



## **SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION** (CAPE TOWN BRANCH)

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### **CAPE TOWN BRANCH NEWS MARCH 2021**

#### **9 March – a special day for a World War 2 Veteran**

Congratulations to Lgr Syd Ireland who turned 100 on 9 March. A signaller, Syd was attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade serving in East and North Africa before being seconded to the air force and serving in Potchefstroom, Southern and Northern Rhodesia. Syd has been a member of the Legion since 1957.

Together with Lgrs Roberts and Johnson, Syd's daughter and her husband, I attended a get together at Huis Luckhoff where Syd lives to wish him well and to hand over a birthday hamper in recognition of his special day.



Lgrs Johan Johnson, David Holmes and Robbie Roberts with the proud centenarian.

## **Legion 100 celebrations**

The Covid pandemic has put a dampener on many things including the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

The Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League Conference that was planned for Cape Town in March 2021 was moved to London and rescheduled for October of this year. This has now been postponed until 2022.

Given the uncertainty, it is difficult to plan but it is intended that the Legion's Congress will be held in Cape Town in October of this year. At the same time plans are being made to celebrate Cape Town Branch reaching 100 and more will be communicated at a later stage.

## **Welcome**

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Sushi Desai, Alet Graf, Patrick Huddy, Herbert Koster, Lelsey Moolman, John Norman and Paul van Der Merwe.

May your association with the Legion and Cape Town Branch be a long and happy one.

## **Branch AGM**

The Branch Annual General Meeting finally took place at Rosedale on Thursday 11 March and your new committee is:

Ray Nessel (Chairman), Peter Muirhead (Vice Chairman), Johan Johnson (Treasurer), Peter Napier (Welfare), William Millar (Facilities Maintenance), Pierre Fourie (Fundraising), Tim Reilly (Rosedale and Service Center Representative) and Claudio Chiste (Parades and Discipline).

Thanks must go to Robbie Roberts who stood down as Vice Chairman for his contribution while on the committee.

## **Rosedale Club**

The Rosedale Club is looking good, just about completed and final sign off by the Western Cape Liquor Authority is awaited. Once this is received, members will be advised of the operating hours and the Club rules. Let's hope that Covid regulations don't spoil the party!!

## **Veterans Aid Fund – A Scam**

Yet another veteran's aid scam is doing the rounds. An individual or individuals have established a "Veterans' Aid Fund" and are managing the organisation/fund out of Pretoria North. They have contracted a professional tele-marketing company to engage with military veterans throughout South Africa indicating potential aid to the military veteran. The military veteran commits to a monthly contribution of between R100.00 to R150.00 of which, it is learned, some fifty percent or more of the contribution is used for administrative and/or telemarketing expenses. The scam is being addressed with law enforcement by the CMVO and member organisations.

**Remember, if you are asked to pay a registration fee to qualify for a benefit, it is likely that it is a scam.**