



**MEMORABLE ORDER OF TIN HATS**  
FOUNDED IN SOUTH AFRICA, MAY 1927

***MOTH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS***

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**HISTORY and Structure of the MOTH and the "FIRST NEED"**

The MEMORABLE Order of Tin Hats ("MOTH") was started in 1927 in Durban by Charles Evenden, a veteran of the First World War. The aim of the Order was, and still remains, to provide beneficial assistance to military veterans and their families in Need.

The ideals of the Order are-

- a) To maintain the living spirit of front line comradeship through the ideals of:
  - i) True Comradeship (TC) by practising front line friendship in civilian life:
  - ii) Mutual Help (MH) by the acknowledging the personal and collective obligation to help each other as in front line service:
  - iii) Sound Memory (SM) by remembering the fallen as a living companionship to serve their memory in practical actions which rise above divisions of social status, race or politics.
- b) To protect and advance the interests of war veterans and their kin by carrying out benevolent activities of an ex-service character.

Membership to the MOTH is open to all who served in the Armed Forces in defence of their country or in an active theatre of conflict. The Order is based on concord and harmony and operates independently of Race, Religion or Politics, in the same way as front line service, but with full democracy.

Its objectives are to protect and advance the interests of war veterans and their kin, by carrying out benevolent activities of an ex-service character. Over the past many years, the Order has gone further in its work by working for Community upliftment through charitable projects geared to poverty elevation and support in the name of all military veterans.

The principal objects of the Order are:

- a) The care or counselling of poor and needy persons where more than 90 percent of those persons to whom the care or counselling are provided are over the age of 60, in compliance with paragraph 1(b) of Part I of the 9th Schedule of the Income Tax Act.
- b) The provision of poverty relief, in compliance with paragraph 1(f) of Part I of the 9th Schedule of the Income Tax Act.

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Over the past 92 years, the MOTH has served the Veteran Community in numerous ways. One such example is the existence of the MOTH Housing Complexes, of which there are 34 such cottage schemes and which house over 2000 members or their surviving spouse.

### **FIRST NEED**

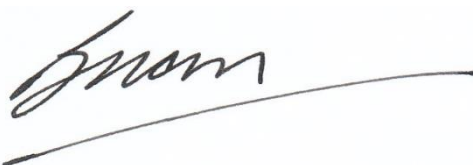
Our First Need is, therefore, to provide some small non-financial assistance those elderly and less fortunate Military Veterans who are ever more hard-pressed to “make ends meet” in these increasingly difficult times.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

The full contact details for the General Headquarters of the Memorable Order of Tin Hats may be found on this letterhead, and more details of the work undertaken by the MOTH will be seen by visiting the MOTH website, [www.moth.org.za](http://www.moth.org.za)

The Contact person is as per signed below

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Porter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Moth BRIAN PORTER**

**General Secretary**

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