

BATTLEDRESS

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We Will Remember Them...

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BATTLECRY NOVEMBER 2024

Greetings from your Ragbill

As the silly season bears down upon us, we had a month to remember the many sacrifices made by the warriors who laid down their lives so we could spend ours with friends and family. They will -never- be forgotten. Moths don't just reflect on this fact during one month, but carry it with them always.

To honor their sacrifices, we paid tribute to them this November and in this issue as we reflect on the years past and take a moment to contemplate, during quiet times, under the summer stars, next to the christmas tree and holding our children, that there were generations before us who did not falter when the time came to fight the greatest battles of their lives.



Sunset Calls to Service



We deeply regret to announce the passing of Moth Widow Daphne Smith. A well loved part of Battledress Always immaculately dressed with the clothes she made herself by hand; utilising her incredible sewing skills. Her dedication to yoga reflected in her great physical fitness and appearance.

We will remember her!



SPECIAL MENTIONS

The following members need a place in your heart. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sincere condolences to Deputy Provincial Old Bill Derek Berry and family over the passing of their son: Derek Paul Berry. All of us at Battledress grieve for your loss.

Please keep Moth Wives Denise Lamont and Donna Abrahamse in your prayers as they face down challenges present in their lives.

OTHER WELFARE NEWS



All our widows are doing well and we here at Battledress wish them a very Merry Christmas! With thanks to Moths Ricky De Wet, Vanessa Chambers and Moth Wife Cheryl Howie for magazine donations to Nerina.



Battledress Remembrance Day and Service



On Sunday the 3rd of November, Battledress proudly hosted a spectacular parade and service at the Garden of Remembrance.

The event was well attended by Moths, associated organisations, VIPs and members of the general public. It was a moving and beautiful ceremony befitting the occasion.



Tony and his son leading the parade proudly.



The troops assemble



A wondrous amount of banners on display



Arriving at the destination



The sentinels stand guard



The Cape Town Caledonian Pipe Band who have been in attendance at all our parades celebrated their Centenary birthday this month.



The pride and joy of Battldress. Our beloved World War Two veteran Ena Burnett honored us all with her presence. At 99 years old she still holds her dedication to duty sacred and helped to make the event more memorable.





The Provincial Old Bill Ricky de Wet and Provincial Lady Billie Renee Rossi pay tribute on behalf of Moths and Mothwa.



A very special thank you to Alderman Felicity Purchase for her attendance and contributions to the event.



An amazing amount of wreaths were laid down making for a beautiful and moving display.



NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE MARINES

CONTRIBUTED BY MOTH SEAN DU PLOOY



The Marine Corps Birthday is celebrated on November 10th each year, commemorating the establishment of the Continental Marines in 1775. This day is not just a celebration of the Corps' history and achievements but also a time for Marines (active duty, retired, and reserve) to honor their camaraderie, values, and commitment to service.

The message often reflects the core values of the Marine Corps: honor, courage, and commitment. It serves to remind Marines of their rich heritage and the sacrifices made by those who came before them. The tone is typically one of pride and inspiration, emphasizing resilience and the unique bond shared among Marines.

The emphasis on instilling fear in the enemy highlights the Marine Corps' reputation as a formidable fighting force, known for its discipline and effectiveness in combat. The spirit of "kicking ass" captures the tenacity and aggressive mindset that Marines are trained to embody-RAH!



Celebrations often include formal ceremonies, gatherings, and the traditional cutting of the birthday cake, where the first piece is given to the oldest and youngest Marines present, symbolizing the connection between the past and future of the Corps.



POPPY COLLECTION DAY



On the 9th of November, Battledress members volunteered to collect donations on behalf of the SA Legion. Below are some photos of members who volunteered, but there were more volunteers who are not featured. A heartfelt thanks must go to all who took the time out of their day for this noble endeavour. The public were gracious and very generous with their donations!



I decided to deploy my secret weapon to great success.



This is Johannes, a big issue vendor at the Arcade in Fish Hoek. (1st Avenue Entrance) While collecting for poppies, Johannes put the extra change that buyers gave him into the poppy tin. He made 4 deposits! Thank you Johannes, you deserve our support.



FLAME LILY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Rhodesian Flame Lily remembrance service at the Methodist Church on Sunday 3rd November.

The Moths who attended are 3rd from the left Moth Bert Sachse and on the right with Dr Peter Hammond are Moth Allan Hopfeldt, Moth Glyn Murrell and Moth Albert Massyn.

With thanks to Moth Glyn Murrell



WARNING! ELF SIGHTINGS AT BATTLEDRESS!

'Elf on the shelf' will be running from 6th November to 13th December. If sighted, please take note of the following instructions:

- Find the elf
- Take a picture
- Post on chit chat and tell us what he is doing
- Or send to Coral-Anne to post

Spotters stand a chance to win a small prize!

PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING THE ELF. IT IS THOUGHT TO BE FERAL.



CHRISTMAS CHEER 2024

A 3 course menu awaits on Saturday the 14th of December at Battledress. 12:30 pm for a sharp hall opening at 1pm.

If you are a Vegetarian or have a problem with anything on the menu, please discuss it with Moth Coral-Ann Viviers (Playbill). We can always make an alternative arrangement for you.

MENU

Starter: French Loaf and Liver Pate or Tzaziki

Main: Rosemary and Garlic Chicken pieces with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables au gratin, and a French Salad.

Dessert: Strawberry Trifle. (If you do not eat Trifle, ice cream and chocolate sauce will be available.)



BATTLE DRESS AWARDS

The members below were recognised for their faithful dedication to the order.



Moth Christopher Smith being presented with his 15 year tie.



Moth Ricky De Wet being presented with a "Past Old Bill" badge.



Moth Mark Wiley being presented with his 15 year tie.



Ricky presenting Richard Evans with his 10 year tie.

THE LEARNED DISCUSSION CLUB

Moth Albert Massyn has proposed a small club within the Moths to meet once a month in the Founders Room on a Wednesday Night to discuss various subjects of whatever holds interest to participants. Ranging from arts to militaria and general knowledge. Please speak to Albert or myself (Ragbill Mike) for more info. Dates to be confirmed.





Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) Memorial Service and Wreath laying

The Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town Alderman Geordin Hill-Lewis sent an invitation to the Moths to attend the Memorial Service and Wreath-laying ceremony. It was a well attended event with the Moths making a good showing as per usual. Thank you City of Cape Town.



The firing of the small gun by the Cannon Association of SA and the SA Legion at the Castle of Good Hope on 11th of the 11th



TS Woltemade Annual Prize Giving

The cadets put on a spectacular parade and instilled pride in their families, viewers and themselves. A great attendance from Battledress members who work closely and support these young men and women, who attended in their personal capacity. It all contributed to a wonderful event, with a certificate of appreciation being presented by Old Bill Ricky De Wet, in thanks to the attendance of the Sea Cadets at Moth parades which always make for an honorable display.



Buncha' lads!



Two lovely ladies and staunch cadet supporters.



Red Cross Childrens Memorial Hospital Service

A special mention to Provincial Old Bill Ricky De Wet for attending the Red Cross children's memorial hospital service on the 8th of November. Few causes can be more worthy.

SERGEANT STUBBY

Stubby was found wandering across an army training session in Connecticut (in the United States of America) in 1917.

One soldier, Corporal Robert Conroy, took a liking to him and decided to call him Stubby because of his short tail.

When Conroy had to go and fight, he did not want to leave Stubby behind, so he smuggled him on to the ship to France with him



Stubby loved a good parade.

It is hard to picture Stubby without his famous jacket. The jacket had many medals fixed on it, including the Purple Heart, the Republic of France Grande War medal and the Medal of Verdun.



A soldiers best friend.



Stubby was a veteran of many conflicts, including the Battle of Marne and the Battle of Chateau-Thierry. He provided a number of skills that benefited the soldiers:

His hearing provided an advantage to his comrades alerting them of an enemy approach.

He took on the role of a mercy dog, where he found and comforted dying and wounded soldiers in battle.

Stubby was able to detect the dreaded smell of mustard gas before any of his human comrades could.

Stubby however did get wounded in the service. He once got caught in a gas attack, and he also got hit by shrapnel from a grenade. He survived the war and passed away peacefully in his golden years.

Upcoming Birthdays for December and January

- 9 December Moth Christo Nel
- 14 December Spouse Erna Sadler
- 17 December Moth Craig Boucher
- 18 December Spouse Danie de Kock
- 19 December Moth Alan Green
- 24 December FOFR Bridget Coney
- 26 December Widow Wendy Kent
- 28 December Moth Rinaldo "Pikky"
- 1st January Moth John Lamont
- 5th January Moth Neil Bright
- 6th January Moth Mike Wolmarans
- 6th January FOFR Greg Haralambous
- 7th January Spouse Cheryl Howie
- 10th January Moth Ricky De Wet
- 18th January Moth Michael Sellick
- 21st January Moth Leon Haralambous
- 27th January Spouse Sue Bell



The Moth Market

A final market for the year on the 30th of November proved to be a resounding success. The last thing I expected when I fell out of bed that morning is that I would be driving home with a replica of Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch'. I also picked up a very classy and dignified beer mug which I have been encouraged to use as my personal mug at bar. Alas, all good things must come to an end...at least until next year Feb while our organisers enjoy some well deserved rest.



The Music and General Knowledge Super Quiz!

Friday the 6th of December will be a combined music and general knowledge quiz. I will be there, taking the opportunity to show everyone how little I know about anything. (They could write a book on that.) But one thing I do know for sure is that a good time will be had by all!



Hmm...was it Iron Maiden or Kenny Rogers who sang that one...?

Darts

The official darts competitions may be done for the year, but the dart boards are still there, ready and waiting to be played upon. Anyone is welcome to grab a mat and organise a game on a Saturday night. If you need any assistance as to how to go about it, please speak to one of our dart regulars such as Andy, Iain or Danie. It's a good opportunity to practice for the next chicken run.... A casual competition is looking to be set up in January, please speak to Andy for further details on this.



Joker Draw!

As incredible as it may seem, I still have not won the Joker Draw! Now as we approach Friday the 13th turn that into a lucky number! The odds of winning are so great now as is the prize. Buy those tickets and spend the money at the aquarium! That's living the dream!



A bunch of jokers....but still no winner!

THE LAST SOCIAL BINGO OF 2024, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Bingo has been an incredibly successful and fun event this year. With the combined efforts of Cheryl and the announcing by Nicole, every evening was filled with fun, laughter and prizes!



A large attendance and jovial atmosphere!

Ivy, our little big winner for the first time!

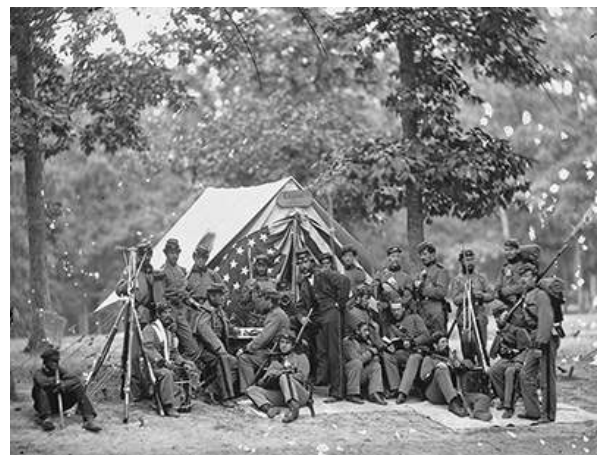


BRING AND BRAAI 16TH DECEMBER

Please join us for a festive braai with a bonus raffle to be won! Doors open at 14:00.

BATTLEDRESS NEW YEARS PHOTO 2025

Be sure to join us on January 1st 2025 for the Battlecry group photo celebrating the year past and the wonderful year that is sure to come! A bonus raffle will be on the cards as well.



Moths and Social Events in December

5th December Battledress meeting

6th December General Knowledge and Music Combined Super Quiz

13th December Joker Draw

14th December Christmas Cheer

16th December Battledress Bring 'n Braai

1st January Battledress New Years Photo

FOUNDERS ROOM HOURS

Wednesday 17:00 - 22:00

Friday 17:00 - 23:00

Saturday 14:00- 23:00

Public Holidays 14:00 - 22:00

Founders room hours will be adjusted for sporting events as per the authority of the exco committee and bar management.



Wow, what an issue and what a year it's been. I'm very grateful for my position as Ragbill. Thank you all so much again for your support and friendship. Very much looking forward to the next issue and our Christmas time together.

Best wishes,

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