



Reserve Force Council

RESERVE FORCE COUNCIL
1992 - 2006

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. RFC CREATED BY THE RESERVE FORCES**
- 2. RFC MANDATED TO REPRESENT THE VIEWS of the RFC**
- 3. CONSTITUENT MEMBERS ARE THE REGIMENTS and UNITS**
- 4. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH ASSOCIATION of RFC**
- 5. OFFICE BEARERS ARE ELECTED**
- 6. NOT AN ALTERNATIVE COMMAND STRUCTURE NOR TRADE UNION**
- 7. SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY AND CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE NEEDS of RESERVE FORCE.**



WHAT IS THE RFC?

DEFENCE ACT No.42 of 2002, CLAUSE 48(4)

The Council is a consultative and advisory body representing the Reserve Force, in order to promote and maintain that Force as an integral part of the Defence Force and must be consulted on any legislation, policy or administrative measures affecting the Reserve Force.



WHAT IS THE RFC? (contd)

- AN ELECTED BODY
- CONSTITUTION APPROVED by MINISTER and DOD
- APPOINTMENT of ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS by THE MINISTER IN TERMS of DEFENCE ACT
- MISSION is to ASSIST IN PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING THE RESERVE FORCE AS AN INTEGRAL PART of SANDF IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS SET for SANDF AND THE CONSTITUTION, DEFENCE POLICY, THE 1996 WHITE PAPER AND THE 1998 DEFENCE REVIEW.



WHAT IS THE RFC? (contd)

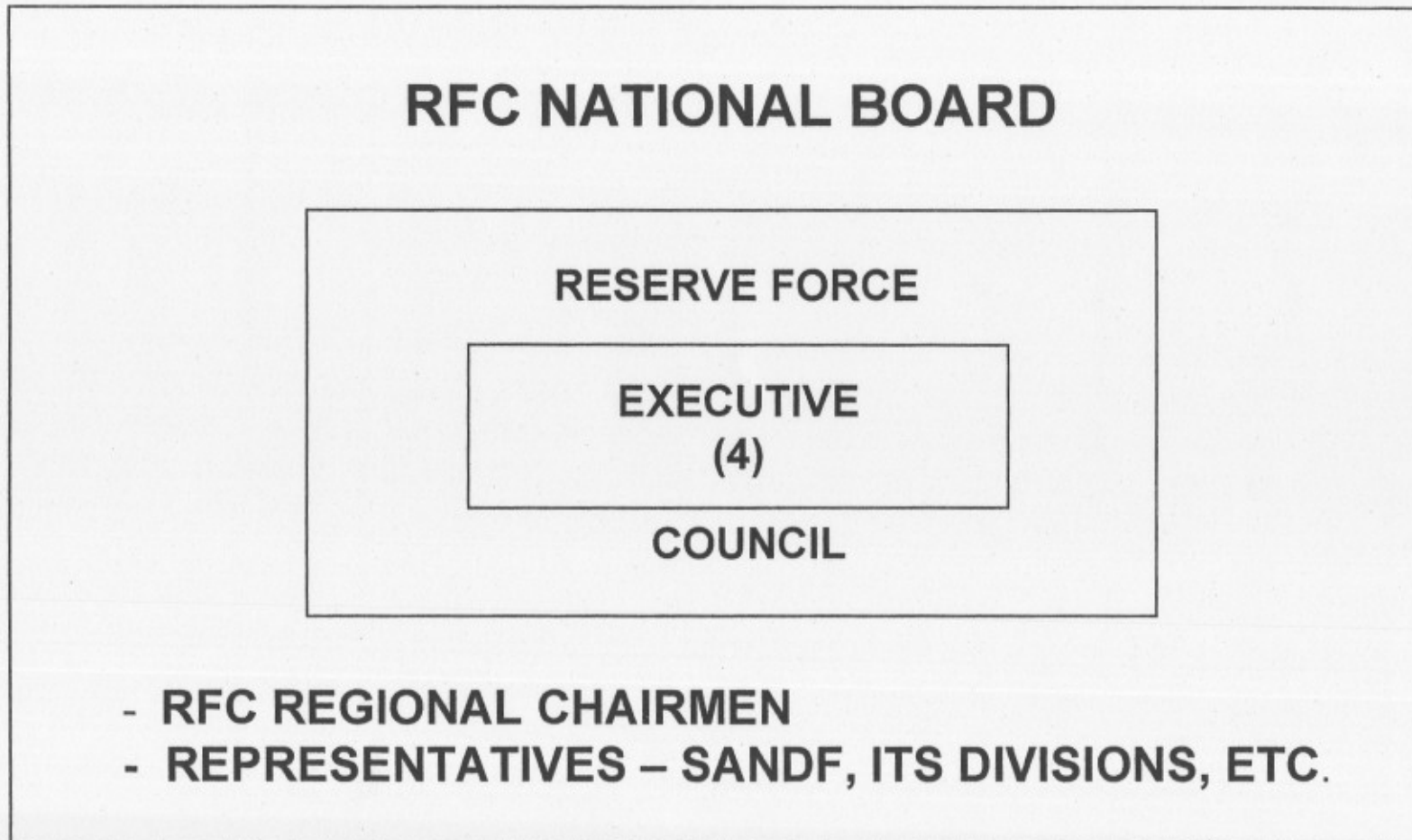
THE RFC'S AIMS ARE

- **To secure sustainable collaboration with Parliamentary Committees and Defence Minister, Secretary for Defence and C SANDF and General and Senior Officers of the SANDF and their equivalents in the Secretariat.**
- **To help secure community and employer support for the Reserve Force.**
- **To help promote the “One Force” policy.**
- **To work with the Component Parts of the MOD in terms of the DOD Consultative Instruction of 15 September 2005.**



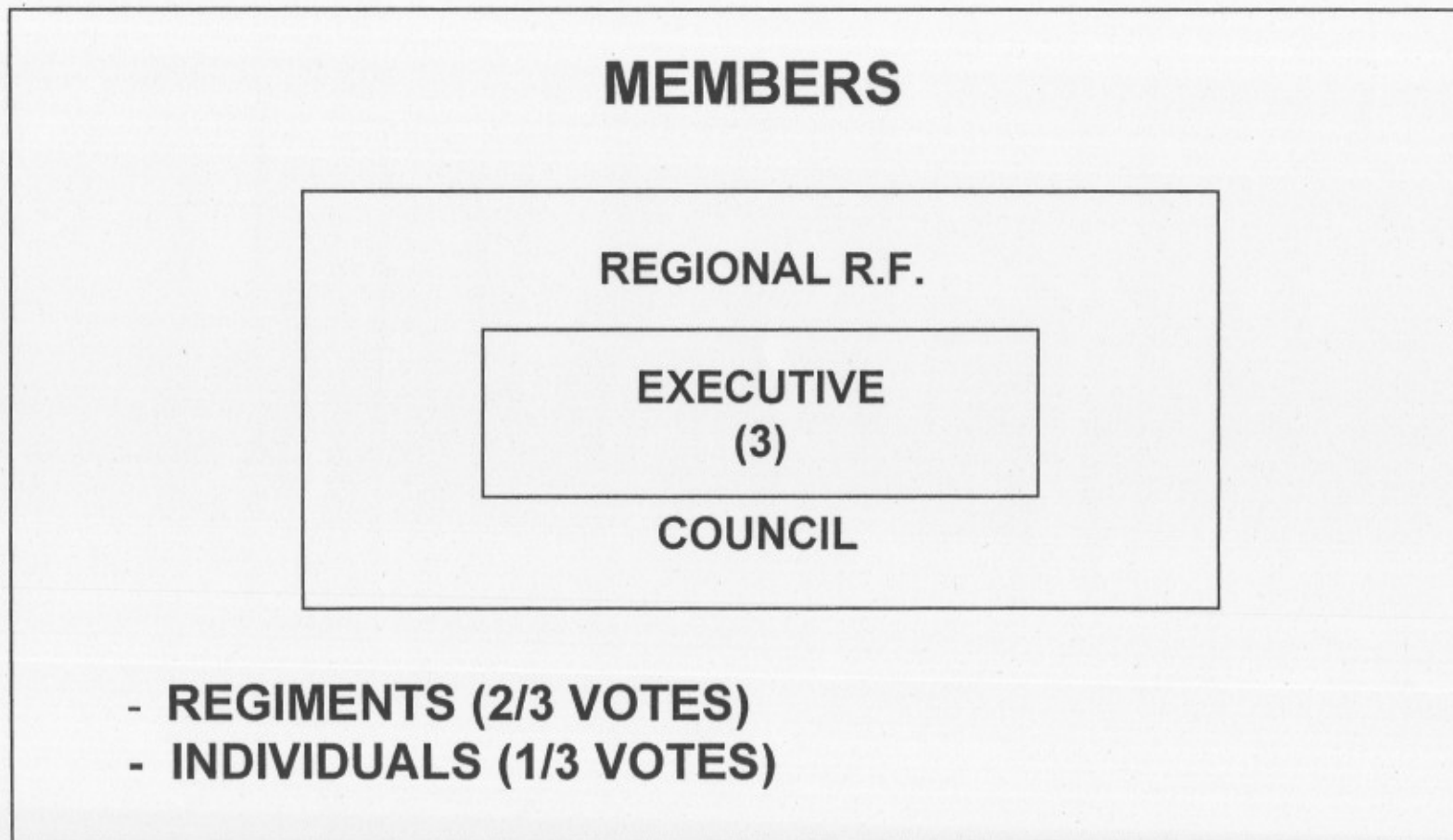
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RFC STRUCTURE : NATIONAL



RFC STRUCTURE (contd)

REGIONAL (9X)



WHAT IS THE RFC? (contd)

**APPOINTMENTS TO RFC AS RATIFIED by THE MINISTER,
05 SEPTEMBER 2005:**

**DR (COL) J L JOB
MAJ GEN REG MODISE
BRIG GEN JOHN DEL MONTE
COL DAVE VOS
REAR ADM (JG) LUKAS BAKKES
LT COL ABEL MAMINZE
MR TOM SEETA
MR JOHNNY SEXWALE
MR PAL MARTINS
MR GEORGE MASOEK
DR T PEKANE
WOI ALEC TSHABALALA**

**CHAIR
DEPUTY CHAIR
VICE CHAIR
VICE CHAIR**



HOW THE RFC CAME ABOUT

- FORMED IN AUGUST 1992 because of concerns about the future of the Reserve Force Regiments.
- NEGOTIATED for RESERVE FORCE FUTURE with POLITICAL PARTIES and JMCC. 1992/93
- MINISTER R KASRILS LIST of EX NSF LEADERS 1994
- ALL RESERVE FORCE UNITS MEMBERS 1996
- ABSORBED AORSA, ROASA as ASSOCIATION of the RFC 2000
- STATUTORY STATUS 2002
- CONSULTATION INSTRUCTION 2005

RESERVE FORCE OFFICERS and WO's WERE ALL BUT EXCLUDED FROM LEVEL 2,3 POSTS



SOME ACHIEVEMENTS

- **RESERVE FORCES, and RFC, INCLUSIONS IN**

WHITE PAPER	1996
DEFENCE REVIEW	1998
DEFENCE ACT	2002
- **FIRST TO INITIATE STRATEGY for the RESERVE FORCE**
- **FIRST TO BRIEF JSCD ON WEAK POLICY IMPLEMENTATION i.r.o. RESERVE FORCE (November 2001)**
- **PERSUADED MINISTER of NEED TO CREATE THE POST of CHIEF of DEFENCE RESERVES**
- **OPENING UP OF L2, L3 POSTS for RESERVES**
 - **MAJ GENERALS**
 - **BRIG GENERALS/REAR ADMIRALS**
 - **COLONELS**
 - **WOIs above LEVEL 4**



SOME ACHIEVEMENTS (contd)

- WITH SAMHS, INITIATED THE UNIVERSITY RESERVE TRAINING UNIT
- WITH SAMHS BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE BATTLE-FIELD TRAUMA COURES to the SANDF
- HIGH IMPACT, LOW COST OPPORTUNITIES NATOs, CIOR, CIOMR
- NATO'S YOUNG RESERVE OFFICERS' WORKSHOP (YROW's)
- NATO'S MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION
- INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS
- UPGRADED LOCAL RESERVE FORCE SHOOTING
- ASSISTED IN BRINGING THE INTERNATIONAL AIR FORCE CONVENTION TO SOUTH AFRICA
- BRINGS TO SOUTH AFRICA BEST INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES regarding RESERVE FORCE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT.



SOME FAILURES

- **RESOURCE ALLOCATION TO RESERVE FORCE STILL FAR TOO LOW**
- **VERY SLOW DEVELOPMENT & TRANSFORMATION of ARMY CONVENTIONAL RESERVE**
- **JSCD QUESTION “ *WHAT RESERVE FORCES DO WE NEED and WHAT RESOURCES ARE REQUIRED TO CREATE and MAINTAIN THAT FORCE*” of NOVEMBER 2001 STILL NOT ANSWERED but DEFENCE UPDATE MAY DO SO.**



THE RFC'S BUDGET

R2,6 million in F2006/2007

FUNDS USED FOR

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| - PAYMENTS TO OFFICE BEARERS,
SHOOTING TEAMS and DELEGATIONS | R1,2 million |
| - TRAVEL, LOCAL AND OVERSEAS | R0,5 million |
| - SHOOTING | R 240,000 |
| - COURSES & CONFERENCES | R 170,000 |
| - PRINTING, OFFICE COSTS | R 65,000 |



RFC'S PRIORITIES 2006

SHORT TERM:

1. Complete Regional Development (9 Regions)
2. Finalise workings of the Associations of the RFC
3. The Closure Commemoration Medal and Clasps *Completed*
4. Accelerate ex NSF entries into the Reserve Force *Moving*

STRATEGIC:

1. Expand Contacts : JSCD, MOD, INTERNATIONAL
2. Secure appropriate inputs into Defence Update.
3. Regular Briefings of Parliamentary Committees
4. Form an AFRICAN RESERVE FORCE CONFEDERATION.



RFC'S GOALS for RESERVE FORCES DEVELOPMENT 2006

SHORT TERM:

- 1. 4 Companies deployed on PSO's.**
- 2. Placement of at least 200 MSDS members into Reserve Force Units**
- 3. INTERVENTIONS to develop more junior leaders**
- 4. FUTURE MSDS RECRUITMENT for RESERVES**
- 5. IMPROVED ATR CLOSURES.**



RFC'S GOALS FOR RESERVE FORCES DEVELOPMENT 2006 (contd)

STRATEGIC:

1. **Expand Resource Allocation to Reserve Force
(Financial especially)**
2. **Sound Force Designs for the future
(Not only budget-constrained solutions).**
3. **Geographic spread of Reserve Force Units.**
4. **Revised Legislation to support Reserve Force Service**
5. **The most important: Programmes to develop new officers
and junior leaders.**



CONCLUSIONS

- 1. RFC IS A UNIQUE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTION.**
- 2. RFC IS THE RESERVE FORCES OWN ORGANISATION.**
- 3. RFC REMAINS VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR RESERVE FORCES.**
- 4. RFC MUST BE CONSULTED, but**
- 5. RFC SHOULD BE A DESIRED SOURCE of KNOWLEDGE and INSIGHT.**
- 6. RFC SHOULD BE USED and CONSULTED TO A GREATER EXTENT.**

