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The SANDF will officially launch their participation in Rand Show 2015 at a media launch on Thursday 26 March 2015 at 11:00 am at the Johannesburg Expo Centre, Nasrec, Johannesburg.

On Friday 03 April 2015 at 10:00, during the official opening ceremony, the SANDF Massed Band consisting of the SA Military Health Service Band, the SA Army Kroonstad Band and the SA Navy Band will entertain the crowd with various renditions of military music. In addition, the public can look forward to be entertained by the spectacular displays of the SA Navy precision drill squad, parachute jumps (weather permitting) and a Gun- run by the Air Defence Artillery Formation (ADA).

As from 03 to 06 April 2015, elements of the SANDF will demonstrate their unique capabilities with various simulations, mock attacks, precision drilling and other action-filled demonstrations in the Arena.

The SA Army is bringing a fleet of military vehicles to the Rand Show's Terrace 1, including a Ratel ZT3 anti-tank variant, a MAN tank transporter with Olifant Mk 2 tank, a Gecko 6x6 vehicle, a Badger infantry combat vehicle, and a Rooikat MK ID armoured car. There will also be a bridge-laying vehicle and mine-detection systems, including the Husky and Meerkat. Visitors will be able to test their air defence skills with a Starstreak surface-to-air missile simulator, try their marksmanship with one of four Elac simulators, or have a go in a driving simulator.

The SA Air Force (SAAF) will be flying the acclaimed Silver Falcons acrobatic display team and also display various capabilities such as their specialised fire truck, their Umlindi radars, technical and operational cabins, and a mobile air traffic control (ATC) tower. There will be various displays of survival kit and armour, and a number of exhibits on aircraft mechanics, including the machine shop and the aircraft structure, welding, plating and painting sections.

In addition to an Oryx helicopter used for delivering airborne infantry for the arena display, the SA Air Force will also put on aerial displays with its Hawk Lead-In Fighter Trainers of 85 Combat Flying School based at AFB Makhado.

The SA Navy is preparing an armament display and a static hydrographic display, and will be bringing a hydrographic survey boat. It will also have a 3 metre diving tank and a two man decompression chamber at the show.

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The Military Health Service (SAMHS) will exhibit its emergency medical, disaster, and search-and-rescue equipment, and will have a display of a field hospital and an Mfezi ambulance. The School for Military Health Training will be giving first-aid briefings.

The Department of Defence and the SANDF are organising a number of indoor exhibits ranging from an army engineering exhibit to displays on eye-testing, dental and dietician work done by the SA Military Health Service.

The SA Army Specialised Infantry Capability (SASSIC) is preparing an exhibit on visual tracking and how soldiers can tell from a person's footprints what they are carrying and if they are trying to throw off trackers by doing things like walking backwards. This capability will also show visitors the survival skills, such as how to accumulate water that are used by members of the armed forces.

The Rand Show arena will also host an airborne capability demonstration where the Specialised Infantry Capability will showcase their effectiveness in among others, border protection and control.

Visitors who are interested in careers in the SANDF are invited to the SANDF indoor career exhibition and the SANDF recruitment representatives from the SA Army, SA Air Force, SA Navy and SA Military Health Service will be available to inform and educate the public about careers in the SANDF.

The media are cordially invited to attend the Rand Show media launch on Thursday 26 March 2015 and exhibitions as from 03 to 12 April 2015 at Rand Show, Johannesburg Expo Centre, Nasrec, Johannesburg.

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