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Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula – MP, To Meet with Military Veterans Representatives and Leaders in the Eastern Cape Province to Report Back on the Work of the Department of Military Veterans as well as Interact with Military Veterans in the Province

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula – MP, will on Sunday the 24th of April 2016 meet with representatives and leaders of military veterans in the Province of the Eastern Cape.

Minister Mapisa-Nqakula's face-to-face dialogue with veterans is a return visit following a similar interaction, a fortnight ago, with community and civil structures of Mdantsane, which is the minister's Parliamentary Constituency.

Acknowledging the teething challenges that have confronted the Department of Military Veterans since it was established in 2009, Minister Mapisa-Nqakula said, 'the establishment of a turn-around team to help the department perform its tasks more efficiently and with much needed urgency, the Department of Military Veterans had unlocked many bottle-necks that were an impediment to its mandate to deliver services to military veterans across the country.'

Minister Mapisa-Nqakula, supported by a high-level team from the Department of Military Veterans, will be reporting back on among others, the following:

- a. Special Pensions Dispensation for Struggle Veterans
- b. Military Pensions
- c. Medical Aid Benefits
- d. Access to Education Bursaries
- e. Housing
- f. Data-base Integrity of Military Veterans

Minister Mapisa-Nqakula will meet military veterans as follows:

Venue: Mdantsane Sun, East London
Time: 08h30 for 09h00
Date: 24 April 2016

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