



Next meeting:

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

Meeting starts at 12:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am

NOTE EARLY START

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Meeting Dates

- 2013 -

December 8

- 2014 -

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

June 22

September 14

October 19

November 16

December 14

Annual Show
Saturday May 3
2014

Annual Society Luncheon and Social

The December meeting will feature our traditional Christmas luncheon. This is our annual chance to socialize with fellow members and enjoy a nice repast in celebration of the season and the climax of another club year.

Note that we will be starting the meeting at 12:00 and lunch will be served at 12:30.



We will be in the Legion club room again this year, so use the set of doors closest to the street. The Legion will be having its own function, a children's Christmas party in the hall which starts at 11 am. So parking may be a challenge. Be of good cheer and let's hope the weather cooperates. (It'll make a nice change from trying to find a parking space at the mall this time of year!)

Members are encouraged to bring out their spouses. As has become traditional, members are more than welcome to wear uniform or Scottish dress to add a dash of class to the proceedings.

Gail Stone and her crew will be handling the catering for us once again so we know we're in for a tasty meal as always.

The lunch cost is \$5 per person.

If you didn't get a lunch ticket at the last meeting you need to let Gail Stone know that you're coming.

Call Gail at 905-332-0653 or email her at gstone4@cogeco.ca ASAP

Members are encouraged to bring contributions for the dessert table. (No haggis please.)

Santa and his elves have been busy as usual and there will be lots of door prizes for good girls and boys.

Vendors

Vendors are encouraged as usual at the Christmas Luncheon, however due to the small area you are limited to ONE table only. They will be placed along one side of the room and it is a first come first served basis only. Do not bring more than what will fill the one table!

The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

News items and notices can be submitted at omss@bell.net or 416-261-6494.



President's Column *From our President Scott Dummitt...*

The Holiday Season is upon us one again and I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and Safe New Years. It has been my honour to be the President of the Ontario Model Soldier Society for the past year and I want to thank those that have helped me through the year.

I am once again looking forward to our annual Christmas luncheon, as it is a time where we get to sit down with our fellow members and their wives and just plain chat. Gail Stone and her family once again are hosting our luncheon and I would like to encourage everyone to help out by bringing a desert for our desert table. We are fortunate in this country to be able to think about what we want to do over the Holiday Season and so on, when so many around the world have to wonder what each day will bring to them. The recent devastation in the Philippines and mid-west United States are a constant reminder of how lucky we really are.

We have received our paperwork for the rental of the facilities at Fort York this May and so our show is officially booked for Saturday, 3 May 2014. We did not announce a theme this year, but it is the 100th Anniversary of the

start of World War I, so maybe that might make a good starting point. With the shortened time between annual shows it means we are going to have to work a little faster to get our projects together. I'm sure we are all willing to give show chairman Norm White, who is also your President in 2014, and vice-chairman Tom Elliot as much help as they need to make "On Parade 2014" a big hit.

Last month's annual auction was a big success. Donated lots at the auction brought in \$630.00 for the Club. A highlight of the auction was a group of finely painted female figures donated by former president Bryan Gibbins. (These were at the Annual Show in September.) We did something different and sold these by the figure rather than as a group. This way more members got to own one. The group netted the club \$349. Many thanks, Bryan.

I had several members comment on how lively the auction was this year and how much they enjoyed it. Thanks to all who worked at the auction and congratulations to all that took part. There is also a rumour that I will stop bidding on items as soon as Jeff Duncan or Jim Qualtrough bids.



Membership Service Pins

Every December we award membership service pins to mark those who have completed milestone years of membership in the Society. This year we have a small but distinguished group to recognize:

Bronze pins (10 years' membership)	Eric Clarke Stanley Kershman Brian McDonald
Silver pins (20 years' membership)	Henry Chow Steve Rollason

Membership Dues for 2014

Dues for 2014 are payable as of January, but Gary Lenius will be glad to take your money at the meeting.

We have held our dues to the same low price: \$35 a year. (\$20 for the second member in a household or for juniors 16 and under)

Meeting Dates for 2014

Our meeting dates for next year have been booked with the Legion. See page 1 of this newsletter

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Looking for a Maxim machine gun? A Vickers light tank? A wide range of ready-made 1:32nd scale models, including figures are available from Yeomanry Miniatures, listed on Internet. For those of you without computers, the company is at 10 Dolphin Lodge, Grand Ave., Worthing, West Sussex BN11 5AL. UK. Painted and unpainted models/figurines available. Tip from John Brown.

The Canadian Legion continues its series of military history. Latest issue, "The Victoria Cross," features Canadian medal winners. Magazine=size format. Cost, \$14.95. Oops! In the last newsletter I mentioned Farley Mowat's history of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. Would have been nice if I supplied the title: "The Regiment."

A special current issue of the Royal Canadian Legion magazine has the theme, The Long Shock of War. Whatever your special interest, it is worth buying..

The Grenadier booklist now is published from Montreal. Catalogues now are available on request. E-mail: info@grenadiermilitaria.com. Web site: www.grenadiermilitaria.com.

The Grenadier store, including books and militaria, is at 202-5542A St. Patrick, Montreal.

Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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If you are asking, "What about the Grenadier militaria shop in Port Perry?" it is still open. The shop has books, posters, equipment etc., but has discontinued selling and buying toy soldiers. Web site: Grenadier Shop, Port Perry. Address 269 Queen St., Port Perry, ON L9L 1B9. Phone: 1-905-982-90317. Open weekdays 9 - 5, Saturdays by appointment only.

Under the label, Waterloo 1815, the company Hatitaly, has produced some nicely sculpted 1/32nd plastic Italian infantry of the First World War. As well, the plastic is of superior quality, i.e., no bent rifles. I found this item at Wheels and Wings Hobbies, 1880 Danforth ave., (halfway between Coxwell and Woodbine.) The store has a wide range of plastic soldiers and a small number of metal figurines. I see by the box that the WWI Italians have been in production since 2006. First time I've seen them.

New Members

We are continuing to draw new recruits to the Society. Welcome to some new members who have joined our Society over the past month.

George Bielby of Etobicoke.

Chris Dunning of Oakville.

A hearty welcome to our group. If you make it out to a meeting make yourself known to Gary Lenius or Scott Dummitt and we will make sure you're introduced to the membership.

Farewell

Sadly we have lost another of our long time members. **Colin Mattock** passed away November 17 after a long battle with COPD. Colin was an early member of the Society and served as treasurer at one time. He left us for a few years then rejoined in 1993 and has been a member ever since. His wife Barbara has also been a member for the last 12 years. We extend our condolences to Barbara and to all of Colin's family and friends.

Here is a link to the obituary:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?n=colin-edward-mattock&pid=168103745&fhid=9911



Wishing All Our Members and Their Families A Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas Season and New Year.

Here's a bit of Christmas cheer courtesy of King and Country:

