

Nelson Mandela Artillery Regiment Members Complete the Firearm Control Act Learning Programme

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As circumstances have changed in the country, the SA Army has had to prepare members for the challenge, especially with regard to the legal aspects of the role of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) members in the community.

The Firearm Control Act Learning Programme (FCA LP) course took place over the period 07 and 18 September 2020 at Fort iKapa Military Base and was attended mainly by members of Nelson Mandela Artillery Regiment (NMAR). As things happen at Fort iKapa Military Base, most opportunities are shared and a few members of other units joined in for the training period. The instructor for this course was MWO A. Wort, RSM of Cape Town Highlanders.

The FCA LP has now become a vital course before any member can be called up for guard duty or for any kind of deployment. If not FCA LP qualified, the member does not qualify for call-ups.

The main aspects of the course are Safety Precautions of Firearms, Musketry Coaching and Law aspects around firearms in the military environment. Members had to learn the detailed knowledge about fire arms and the Firearm Act. They learned about the legal aspects when using a firearm and what rights you have as a military member, as well as criminal laws and how to react in situations where there is domestic violence and when members are on duty carrying a firearm. The members found the course very interesting and felt more equipped with knowledge for their duties ahead.

As with all courses, we have to acknowledge the top performers and this time it was a tie between two ladies who passed the course with distinction. Well done 05022454MR Gnr L.D. de Briesch and 04044137BV SMN Z. Bele.



Members in class during a lecture.





The two ladies who came first on the course (tie position).
FLTR: SMN Z. Bele, Lt Col L.G. Classen, OC of NMAR, course instructor MWO A. Wort and Gnr LD de Briesch.



Officers from NMAR who completed the course.
FLTR: Lt V.L. Jensen, Lt S. Mtanywa, Lt Col L.G. Claassen, OC of NMAR and Capt T.T. Rust.