

CERTIFICATE FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE
Moth JOHN M GOODRICH PMM MMM*bar

John Methven Goodrich was born in Pretoria in 1945 and grew up in Virginia, Orange Free State. He joined the Permanent Force in May 1964 and served with great distinction until his retirement in December 2000 as Command Sergeant Major in Natal and Regional Task Force East Sergeant Major, having been awarded The Pro Merito Medal and Military Merit Medal and Bar, as well as the Pro Patria, Southern Africa, General Service, Unitas, and Gold- Silver- & Bronze Good Service Medals. He was also awarded the German Army's CSM Proficiency Badge.

Moth Goodrich had been involved in MOTH activities since 1969 in his capacity as Military Bandmaster in Kimberley. He joined the Order at Hellfire Corner Shellhole in June 1976 and was soon appointed as the Shellhole Sgt-Major and parade trumpeter. Upon transfer to 6 SAI in 1982, he was taken on at Savannah Shellhole until 1987, and then on to Maremane Shellhole at the Army Battle School until 1994. His appointment to Natal Command in 1993 caused his membership lapse due to numerous operational commitments but, after the dust of the Border War had settled, Moth John rejoined the Order at Edwin Swales VC Shellhole in 2003 and served as Adjutant until that unit entered into recess and amalgamated with Rough-but-Ready (Dbn)/Jambo Sana, and then on to his current Shellhole, being Twilight Red Tab.

During his time in these Shellholes he served in various executive posts, including also that of Old Bill for Savannah and Maramane Shellholes.

Moth Goodrich was co-opted to the National Executive in May 2022, where he continues to serve with distinction.

Moth John has been largely responsible for the Design and preparation of the Artworks for the Commemorative Badges and associated regalia for the 80th, 85th, 90th and 95th Anniversaries of the Order. He is currently actively preparing Designs for Regalia for the Centenary Celebrations, which include Lapel Badges as well as Commemorative Medals and Medallions.

He has performed the duties as Parade Sergeant-Major at many MOTH Parades including, especially, those Commemorative Services held at the Gunners Memorial in the Old Fort, at Warriors Gate, and at other Remembrance Parades held annually.

John is an acknowledged expert and authority regarding Military protocol, the conduct of Parades, Observances and Functions, and has often presented Lectures to Moths on a wide variety of such topics. As an authority in matters of Military History, He has been invited on many occasions to present dissertations on Historical events to a variety of Organisations via his active membership of the Military History Society.

As a long-standing Collector of Militaria, Moth John is an expert in the origins of Medals, Badges and Insignia, and his skills and experience in those matters has made him our Resident Authority in the validation, identification and in particular the Monetary Value of the collected artifacts held at Warriors Gate, including the weapons Collections. His extensive knowledge regarding military firearms, especially in the historical context, is greatly valued.

From time to time, Units of the Order submit applications for the approval by the National Executive of items of Regalia, Apparel and Unit Badges and Plaques. John's extensive knowledge and experience in matters of Heraldry, Vexillology and protocol are utilized by the National Executive to assist in consideration of such applications.

Moth Goodrich is as committed a Moth as one can find. But the MOTH is where his passion remains and this passion has remained unabated. Moth Goodrich is immensely proud to wear the Tin Hat and has always made himself available to serve the Order in whatever capacity or situation required. It is to this Orders' benefit that he takes on every task with pride, gusto and dedication. Moth Goodrich has been awarded the Certificate of Comradeship.

With the affairs of his fellow comrades always at heart, he exemplifies the Three Ideals of the Order.

With the full support of the Shellhole and District Executives, KwaZulu Natal Provincial Dugout hereby award Moth John Goodrich the MOTH Certificate of Excellent Service.