

RESERVES LEAD THE STREET LINING PARADE FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT 14 FEBRUARY 2013

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**Cape Field Artillery Pipe Band leading
the Flag Company**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) formed part of the ceremonial proceedings during the opening of Parliament on Thursday 14 February 2013 in Cape Town.

The ceremonial proceedings included:

- Street lining in honour of the President of the Republic of South Africa.
- A Guard of Honour by the National Ceremonial Guard.
- A 21 round Gun Salute by the Cape Field Artillery.
- National Anthem by the National Ceremonial Guard Band.
- A Salute Flight by Pilatus Astra aircraft of the SA Air Force.

The Reserves played a leading role in the execution of the parade.

The Pipe band from Cape Field Artillery led the Flag Company to their positions.

Thereafter the Street Lining Contingent was led by Lt Col H.H. Gertse, the Officer Commanding of Regiment Westelike Provincie, which is a Reserve Force Regiment.

Reserves Force Units that participated in the parade were, Regiment Westelike Provincie, Cape Town Highlanders, Cape Town Rifles (Dukes), Cape Garrison Artillery, 71 Signal Unit and Regiment Oranje Rivier. The Pipe band from Cape Town Highlanders also entertained the public along the streets of Cape Town.



**Lt Col H.H. Gertse, OC Regiment
Westelike Provincie, was the Parade
Commander**



Reserve Force members from SA Army units in the Western Cape

As it is customary during the Opening of Parliament, the National Salute by the National Ceremonial Guard, was performed, which included the playing of the National Anthem, firing of 21 gun salute, and a fly past by the SA Air Force's Pilatus PC-7 aircraft before the President proceeded to the joint sitting of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces to address the nation.

Cape Field Artillery also used the event to interact with the youth and to introduce them to the Reserve Force. They took a group of Grade 10 pupils from Tafelberg High school to witness the ceremonial proceedings.

The execution of the parade was of a high standard and the members, both Regular and Reserve Force displayed discipline and precision in the execution of military drills.



Cape Town Highlanders Pipe Band entertaining the public in the streets of Cape Town



Grade 10 pupils from Tafelberg High school with Lt Col K. de Haan, OC CFA, CWO J. Niemand, WO SA Army Artillery Fmn and Maj D. Coetzee, 2IC CFA

