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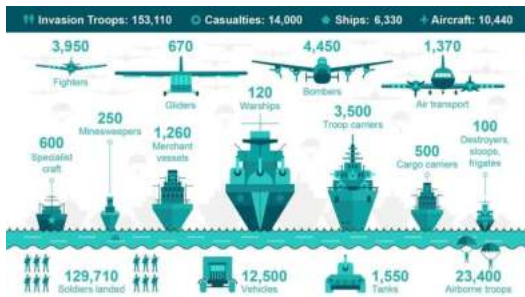
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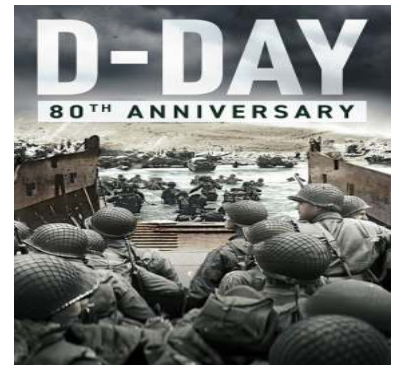
Hello, Everyone,



06 June 1944. Operation Overlord. In generations to come, it will be the stuff of history books and may be included in history lessons in schools, like the Great Trek, the Battle of Waterloo, the war between Palestine and Israel, or Russia and Ukraine. This month let us remember the largest ever-combined Allied air, sea and land invasion, which took place in Normandy 80 years ago. The anniversary of D Day is and must still be remembered, together with

the heroes who fought and came back, and the thousands who did not. **Thanks to Adjutant Moth Iain Groom for providing the statistics of the D Day invasion.**

This year, a very successful tribute to Operation Overlord was held at Battledress Shellhole on Saturday, 08 June. Some Moths appropriately chose to wear Moth uniforms and led by Commander Ricky de Wet, members and friends watched a video of what it must have been like for the troops landing on Omaha, Utah, Juno, Bronze and Sword beaches. Afterwards, a toast was made to the Fallen.



Sunset Calls To Higher Service

We give thanks that there have been no calls to Higher Service of Battledress Shellhole members in this month of June.

With respect to two military icons who have recently passed this month, 'In Memoriam' is included below in this newsletter.

“People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things.

Edmund Hillary

IN MEMORIAM

Colonel (Ret) Jan Dirk Breytenbach DVR SD SM MMM



In May's newsletter, you will have read about the biggest and most costly battle fought by 32 Battalion in Southern Angola during the South African Border War. Sadly, this month saw the passing to Higher Service on 16 June of Colonel (Ret) Jan Dirk Breytenbach who was the first Commander of 32 Battalion and of 44 Parachute Brigade. Best known as the first Commander of 1 Reconnaissance Commando, South Africa's first Special Forces unit he was revered as a military icon before he retired from the military in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Rosalind, his children Richard and Angela, and grandchildren Christopher and Mathew.

RESPECT

We Will Remember Him

Colonel (Ret) Lionel Dyck SCZ

To Rhodesians and Zimbabweans who served with him, Colonel Lionel Dyck was considered to be a controversial die-hard soldier, who did not suffer fools gladly. At just 17 years old he joined the Rhodesian Army, serving between 1961-1980 and thereafter with the Zimbabwean army until 1990, with both RLI and RAR, Colonel Dyck also commanded the Zimbabwe Parachute Battalion, and was awarded the Silver Cross for his frontline actions in quelling the Entumbane Uprising (The Battle of Bulawayo) in Matabeleland in 1981. He retired from the Army in 1990 and moved to South Africa becoming a Commodore of the False Bay Yacht Club. After his military career, he set up a de-mining landmines and anti-poaching company, MineTech. Colonel Dyck passed a day before his 80th birthday.



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Sick Parade & Welfare (including Moth Widows & Friends)

Well done to everyone who is staying as healthy as you possibly can with the Western Cape's cold, wet and windy June month. Colds and flu are affecting many of us. Remember to bundle up, stay warm, and enjoy any sunny day that comes around. To those who are feeling less than their best, we wish you a speedy recovery. Know you are in my thoughts:



FOFR Diane Potgieter is back at home and is making a steady recovery.

Moth Bert Sachse's treatment is ongoing and he is facing it bravely as he normally does.

Cheryl Howie is battling with her asthma but also doing well.

MSS "Goose", Welfare Officer and Play Bill

BIRTHDAYS

July

01 Moth Kate Parr
01 Gene Hutchinson (spouse of Greg Hutchinson)
05 Moth Albert Massyn
08 Moth Greg Hutchinson
10 Moth Alan Hopfeldt
20 Moth Tony Stopford
22 Moth Vanessa Chambers
23 Arlene Wiley (spouse of Moth Mark Wiley)
27 Moth Warren Cowan
28 FOFR John Lewis
29 Moth Julie Denham



Many happy returns and wishing you all a birthday to remember.

SNIPPET: Thanks to Moth Mark Wiley for bringing a bucket full of lemons to the monthly Moth meeting last month. Handpicked from his lemon tree Mark quipped, “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade!”

Induction of New Battledress Shellhole Moth Leon Maree



At the monthly Moth meeting at Battledress Shellhole, Commander Moth Ricky de Wet officiated the Transfer-In of Moth Leon Maree. Moth Maree had previously served as Pay Bill at Marshall Smuts for many years, as well as being the Pay Bill at Western Cape Dugout conducting Smartedge training workshops throughout the Western Cape Province.

Leon and his wife Jenny are moving into the Southern Suburbs and requested a transfer to Battledress Shellhole, which welcomes, Moth Leon Maree.

RECORD BREAKING FUNDRAISING MOTH MARKET



Last month's phenomenal record-breaking Moth Fundraising Market raised R3 110 for the Shellhole, by MSS Helen de Wet and saleswoman extraordinaire, Shannon Bright. Taking a break in July, the next Morning Moth Market will be back on Saturday 3 August.

SNIPPET: Oldest People in the World

21 out of 50's oldest people in the world today are Japanese. These 'young lads' of Battledress (John Lewis, Chockie Herring, Moth Preston Barnard and Moth Keith Galvin) of the 75ers 'Club' need some catching up to do!



SAS DRAKENSBERG's Diplomatic Voyage to Europe in 1994



Celebrating his 75th birthday last month, Moth Preston Barnard presented a video on 17 June, of the diplomatic voyage of the SAS Drakensberg to Europe in 1994.

Reflecting on the voyage, Moth Barnard said the ship visited 11 countries and also participated in a NATO Joint Maritime Course, which included a realistic combat exercise. Most importantly, it marked South Africa's re-entry into the Commonwealth.

JOKER DRAW

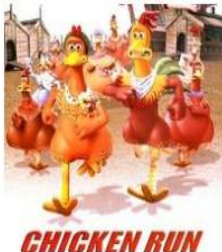


How (un)lucky can one woman be? For the first time ever since the Joker Draw started, one person **had three chances to win** the Joker Jackpot – and didn't turn over the winning Joker card! You

guessed it; it was Moth Vanessa Chambers, Rag Bill. The other lucky ticket holder was Adrienne Godsiff, both with the Joker (above left). Wine Winners on the evening were Moths Julie Denham and Patrick O'Reilly, both with the Play Bill MSS Helen de Wet (above right). The next Joker Draw on Friday, 12 July.



Saturday "Chicken Run" Darts Afternoon



On Saturday, 29 June, the Shellhole held its first Saturday "Chicken Run" darts afternoon, with its customary bring your own meat to braai.



With an entrance fee of only R20, your darts could score the winning points for the game.

Battledress Shellhole D Day Event



In 2019, 225 WW II Veterans made the crossing to Normandy to remember their role and those of their comrades on 6 June 1944. In 2024, there were only 23. Let us not forget the South Africans and Rhodesians who also took part in the Allied Operation Overlord invasion at the Normandy beaches, nor forget that they were the bravest of the brave and accepted their duty without flinching. Those who fought those who came back and those who did not. Respect.



Snippet: Dummy D Day Paratrooper

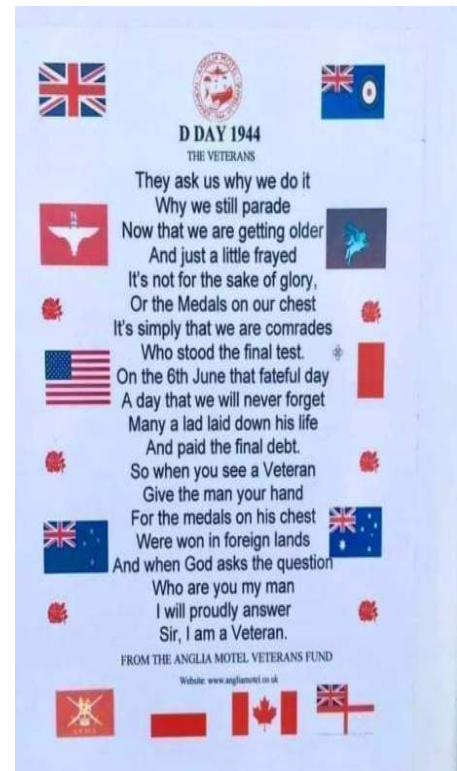
A dummy life-size D Day paratrooper, thought to be worth £10 000 was one of 400 “Ruperts” (right) dropped on the eve of D Day. Only 30, or less ‘survived’ and are valued by collectors worldwide.



In respect of deceiving the Nazi forces of the Allied landing plans, the Allies also conducted Operation Fortitude, which included the building of fake trucks, buildings and tanks made entirely of rubber and canvas with the help of artisans at Shepperton Film Studios. As Winston Churchill was quoted as saying “In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies.”

Normandy by Cyril Cain

Come and stand in memory
Of Men who fought and died
They gave their lives in Normandy
Remember them with pride.
Soldiers, Airman, sailors
Airborne and marines
Who in civvy life were tailors
And men who worked machines.
British and Canadian
And from the USA
Forces from the Commonwealth
They were all there that day.
To Juno, Sword and Utah
Beaches of renown
Also Gold and Omaha
That's where the ramps went
down.
The battle raged in Normandy
Many lives were lost
The war must end in Victory
And this must be the cost.
When my life is over
And I reach the other side
I'll meet my friends from
Normandy
And shake their hands with pride.



War is not fun. War is not glorious. There are victors and there are the losers. It is impossible to imagine, if you have never served in a war, what courage and sacrifice men and women “who did their bit” on D Day and in the wars which have followed, gave of themselves, so that you could be here today. Dare we forget them?



Moths in uniform for D Day

From left to right - Iain Groom, Vanessa Chambers, Ricky de Wet, Mike Wolmarans, Julie Denham, Keith Galvin and Andy Howie

Battledress Shellhole's D Day Build A Burger Evening on 08 June (photos below)



Last but certainly not least, what makes a function a success? Organising to the nth degree, giving people what they would most like to see/do, and providing a meal that is both scrumptious and also cost effective to meet most people's pockets. For D Day, a Build-a-Burger meal (beef or chicken) burger patty with salad, tomato, onion, cheese, chillies and sauces was the order of the day, with ice cream cones for dessert. Thanks to Play Bill MSS Helen de Wet and her kitchen crew of Shannon Bright, Norma Galvin, Moth John Lamont and Joan Farmer (unfortunately not in the photo). Well done everyone.

UPDATE ON THE SHANNON BRIGHT SEA CADETS INITIATIVE



This month, the Shannon Bright Initiative for the Sea Cadets at Lakeside, delivered the next consignment of provisions to assist the Sea Cadets with their Camp requirements. Grateful hands and smiling faces greeted the delivery of breakfast oats, Milo and orange juice, pasta, Nik Naks, sugar and many other foods that will help fortify the Sea Cadets during their camps.

EVENT REMINDER: BLACK TOT DAY – 27 JULY



In the month of July, Battledress Shellhole will once again commiserate the ending of the 1/64th of a gallon of the 'proper rum ration, or tot' in the Royal Navy. Shellhole members will have until 30 June to book and pay for their Black Tot Day place. **NO LATE BOOKINGS OR WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Thereafter, bookings will be open to 'others' from 01 July.

At just R130 per person confirm your booking which will entitle you to a menu of:

Snacks on the table
Chicken Curry & Rice
Sambals – coconut, chutney, banana and chillies
Ciabatta bread
Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
1 tot of rum or 1 tot of sherry

Bookings and payment can be made with Play Bill MSS Helen de Wet on 083 254 5122. By no later than 30 June 2024.

Reminder: Annual Subscription Reminder:

Another reminder to all members who have not yet paid a membership subscription of R370. Pay-up and be/remain in good standing of Battledress Shellhole. Until 30 June, cash payments can be made to MSS Helen de Wet, and EFT payments from 01 July can be made.

In next month's July newsletter:

- All about Black Tot Day
- What Battledress Shellhole members are doing for Meals on Wheels.
- Joker Jackpot Draw
- Delville Wood Commemoration Service

Moth & Social Events in July

01 July Exco & Sub Committee Meeting 1730

04 July Moths Monthly Meeting at 1900

05 July Music Quiz at 1900

12 July Joker Jackpot Draw

19 July Bingo! at 1900

21 July Delville Wood Commemoration Service at 1100, Company Gardens

27 July Black Tot Day at 1030 for 1100 (No Darts afternoon)

(01 Aug Battledress Shellhole AGM)

That's it for me for this month's newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed it and shared in the Shellhole's D Day event and snippets relating to it.

Best wishes to you all and we'll chat again next month/

Vanessa

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FOUNDERS ROOM OPENING TIMES

Wednesday 17h00 -22h00

Friday 17h00-23h00

Saturday 14h00 to 23h00

Sunday and Public Holidays 14h00-22h00

Public Holidays as for Saturdays.

Last rounds are called one hour before closing times,
or at the Bar Manager's/Barman's discretion.

Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

Monthly Quiz on the first Friday of the month
(General Knowledge and Musical Quiz is held on
alternate months)

Joker Draw on the second Friday of the month

Bingo on the third Friday of the month

Darts on the last Saturday afternoon of the month

Saturday braais

The above are normally held every month except in
the month of January when the Shellhole functions
are on a break, but may change, as and when needs be.

SPORT VIEWING TIMES ARE ON THE SHELLHOLE

NOTICE BOARD

Approved opening times will be adjusted for certain events,
functions and televised sporting events
as per the Shellhole Notice Board.