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Monthly Newsletter for December 2017

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2018

14 January 2018 - 11 February 2018 – 11 March 2018
 8 April 2018 - 6 May 2018 – 9 September 2018
 14 October 2018– 18 November 2018 - 16 December 2018

Annual Show
 Saturday June 16, 2018

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2017 Executive

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Next meeting...

Sunday, 10 December, 2017

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

Letter from the President



A Merry Christmas to our members and your families. I hope you are able to spend quality time with family and friends this holiday season. I am truly blessed with a wonderful family to enjoy it with including my new grandson Haiden who I am sure will be a model soldier collector before too long.

December 10th will be our annual Christmas luncheon at the Legion. Thank you to Tom Elliott for taking the orders for Swiss Chalet meals. See you all there. Please remember to bring a small 'pot luck' dessert with you.

Since this is my last President's message, I wanted to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work and success over the past year. It has gone so fast that I can't believe it's over already. We have made many decisions on your behalf to enhance the club's profile. I believe we have successfully carried on the good work of our previous Presidents and hard working members moving the yardstick down the field in a positive direction. I look forward to working with our new President John Hambly and his executive committee next year.

Last month's auction was quite a success with just over one hundred lots entered and bid on. A lot of model soldier related items changed hands as well as quite a bit of donations were accumulated for the club throughout the day.

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. I wanted to thank our auctioneer for the day Frank MacKay who stepped up and ran the bidding. Also helping out were my wife Cindy and Scott Milburn's wife Barb. They kept things organized and ensured everything got to who bid on them. Great job everyone.

I will be meeting with the Ottawa chapter of our club this week. Bob Thompson advises there is a group of ten or so members who meet regularly up there and I wanted to go show them our support. Thank you Bob for being the team leader of the OMSS Ottawa chapter.

January's guest speaker is club member Ian Pearson. Ian has been our chief Judge for many years and we are going to tackle the next steps forward in the Club's annual competitions. Ian has already done a lot of work on a proposal for judging categories and marking scales. Please come and be a part of shaping the future of our club and participate in the discussion on 'moving forward'.

Finally, thank you to the members of the Ontario Model Soldier Society for the privilege of being your President for the past year. I am proud to be a model soldier collector and painter for many years. In collecting these soldiers I have met many people who I have enjoyed hearing their unique stories on how they started in the hobby and how they collect and display their soldiers. The mutual interests are many and the friendships long lasting. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Jim Qualtrough

"ON PARADE" 2018 Vendor Information

We will start taking payments for vendor tables for our 2018 show at the December meeting. The table prices will be the same as in 2017, \$50.00 per 8 foot table and one free admission per table. Vendors will be responsible for paying in advance for their helpers unless they have multiple tables, for example 1 table and two people working it will cost \$55.00, or two tables and two people working it will be \$100.00. We are also accepting payment for the after show "Meet & Greet" BBQ Buffet at this time as well. The cost is \$20.00 per person up until the May 2018 meeting then the price goes up to \$22.50 per person. You do not have to have a ticket to go to the "Meet & Greet", but you need one for the meal. William Britain Limited is providing some draw prizes for the "Meet & Greet" and everyone attending will receive a draw ticket. The draw will be held at 7:00 pm and you must be present to pick up your prize, no acceptations. There will also be a cash Bar available.

Once again this year you can book your rooms for Friday and Saturday night at Humber College Lakeshore through the OMSS web site starting in **March 2018**. There will be a portal on the SHOW INFORMATION page connecting you to the Humber College Lakeshore Accommodations page specially set up for the OMSS to book your rooms. You do not have to be a member of the OMSS to book accommodations so it is a great benefit to anyone coming from out of town to book at the college at a great rate.

Last year we started an advertising page for any paid up vendors. It was a great success and we plan on doing so again. This not only guarantees table space for our vendors, but it lets customers know who is coming and what they specialize in. We actually had to turn vendors away last year so get your payment in early and don't miss out. If you have questions phone: Scott @ (705) 939-1028.

Vendor payments should be made to:

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Whats New in the Hobby By Brendan Hogan



A noted American Civil War historian stated that the rebel yell was “a foxhunt yip mixed up with a sort of banshee squall.” Union veterans of the Civil War remarked that if you heard the “Rebel Yell” and weren’t scared then you never actually heard it. Despite this claim, one can

imagine the yell coming from the mouths of the new Confederate figures produced by History Works.

History Works is the successor company to Del Prado and is owned by Richard Walker, the former General Manager of W. Britain Ltd. Currently, the company has 1/30 figures from the American Civil War and the Second World War, 28mm war game Civil War figures and terrain pieces are also available. The figures a realistic matte finish.

Current offerings in the 1/30 Civil War series

with the Army of Northern Virginia battle flag, North Carolina state flag, Texas state flag and the Virginia state flag. These flag bearers are accompanied by four charging Confederate soldiers. The Second World War series focuses on leaders and personalities of the conflict. Figures of Otto Skorzeny, James Gavin and Omar Bradley are currently available. Collectors will be happy to note that a Flagbearer is only \$33.00 Cdn., while infantryman costs \$28.00 Cdn. Future plans for History Works include further expanding the

Civil War and Second World War series as well as beginning a First World War series. Hopefully, History Works will consider doing some Canadian-themed figures as part of its First and Second World War series. In closing, I’d like to wish all OMSS members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years



Annual Dues

It's that time of year again when our Treasurer Gary Lenius is looking for our annual dues. \$35.00 a year per individual member is a great deal for what you receive. Your yearly dues cover the cost of renting a room at the Royal Canadian Legion 9 months of the year, two JOURNAL publications, an OMSS calendar and 10 newsletters. The costs for a Family membership is \$35.00 + \$20.00 each additional member and for a Junior Membership (under 17) its only \$20.00.

You can pay Gary at the meetings or send a cheque payable to the OMSS to:

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Royal Navy Performs the “Changing of the Guard” Ceremony

2017 has been designated by the British Government as the “Year of the Navy”. Much of this is due to the British government’s efforts to rebuild the senior service including the commissioning of HMS Queen Elizabeth, a new 65,000 ton aircraft carrier and the launching of a second carrier, HMS Prince of Wales. With the revival of the Royal Navy also comes a ceremonial privilege it has never been offered before,



the mounting of the guard at Buckingham Palace. 90 sailors from 45 ships and shore facilities have been drilling for several hours a day, 5 days a week for several weeks in preparation of their duties at the Queen’s London residence. Drill instructors from the Coldstream Guards have assisted with training of the matelots.

Sailors are also preparing for ceremonial guarding at Windsor Castle, St James’s Palace and the Tower of London as part of their special duties. The duty normally falls to one of the five Foot Guards Regiments from the Army’s Household Division.

The sailors will be dressed in navy blue double breasted greatcoats with white belts, white caps, white gaiters and black boots.

The Royal Navy Changing the Guard will take place at the Palace on Sunday November 26, followed by Windsor Castle on Monday, November 27.

UPDATE ON NEIL McGAVOCK

By now most of you know that Neil was in a horrific accident earlier this year, just before our annual show. Thankfully Neil is on the mend and with the help of his family, friends and a good physiotherapist; he is starting to get around.

We're not sure if we will see him at our annual Christmas luncheon, but I am sure once his knee heals up a bit more, we will see him around in the New Year at our meetings.

We all look forward to seeing you around real soon Neil.



Upcoming Shows and Events

Niagara Board Gaming Weekend - January 18th to 21st, 2018. Event Hours: Open Play Hall & Registration Hours - • Thu: 9:00am – Late • Fri: 8:00am – Late • Sat: 8:00am – Late • Sun: 8:00am - 6:00pm. Bring N' Buy Sales Open: Sat. 10:00am - 4:00pm. RAMADA PLAZA NIAGARA FALLS , 7389 Lundys Lane, Niagara Falls, ON L2H 2W9 CA

Atlanta Military Figure Society 2018 Show – 16 – 18 February 2018 – Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Blvd N.E. Atlanta, GA USA. – www.AtlantaFigures.org

“ON PARADE” 2018 – 16 June 2018, 10 am to 4 pm – Humber College (Lakeshore Campus) Gymnasium, 3199 Lakeshore Blvd West, Toronto, Ontario – Early Bird Admission: 10.00 each, General Admission: \$5.00 Children 12 and under FREE. Children will receive a free toy soldier courtesy of William Britain Limited. Free parking, ATM Bank Machine available, Accommodations available, Food court on location. Canada’s largest military miniature show featuring Displays, Competition pieces, Vendors and Manufacturers. William Britain Limited hosting an afternoon free seminar and figure painting for children. Room trading on Friday night for those staying in accommodations. After show “Meet & Greet” from 6 pm to 10 pm. Charge for Barbecue buffet and “Pay as you Go” bar. For information contact Norm White at (416) 285-5600 or Scott Dummitt at (705) 939-1028. Email: omss@bell.net or go to the OMSS web site at www.omss.ca.

2018 Chicago Toy Soldier Show - September 23 2018, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173 - <http://chicagotoysoldiershow.com> – Contact: Roger Garfield – phone: (847) 567-5355 - roger@chicagotoysoldiershow.com

24th Annual Florida Toy Soldier, Action Figures and Toy Collectibles Show – 28 January 2018 – 9 am to 4 pm. Scottish Rites Masonic Hall, 2000 North D Street, Lake Worth, Florida 33460. Admission: Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 are free. Contact: 561-582-6794 Further Information: <https://www.facebook.com/SOUTHFLORIDATOYSOLDIERCLUB/>

This Month in History

7 December 1941:

Imperial Japan attacked U.S. military installations a Hawaii. This resulted in the United States declaring a declaration of war against the Japanese and openly joining the Allied forces in WWII.

25 December 1941: After continuous fighting from 8 December the Hong Kong Garrison was finally forced to surrender late on Christmas day. Of the approximate 10,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers that were captured

1,689 were from the two Canadian regiments that had been sent to bolster Hong Kong's defenses, the Royal Rifles of Canada and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. John Robert Osborn of the Winnipeg Grenadiers was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions.

19 December 1813: British soldiers from the 100th Regt. of Foot, 41st Regt of Foot and Royal Artillery, crossed the Niagara River during the evening of the 18th December and during the early hours of the morning gained entrance to Fort Niagara, under US occupation, using a ruse to get past the sentries. The British quickly over powered most of the fort's garrison, except for those American soldiers that were in the South Redoubt and the Red Barracks. When the defenders refused to surrender, the British force commander gave the orders to "bayonet the whole".

The British would hold control of Fort Niagara until the end of the war in February 1815.

Christmas Luncheon and Mini Competition

Don't forget that the 10th December is the OMSS's Christmas Luncheon, which is held in the front part of the Legion. A Swiss Chalet dinner can be purchased through Tom Elliot for \$15.00 per person. Please contact Tom if you are interested at 647-467-5610 or email at: telliot45@hotmail.com. We ask that you bring along a desert for a pot luck desert table. Remember the luncheon is also our awards presentation meeting.

Frank MacKay has also revived an old OMSS Christmas tradition with a mini competition for the meeting. Bring in the latest figures you have painted and created to show your fellow members. Remember this is only for figures, toy soldier or connoisseur, that you have painted, not store bought.

See you on the 10th.

On Facebook?

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

The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.

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