

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

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SUBJECT: Minister Mapisa-Ngakula joins amaXhosa Kingdom in celebration

of Lieutenant General Derrick Mgwebi

Defence and Military Veterans Minister Mapisa-Nqakula will join the amaXhosa nation at Mhlalane Great Place near Willowvale, to honour Lieutenant General Derrick Mgwebi for his contribution to the amaXhosa Kingdom, including his heroic achievements and military accomplishments.

Lieutenant General Mgwebi has close to four decades of national and international military experience. Not only does he have an illustrious military background, he also serves as one of the advisors to the king. His leadership qualities and commitment to the development of traditional affairs have earned him great respect among his peers and the public at large.

When the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon announced his appointment as Force Commander of the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) in December 2015, the SANDF was honoured, but most importantly, the country. We knew South Africa is giving to the world one of its best soldiers. This was a further confirmation of General Mgwebi' contribution as a role model for the younger generation. Therefore, I commend King Zwelonke Sigcawu for paying a befitting tribute to this gallant son of Africa, said Minister Mapisa-Ngakula.

Minister Mapisa-Ngakula will deliver a message of support.

The event will be held as follows:

Date: 18 August 2016

Time: 08:00

Venue: Mhlahlane Great Place, near Willowvale, Eastern Cape

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