

The Defence Reserves Provincial Office of the Western Cape establishes an Inter Service Forum

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On the evening of 21 October 2010, an important meeting organised by the Defence Reserves Provincial Office of the Western Cape under the leadership of Capt (SAN) Trunell Morom and Lt Col Johan Conradie took place in the Het Bakhuis Officers' Mess at the Castle of Good Hope. The aim of this meeting was to establish a platform for all Reserve Force and Reserve Force related role players to provide input into the Reserves Strategic processes.



Photo 1: Lt Col J.A. Conradie, Capt (SAN) T. Morom, Brig Gen J. Del Monte and Col (Dr) J. Job prepare for the briefing

It is envisaged that this Inter Service Forum will consist of representatives of all Services of the South African National Defence Force, namely the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Military Health Services. Representatives of all of these, including unit commanders and invited guests in the Western Cape were thus invited to attend the meeting.

Capt Morom gave a presentation on the aim and objectives of the Inter Service Forum.

The aim of the ISF is to network internally among the different services of the military in order to improve the effectiveness of the Defence Reserve system. Among others, the objectives include the sharing of experience and expertise, to coordinate unity of effort when organising Defence Reserve events, such as open days, parades and functions, and to establish and promote the spirit of military voluntarism.

The guest speaker was Col (Dr) J. Job, the Chairman of the Reserve Force Council (RFC), who addressed the forum on the role and functions of the RFC.

He added that the Western Cape Office of the Defence Reserves was “the blueprint for the Provinces”, praising the Office for taking the lead in improving communication between the different services of the military and the many Reserve Force units in the Western Cape.

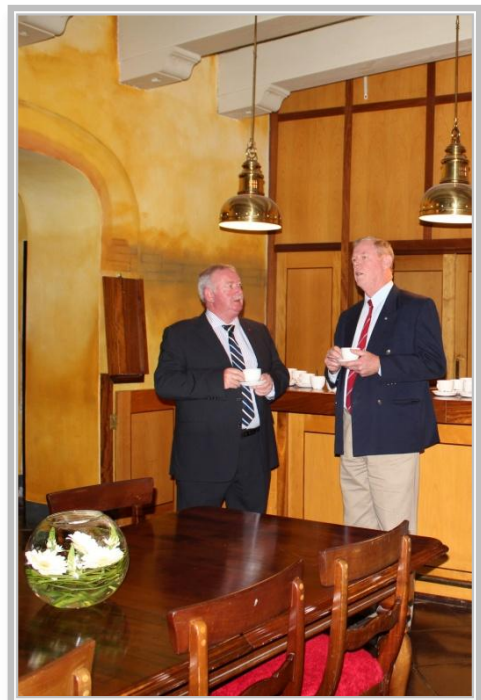


Photo 2: Lt Col B. Sterne and Mr C. Rose, one of the members of the Provincial Defence Liaison Council for the Western Cape