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 Soldier
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Monthly Newsletter for April 2017

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2017

8 January 2017 - 12 February 2017 – 12 March 2017
 9 April 2017 - 7 May 2017 – 10 September 2017
 15 October 2017– 5 November 2017 - 10 December 2017

Annual Show
 Saturday June 10, 2017

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Next meeting..

Sunday, 9 April, 2017

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

Letter from the President



April already, Spring is officially here and weather in Southern Ontario is a mixed bag of snow, ice pellets, rain and bouts of serious sunshine.. Two more months and we will be holding our Annual Show at Humber College in Toronto on June 10th. Please have a look at our OMSS website for details, directions and accommodations that are being arranged for anyone wanting to stay in the residences at the College.

Thank you to Geoff Price for his talk last meeting on photography during the American Civil War.

Your knowledge, passion and delivery of the subject made us think you were actually there. We have our club historian Ian Pearson walking us through the history of the OMSS this month. Ian has done a lot of work keeping our archives in order and has taken on a project to publish our history over the next few months. Stay tuned.

Frank MacKay did an amazing job of our latest Journal. He has handed the reigns over to Brendan Hogan but I wanted to let Frank know that we appreciate every minute he put into the Journal for the past several years. You have really set the bar high and we now all need to step up and contribute. Hope everyone comes to our next meeting, we look forward to sharing stories and showing off our latest and greatest accomplishments..

Jim Qualtrough

ON PARADE 2017 VENDORS

Each month starting in January 2017 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have **signed up and paid** for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2017. This gives those attending a chance to approach or contact these vendors prior to the show and make arrangements for picking up certain items. In addition this section will indicate who plans on setting up on 9 June for room trading at Humber College. Room trading will take place between 6 pm & 8:30 pm. Want to be included in the list? Just print off the 2017 vendor's form on the OMSS web site and get your cheque into Gary Lenius as soon as possible.

Vendors

Les Esalary - A variety of Metal Toy Soldiers & Publications – (905) 627-5893

Henry Chow – Vintage (pre-1967) William Britain Limited hollow cast, Ceremonial Series, Current Britains – (416) 250-6631

Dave Norman – Modern William Britain Ltd and King & Country figures – (647) 519-2454

Toy Soldier Club – King & Country, John Jenkins Designs and First Legion.

www.toysoldiersclub.com – 1-888-339-2109

Hobby-Worx – Hobby accessories, tools, terrain landscaping, hardware. www.hobby-worx.ca – Dave Goodhead (905) 430-9084 and www.micromark.com – Room Trader

Frank Barrett – A great variety of vintage metal and plastic toy soldiers – (416) 293-2880

Tommy & Kirk Thompson – Vintage hollow cast William Britain Figures – (705) 252-0990 or Kirk (647) 500-7795.

John Brown – Vintage Toy Soldiers, home castings and Militaria – (905) 275-2446

SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS – W. Britain Ltd, John Jenkins Designs, Thomas Gunn Miniatures, Del Prado, Armies in Plastic, Pride of the Nation and More.

www.gijocanada.com – (705) 939-1028 – Room Trader

'**The Unsportsman Collectibles**' – New (post 1967) sold out Britain's toy soldiers, Plastic figures, Military Collectible Cards and Vintage metal & plastic figure sets - **Bob Thompson** (613) 523-3103 – Room Trader.

Dennis DeRusha – Assorted Metal figures and vehicles - 613-592-5692

Ed Tansley – Ducal Toy Soldiers – (416) 695-0609

Gary Schofield - New & vintage toy soldiers, vehicles & tanks, models and books -

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ROOM BOOKINGS AT HUMBER COLLEGE



Humber College Suite Layout:
Two separate bedrooms,
Kitchenette and Bathroom (sink,
toilet, shower)

If you haven't taken the time to check out the OMMS web site lately, you will not be aware that this year's Annual Show page has been updated. You can currently book overnight accommodations for the show at Humber College for \$79.00 (plus applicable taxes) through our web site but only until the **8th of May**. At that point the link will be deactivated and you will only be able to book by contacting Humber College directly. There is a layout of the rooms and photos on the link page so you can get a good idea of what is available. Remember parking is free after 4 pm on the Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

The link is currently down from 24th March until April 3rd as the college has to do upkeep for its fiscal year end.

This is a great chance to get in on the Friday night room trading and get together with other show attendees and vendors. Don't

procrastinate and miss this opportunity!

OMSS GOLF SHIRTS

Did you order an OMSS Golf Shirt? If you did they will be available at the April meeting. If you have already paid that's great, but if you haven't please remember they are \$30.00 each (Cash or Cheque Only). These are great shirts and we are amongst the few Military Miniature Societies in North America that can proudly display our colours when we visit the various show.



OMSS Members proudly show off their society shirts at the Toy Soldier Museum in Pennsylvania

OMSS T-Shirts Great Success

At our March meeting the Intrepid Jeff Duncan handled the sales of our OMSS T-Shirts. The sales of these shirts were set up to cover the cost of Security T-Shirts for our volunteer workers at ON PARADE 2017. The Security shirts will be signed out for the day and returned at the end of the show so that we can get several years use out of them. The bright yellow OMSS shirts will make it easier for quick recognition of our volunteers at the show.

If you weren't able to make the March meeting don't despair, there are approximately 22 shirts left, sizes Medium to Men's 3X Large. At \$12.50 Each they are a great price for a quality (Fruit of the Loom) T-Shirt.



Whats New in the Hobby – April 2017

By Brendan Hogan



Before I begin, I'd like to wish fellow OMSS members and their families a happy Easter holiday! In anticipation of W. Britain's spring catalogue, Ken Osen has posted on Facebook a picture of a forthcoming American Civil War limber that can be used with both Union and Confederate forces. Ken indicated in his post that two Federal and two Confederate crewmen as well as horses are in the works. These will be a welcome addition to any American Civil War enthusiast's collection.

King & Country as always, has put out a

number of new figures this month. This month featured additions to K&C's Robin Hood, Great War, and Second World War series. A particularly interesting piece is a two-figure set composed of a Gurkha soldier about to lop the head off of a Japanese soldier with his Kukri. The set retails for \$122.00 Cdn.



For fans of aviation or those interested in the history of the RCAF, Thomas Gunn Miniatures has produced a 1/32 scale Avro Lancaster. This bomber is detailed after the one flown by Guy Gibson of Dam Buster fame in 1942 whilst he was serving

with 106 Sqn RAF. Collectors looking to add this plane to their collection can expect to pay \$2055.00 Cdn. The full price can be paid up front or over a six-month period interest free. Postage and the RAF sentry are included in the purchase price.



Although not strictly speaking a new release, Tradition of London has rereleased figures from Skinner's Horse of the Indian Army, circa 1901 with a redesigned horse and base. All three figures of this famous regiment are available separately for \$75.00 each. Collectors who wish to paint their won figures can purchase the castings for \$30.00 each.



ON PARADE SHOW SPECIAL

David Goodhead of "HOBBYWORX" is willing to bring in a shipment of Testor's paints for our show in June if he can get enough orders. This is an opportunity for members to put their "Wants" lists together and send it to Dave. It's his first show with us and hopefully we can make it worthwhile for him to become a regular. Send your email list to Dave at hobbyworx@sympatico.ca and make sure he knows it's for the OMSS show in June. You can also visit his web site and supplier site which are both listed on the show Vendor's List.

Vendor Tables and Display/Competition Tables

Vendors, remember that table prices go up on the 1st of May if you haven't paid for your tables. Table prices go from \$50.00 per table to \$60.00 per table, no exceptions. You also need to remember that there is only one free admission with each table purchased.

As of the March meeting we have only heard from 5 people who plan on putting on a display and 3 people who plan on putting in competition pieces. Please take a moment to contact Norm White and tell him how much space you will need. There are limitations to what we have left for room to provide space so get your requirements in now so no

one is disappointed. There is lots of room for displays and competition pieces but we do have to set up a floor plan. We need our club members to participate if we are going to make this show worthwhile.

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

ON PARADE 2017 – 10 June, 2017 – Humber College (Lakeshore Campus) 3199 Lake Shore Blvd, Toronto, Ontario. General Admission (\$5.00): 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Early Bird (\$10.00 each) 9: 00 am. Show Contact: Norm White – 416-285-5600. www.omss.ca

MMSI Chicago Show – 13-15 October, 2017 – Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, IL. 43rd Annual Show. Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9 am until Noon. Web Site: www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com. Contact Pat Vess at pat@livezey.net for more info.

Long Island Miniature Model Show 2017 – 17 & 18 November 2017 – Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd., Freeport, NY. Presented by The Long Island Miniature Collectors Society. Email: lihmcsoptonline.net or call John Jefferies (516) 662-5281.

World Model Expo - July 7 – 9, 2017. (The OMSS is a founding member of the sponsoring organization.). Chicago, IL. General inquiries: wechicago2017@gmail.com Details are at <http://www.we2017chicago.com/>



lectures at our March meeting. Guy gave an interesting talk on the Czech 38(T) tank, while Geoff' discussion on Civil War photography and Mathew Brady was both intriguing and informative. A big thanks goes out to the both of them.

March Meeting

Both Guy Elliott and Geoff Price gave



On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by **Dave Norman**. Lots of interesting postings.

www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964

Don't be afraid to contribute to the Facebook page as it is the OMSS's and a great opportunity for you to show your stuff!

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Daniel Sneyd - Vintage toy soldiers, diecast vehicles, 1/72 plastics, scale artillery & more – (519) 371-7487

Vintage Video – Toy Soldiers, Die Cast Planes and Tanks, Militaria DVDs (Feature Films & Documentaries) – John Barthel owner - www.vintagevideocanada.com – (416) 538-9927 or 1-886-538-9927

OUR HOME AND MINIATURE LAND

Want to be able to travel through Toronto and see the sites without the traffic? Well you can have that chance starting 2018 a wonderful exhibit will be opening in Mississauga featuring a such sites as a Sky Dome that really opens and closes, the Rogers Centre, the CN Tower, downtown streets and more. For more info go to <http://miniatureland.ca/>



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