



# INFANTEER 2009

## HONORARY COLONEL FOR REGIMENT NOORD TRANSVAAL

Regiment Noord Transvaal inaugurated Professor Sibusiso Vil-Nkomo as its honorary colonel at a parade that took place on Saturday 1 August 2009 at 11:00 at the SA Army College, Thaba Tshwane.



**FLTR: Major General K.M. Mokoape and Professor Sibusiso Vil-Nkomo**

### **CONSISE CURRICULUM VITAE**

Professor Vil-Nkomo was born in Johannesburg and obtained his bachelor's degree at the Lincoln University and his master's degree and PhD at the University of Delaware in the United States of America. His area of specialisation is Urban Economic Policy. He served as the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences and was the founder of the first PhD on the African continent in the School of Public Management and Administration. In 1994, the former president, Nelson Mandela, appointed him as the Public Service Commissioner for the new democratic state of South Africa.

He served as an advisor to the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Educational Training Programme for Southern Africa, Social Science Research Council, Rockefeller Foundation and the Government of South Africa.

Professor Vil-Nkomo serves on the board of Subtropico (Pty) Ltd, the Bestmed Medical Scheme and the Board of the Chamber Orchestra of South Africa. He also served on the audit committee of Statistics South Africa and was the treasurer of the South African Academy of Science.

Professor Vil-Nkomo was appointed in 2009 as advisor to the Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria where he deals with government and private sector relations, both national and international, and assists in fund raising activities while serving on the executive.

### **REGIMENT NOORD TRANSVAAL**

Regiment Noord Transvaal was established on 26 April 1963 and has been a mechanised infantry unit since 1975. The unit is situated on Magasyn Heuwel in the Defence Terrain. The unit served in the former South West Africa as well as during internal unrest situations. The unit will be participating in a mechanised infantry exercise, Exercise HANGLIP, with 1 South African Infantry Battalion at De Brug, Bloemfontein from 24 August to 15 December 2009.

The appointment of honorary colonels is an established military tradition in the SANDF and their main responsibilities are to assist in maintaining regimental traditions, to foster esprit de corps and to represent regimental and unit interest including fostering civilian, local and regional connections, goodwill and support.

Professor Vil-Nkomo, an economist, sees the role of the military to protect and safeguarding the country and, therefore, enabling the economy. It is, therefore, important to respect the military at all costs.

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