

**CITATION**  
CERTIFICATE of EXCELLENT SERVICE  
**MOTH MICHAEL DARREN WHITFIELD LEE**

It gives KwaZulu Natal Provincial Dugout, through Winston Churchill Shellhole, great pleasure to award Moth Lee the Certificate of Excellent Service.

Moth Lee saw active service with the South African Infantry during the Border War, finishing his duties as a Second Lieutenant with 61 Mechanised Battalion. He was awarded the Pro Patria, Southern Africa and General Service Medals.

He joined the Order at Better 'Ole Shellhole in 2015 and was soon seen to be extremely active in that unit, and being elected to serve as Old Bill in the year 2016/2017. During his time there, he made a substantial impact in updating the general management and administration, including procedures regarding finance management and security. He also arranged for the donation and the renovation of a WW2 vintage Marmon-Herrington armoured car for display at the Shellhole, thus ensuring increased visibility to the general public of the Shellhole property.

He transferred to Winston Churchill Shellhole in January 2019, where he continues to serve as an active member.

Moth Lee was co-opted to serve on the National Executive as Chairman, Warriors Gate in August 2019 and from the start, he has made the post all his own through sheer commitment, diligence, innovative thinking, leadership of note and managerial skills second to none.

Moth Mike has utilised all his professional skills and has given these in abundance to the betterment of the Order as a whole and this Provincial Dugout in particular. Where his predecessors seemed merely to have filled the position, he has changed and upgraded the post to become part of the National Footprint of the MOTH. Where Warriors Gate used to be a somewhat static facility and, in name only, the Shrine of the Order, Mike has seen to it that it has again become a landmark in Durban and a proper Sanctuary for all Moths throughout the country.

Not only has he focused on the management of Warriors Gate, but he also took charge of the Garden of Remembrance (in which the Weeping Cross Memorial is located) in Pietermaritzburg and the Mount Memory MOTH National Memorial in the Drakensberg. This supreme commitment has encouraged the 'MOTH Going Forward' sub-committee to enlarge the post to that of Chairman MOTH Memorials and Museums and this post amended to be an Appointment by General Headquarters. These changes to the General Standing Orders were approved in November 2021 and the new Office came into being.

It is not required of us to expand too much on all the details of Mike's achievements, other than to mention that he has earned the respect of all his peers and that his actions have contributed enormously in projecting a positive image of the MOTH. In short, Mike has that rare ability to give practical expression to the Three Ideals of MOTH-dom and, we salute his commitment to our beloved Order. has already been awarded the Certificate of Comradeship.

With my recommendation and with the full support of the Executive, I hereby award to Moth Michael Lee the Certificate of Excellent Service.