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***THE 2016 MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION (2016 MILCOMP)  
OFFICIAL OPENING PARADE OFFICIATED OVER BY THE GENERAL  
OFFICER COMMANDING SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY INFANTRY  
FORMATION***

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The annual Military Skills Competition (Milcomp) achieved yet other milestone by successfully hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Military Skills Competition in Potchefstroom over the period 24 to 29 October 2016.

The 2016 Milcomp enjoyed a significant increase in the number of participants from international Defence Forces and South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

The Officer Commanding South African Army Specialised Infantry Capability Reserve (SAASIC Res) Lieutenant Colonel Henry Holder hosted the Military Skills Competition for the third time in consecutive since its inception in 2006 in Potchefstroom.

Major General Rudzani Maphwanya, the General Officer Commanding South African Army Infantry Formation (GOC SA Army Inf Fmn), officiated at the opening parade on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> October at 4 Artillery Regiment.



***The General Officer Commanding South African Army Infantry Formation (GOC SA Army Inf Fmn), Maj Gen Rudzani Maphwanya addressing the parade.***



***2016 Military Skills Competition participants executing the General Salute.***

During his opening address, Maj Gen R. Maphwanya reiterated the Chief of the South African Army's message that we must destroy the casual army that is busy sticking its head out by means of going back to the basics which are military discipline, combat fitness and a correct mind set.

He further stressed the need for and importance of multi-national cooperation which will bear fruit in the event of multi force operations.

The international countries which are participating include the Netherlands, Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, our neighbour and member of SADAC, Botswana and SANDF (both Regular Force and Reserve Force members).



***A motorbike section from SAASIC Res in action during the parade.***



***A canine Section from SAASIC Res formed part of the parade.***



***A mounted Section of SAASIC Res also took part in the official opening parade.***

The culmination of this year's competition will be marked by a colourful awards ceremony on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 4 Artillery Regiment, officiated over by the Chief of South African Army.