

AMHU Day

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September 13 marked the very first celebration of Area Military Health Unit (AMHU), in the history of SAMHS and in the history of AMHU North West. The unit embarked on a journey down memory lane to establish where it comes from. The aim of this day was to celebrate and commemorate the rich history of Area Military Health Unit North west which has brought us to where we are today. The idea was born at the Unit's Management Board planning session that took place over the period 11 – 12 April 2013.

A lot of planning was put on to making this day a success. The project committee, under the leadership of Maj E.D. Kgatitswe as chairperson, worked hard to gather all the necessary information towards the history of the unit. Members of the unit were invited as well to bring forth any piece of information and photos that could contribute to the history. The research went as far back as 1910 and included information about the former TBVC states, MK, APLA and SADF narrowing down and bringing us to where we are today as Area Military Health Unit North West.

This AMHU NW day celebration was the first of many more to come and has prompted the idea of writing a book, documenting the history of our unit and how it has evolved over the years to what it is today. The official launch of this day will take place next year which will be celebrated annually henceforth

The events of the day started with a flag hoisting parade which was followed by a presentation in the CHA hall about the history of our unit by Lt Col S.M. Motlogelwa, Lt Col C. Geiler, Maj E.D. Kgatitswe and CO S.M. Boikhutso and to end the day all the unit members, including our members from Molopo Health Centre, interacted over a braai session and indigenous games.

It was a day well spent by AMHU NW members as a unit and it was a great success.