

Nunks Alexander's Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Rotary Club of Westville

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The Rotary Club of Westville in KwaZulu-Natal has rewarded WO1 P.N. "Nunks" Alexander of the Natal Mounted Rifles with Rotary's highest award, a Paul Harris Fellowship, in recognition of his outstanding dedication as a volunteer in the SA National Defence Force Reserves.

WO1 Alexander completed his National Service in 1959 and was posted to the Natal Mounted Rifles later that year. He has been a member of the Regiment ever since.

He has continued to serve South Africa as a volunteer for 53 years and was awarded his 50 year medal at a parade in Bloemfontein. He was recently made an Honorary Warrant Officer by the SA Army Armour Formation Commander, Brigadier-General Chris Gildenhuys.



The President of the Rotary Club of Westville, Mr Allan Field and WO1 Alexander with his Paul Harris Fellowship Award. By coincidence, Mr Field once served in the NMR and WO1 Alexander was his RSM!



The award was presented at a glittering gala dinner at the Westville Country Club attended by the OC NMR (Lt Col Mike Rowe), the 2 I/C (Major Adrian van Schaik), the Regimental Sergeant Major (MWO Bobby Freeman) and the Regimental Historian (Capt Nigel Lewis-Walker).