

# CHIEF DEFENCE RESERVES VISIT TO THE TANZANIAN PEOPLE'S DEFENCE FORCES

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**Chief of the Defence Forces,  
General Davies Mwamunyange**



**Chief of the National Service,  
Maj Gen R. Muhuga**



**Chief of the Reserve Forces,  
Maj Gen D.C. Igoti and Col  
Amasi presenting on the  
Reserves**

Chief Defence Reserves, Maj Gen Roy Andersen had the opportunity to pay an official visit to the Tanzanian People's Defence Forces (TPDF) on invitation from his counterpart, Maj Gen D. C. Igoti, Chief of the Reserve Forces over the period 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Maj Gen Andersen was accompanied by Brig Gen Debbie Molefe, Director Defence Reserves and Col Albert Makgae, Senior Staff Officer SA Army Reserves. The four-day visit was a pleasant experience and adventure for the SANDF delegation. The host, Maj Gen Igoti, was personally there to welcome Maj Gen Andersen at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) and was an accompanying host until the departure of the delegation where he also saw them off in person.

The schedule started with a courtesy visit to the Chief of Defence Forces, General Davies Mwamunyange, on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Defence Forces Headquarters where Maj Gen Andersen briefed the General on the SANDF Reserves. Present at this meeting were the Chief of Intelligence, Lt Gen Meela who was the Acting Chief of Staff at the time and Brig Gen Matiku, Chief of Air Defence. The SANDF delegation then had a formal briefing from the Chief of the Reserve Forces and his staff on the status of the Reserves within the TPDF. The TPDF has a Regular and a Volunteer Reserve component and the Chief of the Reserve Forces coordinates all Reserve Force elements as directed by the Chief of the Defence Force.

The following day the delegation was hosted by Maj Gen Muhuga, Chief of the National Service and the Directors of the various disciplines at the National Service headquarters. Maj Gen Muhuga was the previous Chief of the Reserve Forces. A well prepared briefing was presented on the National Service, in which it was explained that there is a requirement for a voluntary and compulsory service for all the youth in the country. After the briefing the delegation visited one of the vocational training centre's of the National Service; the 831 Bn to observe a training session in process at one of the computer and an electronics classes. It was interesting to learn that the National Service offers training opportunities for both civilians and military members. There are different training centres throughout the country.

The visit was concluded with a nice braai hosted by Maj Gen Igoti and the evening was blessed with entertainment by a component of a brass band and jazz band both from the National Service.



**Guard of Honour at the  
Defence Headquarters**