

CITATION: CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
MOTH WILLIAM RODERICK WATKINS

Moth William Roderick (Rod) Watkins joined Aloe Shellhole in Walmer, Port Elizabeth in 1988, having served in the SADF between 1976 and 1984 with 2 Signals Regiment, Northern Command Signals and Cape Garrison Artillery.

He transferred to Outspan Shellhole in February 1994, where he was elected to the Executive that same year, and served as Old Bill between 1995 and 1998. Further executive service continued, with Moth Rod doing duty with Port Elizabeth District Dugout and being elected as the District Old Bill for the year 1999/2000. He also served on the Eastern Cape Provincial Executive, and held the post of Provincial Old Bill from 2001 to 2003.

With Financials being his strong-point, Moth Watkins took on the task as Provincial Pay Bill between August 2004 and August 2009, and then worked as Port Elizabeth District Pay Bill between then and August 2011. Once more at Provincial level, Moth Rod was the Provincial Pay Bill between that date and August 2015.

Besides his unstinting effort to these Units, he has also served for many years in various posts on the MESCA Winston Churchill (Port Elizabeth) committee, including that of Treasurer. On top of these, he has always made himself available to assist any unit within his jurisdiction with any queries including, of course, any financial matter arising and his expertise in operations for Smart Edge has been of immense benefit to those units as well as to the Order as a whole. He continues to provide assistance for some smaller Shellholes and ensures that those records remain as complete and up-to-date as possible, even though not holding any office.

He has taken upon himself the unending task of maintenance of the MOTH Memorial in Addo, Eastern Cape which, without bidding, includes regular repair, repainting and garden maintenance. – without costs incurred to the Order.

He is personally aware of Moths who might require occasional assistance and, again without bidding, will quietly and timeously provide whatever they might need.

His work outside the confines of the Order also speaks volumes to his commitment to the larger Community.

Moth Rod has overseen the financials for the Port Elizabeth Women's Benevolent Society, the oldest such society in South Africa.

He has taken a leading role with Compassionate Friends, a support group established for parents who have suffered the loss of children to provide therapeutic assistance and coping skills. Besides being a member, he also actively assists in whatever function required, including outings, road-trips to other centres where he will regularly make his own transport available for those that might require it.

A staunch church-man, Moth Watkins' principles and value system remain as his foundation. He is unwavering in his definition of following the proper protocol. He follows a simple regimen, in that the Only Way is the Right Way and he will not allow equivocation to interfere.

Moth Watkins is as loyal a member of the Order as one would find anywhere, and probably one of the most active. Any project he undertakes or oversees is tenaciously managed from the front. He is not afraid of making mistakes and is fully prepared to accept criticism or advice when situations dictate. For his service to the Order, he has been awarded with both the Certificate of Comradeship (1998) and the Certificate of Excellent Service (2004).

His interests lie squarely with the affairs of the Veteran. The MOTH remains close to his heart and he will do whatever he can to promote the good name of the Order, living each day in the firm faith of our Three Ideals.

We are firmly of the opinion that Moth Watkins is most worthy of this signal honour – being nominated for the MOTH Certificate of Merit

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