

FORMAL GUEST EVENING 08 AUGUST 2013

POTCHEFSTROOM

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The Provincial Reserve Force Forum organized a Formal Guest Evening on 08 August 2013. This event was planned with an eye on promoting the Reserve Force Units in the North West Province and in celebration of National Women's day.

This Shield Promotional event held under the auspices of Chief Defence Reserves was a joint effort between the Reserve Force units through their liaison forum, the Reserve Force Forum North West, and the Defence Reserves Provincial Office led by Lt Col V. Khasapane.

The aim was to promote Reserve units, cement relations between the military and the civilian stakeholder community and showcase military culture to the latter while enhancing esprit de corps between the Reserve and Regular units in the Province.

A Project Team led by Lt N.S. Botsheleng of SAASIC RESERVE and made up of members from all the Reserve Force Units, drove the preparations for this successful event coordinated by the Officer Commanding SAASIC Reserve, Lt Col H. Holder.

The Reserve Force units that took part in the event were SAASIC Reserve, Regiment De la Rey, 71 Field Workshop, Regiment Mooi Rivier and 1 Tact Int Reserve Regiment.

Officers Commanding Reserve Force Units proudly presented their units to the guests by means of a visual display where the units' symbols, equipment and capabilities were exhibited.

In attendance from the civilian environment were the Executive Mayor of Tlokwe, Prof L.A. Combrink, business leaders in the Potchefstroom area, high-profile guests from the North West University and members of the DPLC North West.

From the South African National Defence Force and SAPS, six Generals, including Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen R.C. Andersen, who was the guest of honour as well as Lt Gen Mbombo, the North West Provincial Commissioner, SAPS, graced the function and expressed satisfaction with the standard and spirit of the occasion.

Maj Gen Andersen provided an overview of the role and status of the Reserves. The atmosphere was relaxed and everyone settled into a delightful meal, enjoying each other's company. New acquaintances were made and old friends caught up with the latest news.

The civilian guests enjoyed of the lighter, fun filled moments of the occasion, which entailed receiving "punishments" according to the military tradition for minor transgressions at the dinner table.

In his closing address Col Nkone, OC SAASIC Regiment, who officiated as President of the function, praised the Catering Team of WO2 W. Kemp for an excellent and professionally prepared dinner.

Well done Reserves!



L to R: Maj Gen Roy Andersen; Chief Defence Reserves, Prof N.D. Kwgadi; Rector North West University- Mahikeng Campus and Brig Gen Gerhard Kamffer, Director SA Army Reserves



Col Nkone, OC SAASIC Regiment, acted as President



Major General Roy Andersen presenting an overview of the role of the Reserves