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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY  
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## **THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY WELCOMES SEVENTY-FIVE RECRUITS INTO THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DEFENCE FORCE RESERVES**

**Port-of-Spain** [April 22, 2024]: The Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P, welcomed seventy-five (75) recruits of Intake 2301, into the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves (TTDFR), at a Passing Out Ceremony, held on **Saturday April 20, 2024**, at the Teteron Barracks, Chaguaramas.

Delivering the feature address, Minister Hinds congratulated the recruits for successfully completing the Basic Recruit Training Course. He encouraged them to, “carry forward the values learnt, uphold the integrity of the Defence Force, and continue to serve Trinidad and Tobago, with honour and distinction”, for, “a military life and career, is hardly ever about the individual. It is about teamwork; looking out for each other and working in a disciplined and uniformed manner.”

He stated, that the TTDFR play a significant role in Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief operations, both locally and regionally. In addition, the recruits will enhance the capabilities of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) and serve during national call-out periods, such as in joint patrols, as we continue to combat the scourge of crime and criminality in our twin islands.

He further applauded the dedicated time, service and commitment of the TTDF instructors and staff, who were instrumental in equipping the recruits with the knowledge, skills and values that will, “serve as the bedrock of their contributions to the Defence Force and our nation.”



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The Minister took the opportunity to again pay tribute, to the late Major General (retired) and former Chief of Defence Staff, Ralph Brown who dedicated more than sixty (60) years of service to Trinidad and Tobago; and told the recruits that their commitment to training and their decision to transition from a civilian to a soldier, honours his legacy.

The Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal, Darryl Daniel; Commanding Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, Colonel Keston Charles; Commanding Officer of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves; Captain Douglas Archer, along with all other Formation Commanders, were also in attendance to welcome the recruits to military service.

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Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves Recruit, Mr. Keevyn Roberts (centre) receives the Award for **Best Male Recruit of Intake 2301**. To his left is the Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and to his right, the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal, Darryl Daniel.



Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves Recruit, **Ms. Sandy James (centre)** receives the **Award for Best Female Recruit Intake 2301**. To her left is the Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. and to her right, the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal, Darryl Daniel.