

CLOSURE COMMEMORATION MEDAL HANDED OVER TO FORMER SSO DEFENCE RESERVES PROVINCIAL OFFICE WESTERN CAPE

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On Thursday 10 January 2013, the Defence Reserves Provincial Office Western Cape had the privilege of presenting the Closure Commemoration Medal to former SSO Defence Reserves Provincial Office Western Cape and OC of Two Oceans Commando, Colonel Rob Marais.

Colonel Marais has been living in the UK for the past five years and was on holiday in Cape Town. It was therefore the appropriate opportunity to present the medal to him. The medal was handed over on formal office bearing and thereafter a function was held at Het Bakhuy's during which old friends and colleagues joined him in celebrating receipt of the medal.

The Closure Commemoration Medal, instituted by a Warrant dated 17 March 2010, is handed to members who have served in a disbanded Reserve Force unit of the South African National Defence Force and who, on or after the 27th April 2003, completed five years qualifying service.



Lieutenant Colonel Johan Conradie, SO1 Defence Reserves Provincial Office Western Cape, congratulated Colonel Marais and wished him all the best during his stay in the UK. He commended Colonel Marais as a worthy recipient of the medal.