



SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION OF MILITARY VETERANS (CAPE TOWN BRANCH)

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Welcome to the following new members

We welcome the following new members and look forward to their participation in the activities of the branch: Robin Buys, James Carruthers, Richard Dreyer, Andre Ingram, Nicole Lefevre, Suzanne Ritchie, Sheila Sainsbury and Ange Tarr

The Berlin Blockade



The Berlin Blockade (24 June 1948–12 May 1949) was one of the first major international crises of the Cold War. During the multinational occupation of post–World War 2 Germany, the Soviet Union blocked the Western Allies' railway, road, and canal access to the sectors of Berlin under Western control. The Soviets offered to drop the blockade if the Western Allies withdrew the newly introduced Deutschemark from West Berlin.

The Western Allies organized the Berlin airlift (26 June 1948–30 September 1949) to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin, a difficult feat given the size of the city's population. Aircrews from the United States Air Force, the British Royal Air Force, the French Air Force, the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Royal Australian Air Force, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and the South African Air Force flew over 277000 flights in one year, providing to the West Berliners up to 8 893 tons of necessities each day, such as fuel and food. At the height of the airlift planes were landing and taking off every 90 seconds. The Soviets did not disrupt the airlift for fear this might lead to open conflict.

South Africa provided 20 aircrews that flew over 2500 flights. 25 aircraft crashed during the airlift resulting in the deaths of 71 Commonwealth and American aircrew one of whom was South African.

By the spring of 1949 the airlift was clearly succeeding, and by April it was delivering more cargo than had previously been transported into the city by rail. On 12 May 1949, the USSR lifted the blockade of West Berlin.

Poppy Day 2018

Poppy Day planning is in full swing and your help on the day is needed. Please volunteer some of your time to collect on Saturday 10 November. Last year collection points had to be dropped as we could not muster sufficient volunteers.

Please complete and return the form at the end of this newsletter.

Legion Regalia

The branch office currently has stock of the following items of regalia:

Legion lapel badges	R55	Poppy lapel badges	R40
Blazer pocket badges	R120	Beret badges	R180
Ties	R180	Golf shirts (L&XL)	R140
Lanyards	R20	Pens	R25

Contact Geraldine on 0216899771 to purchase.

Branch Social

You are invited to drinks and snacks at Rosedale on Thursday 20 September from 1700. The cost is R35 per person and a cash bar will be

available. This is a great opportunity to catch up on what is happening in the branch and to meet other members.

Please confirm your attendance to david.sal@mweb.co.za by Friday 14 September. Payment to be made at the door.

Parades

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Square Hill and a memorial service will be held at the Castle of Good Hope on Sunday 23 September at 1100 – guests to be seated by 1040. Deputy Mayor Alderman Ian Nielsen will be the functionary and speaker and refreshments will be served afterwards.

All are invited to attend. If you will be attending please RSVP to david.sal@mweb.co.za for catering purposes.

Rosedale Food Fair

Join us at Rosedale on Heritage Day 24 September for the Rosedale Food and Fun Fair. There will be a variety of food, cakes, a tea garden, beer and wine, books, bric a brac and entertainment.

Doors open at 1000 so come and do some shopping and then stay for lunch. Money raised will go towards the Rosedale Service Centre.

(Please see Poppy Day form on the next page)



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Cape Town Branch**

We need your support to make our 2018 Poppy Day Collection a success. Money raised is used for the welfare of veterans. Please complete the form below and email this page back to

Poppy.sal@mweb.co.za. alternatively, it can be faxed to 021 685 6254 or posted to SA Legion, PO Box 368, Rondebosch, 7701.

I am prepared to be a collector / convenor on Saturday 10 November 2018.

Time: Fromto.....

Preferred Area/Shopping Centre:

Note: We have permission to collect from 07h00 to 15h00

Name:

Address:

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Telephone Number/s:

Email Address:

DONATION

I shall not be able to convene or collect but am happy to provide a donation of:

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a cheque is enclosed herewith

I have made an EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) / deposited the above amount direct

**To: SA Legion,
Account 070149291 (Please use your name and 'Poppy'
Standard Bank as reference on the deposit slip)
Rondebosch branch code 025009**

