



THE UNIVERSITY RESERVE TRAINING PROGRAMME (URTP): THE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN OF THE SA AIR FORCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

(Article by Colonel Monica Muller and photo's taken by Sgt Nico Malatji, Defence Reserves)

More than fifty students of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Pretoria (UP) attended a successful URTP marketing presentation by the SA Air Force (SAAF) on the campus on 02 March.

The URTP is marketed under the slogan “**Part-time Soldier – Full-time Leader**” and Staff Officers of the Chief of Defence Reserves enlightened the enthusiastic group of students about what opportunities the URTP will offer them – not only to become part of the challenging military environment but how military training will develop their leadership skills.

An informed briefing on the role of the URTP within the SA Air Force was presented by Brig Gen Steven Mtimkulu, Director Air Force Reserves. Brig Gen Mtimkulu inter alia explained to the students the possibilities and opportunities for engineering students who join the programme to complete certain practical training under the supervision of experienced Air Force engineers.

Students who did not have the opportunity to attend the presentation and who are interested in the programme may contact Lieutenant Colonel Musa Mdlalose at 012-312 1090 or musamdlalose@rocketmail.com.



Brig Gen Steven Mtimkulu (Director Air Force Reserves) addressing the engineering students at UP.



Staff Officers and students listening to the presentation of the Director Air Force Reserves on what the URTP has to offer future recruits.



Lt Goniwe (SAAF Reserves) sharing her experiences as a delegate to the Young Reserve Officer's Work Shop in Poland in 2011 with the audience.



Gender and demographics were well represented amongst the students at the URTP presentation at UP



Female engineering students are as enthusiastic as their male counterparts to join the URTP.



Brig Gen Mtimkulu with some of the students who attended the recruitment presentation at the UP.