

VAR's Lance Bombardier Ntsoeu Takes Top Army Reservist Shottist Spot at Chief SA Army Combat Rifle Championship

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Gunners far and wide can take pride in Artillery Formation's Lance Bombardier Matsokolo Ntsoeu, for her accolades garnered at the Chief of the SA Army Combat Rifle Championship held at the General de Wet Shooting Range at De Brug in Bloemfontein.

South African National Defence Force (SANDF) Army Reserves competed alongside teams from the Army Regulars as well as international participants from the armed forces of Botswana, Lesotho, Zambia and the United States from Thursday 04 July to Saturday 06 July 2019. Proceedings were coordinated and executed between 1 South African Infantry Battalion (1SAI Bn), Defence Reserves, the South African Army Reserve Shooting Association (SAARSA) and the Reserve Force Council (RFC).

Vrystaatse Artillerie Regiment (VAR) member L Bdr Ntsoeu came away with numerous medals in the various categories of the competition. Among these, she was the top Reserve Force shottist overall and the top female shottist; she placed first in the Run Down with the VAR team, received second place in the Gold Cup Trophy running, and was part of the VAR team's victory in taking the White Horse Trophy for Army Regulars vs Reserves.



Chief Defence Reserves Maj Gen Roy Andersen salutes the Vrystaatse Artillerie Regiment team (L Bdr Matsokolo Ntsoeu is seen far right) after conferring medals and the hard-won White Horse Trophy for Army Regulars vs Reserves at the awards ceremony on Friday evening, 05 July 2019

Ntsoeu concluded her streak on Saturday by placing third in the Top Individual Shottist Regulars and Reserves head-to-head competition.

Congratulations to the member and to VAR for their exemplary skill at arms!



Members of VAR with C Def Res Maj Gen Andersen for their 1st place in the White Horse Trophy category



L Bdr Ntsoeu shares in a light-hearted moment after the award ceremony, with 2Lt Thembekile Tsatsa (Regiment President Steyn), MWO Pedro Dias Lobo (First City) and 2Lt Mdumiseni Madlala (Natal Carbineers)



L Bdr Ntsoeu fires on her target in the sitting position from the 100m point on the final day of the competition on Saturday morning, 06 July 2019



L Bdr Ntsoeu is seen in the foreground together with members of SA A Team (Reserves) departing the 400m shooting point at the signal to move in the Run Down on Saturday

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