

SA RESERVES EXCEL AT COMBAT RIFLE SHOOTING

The SA Army Annual Combat Rifle Shooting Competition was held in Bloemfontein from 5 to 10 March 2012.

The week commenced with 26 Regular units competing against each other. Thereafter it was the turn of 34 Reserve units to compete. The Reserves also fielded 19 development teams.

The standard was high with the scores generally better than previous years.

In the Reserve Section the two top trophies, the White Horse Trophy and the highly rated Gold Cup, were both won by Vrystaat Artillerie Regiment (VAR). In the Gold Cup, VAR was closely followed by Witwatersrand Rifles, Regiment President Steyn and Natal Carbineers. The eight person team of VAR included two lady shots.

The results of the individual Reserve Competition were:

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| 1. Cpl V.H. Troskie | Transvaal Scottish |
| 2. Sgt T.C. Wink | Vrystaat Artillerie Regiment |
| 3. Rfn S. Minnie | Cape Town Rifles |
| 4. L Cpl P.M. Erasmus | Regiment President Steyn |
| 5. Lt J. Looek | Witwatersrand Rifles |

At the end of the local competition, two Regular and two Reserve eight person teams were selected to compete against seven international teams. The results were:

Place	Team	Score
1.	SANDF Reserves 1	2310
2.	SANDF Reserves 2	2197
3.	SANDF Regulars 2	2118
4.	SANDF Regulars 1	2115
5.	Botswana Defence Force	2050
6.	Namibia Defence Force	1825
7.	Kenya Defence Force	1819
8.	Zambia Defence Force	1798
9.	Lesotho Defence Force	1674
10.	UK Defence Force	1520

In the individual section of the international event, Sgt T.C. Wink (SANDF Reserves) beat Cpl V.H. Troskie (SANDF Reserves) into second place. They were followed by Lt J. Look (SANDF Reserves), LCpl M. Keagomang (Botswana Defence Force) and Bdr W.J. de Wet (SANDF Reserves).

The event was well organised, the weather was excellent and the 641 shots had an excellent opportunity to practice their skills.



Vrystaat Artillery Regiment with Gold Cup Trophy & White Horse Trophy



Regiment President Steyn winners of the run down trophy



Brig Gen Holtzhauzen, Sgt Olifant, School of Arty (3rd over all in Regular competition) & CWO Niemand



Brig Gen Holtzhauzen and MWO Beyers looking at spotters



RPS detail pensive before the shoot



Cape Field Artillery members waiting for their spotters



Sgt Wink and Gnr Wink discussing conditions



Bdr van der Merwe (6th) Gnr Wink (9th over all and best female) and Sgt Wink (2nd)