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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL SS MENDI MEMORIAL SERVICE AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT ATTERIDGEVILLE**

The annual SS Mendi Memorial Service and Wreath laying ceremony will take place on Sunday 22 February 2015, at 09:30 at the Gamothakga Recreation Resort, Atteridgeville.

The service is annually hosted by the Pretoria Memorial Services Council (PMSC). The aim of the service is to commemorate South Africans who lost their lives during the sinking of the SS Mendi in 1917.

Dignitaries such as the Chief of the South African Air Force, Foreign Attaches, Senior Officers of the Defence Force, Mayor of the City of Tshwane and members of the Military Veterans Organisations will be in attendance. Various organisations will also lay wreaths and plant crosses during the wreath laying ceremony.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist/photographer to attend the event at the SS Mendi Memorial Site at Gamothakga Recreation Resort, Atteridgeville, Pretoria.

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