

Komani honours uMkhonto weSizwe veterans

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THE uMkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Association, in conjunction with the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture and the Vusumzi Mjila branch in Komani, commemorated and celebrated the centenaries of Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu.

The families of 10 MK members were given gifts in honour of the role they played in the liberation of the country. Among the heroes that

were honoured were Vusumzi Mjila, Mncedisi Mdingi, Qonda Hoho, Makabongwe Nqandela, Bronson Tyembetyu, Simanga Mtirara, Zwai Ngwetsheni, Zuzeka Roji, Nomalungena Koni and Laway Stuurman.

Department of Military Veterans' spokesperson, Mbulelo Musi, said the government still had a lot to do for military veterans, as they still carry the traumatic experiences they endured in exile.

"In Komani, we have built 70 houses for mili-

tary veterans, but there are still 200 more houses to be built," said Musi.

He also told the local and provincial government to not treat veterans as a charity because supporting them and believing in them was a responsibility. "They deserve a rightful place of honour in society," concluded Musi.

The South African National Military Veterans Association chairperson, Sipho Ngwetshe, urged the government to start prioritising military veterans in this region.

Another of the dignitaries who came to support the MKs was Eastern Cape MEC for Public Works, Pemmy Majodina, who stole the show by singing struggle songs in honour of the fallen heroes.

ANC provincial secretary, Lulama Ngcukayitobi, called on political leaders to help restore and work towards cleansing the MK.

He also said that they should fight corruption because "people see thieves when they see ANC leaders" and this narrative should be changed.