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## Monthly Newsletter for March 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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 Club Table & Donations

Next meeting...

**Sunday, 12 March, 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*



What a challenge it was getting to the monthly meeting in February. We were able to blast out an email and place a note on our OMSS website around 10 am regarding the weather advisory. About twenty members still made it in. We enjoyed telling each other our travel stories and even did some trading of goods. We did cancel our speaker for the day and Ian Pearson has graciously agreed to speak at our April meeting about our Club history and special project he is working on for our members.

This month, we are lucky to have Club member and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Geoff Price talking about photography during the American Civil War. We look forward to his presentation. Guy Elliott will be entertaining us again with his hobby related anecdotes. Doors open around 11am when many of us set up a table and bring things in to trade. Don't forget to bring something in to donate to the monthly draw. If you have something hanging around your desk that you just don't have a spot for, let Jeff Duncan use it on his draw table.

See you March 12<sup>th</sup>, looking forward to it.

*Jim Qualtrough*

## OMSS Golf Shirts and T-Shirts: Show Your Colours!

At our meeting in February it was approved by a majority of attendees to purchase outright OMSS T-Shirts from 4imprint for sale at our meetings and at ON PARADE. The t-shirts will be available at the Club Table at ON PARADE for \$12.50 each and at our meetings through Jeff Duncan. The Golf Shirts will be available through Scott Dummitt at \$30.00 each (plus \$12.00 shipping in Canada, \$15.00 to the US). The Golf Shirts are the exact same ones as we were able to purchase in 2012. Sizes available are S to 6X and we are able to get both Men

and Women's sizes. They will be exactly the same as the one's we bought before so the colour will be a dill green with a multi-coloured stitched in crest. The order for the golf shirts has to go in by 15 March so that we can take advantage of the Company's sale price. If you are interested send a cheque or Money Order payable to:

Scott Dummitt

1754 Carmel Line, Bailieboro,  
Ontario, K0L 1B0.



The OMSS T-shirts are Fruit of the Loom brand and will have a silk screen yellow/gold crest on them. Sizes again are Men's Medium to 5 Extra-large. These will be available at both the meetings and ON

PARADE until they are sold out. The shirt will be a forest green. If you wish to purchase a t-shirt and you live too far from the GTA to pick it up, we will ship at an added shipping cost.

T-Shirt sizes available will be medium up to and including 5X.

These shirts are priced to cover the cost of their purchase only.

The T-Shirts will be available for sale at the March meeting. See Jeff Duncan.

The Golf Shirts should be available by the April meeting.



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### What's New in the Hobby: By Brendan Hogan – March 2017

As I write this, Mother Nature is currently attacking the Atlantic Provinces with a blizzard that the veterans of Napoleon's invasion of Russia in 1812 would perhaps not so fondly remember. Previewing this month's new toy soldiers couldn't be a more welcome distraction.



My favourite item that King & Country released this month is L/Sgt. John Baskeyfield VC and his 6-pdr. AT gun. During MARKET GARDEN, Baskeyfield continued to fight off German armoured

attacks even after his entire detachment had been killed. Killed in action serving his gun, he was posthumously awarded a VC. Additional figures were added to the First World War "Australian

Light Horse" series, English Civil War, "Streets of Old Hong Kong," "The Real West," "Robin Hood," and Napoleonic ranges. K&C also kicked off its new series "The Romans" with four new figures. This series is unique as it is a joint partnership between K&C and John Jenkins Designs



Speaking of JJD, figures were added to its War of the Roses, Jacobite Rebellion, French & Indian War, Peninsular War, First Sudan War, and the Great War ranges. A particular interesting set is the St. Étienne Mle 1907 machine gun crew carrying their gun. Most manufacturers tend to only release the gunner and not the additional crew.

Thomas Gunn Miniatures added a number of figures to its Spartan and Roman collections. A really unique set that TGM released is a model of an Italian Barchino motorboat with a *Kriegsmarine* sentry. Designed by the Italian Navy, these boats were to be aimed at Allied shipping, which they would ram before detonating the explosives installed in the bow.

Finally, Collector's Showcase has announced it intends to produce figures from the Vietnam War. This initial release depicts Marines engaged in a firefight with the Viet Cong in the Quang Tin province. The figures are well done, especially the radioman frantically trying to call in a fire mission or air support. Collector's Showcase plans to produce additional soldiers for this series shortly.



### **In Memorandum**

OMSS member Scott Ryan of Trenton, ON passed away the first week of February after a lengthy battle with Cancer. Scott had been a member for several years and had a great sense of humour. He was not only a collector of 1/6<sup>th</sup> Military Action Figures and 54mm figures, but he also was a WWII re-enactor. Scott served in the Princess Louise Fusiliers as a young man, and then went on to join the Canadian Forcers as an Infantryman in the Royal Canadian Regiment. He later re-mustered to the Administration Branch where he was promoted to Sergeant. His service time took him all over the world where he saw garrison duty in Germany and Peacekeeping duties in the Golan Heights plus a tour of duty in Afghanistan. He is survived by his son Tyler and daughter Cindy.

### **Upcoming Shows & Events**

**Toronto Military Show** – 8 April, 2017 – Etobicoke Olympian, 590 Rathburn Road, Toronto, Ontario – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For more information call: 416.427.8379 or Email: [cmhctoronto@hotmail.com](mailto:cmhctoronto@hotmail.com)

**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.

**MMSI Chicago Show** – 13-15 October, 2017 – Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Rd., Schaumburg, IL. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show. Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9 am until Noon. Web Site: [www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com](http://www.military-miniature-society-of-illinois.com). Contact Pat Vess at [pat@livezey.net](mailto: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](mailto:lihmcsoptonline.net) or call John Jefferies (516) 662-5281.

**The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.**

**News items and notices can be submitted to [gijoe@kos.net](mailto:gijoe@kos.net) or 705-939-1028**

**Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings**

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### OMSS Participants at Atlanta

The weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> of February saw OMSS members Ian Pearson, Bruce Sundstrum and Phil Andrews travel down to Atlanta, Georgia for the 2017 Atlanta Model Figure Show which is sponsored by the Atlanta Model Figure Society. This show is considered to be one of the top connoisseur shows held in North America. Bruce had two third place finishes for his 'Chinese War Elephant' and for his 'Officer of Mamelukes'

The Society extends its congratulations to Bruce upon his success.

### OMSS Quartermaster Stores

**For Sale:** - 51 issues of "Tradition" magazine; complete set of "Regiment" magazine, Issues 1 to 66: "Toy Soldier Collector" magazine, Issues 1 to 64. Please contact Peter Reading at 705-653-1603, or [petmagread@gmail.com](mailto:petmagread@gmail.com)"

**In Search Of** - Brendan Hogan is looking for a single Air Command Pipes & Drums Snare Drummer produced by Scott Dummitt. There weren't many produced but at least one OMSS member has one as there was one on the draw table a few years back. If you are willing to part with it, please contact Brendan at: [brendanhogan29@gmail.com](mailto:brendanhogan29@gmail.com)



### March Meeting Lecturer

At our March meeting Geoff Price will be giving a talk on Civil War Photography. "The Civil War introduced Americans to scenes they had never seen before. Despite the limitations of the camera and the developing process, Americans were stunned by what they saw. I will be looking at how they took pictures, who took the pictures and discussing some of the iconic photos. In addition, I will be discussing how one photographer, Mathew Brady, in the public's eye, became the only photographer of the Civil War. Even today people still refer to Civil War photos as "a Brady". All of this is despite the fact that he had such poor vision that it is unlikely that he took more than a few photos during the War."