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Women who are unashamedly swelling the SANDF ranks will wrap up the women's month in style on the occasion of a parade scheduled to commence at Pretoria Military Sports Club in Thaba Tshwane, 28 August 2015 at 10h00 during which Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will be the main functionary. Approximately five-hundred (500) women in the SANDF will be on parade and commanded by a woman.

In her 2015 Department of Defence Gender Conference speech, Minister Mapisa-Nqakula has asserted that "It is with the great pride though, that to date, the SANDF has the largest contingency of women in our deployments in the country and the continent and this has been acknowledged by the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Office. With this, we have set an example that women are as good as men in the military field".

The SANDF women have an unambiguous understanding that they are soldiers first and have the mandate of ensuring that a better Africa and a better world as a result of South Africa's contributions is realized. This is evident in their continuously improving plight thereby showing that they can equally model any role appropriated to them within the perceived hetero-patriarchal environment.

Contrary to the popular belief that military is "meant for men only", women in the SANDF have indefatigable spirit of no surrender which always inspire their resolve and ensure that significant strides are entrenched in order to improve their military profile.

Members of the media are cordially invited to send a photographer and or/journalist to cover this eventful parade.

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