

SANDF RESERVES PARTICIPATION IN THE 2013 RAND SHOW

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This year's Rand Show opened on a rather sad note as South Africa is still mourning and remembering the 13 lives lost in the Central African Republic during an attack by the Seleka Rebels Alliance where 27 other military members were also injured.

Dr Ngulube, on behalf of Defence and Military Veteran's Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, opened his address with a request for a moment of silence in remembrance of the fallen heroes who lost their lives in the line of duty in the Central African Republic. May they rest in peace and their families find strength to go on knowing that their loved ones died serving South Africa.

As one of the most anticipated events of the year, The Rand Show, which SANDF has been a part of for over a century, continues to impress. "The show provides the DOD with the necessary platform to engage and interact with people of South Africa on our core business in securing the Republic and our support to her people", said Dr Ngulube in his opening address.

This year many companies from corporate South Africa came on board to expose their market offerings to the thousands of joyous consumers who came to enjoy the great atmosphere. True to its very own nature, the Nasrec four-day event which is organized by the Johannesburg Expo Centre manages to attract families because of its ability to provide great entertainment for young and old. From kiddies play centers, car and fashion shows to massage parlours to mention but a few.

The SANDF Defence Reserves stand was terrific as usual and many show goers frequented the stand. Some just out of curiosity, while others were seriously interested in joining the force and needed to know the procedures involved. The most surprising fact is that most people are not aware of many career paths one can pursue within the SANDF.

Dr. Ngulube paid a visit to the SANDF Reserves stall and he was very impressed by our display and overall presentation. He congratulated the Defence Reserves team for a job well-done.

In his closing remark, Department of Defence Secretary Dr Ngulube welcomed all exhibitors and members of the public who were present and also wished them a happy experience at this year's edition of the Rand Show.



Photo 1: Secretary for Defence Dr Sam Makhudu Gulube, during his opening address at the ceremonial opening of the 2013 Rand Show



Photo 2: Col S.A. Motswadira (Def Res Promotions) and Lt Col P.D. Shibambo gave an impressive overview presentation of the mandate of the Reserves to the Secretary for Defence, Dr Sam Makhudu Gulube.



Photo 3: Col Sipho Majombosi: SSO DR-POGT, Dr Sam Makhudu Gulube: Secretary for Defence and Lt Col P.D. Shibambo at the SANDF Reserves stall.



Photo 4: Secretary for Defence Dr Sam Makhudu Gulube spent some time at the SANDF Defence Reserves stall and took some photo shots with the communicators.



Photo 5: The attractive SANDF Defence Reserves stall at the 2013 Rand Show.