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Goeie dag almal.

Ek hoop julle is almal gesond en Virus vry. Ons kom al nader aan ons 95 ste Dans en eete, 24 dae weg ons het al 138 dae gehad, ek hoop julle het almal julle plekke bespreek, dit gaan n wonderlikke aand wees. Ek verwag dat julle almal daar sal wees.

Ek is jammer JP gaan nie meer die Afrikaans deel doen nie, ek vra vir n vrywilliger asseblief.

Well lets crack on with the letter.

**Sick Bay:**

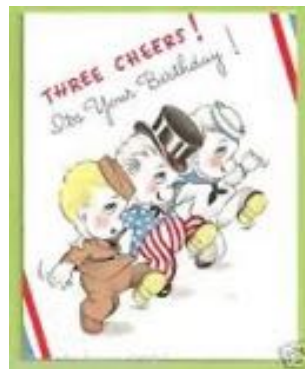


Our ill include Moth Marius Coetzee who had a hip operation and not an eye op as reported all

went well He cannot use the cell phone at the moment.

Moth Ivan recovering from a Covid bout, says he is doing ok, still a bit breathless.

While on this point I am battling to get info about the sick.



**Birthdays:**

As per Nominal Roll:

9/04. Wee Bill Gordon Lowe

10/04 Moth F van Rooyen

We wish you both a great day



and wonderful year ahead.



Happy anniversary to Elizabeth and Cottfried.

**Local news:**

Our Adj is in a heap of trouble,

1. He did not fill in the necessary documents to apply for a leave of absence.
2. He did not notify the SGM he was back at his post.
3. He also got lost.

Welcome back Adj and Joan from a well-earned holiday(more Joan than Adj). They look as if they had a great time.

Beer raid Blacksheep Windy 'Ole Shellhole

Our Adj told me that when they got there it was one WhatsApp message and they had 100% attendance, that's saam werk, well done Windy Hole.

Apologies as some of these photos will be repeated..



This has just shown us all that no matter where you are you will always have a brother/sister and friend as a Moth. TC.

OB Herman Sanderson, Escarpment Shellhole Walvis bay, meet & greet, greetings from OB Pieter and Blaize Away handed over gifts for every member



More more, vertrou dit gaan goed. Ons vertrek Twyfelfontein vanoggend, jammer vir kort bdskp, nou al R100 betaal vir wifi, kry niks gestuur nie. Vandag gesteende woud, boesman tekeninge en en en.

**Moth of the month;**

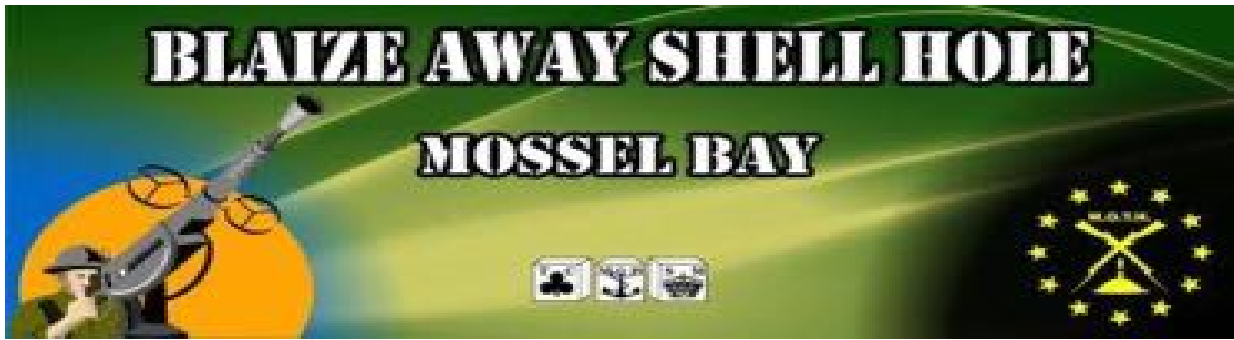


**Jan Janse van Vuuren.** Well done and thank you for your effort.



Greetings conveyed from OB Pieter to District OB Andre Antonissen, a Blaize Away banner and gifts handed over





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**Bottle winner:**



**Congratulation** Moth Thys Serfontein, judging by tat smile it looks like that bottle is history.

**Scenes from April 2022 meeting:**



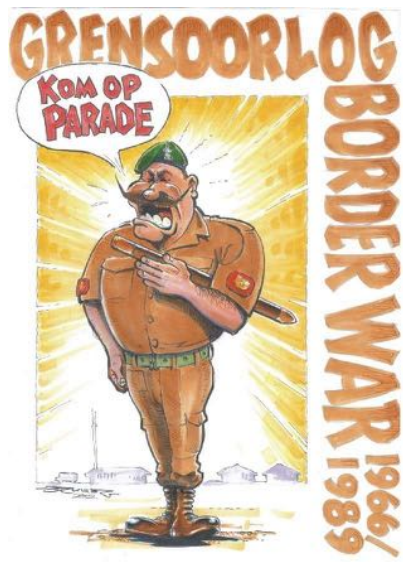
I see 3 fines here SGM, the Prov. Standing Orders say no Top Table may remove his jacket. Poor example set of how not follow orders.



Blokes if you haven't signed the book, I will put you on orders.

**Boerie Braai**

No braai this Month



**Pleas remember our Border Boys parade. 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Let's make this a great one. We are known for having great parades. All please join in this parade, its where the majority of us earned our Tin Hats.

**Canons news.**

Recently there was a threat of losing the miniature scale signal canons that are used at Blaize Away's commutative parades.

The firing of these canons is purely for symbolic purposes ei. 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at 11h00 and in honor of all those who laid down their lives defending their Countries during the 1st and 2nd World Wars and all the soldiers who guarded our borders.

One of our Blaize Away members, is a registered and accredited black powder instructor, assessor, moderator and range officer, and who possesses the necessary black powder competency certificate, has secured these canons for future use  
Thank you Moth?

**MMA**



I see we now have six of our local Moths from Blaize Away who have now come out of the closet and are MMA members.

1. Trevor James
2. Faanie van Rooyen
3. Mel Wainwright
4. Anthony van Tonder
5. Hennie Bresler
6. Pieter van Der Byl

The MMA will be much stronger with these Blaize Away blokes, congratulations.



Simply the best



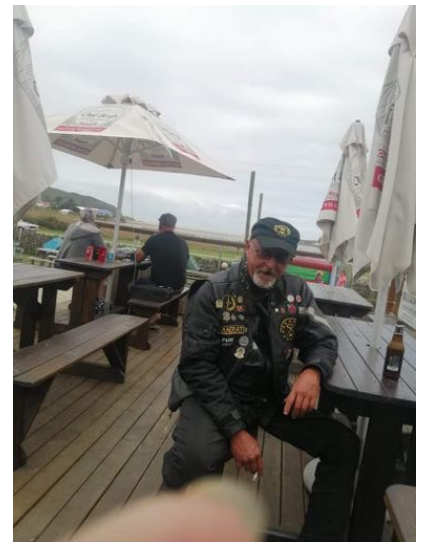
Can I join MMA?



Got a built in helmet, goggles all I need now is bike



Nou is ek moeg.



What a great bunch. Second best group after Blaize Away Shellhile.

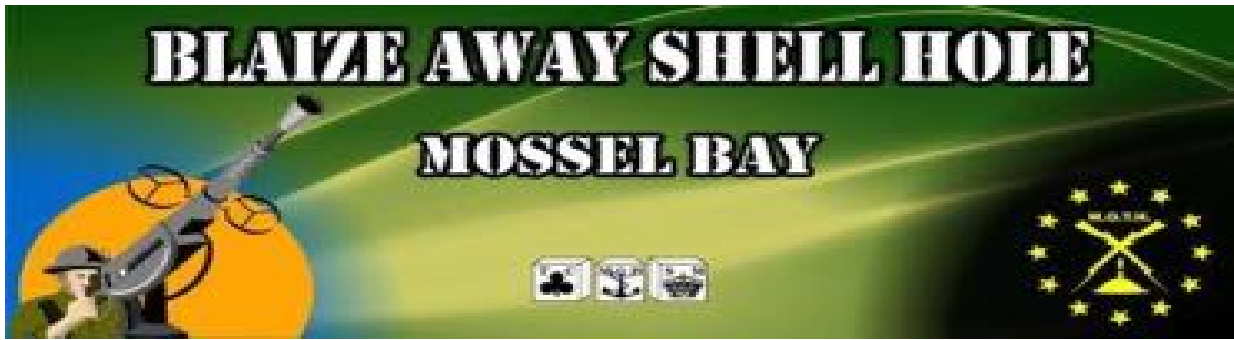
**Bill's wooden spoon**



Once again, I take full responsibility for this column.

If you want to talk to me do it on email at [janbill66@gmail.com](mailto:janbill66@gmail.com).

Two issues come to mind number one. I have learnt that Moth Anthony Van Tonder has at his own expenses and its big purchased the rights to a Moth belt buckle, now before any of you jump on the band wagon. Four years ago there was the same buckle going for a R700.00, approved by GHQ. A particular Shellhole wanted



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to raise funds sadly it failed too expensive, now we have the opportunity to get the buckle at a largely reduced price, lets support our Shellhole and Moth Anthony in this endeavour, he will face obstacles and get flak, but we must support him.



Four years ago these were approved by GHQ

Issue number 2

What a great history the MOTH have had, sadly its disappearing into thin air.

I keep harping on the subject but due to a communique from GHQ I am really concerned that GHQ are not thinking out the box, its not just numbers we need, we need young blood in the organization a NEW DIRECTION.

We need to be forward thinkers the suggestions from GHQ have merit but no future vision, its tine to change the definition of who, what and why.

We need to keep the memory of the fallen alive and due lack of foresight by the powers that be we are where we are.

We have to pass this spirit of brotherhood on to others family, friends and the concerned. We criticised the Legion for widening their doors well they are now reaping the benefits and are growing.

Lets not kid ourselves MOTH is in trouble.

I for one am for the proposal from Namibia Moth, Associate Member Of the Order, known as AMMO's, this is the best alternative I have seen, I believe it is the best way forward.

You all received the mail from the Adj I suggest you all read it.

We need to stop trying to be to clever and traditionally correct.

I vote for this proposal.

**COPY OF ORIGINAL**

**SUBMISSION REGARDING AMMO's FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

**PROPOSAL FOR**

**DISCUSSION :**

**MOTH RECRUITING**

This submission is intended as a discussion document, which it is hoped will finally culminate in a formal proposal to be eventually,

but sooner rather than later,

be put before the

National Executive for ratification,

approval and implementation.

**BACKGROUND**

It is a well-documented fact that

the overall membership of the

Moth Order is dropping

alarmingly,

despite vigorous attempts in

some quarters to

recruit new members.

We at Winston Churchill Shellhole

have debated this problem

over and over again with

the general consensus being

that the Order must in some

way open itself up to

interested parties who would

not at this stage 'fit' the eligibility profile as laid down in the present Constitution. In fact, the powers that be are so adamant that Moths must have seen front line service in theatres that are approved, that there is currently a moratorium on even putting forward proposals to effect change at this stage, which measures we understand have some time to run yet. This is all well and good and we respect the older Moth's thinking in this regard, but we feel that the time has come for a drastic look see at ourselves, if the Order is not going to disappear completely, sooner than we think. At this stage we feel we must accept and acknowledge that there are thousands of 'border boys' that could become Moths, ie. who have Pro Patria or other acceptable medals, but must also at the same time remember that most of these troops were

conscripts and were in fact quite unwilling soldiers. On the other hand, there are many who served with distinction in the townships who are at this stage precluded from joining the Order in terms of our present rules and regulations. All of the above is well and good, but does not in any way alleviate the problem of a declining membership. I have thought about this a great deal over the past while and would therefore put the following forward as a possible solution, fully in the knowledge that similar proposals have been put forward before, but that the timing was possibly inappropriate.

### **MISSION**

The purpose of this submission is therefore to propose an additional category of ex-serviceman (or woman) who do not at this stage in our history fit the requirements of acceptability into the Order, but who are

nevertheless interested enough in 'things military' to want to belong to an organisation such as ours. They could if the rules changed at some time in the future, automatically become fully fledged Moths, but in the meantime could help to swell the ranks of Shellholes. This situation could only have positive spin-offs for the Order.

### **age 2**

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **Name**

It is proposed that this alternate category of ex-serviceman be called an Associated Member of the Moth Order, or AMMO or short.

This name we feel would be fitting, as any infantryman will tell you that in addition to his normal issue, he would carry 'first line reserve' ammunition, which could be used if he really got into trouble. So then with the Moth Order; we could have our AMMO's as additional/ alternate members of the Shellhole,



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taking part in all our activities and ready to be converted to fully fledged Moths should the Constitution be amended in their favour at some time in the future.

**INSIGNIA**

It was felt that AMMO's should have some form of insignia, but that the costs should be kept to a minimum. It is therefore proposed that the following be made available on initiation:-

**Lapel Badge.**

This could take the form of the design depicted in Appendix A which is of a design already common to the Order, the significance of which could be described as follows: The tin hat needs no introduction save that it gives continuity to the Moth

theme and the candle would signify that we had an additional member to keep the flame of the Order burning for as long as possible.

**Blazer Badge.**

As a suggestion this could be the same basic symbol as the lapel badge but could include the words 'Associated Member of the Moth Order' in an arc around the candle. These could be manufactured reasonably inexpensively on today's computerised embroidery machines.

**ADMINISTRATION**

To keep matters simple in the administration of AMMO's, the following are a few suggestions in this regard (and remember they are only suggestions):-

**Acceptability.**

This would be done on the same basis as with Moths, ie. Attend X number of meetings and convince the Shellhole executive of his, or her suitability, and desirability of joining the Order. A suitable induction ceremony could be devised without too much trouble. We should always bear in mind 'Quality' before 'Quantity'.

**age 3**

**Subscriptions.**

On the same basis as other members of the Shellhole. Capitation would also be paid for AMMO's.

**Voting Rights.**

AMMO's would have the right to vote at Shellhole level and on Moth matters as per Moth. would be allowed to serve on the executive of their own

Shellhole only.

## CONCLUSION

The above is a very short synopsis of what I had in mind. Doubtless there is a lot of work to be done should the suggestion receive enough support to make it through to formal proposal stage. I would be more than happy to sit down with like-minded Moths in an endeavour to see this proposal, or something similar, be submitted and implemented as soon as possible in an attempt to swell the ranks of the Order.

YUTTH

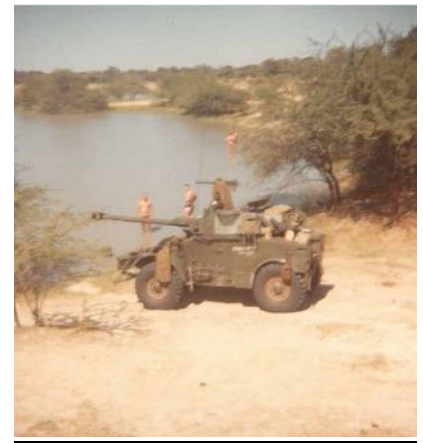
### Training

*Due to the length of the previous article training will be continued next month.*

### Our Soldiers

( Keith Radfrod )

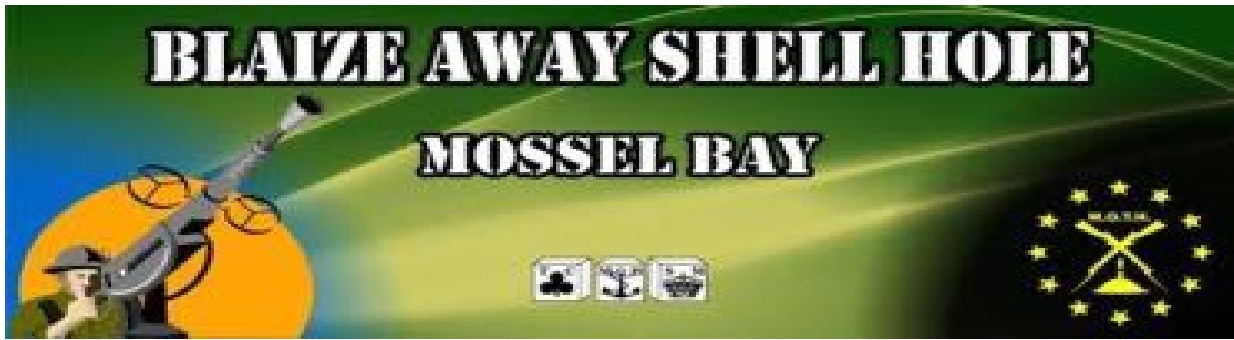
Time off. Thank you to Keith for permission to use his pics



So often it's the 32 Battalion, Parabats that always seem to be in the limelight, well here is something for our "Fly Boys"







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**A bit of humour**



Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practising to be men.

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?

A: It helps them remember which end to wipe.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'

While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.....

.....then He made the earth round, and laughed and laughed and laughed.



**OUR OLD BILLS SOAP BOX.**

Nothing from the Old Bill he must be happy.

Last thoughts:

I really need a brother in Mossel Bay especially Afrikaans to assist with the

news letter and local events and news PLEASE pretty Please.

Well blokes enjoy the 1st days of summer and lets not forget our own in Natal I am sure they are going to need help, lets apply MH,lets have one or two boerie braai s for them.

Take care

Moth Bill Frost.