



# THE PIP-ACK POST

NEWSLETTER OF PIP-ACK SHELLHOLE - (EST 18 MAR 1928)

(SENIOREM)

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*Birthdays - December 2022*

*Doug Nicholson (94) - 27 December*

## WARNING ORDER

**The monthly meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 - please diarise and attend.**

- Cape Town Welsh Choir Practice is every Wednesday night. Shellhole and the Bunker are open from 18:00.
- Meeting in December 2022 – 11 December 2022 @ 10:00
- End of Year Function – 11 December 2022 (Bring and Braai) Details to Follow)
- Dawn Patrol Christmas Cheer – 11 December 2022
- Meeting in January – 8 January 2023
- Meeting in February – 12 February 2023
- SS Mendi Memorial Service : 19 February 2023
- MMA Breakfast Run – 19 February 2023 provisionally at 11:00
- Celtic Indoor Picnic – 11 March 2023 Provisionally at 19:00
- PA95 Dinner – 25 March 2023 at SA Legion “Rosedale”
- PA95 Anniversary Meeting at Shellhole : 28 March 2023

# FINANCE

## *Shellhole Bank Account Details*

*Bank : Standard Bank, Account type : Society Scheme Savings Account*

*Branch: Milnerton, Universal Branch Code: 051001 Account Number: 076110656*

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

### Festive Greetings

As we approach the “Silly Season”, the Executive of Pip-Ack Shellhole wishes all MOTH members and especially the members of Pip-Ack Shellhole a Happy Festive and safe Season. A very Blessed Christmastide and a New Year filled with good health, Peace and happiness.

### LOCAL NEWS

November is usually a busy month for Mothdom. This year was no exception. Both South Africa and the Commonwealth as well as Italy remember soldiers who perished during conflict. The former on 11 November and Italy on the first Sunday of November. I mention the two countries, former foes, because of the link created by the accommodation of Italian POWs during the Second World War.

November of course becomes busy with not only the Remembrance Day Service hosted by the City of Cape Town but also the parades hosted by the MOTH at various venues, the SA Legion and the Red Cross Children’s War Memorial Hospital. Then there is Poppy Day, MOTHWA activities, The Poppy Walk, Shellhole meetings and the Dugout Quarterly meetings to fill our diaries.

It is generally not usual to specifically make a special announcement of a birthday, but I feel that an exception must be made in the case of our old comrade MOTH Doug Nicholson who turns 94 years old this year on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. While Doug is frail and not in the best of health, we all no doubt wish him well for his birthday and as the Italians say Cent’Anni (May you live for 100 years).

There appears to be only five nonagenarians in the Cape Western Provincial Dugout area, and Pip-Ack hails them!

| <b>SHELLHOLE</b> | <b>NAME</b>              | <b>DOB</b> | <b>AGE</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Battledress      | Ms Ena Burnett           | 29/04/1925 | 97         |
| Marshal Smuts    | Daphne Foster-Sutherland | 23/12/1926 | 96         |
| Pip Ack          | Doug Nicholson           | 27/12/1928 | 94         |
| Seagull          | Harvey Saayman           | 09/09/1930 | 92         |
| Weskus Quartel   | Arthur Marlow            | 21/08/1931 | 91         |

# POPPY DAY

## PIP-ACK

There is still time to contribute Pip-Ack Shellhole's collection effort. Pip-Ack banking details are on the front page of this edition of Pip-Ack News.

## SA Legion

Rosedale resident and septuagenarian Lgr John Gandy has successfully completed a fundraising walk from Simonstown to Rosedale, 31 kms, on Saturday 12 November in support of Poppy Day. Such a stout effort in six and a half hours!

John had the idea of a fundraising walk a couple of years ago and then Covid interfered. His idea is to grow this into a significant fund raiser so in addition to your generous sponsorship, you may well be called on to participate in something similar next year. Current talk is that PipAck should ready itself to field a team of walkers of the human kind, for November 2023 in support of this effort by Lgr Gandy.



Preparing to start at Jubilee Square, Simons Town at 05:00



Stepping off at 06:00



Still going strong - "the road is long with many a winding turn"



"He ain't heavy, he's my brother" – a helping hand



Made it home at last after six and a half hours!



Well deserved accolades

Photos courtesy of Ms Marianne Minnaar

I have it confidentially from my spies, that to date the total amount raised by this initiative is in excess of R15 000.00 **and still counting!!** The SA Legion will make a special announcement of the final amount in due course.

A Sponsorship Form is still attached separately to this Newsletter. I am sure that late sponsorships will still be gratefully accepted, and we are urged all to sponsor Lgr Gandy generously in his inaugural effort.

## THE RED CROSS WAR MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Annual Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital Remembrance Service was held successfully on Friday 11 November. Astonishingly, over 20 wreaths were laid raising the status of this important event to new heights. The MOTH were well represented and mentioned in the keynote address by the Executive Mayor of Cape Town, Alderman Geordan Hill-Lewis, who was in personal attendance. The MOTH Banners was displayed, and the Provincial Dugout was represented by both the POB and Provincial Secretary. Pip Ack too, was well represented albeit those members also represented other organisations too and were dressed accordingly.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing renovations the focal point, ie the Peter-Pan Statue could not be used this year but the alternative arrangements that were made did not detract from a successful event.

### Erratum

In the November edition, of Pip-Ack Mutters, mention was made of the Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital being "**one of two dedicated children's public hospitals in sub-Saharan Africa**". Currently there are only **three** public children's hospitals in Sub Saharan Africa. They are Red Cross Children's War Memorial Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa, (1956), Shoe4Africa (2015), Eldoret, Kenya, and most recently The Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital (2017), in Johannesburg, South Africa. It needs to be mentioned that there is a fourth children's hospital, ie Gertrude's Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya but is a strictly private facility and not a public hospital.



Wreaths laid on the day



Colours on parade



Moth Tommy & Moth Shaun Booth



Veterans formed up  
Photos courtesy of Elgon Thompson

## Cape Town City Remembrance Day Parade

The Cape Town City Remembrance Service in the form of a multi-denominational service, was held at the Cenotaph at the Heerengracht, on Sunday 13 November 2022. The Guest of Honour and speaker was the Executive Mayor of Cape Town, the Hon Geordin Gwyn Hill-Lewis who spoke eloquently about remembering his grandfather who was a war veteran. This years' service was especially poignant with the attendance by three nonagenarian veterans, 97,98 and 98 years old respectively who all laid wreaths and who were given a place of honour by the Mayor.

The Executive Mayor, made mention that it was not enough to Remember the dead of past conflict but also of current and ongoing conflicts as well specially mentioning the Russian – Ukrainian War and that Cape Town would stand by its view of the conflict even though it may not be aligned with the Governments view.



Public lays a flower in Remembrance



97 year old veteran lays a wreath

Pip-Ack was well represented at the Remembrance Service by the old Bill. Sadly our colours were not displayed.

## RED SOCKS

I refer to the article on Red Sock Friday in the July Edition of Pip-Ack Muttters. Red Socks are now available to purchase and the wearing of these socks on Fridays in memory of the fallen is endorsed by both the SA Legion and the MOTH. Socks may be ordered from the SA Legion Office at Rosedale tel no 021 689 9771.

## Dugout Quarterly Meeting

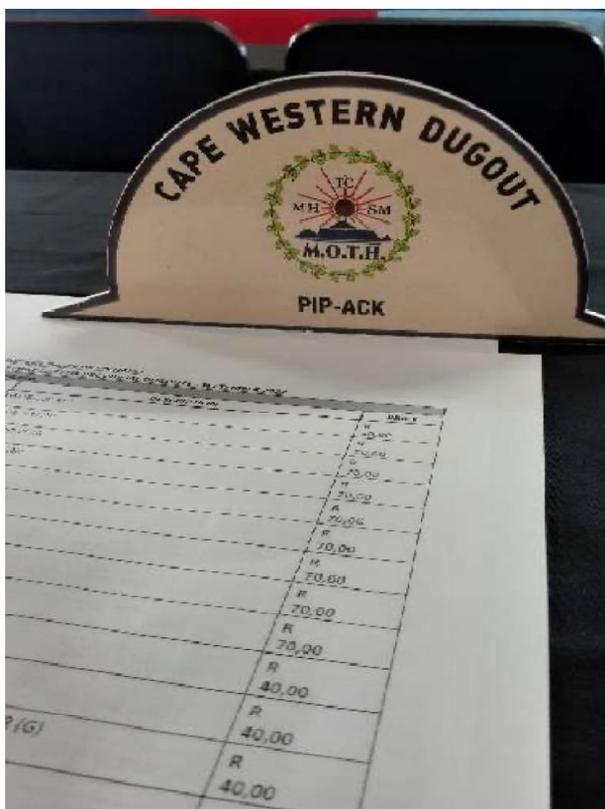
The Quarterly Dugout meeting was held at Tommy Rendle VC Shellhole on Sunday 27 November 2022. Pip-Ackers in attendance were the Old Bill, Moth Paul Rosslee, The Deputy Old Bill, Moth John Del Monte and Adjutant Moth Frank Snare. Greetings were given and reciprocated. The meeting was well attended, and the POB mentioned that a record attendance may have been reached.

Pip-Ack drew the attention of those in attendance of Moth Doug Nicholson's upcoming 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday and asked for him to be held in the thoughts of all MOTHS.

Also, Pip-Acks intention to support Lgr Gandy in next year's Poppy Walk was announced and requested that all shellholes consider in joining the SA Legion in this event on "Poppy Day" 2023.

It was confirmed that Corps berets may be worn at parades, which clears up a long standing uncertainty.

A full report back will be given by the OB on 11 December 2022.



Desk parking was reserved



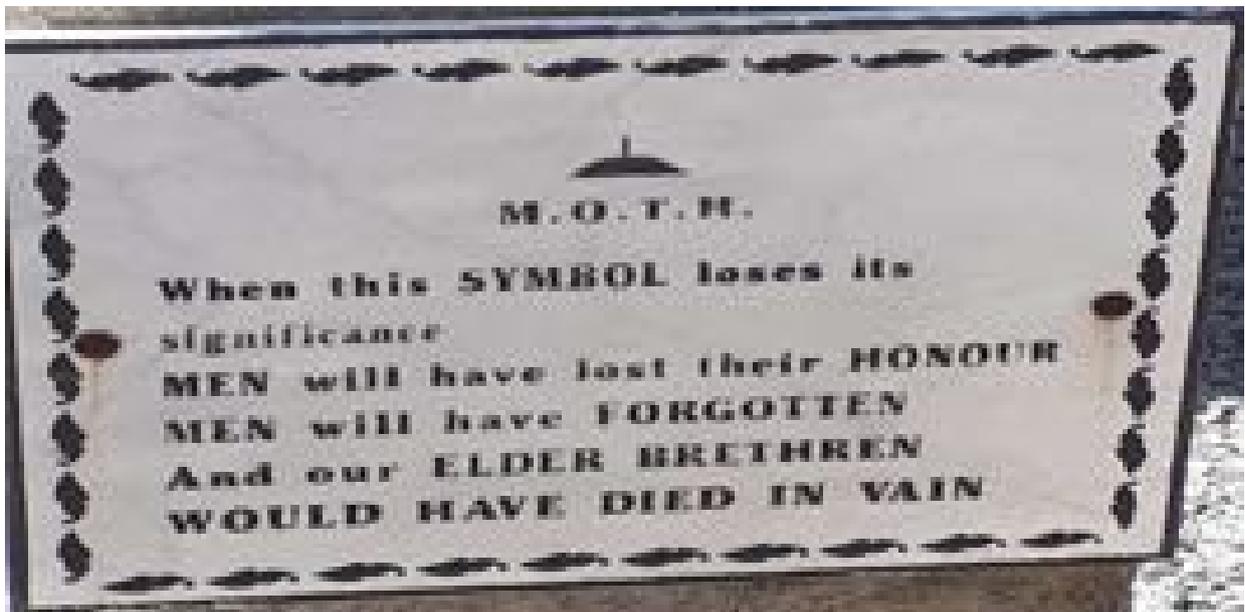
Dugout provides a free round

## Guess Who This RN sailor is?



The answer will be in the Jan 2023 edition of Pip-Ack news.

## The Last Word



Courtesy TRVC

## HUMOUR IN UNIFORM –



## ADVERTS

### DAWN PATROL CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dawn Patrol Shellhole is presenting a Community Christmas Cheer event on Sunday 11 December 2022 starting from 11:00 to 15:00 for both adults and children.

Tickets are R100.00 per child. So bring the Kids, nephews and nieces and grandchildren – and yourselves.

Santa will be in attendance and the event caters for the Adults too while the kids keep Santa busy.

See the notice below to see what you get (apologies for the hazy quality of the advert)

Tickets will be sold at the gate, on the day. Please contact Janet at 066 579 8954

# CHRISTMAS CHEER

*"In the season to be jolly"*

## DAWN PATROL, MOTHS SHELLHOLE

28 CHILDRENS WAY, BIRMOHLYET

We would like to invite our community to join us in celebration of our community Christmas cheer event

**Sunday, 11th December 2022**

**starting at 11am - 4pm**

TICKETS - \$500 the adult

(The ticket includes a parking tag and a lucky draw for the adult ticket)

Parents, please come along and join the fun. Bring along your own "Santa Christmas present" for your child. (noted with teacher full name)

All presents will be placed under the tree for Santa to hand out to all the children

Santa's arrival will be announced when we hear the sound of his bells

POPPIES, CUPCAKE CANDY, BREADROLLS, PASTRY BUNS, BREADS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER TREATS WILL BE FOR SALE

GAME, PUMPkin CHAIR, WATERSLIDE, BALL POND, FACE PAINTING AND A LITTLE MORE... FUN FUN FUN...

The entry only for the children... for adults only... well... there will be music, a coffee shop and a lucky draw

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE ON THE DAY

For any queries contact Janet  
0965 716554

