



SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION
(CAPE TOWN BRANCH)

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Cape Town Branch News – October 2021

New members

This month we welcome Adi Fourie, Fiona Gibbons, Alet Graf, Paul Hare, Patrick Huddy, Michael Martin, Abraham Ross, and Daniel van der Merwe and look forward to their future involvement in the activities of the Branch.

Poppy Day

This year's Poppy Day collection will again be low key due to Covid. Pam Poole has been hard at work making the necessary arrangements. If you would like to collect on Saturday 13 November, please contact Pam at pamela2006p@gmail.com. Alternatively, if you would like to donate, payment can be made into our account as follows:

Mercantile Bank

Tygerberg Branch

Branch code 450105

Account SA Legion

Account number 1050804759

Please use Poppy Day and your surname as the reference.

This year to date, we have assisted 104 veterans by way of once off cash payments and approximately 60 receive parcels monthly.

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday 14 November this year. While the City will host a service at the Cenotaph, you are welcome to join us at Rosedale at 1100. The Rosedale Club will open after the Service and lunch will be available at R50pp for Service Centre members and R68pp for non-Service Centre members. Bookings for lunch close on Wednesday 10 November and can be made by contacting David david@salegion.co.za or 0216899771 option 209.

Centenary Congress

The 87th national congress of the SA Legion marking the 100th anniversary of its founding, was held in Cape Town from Friday 15 to Sunday 17 October.

The forty-three delegates enjoyed a spit braai at Rosedale on the Friday evening followed by the Congress and an Awards Dinner at the Castle on the Saturday.

Congress closed with a Thanksgiving Service at Rosedale led by our honorary padre Ralph Thornley on the Sunday. Long-serving member Ian Campbell, age 95, a veteran of both WW2 and the Border War, laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch.

Congratulations go to:

- Branch members Ian Campbell and Peter Napier recipients of the Distinguished Service Award and Johan Johnson who was awarded the Meritorious Service Award.
- Lgr Brian Smith who was elected National President, Lgr Shaun Booth National Vice-President, and our own Johan Johnson National Treasurer.



Ian Campbell lays a wreath on behalf of the Cape Town Branch



Delegates after the Thanksgiving Service held at Rosedale

Rosedale Club

The Rosedale Club license has finally been granted and you are invited to attend the official opening which, due to Covid restrictions, will be held over two days:

- Wednesday 17 November from 1630, or
- Friday 19 November from 1630.

Dress is smart casual. Snacks will be provided, and members will receive a centenary gift.

Those who live at Rosedale who wish to attend must place their name on the list on the notice board in reception and non-residents please reply to david@salegion.co.za by Friday 10 November indicating which date you would like to attend.

Normal opening times are Wednesday and Friday from 1600 to 1800 (or later) and Sundays from 1100 to 1230 and all members are welcome to use the facility.

Prices are extremely reasonable; where else can you get a tot of whisky or a 440ml beer for R15 and a glass of wine for R10.

The venue is also available for small functions such as a cocktail party and catering can be provided.

Branch AGM

The date for the branch AGM has not yet been set but it is hoped to hold it before the end of the year. Notice of the meeting will follow once the date is known.

Accommodation

There are a number of single and double flats available for veterans to rent at Rosedale. David is the contact for further information david@salegion.co.za

Rosedale Service Centre (RSC)

Facilities offered through the RSC are varied and include partaking of the tasty, nutritious meals served in the dining-room. Given the restraints of lockdown, a list of the activities on offer is attached. Suggestion: for only R10 pppa you can sign up to become a fully-fledged RSC member which gives you access to the meals at reduced prices and to all the activities. An Application Form also is attached and the process of joining clearly laid out.