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CHANGE OF OFFICE PARADE FOR MASTER-AT-ARMS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY

Senior Chief Warrant Officer, Matee Joseph Molefe, will become the first-african incumbent of the position of the Master-At-Arms (MAA) for the South African Navy (SAN), when he is installed during a Change of Office Parade on Thursday, 01 February 2018, at Naval Base Simon's Town (Martello Sports Field), Western Cape.

MAA of the SAN is the highest position that a Non-Commissioned Officer could occupy. The incumbent is responsible for, amongst many tasks, the overall monitoring and improvement of disciplinary standards, morale, personnel well-being and ensuring the high standards of military professionalism in accordance with the department's policies.

Warrant Officer Molefe, was born in a small village, Burggerreght, Polokwane in Limpopo. He integrated into the South African National Defence (SANDF) in 1994. He has during his illustrious career, which includes sea experience spanning over a decade, served at and held critical posts such as Operations Room Manager onboard the SAS MENDI in 2003, Coxswain onboard the SAS ISANDLWANA in 2009, MAA at SAS SIMONSBURG and Fleet MAA in 2016. He has completed various military and all prerequisite courses.

His predecessor, Senior Chief Warrant Officer, Pragasen Moodley is going on retirement. Warrant Officer Moodley joined the SAN in 1959 and has served at various posts prior to being MAA. These included being a Marine, Boat Master, Instructor, MAA for Naval Base, Fleet and the SAN, to mention but a few.

The parade will commence at 09:00 and will be in the form of a Battalion in Review.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the parade.

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