



Pro Patria Shellhole

We Serve
(since March 2019)



The National Chairman and Executive Members
M.O.T.H. General Headquarters
c/o The General Secretary
M.O.T.H. Office

29 July 2025

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Greetings Moth Porter

CITATION

19538 Moth Leon Robertson first joined the Order during 1997 at the now defunct Helwan Shellhole. He served as Old Bill for the period 1998 to 2000 and when the Shellhole combined to form Helwan / Kelly's Eye, he again served as Old Bill for the year 2006. During the same period Leon also served as Sergeant Major of the Cape Midlands Provincial Dugout.

Moth Robertson retired for a while from Mothdom before re-joining and resurrecting Komesho Shellhole from 2011 onwards. At the Shellhole he served as Old Bill, Paybill and Sergeant Major and was instrumental in launching the annual Non-players Bowls Challenge; this event showed considerable growth during the early years and brought limelight to the Shellhole. For his services to the Shellhole, he was awarded the Certificate of Comradeship during May 2016.

Leon became Deputy Provincial Old Bill of the Cape Western Provincial Dugout during August 2015. In this capacity he took over all Ceremonial duties performed by the Dugout and liaised on behalf with the Department of Military Veterans, the City of Cape Town, the CMVO and all other Military Veterans organisations within the province. Highlights during this period include the centenary commemoration of the Battle of Dellville Wood and the Cape Western MOTH 90 celebrations. Moth Robertson was also instrumental in making the Jan Smuts Memorial Parade part of the Dugout calendar and in convincing the DMV to donate funds towards banner stands for all Shellholes. For his outstanding services to the cause of Mothdom within Cape Western, he was awarded the Certificate for Excellent Service in February 2018.

Moth Leon Robertson single handedly from scratch launched the opening of Pro Patria Shellhole in March 2019. He recruited all 19 individuals to form the Shellhole from outside the ranks of the Order, set the unit up as a functioning and well administered Shellhole and instilled a sense of pride with the members. As testimony to his commitment and diligence, the Shellhole is still growing and has even managed to win the Shellhole of the Year trophy.

During the lockdown period of 2020/21, Leon greatly assisted with Operation Firewood and in personally delivering food parcels to individual Moths in need. In August 2020 he was elected as Provincial Old Bill, and the highlight of this period was the hosting and organisation of the official M.O.T.H. 95 celebrations. Significant growth in attendance at the Border Campaign Memorial Parade and Service was also achieved during this period and the province won the Dugout of the Year trophy.

Outside of Mothdom Leon enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a Reserve Force Soldier. He served as a committee member at Robertson House, the Warrant Officers Association Western Province, as co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch and with various other associations and institutions. As a member of the Savannah Veterans Association, he annually organised the Dinners hosted by them and, saw to it that the profits were donated towards Robertson House.



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No mention of the distinguished work done by Leon Robertson on behalf of Military Veterans will be complete, without mentioning the support he has received from his better-half, Lizette (or as Robbie refers to her – my roommate!)

As proposed by Pro Patria Shellhole and seconded by the Cape Western Provincial Dugout, it gives us great pleasure to nominate Moth Leon Robertson for the award of the Certificate of Merit.

Moth Shaun Hart
Pro Patria Shellhole

Moth Ricky de Wet
Cape Western Provincial Dugout