

The
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Model
Soldier
Society



Monthly Newsletter for May 2013

Next meeting:

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 1:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am

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Featured Speaker:

Mort Lightstone, A Korean War Veteran

The Canadian Government has declared 2013 as the year to commemorate our Korean War Veterans. We have made it the theme for our Annual Show this year. So for our speaker this month we are honoured to have Korean veteran Mort Lightstone. Mr. Lightstone served 28 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force and began his career during the Korean conflict. (The photo shows him as a flight cadet in 1951.) He will share his experiences with us in what promises to be an interesting talk.



Reminder - Print Auction

As detailed in the March newsletter, we will be conducting the sealed bid auction for the second of the large Canadian Militia prints at this meeting.

Meeting Dates

- 2013 -

January 20

February 3

March 3

April 14

May 26

June 23

October 27

November 10

December 8



Print #2 (May auction): The Canadian Militia - 1898 by John David Kelly

Annual Show
Saturday September 7
2013

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President's Column

From our President Scott Dummitt...

The past month has certainly been an interesting one with lots of news that would interest toy soldier collectors such as our members. First off there was the presentation of new regimental colours to the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment by HRH Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh. The ensuing War of 1812 Bicentennial parade had to be a toy soldier collector's delight. While I didn't get to personally see it I not only received some wonderful photos of the parade from Guy Elliot and I also spent around 40 minutes on U-Tube watching the various units that had been recorded. The variety of ceremonial uniforms that were worn sure started me thinking about what I could create with my own collection.

I was shocked and saddened to hear that Richard Walker, General Manager of William Britain Limited, had left the company. Richard had become a good friend to the OMSS, not only with his trip up here last year, but doing

lots of little things for us that most members did not realize he had done. For the past two years he made sure our show was posted to the William Britain web site and for the last three years we have received a couple of boxes of DEETAIL figures to distribute to the various children attending ON PARADE. I know I speak for all our members when I wish Richard the very best in his future endeavors.

Lastly I want to point out that all our guest speakers this year have been right from our own membership. It's been wonderful as it shows that we have a great selection of members who can deliver interesting topics and are willing to do so. Guy Elliot's talk last meeting on collecting Indian Army figures was not only interesting but quite educational as I am sure many of us didn't have a clue on how that country's military evolved. It also gave us some great insight into the history of India. I'm hoping that others amongst you can take up the challenge and present a topic that you are interested in at an upcoming meeting.

Toronto Military Parade Videos

As Scott alluded to in his column several videos of the recent military parade held in Toronto on April 27 are available on YouTube. If you weren't able to make it out to the parade (or even if you did) you can view the colour and pageantry by going to www.youtube.com and entering "Toronto military parade" into the search bar.

Exclusive 8th King's Regiment Figures in the Works

(Shameless plug department) These are photos, hot off the press, of the two exclusive figure being done by the W. Britain company for SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS. They represent an NCO and a Regimental Colour Ensign of the 8th Regiment of Foot (The King's) in 1814 as they would have been dressed in the late stages of the War of 1812. William Britain Ltd will also be releasing a King's Colour Ensign, an Officer and a Private. Those three figures will be available to all Britains dealers but the limited edition exclusives will only be available through Scott's store.



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On Parade 2013

Saturday September 7, Fort York

The show is coming up fast. We hope you're all busily working away on entries for the competition and displays. Our show postcards are in the works and with luck will be available at the meeting.

Korean War Theme

Our theme for this year's show is the Korean Conflict, often called Canada's Forgotten War. So we'll be looking for suitable displays. (anything early 50's vintage will do.) We are looking at having a group display space where all members can contribute material, even if they don't have enough for a large display of their own. So review your collection and see what you could contribute to the cause.

Our Latest Recruit

A shout out to our newest member: **Jeffrey Kaplan**, from Charleston South Carolina. Jeffrey occasionally comes to Toronto so we hope he can get out to a meeting sometime.

Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Military Show: Volunteers Needed

The Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Military Show will be held again at the Peterborough Armoury on Saturday 21 September 2013. The OMSS put on a great display last year and according to members who attended there was a lot of interest in our display. We are looking once again for volunteers to put on displays at the show and need to know by July so we can coordinate table allotment with the organizer. This is a nice small show, starting at 8 am and ending around 2:30 pm. If you haven't had a chance to visit Peterborough lately, this is a good excuse. Please contact either Scott Dummitt or Gail Stone if you wish to participate.

Frazier Museum

The Frazier Museum, located in Louisville Kentucky has an extensive toy soldier collection on display. Member **Rainer Knickmann** is a regular visitor and has been working with the museum on a research project. At his suggestion we have decided to present the museum with one of our 50th Anniversary Commemorative Figures of the Queen's Ranger.

The museum website is www.fraziermuseum.org You can find photos of the toy soldier collection under the "Featured Exhibits" link.

Donation from Brenda Brownlee

Thanks go out to former member Brenda Brownlee for her donation to the club of a large batch of unpainted fig-

ures and kits. Sadly she is no longer able to paint due to arthritis. We will be putting the donated material into our monthly draws and the club sale table at our upcoming Annual Show in September.

Selling Britain's Collection

Bill Wilson of Bolton is looking to sell a large collection of Wm Britain's figures dating from the 40s and 50s. There are several hundred figures including farm figures and zoo animals but only a few boxed sets.

If interested of for further details contact him at 905-857-1384 or email w_m_c_wilson@yahoo.ca

Need Help With Collection

Janet Stevenson's late husband Hugh was a member of the Society some years ago.

"My husband, Hugh Stevenson, (who died a few years ago) was a member of your organization. He hand painted a large collection from various military groups, mostly soldiers, but also tanks and other militaria. Since I'm now planning to move, I would like to sell the collection which is housed in purpose-built showcases which vary from 8" to 12" wide and about 4' high. There are 6 cases.

Perhaps someone from the society might catalogue the collection and put it on the web for sale. I would appreciate any help you can give me in disposing of my husband's collection."

She is in London and can be contacted at pcejhs@uwo.ca



Newly Unearthed Treasures

Frank Barrett has re-discovered a toy chest he has not looked at in years. At the next meeting 95% of the items for sale have never before been offered.

Included will be: Assyrians, Romans, Landknecht, English Civil War, Knights. In addition there are early Gord Dumbleton up-graded Britain's British and Napoleonic Lancers, as well as Britain's Danish Hussars, Johillco U.S. Marines, Mignot, and World War II German mobile units including a few Afrika Corps.

Fort York Book for sale

Small book, autographed by the author, Carl Benn entitled: The Battle of York and booklet on Fort York, \$15 plus postage or pick up at meeting.

Contact David Dorward, 905-584-5838

or email dkdorward@sympatico.ca

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. Hans is also looking for someone who can do some repairs to composition figures for him.

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.

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.

ANCASTER COLLECTORFEST
Featuring Model Trains, Toys & Other Collectibles

Sunday, June 2nd, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MARRITT HALL & CONCESSION BUILDING
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OMSS "On Parade 2013" Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013

Our own show. Stay tuned.

Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Militaria 2013: Show and Sale - Saturday, September 21, 2013

9:00 am to 2:30 pm. 220 Murray Street, Peterborough Ontario
Admission: \$3.00 Per person, Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Maximum family charge \$7.00. Additional information available at (705) 749-3149.

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