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## **MEDIA INVITATION**

**Date:** 14 May 2013

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**Subject: ANNUAL JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE (SAAF) AND SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (SAAFA)**

The annual joint memorial service of the South African Air Force (SAAF) and the South African Air Force Association (SAAFA) will be held at Base Hill in Valhalla on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013. The aim of the memorial service is to honour service men and women who laid down their lives whilst serving the Republic of South Africa between the period from April 2012 to May 2013. The memorial service will commence at 10h00

Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF), General Solly Shoke and Chief of the South African Air Force (CAF), Lieutenant General Zimpane Msimang as well as family members of the deceased will lay wreaths to honour the fallen soldiers and loved ones. There will be a fly past by two (2) SAAF Oryx Helicopters during the memorial service.

The 2013 memorial service will also be used to celebrate 50 years of selfless commitment and dedication displayed by members of the SAAF in service of the Republic. There will be a symbolic fly past by five (5) Harvard aircraft to celebrate the 50 years of dedicated service.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and or a cameraperson to attend the event. RSVP must be forwarded on or before Thursday, 16 May 2013 no later than 11h00.

RSVP to reach Lieutenant Ntokozo Ntshangase at 012 312 2718/2255 or alternatively on: 071 906 1042.

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