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### **South African National Defence Force back at the Bloem Show with Full Programme**

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The Bloem Show takes place this year from 27 April – 7 May and a feast of activities is being planned. The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) returns to the the Bloem Show after an absence of many years. Apart from a huge Defence Force display that is planned for 6 May, visitors can look forward to numerous splendid ineractive exhibitions with demonstrations for children and adults. These exhibitions should definitely not be missed!

- The Military Police exhibit functional and operational equipment as well as various vehicles.
- Come and learn more about the latest combat equipment.

Visit the SA Military Medical Service to get advice on a healthy lifestyle. The South African Medical Service offers various disciplines in Dentistry, Biokinetics, Psychology, Social Work, nursing services and Dietetics. The Samil 20 ambulance, Mfezi ambulance and a mobile clinic ambulance will also be on show. The complimentary measuring blood presure, eye tests, dental care and Body Mass Index measurement, as well the importance of physical fitness will form part of the presentation.

- Also visit the Recruitment Division Exhibitions to see how many careers there are on offer in the SA National Defence Force and how to apply.
- The South African Navy will have a variety exhibits and will, amongst others, demonstrate two boats. One of the boats is brand new and was built especially for the navy for use by the maritime reaction force to transport its members; and to search suspicious vessels at sea. All sorts of instruments and weaponry such as torpedoes and underwater mines will be on view. A diving tank with real divers to show off their skills will also form part of the exhibition.
- The South African Armour Museum in association with the Bloemfontein Fire Brigade will give an exhibitionin the Ark (the old pet hall). Do pay a visit to the vehicles that are on show, especially the Ferret armoured car with the 'Rolls Royce' engine.



- The airspace above the Bloem Show is going to be changed into a display area when the Silver Hawks deliver an air rally on Sunday, 30 April at 09:45 and 12:00.
- On 6 May, Rooivalk, Oryx and A109 helicopters will give a demonstration and at 15:00 on the same day there will be a retreat parade in the Vertical Signs main arena.
- Be sure not to miss the retreat parade of 1 SSB on 6 May at 15:00.
- Make sure you attend the Military Music Festival on Friday, 5 May 2017 from 18:00 – 20:00 taking place on the Computicket stage. Various Defence Force orchestras will take part. These will include the National Ceremonial Guard's military orchestra, the South African Army orchestra from Kroonstad, the South African Air Force jazz orchestra and the South African Medical Service's orchestra with bagpies and drums. The Air Force choir will also perform.
- An interactive military display consisting of military orchestras, drill platoons and other activities are planned for Saturday, 6 May from 15:30 – 17:00 in the Vertical Signs Arena. The programme will be presented by various Defence Force units. Skydiving by 44 Parachute Battalion will definitely draw huge interest. The Infantry Battalion will stage a mock attack and the military police will simulate a hostage drama with dogs and horses.
- The following divisions of the SA National Defence Force will be represented this year at the Bloem Show, which will include
  - o 1 SSB
  - o 1 SA Tank Regiment
  - o 44 Parachute Battalion
  - o SA Armour School Museum
  - o 1 SAI Battalion
  - o SAMMS (SA Military Medical Services)
  - o GSB (General Support Basis)
  - o Free State Regional Works Unit
  - o Free State Signal Unit
  - o Air Force
  - o Navy



- Bloemfontein Mobilization Unit
- Chaplain General

What an exciting addition to the Bloem Show. More than 100 000 visitors over 11 days, with about 450 exhibitors in exhibition halls and outside areas.

Come and enjoy an unforgettable show from 27 April – 7 May at the Bloem Show Grounds.

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