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Monthly Newsletter for November 2016

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2016

January 17 – February 7 – March 13 – April 10
June 12 – September 11 – October 16
November 13 – December 11 (Christmas Dinner & Awards)

Annual Show
Saturday May 14, 2016

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Next meeting...

Sunday, 13 November, 2016

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

Letter from the President



Our next meeting is the annual auction. I am sure everyone is eagerly anticipating to see the treasures that will be available for our bidding. I would like to thank in advance our auctioneers Don Ritchie and Frank MacKay and the many volunteers that make our auction a great success. Thanks to Gary Lenius purchases and payouts will be processed electronically. Purchases must be paid before payouts can be completed; this is a no commission cash only auction. The auction will commence at our regular

meeting time of 1:00. For details on selling and bidding please see Gary Lenius before the meeting.

Please order and pay for your Christmas meeting / luncheon with John Hambly or Eric Clarke at our November meeting. If you cannot make the meeting have a friend pay at the meeting for you or send your cheque for \$15.00 per meal to John Hambly by November 30. See further details in the Newsletter.

Lastly I want to request all OMSS members to proudly wear your poppy in remembrance of those who gave so much. I encourage everyone to observe a minute of silence at 11:00 a m on Nov 11th to pause and reflect on those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve and protect our freedom and security.

Tom Elliot

December Christmas Dinner

The proposed plan for a Pot-Luck Christmas dinner has been abandoned and instead we will be ordering a chicken dinner from Swiss Chalet. There is only one option and here it is.

Chicken Dinner

- ¼ Chicken White Meat
- French Fries
- Whole Wheat Roll
- Side Garden Salad
- Condiments
- Beverage (Coffee or Tea)
- Total Cost **\$15.00** each

We ask that each member bring in a desert for the Christmas Desert table so that we have a variety.

Both John Hambly and Eric Clarke are co-ordinating the luncheon and you can pay either of them at the November 13 meeting. Your meal must be paid for by the end of November at the very latest, **NO !!!** exceptions. If you can't make the November meeting and you still want to take in the dinner, send a cheque or money order for \$15.00 per person; made out to the Ontario Model Soldier Society, to:

**John Hambly,
496 Smith Street,
Brighton, Ontario
K0K 1H0.**

ON PARADE VENDOR REGISTRATION

Remember Vendors; get your cheques into Gary Lenius for table space at ON PARADE 2017 early so that you are listed in the Newsletter starting in January each month up to the date of the show. What does early registration do for you, well how about draw potential customers towards your table early with special orders? In addition after the end of April tables go up

\$10.00 each if you haven't registered.

Auction Ground Rules

1. You must be a member in good standing to put up lots for sale.
2. Bidders & Sellers 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.

OMSS Members On The Road

The last week in October saw a strong presence of OMSS members attending Jim Hillestad's Toy Soldier Museum open house in Cresco PA, as well as at the East Coast Toy Soldier show in Hackensack NJ. Hillestad's annual open house saw Ian Pearson, Don Ritchie, Keith Ritchie, David Kelly, Scott Dummitt, Les Eslary, Jeff Duncan, Stuart Hessney and Stanley Kershman all in attendance. The Toy Soldier Museum is one man's vision of how he wanted to display his unique collection of toy soldiers and other



Left to Right: Scott Dummitt, Jeff Duncan, Don Ritchie & Ian Pearson
(Photo by Stuart Hessney)

Militaria collectibles. Jim and his wife Carol were the perfect hosts, even serving up food and beverages for lunch. In addition to the Hillestads, there were representatives from William Britain Limited and Treefrog Treasures. On the Sunday the group could be found again wander the aisles at the East Coast Toy Soldier show. Major dealers at the show included Treefrog and Britains, plus Crown and Hobby Bunker. It was interesting to see the difference in the US show and our own, such as the inclusion of a military DVD dealer, toys, and Christmas booths and so on. With the change in venue of our show for 2017, we may very well see some similar ideas included. Another notable difference was the large amount of US made Barclay figures as well as MARX "Warriors of the World".

Whats New in the Hobby by Brendan Hogan

For November, I've decided to pick my favourite new item – in some cases two – from the various toy soldier companies to feature in this article. Without further ado, let's get to it. First up is the annual Christmas set from Tradition of London. This year's set features the German army from the First World



War – sporting the iconic *pickelhaube* helmets. Figures that come with the set include: Kaiser Wilhelm II, Manfred Von Richthofen (Red Baron), machine-gunner, soldier carrying pioneer tools, and a pilot. Collectors interested in this set should note that it is a limited edition and will only be available during the year of issue.

Tradition's 2016 Christmas Set - The German Army, 1914-1918

After their change of ownership and relocation, William Britain's is back at it! This month I couldn't pick one set to feature, so I opted for two. First up is Britain's rendition of Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson, 1st Viscount Nelson – Britain's greatest naval hero – as he might have appeared walking the deck of his flagship, HMS *Victory*, on the morning of the Battle of Trafalgar (21 October 1805). This figure will be a welcome addition to Napoleonic Royal Navy sets previously released in the *Jack Tars & Leathernecks* series. Being a gunner, I couldn't help but feature the British Hale rocket battery from the Battle of



WB's Admiral Nelson (13208)

Isandlwana (22 January 1879). Three launchers

saw action during the battle; however, they were only able to fire one or two rockets each before Zulu musketry made quick work of them. This set comes with a launcher, two crewmen, and an officer.



WB's British Hale Rocket Battery (20181)

My pick of the month for King & Country is a new set of the Old Guard from Napoleon's Imperial Grenadiers as they would have appeared on the

battlefield – dirty, muddy, and bloody – during the Hundred Days campaign and at Waterloo (18 June 1815). This set includes seven fighting *Grognards* and a free drummer (figures are available individually as well). A mounted officer can be bought to lead these troops and more *Grognards* will be added to this initial release.



K&C's The Old Guard Set (NA-501)

From the Napoleonic Wars, it's time to shift to Antiquity and the Middle Ages. Thomas Gunn Miniatures has produced a wonderful Spartan warrior throwing a spear. This warrior is just the beginning of what



TGM's Spartan Warrior Throwing Spear (SPA001A)

promises to be an excellent new series covering the Greco-Persian Wars (499-449 BC). More Spartan warriors will accompany this figure shortly, as well as some Persian mercenaries for the Spartans to do battle with. Pictures of the sculpts, for these forthcoming figures, are posted on TGM's website:

<http://www.tomgunn.co.uk/works-hop/workshop.htm>



JJD's Sir Percival Thirlwall with Battle Standard (RYORK-03)

John Jenkins Designs has added a figure of Sir Percival Thirlwall charging on his horse, carrying King Richard III's standard, during the Battle of Bosworth Field (22 August 1485). Bosworth was the last significant battle of the War of the Roses, which resulted in the final overthrow of the House of York and the accession of the Tudor dynasty that ruled England until 1603. The detail on the standard and the sheen on the armour is outstanding!



Beau Geste's Elephant of Narsingarh, Delhi Durbar 1903 (BG430)

Finally, from civil war in England, we go to India for the 1903 Delhi Durbar. The durbar was held to celebrate the succession of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra as emperor and empress of India. Beau Geste has added a wonderful elephant with escort guards from Narsingharh to its flagship series. This exquisite set is wonderfully

sculpted and painted and will go well with other Beau Geste, older Britain's, and Tradition British Indian army figures.



Meet Your New JOURNAL Editor With Frank MacKay's announcement that he would be retiring from being the Journal Editor at the end of 2016 we needed someone to commit to continuing this integral part of the OMSS. A big thanks to Brendan Hogan, our youngest member. Brendan is a 2nd Lieutenant with the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in Gagetown NB. He has collected for approximately 12 years and gravitates towards Matte Napoleonics; however he also enjoys gloss Canadian figures produced by SJDP. In his own words: I would like to publish *The Journal *bi-annually. Each issue will have 4-5 articles on military history, collector's stories, show reports, store visits, maybe an interview with a manufacturer, or anything else toy soldier related. Articles do not have to be about Canadian history or topics. Any and all submissions are welcome! Toy soldier is to be interpreted in broad terms from 25mm to 2m tall! There will also be figure, book, and movie reviews as well as some trivia in each issue. I look forward to receiving your contributions." Send your articles and ideas to: brendanhogan29@gmail.com

This Month in History

On the 11th hour of the eleventh day, in the 11th month of 1918, the war to end all wars came to an end.

World War I killed more people--more than 9 million soldiers, sailors, and flyers and another 5 million civilians--involved more countries--28--and cost more money--\$186 billion in direct costs and another \$151 billion in indirect costs--than any previous war in history. It was the first war to use airplanes, tanks, long range artillery, submarines, and poison gas. It left at least 7 million men permanently disabled.

Canada's total casualties stood at the end of the war at 67,000 killed and 250,000 wounded, out of an expeditionary force of 620,000 people mobilized (39% of mobilized were casualties)

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

Sunday, November 6th - **Cobourg ToyCon** - Cobourg Community Centre, 750 D'Arcy St. Hours: 11 am - 4 pm
Admission: \$5, kids under 10 are FREE
For more information email: info@quintetoycon.ca

Sunday, November 6th, 2016
Kitchener Model Train Sale and Show - Bingemans Conference Centre (Marshall Hall), 425 Bingemans Centre Drive. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Admission: \$5.00 per person; Children under age 12 free with an adult
For more information email Ian at toyshow@kwic.com

Sunday, November 6th, 2016
Hamilton Toy and Collectible Show
Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton ON
Hours: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Admission \$3
For more information email Neala at oneofakindshows@gmail.com



OMSS Member Makes New Jersey Publication

Joseph Saine from Toledo, Ohio, with a 1902 Bing battle ship he is selling, left, talks with Don Ritchie from the Ontario Model Soldiers Society at the toy show on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016.

The Record: New Jersey Publication

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our OMSS Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. Lots of interesting postings.
www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964

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2017 OMSS Meetings Date Correction

In our October Newsletter we published the dates for the 2017's meetings. There is a correction to one date. Our meeting will be on 9th of April, 2017 and not!!! The 8th as previously published.