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2015 Annual Defence Reserves Provincial Office Limpopo Gala Dinner

SSO Defence Reserves Provincial Office Limpopo, Col Ferdi van Rooyen once again hosted a successful and memorable gala dinner. This is a prestigious event that is held annually according to the Defence Reserve's calendar.

The purpose for the gala dinner was to market, promote as well as to update the stakeholders and prominent invited guests of the current status of the Defence Reserves systems. The occasion also served as a platform to market young, unemployed active Reservists to other Government Departments and progressive private sector companies within Limpopo Province.

Influential guests who are believed to impact positively on matters concerning Reserves came from Limpopo provincial government, house of traditional leaders, the business sector, military institutions and relevant stakeholders.

Director Defence Reserves, Brigadier General Susan Debbie Molefe, was one of the guests from Defence Reserves headquarters in Pretoria and she welcomed all the stakeholders and guests for the evening. In her welcome note the General acknowledged that it was indeed a sad day for the South African Defence Force (SANDF) as one of us, Lieutenant General Bongani Isidore Mbatha, the Chief Logistics of the SANDF was laid to rest in the afternoon after the sudden passing away on Tuesday, 05th of May 2015. A moment of silence was observed. She also thanked all the guests for the continued support, opportunity to network and enhancing relationships. At the end she gave an apology for Chief Defence Reserves, Major General Roy Andersen who could not make it to attend the event due to other commitments.

Mr Anton le Roux, chairperson of the Limpopo Defence Provincial Liaison Council (DPLC) gave a brief presentation on the developments, functions and status of the Limpopo DPLC.

Director Army Reserves, Brigadier General (Dr) Gerhard Kamffer was this year's guest of honour. He presented the "Conceptual analysis of the potential contribution by the SANDF to the Government strategic imperative of Rural Development" trying to link the purpose of the project and the objectives of the DPLC in determining how the Reserves can be of benefit to the project. Although the project is being piloted in the North West Province, it will also be eventually rolled out in the Limpopo Province. He indicated that some research work and engagements with the farming community in Limpopo has already been done.

The purpose of this presentation was to sensitise the Captains of Industries and the Provincial Legislature on the development of this project.

The stakeholders and guests present at the gala dinner welcomed the presentation from the General and pledged their support in ensuring that this project gets implemented in the province.

Army Support Base Limpopo, 5 Special Forces Regiment, Regiment Christaan Beyers, 15 SAI, Area Military Health Service Limpopo, North Signal Unit and Military Policy Agency Polokwane Office formed a very beautiful colourfull static display of the SANDF capabilities bringing the feel and touch of the SANDF to the guests who were thrilled to bits while exploring the military world before and after the event.

In his closing remarks, the host Col Ferdi van Rooyen, praised all the participants for their hard work and professionalism in executing a night to remember. Cheers to the Reserves!



5 Special Forces Regiment formed part of the static display.



Invited guests analyzing Brigadier General Kamffer's presentation on Rural Development.



Mr Anton le Roux, Chairperson of the Limpopo Defence Provincial Liaison Council (DPLC) addressing the guests.



Director Army Reserves, Brigadier General (Dr) Gerhard Kamffer during his presentation.



L to R: Col S.A. Motswadira, SSO Corporate Communication Defence Reserves; Brig Gen S.D. Molefe, Director Defence Reserves; Ms R.D. Khashane, editor of the Reserve Force Volunteer Magazine and SSO Reserves Limpopo, Col Ferdi van Rooyen exchanging views.