

THE DIRECTOR DEFENCE RESERVES VISITS THE UNIVERSITY RESERVE TRAINING

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On the 5th of July - a cold, windy and rainy day - Brig Gen Debbie Molefe, the Director Defence Reserves and Chairperson of the URTP Steering Committee, visited the URTP recruits undergoing their Basic Military Training in Potchefstroom.

Brig Gen Molefe was received by Lt Col Benet de Klerk, Officer Commanding Regiment Mooi River and Maj Ben Brooks, B Sqn Commander who are responsible for the BMT of the newly appointed members of the URTP.

After enjoying refreshments Brig Gen Molefe and her team were briefed by Maj Brooks on the status of the current course, the results achieved and the future phases of the training. Maj Brooks emphasized the importance of this training as in his words "the product of the training will have an influence in the SANDF for the next 45 years". The first phase of the BMT will be completed on 12 July to be followed by a 2nd and 3rd phase to be presented in December 2013 and January 2014.



Lt Col de Klerk, OC Regt Mooi River, Maj Brooks, Sqn Commander and Brig Gen Molefe, Director Defence Reserves enjoy a cup of tea.



The progress made with the URTP and lessons learnt are discussed by Col Muller, SSO Res F Projects, Lt Col de Klerk, Maj Brooks, Brig Gen Molefe and Lt Col Zips Mbombo, SO1 Defence Reserves, North West.



Maj Brooks, briefing the Director Defence Reserves. There are 123 members on the course – 78 are male members and 45 are females.

During a short interval, Brig Gen Molefe addressed the URTP members and the training and administrative staff of Regt Mooi River. In her address Director Defence Reserves thanked the OC Regt Mooi River and his staff for their dedicated and loyal service to the SANDF and the country and the positive approach they have towards the URTP. She encouraged the recruits to make maximum use of the opportunities the programme will offer them in their aspirations to develop their military skills and become part of the proud heritage of the SANDF. Brig Gen Molefe made the audience aware of the important role the URTP will play in revitalising and rejuvenating the Reserves. In joining the programme the graduates and under-graduates will enhance the professional, intellectual and leadership capabilities of the Reserves.



URTP and staff members wait to be addressed by Director Defence Reserves.



Director Defence Reserve, Brig Gen Debbie Molefe encourages the URTP members to follow their dreams in becoming soldiers and serving as leaders in the SANDF.



Three Troop commanders 2Lts Nxangani, Twapa and Motshwane share a moment with Brig Gen Molefe. 2Lt Motshwane is a product of the URTP pilot course presented at Bloemfontein in 2011 and 2012.

Musketry training





Lt Lebothe congratulates a member on his excellent grouping.



Capt Cobus Roux, Adj Regt Mooi River inspects the target with Col Muller showing her satisfaction with the result.



This is a wonderful experience



Before her departure to Pretoria Brig Gen Molefe with Maj Brooks, Lt Col De Klerk, Lt Col Mbombo, Col Muller and members of the U RTP.