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MINIATURE CANNONS AT MILITARY FAIR

Pretoria, 21 April 2014. The annual Military & History Fair at the Voortrekker Monument on 1 May will this year boast a couple of new additions. The fair was so popular last year that there are 15 additional stands this year.

This year the programme will start at 11:00 with a demonstration of the capoeira fighting art. Capoeira is a type of fighting that had its origins in Brazil amongst warring slave groups. The monument's 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. After Susanna, the miniature cannons of the Canon Society of South Africa will be fired.

A French Gazelle helicopter will most probably be the biggest draw this year. These helicopters saw action in Afghanistan until recently. There will also be an Alouette helicopter. Mainstay of the fair, Milkor will exhibit their Supersix 40mm grenade launcher and also have some of this weapon's earlier models on display. 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 also be a knife maker.

The Armour Formation of the SANDF as well as the Air Defence Artillery Formation will be exhibiting several vehicles at the fair and the Koevoet stall will be selling a beautiful statue. The writers of several military will be on hand to sign copies of their books. Dealers in militaria, books, medals, uniforms and even military art will be at the fair. About 40 military re-enactors will also be on hand.

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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