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Monthly Newsletter for February 2017

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2017

8 January 2017 - 12 February 2017 – 12 March 2017
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, 12 February, 2017

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am and meeting is in the
front Club Room!



Message from the President

Thank you Frank MacKay for your talk last month on magnification and illumination. Your presentation was both informative and motivating. You obviously know your craft and are well experienced in our hobby. I am extremely pleased to see the return of our monthly anecdotal thoughts of Guy Elliott.

I have just returned from a long awaited holiday visiting friends in Florida. My wife and I spent time in New York City and Washington DC on the way down. Our visit to ground zero as well as Arlington cemetery was a powerful reminder as to the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. I was very impressed with how the Americans salute their military and emergency services personnel. They never miss an opportunity to show their appreciation.

This month we will hear about the history of our Ontario Model Soldier Society. Ian Pearson is our club historian and archivist. His knowledge of where we have been and the members who have brought us to this point is very interesting and motivates us to carry on and continue to build this wonderful group of model soldier enthusiasts.

I hope to see you at our monthly meetings where we gather and chat with friends, display our current projects, trade our wares and learn from the experience of others.

Jim Qualtrough

OMSS News

Congratulations and thank you is in order to Geoff Price who has kindly consented to step in as 2nd Vice-President on the Executive. Geoff has been with the OMSS for a few years now and he will certainly be a great asset to the Executive.

In the immortal words of Frank MacKay; "I need articles for the JOURNAL". Brendan Hogan the new JOURNAL editor is currently putting together his first issue and would like to have it out for March/April. The problem is he is looking for new articles, comments, and letters to the editor and so on. With approximately 120 active members he should have more than he needs, however he has only received items from 4 people. Please support this publication and send something in. For you vendors, who run a regular miniature business, the OMSS is also looking for Advertisers.

Last month there were problems with the Newsletter distribution. Gary Lenius sent out the notice at least four times, however many members did not receive that notice. Some received all four. If

you had problems, give Gary a call or email him. In addition, if you haven't received your notice by the second Monday in the month, try looking under Newsletters on the OMSS web page at www.omss.ca. The Newsletters for the past several years are posted on the OMSS web page.

The OMSS 2017 Calendars were readily available at the last meeting in January. Many club members who attended the meeting picked up their calendars. Others who live out of the GTA area have had their calendars sent to them. It is up to those living in the GTA area to pick their calendars up at the February and March meetings.

If you watch "Murdoch Mysteries" you will have recently seen an episode that involved toy soldiers in the plot. Most were purchased from SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS.

This Month in History

10 February 1763 - Treaty of Paris ends French-Indian War, surrendering Canada to Britain

1 February 1796 - The capital of Upper Canada is moved from Newark to York.

22 February 1825 - Russia & Britain establish Alaska-Canada boundary



Canadian Parliament building on fire in 1916

3 February 1916 - Canada's original Parliament buildings in Ottawa burn down.



What's New in the Hobby – February 2017

by Brendan Hogan

We are well on our way into 2017 now, and toy soldier manufactures have been busy releasing new soldiers for collectors – of all interests – to add to their collections. In December, Beau Geste, an Argentinean toy soldier company, launched a new single figure line. First up in the series is a figure of Pope Francis, which is fitting as the Pope is Argentinean. The figure is available in a matte or glossy finish.

King & Country added a number of figures and vehicles to its “Streets of Old Hong,” “World of Dickens,” “The Real West,” and Second World War series.

Standouts for me were the Life Guards and set of figures from the classic film *The Great Escape*. Although the Life Guards figures are very well done, the hefty price of 125 USD would cost collector's a whopping 1400 USD to recreate the scene in K&C's advertisement!



John Jenkins Designs added to figures to many of its series this month; however, the most interesting figures, in my opinion, are the two sets of woman firing and loading their muskets to defend their homesteads. These figures are part of JJD's “Raid on St. Francis” range but are appropriate for any French and Indian War, American War of Independence, or War of 1812 collection/diorama.

Thomas Gunn Miniatures added to many of its series this month. Although the Spartan and Roman figures are very well done, I was pleased to see that TGM added a figure of Captain Siegfried Sassoon, CBE, MC and author of famous *Sherston*-trilogy. Fittingly, the war poet is depicted sitting on a crate writing in his notepad.

Finally, Alymer, a Spanish toy soldier company has added a number of glossy figures to its Spanish Civil war series. OMSS members might be interested to know that a number of Canadians fought alongside the Republicans against the Fascist Nationalists as part of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. That's it for this month's overview! Happy collecting!



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

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 – (705) 939-1028 – **Room Trader**

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

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

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

Accommodations at Humber College for ON PARADE 2017

If you plan on staying overnight at Humber on the weekend of our show, the link to book your accommodations will be added to the OMSS web site at www.omss.ca around mid February. Parking is \$4.00 on Friday, but Saturday and Sunday are free. The food court is scheduled to be open on the Saturday, however

there are lots of restaurants in the immediate area as well. Need a coffee or donut on the Saturday morning? Well there is a Tim Hortons stall at the Food Court. Make your plans now for ON PARADE 2017.

Displaying at ON PARADE 2017

We strongly encourage our members to put something on display at our annual show and competition. This means however that we need you to contact Norm White the show Chairman, as soon as possible, to let him know what you will require for table space. This year the competition area and the display area will be distinctively separated, so please plan accordingly. If you're in the wrong section your competition piece may not get judge!

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