

THE UNIVERSITY RESERVE TRAINING PROGRAMME: THE SA ARMY, SA MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE AND THE LOGISTICS DIVISION ROLL-OUT IN GAUTENG AND IN THE NORTH-WEST PROVINCE

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One Hundred and Twenty Three students from six universities (UNISA (2), Pretoria (15), Johannesburg (33), Witwatersrand (16), North West (43) and the Tshwane University of Technology (14) reported to Regiment Mooi River on 22 June for their Basic Military Training (BMT).

The new recruits were selected by the SA Army (82), the SA Military Health Service (34) and the Logistics Division (7). The URTP is an element in the plan to transform, revitalise and rejuvenate the Reserves. The recruitment of these students and their appointment in the Reserves will eventually enhance the professional capacity of the Reserve Force and contribute to the scarce skills requirement of the SA National Defence Force.

The recruits follow a wide variety of study directions including the following:

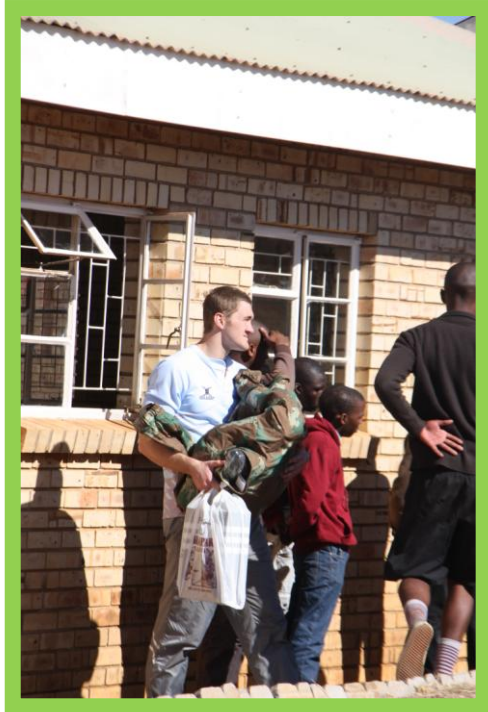
- Chartered Accountants
- Psychologists
- Health Sciences - including medicine
- Environmental Science
- Biotechnology
- Environmental Health
- Sport Management
- Social Work
- Law
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Corporate Communication
- Computer Science
- Hospitality Management
- Logistical Management

The training of these members will take place under the auspices of the GOC SA Army Armour Formation and is presented by Regiment Mooi River in Potchefstroom. The first phase of the training programme - which is conducted from 22 June to 12 July - includes disciplines like regimental duties, drill, musketry and field craft. The remainder of the BMT will be presented over certain weekends and university recess periods and will be completed in December.

The photographs below reflect the first few days of the recruits in their new environment.



Time for the kit issue



Hope these will be the right sizes!



Ready to change from civilian to camouflage clothing



On the move to the mess



The females will not be left behind



Getting used to a new form of transport



How is this? Not bad for after 2 days? Yet the Instructors might still demand improvement!



A new experience waiting for these patriotic future leaders!



Recruits representing the Universities of North West, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Tshwane University of Technology, UNISA and Witwatersrand with Maj Ben Brooks, Sqn Commander Regt Mooi River (left) and MWO Johan Wagner, RSM Regt Mooi River (right)