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## **Participation of the South African National Defence Reserve Force (SANDF ResF) in the 2016 South African Navy (SA Navy) Festival in Simon's Town**

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The SANDF, in conjunction with the Defence Reserves Division HQ, Provincial Office Western Cape, SA Army ResF units in Western Cape and SA Navy Reserve Force Office Simon's Town, once again participated in the annual South African Navy Festival (SA Navy Festival) which was held over the period of 22 to 24 April 2016.

Chief SA Navy, V Adm Mosiwa Hlongwane, officially opened the Festival on 22 April 2016. In his opening speech, he said that the SA Navy Festival remains the main platform for the DOD and SA Navy to interact with stakeholders and to showcase their roles and responsibilities.

Chief SA Navy afforded the community, international as well as national guests and the public at large the greatest opportunity to see the ships and submarines that are responsible for ensuring the country's prominent position on the world stage. He also went to the extent of organising a number of activities to make the Festival quite remarkable though it was cold, stormy, windy and rainy. The ships and submarines which were opened for public visits are instrumental in ensuring safety on our seas, in the SADC region and on the world arena.

***In February this year Chief SA Navy was the main executor and coordinator of the successfully executed 2016 Armed Forces Parade Celebration in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province. The SA Navy deployed six vessels, namely; SAS AMATOLA, SAS DRAKENBERG, SAS PROTEA, SAS QUEEN MODJADJI 1, SAS UMHLOTI, and SAS ISAAC DYOSHA in the Nelson Mandela Bay Harbour from the 12 to 22 February 2016. This was one of the largest deployments of SA Navy vessels from its home port Simon's Town.***



*The Chief of the South African Navy (C SA Navy), Vice Admiral (V Adm) Mosiwa Hlongwane, addressing the members and invited guests during indoor parade on 22 April 2016*

## The SANDF Reserve Force Indoor Exhibition Stall

The SANDF ResF participation in the SA Navy Festival was by means of an exhibition stall and promotional items under the auspices of Defence Corporate Communications (DCC).

The Festival afforded the Division the opportunity to interact one on one with members of the community, guests, learners as well as the DOD Youth empowerment programmes. This opportunity enabled the Division to awesomely market, expose and to create awareness of the necessity of Reserve Force System amongst captains of industry and the community.

Hundreds of school learners, guests and community members who were thrilled to bits were given or rewarded with branded promotional items and the Reserve Force Volunteer Magazine (after questions and answer or game sessions).

All things considered, the 2016 Navy Festival was a huge success. Chief of the South African Navy (C SA Navy), Vice Admiral Mosiwa Hlongwane and the assiduous staff members gave their best presentation during this years' three-day edutainment event and did not disappoint the over 5000 Festival attendees.

The C Navy said that he has no doubt that the Festival attendees and guests had wonderful experience during the 2016 Festival's period, as the Festival had once more really confirmed that the SA Navy is truly "A Navy for the People".



*SANDF Reserve indoor exhibition stall was manned by professional Defence Reserves Division HQ, SA Army and SA Navy Reserve communicators*



*S/Sgt A.K. Classen addressing scholars with regards to the Reserve Force System within the SANDF*



*Col Shuping Motswadira issuing promotional items to scholars who positively answered the questions he posed to them regarding the SANDF Reserve System.*

### **The SANDF Reserve Force Outdoor Exhibition Stall**



*Staff Sergeant (S/Sgt) Swanepoel of Cape Field Artillery explaining to the visitor on how G1 Gun (25 Pounder) ammunition is utilised*



*Bombardier (Bdr) Roger of Cape Field Artillery explaining to the display visitor about the operating drills of Gun Carrier Troop vehicle during deployment*



*Rifleman (Rfn) Van Wyk of Cape Field Artillery addressing the community members about the Command and Control System within the Artillery deployments*



*Corporal (Cpl) Rasmeni of 71 Signal Unit, explaining to the visitor how the communication works between the Higher and Lower HQs during deployment*