

**VOORTREKKER MONUMENT'S GROWING MILITARY FAIR MUST RELOCATE**

**Pretoria, 10 April 2017.** The Voortrekker Monument's annual Military & History Fair has grown to such an extent that it will be relocated to the amphitheatre roof this year. The fair takes place on Monday, 1 May and the number of stall have doubled compared to last year. The northern gate will be open this year and visitors may visit Freedom Park free of charge.

There will once again be a fly-past of Border War era planes after which members from Group 73 will demonstrate how criminals, such as poachers, are caught by helicopters. The company *Cerebus*, that specializes in Airsoft 'rifles' and 'pistols', will run a 'shooting range' where visitors to the fair will be able to practise their 'shooting abilities'. Airsoft 'rifles' are precise replicas of almost any weapon under the sun. They manufacture anything from replica R1 rifles to M60 machine guns and will have a stall where these replicas can be purchased.

The SA Armour Formation will once again display some of their vehicles. The Monument's canon, Susanna, will be fired at 13:00. The Monument obtained Susanna from the Cape Town High School in 2003. She is a British six pounder ship's canon dating to the 1820s. The Canon Society of South Africa currently sponsors the black powder used to fire the monthly shots on the heritage site.

Zwartkop Scale Modellers' club will show off their very intricate models whilst five local knife makers will display their ware. Both Koevoet and the Rhodesian Light Infantry will be selling beautiful new items at their different stalls. Various bookdealers will be selling publications with military themes and Wynand du Toit will be present in person to sign his publication. Dealers in militaria, medals, uniforms and even military art will be at the fair. About 40 military re-enactors will also be on hand exhibiting several WW II vehicles.

The fair takes place from 09:00 to 15:00 where the antique and collectables fairs usually take place. Visitors should please take note that braai areas on the picnic site will not be available during the fair and that no visitors will be allowed on site before 07:00.

There will be food stalls and a special area where refreshments may be enjoyed. The fully licensed restaurant beneath the fair area will be open. Entrance fee is R30 per car, regardless of the number of occupants. Please direct all queries to Geraldine Paulsen at [marketing@vtm.org.za](mailto:marketing@vtm.org.za) or on 012 326 6770.

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