



Outspan Shellhole

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AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO MOTH STANLEY PETER BEZIDENHOUT

Stanley Peter Bezuidenhout joined the army in the 6 SA Infantry Battalion July 1981 and transferred to Infantry School in Oudtshoorn later that year. In 1982 he was deployed back to 6 SA Infantry Battalion as a Platoon Commander/Instructor until he completed National Service in 1983.

He then joined Regiment Piet Retief in Port Elizabeth and proceeded to move up the ranks, culminating as Major and Company Commander in 2005 and then to Second-in-Command of the Regiment.

Operations included Border Protection on the SWA/Angola Border, COIN Operations in the Eastern Cape, Election Protection in 1994 and others. For his service, he has been awarded the Pro Patria, Southern Africa, General Service, Tshumelo iKatelaho, Unitas and John Chard medals (as well as a Loyal Service medal with 30-year clasp), and the John Chard Decoration.

Stan joined the MOTH at Outspan Shellhole in 2005 and, in short order, he was displaying his mettle as an outstanding addition to the Order.

In 2007 He became the Deputy Old Bill of Outspan and a year later was elected Shellhole Old Bill which he served for a period of three years. He was also elected to serve as the District Old Bill and Provincial Pay Bill. In 2012 he became Deputy Provincial Old Bill and, in 2013, he was elected as Provincial Old Bill, a post in which he served with distinction until 2016. As Provincial Old Bill, Moth Bezuidenhout oversaw and was involved in the implementation of the MMA Garden Route Chapter becoming a reality and, in 2017, presented them their patches. This was noted to be another source of advertising the Order in the public arena. During this time, he served another three-year period as Outspan Shellhole Old Bill.

He was elected to serve on the National Executive in November 2016 and, a year later, was elected as one of the National Vice Chairmen of the Order, a position he still holds. He is currently the Mentor for the Southern KwaZulu Natal Provincial Dugout, where he is called for assistance in the way of advice on various issues.

Moth Stan has been instrumental, as a nominated member of the "MOTH Going Forward" team, in the restructure process of the National Executive as per General Standing Orders, Clause 2.4. Another key role that he has played in this project has been the approval by General Headquarters to amend the GSO's that allows Non-Moths to join the ranks as Shellhole Supporters as per the new Annexure "B2".

Currently Moth Stan is the key go-to person in Port Elizabeth with regard to the complicated situation regarding the transfer / sale of the MOTH Hall in Uitenhage. This involves regular communications with the lawyers' and related role-players to seek ways of bringing the matter to a successful conclusion on behalf of the MOTH.

Moth Bezuidenhout has also held the post of Pay Bill at various units and has taken it upon himself to train and to assist many new and serving Pay Bills on the Smartedge accounting platform, which has been of great benefit to the Provincial Dugout as a whole. He was also, for a period, the Adjutant at Outspan Shellhole.



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Throughout his service to the MOTH, Moth Stan's level headedness and ability to think calmly through difficult issues has become legendary.

Moth Stan has recently taken on the task as Treasurer for the MESCA Cottage complex in Port Elizabeth which is an indication of his commitment to the welfare and wellbeing of not only Moth veterans and families but all those of veterans, generally.

For a number of years Moth Bezuidenhout was the instigator of a Provincial shooting competition which coincided with the Provincial AGM, therefore involving District representatives from the four Districts and his serving Regiment and using its' R4 rifles, with the presentation of achievement medals and awards. This was a much-anticipated exercise and, with the presence of his regiment, proved to be a great advert for potential new recruits.

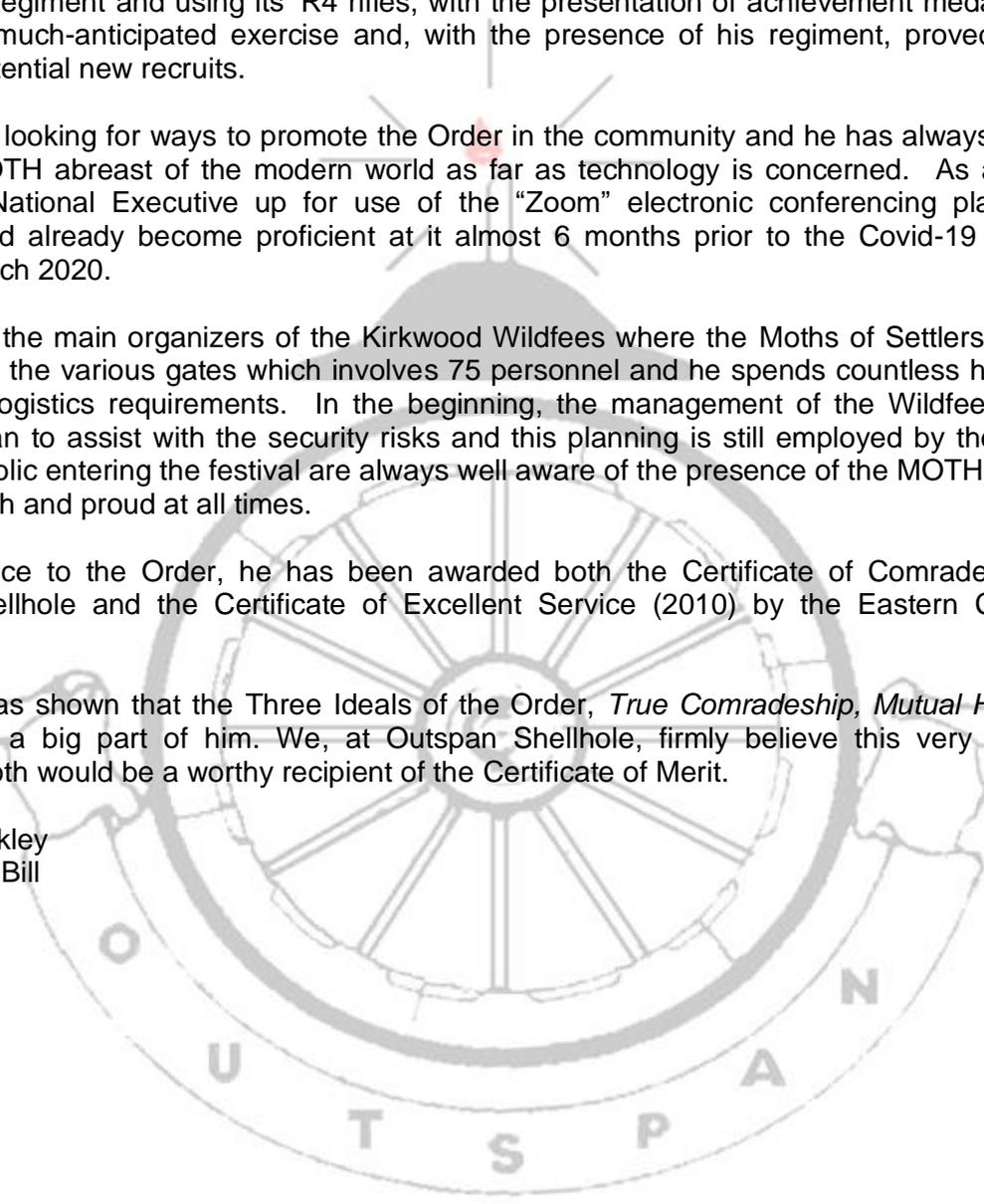
He is always looking for ways to promote the Order in the community and he has always endeavored to keep the MOTH abreast of the modern world as far as technology is concerned. As an example, he signed the National Executive up for use of the "Zoom" electronic conferencing platform and that executive had already become proficient at it almost 6 months prior to the Covid-19 lockdowns that began in March 2020.

He is one of the main organizers of the Kirkwood Wildfees where the Moths of Settlers District Dugout sell tickets at the various gates which involves 75 personnel and he spends countless hours organizing the various logistics requirements. In the beginning, the management of the Wildfees had regularly called on Stan to assist with the security risks and this planning is still employed by them many years later. The public entering the festival are always well aware of the presence of the MOTH with the MOTH flag flying high and proud at all times.

For his service to the Order, he has been awarded both the Certificate of Comradeship (2008) by Outspan Shellhole and the Certificate of Excellent Service (2010) by the Eastern Cape Provincial Dugout.

Moth Stan has shown that the Three Ideals of the Order, *True Comradeship, Mutual Help and Sound Memory* are a big part of him. We, at Outspan Shellhole, firmly believe this very committed and dedicated Moth would be a worthy recipient of the Certificate of Merit.

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