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BATTLECRY! APRIL 2020

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the April 'edition' of Battlecry! It is purposely brief and is intended just to let you know that whilst we are all experiencing the Coronavirus lockdown and its devastating effects, we continue to persevere and stay in touch. Just to make sure you are still out there, when your name is called, please step forward and in a loud voice say "Present!"



Firstly, as you will already know by now, the Battledress Shellhole remains closed for all concerned. Until the government lifts the current laws forbidding the sale of alcohol, gatherings and safe distancing between people; no activities are allowed whatsoever.

We all miss our weekly interaction and the first person to mention coronavirus on the first day the Founder's Room is re-opened for business will be paying for the first round of drinks! Just kidding. Whilst the pandemic continues to wreak havoc, we do need to keep our sense of humour during these times.

If you already have had some lockdown memories you would like to share, please email them to battledress.shellhole@gmail.com. Apart from experiencing lockdown, self-isolation can be very testing if you are not used to spending so much time alone, or even with your spouses. This is surely the first, and hopefully the last time that we will remember such a pandemic in our lifetimes. This is an unseen enemy. It cannot be defeated by weapons as we know them in a battle. It is the closest to a biological enemy that we know of and with profound effects on ourselves, our family, and businesses on a micro and macro level. Somewhere in these situations you will have a story to tell, so let's share them and keep our spirits up. No, not the beer, vodka, gin or sherry spirits, though the black market is thriving!

Talking about sherry, have you noticed the chillier evenings? And are you staying in bed that half an hour longer in the mornings yet? Winter is sending an early notice of its arrival and suffices to say, it is **extremely** important that you be informed and understand the ramifications of the Covid-19 disease, but also receive your Flu injections at your local pharmacy, or clinic. Do not ignore your personal health and hygiene during this unnatural time we are living in.



Sunset Call

To date, Battledress Shellhole is blessed not to have had any sunset calls to Higher Service.

Sick Parade

The following Moths and FOFR are still in our thoughts and continue to appreciate your best wishes:

Moth Ena Burnett

Moth Smudge Smith

Moth Richard Evans

Moth Phil De Villiers

Moth Minnaar van der Merwe

Moth Donald Oliver

Moth Vic van der Merwe

Moth George Ubsdell and Moth Sam van der Poll (Dawn Patrol)

Mothwa Pat Scott (wife of Welfare Officer/Moth Ian Scott)

Daphne Smith (wife of Battledress Moth Les Smith)

Marieke Dutton (wife of Battledress Moth Adrian Dutton)

Pam Kirkpatrick (widow of the Battledress Moth Kirk Kirkpatrick)

Liz Killian (widow of Battledress Moth Bill Killian)

FOFR Alan Godsiff

FOFR Roger Farmer

Thanks to everyone who telephones or emails, or WhatsApp to ensure everyone is keeping as well as they can be amongst under the circumstances. If you have any updates regarding people's health and/or circumstances, please let me know.



BIRTHDAYS

Just a reminder of who amongst us are celebrating April and May birthdays. We will raise a glass to you all.

April

02 Moth Andy Howie

06 FOFR Cindy De Kock

12 FOFR/GC Roger Farmer

18 Moth Leonard Marais

22 Moth Patrick O'Reilly

24 GC (NM) Donna Abrahamse

27 FOFR Theo Van de Merwe

29 Moth Ena Burnett – congratulations on your 95th birthday!

29 Moth Keith Galvin

May

18 FOFR Pat Coombs*

20 Mothwa Ingrid Hopkins

21 FOFR Johnny Blanchard

Many happy returns to you all and have a wonderful year ahead.



*Pat Coombs will advise everyone when the Moths Market will take place once the lockdown is lifted.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to FOFR/GC **Chockie Herring** who became a proud grandfather to Milly Madison Herring during the first week of this month. What wonderful news to celebrate!

Moths and Social Events in April

No events are taking place whilst the Shellhole is in lockdown. The Commander and other Moths conduct regular checks to ensure no break-ins or vandalism has taken place. Thank you, one and all.

Mutual Help

There are various ways of assisting you during this time in the way of an emergency fund and food parcels for both Moths and FOFR Members.

Cape Western Provincial Dugout has offered assistance for those in need and the City of Cape Town is also endeavouring to provide food parcels to households that have no current source of income (salary, pension, social grant, etc).

If you are in this unfortunate position then please provide us with the following information to register your household:

- Full Name
- ID Number
- Contact Telephone Numbers
- Residential Address
- Email address
- If you have children in your household, please provide their names and ages.
- A short motivation of your basic requirements

Members are ensured that all information will be treated as STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Please send details to battledress.shellhole@gmail.com.

You can also approach any Member of Battledress Exec as well as Welfare Officer Moth Ian Scott and Padre Errol Sadler, who are also available to assist you during this pandemic.

Until we meet again,

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