



MOTH Eric Hills takes the salute as the parade passes him by. Beside him, Mrs Winnie Keir, daughter of MOTH O.

MOTHDOM WENT ON SHOW

MOTHDOM went on show on Sunday, May 25, when about 1 000 members marched in honour of the Order's 70th anniversary.

The parade – a relatively short one, undertaken on a heavily overcast Durban day – centred on Warriors Gate, where national chairman and Old Bill Moth Eric Hills took the salute.

With Moth Eric on the saluting dais, stood Mrs Winnie Keir, daughter of the famed Moth O, C A Evenden, founder of the Order.

The NMR combined pipe band headed the procession.

Visiting members from North Cape, Orange Free State and Transvaal joined with Natal Moths in the impressive march, which ended at the Gunners Memorial.

If this was basically on occasion for the Moth-on-the-floor, the Order's hierarchy enjoyed a noticeable presence.

The five previous OBs of the Order lined up together near Moth Hills and Mrs Keir. Moths Milly Milford, Arthur Wray, Les Horton, Ron Macgregor and Vernon Corbishley made an obvious backup.

Other dignitaries spotted included POB Natal Doug Charles, POB Orange Free State Gareth Jones, Past OB Northern Cape Ian Gordon, Natal Provincial adjutant Geoff Middleton, DPOB Natal Jan van Dokkum.

Senior sergeant-major of the parade was Moth George Hattingh, OB of Journey's End Shellhole, and the re-dedication of the

Order which followed immediately after the parade, was conducted by Padre Moth Bob Moore.

Moths in wheel chairs followed just behind a colourful array of shellhole banners as the march moved off at 10.45 a.m., led by the pipes and drums.

Moths of second world war and border war vintage marched shoulder-to-shoulder behind them. The veterans answered the "eyes right" calls of their SMs as they

marched past Moth Hills and Mrs Keir – and a crowd of about 500 civilians cheered as they proudly strode by.

Later Moth Hills described the Order as being "70 years young, and still very much alive". He appealed to young ex-service-men to be prepared to take over leadership from the seniors.

And the impressive event ended with most of the 1 000 going into Harmony at the nearby Moth Club.



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