



Next meeting:

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Rd. Toronto

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

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Meeting Dates

- 2014 -

December 14

- 2015 -

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

June 14

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

Annual Show
Saturday May 2
2015

November's meeting will be our:

ANNUAL AUCTION

Time again for our annual auction, everyone's favourite pre-Christmas shopping opportunity. Your chance to thin out your collection or pick up something special that someone else has decided they can live without.



Our veteran auctioneers **Don Ritchie** and **Frank MacKay** will be hosting and **Gail Stone** and her crew will once again be looking after the administration. Cash is preferred and please bring small bills if possible.

We will be starting at the normal meeting time (1:00 pm) this year.

Auction Ground Rules

1. You must be a member in good standing to put up lots for sale.
2. Bidders must register and receive a bidding number. There is a fee of \$2.
3. The number of lots will be limited to 100; first come, first served.
4. A minimum reserve bid may be placed on a lot.
5. There is no selling fee or commission.
6. Hobby related items only please.

Auction Description forms

Some members have asked to get the auction forms ahead of time so they can fill in the descriptions of their items. So included with this newsletter is a form you can use for this. Cut it along the dashed lines and it makes 4 copies of a form that can be completed ahead of time and then attached to the lot cards. Photocopy the sheet if you need more than 4.

December Meeting: Our Christmas Feast

The December meeting (December 14th) will feature our traditional Christmas luncheon. Gail Stone will be handling the catering for us once again. Tickets can be purchased from Gail at \$5.00 a plate. You can see her at the meeting.

If you can't get out to the meeting you can reserve your ticket with Gail at 905-332-0653 or email her at gstone4@cogeco.ca

2015 Meeting Dates have been added to the masthead on the left.

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 the pen of our prez Norm White

Greetings fellow OMSS members!

Before I begin to talk about club events, I would like to say that I am sure that all of you share my shock and outrage about the events of the past few weeks. The deaths of Patrice Vincent and Nathan Cirillo demonstrate the courage and sacrifice that our young men and women in uniform are willing to make on a daily basis. I would like to thank OMSS member Jeff Duncan who signed the book of remembrance for corporal Cirillo on behalf of the Model Soldier Society. I know that our club, dedicated as it is to military history and tradition will share my gratitude to Jeff for ensuring that our collective feelings are noted.

Next meeting, as you are no doubt aware, is our annual auction. I have no doubt that you all share my eager anticipation to see what treasures will be offered up for our bidding! I would like to thank, in advance, Don Ritchie, Frank Mackay, Gail Stone, Jeff Duncan and the Browns, as well as all others who volunteer to make this event a success. We will be starting our auction at the usual meeting time, instead of an hour earlier this year. Thanks to the efforts of our aforementioned volunteers the auction

moves along much more swiftly than it used to. It also seems that the members are being more selective in the items they offer for bidding, which also helps.

Our December meeting brings our yearly Christmas feast, ably catered by Gail Stone and family (what would we do without her?) Please be sure to buy your tickets at the next meeting, if you do not already have them. Although tickets can be bought at the door, it is hard to cater an event when the number of attendees is uncertain. Gail works hard enough on our behalf, let's not make her job any harder!

I hope that each and every one of you will take a silent minute at 11 a.m. on November the 11th to pause and reflect on those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom and security.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM !

...Norm



Harold's Corner

Tidbits from Harold Morrison

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If you have long bemoaned the lack of parachutists with full blown parachutes, King and Country is producing a 1:30 U.S. 82nd airborne trooper with a completely open parachute.

I don't know if this is rare information, but for the record: Before conscription in Canada during WW2, one of the enticements to enlist was a 'walk-out' uniform. It was a hip-length tunic and trousers in a light sand colour, khaki shirt and black tie. Plus side cap. The tunic had open lapels and brass buttons.

Soldiers who were wounded or stricken with illness frequently wore a single-breast civvy-style. I have a memory of my uncle Samuel wearing a one-piece

sun-helmet with brown leather neck strap, I can't recall the name of it, but there was a winter head-dress with ear flaps and a front flap.

One of the guarantees of conscription, was that those conscripted would not have to go overseas. Oh, they could volunteer... The regular soldiers referred to them as 'zombies,' easily recognized by their lack of regimental or corps identification.

Canadian army doctor John McCrae, depicted in metal in 1:32nd scale, is being offered as a bonus for subscribing to Toy Soldier and Model Figurine Magazine. He is seated, writing. A 1 year subscription gets you the casting, a 2 year subscription gets the painted figure. See TS&MF magazine web-site for details:

www.toy-soldier.com



Officers for 2015

At the October meeting the members present voted to confirm the slate of officers for 2015 as proposed by the current executive. Taking office on January 1st will be:

Gail Stone president

Tom Elliot 1st Vice-president

Jim Qualtrough 2nd Vice-president

Gary Lenius Secretary/Treasurer.

Correction



In the last issue I erroneously attributed the figure of the Lord Strathcona's Horse that won a silver medal at the Chicago show to Phil Andrews. In fact the figure was produced by former member **Ray Welshman**. ...ed

OMSS On Parade 2015

We have signed our contract with Fort York for our 2015 Annual Show, which will be held **Saturday May 2nd**. **Scott Dummitt** and **Gary Lenius** have designed our show postcard and flyer and we will have these at the meeting so we can start getting them out to hobby shops and other sites.

The 2015 Show theme will be the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, which should be fertile ground for displays and competition figures. But, of course, you're not limited to the theme when it comes to subject and period. Start painting!



OMSS On Display at Peterborough

On Saturday October 18 the club put on a display at the Annual Militaria Show in Peterborough, held in the nicely restored drill hall downtown. Scott Dummitt coordinated our participation and participants included Gail Stone, Ian Pearson, Don Ritchie, Gary Lenius, Dave Kelly, George Bielby and Phil Andrews. We put on a nice display and got lots of interest throughout the day. It was a good opportunity to promote the Society and our annual show.

Following the show a few of us dropped by Scott Dummitt's place in Bailieboro and were treated to a tour of his home and collection and his shop.

— UPCOMING SHOWS —

Toronto Military Shows

Saturday November 29

Bi-monthly militaria show. Buy/sell/trade. 8:30 am to 2:00 pm \$8 admission. At Hansa House 6650 Hurontario St. Mississauga.

November show at General Sikorski Hall 1551 Stevenson Rd. North in Oshawa.

Details at torontomilitaryshow.com

Other Collectible Shows

Check out www.collectorshows.ca for some other locally hosted toy, train, and nostalgia shows.

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

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman.

www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/



OMSS display at the Peterborough show

Reserve Bid \$

Number Of Items

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