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ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY OF JOHANNESBURG REGIMENT

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A successful annual memorial service and wreath laying ceremony of Johannesburg Regiment was held at the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council on Saturday, 09 April 2016.

This year, the main functionary was Councillor Conny Bapela, the Madam Speaker of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council.

Troops from Johannesburg Regiment participated in the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony. This followed their recent return from a very successful operation on the South African borders under OPS CORONA.

Background

The Johannesburg Regiment was founded in 1960 when the 8 Medium Field Regiment was disbanded on 28 February 1960, and re-mustered as Johannesburg Regiment on 1st March 1960. Throughout the years, the Regiment has been loved by the citizens and feared by its opposition.

Johannesburg Regiment, or JR as it is affectionately known, is an active Regiment, led by astute leaders and supported by an active Association. In its history, the Regiment has received many accolades, and experienced many highlights, here are some of them:

- The Council of City of Johannesburg has given the Regiment permission to use its coat of arms as a cap badge and shoulder flash.
- The Regiment was presented with Unit colours.
- The City of Johannesburg has bestowed the freedom of entry to the Johannesburg Regiment twice, once as a regiment, and once as part of 72 Brigade.
- In recent years the Regiment was a successfully deployed in South Africa as well as Africa in a Peace Keeping Role.
- Last year Johannesburg Regiment was voted the best operational unit in the South African Army Infantry Formation (SA Army Inf Fmn). They competed with other Reserve Force Units as well as Regular Force Units for this honour.



An overview before the laying of wreaths



Lt Col Duncan Motsamai, the Officer Commanding of Johhannesburg Regiment, Councillor Conny Bapela the Madam Speaker of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council, Councillor Parks Tau, the Mayor of City of Johannesburg and the Johannesburg Regiment Honorary Colonel, Col John Wilson



Councillor Parks Tau laying a wreath



Councillor Conny Bapela laying a wreath in remembrance of the fallen heroes



Lt Col D. Motsamai, honouring the fallen heroes



Johannesburg Regiment Honorary Colonel, Col John Wilson laying a wreath



Chief of the City of Johannesburg Metro Police, Chief Zwelibanzi Velaphi Nyanda and Chief of the City of Johannesburg Emergency Services, Tshepo Makola on their way to lay a wreath



Salute by Johannesburg Regiment troops who participated in the 2016 Johannesburg Regiment Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony



Group photo of the SANDF Warrant Officers from Gauteng Province who attended the annual memorial service of Johannesburg Regiment



The Officer Commanding of the Johannesburg Regiment, Lt Col Duncan Motsamai with the parade commander for the day, Capt Mpho Motsoella