

## SANDF RESERVE FORCE UNIT NAME CHANGES AND SENIORITY LIST

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The names of certain of the SA Army Reserve Force units are being changed in order to ensure that they represent a balanced view of South Africa's rich military heritage.

In this, the first of two articles, the establishment dates of the SA Army, SAAF and SAMHS Reserve Force units is recorded.

This preliminary seniority list has been prepared with inputs from the late Cols Lionel Crook and Alan Bridgens and Brig Gen Gerhard Kamffer. Any additional inputs would be welcomed.

The new names of the units, where applicable, are reflected in *italics* following the historic name.

### SA ARMY

	Previous Name	New Name	Date of establishment
• 1855	Natal Carbineers	<i>Ingobamakhosi Carbineers</i>	15.01.1855
• 1855	Cape Town Rifles (Dukes)	<i>Chief Langalibalele Rifles (CLR)</i>	28.11.1855
• 1857	Cape Field Artillery	<i>Nelson Mandela Artillery Regiment (NMAR)</i>	26.08.1857
• 1862	Natal Mounted Rifles	<i>Queen Nandi Mounted Rifles</i>	25.09.1862
• 1864	Umvoti Mounted Rifles <i>(Their date is 16 May 1864).</i>	Umvoti Mounted Rifles	18.10.1864
• 1873	Durban Light Infantry	Durban Light Infantry	02.04.1873
• 1875	First City	<i>Chief Makhanda Regiment</i>	07.10.1875
• 1876	Kimberley Regiment	Kimberley Regiment	14.08.1876
• 1877	Prince Alfred's Guard	<i>Chief Maqoma Regiment</i>	08.01.1877
• 1883	The Buffalo Volunteer Rifles	The Buffalo Volunteer Rifles	20.12.1883
• 1885	Cape Town Highlanders	<i>Gonnema Regiment</i>	24.04.1885
• 1902	Natal Field Artillery	<i>King Cetshwayo Artillery Regiment (KCAR)</i>	04.05.1902
• 1902	Light Horse Regiment	<i>Johannesburg Light Horse Regiment</i>	12.12.1902
• 1902	Transvaal Scottish	<i>Solomon Mahlangu Regiment</i>	12.12.1902

• 1903	Witwatersrand Rifles	<i>Bambatha Rifles</i>	01.05.1903
• 1904	Transvaal Horse Artillery	<i>Sandfontein Artillery Regiment</i>	17.03.1904
• 1905	Rand Light Infantry	Rand Light Infantry	01.10.1905
• 1913	Pretoria Regiment	<i>Pretoria Armour Regiment</i>	01.07.1913
• 1926	3 Field Engineer Regiment	<i>Ihawu Field Engineer Regiment</i>	01.07.1926
• 1926	Vrystaatse Artillerie Regiment	<i>General Dan Pienaar Artillery Regiment (DPAR)</i>	01.07.1926
• 1934	Regiment Botha	<i>General Botha Regiment</i>	01.04.1934
• 1934	Regiment De La Rey	<i>General de la Rey Regiment</i>	01.04.1934
• 1934	Regiment de Wet	<i>Chief Albert Luthuli Regiment</i>	01.04.1934
• 1934	Regiment Louw Wepener (Dormant)		01.04.1934
• 1934	Regiment President Steyn	<i>Thaba Bosiu Armour Regiment</i>	01.04.1934
• 1934	Regiment Westelike Provincie	<i>General Jan Smuts Regiment</i>	01.04.1934
• 1939	South African Irish Regiment	<i>Andrew Mlangeni Regiment</i>	01.11.1939
• 1946	Regiment Christian Beyers	<i>Mapungubwe Regiment</i>	01.05.1946
• 1946	54 Signal Unit	54 Signal Unit	01.05.1946
• 1946	Regiment Potchefstroomse Universiteit (Dormant)		01.08.1946
• 1946	Cape Garrison Artillery <i>(The unit claims an earlier date).</i>	<i>Autshumato Anti-Aircraft Regiment</i>	01.08.1946
• 1946	71 Signal Unit	<i>Western Cape Reserve Signal Unit</i>	01.05.1946
• 1946	15 Maintenance Unit <i>(This unit claims origins back to prior 1900)</i>	15 Maintenance Unit	01.05.1946
• 1952	Regiment Oranjerivier	<i>Blaauwberg Armour Regiment</i>	01.07.1952
• 1954	Transvaalse Staatsartillerie	<i>State Artillery Regiment (SAR)</i>	01.01.1954
• 1954	Regiment Mooirivier <i>(This unit claims origins back to 1941)</i>	<i>Molapo Armour Regiment</i>	01.01.1954
• 1954	Regiment Piet Retief	<i>Nelson Mandela Regiment</i>	01.01.1954
• 1954	Regiment President Kruger	<i>Lenong Regiment</i>	01.01.1954
• 1960	Regiment Oos Rand	<i>OR Tambo Regiment</i>	01.01.1960
• 1960	Regiment Vaalrivier	<i>Galeshewe Regiment</i>	01.01.1960
• 1960	Johannesburg Regiment	Johannesburg Regiment	01.01.1960
• 1960	Durban Regiment	<i>King Shaka Regiment</i>	01.01.1960

• 1961	4 Maintenance Unit	<i>4 Logistical Support Unit</i>	22.08.1961
• 1961	30 Field Workshop	<i>Doman Field Workshop</i>	22.08.1961
• 1961	31 Field Workshop	<i>General Sipho Binda Field Workshop</i>	22.08.1961
• 1961	32 Field Workshop	<i>Sabelo Phama Field Workshop</i>	22.08.1961
• 1963	Regiment Bloemspruit	<i>Mangaung Regiment</i>	01.01.1963
• 1963	Regiment Noord-Transvaal	<i>Job Masego Regiment</i>	01.01.1963
• 1963	11 Maintenance Unit	<i>General Andrew Masondo Maintenance Unit</i>	01.01.1963
• 1964	Regiment Oos Transvaal	<i>iWombe Anti-Aircraft Regiment</i>	01.10.1964
• 1964	11 Field Postal Unit	11 Field Postal Unit	01.10.1964
• 1965	6 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment	<i>Sekhukhune Anti-Aircraft Regiment</i>	01.04.1965
• 1965	71 Field Workshop	<i>Chris Hani Field Workshop</i>	01.04.1965
• 1967	37 Field Workshop	<i>Sekhukhune Field Workshop</i>	01.06.1967
• 1968	Tshwane Regiment	Tshwane Regiment	26.09.1968
• 1970	19 Field Engineer Regiment	<i>Umkhonto Field Engineer Regiment</i>	01.12.1970
• 1971	2 Parachute Battalion	<i>2 Parachute Battalion</i>	01.06.1971
• 1971	6 Signal Regiment	6 Signal Regiment	01.09.1971
• 1975	18 Light Regiment	<i>Steve Biko Artillery Regiment (SBAR)</i>	01.08.1975
• 1975	3 Parachute Battalion	3 Parachute Battalion	01.08.1975
• 1975	7 Signal Group	<i>Gauteng Reserve Signal Unit</i>	01.08.1975
• 1975	84 Signal Unit	<i>Kwa-Zulu Natal Reserve Signal Unit</i>	01.08.1975
• 1975	19 Transit Maintenance Unit	<i>Madiba Bay Maintenance Unit</i>	01.08.1975
• 1979	44 Parachute Engineer Regiment	<i>Ukhosi Parachute Engineer Regiment</i>	01.01.1979
• 1979	44 Signal Unit	44 Signal Unit	01.01.1979
• 1985	44 Maintenance Unit	44 Maintenance Unit	13.12.1985
• 1985	44 Anti-Aircraft Regiment	<i>Madzhakandila Anti-Aircraft Regiment</i>	01.01.1985
• 1986	7 Field Workshop	<i>Ngungunyane Field Workshop</i>	14.01.1986
• 2016	Regiment Umzimvubu	Regiment Umzimvubu	09.02.2016
• 2017	2 Tactical Intelligence Regiment	<i>Barney Molokoane Intelligence Unit</i>	Being formed
• 2017	SAASIC (Res)	Bagaka Regiment	Being formed

## **SA AIR FORCE**

- 1963 101 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 102 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1973 104 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 105 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 106 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 107 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 108 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 110 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1963 111 Air Force Reserve Squadron 24.09.1963
- 1980 92 Tactical Airfield Unit 01.01.1980
- 1980 97 Tactical Airfield Unit 01.01.1980

## **SA MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE**

- 1889 3 Medical Battalion Group 21.10.1889
- 1903 6 Medical Battalion Group 01.03.1903
- 1913 1 Medical Battalion Group 01.07.1913

A follow-up list will be published in the future to reflect any corrections.