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On Friday 22 February 2013, the SANDF will be celebrating Armed Forces Day in honour of men and women in uniform who have taken it upon themselves to serve the nation.

This will also be in recognition and paying tribute to all those who have fallen in the line of duty in service of the country.

The President of the Republic of South Africa and Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), Mr Jacob Zuma is expected to be the main functionary at this inaugural armed forces day, the first of its kind in this country.

The Armed Forces Day will be celebrated as follows:

- The Wreath Laying Ceremony is scheduled to take place at the SS Mendi Memorial site at Gamothakga Resort, Mapane Street, Atteridgeville, Pretoria at 09:00.(GPS coordinates 25.45701S, 28. 04184E)
- Amended Brigade-in-Review Parade is scheduled to take place at Lucas "Masterpieces" Moripe Stadium (Gate 4), Atteridgeville, Pretoria at 09:00. (GPS coordinates 25.7750S, 28.0729E).
- Celebration Programme is scheduled to commence after the parade at the Lucas "Masterpieces" Moripe Stadium (Gate 4), c/o Maunde and Hlahla Street, Atteridgeville, Pretoria. (GPS coordinates 25.7750S, 28.0729E).

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Members of the media are cordially invited to cover the armed forces day as depicted above. (Members attending the event at the Lucas Moripe Stadium should make use of the allocated parking at the Community Hall c/o Ramokgopa and Hlahla Street). Assigned journalists /cameraperson/photographer are requested to kindly RSVP by not later than **20 February 2013 by 15:00 for indemnity purposes**. Accreditation, for those who confirmed attendance, will take place at the stadium's boardroom on Thursday 21 February 2013 at 09h00. You are furthermore requested to provide your valid South African identity number and press card upon arrival for registration or accreditation purposes. The event will conclude by no later than 15:00 that day.

Ends.

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