reality for some institutions. The good news is that this perception is changing all over the world. Awareness is growing in museums that learning is not limited to disseminating information about collections. Museum education must also have a more inclusive objective to foster and to support intercultural dialogue, participation and empowerment. It seems obvious today that educational work is based on social values. The ultimate goal of museums (which may sound naïve or even arrogant) is to help people to grow as individuals, become more critical of our society and more involved, learn to appreciate dialogue, feel empathy, be tolerant, become more educated and more civilised, to stand against ignorance and extremism.

The mission in the field of education is to highlight that museums are essential places of learning, open to interaction and involvement. Military lecturers or legislators at higher level should understand and promote the role that museums play regarding education and social cohesion. It is crucial that other learning institutions recognise museums as their natural partners for collaboration. If we keep working together towards this goal in a coordinated way, we can achieve our vision of museums as places that allow us to better understand the complex world in which we live and to find our place within it.

Connecting to the Audience

Learning in museums has been portrayed with words like free-choice, informal, lifelong, non-formal or voluntary. These perspectives can be combined by describing museums as open learning environments in distinction from more closed learning environments like schools. Learning is not, at all, restricted to formal schooling, because people learn everywhere. Actually, most learning is done accidentally in non-formal situations. People learn by talking to each other or by watching television. People also learn in museums, but it is complicated to recognise and track what visitors learn and how. Museums, however, allow a great variety of ways to study, discover, interact and enjoy.

Open learning environments like libraries, the internet or museums, can be used to search for information base on individual interests. But museums are also very special places for various hobbies and interests, for example, in theatres, cinemas, concerts or sport events, the audience stay in their seats and watch the same show. This is turned upside down in a museum, where the display stays still and the audience are moving.

Visitors explore the same exhibition, but they do so in their own ways, wander almost randomly, see and learn different things. Today, museums are increasingly positioning themselves as places for learning experiences while searching for ways to respond to the changes and demands of today’s society.

Beginning with the overarching question, “which definition of learning do you see as the most accurate?”, and moving on to more detailed questions, a comparative report shows that there is variation in the perceptions of museum directors when it comes to what ‘learning’ actually means. The way we define learning affects the design and running of learning programmes. “If learning is at the core of the museum’s mission, then developing and honouring employees’ learning competences should also be part of it.”

There are modellers that study a specific area or events during military conflicts and illustrate them in the form of a model display - also known as dioramas.
The Avro Shackleton was, for many years, the “eyes in the sky” around the coast of Southern Africa. The true value of the aircraft was actually the unforgettable search and rescue missions (the lives that were saved) that were accomplished in the service of the 35 Squadron. A handful of elderly individuals are still maintaining the aircraft with enthusiasm and dedication.

How can we build a bridge between museums, schools and even military training? A starting point could be to empower and motivate students, who will become teachers, to use the museum as a learning environment. What are the goals, methods and long-term implications of such a project? Over the course of three years, museums and teacher training colleges have collaborated on the development of educational offerings and academic internship programmes for student teachers at museums. The project’s focus has been on participation by incorporating student teachers as a key resource in the educational departments of museums.

Museums have developed critical knowledge and insight into their own institutions as learning spaces. The evaluation and results show that incorporating student teachers as key players in the development of museum educational practices leads to improved knowledge exchange with everyone involved.

“Through cooperation with universities, museums have developed critical knowledge and insight into their own institutions as learning spaces.” Museums are essential parts of our cultural heritage, but their significance is not always fully recognised in and amongst tertiary institutions.

There are two issues within museums, one being the educational value of museums, the second being audience development. In order for a museum to stay relevant, it must share and connect with reality and think ahead to the future.

“Learning in museums can be conceived as a further tool next to/after formal education, a further instrument, useful in increasing knowledge and understanding, to develop personal skills and to acquire new competences, able to strengthen the links between individuals and the reality in which they live.” The next era of education will be characterised by self-directed, experiential, social and distributed learning.
designed to foster 21st-century skills of critical thinking, synthesis of information, innovation, creativity, teamwork and collaboration.”

“To fulfil their potential as relevant and trusted gathering places for their various communities, museums need to be highly connected. Museums should be included in national educational policies on a regular basis. Museums are exceptional and open to society at large. They can definitely improve our lives.”

(The Ditsong SA National Museum of Military History in Johannesburg is worth a visit).

Air Force Base Zwartkop is the oldest operational air base in the world. Amazing aircraft and dioramas portray the South African Military Airpower since the Air Force was established in 1920.

The Control Tower at AFB Zwartkop is one of the oldest control towers in South Africa. Air Traffic Controllers have the challenge of keeping a safe air space as various aircraft from a number of helicopter and transport squadrons conduct daily flying programmes.
MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION
POTCHEFSTROOM
23-30 OCTOBER 2016

Land Obstacle

Range Estimation

Map Reading

Water Obstacle

Pistol Shooting

Grenade Throwing

Combat Run

R4 Shooting
**MILITARY SKILLS NATIONAL COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

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**RESTRICTED**
The newly appointed CEO of the South African Post Office, Mr. Mark Barnes, together with some of his divisional managers, recently visited 11 Field Postal Unit (11 FPU) at Waterkloof Air Force Base in Pretoria. 11 FPU is a Reserve unit of the SA Army Signal Formation.

Mr. Barnes and his delegation were welcomed to 11 FPU by the Deputy Chief of the South African Army, Maj Gen Lorenz Smith. The delegation was briefed by Brig Gen Kamffer, Director Army Reserves, on the background and history of this unique SA Army unit. The Officer Commanding 11 FPU, Lt Col Leon de Villiers, also briefed the delegation on the unit’s mandate and role as well as recent activities in supporting SANDF Peace Support Operations in Africa.

Brig Gen Kamffer indicated that the creation of 11 FPU, which was established on 1 October 1964, was the result of negotiations between the South African Post Office (SAPO) and the then South African Defence Force, when the need for an efficient field postal service for deployed members
was identified. A critical consideration was that during deployments, regular communication by members with the home front is very important for sustaining healthy morale.

It was noted that this type of service was, in fact, first provided during the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) and, thereafter, during the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the so-called Border War in South West Africa/Namibia (1964-1989).

11 Field Postal Unit as Part of the South African National Defence Force since 1994

11 FPU played a role in supporting the SANDF during the integration process in Bloemfontein in 1994 and during Operation BOLEAS in Lesotho in 1998.

When the SANDF became involved in peacekeeping operations in Africa in the year 2000, 11 FPU was reactivated to deliver a field postal service to the SANDF and its deployed members. Field Post Office 3 (FPO3) was then established at the Waterkloof Air Force Base in Pretoria to manage all mail to and from the mission areas.

FPO 3 at Air Force Base, Waterkloof, is the heartbeat of the unit’s operations and its main dispatching hub. FPO 3 has rendered invaluable service to the troops deployed in the mission areas of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Sudan and the Central African Republic (CAR).

The Postal Services Act governs 11 FPU. In 2002, the South African Post Office Board of Directors declared that post office employees would henceforth be paid in full and would not forfeit any benefits whilst doing military service as members of 11 FPU. To this day, SAPO is the only state-owned enterprise that has embarked upon this type of relationship and initiative with the SANDF. In the spirit of this arrangement, during 2011, SAPO released 27 of its employees from all over the country for a period of two months to do Basic Military Training in Kimberley.

These newly trained soldiers have been posted to 11 FPU, where they will assist in fulfilling the critical requirement of rendering an efficient field postal service to and from soldiers deployed in operations.

On 9 October 2012, the South African Post Office celebrated World Post Day and issued a set of 10 commemorative postage stamps as well as two special first-day covers in recognition of the excellent services rendered by 11 FPU to the SANDF and its personnel wherever they may be deployed.

The self-adhesive stamp sheet is die-cut to the shape of Africa, which is symbolic of the reach of the services rendered by 11 FPU to the deployed members of the SANDF.

These stamps depict a variety of activities relating to the Unit. They include parcels being accepted at Field Post Office 3, Air Force Base, Waterkloof; parcels being scanned before being dispatched; mail loaded into a Hercules C130 aircraft at Air Force Base, Waterkloof, from where it is transported to the various mission areas in Africa; soldiers awaiting the arrival of mail from home in front of a typical Field Post Office in the mission areas; FPO personnel checking mail as well as soldiers receiving parcels and mailing letters.

When the stamps were issued in 2012, there were eight different FPOs in operation in Africa. They were the following:

| FPO 3: Air Force Base, Waterkloof | FPO 33: Kinshasa (DRC) |
| FPO 31: Munigi Base, Goma (DRC) | FPO 34: El Fasher (Sudan) |
| FPO 312: Goma (DRC) | FPO 341: Mellit (Sudan) |
| FPO 313: Likasi, Lumbumbashi (DRC) | FPO 35: Bangui (Central African Republic) |

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After listening to the presentations and going on a walkabout through the unit lines and meeting all the Field Post Office personnel, Mr. Barnes indicated that he was really impressed by the important role that 11 FPU is playing in rendering a service to our troops deployed in Africa.

Mr. Barnes also indicated that the SA Army and 11 FPU can continue to rely on his support as the CEO of the SA Post Office in the future as well as his role in maintaining this relationship between the Post Office and the military.

It was noted that the unit had made great progress over the past years; it has managed to increase customer confidence and has ensured overall customer satisfaction. The unit has also extended its range of services at FPO 3 to include electronic money transfers, PostBank transactions, payments of municipal accounts, prepaid phone cards, prepaid Internet services, the purchasing of stationery and various other value-adding services.

Everybody present agreed that the unit and its members have lived up to their motto: “we will deliver whatever it takes”, and that they have maintained the traditions and service excellence of their predecessors over the past 100 years or more as they continue to do so today.

A commemorative cover with a picture of FPO 312 located at the Engineers in Goma DRC with the date stamp of FPO 312 applied on the stamp.

A set of 10 commemorative stamps issued by the Post Office in 2012 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of 11 FPU. The self-adhesive stamp sheet is die-cut to the shape of Africa, which is symbolic of the reach of the services rendered by 11 FPU to the deployed members of the SANDF.
It comes as no surprise to many people who are watchers of events in the South African Army that the 131 year old CAPE TOWN HIGHLANDERS (CTH) has once again logged up a string of successes in the first few months of this year.

Notable amongst these is their almost clean sweep of the trophy table and the Regiment’s announced status as the TOP RESERVE FORCE UNIT in South African Army’s Infantry Formation.

This was announced at a recent Infantry Command Cadre Conference, when the Regiment was awarded trophies for the following results:

The trophy as Best Performing Reserve Force Unit in the Infantry Formation
Not only is the unit extremely active in a military sense, with a company of troops deployed on operational duty on the country’s borders, but the Regimental Drums and Pipes were specifically selected and invited to perform at an event in the private grounds of Windsor Castle in May, marking the Queen of England’s 90th Birthday. Six members of the group were introduced to the Queen at a private function.

The CTH pipe band is no stranger to the world stage, having performed numerous times over the years in the world class Royal Edinburgh Military tattoo and similar events in Basel, Switzerland, Berlin and even Korea.

Late last year, CTH Officers and senior NCOs made up almost the entire production team for the Cape Town Military Tattoo. Staged in the Castle of Good Hope, this event was recognised and acknowledged far and wide as the best ever staged in the City in the eleven years of the Tattoo’s existence.

“I’m justifiably proud of the men and women in my unit,” said Officer Commanding the Cape Town Highlanders, Lt Col Tienie Lott who, within hours of returning home after accompanying the pipe band to Windsor, drove across the length of the country to visit his company, deployed in Northern Limpopo Province.

“They’re doing sterling service on the Border,” said Lt Col Lott. “Soon we will initiate the planning to prepare the entire Battalion for deployment.”

Six members of the CTH group invited to attend a private reception with the Queen, were (L to R), pipe major (WO2) Charles Canning, tenor drummer Caitlyn Foley, band officer Lt Christian Evans, officer Commanding CTH, Lt Col Tienie Lott, leading drummer Maruwaan Du Bryn and drum major Hashiem Isaacs.

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Chief of the SA Army Combat Rifle Shooting
Evaluation held at the De Brug Training Area, Bloemfontein

Article and photographs by Col R.D. van Zanten, SA Army Infantry Formation

The Chief Directorates and SA Army Formations as tasked, in cooperation with the South African Army Reserve Shooting Association (SAARSA), were to prepare for and present the Chief SA Army Combat Rifle Evaluation 2016 held at the De Brug Training Area, Bloemfontein, over the period 6 to 12 March 2016.

Background

In early 2000, it was decided to formalise the Gold Cup Shooting Competition more closely with the Chief Director Force Preparation at Army HQ due to its training format. This led to the establishment of the Army Reserve Shooting Association (ARSA), later to become the SA Army Reserve Shooting Association (SAARSA). The association was structured in such a way that the Chairperson and members, who would run the organisation, would be Reserve members. However, a senior Regular person would be appointed by the CD Force Prep to serve on the committee. Furthermore, the Chief of the SA Army would be the President and the Chief of the SANDF would be the Patron of SAARSA.

Owing to the popularity of the Gold Cup Competition, it was decided that the final of the competition would be open to all Reserve units and not only the top five. This had the effect that plus minus thirty-five Reserve units came together in Bloemfontein to participate in the competition. This was the biggest gathering of Reserve units for training purposes since the inception of the SANDF. The first SAARSA competition was a joint venture between SAARSA, CD Force Prep and the Reserve Force Council.

To achieve the levelling of the playing field between the very good shooting units and the newcomers, it was necessary to introduce a development class. This enabled individuals, who had not yet had exposure to shooting, to compete against members of equivalent standard. After firing in the competition final for three years, they are moved up from the development class to the open class. There is also a category for women to compete and this is also proving very popular with the over-forty ladies competing this year. This has led to a rejuvenation of shooting within the Reserve and an improvement in the overall shooting skills of these units.
Range Conditions

Range conditions were good and the participants well-prepared.

International Participants

- Belgium (entered 2 x teams)
- Lesotho
- South Africa (2 x Regular teams, 2 x Reserve teams)

Regular Results

- Infantry School
- School of Armour
- Lesotho
- 9 SAI Bn
- 1 SA Tank Regt

Reserve Participation

- 33 x Reserve Units entered full teams.
- 2 x Belgian Reserve teams
- 25 x Units also entered a Development Team
- 363 x participants (530 x Reserves including support staff)
- 41 x women participated.
PART-TIME VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Results Development Team

1. Regt Mooirivier
2. Natal Carbineers
3. SA Army Specialist Infantry Corps (SAASIC) Reserve
4. Regt President Steyn
5. Regt Bloemspruit
6. Regt Westelike Provincie
7. First City
8. Kimberley Regt
9. Vrystaat Artillerie Regt
10. Cape Town Highlanders

Top Development Shot

1. Cpl M. Nhlapo- Natal Carbineers
2. Tpr T. Rammekwa- Regt Mooirivier
3. Tpr H. Neethling- Regt Mooirivier
4. Rfn J. De Ridder- Regt Botha
5. Rfn E. Hendriks- Cape Town Rifles
6. Cpl T. Vinger- Regt President Steyn
7. Lt W. Kanes- Regt President Steyn
8. Rfn S. Bengu- Natal Carbineers
9. Rfn M. Mpangase- SAASIC
10. Rfn M. Mpangase- Natal Carbineers

Top Female Shot

1. L Cpl T. Viti- Cape Town Rifles
2. Sgt E. Roux- Regt Mooirivier
3. Bdr D. Rossouw- Vrystaat Artillerie Regt
4. Cpl N. Kohli- Buffalo Volunteer Rifles
5. Tpr E. Verwey- Regt President Steyn.
6. Sgt A. Cele- Natal Mounted Rifles
7. Cpl A. De Bruin- Cape Town Rifles
8. Cpl N. Nokolila- Buffalo Volunteer Rifles
9. Sgt I. Swarts- Kimberley Regt
10. Rfn B.V Greunen- Regt Botha
Top Individual Shot

1. Cpl B. Seleka- Regt De La Rey
2. Cpl A. Fortmann- Natal Carbineers
3. Rfn V. Bunge- Natal Carbineers
4. Lt P. Bekker- Regt President Steyn
5. Lt E. Botha- Natal Carbineers
6. Bdr W. De Wet- Vrystaat Artillerie Regt
7. Rfn T. Mokgheti- Regt De La Rey
8. Bdr H. vd Merwe- Vrystaat Artillerie Regt
9. Lt E. Murray- Cape Town Highlanders
10. Lt Col Rowe- Natal Mounted Rifles

Top Reserve Team Gold Cup Winners

1. Natal Carbineers
2. Vrystaat Artillerie Regt
3. Regt Pres Steyn
4. Regt De La Rey
5. Natal Mounted Rifles
6. Regt Mooirivier
7. Cape Town Rifles
8. Regt Piet Retief
9. Regt De Wet
10. Regt Botha
11. Belgium B
12. Belgium A
Overall Winners: Regulars and Reserves in the SA Army White Horse Trophy

1. Natal Carbineers
2. Vrystaat Artillerie Regt
3. Regt President Steyn
4. Infantry School
5. Lesotho
6. School of Armour
7. 1 SSB
8. 1 SA Tank Regt
9. Regt De La Rey
10. Regt Mooirivier

“Cream of the Crop” International Teams versus Regular Teams versus Reserve Teams

1. SA Army Reserve A
2. SA Army Reserve B
3. SA Army Regular A
4. SA Army Regular B
5. Lesotho.
6. Belgium B
7. Belgium A

So ended an excellent week of shooting - a joint venture between SA Army Force Preparation, the SA Army Reserve Shooting Association and the Reserve Force Council.
At times the people of a country underestimate the challenges and frustrating situations to which uniformed members are exposed. How often does the man on the street really appreciate the long and awkward hours men and woman in uniform spend to fulfil their careers? And then the danger of getting hurt or even killed in the so-called “line of duty”.

Soldiers not only suffer on the battlefield. Uniformed members often need long-term care owing to the physical and psychological impact of war/injuries during deployment.

I recently had a chance to meet up with one of those members who was “unlucky”. It was during an interview with Private Steyn Fourie that I could sympathise with him, because of the injury to a limb; in fact, he lost his left arm during a Ratel accident. One can argue that it might be unfortunate, but inside the borders of the RSA, Ratels are not really built to parade on highways, but rather to protect and assist ground forces during battle.

The amazing part of my interview with Private Fourie was to observe his positive attitude towards the National Defence Force. Even though he had to change his lifestyle completely because of the accident, he constantly sang the praises of the Mechanised Infantry.

He openheartedly expressed his gratitude towards his commanders and those who helped him to get into the daily challenges of wearing a prosthetic arm. He acknowledges those who went out of their way to make him get back into real life. He openheartedly revealed that the continuous motivation and messages of goodwill made him believe that he belonged in the Mechanised Infantry.

When I asked him if he regretted his injury, his answer was, "I was born to be part of a Mechanised Crew, “Once a soldier always a soldier”.

The SANDF Fund assisted Private Fourie with funds to obtain his prosthesis and with some bridging funding when his income decreased substantially due to his accident.
Colonel Don Guthrie, the Honorary Colonel of the Natal Field Artillery, celebrated 60 years in uniform.

Article and photographs by: WO1 Ken Gillings (Ret)

Colonel Guthrie reported for duty in Potchefstroom on the 3rd January 1956 after being called up by the then ballot system, as a member of the 2nd Field Regiment (NFA). He rose through the ranks to eventually command the Regiment in 1976 and underwent operational service for the first time in what was then South West Africa on several occasions.

After completing his term of office as commanding officer, Colonel Guthrie was posted to Natal Command as a Citizen Force officer before succeeding Colonel F St G Tatham as Honorary Colonel upon the latter’s death.

Asked what his duties as Honorary Colonel are, he replied that he acted as an adviser and a consultant to the Regiment and its Commanding Officer. The Natal Field Artillery was formed in 1862 and is the second oldest Reserve Force Artillery Regiment in South Africa (after the Cape Field Artillery). The Regiment has participated in many campaigns during South Africa’s history and suffered a major setback on the 24th June 1942, when the entire Regiment (RHQ, 4th 5th and 6th Batteries) was captured at Tobruk.

He has seen the Regiment undergo major changes, especially in its ordnance, which is now the magnificent, locally produced GV6 Self-Propelled Howitzer. Posts on the Gunners’ Association’s Facebook Page from former members of the Regiment have described Colonel Guthrie as a “true officer and a gentleman” and many have said what a privilege it has been to serve under him.

Colonel Guthrie is a chartered accountant by profession, the trustee of several organisations and his interests include the outdoor life and birding. He is married to Moira and they have a son and two daughters. Moira describes Don as her ‘soldier boy’ and has stood by him loyally during his record military career. 😊
The Cape Town Rifles (Dukes) celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity, on 22 May 2016, by laying down their rifles and picking up garden implements to remove invasive acacia plants from a remnant patch of Sand Plain Fynbos that shelters a small population of Levyn’s Conebush, Leucadendron levisanus. This spindly protea species has lost more than two-thirds of its former habitat on the Cape Flats to urbanisation and agriculture, and is now classified as Critically Rare. Fort iKapa in Goodwood, the headquarters of Cape Town Rifles, is a National Heritage Site that supports almost a dozen Red Listed fynbos species that are threatened with extinction. Removal of alien trees is one valuable step in preserving these species from extinction.

South Africa is world-famous for the diversity and beauty of its wildflowers. Almost 20 000 different kinds of wildflowers have been recorded here, making it the most diverse country on the African continent. Many of these wildflowers have been known and used since the dawn of humankind, and others contribute significantly to the tourist industry. Unfortunately, almost one-third of our wildflowers is threatened with extinction to some degree. The SANDF controls large areas of still relatively undisturbed land and is thus able to contribute to environmental and biological conservation. Cape Town Rifles (Dukes) believe that individual units can make a difference by increasing the awareness of their members and encouraging local initiatives.
A 34 year Old Reserve Force member, Corporal Mashudu Lucky Musehanna, from SA Air Force, Swartkop Base attended the Non Commissioned Officers’ (NCO) Formative Course over the period 01 February 2016 to 1 April 2016 at SAAF College, Pretoria.

The NCO Formative Course is a two month course designed for Regular and Reserve Force leaders in junior NCO posts to further develop a Cpl in order to be considered for promotion to the rank of Sergeant. The course is presented three times in a year at Air Force College.

Cpl Musehanna was awarded a trophy for being the fittest woman at the completion of the course. Congratulations to her.

The Military Skills competition has its origin in the CIOR Military Pentathlon (INTERALLIED) Consideration of Officers Reserves. The competition consists of shooting (Rifle and Pistol), swimming 50m over five obstacles, obstacle course, 500m run over 20 obstacle run as quick as you can, tactical combat causality care (TCCC), grenade throwing and orienteering run.

I have been involved in this competition from 2008 and have had the opportunity to be part of the team every year and am privileged to have travelled the world competing at international level. I have been to Turkey (2008), Bulgaria (2009), Denmark (2011), Poland (2012), Czek Republic (2013) and Germany (2014). I also had an opportunity to visit the United Kingdom and Netherlands for training prior to competitions. Moreover I did the 160km walk with a 10kg Sand Bag for four days in Netherlands and was conferred with a gold medals.

From the above mentioned competitions, I attained certificates and medals. It was a great opportunity for me to be part of competitions and have I acquired a lot of knowledge and skills from competing with other Arms of Service at international level. These competitions are very challenging and one needs to be physically fit and mentally strong in order to make it. As a soldier in uniform I believe that competitions such as these are not sport but rather form part of combat readiness.
I would like to thank the Reserve Force Council for the opportunity given to teams each and every year so that they participate locally and internationally. I really appreciate the efforts and moral support that they give the teams before and after the competitions.

I would also like to thank the Chief SANDF, Chief Defence Reserves and Chief SA Air Force together with the SAAF Reserve Office for all the support during the preparation phase.

I would like to encourage the young stars from all Arms of Service (Regular and Reserves) to take part in such competitions as it will help them to improve their level of fitness and will also equip them with swimming skills since swimming is one our challenges in the SANDF.

This year the Military Skills Team is preparing to participate in CIOR Competition at Spain (Madrid). I have had the opportunity to travel with the team and became a team manager at some point and I looking forward to this competition.
The SANDF, in conjunction with the Defence Reserves Division HQ, Provincial Office Western Cape, SA Army ResF units in the Western Cape and SA Navy ResF Office Simon’s Town, once again participated in the annual South African Navy Festival (SA Navy Festival), which was held over the period of 22 to 24 April 2016 in Simon’s Town.

Chief SA Navy, V Adm Mosiwa Hlongwane, officially opened the festival on 22 April 2016. In his opening speech, he said that the SA Navy Festival remained the main platform for the DOD and SA Navy to interact with stakeholders and to showcase their roles and responsibilities.

Chief SA Navy afforded the community, international as well as national guests and the public at large, the greatest opportunity to see the ships and submarines that are responsible for ensuring the country’s prominent position on the world stage. He also went to the extent of organising a number of activities to make the festival quite remarkable though it was cold, windy and rainy. The ships and submarines, which were opened for public visits, are instrumental in ensuring safety on our seas, in the SADC region and in the world arena.

In February this year, Chief SA Navy was the main executor and coordinator of the successfully executed 2016 Armed Forces Parade Celebrations in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province. The SA Navy deployed six vessels, namely; SAS AMATOLA, SAS DRAKENBERG, SAS PROTEA, SAS QUEEN MODJADJI 1, SAS UMHLLOTI, and SAS ISAAC DYOSHA in the Nelson Mandela Bay Harbour from the 12 to 22 February 2016. This was one of the largest deployments of SA Navy vessels from their home port, Simon’s Town.
The SANDF Reserve Force Indoor Exhibition Stall

The SANDF ResF participation in the SA Navy Festival was by means of an exhibition stall and promotional items under the auspices of Defence Corporate Communications (DCC).

The festival afforded the Division the opportunity to interact one-to-one with members of the community, guests, learners as well as the DOD Youth empowerment programmes. This opportunity enabled the Division to market, expose and to create awareness of the necessity for the Reserve Force System amongst captains of industry and the community.

Hundreds of school learners, guests and community members, who were thrilled to bits, were given or rewarded with branded promotional items and the Reserve Force Volunteer Magazine (after questions and answers or game sessions).

All things considered, the 2016 Navy Festival was a resounding success. Chief of the South African Navy (C SA Navy), Vice Admiral Mosiwa Hlongwane, and the assiduous staff members gave their best presentation during this year’s three-day edutainment event and did not disappoint the over 5 000 festival attendees.

C Navy said that he had no doubt that the festival attendees and guests had had a wonderful experience during the 2016 festival period, as the festival had, once again, confirmed that the SA Navy was truly “A Navy for the People”. 😊
Naval Harbour Master Adopts TS Woltemade

The Naval Harbour Master’s Office in Simon’s Town recently “adopted” the Sea Cadet Training Ship TS Woltemade as announced at the annual prize-giving parade.

Capt. (SAN) Kevin Wise took the salute during the march past and addressed the ship’s company, guests, parents and families. The “adoption” should benefit TS Woltemade as both share the same “bread and butter” – seamanship, ship’s husbandry and related training and tasks.

After the parade, which was held in very hot conditions, the silent drill squad and gun’s crew performed. The gun’s crew had previously performed at the annual Cape Town Tattoo and this time it was for parents, family and friends.

Congratulations to all the Sea Cadets who received awards and to the OC and adult instructors for their commitment and dedication.
The “Animals” Assist the Sea Cadets with Teamwork Annual SA Navy Sea Cadet Camp

Article by: Lt Cdr Glenn von Zeil
Photographs by: Lt Cdr Glenn von Zeil and Lt Paul Jacob

Bunnies”, “cats”, “chickens”, “crabs”, “donkeys”, “ducks”, “frogs”, “fish” and “leopards” are all animals which the SA Navy and Sea Cadet instructors referred to whilst training 87 Sea Cadets from four Units and which will assist them in remembering the skills acquired.

Those who have been put through their paces would recognise the menagerie of animals which assisted in training Sea Cadets hosted by the SA Navy. The fun-filled 10 days were attended by Sea Cadets from four Units:

TS Kromme (St Francis Bay)
TS Lanherne (Port Elizabeth)
TS Outeniqua (Mossel Bay)
TS Woltemade (Lakeside, Cape Town)

The Sea Cadets were instructed by qualified SA Navy instructors and covered theory and practical evolutions in the following aspects:

- Local Guarding
- Fire Fighting
- First Aid
- Making a Raft
- Sailing
- Sand Models
- Ships’ Visits
- Sea Survival
- Radio Procedure
- Rope Work

Sea Cadets and Instructors on the foc’s’l of a Frigate with the 76mm gun.
The Sea Cadets were divided into four Divisions, each representing the four Frigates, and “lived in” SA Naval Barracks, where they experienced Naval life first hand in making daily “square bunks”, “standing by for rounds” in mess decks, heads and bathrooms, “chicken parades”, and early morning PT, where most of the animals (eg. crabs, ducks, leopards) were introduced!

After a full day’s training, the evenings were filled with a programme designed to enhance their learning and included fun educational games (eg. Matches and Cats Cradle) as well as selecting their own movies, such as “Master and Commander”, “Men of Honour”, “Courageous”, “Flight of the Phoenix” and “Battleship”. In addition, they were exposed to two documentaries and a lecture on the SS Mendi, a careers evening, and had fun competing against one another in a scavenger hunt mystery exercise.

None of the Sea Cadets will ever forget PO Ndlovu’s lecture on the “donkeys” and how important fitness is in accomplishing tasks at hand.

Throughout the programme, the Sea Cadets learnt teamwork and their leadership and self-confidence were enhanced. Many shared their dreams of a career in the Navy or related maritime occupations. It was fulfilling to witness the enthusiasm of the instructors and the Sea Cadets, as well as their discipline and focus.

Thank you to Navy News, SA Soldier and Maritime Review Africa for providing bedtime reading and to Pick ‘n Pay Fish Hoek for the doughnuts.

A big thank you also to the SA Navy staff and instructors and adult Sea Cadet instructors, who made the annual camp, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the youth, possible.
Sea Astrid and Herwel's smile says it all! “Thank you SA Navy.”

“It floats!” - raft building at Sailing Centre

Back splicing? at Seamanship school.

Lt G. van Staaden and Ens V. Moodie with four cadets from TS Kromme (St Francis Bay), TS Lanherne (Port Elizabeth), TS Outeniqua (Mossel Bay) and TS Woltemade (Lakeside, Cape Town) with LS D. Nel.
On 1 February 2016, the SAMHS Directorate Reserve Force welcomed the newly appointed SSO Reserve Force Policy and Utilisation, Colonel Johannes Jacobus Tempelhoff, replacing Col Mkutuka, who had reached the age of retirement.

Johannes Jacobus Tempelhoff was born in the city of Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, on 19 October 1962. He started his secondary education at Brebner High in Bloemfontein, but due to the fact that his father, who was a magistrate, was constantly transferred, he eventually matriculated at Piet Retief High School in 1980.

In January 1981, he reported to the Army Gymnasium, Heidelberg, for compulsory National Service of two years in the South African Corps of Signals, SA Army. After qualifying as Drilling and Musketry Instructor, the young corporal decided he joined the Defence Force on a short-term basis and was eventually permanently appointed in 1984.

From 1984 to 1996, he completed a variety of functional and promotional courses within the SA Army and the Corps of Signals, providing him with the qualifications as a Signal Unit Commander as well as a Senior Staff Officer on Formation level. During this time period, he participated in a variety of operations in the then South West Africa and Angola, equipping him with a wide field of operational experience.

In 1994, Commandant Tempelhoff was detached to the South African Medical Service HQ as the SO1 Telecommunications. With the establishment of the National Peacekeeping Force (NPK), he was appointed as the SO1 Signals, initially based at De Brug in Bloemfontein and then eventually moving to the NPK HQ in Kasteelpark, Pretoria. After the NPK Force was disbanded, Lt Col Tempelhoff returned to the SAMHS HQ. In 1996, he was afforded the opportunity to join the SAMS on a permanent basis and was appointed as the SO1 Signals in the Directorate Logistics.

In 1997, Lt Col Tempelhoff completed his Senior Command and Staff Course at the SAMS Academy and was subsequently appointed as Directing Staff member at the SAMHS Staff College. He filled this position until April 1999, when he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed as the SSO Operations at the South African Military Health Service (SAMHS) HQ. In 2001, Col Tempelhoff returned to his favourite field of expertise, when he was appointed as the Officer in Charge of the SAMHS Senior Command and Staff College until its closure in December 2001. From 2002 to 2007, Col Tempelhoff was appointed as the Second in Command of the Military Health Training Formation. In 2006, he completed the
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Executive National Security Programme, receiving the award for Overall Best Student as well as the Best Commandant Research Paper.

In 2008, Col Tempelhoff was transferred to the South African National War College as the Senior Staff Officer SAMHS. He frequently refers to this period as one of the highlights of his career. In 2012, he was transferred back to the SAMHS as the Officer Commanding of the School for Military Training in Thaba Tshwane, a position that he held until his appointment as the SAMHS SSO Reserve Force Policy and Utilisation.

Col Tempelhoff is married to Debbi, the current General Officer Commanding of the Area Military Health Formation of the SAMHS. It is of interest to note that during her Executive National Security Programme, she was also awarded the trophy for Best Overall Student and Best Commandant Research Paper! They have five children who have already flown the coop and are embracing career opportunities ranging from civil engineering, actuarial science, pharmacology, biokinetics and education.

When asked about his passion in life the response is quick and simple – family, training and exercise. His personal motto of “You Create Your own Experience” is widely known amongst his family and students and has enabled him to adjust to any given situation or scenario in his career and personal life. Questioned about the new appointment the answer, as always, is simple – “I love it! I have been afforded the opportunity to familiarise myself with a new environment and meet wonderful people. I intend to make a difference. I intend to create my own experience!”

Welcome to the Defence Reserves, Colonel. Enjoy your stay with us! 😊
On Saturday, 12 March 2016, 3 Medical Battalion Group had the honour of sharing the company of Brig Gen A.N.C. Maminze, who was the guest of honour and the parade functionary, handing out medals to various recipients, including the 20 year Good Service Medal to WOII P.J.R Conradie our unit Chief Clerk.

Chaplain M.K. Putuma, the unit’s chaplain, received a well-deserved 10-year medal, namely “Medalje vir Troue Diens”, followed by Sgt A.M. Johnson, Cpl G. Meyer, Cpl A. Van Der Westhuizen, Cpl W. Olckers and Cpl N. Langa under the watchful eye of Cpl L.A. Truter, who as in charge of the recipient’s drill sequence commands. These men and women are so committed and loyal to our unit and I can truly say: “Congrats colleagues. The recognition bestowed upon you on the day is deservedly yours”. As a Reserve Force unit, this event was made possible only by the active participation of unit members, who, by responding swiftly to their call-up instructions and their professional conduct throughout the exercise and parade, excelled once again. Well done Men and Women on Parade!

Let us not forget our support units like the signalmen from 71 Signal Unit (Sgts Hagendoorn & Boysen). Thanks for your support throughout this exciting event. It was truly an honour to serve with two well-experienced signalmen.

The parade was followed by a mock-scenario with regard to medical emergencies in a combat zone which our VIPs immensely enjoyed watching and even participating in. As the reader can see, 3 Medical Battalion Group, as a unit, is quite diverse Semper Parati. The event was supported by senior officers and warrant officers from SAMHS units around the metropole. The Acting Officer Commanding 3 Medical Battalion Group, expressed his gratitude for their support at all levels.


Brig Gen Maminze and AOC Lt Col E.F. Petersen at ease on the podium.
After much anticipation and thorough planning, 08 March 2016 finally arrived. It was D-Day for 3 Medical Battalion Group. A chance to see old friends and make new ones, to relive days past and to educate the youth, the fresh new faces of the current MSDS generation. And they were so many. Members turned up in their numbers. It was great to see the eagerness and interest in the Reserve Force activities albeit for different personal reasons, which we should respect at all times. What matters is the fact that once our members cleared in, they were proper soldiers following commands and performing tasks to the maximum. Well done colleagues! You all made us very proud.

On arrival, we were received at a very well-established TB (temporary base), run by SSgt E. Wagner (OHS / CIO) and the logistical advance team, consisting of mainly drivers and kitchen personnel. First impressions last so, need I say more, Thanks for your hard work and dedication, “Advance Team!”.

Owing to the short time frame (08 –14 March), no time was wasted. So, after everybody had been allocated sleeping quarters and had received the base Standing Orders (Rules and Regulations), classes started. The Training Section, run by WO2 W. Claasen, who was assisted by LCpl C.B. Wessels (PTSR) and F. Abrahams (female instructor) was very enthusiastic and so were their students, who participated at all levels. It was truly remarkable to observe their professionalism. Subjects, ranging from Field Craft to Map Reading and Musketry, were handled and members were evaluated both in groups and individually towards the grand finale. Lt S.V/Der Merwe co-ordinated all the medical training, together with the OECPS and ECTs.

A route march and sleep-over in “bivvies” was part of the evaluation while navigating with a map in their respective groupings. Log section played an integral and pivotal role in supplying the necessary supplements to keep members hydrated.

Our daily water supply provided by a Samil 50 water bunker.

Replenishing point during route march.

WO2 W. Claasen (Training Warrant) presenting Field Craft and Map Reading.

Men and women on parade.
Celebrating Mandela Day during OPS CORONA

Article and Photographs by: Cpln Othusitse Tau (1SSB)

There is more to deployment than safeguarding our borders; this has been proven in many instances, where soldiers embark on successful and productive community projects. The purpose of such community projects is to strengthen the relationship between communities and the SANDF: we cannot, on our own, manage certain elements of operational engagement without the assistance of the communities to which we are deployed.

The 1 Special Service Battalion was deployed on the Lesotho border in 2015, with the Reserve Force members from the Armour Corps. The interesting part of that collaboration was the unity amongst both the Regular and Reserve Force members; who understood that it was all about achieving one goal for the success of the operation by executing the duties prescribed to them.

Apart from operational duties, members also assisted the chaplain with projects, such as preparing vegetable gardens, feeding the disadvantaged senior citizens, buying school uniforms for needy children and renovating the day care centers. In addition to Mandela Day projects, members also assisted in providing soup to the needy.

We experienced great joy in assisting a small community at Tandjiesberg. The volunteers donated money and blankets were bought to support of the said community. We had a soup stand and also donated tin food.

The Goodwill Committee at Ladybrand Ops Base, with volunteers for the Base, assisted with soup and bread and also invited the surrounding community. The project was a resounding success due to all the volunteers who went out of their way to assist.

Members with the disabled children of the Ikaheng Disabled Centre.

Mandela Day Ladybrand.
God is a God of purpose and everything that God created, He created for a purpose. When God created men and women, in fact everything, He made them to fulfil their function and gave them certain qualities and characteristics so that they could live their purpose.

You are designed for your purpose

If a manufacturer wants to make something that will move products from one place to another, before the machine can fulfil its purpose, the manufacturer must decide how he will move things. Then he must incorporate that ability into the design of the machine. The purpose of the machine thus becomes an inseparable part of its existence, because its ability to move things is built into the belts and rollers of the design, which permits it to fulfil its intended use.

Your natural inclination to socialize with people or to seek solitude, to think with your mind or to do things with your hands, to communicate with words or to express yourself through various art forms, to come up with ideas or to put them into practice, to lead or to follow, to inspire or to manage, to calculate or to demonstrate are part of your make-up and your personality from the time God chose to make you and design you in a particular way. Your natural inclination relates to your purpose, which is natural, an innate, and an intimate part of who you are. You are designed for your purpose. You are perfect for your purpose.

John 15 vs 16 “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”

God has chosen you for His purpose and has bestowed upon you abilities to fulfil His purpose.

Purpose is often Multiple

Just as purpose is specific to a particular individual or product, even so that may be varied and numerous. As we have seen, God gave the lights He placed in the sky for a variety of purposes. The sun, for example, was created to 1) separate the day from the night, 2) mark the seasons, days and years, and 3) give light to the earth.

This multiple purpose is visible throughout creation. Trees give us oxygen, shade and fruit; animals provide food and clothing. We sometimes have multiple purposes.
Purpose cannot be fulfilled in isolation and it is permanent and resilient

Just as each of us has one body with many functions, and these members do not all fulfil the same function, so in Christ we are many from one body, and each member belongs to all the others (Romans 12:4-5). We need to unite with all our abilities and functions to eventually fulfill the purpose of the country.

A manufacturer may change the design of the components or the materials used in the components, but he will not change the purpose, because the purpose behind the product is what gives it meaning. In other words, plans might change, but purpose is constant. What God wants is established. The Book of Genesis describes both God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son. When the years rolled by and she had not yet given birth to a son, she made other plans through Hagar. But God’s plans remain permanent even when, at an advanced age, it is unthinkable to have a son.

When a manufacturer sets a purpose for a product and develops a plan to achieve that purpose, no number of problems with the manufacturing process will change the product’s purpose. Just think of how God led his people through Moses out of Egypt. If you have made decisions that have interfered with God’s plan and purpose for your life, He has arranged a reformation programme to redeem the detours. He uses experience to refine you as a purposeful part of the whole. Purpose transforms mistakes into miracles, and disappointments into testimonies.

In conclusion, the plans that God has for us and the abilities he has stored within us are illustrated across the entire Bible through His great leaders, servants and prophets to serve His people (to serve one another):

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we the thee hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Mat 25 vs 34 – 40).”
In Memorium

Defence Reserves was sad to learn of the sudden passing away of Lieutenant General Duma Dumisani Mdutyana, the Chief of Joint Operations of the SANDF. Our condolences go to his family, friends and colleagues. Lt Gen Mdutyana was a dedicated and professional soldier and will greatly be missed.

We also wish to express our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following Reserve Force Member, who passed away:

**SA Army Reserve**
- Sgt A. Steynberg of Rand Light Infantry - 27 December 2015.
- Pte T. Twala of Witwatersrand Rifles - 05 December 2015.
- Pte S.M. Sejake of Regt President Kruger - 31 January 2016.
- Pte S.W. Manqina of Witwatersrand Rifles - on 23 May 2016.
- LCpl Liona Arintia Owen of Regiment Oranjerivier under command of 1 SA Tank Regiment - 08 May 2016.

**SA Air Force Reserve**
- Col R. Haywood Honorary Colonel of 44 Squadron, Honorary Gunner and the past Armscor Chairman - 09 June 2016
- FSgt A.B. Steynberg of AFB Bloemspruit - 29 January 2016

**SAMHS Reserve**
- Sgt P.J. Nakedi of SAMHS HQ - 20 April 2016
- Pte M.S. Sephoka of GSB Thaba Tswane - 14 May 2016

*LCpl Liona Arintia Owen passed on while on duty

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