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The official closing of the 2017 Rand Show

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The 2017 Rand Show officially ended on Sunday 23 April 2017.

The show draws to a close with the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) participants' appreciation ceremony on Friday 21 April 2017. The Department of Defence Head of Communication, Mr Simphiwe Dlamini, officiated and addressed the members in attendance. In his remarks Mr Dlamini said "because of you, our people are beginning to realise that when we speak about the members of the Defence Force, we are not just talking about people who carry guns waiting to kill. You make it easy through exhibitions and capability demonstrations to better the understanding of what the Defence Force is all about". At the end of his address, Mr Dlamini asked each member who participated in this year's event to give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done.

On Sunday 23 April 2017, Senior Staff Officer Defence Reserves Provincial Office Gauteng, Colonel Siphon Majombozi, visited the Reserve Force stalls to express his message of appreciation for the level of professionalism rendered by all Reserve Force Units' and Regiments' communicators during the period of the show.

The show ended on a high note and to say the Force "stole" the show would be an understatement; credit must be given to Chief Defence Reserves, Major General Roy Andersen, for his support during the show; Col Siphon Majombozi, Senior Staff Officer (SSO) Provincial Office Gauteng, for his outstanding contribution and moral support; Chief Defence Reserves staff, SANDF Reserve Force Services (SA Army, SA Air Force, SA Navy and South African Military Health Service); Regiment Oos Rand, Witwatersrand Rifles, Thaba Tswane Regiment, 11 Field Post Office and 7 Signal Units for their outstanding supporting. All these initiatives flew the Reserve flag as high as possible. The 2017 Rand Show was a resounding success by all accounts.



Commander M.A. Carelse, from SA Navy Reserves received a certificate of appreciation from the Department of Defence Head of Communication, Mr Simphiwe Dlamini and Director Defence Corporate Communications Brigadier General M. Mgobozi on behalf of the SANDF Reserves.



Group photo of Col Sipho Majombozi, SSO Defence Reserves Provincial Office Gauteng, with all communicators from Reserve Force Services, Divisions, Units and Regiments.