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10 YEARS OF MILITARY SKILLS EXCELLENCE

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To be part of a winning team takes strength, courage, companionship, pride, sense of belonging, cooperation and most of all self-discipline. In 2006 members of the SANDF started participating in the Military Skills Competition and over the past ten years have displayed a strength to be reckoned with. Competitive musketry, the level of strength, fitness and a will to win demonstrates that the military training of the SANDF remains on a level to produce combat ready soldiers. Furthermore, after 10 years of local and numerous international competitions the results of participants during the Military Skills Competition 2016 indicate once again that it is an appropriate method to test the level of basic combat readiness. It was remarkable to acknowledge that for the first time the attendance was spread amongst 5 International Countries which included Denmark, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom and one bordering country, namely Botswana. Unfortunately Lesotho withdrew from the competition.

The level of swimming is not of a high standard although the regular and newcomers were competitive. The musketry scores were satisfactory and in both the obstacle course and combat run, results were vastly improved. The Project Coordinator of the Military Skills Competition, Lt Col Uys van der Westhuizen revealed that the Military Skills Competition 2016 was the most improved competition and created a platform to select newcomers for International participation. During the prize giving ceremony the Chairperson of the Reserve Force Council (RFC), Dr (Col) John Job congratulated all prize winners and inspired those who participated for the first time to continue improving their level of skills. He also thanked one and all who worked behind the scenes for making the competition such a huge success. He concluded his closing address by an open invitation to all Arms of Services to participate in the Military Skills Competition 2017.

Top Ten participants Scores

Position	Comp Nr	Unit
1	Tpr Morudu	PR
2	Rfn Mdlalose	3 Para Bn
3	2Lt Haeusser	Germany
4	2Lt Purchase	RMR
5	Rfn Smit	3 Para Bn
6	Maj Labuschagne	3 Para Bn
7	Capt Smith	United Kingdom
8	2Lt Podile	RMR
9	Capt Kranz	Germany
10	Capt Le Roux	3 Para Bn

The top ten participants included members from South Africa, Germany and the United Kingdom



GOC SA Army Infantry Formation, Maj Gen Rudzani Maphwanya accepts the general salute on the Milcomp 2016 official opening parade.



The immense heat didn't stop fellow soldiers and civilian members from supporting participants.



For the first time five international flags together with South African flag lit up the sky on a beautiful prepared obstacle course. International countries included Botswana, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom.