

# Savannah Dispatches



## Issue 11: Update edition End of 2019 through to Lockdown

Our year 2019 was fast ending. October was a welcome lull before the November Remembrance month. Our first parade for the Remembrance season was our outing to Chartwell Country College on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November for their Poppy service



Taking place on a Friday morning its always difficult to mount a good size column, this year was no difference, but the numbers were increased but SA Legion and Transvaal Scottish members

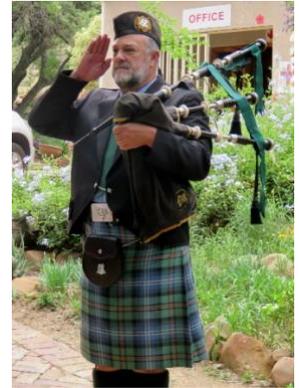


The way the children take what we do so seriously and contribute to the service so well is always very gratifying to us. Teacher Clair, the Adj daughter, was MC for the service.

This year we were impressed by the display given by the dog trainers, these animals are so important especially during these high crime rate days.



The Purple Poppy for the animals was very effective.



The Remembrance Service was conducted by the Pay Bill Moth Gavin Holz and the Adjutant Moth Bruce Green. The Sgt Maj. Moth Geoff Lathy who is also the Head Master did the reading. The Lament was played by Graig Herwill of the SA Irish. Thanks to Moths Chris Hallendorff and Colin MacDonald and our other supporters for making the effort





The question we need to ask, is Teacher Claire yelling at the Children or the Adjutant?

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November saw Savannah at the East Rand District parade held at Reveille Shellhole and later we moved on to the Majors Parade held in the City of Johannesburg.



The turnout at the Reveille Parade was not very encouraging but Savannah Managed to show face and parade our standard.



The showing for the Majors Parade was good and the Moth had a fair sized column and most Veterans association flags and standards were paraded.

The turnout for the Shadow Parade was good this year, it is a popular parade being in the evening it is somewhat cooler.





The Parade was well attended and run very well with only one or two slight glitches with sound.

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The last Sunday in November is the Official Sidi Rezegh Parade held at the view by the Transvaal Scottish and SA Irish. Traditionally not that well attended by the Moth. Savannah Managed to parade their Standard and to lay a wreath for the Moth.



Savannah put on a good show considering how few Moth were present it is hoped that this will be rectified next year

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The Savannah Year ends with the Traditional Xmas Tree which is held for the local children. Savannah Shellhole has always been very aware of the importance of the local community and our way of showing them that we (are)? is to hold a Xmas tree for the local children. The Old Bill Moth Goat has always been the driver and this year was no different with Debbie, his wife and lady helpers did the bulk of the work. Special

thanks to Tim Ballantine and his wife Jenn from the SA Irish Pipe band for standing in as Father Xmas at very short notice.

### Scenes from the 2019 Savannah Shellhole Xmas Tree



The year 2019 ended on a very high note with Savannah Shellholes final event the Xmas tree closing our year. The year ahead looked like another good one for the shellhole with all sorts of plans ahead for the year..... Little did we know what 2020 would bring? **Until next time. Your under the Tin Hat.**