



**WELCOMING BY COMMANDANT NAMIBIAN
DEFENCE FORCE TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT,
GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE 16TH RECRUIT
INTAKE, HELD AT NDF TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT
ON AUGUST 2023**

Hon. Frans Kapofi Minister of Defence and veterans Affairs MP
Air Marshal Martin Kambulu Pinehas, CDF

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Town

Hon. Israel Hukura, Councilor of Omatoko Constituency

Hon. B Tjavehondja, Councilor of Okahandja Constituency
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AVM Teophelus Shaende, AF

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Maj Gen Josua Namhindo, COS JOps

Maj Gen PSPA Nathing, DED Policy, Plan and Ops

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Comdt

General Officers

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Senior and Junior NDF Officers
NDF SM
Service SMs
School SM
Respectful Media
Parents and Guardians
Distinguished Invited Guests
Parade Commander and Recruits on this colorful parade
Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow Namibian

Good Morning!

I am Brig Gen Thomas Ngotipeni ya Showa, the Commandant of Namibia Defence Force Training Establishment. On behalf of the entire NDF TE members and indeed on my own behalf, I proudly and positively take this opportunity to welcome you all to the NDF TE, in particular Osona Base Okahandja. You are welcome to the Osona Military Base the **Centre of Excellence**, feel at home. Today the 9th August 2023, marks another milestone in the history of the Namibian Defence Force and in particular that of NDF TE.

Hon Minister, CDF, distinguished invited guests, dear parents and guardians, it is morale building and courageous to register your presence with us today to witness the closing of the 16th Recruits intake of the young and energetic future military soldiers of the NDF. One may wish for a similar occasion every day to enjoy your stunning and attractive presence. **We value your presence**

and be prepared to attend many but rare similar occasions in the future.

It has been a matter of concern about manpower in our Defence Force, hence that, few months back, the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs invited young Namibian men and women to take up a career in the Namibian Defence Force and the response was overwhelming. Moreover, as it is the practice in all fields of recruitment only selected few successful applicants were enlisted to undergo military training; they are **1264 Recruits** those who are standing here today. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your heroic decision for voluntarily enlist yourselves into the Namibian Defence Force, to become defenders of our mother land Namibia the land of the brave, you are also braves for that. Congratulation once more!!

Let me quote "*Any society that does not succeed in tapping into the energy and creativity of its youth will be left behind*" by Kofi Anna

This simply means we need to start trusting the youth to take over from us, as we are now ageing and we need to empower the youth, by giving them opportunities.

To the Graduates, the day you have been dreaming about has come for you to become proud defenders of Namibia. Your long yearning for hope and ambition is about to be realized by today's official closing of your training by the Hon. Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs.

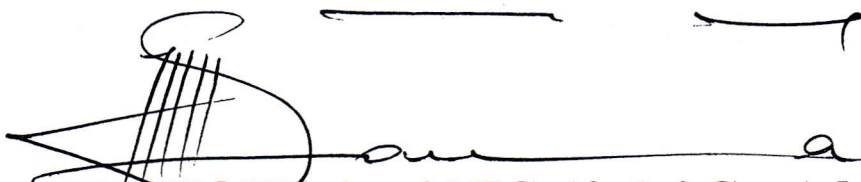
“Always bear in mind that when you made the decision to join the Defence Force, you have accepted the highest call of duty any citizen can ever take. As you start your military career, you join a unique group of Namibians, those who instead of normal jobs, have selected to serve as defenders of our motherland Namibia, its people and resources. You have accepted to abide by the requirements of exceptional discipline, patriotism and extraordinary commitment to your country and all of its people.

I’m encouraging you graduates, that this is just the beginning, ahead of you lies years of service to the people of this country, which I am confident you will perform your duty with dedication.

Ladies and gentlemen, since I am not the main speaker, it is now my tremendous honour to invite the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshall Martin Kambulu Pinehas to introduce our key note speaker. **As you gave them to me on the 07 November 2022 now I’m returning them to you they are yours Sir.**

AIR MARSHALL SIR!!

I THANK YOU, ONCE MORE FOR YOUR AUDIENCE!! And MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR HONORING OUR INVITATION.



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