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MILITARY & HISTORY FAIR EXPANDING AT MONUMENT

Pretoria, 22 April 2014. The annual Military & History Fair at the Voortrekker Monument will take place on 1 May this year. The fair was so popular last year that several new and interesting exhibitors will take part this year.

The guest speaker this year is ex-general Johan Jooste, the current officer commanding of the anti rhino-poaching unit in the Kruger National Park. He will give a short background of his military history as well as the challenges of his current position at the rhino unit at about 11:00. The monument's ca. 1938 canon Susanna, will be fired at 12:00. The Monument obtained Susanna from the Cape Town High School in 2003. She is a British six pound gunade ship's canon. The gunade has a longer barrel than that of "*Ou Grietjie*" which was used at the Battle of Blood River which is a carronade.

Of the big draw cards this year will most certainly be the exhibits by Milkor and Matoska. Milkor will be exhibiting their new Supersix 40mm grenade launcher and will also fire a couple of shots. They will also exhibit some of the earlier weapons also made by the firm. Matoska, a company manufacturing sniper rifles amongst others, will have their Double Star 3G 5.56x45 rifle at the show. The Zwartkop Scale Modellers' club will have large exhibit and there will be a stall holder all the way from Namibia with amazing military scale models to build.

The Armour Formation of the SANDF will be exhibiting several vehicles and the Integrated Personnel Protection Vehicle by REVA can also be seen. The writer of several military related books, Paul Els, will be on hand to sign copies of his books. Dealers in militaria, books, medals, uniforms and even military art will be at the fair.

The fair takes place from 09:00 to 16:00 on the picnic site at the Voortrekker Monument.

There will be food stalls for the hungry and a beer caravan for the thirsty. The entrance fee is R20 per car, regardless of the number of occupants. Interested persons can contact Geraldine Paulsen at marketing@vtm.org.za or on 012 326 6770 with any queries.

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