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Monthly Newsletter for February 2018

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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2018 Executive

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 Club Table & Donations

Next meeting...

Sunday, 11 February, 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

I wish to thank all those brave members who battled the d weather and came out to our January meeting. This was my first meeting as your new President and I feel it went well, even though the attendance was low. The meeting started off with the presentation of the Presidents Society print given to Jim Qualtrough for his great work as president in 2017 ."GREAT JOB JIM!"The meeting continued with brought back by popular demand Guy Elliott's little talks. His subject was the battle of the Little Big Horn and George Armstrong Custer. Guy had us all at the edge of our seats with visions in our heads of how the battle was fought. I can't wait as I'm sure the other members would agree to hear the 2nd half of his talk on this subject. Once again Guy hats off to you. The meeting continued with our guest speaker Ian Pearson speaking to us on the changes he and the other judges have proposed for the 2018 ON PARADE show at Humber College. Members had a chance to ask questions or give suggestions to Ian and this made for a lively forum which unfortunately yours truly had to cut short as time was running on. I did however mention that we will look at all the suggestions and the proposal by Ian and the judges later on. Thanks Ian for all your hard work on this and we look forward to the new judging at the show this year.

I have to report that over the Christmas holidays two of our members took ill Mr. John Brown and Mr. Bren Furlong and were in hospital .I am however glad to report that both members are out and back home recovering. Our thoughts and prayers are with them both and wish them a speedy recovery.

The Executive has ask Gary Lenius to update our roster as many members info has changed. We ask our members that if your info has changed please contact Gary and let him know. Also the roster is only for paid members and is not used to solicit business though and if there are any members that don't want to be on the list kindly let Gary or myself know. My info has changed as your new president and you may contact me at the following phone number: (.613) 902-0397 or email me at: johnhamblywooddesign@bell.net

We ended the meeting with show and tell and Jeff Duncan's draw all in all fun had by all. I will see you at the February meeting and HAPPY COLLECTING!

OMSS President: John Hambly

ON PARADE 2018 VENDORS

Each month starting in January 2018 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have signed up and paid for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2018. 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 15 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 2018 vendor's form on the OMSS web site and get your cheque into Gary Lenius as soon as possible.

Vendors

John Brown – Vintage Toy Soldiers, home castings and Militaria – (905) 275-2446 – Email: johnev@sympatico.ca.

SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS – W. Britain Ltd, John Jenkins Designs, Thomas Gunn Miniatures, Del Prado, Armies in Plastic, Pride of the Nation and More. www.gjoecanada.com – (705) 939-1028 – Email: gijoe@kos.net - Room Trader

Tommy & Kirk Thompson – Vintage hollow cast William Britain Figures – (705) 252-0990 or Kirk (647) 500-7795.

Ed Tansley – Ducal Toy Soldiers – (416) 695-0609 – Email: edtansley@hotmail.com.

Les Eslary - A variety of Metal Toy Soldiers & Publications – (905) 627-5893 – Email: leslary@cogeco.ca

Andy Traverse – Variety of Toy Soldiers – (905) 627-0213 – Email: andytraverse123@gmail.com

John Drown – High Quality imported Connoisseur figures from Russia – (705) 725-9177 – Email: jdrown@rogers.com

Dan Sneyd – 1/72 Plastics, Die Cast, Artillery, W. Britain Ltd. – (519) 371-7487 – Email: dsneyd57@gmail.com

Al Wright – Stock and Custom made 1/6th action figures and equipment sets – (416) 406-4369 – Email: heshman@rogers.com

We have 18 Tables already paid for, don't miss out get your registration and payment in NOW!

OMSS Quartermaster Stores

Wanted to buy: Britain's Jane Seymour (40244) from the Historic Royal Palaces series, and Blenheim's Queen Elizabeth on the coronation throne. Contact Bill Wyatt if you have either of these for sale at: wyattwi@hotmail.com or 519 471 5029.

For Sale: 21st Century Ultimate Soldier 1/6th scale Little Bird Helicopter. This unique set is no longer available through stores as 21st Century went out of business several years ago. This black ops helicopter is large enough to hold two action figures and comes with a Gatling gun attachment. Asking **\$85.00** for this hard to find item. Contact Jim Qualtrough at: (416) 543-0873 or email: charkin1@sympatico.ca

Got something you are looking to buy or sell, contact the OMSS Newsletter. This is for non vendors only and OMSS members will get preferred treatment.



This Month's Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Tim Stewart from the Toronto Scottish Regimental Museum. The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Own) started out in 1915 as the 75th (Mississauga) Battalion.

The First World War

The 75th Battalion, which was authorized on 10 July 1915 as the '75th "Overseas" Battalion, CEF', embarked for Great Britain on 29 March 1916. It disembarked in France on 12 August 1916, where it fought as part of the 11th Infantry Brigade, 4th Canadian Division in France and Flanders until the end of the war. The battalion was disbanded on 15 September 1920.

The 84th Battalion, which was authorized on 10 July 1915 as the '84th "Overseas" Battalion, CEF', embarked for Great Britain on 18 June 1916. On 30 June 1916, its personnel were absorbed by the '73rd "Overseas" Battalion, CEF', 75th "Overseas" Battalion, CEF' and other units of the 4th Canadian Division, to provide reinforcements for the Canadian Corps in the field. The battalion was disbanded on 11 April 1918.

The Second World War

The regiment mobilized 'The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Machine Gun), CASF' for active service on 1 September 1939. It was redesignated: '1st Battalion, The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Machine Gun), CASF' on 7 November 1940; 2nd Infantry Division Support Battalion (The Toronto Scottish Regiment), CIC, CASF' on 1 May 1943; and '1st Battalion, The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Machine Gun), CIC, CASF' on 24 February 1944. On 7 December 1939, it embarked for Great Britain. The battalion took part in the raid on Dieppe on 19 August 1942. It landed again in France on 6 and 7 July 1944, as part of the 2nd Infantry Division, and it continued to fight in North-West Europe until the end of the war. The overseas battalion was disbanded on 31 December 1945.

Afghanistan

The regiment contributed an aggregate of more than 20% of its authorized strength to the various Task Forces which served in Afghanistan between 2002 and 2014.



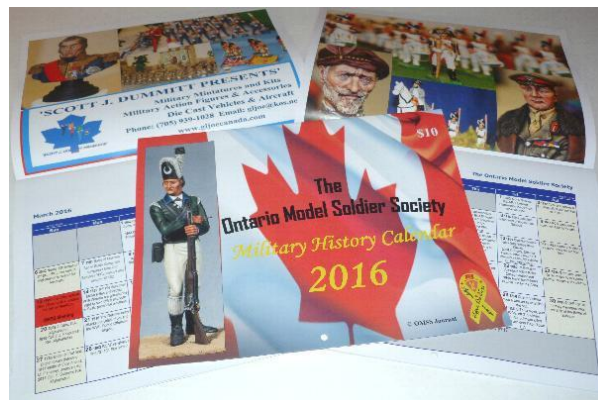
OMSS Golf Shirts

I have had a couple of members ask lately if there is any chance of getting in more of the Club Golf Shirts. Our minimum order with the manufacturer is 6. At that quantity the shirts are \$38.00 each. That includes our tax and shipping charges. If we have an order of 12 or more the cost goes down to \$31.00 each. Sizes available are from Men's S to 6XL. Colours available are: Dill (Club colour), Hunter Green, White, Black, Wine, Stone, Heather Grey and Light Blue. If you are interested contact Scott Dummitt. You will not be required to pay until they are about to be ordered. If you require shipping then there is an additional \$15.00 charge. Call: (705) 939-1028 or Email: gijoe@kos.net

OMSS 2018 Calendars are Ready for Pick-up

The Society 2018 Calendars will be ready for distribution at the February 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 you 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.



This Month in Canadian History

The **unification of the Canadian Armed Forces** took place on 1 February 1968, when the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, and Royal Canadian Air Force were merged to form the Canadian Armed Forces.

Gulf War Ends - The timeline of the Gulf War details the dates of the major events of the 1990–91 war, which began with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on 2 August 1990 and concluded after the Liberation of Kuwait by Coalition forces and Iraq agreeing to United Nations' demands on 28 February 1991. The war officially concluded with the signing of the armistice on 11 April 1991. Major events in the aftermath include anti-Saddam Hussein uprisings in Iraq, massacres against the Kurds by the regime, Iraq formally recognizing the sovereignty of Kuwait in 1994 and eventually ending its cooperation with the United Nations Special Commission in 1998. Canada contributed a squadron of CF18s, a field hospital, one company of soldiers to guard the field hospital and POWs, plus three ships (Destroyer, Destroyer Escort and an Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AOR) ship.

January Meeting Sees Past President presented with OMSS Print

As is customary with the OMSS the past president is presented with a framed print of the OMSS logo, a Queen's Ranger on Guard. At the January meeting Jim Qualtrough was present with his print by current President John Hambly and Vice President Lorne Farr. Under Jim's leadership the society took some major steps forward such as the commission of the Sir Arthur Currie figure by William Britain Ltd, a new venue for our annual show & competition (past President Tom Elliot

played a major role in this decision as well), and secondary signers for financial account. We all benefitted from Jim's leadership. Jim not only will stay on the current Executive as the Past President, but he looks after the coffee & donut table at our meetings and is head of Security at "ON PARADE"

Our guest speaker for January was our very own Ian Pearson. Ian, along with Phil Andrews and Bruce Sundstrom has been judging at our



Left to Right: OMSS President John Hambly, Jim Qualtrough and Lorne Farr

annual show & competition for several years. Point is Ian is our head Judge and is looking for ways to make the show judging more efficient. At our last meeting he brought up several ideas and put them forward to the membership present. A lively discussion took place and recommendations were listened to. One of the main changes this year will be the registration of all competition pieces so that nothing gets missed in the judging. The size of competition pieces and display pieces has been limited to 30 inches by 8 feet, and must be in the designated areas unless special permission has been granted prior to the show. Judging is a thankless task that Ian and his team have taken on diligently and we thank them for their efforts.

Our sage of historical facts, Guy Elliott, has once again been pressed to enlighten us with his stories of past historical moments. January saw Guy discuss the fiasco orchestrated by Colonel George Armstrong Custer at the Little Big Horn. Guy's presentations are always of great interest and we look forward to future topics he brings up.

Jeff Duncan announced that he only had 7 of the Club t-shirts left for sale. The sale of the Club t-shirts financed the purchase of the yellow Security shirts that we got for last year's "ON PARADE". The bright yellow shirts made it easier for members and the public to find both our Security Team and Show Assistants in the crowded room. Thanks to all that have purchased a shirt or two over the last year.

Did You Know?



**Members of Canada's Special Service Regiment parade in their new Ceremonial Uniforms:
Note these are the Canadian Flag and CF Ensign, not regimental colour therefore Sergeants
carry the flags not officers**

The **Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR)**; French: *Régiment d'opérations spéciales du Canada*, ROSC) is a highly trained, mobile, special operations forces unit. The mission of CSOR is two-fold: to provide back-up to Joint Task Force 2 (JTF2), the Canadian Forces' (CF) main special operations forces (SOF) unit; and to provide the CF with a SOF unit that can be deployed anywhere in Canada or internationally. CSOR is a battalion-sized, light infantry high-readiness special operations unit part of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) CSOR is capable of conducting and enabling a broad range of missions, including direct action, special reconnaissance, counter-terrorism, and defence diplomacy and military assistance.

The new ceremonial uniform is a throwback to the Second World War 1st Special Service Force (The Devils Brigade or Black Devils) a unit that was comprised of both Canadian and American soldiers.

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