

38 YEARS OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE – FAREWELL FUNCTION IN HONOUR OF MR PETER THAPELO MOCUMINYANE, CHIEF DEFENCE RESERVES DIVISION BUDGET MANAGER

As the old adage says “all good things must come to an end”. That’s the story of Mr Peter Thapelo Mocuminyane who was persuaded by age to close a curtain on a sterling 38-year old career with the South African National Defence Force.

A farewell in honour of this finance expert was held on Thursday, 28 September 2017 at Swartkop, Pretoria.

He started his military career on 10 September 1979 as a troop with the then Bophuthatswana Defence Force. Mr Mocuminyane was appointed as Chief Defence Reserves Divisions’ Budget Manager in 2007.

Paying tribute to “Peta” as she used to call him Director Defence Reserves, Brig Gen S.D. Molefe said, “Peter was one person who loved and did his job exceptionally well. He was a good advisor to the division and very committed to his job and would not allow any deviations from Financial Policies and Regulations”.

Farewell messages from colleagues, family, friends and members poured in for Mr Mocuminyane as he starts his life as a retired man. Mr Sidogi, budget manager at Chief Corporate Staff, reminisced on the time he worked with Peter and believes his good deeds will always follow him.

In his reply Mr Mocuminyane said he has been praying for this day of his retirement not to come, but now that it has, it shows that all is in God’s hands. ‘It is sad to say goodbye but my commitment and achievements over the years make me proud as I am carrying with me good memories’.

Quick Facts About Mr Mocuminyane

1979: He joined the Defence Force in September

1980: Completed Basic Military Training

1994: Integrated into the SANDF

1995: Peter was transferred to Potchefstroom and became a Warrant Officer

1998: Demilitarised

1999: Mr Mocuminyana was transferred to Pretoria and served at MOD Budget Department

2007: He joined the Defence Reserves Division as the Divisions’ Budget Manager

2008: He was appointed as a Budget Manager for the Defence Reserves Division

2017: Retirement



Brig Gen S.D. Molefe, Director Defence Reserves paying tribute to Mr Mocuminyane.



Mr Sidogi, Chief Corporate Staff's Budget Manager, described Mr Mocuminyane as a man who loves to work in unity with his colleagues



Brig Gen S.D. Molefe, presenting a Defence Reserves Shield to Mr and Mrs Mocuminyane as a token of appreciation for the 10 years of selfless services rendered to the Defence Reserves Division



Mr Mocuminyane, Chief Defence Reserves' Division Budget Manager responding with mixed emotions but above all appreciating the SANDF for giving him the opportunity to serve the nation



Chief Defence Reserves staff members came in numbers to give Mr Mocuminyane a well-deserved send-off