

The
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Monthly Newsletter for October 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

NEW! Annual Show Date
 Saturday June 16, 2018

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2017 Executive

Jim Qualtrough
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 1st vice president

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 2nd vice-president

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Scott Dummitt
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 Calendar Co-ordinator

Jeff Duncan
 Club Table & Donations

Next meeting...

Sunday, 15 October, 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



Happy Thanksgiving to all members and extended family of the Ontario Model Soldier Society. I hope you are able to spend some time over the next while with loved ones and give thanks for everything we are lucky to have in our beautiful country.

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to the members of this year's Executive Committee as we will be having our Annual General Meeting at this month's get together. Each of you has done amazing work to carry the torch of the club and make it a worthwhile, inspiring, engaging and sustainable organization. I have been very proud to be your President and extremely pleased in how we have carried out our goals for the year. Success after success in every endeavour we took on. Can't get any better than that. So thank you to my 1st Vice President John Hambly, 2nd Vice Geoff Price, Treasurer Gary Lenius, Calendar and Special Projects Chair Frank McKay, Show Chairs Norm White and Scott Dummitt as well as our Journal Editor Brendan Hogan and Speaker coordinator Eric Clarke. Also on the Executive and performing an outstanding job was our Club Historian and Chief Judge Ian Pearson.

This month we have the privilege of a guest speaker from the Camp X museum. Corrine's Father was trained at Camp X and we will hear about her connection and knowledge of this interesting part of our local history.

We are always looking for odds and sods from your work table or collections that can augment our draw table. Jeff Duncan does a great job of sorting through some interesting finds and displaying them for us at our monthly meetings. Please bring in a donation for the table so we can sell the draw tickets to help the club funds. Don't forget that our November meeting will be the Club's annual auction and the December meeting will be our Christmas luncheon. Hope to see as many of you at these meetings that can make them.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your President for 2017.

Jim Qualtrough

Executive Elections at October Meeting

It's that time of year again when we look for members to step forward and donate some of their time on the OMSS Executive. We have had a very strong Executive the past couple of years and we owe it to our membership to keep the Executive going with dedicated members.

The October meeting will be our annual Executive Elections and this year we are looking for a person who can step in and replace present 2nd Vice President Geoff Price, who has had to step down for personal reasons, and for a 2nd Vice President for next year's Executive.

If you are interested in one of these positions and feel you can make a contribution to the society by becoming an Executive member, please contact President Jim Qualtrough prior to the meeting on the 15th October and have a chat with him. Jim can be contacted at: (416) 543-0879 or email him at: charkin1@sympatico.ca.

OMSS Commissions William Britain Limited to Create a Exclusive Figure

During the Society's 50th Anniversary year in 2012, the Ontario Model Soldier Society became the first military miniature society to have William Britain Limited create a limited edition figure for a military miniature organization. The result was a beautiful rendition of our Club Logo, a Queen's Ranger Private. Every paid up member received a complimentary figure that year, with the #1 figure going to original club member Carl McTaggart. We also kept a few dozen on hand to present to guest speakers and to new members for the next few years. The rest were purchased by two of our William Britain Limited retail dealers and subsequently found new homes with collectors throughout the world.

In June 2017, new William Britain Ltd. owner Ken Osen and Club President Jim Qualtrough discussed at "On Parade" the possibility of the Society underwriting another project to create an Exclusive figure to be sold through the OMSS. William Britain Limited retailer Scott Dummitt agreed to work with Britains regarding the creation of a new figure and after discussions with approximately 8 club members produced a list for the Executive of possible subjects, costs, and marketing ideas. With the subjects narrowed down, and the details worked out, the news was further discussed with the general membership at the September meeting.

The result is the OMSS will be purchasing a Limited Edition figure of **Lieutenant General Sir Arthur William Currie GCMG, KCB**; Canada's senior officer during the First World War and the eventual commanding officer of the Canadian Corps. There will be 250 figures produced and will be sold to paid up OMSS members at \$5.00 above costs. The remaining figures will be available to the General Public through the OMSS at regular William Britain Ltd. pricing which will be around \$48 - \$50 Cdn. While there were several other figures suggested, it was felt Currie would be the best for marketing reasons not the least to mention that next year is the 100th anniversary of the Armistice.

Britains has agreed to advertise our figure in both their catalogue and on the William Britain Limited web site. An article will be submitted to the Britains' Club "STANDARD" on the Currie figure as well as to *Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine*. Hopefully one of our *Toy Soldier Collector* fans will get the info to that magazine as well. Seeing no one has ever attempted to produce a figure on Currie before, we can optimistically hope that some Canadian news agency will pick up on the story as well.

**Whats the release date for Lt. General Sir Arthur Currie?
Why the 16 June 2018 at "ON PARADE".**

Whats New in the Hobby By Brendan Hogan



Tell it to the Marines! This month King & Country has started a new series based on the Battle of Tarawa (20-23 November 1943). Seven new figures have been produced, including flame thrower, radioman and officer, and are priced at 39 USD apiece. Reinforcements for these beleaguered Leathernecks are forthcoming! K&C also delved into Hollywood and has released a set of four figures, including Tom Hank's character, based on characters in Steven Spielberg's film *Saving Private Ryan*. These figures will be supplemented by an additional



These figures will be supplemented by an additional four-figure set which is due to be released next month.

John Jenkins added to its series of Woodland Indians playing lacrosse with a very dynamic two-piece set. Collectors looking to add this wonderful set to their collection should expect to pay \$108.

My personal favourite new item this month is Tradition of London's 2017 Christmas set. Based on the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons during the Napoleonic Wars, the set comprises two

Officers, a trumpeter and three troopers and is priced at 106.75 GBP. Collectors looking to add this set to their collection should do so soon, as it is only available until December.



This Month in History

30 October 1899 – More than 1000 Canadian soldiers set sail from Quebec for South Africa and the Boer War. It is the first time the young Dominion has sent Canadian troops abroad.

19 October 1903 – The Canadian representatives on the Alaska Boundary Commission refuse to sign the Commission's decision setting the boundary between Alaska and Canada, saying virtually all American positions had been accepted by while Canada had no claims accepted.

26 October 1982 – Legislation changes the name of the annual Dominion Day holiday to Canada Day.

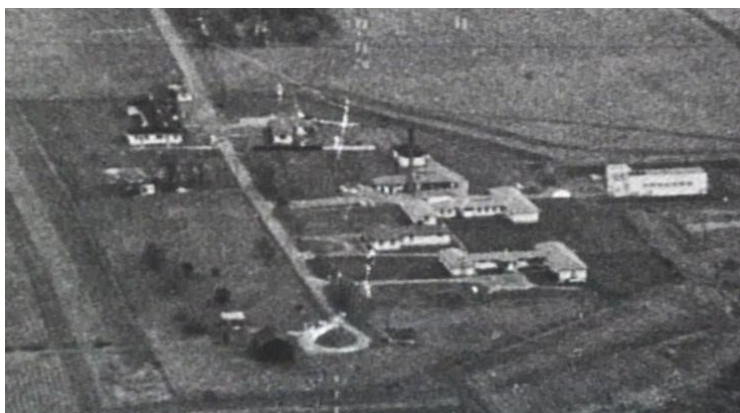
October's Guest Speaker



This month's guest speaker bio is about as

secretive as the place she will be discussing as she has not provided much of a biography background for us.

Corrine Miller will be with us to talk about Canada's famous WWII spy training facility: CAMP X. Corrine's Father; Reg Miller, trained at the establishment located just outside of Oshawa, Ontario. Don't miss this interesting war time establishment revealed as Coring discusses the "Who, Why and Where" of it.



Camp X, Ontario, Canada

OMSS Meeting Schedule for 2018

The following dates have been submitted to the Legion for our meeting dates in 2018. They are subject to change and we will keep people up to date if there are any changes to the meeting dates.

January 14th
 February 11th
 March 11th
 April 8th
 May 8th
 June 16th (ON PARADE 2018 at Humber College Lakeshore)

Not required for July or August

September 9th
 October 14th
 November 18th
 December 16th (preferably in the club room for our XMAS lunch?)

Upcoming Shows and Events

Canadian Toy Collectors' s Society Toy Show & Sale – Sunday, 15 October 2017 – 9am to 3 pm, Etobicoke Olympium, 590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, Ontario. Admission Adults \$10.00 Information at (905) 648-2507 (evenings only), or email bstricker50@gmail.com. Web site: CTCS.ORG

ReaperCon – 19-22 October, 2017 – Premiere Event Center, Lewisville, TX, USA. For more info visit their web site at: www.reapercon.com

Peterborough Militaria Show – Sat. Oct. 14, 2017 – Peterborough Armoury, Peterborough, Ontario. Looking for OMSS members to exhibit. Contact Scott Dummitt (705) 939-1028 or gijoe@kos.net for more info.

34th Annual East Coast Toy Soldier Show & Sale – Sun. October 29 2017 – Rothman Centre, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack NJ – www.eastcoasttoysoldiershow.com.

Long Island Miniature Model Show 2017 – 17 – 18 November 2017 – Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY 11520 – contact: lihmcsoptonline.net or call John Jefferies (516) 662-5281

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.

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.

**News items and notices can be submitted to gijoe@kos.net
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Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings.

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