

2010 LAUNCH OF THE KZN PROVINCIAL DEFENCE LIAISON COUNCIL



05h00 on 28 August 2010 saw the first group of identified and enthusiastic prominent KZN businessmen, the likes of Mr Clive Mancini (President of the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Vice-President of the South African Chambers of Commerce) along with Mr Lorne Maclaine (Independent Newspapers of KZN) assembling at Durban's Virginia Airport to board a waiting SAAF Casa plane for the highlight of their lives – the SA Army Artillery demonstration in Potchefstroom.



Bright eyed and bushy tailed at 5am



Mr Clive Mancini – Wow but this is BIG!

The assembled team got the opportunity to view the might of the SA Army Artillery weaponry, which saw the integration of the Infantry, Artillery and Air Force during an impressive mock battle display and to feel the thunder of the guns, to hear the scream of the rocket launchers and see the devastating effects of the bombs and rockets raining down on identified targets – what an awesome sight!



The might of the SA Army Artillery in action

Later the team, along with their counterparts from other provinces, were introduced to Maj Gen Andersen, Chief Defence Reserves who officially launched the Defence Liaison Council and thereafter enjoyed a wonderful lunch hosted by Defence Reserve Provincial Office North West and sponsored by Shield.



KZN businessmen posing with Maj Gen Andersen (CDR)



Maj Gen Andersen – We need your support



Shield guests enjoying their lunch

Then the long flight home to Durban with many dreaming of the days events.



Sweet dreams

The second event aimed at captains of industry buying into the Defence Liaison Councils took place in the Mother City over the period 23 and 24 September 2010 during which the South African Air Force, who was celebrating its 90th birthday, displayed its abilities at the Africa Aerospace Defence 2010 show at Ysterplaat Air Force Base.



Jip we're in Cape town – Mr Oscar Zondi



SAAF 90 year formation

The KZN team spent the day being mesmerized by the awesome exhibits and aeronautical wizardry which included a mock battle display integrating Air Force, Para bats and Special Forces – what an unbelievable sight!



PDLC launch members posing in front of the USA Air Force air lifting GIANT

The afternoon entailed a presentation by Maj Gen Andersen, followed by the official launch of the Provincial Defence Liaison Councils during a wonderful dinner hosted by Defence Reserve Provincial Office Western Cape in the Castle and sponsored by Shield.



(From L – R) Mr Kevin Jordan, Col Pat Acutt, Mr Oscar Zondi & Col Albert Makgae entering the Castle of Good Hope



KZN PDLC members shown typical Cape Defence Hospitality



Brig Gen Gibbs and Col Acutt enjoying their meal