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**MEDIA INVITATION**

**Date:** 17 June 2015

**Embargo:** None

**Subject: CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE CONFERS MANDELA MEDALS**

On Thursday, 18 June 2015, the Chief of Air Force (CAF), Lieutenant General Zimpande Msimang will honour the South African Air Force (SAAF) members with medals on the parade to be held at Air Force Base Zwartkop at 09h45.

CAF will bestow awards to the SAAF members who took care of the former Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force, the late President Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela. The awards will also be extended to those members who participated in the burial preparations, the laying-in-state at the Union Buildings, and those who ensured that the former Commander-in-Chief was accorded a befitting state funeral.

A medal is a token of appreciation to soldiers for an outstanding achievement, medals denote the recognition of achievement, the tradition of awarding medal forms one of the pillars upon which pride and spirit de corps in the military is founded.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and or a photographer to cover the event. Journalists assigned to cover these events should RSVP as depicted below, on or before Monday, 17 June 2015 at 15:30.

**ENDS.**

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