



SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION

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New members

A warm welcome to new member Bernard Haupt. We encourage you to get involved and to contribute to the success of the Legion.

Poppy Day 2023

A further appeal for volunteers to assist with the Poppy Day collection on Saturday 11 November. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact the convenor Pam Poole on pamela2006p@gmail.com

Jean Farber

Member Elspeth Cambell advises that former member Jean Farber has passed away age 105 and has sent the following eulogy:

In the early 1970's Jean was a very active member of the SA Legion. Along with a few other stalwarts of those days she was responsible for interviewing all applicants for the New Rosedale Building. She was referred to as a "social worker" and took her role very seriously. She enjoyed her involvement and together with her husband James attended many of the Legion social occasions.

There was a big annual Golf Day to raise funds and she would assist with the sale of raffle tickets and general helped to make the day a great success. Few could resist her lovely smile when asked to buy a ticket.

She will be fondly remembered by those of us from the Legion old enough to remember her, what a sparkly glamorous presence she always was and such an asset to the Legion's cause. She truly adhered to the Legion's motto "Not for ourselves but for others".

What a wonderful life she lived. May she rest in peace.

Something to ponder.

Billionaire Steve Jobs, who died at the age of 56, had the following to say about life: As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realise that:

- wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch - they both tell the same time,
- Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - the amount of money inside is the same,

- Whether we drive a \$150,000 car or a \$30,000 car, the road and distance is the same, and we get to the same destination,
- Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine - the hangover is the same,
- Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq ft - loneliness is the same.

Your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - you go down with it. Therefore, I hope you realise, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth ... That is true happiness!!

Rosedale Club

The TV will be on for South Africa's Rugby World Cup matches and some of the other big games. Depending on the times of the matches, the bar will also be open so members are welcome to join the Rosedale residents in cheering on the 'Boks.

If you want to check what is planned for a particular match email david@salegion.co.za

What it takes to stop a battle

In military history there have been a number of unusual causes that have stopped battles. Here is but one

During World War I in German-held East Africa, British forces led by Major General Arthur Aitken attacked the harbour of Tanga. The many mishaps of the British forces included a limited number of troops reinforced by poorly trained soldiers, precious little intelligence on their enemy, ignoring the advice of locals knowledgeable in the area, and actually giving the enemy advanced warning of their assault. The attack did not go well for them.

If all these factors weren't enough, a third party in the conflict with superior numbers was aggressive toward both German and British forces: a bee swarm. During the battle, a large bee colony was agitated and attacked both sides, causing a pause in the fighting while the Germans and the British fled.

By the next day, Aitken's forces were in disarray as they retreated. Afterward, he was relieved of his command. The bees were an interruption but hardly the cause of the failed attack.

Warning Order

The Cape Town Concert Brass has offered their services for a Remembrance Day Concert at Rosedale on Saturday 11 November 23. We are still in the planning stages and will communicate details when things are finalised. This promises to be a special event so book the date.