

SAMHS COMMAND INFO BULLETIN

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LT GEN VEJAY RAMLAKAN'S FAREWELL TO THE SAMHS

In the rush of handing over the SAMHS to the new Surgeon General, Lt Gen Aubrey Sedibe, I did not find the time to say a proper farewell to the members who served me so well for seven and a half years. And as I have already assumed my tasking as Chief of Corporate Staff, with its own pressures, I will not be able to do so in person. Allow me therefore to use the printed media as a means to say thank you and goodbye.

I want to start off by thanking those who supported us during the handing- and- taking over process. Including the change- of -command parade. Thank you to:

- The members of SAMHS Foreign Relations who worked very hard to prepare the official handover documentations;
- The GOC MH Trg Fmn for your support and for providing the troops that were on parade;
- Brig Gen L.L Siwisa for taking command of troops on parade in a very professional and regimented manner;
- The Warrant Officer of the SAMHS, SCWO V.N Sebone, for your oversight of the parade;
- The Deputy Warrant Officer of the SAMHS for your technical guidance and assistance before and during the parade;
- The Warrant Officers who participated in the preparations for and execution of the parade;
- The members of SAMHS Corporate Communication who handled all the corporate arrangements for the parade, including the invitations , the décor, the media, and much more;

- The members of SAMHS Ceremonial for your expert inputs and advice in terms of the parade;
- Cpl Gugu Malatsi for the professional manner in which you handled the announcements during the parade;
- The officers, non-commissioned officers and troops on parade; this may have been a baptism by fire for most of you , but you did an excellent job; and
- Anyone who played a role in this process whom I may have forgotten; your contribution did not go unnoticed and I apologise for the omission.

I also thank the whole command cadre of SAMHS for your loyal support over the years. You helped me to get SAMHS where it is today, and I wish you well with your future endeavours.

Thank you to each and every SAMHS member who served during my tenure as Surgeon General. I implore all of you to serve Lt Gen Sedibe well and to help him to take the SAMHS to new heights.

Thank you and goodbye

Lt Gen Vejay Ramlakan