

## SA Army Air Defence Artillery Formation Excellence Awards 2025

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) successfully hosted the annual week-long celebration of excellence in the SA Army Air Defence Artillery Formation from December 8 to 12, 2025. The week's activities, which included a Medal Parade, Memorial Service, and Awards Ceremony for exceptional members, and the highlight of the week, the traditional Gun Run.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Gunner Wolf Wassermeier, National Deputy President, and Gunner Renier Henning, Chairman of the Vereeniging Branch, attended the annual ADA Formation Excellence Awards in Kimberley.

The day kicked off with the ADA Formation Medal Parade. The Functionary for the parade was Brig Gen L.A. Mafune, General Officer Commanding, SA Army ADA Formation.

During the afternoon the Memorial Parade took place at the memorial parade ground and Gunner Renier Henning participated in the wreath Laying Ceremony, representing Gunner Kevin Ashton, National Chairman of the Gunners' Association.



Brig Gen L.A. Mafune, General Officer Commanding, SA Army ADA Formation.



Gunner Renier Henning and Gunner Wolf Wassermeier

The highlight of the day was the ADA Formation Excellence Award Ceremony at the Officer's Club at 10 AA Regiment.

Brig Gen L.A. Mafune, GOC ADA Formation, addressed the recipients and handed over the certificates and awards.

Awards for the best Best Academic Learner on the Battery Commanders Course, Best Academic Learner on the Troop Commanders Course, and Best Academic Learner on the Troop Commanders Course also received the Gunners Association gift from Gunner Wolf Wassermeier.

**Recipients of the Gunners Association gifts were:**

- Capt V. Mkhize – Best Academic Learner on the Battery Commanders Course
- Capt B. Nqweniso – Best Academic Learner on the Troop Commanders Course
- S Sgt A. Arries – Best Academic Learner on the Troop Sergeant Majors Course



Brig Gen L.A. Mafune, GOC ADA Formation, Gunner Wolf Wassermeier and Capt V. Mkhize



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***Very well done and many congratulations to all of them.***

On Wednesday, December 10, the Gun Run event, organised by the 10 Anti-aircraft Regiment based in Kimberley, kicked off at 09h00 at the Trim Park on Dalham Road-Milner Road.

Ten teams competed, each pulling a 23mm anti-aircraft gun across an estimated 7.2 kilometres, from Dalham Road through the central business district of Kimberley back to Dalham Road.



23mm anti-aircraft gun

Participants represented diverse groups, including the SANDF, South African Police Services, the Department of Correctional Services, and local community teams from Galeshewe.



The winners for 2025 Gun Run were 104 Battery (10 Anti-aircraft Regiment). The Galeshewe Community Team 1 taking second position and the 3 South African Infantry Battalion took the third position.