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 Soldier  
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# Monthly Newsletter for December 2018

## Monthly Meeting Dates for 2019

13 January 2019 - 10 February 2019 – 10 March 2019  
 14 April 2019 - 5 May 2019 – 8 September 2019  
 9 October 2019– 17 November 2019 - 8 December 2019

## Annual Show

Saturday June 15, 2019

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Next meeting...

**Sunday, 16 December, 2018**

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



## Letter from the President

Well my term as your Club President has almost come to an end and we seem to be leaving the year on a high note. This year's auction was a success. We had 120 lots and most of them sold. The club did very well with the club donations and this is always good to see. I would like to thank all that took part in helping with the running of the auction I feel it went very smoothly this year. Thanks to our two auctioneers

Andy Travers. and Frank Mackay and our helpers who showed the goods Lorne Farr and Mike Chrus also Jim Qualtrough and his wife Cindy Qualtrough for their help at the side lines taking the goods that had been auctioned off, and a thanks again to Gary Lenius for his magic with the computer to keep all the lots sold and unsold straight. Last but not least a thanks to Alex Monsour for stepping in for Jeff Duncan making sure the club donations got to the auction. I do apologize to the members there was some confusion on the start time of the auction and we started a bit earlier because of the number of lots we received. A foot note for next year to start at 12:00 noon instead of 1:00 pm.

I hope everyone will try to attend the Christmas Luncheon this year as it is always one of fun and good food. If you were not at the November meeting and you plan on attending the Christmas Luncheon this year please contact Tom Elliot ASAP as we need to know numbers to let Swiss Chalet know how many meals we need. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person and Tom will need to know if you require dark meat or white meet. We also ask if you can bring a desert for after the meal to share. Frank has asked members who want to take part in the mini competition to bring your pieces out and this year's theme is any figure you are proud of that you did.

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Well I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Luncheon and if I miss you I wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Happy Collecting!! Your President John Hambly

### **OMSS Annual Auction Report**

By Gary Lenius

This year's auction was jammed packed and lots of fun. A big "tip of the hat" to auctioneers Frank MacKay and Andy Traverse for keeping the event going and all their work. Co-ordinator Gary Lenius registered 36 members for the auction at a cost of \$2.00 per paddle (the \$72.00 raised goes to the Society's operating fund. Thanks to Jim and Cindy Qualtrough for handling the lots as sold and making sure I was able to log them into the computer. Thanks also to Mike Chrus and John Hambly for walking items around the floor. (Sorry if I forgot anybody).

120 lots were put up for sale. We advertised a limit of 100 lots; I brought 120 auction cards and we used them all. We had to turn away a few lots. I will bring more cards next year. 34 lots were unsold due to no bids or failure to meet their reserve prices. 86 lots were sold; sales totaled \$3,386. The club made \$260 on 9 club donation items. Two lots were sold on a 50/50 basis with Peter Nash.

The two General Sir Arthur Currie prototype figures sold for a total of \$160. The successful bidders were Jeff Duncan and Robert Thompson (both email bids). The William Britain Limited prototypes both came with certificates of authenticity signed by Ken Osen of William Britains.



### **OMSS Christmas Luncheon**

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held in the front meeting room at the Royal Canadian Legion on Jutland Avenue on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. Tom Elliot is heading up the event and will be taking orders for the meal, a Swiss Chalet Chicken Dinner. This consists of Chicken (white or dark meat), Fries, Roll and dipping sauce plus a Garden Salad. The price is \$15.00 per meal. We also ask that if you could help out with a Desert for our pot luck desert table it would be much appreciated.

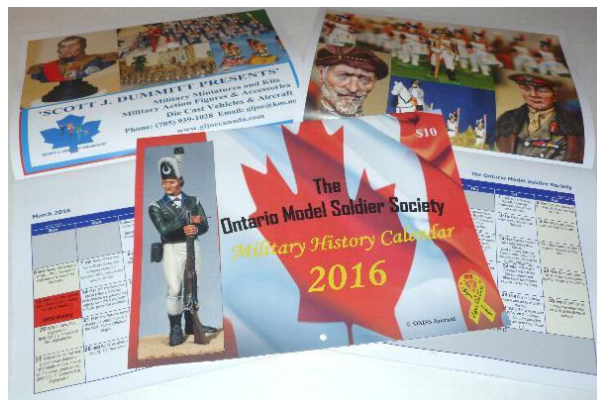
The Christmas Luncheon is that time of year where we get together with our members and invited guest and just enjoy ourselves. Our Annual Awards are also presented at this time of year and it is one final opportunity to pick up a Toy Soldier Christmas Gift from our many vendors. Vendors please remember that you are only allowed one table for wares at the Christmas Luncheon due to the size of the room.

To book your meals please contact Tom Elliot at: (647) 467-5610 or email: [telliott45@hotmail.com](mailto:telliott45@hotmail.com).

## **OMSS 2019 Calendars are Ready for Pick-up**

The Society 201- Calendars will be ready for distribution at the December meeting. Due to the high cost of postage and the time it takes to send everything out, if you can't make it to the meeting and your know someone who lives near you that can pick your calendar up, please make the arrangements.

Thank you to those involved in putting this major project together. Frank told me to remind folks that there will be extra calendars for sale at \$10.00 each.



**The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.  
News items and notices can be submitted to [gjoe@kos.net](mailto:gjoe@kos.net)  
or 705-939-1028**

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## **Helpful Hobby Tips**

Just a few ideas on how to recycle items without putting them in the recycle bin.

1. It seems nowadays whenever you buy a kitchen appliance like a microwave or coffee maker, there are always pre-formed styrofoam blocks in the box. Save some of this for making dioramas. You can cut the styrofoam for hills, land patterns and walls and with a thin layer of spackle you are on your way to creating an interesting diorama base that is lightweight and easy to move around.
2. Whenever I purchase fresh mushrooms they are packed in plastic containers. While these containers are marked recyclable I have found that they make excellent knick-knack containers for damaged figures I intend to work on or for sorting out parts and pieces.
3. Guy Elliott suggested this one, the plastic caps on shaving cream cans, cooking spray cans and so on make quick useable display bases. You can either paint them up and do a bit of terra firma on them or use them just as they are.
4. For a quick and attractive label that you can use on both straight and curved bases, try purchasing the gold foil labels that can be put through your computer printer.

## Membership Dues

In September this year the Executive came to the decision that due to increasing costs for rent of the Legion, and mailing out Calendars, Journals and Newsletters, the membership dues would have to be increased starting in 2019 from \$35.00 a year to \$40.00. We have not had a membership dues increase in over a decade and there is no other way to meet the increasing costs of running the OMSS. Remember your membership covers 10 newsletters, two Journals and a Calendar each year, plus the cost of renting the Legion for eight meetings and holding the annual Show and Competition.

Send your cheque (payable to OMSS) to: OMSS 43 Saugeen Cres. Toronto ON M1K 3M8.

Or if you use online banking you can send an Interac eTransfer to treasurer@omss.ca.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES IN.**

## Christmas Luncheon Figure Competition – By Frank MacKay

Frank MacKay revived the annual Christmas Luncheon competition last year and will be holding it again at our December meeting. Rules are fairly simple.

Christmas mini show details: Any figure or model you have recently completed is eligible for competition (must be painted by you). The theme award is "Any figure you are particularly proud of" (first or last figure; family significance; scratch built; rare, etc. Please attach a note explaining why.) All figures will still qualify for the annual show without prejudice. All figures/models will be judged on their own merits, no categories. Prizes will be club plaques, and a gold OMSS medal to the best of show as voted by the attendees.

Several of our members have asked for the return of this friendly and festive competition, which was an OMSS tradition for years. But you know what happens to traditions that are no longer used--it would be a shame to lose this fun feature just because YOU weren't in the mood to enter *just one* figure...it all depends on YOU.



Lt. General Sir Arthur Currie  
Exclusive figure by William Britain  
Limited

## Update on Lt. General Sir Arthur Currie Exclusive

Unfortunately we are not going to receive the Sir Arthur Currie figure until sometime in the new year. Both Scott Dummitt and John Hambly have continually contacted William Britain Limited regarding the figure and the current situation is that the figure has gone into production. That means they still have to be painted, boxed and shipped to the United States. We will continue to try and get updates from Britains regarding the figure and will pass the news along as we get the word. Remember when they do arrive, you have to have your dues paid up to be able to purchase the figures and they are limited to no more than two per member. In addition, two months after they arrive we will open sales to the general public. OMSS member will be charged \$5.00 over wholesale price.

## On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. There are lots of interesting postings. [www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/)



## What's New in the Hobby? – December 2018

by Brendan Hogan



First, thanks to Scott Dummitt for covering off my “duties” last month. I had the privilege of participating in the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of the invasion of Sicily and the liberation of Italy. For this month’s column, I’ll start with my favourite new offering from Thomas Gunn Miniatures – Field Marshal Sir Bernard Law Montgomery. Monty, as his troops affectionately referred to him, led the British Eighth Army to victory at El Alamein and commanded the Allied Invasion force during the Normandy campaign. This figure depicts him wearing two cap badges on his beret. This extremely limited figure of Monty retails for \$75.00 CAD. TGM has also produced a number of Second World War German generals.

First Legion presents the Old Guard Dutch Grenadiers band. The band includes the Drum Major, Band Master, Jingling-Johnny, and the various woodwinds, percussion, and other instruments. The figures are available individually and are



*Napoleon's Europe*  
The Arms and Armies of the Napoleonic Wars

**NAP0613-NAP0627 Old Guard Dutch Grenadier Tete de Colonne**

priced between \$89.90 and \$115.61 CAD

In the spirit of the season, King & Country had released a “Christmas Eve Santa.” This Santa is depicted with the presents all packed and Santa doing a final check of the addresses of all the good little boys and girls he will be visiting on his epic journey around the globe. This figure is priced at \$101.54 CAD.

Here’s wishing you all a Joyous and Merry Christmas Holiday Season and a Safe and Happy New Year’s.





## ON PARADE 2019 SHOW INFORMATION

Well it's that time of year again where we start talking up "ON PARADE" our annual show and competition. As many of you are aware we had some problems arise with Humber College after last year's show with damage to the floor and some members concealing alcohol in the show room. We have worked with Humber to alleviate these problems and have gotten our dates and rental contract verified and signed.

Set-up will begin at 12 Noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and go until 5 pm. Vendors and displayers will not be allowed to set-up until the room has been inspected and the layout put together. Vehicles can drop off their items on the loading dock and then must be removed to the appropriate parking area. Parking must be paid and I believe it has gone up to \$6.00 for the afternoon but will be free on the Saturday and Sunday (for those that plan on staying overnight on Saturday).

Saturday set-up will start at 8 am or sooner if the okay is given by the show chairman. Only those with Vendor passes will be allowed to enter through the back loading dock door. If you do not have your pass you must go to the front and pick up your vendor package. Last year we had all sorts of people who shouldn't have been in the area coming in. This will be enforced.

Tables for the show are 8 feet x 2 ½ feet and are still only \$50.00 each until the end of April. Starting in May the price goes up to \$60.00 per table. We ask that all vendors keep their tables open until 3:30 pm as the show does not close until 4 pm.

Jim Qualtrough is in charge of Security for the show and will be working closely with Humber College Security. Anyone caught with alcohol or drugs on the premises will be turned over to Humber College Security and escorted off the property. One "bad apple" spoils it for everyone.

Once again we will be holding an after show "Meet & Greet". Like last year we will be going with a Chicken or Beef Burger dinner with salads, buns, desert, Ice Tea and so on. The price should work out to the same as last year which is around \$20.00 prior to the show and \$22.50 at the show. There will be a cash bar with beer, wine and liquor (no cocktails). We are hoping to once again encourage William Britain Limited to donate some door prizes. Last year they donated over \$300.00 worth of "The Regiment" figures as door prizes to the after show get together.

Britains will be giving a Seminar in both the morning and afternoon this year, same topic, so if you miss it in the morning, you can hear it later. They will also host the "Paint your own Toy Soldier Table" again. We will provide more info as we get updates.