

## **PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE IN THE 2012 RAND SHOW AT NASREC SHOW GROUNDS IN JOHANNESBURG**

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Friday 6 April was the grand opening of the 2012 Rand Show and it was a spectacular opening with all the stakeholders promising the public nothing but the best.

The exhibition is part of Freedom month's celebrations and also remembers Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters' contribution to the new South Africa. SANDF's four Arms of Services have both an indoor and outdoor exhibition stands, on this 10 day 'edutainment' showpiece, aimed at enhancing and protecting the image of the Force. The Honorable Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Lindiwe Sisulu was also there to visit the exhibition stands and for the live SANDF capability demonstrations as part of the arena programme, much to the delight of the audience.

"SANDF is delighted to come back to participate in the Rand Easter Show after 7 years of absence during the month of April where we celebrate and honour former President Nelson Mandela and all Military Veterans," said Secretary for Defence, Dr Sam Makhudu Gulube in his opening address.

There is entertainment galore, for the young and not so young. Various companies, non-government and government institutions also have exhibitions stands where they will be displaying and promoting their products and services for all to see.

The Defence Reserves exhibition stand is located at the MAN auditorium where other Arms of Services are also exhibiting Defence Magazines, pamphlets and brochures. Entry applications forms for Military Skills Development are also available for members of the public who wish to enlist either as reserves members (part-time) or permanent force members.

# SANDF RAND SHOW ACTIVITIES

Day	Time	Activity
Friday 06 April 2012	12:30	Opening Ceremony:
	13:00	Salute Flight
		Guard of Honour-NCG
	14:00	Capability Demonstration
	14:45	SAMHS Canine Display
	15:30	MPD Mobile Display-Motorcycle
	16:00	Pace stick Demonstration SA Army
	17:00	Capability Demonstrations
07 April 2012	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
08 April 2012	12:30	SAMHS Canine Display
	13:00	SA Army Gym Choir
	14:00	SAMHS Band
09 April 2012	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
10 April 2012	11:00	SAMHS Band
	12:30	SAMHS Canine Display
11 April 2012	12:00	SA Army Gym Choir
	12:30	Pace Stick (SA Army
12 April 2012	12:30	SAMHS Canine Display
	14:00	SAMHS Band
13 April 2012	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
14 April 2012	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
5 April 2012		<b>Closing Ceremony:</b>

	12:00	Free Fall Demonstration
	12:30	SAMHS Band
	13:00	MPD Mobile Display-Motorcycle
	13:30	Pace Stick Demonstration
	14:00	SA Army Gym Choir



Secretary for Defence Dr Sam Makhudu Gulube, during his opening address at the ceremonial opening of the 2012 Rand Easter Show.



Attractive banners of the SANDF displayed outside the MAN auditorium where all Arms of Services are exhibiting.



6 South African Infantry Battalion 81mm Mortar Fire Group taking firing position during the demonstrations to the audience at the Rand Show.



Air Landing demonstrations to the audience at the Rand Show.



Free Fallers from 44 Parachute Brigade in Bloemfontein (Tempe) also landed safely during the airborne capability demonstrations at the Rand Show.



The delighted Honorable Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Ms Lindiwe Sisulu visiting the 21 South African Infantry Battalion (based in Doornkop) exhibition stand at the Rand Show.



The Honorable Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Ms Lindiwe Sisulu at the South African Air Force exhibition stand.



Designed and built in South Africa, the Roovalk flying over during the SANDF capability demonstrations at the Rand Show.



11 Field Postal Office Unit (Reserve Force Unit) have an attractive stand at the MAN Auditorium.



Sergeant Vicky Digashu handing out promotional items to guests who visited the SANDF Reserve Force stand and showed much interest in Defence Reserve Force.

Display by Regiment Oos Transvaal

