



Newsletter of the

ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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www.omss.ca

Edited by Gary Lenius

December 2010

Next meeting

Sunday, December 12, 2010

Start time 12:00 pm

Branch 210, Royal Canadian Legion
110 Jutland Road, Toronto
Doors open at 11:00 am

Lunch Tickets \$5

If you haven't already got your ticket from Gail Stone, please contact her as soon as possible to let her know you're coming. She needs to have a good idea of numbers to lay on the food. You can contact her at 905-332-0653 or gstone3@cogeco.ca

Kilts Welcomed

It's been a growing tradition over the past few years for members to strut their stuff in highland dress for our annual luncheon. So if there's a kilt hanging in your closet, here's a chance to air it out. Put your best foot (knee?) forward!

New Issue of Journal Expected

Our Journal editor Frank MacKay has been working diligently on a new issue of the OMSS Journal and will have it ready for distribution at the meeting.

Christmas Luncheon

We hope that you can join us for our annual Christmas luncheon on December 12. Let's make our last meeting of the year a special occasion.

Note that we will be starting a bit earlier than usual. Lunch will be served at 12:30.

Gail Stone will once again be organizing the catering for us, so you know we're in for a good feed.

This year we are planning some special presentations. We will also have our usual awarding of membership pins to members who have attained milestones. (See page 2) There will also be some special gift draws.

Members are encouraged to bring out their spouses.

Vendors are welcome at this meeting.

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King and Country's WWI Christmas Truce figures

Membership Pins

Each year we honour members who have reached certain milestones in length of membership. At the December 12 meeting we will be awarding the following pins:

Bronze (10 years membership)

Evelyn Brown
Hans Doring
Clayton Henderson
Barbara Mattock

Silver (20 years membership)

Frank Schryver
Thomas Thompson

Gold (25 years membership)

Thomas Fairman
Gordon Mark
Larry McGee
Timothy Moxam

2010 Auction A Success

The November meeting was our annual auction and it was a lively one. We moved briskly through over 100 lots and were finished in not much more than 2 hours. Things went very smoothly and there was lots of spirited bidding.

The Society benefitted to the tune of \$815 from the proceeds of donated items. Thanks to everyone who gave items and bid on them.

Paul Aitchison served as our auctioneer this year, and was spelled by **Don Ritchie**. We also had a busy team of runners including **John Brown, Mike Chrus, Eric Clarke, Jeff Duncan and John Hambly**. Many hands DO make light work. **Gail Stone** organized the administrative side, assisted by her daughter-in-law and by **Evelyn Brown**. They made sure all the items were paid for and all the sellers got paid.

2011 Membership Dues

Dues for 2011 are payable as of January. Renewal notices will be going out at that time. However our Treasurer **Gary Lenius** will be glad to take your money at the meeting if you want to get the jump on the new year. The dues have been held to the same rates as the past few years:

The Regular membership rate is \$35 for the year.

Junior membership (16 and under) is \$20.

Family membership (2nd member at same mailing address) is \$20.

The Dragoon Moving Shop

Our friend Steve Graham is closing his Cookstown shop "The Dragoon" as of December 24th. As of January 8th he will re-open within the 400 Market complex a bit farther north (Highway 400 at the Innisfil Beach Road exit). The 400 Market is open weekends only 9 am to 5 pm. It is a large flea market and antique mall with hundreds of individual vendors. A browser's paradise. See www.400market.com

Until the 24th Steve is having a moving sale at his present location, 2 King St. North in Cookstown.

Link of the Month

The Toronto Cyclorama

www.heritagetoronto.org/news/story/2010/08/10/cyclorama

Many of the members will have visited Gettysburg and seen the cyclorama painting of the Civil War battle displayed in the museum there. There is also one in Atlanta depicting one of the battles for that city. In the days before motion pictures these 360 degree paintings were a popular form for giving mass audiences a glimpse of famous historical battles. But many may not be aware that Toronto at one time had its own facility for displaying this form of art.

The Toronto Cyclorama was erected in 1887 on the south side of Front Street west of York. While the building actually survived until 1976 its career as a cyclorama was short-lived.

The link will take you to a Heritage Toronto illustrated article on the Cyclorama.



A Merry Christmas and happy holiday season to all of our members and their families.



Jim Anderson's Figures

Many members will remember the late Jim Anderson as a skillful and prolific painter of figures. His work was featured at our annual competitions for years. His collection is now on sale at The Grenadier, Dave Zink's store in Port Perry. He's located at 269 Queen Street. Store website www.grenadiermilitaria.com

Looking for Painted Figures

Stanley Kershman is interested in buying painted connoisseur figures and flats. You can contact him at stanley3211@hotmail.com or 613-726-2999.

Kits and Figures for Sale

John Hoffman, a former member now living in Fergus, is interested in selling off his unpainted figures, including quite a few Historex kits. He also has several 30 mm Napoleonic vignettes by "Under Two Flags" and 3 Waterloo dioramas that won awards at OMSS shows.

You can contact him at jhoffmann00@cogeco.ca or 519-787-1020.

Seeking Composition Figures

Hans Doring is looking for composition figures from such makers as Elastolin, Lineol and Hausser. You can contact Hans at 416-421-9951 in the evenings.

Looking out for each other

Know of a member who's been ill or in hospital? Let Gail Stone know so that we can send them the Society's best wishes. Contact Gail at 905-332-0653 or by email at gstone4@cogeco.ca



If you know of an upcoming show that might interest our members, drop Gary a line.

**Canadian Society of Military Medals and Insignia
December 19, 2010**

2011 dates: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17

Monthly militaria show. 9am to noon at the Burlington Seniors Centre 2285 New St. Burlington. \$5 admission for non-members. www.thecsmmi.com

HeritageCon 5, Sunday March 13, 2011

Modelling show and competition for all types of models including figures. Real aircraft and vehicles on display. Hobby vendors and the museum gift shop. 9 am to 4 pm at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton, Ont. Admission is \$5, entry fee of \$2 per model. Further details at www.ipmshamilton.ca

**Michigan Historical Collectors Show
April 2-3, 2010**

Toy soldier and militaria dealers and historical miniatures competition. At Madison Place in Madison Heights Michigan (north Detroit area). 9 to 4 Saturday, 10 to 3 Sunday admission \$6. www.michiganshow.com

Meeting Dates for 2011

January 9	September 11
February 13	October 16
March 20	November 13
April 10	December 11
May 15	
June 11 (Annual Show)	