



THE PIP-ACK POST

NEWSLETTER OF PIP-ACK SHELLHOLE

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Birthdays - June 2022
Lionel Van Der Schyff - 25th June

Warning Order

The monthly meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 10:30 - please diarise and attend.

- Meeting in June : 12 June 2022
- Cape Town Welsh Choir Practice is every Wednesday night. Shellhole and Bunker is open at
- Meeting in July : 10 July 2022 @10:00
- Christmas in July : 10 July @ 12:00



PIP-ACK SHELLHOLE

INVITATION MEETING AND CHRISTMAS IN JULY

All PipAck MOTH member and friends are invited to attend the PipAck MEETING followed by **Christmas in July** in the form of a lunch that consist of, amongst others:

Starter: Soup

Mains: Gammon and another meat with 3 vegetables

Desert: 2 types of desserts (one will be Christmas pudding)

Date: Sunday 10th JULY 2022

Time: Meeting -10:00 Lunch – 12:00|

Dress: MOTH dress

Venue: PIP ACK SHELLHOLE, 164 Campground Rd, Newlands

COST: R 200 per person

RSVP: Final date: 1 JULY 2022

- on this group or
- OB Paul Rosslee (+27 73 893 5296)
- **Your Name YES or NO**

Money Matters

For those members who do not pay their subscription fees by monthly instalments, the fees will be due and payable in July for the fy 22/23. Members are requested to make provision for payment when requested by the Pay Bill. Please do not pre-pay your fees before the Pay Bill has requested payment.

Shellhole Bank Account Details

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

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

MOTH95

MOTH95 Events



The Memorable Order of Tin Hats (MOTH), founded in 1927 by Moth Charles Alfred Evenden (Moth “O”) celebrates 95 years of Mothing. The main celebrations this year took place in the Mother City, Cape Town, from the 6th May 2022 to the 8th May 2022. Moths from all around the country attended including Moths from Zimbabwe. A varied programme was developed for the celebration which included social events covering with whole weekend, at Pip-Ack, Tommy Rendle VC, Blaauwberg Cuca, Dawn Patrol and Battle Dress Shellholes. A more formal Gala Dinner was held at the prestigious Kelvin Grove Club on Saturday 7 May and the formalities were completed on Sunday the 8th of May with a combined MOTH parade at the Castle of Good Hope where the Executive Mayor, The Honourable Geordin Hill-Lewis was the Guest Speaker.



Members of MOTH from visiting Shellholes at Pip-Ack

MOTH95 : Pip Ack leads from the front

Having been founded in 1928, Pip-Ack Shellhole is the oldest shellhole in the South Africa. For a small shell-hole, it was well represented at the combined MOTH Parade at the Castle, by its top table and membership. Befittingly, the “cherry on the cake” was the honour afforded the Shellhole by having its colour ably carried by MOTH Mike Melamed, lead the colours procession after the colours of the Provincial Dugout and the SA Legion.



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Photo Source : Regine Lord

Lowveld Moths Celebrate MOTH95



Lowveld Moths and MOTH supporters gathered at the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday May 8 for the 95th anniversary of the Memorable Order of Tin Hats (MOTH).

According to MOTH member Stuart Charlton, the order was formed to provide support to all veterans who had returned from conflict situations and were destitute. “All MOTH members have given service to their country and government of the time. They wrote a blank cheque giving their lives as payment for others, in the interest of freedom and democracy,” he said.

Moths from Barberton, White River and Mbombela met at the garden at 11:00 for the start of the parade and wreath-laying ceremony, coupled with a grand show by the Stevenson-Hamilton Pipe Band. The Lowveld Aero Club also put on a spectacular show, flying low over the garden while the wreath-laying ceremony took place.

Members of the public as well as the Moth Motorcycle Association (MMA) were also in attendance and once the parade and ceremony ended, the crowd made its way to the Lone Tree Shellhole to eat, drink and reminisce.

(Source : The Lowvelder- 14 May 2020)

Helmut Heitman Visits Pip-Ack Shellhole

The well-known Military commentator, reporter and author, Helmut Heitman visited Pip-Ack on Saturday 14 May 2022. An open invitation was extended to all Moth and friends in the Cape Western province and given the small membership of Pip-Ack, it was pleasing to enjoy the fellowship of many visitors. While some 10 Moth responded, 20 seats were placed out. Surprisingly and gratifyingly more chairs had to be placed to accommodate upward of 25 in the audience! Included in the audience was the past Executive Deputy Mayor, Alderman Ian Nielson, members of **the 3 Paratroop Canopy** and a Ukrainian visitor residing in South Africa.

Helmut’s illustrated programme included an in-depth briefing on the many Operations the SANDF has been involved in since 2020 which surprised most of the audience, even those who thought that they were up to date with SANDF activity. His extended and in-depth

discussion on the deployment of the SANDF Forces in the Central African Republic with particular emphasis on the “Battle of Bangui” was particularly enlightening. He gave very graphic insights of the brutality of Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen (“Al Shabaab”) action in Somalia.



Naturally in our times no military discussion would be complete without a discussion on Russia’s “special operation”, (ie Ukraine’s war) in Ukraine, with a glimpse on the weaponry used. Unfortunately, time constraints allowed for only a few questions.

For those who could stay, the Bunker awaited them, and good fellowship followed. I was agreed that Helmut would visit Pip-Ack again and that such talks would be welcomed and valuable.

Postscript : Judging from the many WhatsApp messages received the afternoon was very well received and “a good time was had by all”



TAILPIECE

Brigadier Sir Nils Olav III Promoted (2016)



LONDON (Reuters) - Standing in line for a special ceremony, uniformed soldiers of His Majesty the King of Norway's Guard are carefully inspected -- by a penguin.

Sir Nils Olav, a resident king penguin at Edinburgh Zoo, was honoured with the title of brigadier on Monday during a parade in the Scottish park. The bird is the mascot of His Majesty the King of Norway's Guard and was made a knight in 2008.

Under cloudy skies, Sir Nils Olav slowly made his way down the zoo's Penguin Walk, ending his inspection with a cry and a scratch of his head. A zookeeper then bestowed the honour on his wing.

The penguinial link between Edinburgh Zoo and Norway goes back to 1914 when a Norwegian family presented the zoo with king penguins.

In 1972, one of the zoo's king penguins was named Nils Olav after Norwegian Major Nils Egelien, who arranged his adoption, and Norway's then King Olav. Two others have shared the name since.

More than 50 Norwegian soldiers are in Scotland to take part in The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and it has become a custom for them to promote the penguin when in the city.

Source : Reuters - Reporting By George Sargent Editing by Jeremy Gaunt

HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

