

CITATION

MOTH BRIAN IAN WICKENS

Brian Wickens was born on 1st July, 1950 in Bulawayo Southern Rhodesia. At the age of five his family moved to Gwelo where he attended Cecil John Rhodes Junior School. He then went on to Thornhill High School for two years, finishing his schooling at Chaplin High School.

In 1968 at the age of 17 he attended basic military training in the 84th Intake at the Rhodesian Regiment Depot (with his father's permission) after which, he was transferred to the 10th Battalion Rhodesia Regiment, where he was regularly called for active duty firstly as a Signaller, then Stick Commander and finally with the Special Forces Anti-Tank Unit as Gun Commander. After a short stint training the "New Army" in mortar and anti-tank weaponry, the unit and the Rhodesia army was disbanded in 1982.

He joined the MOTH at **Siwa Shellhole** in 1978. Then in 1984 he relocated from Rhodesia to South Africa where he became a member of **Dustbin Shellhole** in Evander.

He was one of the founding members of **Mukumbura Shellhole** in Secunda in 1985.

Moth Wickens has served in the following positions:

- Adjutant of Mukumbura Shellhole.
- Adjutant of South Eastern Transvaal District Dugout.
- Old Bill of Mukumbura Shellhole for many years and again re-appointed a few years back for another 3 years.
- Old Bill of South Eastern Transvaal District Dugout.
- Deputy Old Bill of South Eastern Transvaal District which he still is.
- Old Bill of the Transvaal Provincial Dugout.
- Secretary of Sound Memory Cottages.
- Deputy Chairman of Sound Memory Cottages (Transvaal).
- Chairman of Sound Memory Cottages (Transvaal).
- Currently he is again the Deputy Old Bill of Mukumbura Shellhole.

Other achievements within the MOTH

He assisted in designing and donated the Wickens/Olivier Trophy for Shellholes with the most recruits.

He revised the Executive Handbook which has become outdated, and which is still in use in many Shellholes today.

He created a database of all title deeds for properties owned or leased by MOTH in the Transvaal Provincial Dugout of which sections have been incorporated into the Standard Operating Procedures.

He is always willing to help anybody with Admin and Smartedge.

He initiated the annual Senior Citizens invitation for tea and refreshments at the Shellhole for their annual Remembrance Day where they can lay wreaths for their beloved ones that passed away.

He was one of the few who represented the Order at the 100th anniversary of Delville Wood in France.

He has also donated money from his own pocket so that a fellow MOTH could go to 1 Military Hospital for Chemotherapy.

He also assists financially those members who cannot afford their capitation fees,

Moth Brian Wickens is not just an inspirational Moth but an amazing human being who strives to serve his fellow man. Based on his exemplary history as a Moth and his contribution to young and old across borders, it is my sincere belief that there is not a more worthy Moth to be considered for The Award of the Certificate of Merit.

Gerhard Claassens

Old Bill – Mukumbura Shellhole

Secunda

31 August 2021

SOUTH EASTERN TRANSVAAL DISTRICT DUGOUT

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PLATINUM PROVINCIAL DUGOUT

Therefore, initiated by his Shellhole, supported by the South Eastern Transvaal District Dugout, the Platinum Provincial Dugout has no hesitation in recommending that the Certificate of Merit be awarded to Moth Brian Ian Wickens.

Moth David James Berry

Old Bill – Platinum Provincial Dugout

20/09/2021

Moth Richard Wilson

Adjutant – Platinum Provincial Dugout