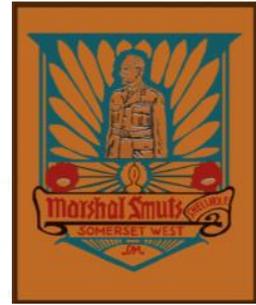


**MARSHAL SMUTS SHELLHOLE SINCE 1946**  
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**AWARD OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> CERTIFICATE OF COMRADESHIP**

**CITATION**

Together with two other Recruits, Moth Marais was inducted at Marshal Smuts during June 2013. Even before her induction, she was already involved with Mothdom at the Shellhole, by making huge contributions at the very successful reunion weekend the Shellhole hosted for Rhodesia Intake 146. Needless to say, the other two Recruits referred to disappeared at the speed of light from Mothdom and have never been seen since. Moth Marais though, stuck it out and soon became even more involved with the duties of the Shellhole.

As a full-time serving member of the SANDF, she generously employed her connections within the organisation to secure better co-operation and assistance from the SA Naval College in particular. As a well loved and respected staff member of the Sickbay at the Unit, her personality and understanding of duty ensured that Master-at-Arms Naicker truly went out his way to assist the Shellhole with Remembrance Sunday 2014, a trend which continues to this day.

On the Marshal Smuts home front, she soon became involved with the organisation of social gatherings and her speciality field of welfare. In the wider field of MOTH operations, she came to command the adoration and respect of all who met her. This was achieved through commitment to duty and her always projecting a positive image of Mothdom. This attitude and approach has let to our Shellhole gaining numerous friends and supporters from other Shellholes, Provincial Dugouts which even includes two Past Old Bills of the Order.

By July 2014, no one at the Shellhole even remotely considered challenging for the Office of Old Bill which she was nominated for by the senior Floor members. We have to keep in mind that these were all men who had moved on past the prime of their lives! Leading from the front and, may be as a consequence of her being a Non-Commissioned Officer, Moth Marais has always been involved at the level where work has to be completed. Further to this, she has also used her field of expertise in ensuring better care and administration of care at Shellhole level.

Without having to go into minor details on all the tasks and duties performed by her, Moth Marais' conduct and style may best be summed up as follows: She has that rare ability to give practical expression to the Three Ideals of Mothdom.

As a supreme example to the aforesaid, the Shellhole in particular and Mothdom in general, will never forget the loving care she showed towards our beloved Comrade, Moth Malcolm Bouwer, during those final days of his life on this earth.

As proposed by Moth Dirk Kotzè, it gives the Executive Committee great pleasure to award the **Certificate of Comradeship** to **19487 Moth Chantèl Marais**, a worthy recipient who has proven over an extended period of time that she is knowledgeable of the **Way to Higher Comradeship**. In the words of Wordsworth: *“The generous Spirit whose high endeavours are an inward light, that makes the path before her always bright.”*