



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS TAKES THE SANDF TO COMMUNITIES

The Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans will, on Thursday the 18th of July 2013, hold an outreach program through the South African National Defence Force at Mzomhle High School in Mdantsane, East London.

The taking of the 'SANDF to Communities Campaign' is in line with the department's long-term objective to 'bring defence closer to the people' and normalise relations between the SANDF of the democratic era and the South African people.

This campaign is in part intended to demonstrate the department's resolve to make a clear shift from the past and reset relations with communities and contribute to social cohesion and reconciliation as part of nation building.

The Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans has deliberately worked to ensure that this occasion coincides with the 95th birthday of former President Nelson Mandela, so that it would be possible to honour President Mandela's 67 years of public service and observe Mandela Day by rendering a service to the community of Mdanstane.

The Mandela Day SANDF program at Mzomhle High School in Mdantsane on Thursday the 18th of July 2013 comprises the following elements:

- * A national Careers Exhibition comprising the four arms of service in the SANDF (SA Air Force, SA Army, SA Military Health Service and the SA Navy) specifically targeting Learners in grades between 10 to 12 for recruitment purposes as well as unpacking the various career paths available in the military environment, for further studying at tertiary level. The Learners will also interact directly with members of the SANDF as well as some of the equipment on display.

- * The SA Military Health Service will also hold a clinic focusing on the following sections of the community;

The elderly (high blood pressure and diabetes screening and general examination)

Learners (eyes tests, dental examination)

Infant inoculation (to assist new mothers to catch up with their child's injunctions for those have missed regular appointments)

- * Military Veterans Information / Registration Desk to assist the department's registration drive for the roll out of benefits to Military Veterans as stipulated in the Act of Parliament.

The programme is as follows:

Venue: Mzomhle High School, 2004 NU 1, Mdantsane, East London 5219

Date: 18 July 2013

Time: 09h30 for 10h00 - 12h00 (formal programme)

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