



THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION

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It is with much sadness that we learned of the passing to higher service of Lgr Chris Schutte, ex PARABAT and Regimental Sergeant Major on Thursday 16th November 2023. Rest in peace “Old Soldier”. His name has been inscribed in the Memoriam on the Branch Website.

The “Poppy” Run

On Sunday 5th November 2023 it was the yearly SA legion poppy run at the various cemeteries in and around Port Elizabeth.

Our PE branch had a good event with various organisations enjoying the fun day including ladies from the MOTHWA, MOTHS and Sea Cadets.



Boer War memnorial

Lgr. Chris Papenfus visited the North End cemetery putting poppies on all the graves of the fallen, including a monument of the (Anglo Boer) South African War (1899 - 1902) for the victims

that passed away at a local concentration camp site. It was also good to discover some new graves again.

The “TIN SHAKE”

On Saturday, the 11th November 2023 it was the SAL's PE branch annual fund-raising event at various shopping centres in he City.

At the new Boardwalk Mall Lgr.'s Chris Papenfus, Hendrik van der Linde and Chris's wife Belinda did their duty for nearly four hours.

A good day was had by all with good support from the community and with Chris's collection table and marketing poster the SAL had a good focus point with positive results.



Lgrs Papenfus and vand der Linde

Grey High School Parade

On the 10th November 2023 various Leginaires and the chairman of the SA Legion branch in PE, Lgr. TJ Pattison attended the Grey High School Remembrance Day Service.

Many Veteran and other organisations laid wreaths.

There was also a beautiful flypast of two Harvard aircraft at exactly H hour courtesy of Stu Davidson.



Lgr. Pattison lays wreath

Walmer Remembrance Parade

On Sunday the 12/11/23 the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro (PE) held their annual Remembrance Day parade at the Walmer Cenotaph.

It was well supported by various veteran organisations, Sea Cadets, Grey High School, various schools, Boy Scouts, including the SAL and many other dignitaries.

The parade was led by the Algoa Caledonian Pipe Band. Our flag-bearer in the parade was Lgr. Jan Nel.

Approximately 200 people attended including the visitors and a representative of the Mayor's office. At the parade, chairman Lgr. TJ Pattison laid a wreath on behalf of the SAL. This was the first parade since the restoration of the Cenotaph, initiated by the SAL PE Branch Chairman, Lgr Terry Pattisons.



The Walmer Cenotaph

Walmer cenotaph, of all Walmer's war memorials, is set into the boundary wall of the Town Hall and is probably the best known of the lot. It was designed by W.J. McWilliams, made by R. Pennacchini of local stone and the bronze tablet was cast by James Gardner. It was officially

unveiled by the Earl of Athlone on the 24 th March 1925.



Local Sea Cadet Sentries



The Banners



The Wreaths



Marching Away

The last newsletter in 2023. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Regards
Editor

