

#### **4 Artillery Regiment's First Female Officer Commanding**

On the 07<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Lt Col M.E. Matimbe was officially inaugurated as 4 Artillery Regiment's First Female Officer Commanding. The day was a beautiful and cool day blessed with rain in the morning.

The handing and taking over parade was between Col G-Man Jongile Maso and Lt Col Mimy Eunice Matimbe. Col G.J. Maso has been deployed to Department of Defense Mobilisation Centre as the Officer Commanding and Lt Col M.E. Matimbe is from Artillery Mobilisation Regiment as the Second in Command.

The parade was a company review parade conducted by 44 Battery of 4 Artillery Regiment. The parade Commander was Maj H.L. Magabane and the parade second in Command was Capt I.N. Mkhonto with the Parade Sergeant Major WO B.D. Heemro. The Chaplain for the parade was Cpln T.J. Moleele. The parade ground was displayed well with of the unit's capabilities on display. Brig Gen K. Makina, the GOC of South African Artillery Formation was the Chief Dignitary on parade and CLLR Mkhabela was representing the Mayor of Tlokwe.

The whole parade was well executed and followed with a light lunch and a big tea.

Capt N.N. Matsipa

Communication Officer 4 Artillery Regiment



## **CURRICULUM VITAE: COLONEL G.J. MASO**

Colonel G-man Jongile Maso was born in Sada Township near Queenstown in the Eastern Cape. He was born on the 1st September 1966. He attended primary school at Nozipho Primary School. At the age of 9 years he and his family moved to East London, Mdantsane and finished his primary education at Nkqubela Primary School. He completed his school education in East London.

He attended LL Sebe Teachers College to qualify himself as a teacher. He was arrested in the same year under the state of emergency in the then Ciskei homeland. Upon his release he left the Republic of South Africa and joined Umkhonto weSizwe in Uganda. He completed his basic military training as part of the Barney Molokoane Detachment. In May 1994 Col Maso was integrated to the SANDF as part of the integration process. He conducted his integration phase in 4 SAI Bn in Middleburg. In the same year was transferred to 4 Artillery Regiment. This is where he did all his basic Artillery Courses. He completed his storeman, survey and navigation and signal courses.

In January 2000 he did his Officer Formative Course in Army Gymnasium in Heidelberg. On completion of this course he was appointed at the School of Artillery as an Instructor in 2001. In 2002 he was appointed as the Adjutant at the Artillery Mobilisation Regiment. In 2003 he was appointed as an Artillery Observation Officer in 43 Battery, 4 Artillery Regiment and eventually Battery Commander 44 Battery. In December 2010 he was appointed 2IC Artillery Mobilisation Regiment. He served in this post for one year and was subsequently appointed as the Officer Commanding in 2011.

In 2012 he did his Junior Command and Staff Duties Course in Pretoria. In 2012 he did his Joint Command and Staff Duties Course at Zimbabwe Staff College. On the 28 February 2014 he was staffed as Commander 4 Artillery Regiment till the end of 2016. Col Maso and his wife Pinkie Lesego Maso are blessed with four children, Phila, Olerato, Lethabo and Xhanti.

## **CURRICULUM VITAE: LIEUTENANT COLONEL M.E. MATIMBE**

Lieutenant Colonel Mimi Eunice Matimbe was born on 19 Apr 1977 at Mamelodi Nursing Home, Pretoria East. She matriculated from Tsako Thabo High School at Khalambazo, Mamelodi East in 1995.

She obtained a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Business Management) degree from Vista University Mamelodi Campus in 1999. She started the Initial Military Service on 21 Jan 2002 and completed Basic Military Training at 3 SA Infantry Battalion, Kimberley and joined the artillery as a gunner in Aug 2002. She worked as a BSM Clerk in 43 Battery, 4 Artillery Regiment from Jan 2003.

She completed the Junior Leader training and Officer's Formative course at the SA Army Gymnasium in 2004. She was commissioned as a lieutenant in Jan 2005 and was appointed as Junior Officer Instructor at Gunnery Wing, School of Artillery until 2007. She obtained a National Certificate in Human Resources Hiring Practices from UNISA in 2008.

Lt Matimbe served as the Observer 43 Battery from Jan-Dec 2008. She was promoted to the rank of captain on 1 Dec 2008. Capt Matimbe served as Enhanced Artillery Observation System OPO at Target Acquisition Battery (45 Battery) from Jan 2009-Nov 2010. She was appointed as the Battery Commander 45 Battery in Dec 2010-Dec 2013. She was promoted to the rank of major on 1 Jan 2012.

Maj Matimbe completed the SA Army Junior Command Staff Duties course in 2014-2015. She was transferred to Artillery Mobilisation Regiment in 2014 as the Second in Command from 1 Jan 2014-30 Mar 2017. She was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel on 30 Mar 2017. Lt Col Matimbe was appointed the Officer Commanding 4 Artillery Regiment from 7 Apr 2017.

Lieutenant Colonel Mimi Matimbe was awarded the Medalje vir Troue Diens (10 years). She is also blessed with her daughter Palesa.

