

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT M.P.R. GROENEWALD

CITATION

Michael Peter Robert Groenewald joined the Order on the 4th of November 1994 at Oasis Shellhole. He immediately became involved in the fundraising efforts of the Shellhole and on numerous occasions solicited the assistance of his Reserve Force colleagues to support the Unit's social functions.

First elected to the Shellhole Executive in 2002 as Adjutant, Moth Mike has served or are serving the Order in various offices; ranging from Shellhole, District, Provincial, MESCA Unit, Property Management to National level.

Known for his generous heart in supporting Welfare causes, Moth Groenewald has organised more than R70, 000.00 worth of donations from outside the Order in support of WOCMAC bathroom upgrades. He was instrumental in obtaining a R30, 000.00 Scratch Card donation towards the 2018 WOCMAC Golf Day and during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the assistance of his family, distributed 730 "*bags-of-hope*" to needy people.

Known as a man who is not afraid to roll up his sleeves in support of the Order, Moth Mike has been involved in many maintenance projects throughout his M.O.T.H. career. For his services to the Order, Moth Groenewald was awarded the Certificate of Comradeship during 2012 and the Certificate for Excellent Service during 2019. In all these endeavors, Moth Mike has been well supported by his better half Penny.

Born on the 6th of November 1955, Rifleman Groenewald completed his National Service in 1974, having received his training at 11 Commando Kimberley. For Reserve Force Duties he was first posted to East Park Commando before being transferred to Sandton Commando. Whilst serving at Sandton Commando he did various courses, joined the SA Police Reserve (until 1994) and retired from Military duties in 2006 when the Commando was closed down with the rank of Staff-Sergeant. For his services to his country, SSgt Groenewald received the following medals:

- Pro Patria
- General Service
- Unity
- De Wet Decoration (20 years)
- 10 Good Service Medal

- Commando Closure Medal
- SAP 75 Year Medal