

The  
**Ontario  
 Model  
 Soldier  
 Society**  
 Founded 1962  
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## Monthly Newsletter for January 2019

### Monthly Meeting Dates for 2019

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

### Annual Show

Saturday June 15, 2019

### Month Newsletter for January 2019

#### 2019 Executive

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Next meeting...

**Sunday, 13 January, 2019**

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

### Letter from the President



Welcome to the New Year of 2019. I hope everyone had Happy Holidays and that many toy soldier gift sets were received by the members.

I would like to thank former President John Hambly for all of his hard work last year. Your Executive hopes that the 2019 OMSS events will build on the success of last year's events.

At the December meeting, we had our now traditional Swiss Chalet holiday dinner in the Club Room of the Legion. Thanks to Tom Elliot for organizing the dinner and thanks to all who contributed the delicious desserts for the dinner.

The On Parade show committee of Scott Dummitt, Tom Elliot and Jim Qualtrough are busy organizing the June 15, 2019 show. Scott will be providing regular updates on the show at our meetings.

As discussed last year, the OMSS is looking for members who would like to give a presentation on any aspect of the hobby. Many of the members have a great deal of knowledge of the hobby. Other members would like to hear the information that other members have obtained. All members who would like to give a talk or who know of a potential guest speaker are encouraged to contact one of the Executive Committee members.

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After many years of being the Society's Program Chairman, Eric Clarke has told the Executive that he is resigning this position due to other commitments. I thank Eric for all his past work in obtaining speakers for the OMSS meetings. The Program Chairman arranges for the guest speakers at the OMSS meetings. Any member interested in becoming the Program Chairman can speak to me or to any other member of the Executive.

If you have not paid your annual dues yet, Gary would be happy to receive your dues at the January meeting.

***OMSS President Lorne Farr***

**JOURNAL ARTICLES** – "JOURNAL" Editor Brendan Hogan has pointed out that he needs at least three more articles to publish a SPRING edition of the publication. If you have something to add to our society publication send it to Brendan at: [brendanhogan29@gmail.com](mailto:brendanhogan29@gmail.com). We are also looking for advertisers.

### **ON PARADE 2019 VENDORS**

Each month starting in January 2019 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have signed up and paid for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2019. 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 14 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 2019 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](mailto: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](http://www.gjoecanada.com) – (705) 939-1028 – Email: [gjoe@kos.net](mailto:gjoe@kos.net) - Room Trader

**NOTE: Vendors planning on bringing in extra display shelves or floor displays MUST have protective floor padding underneath these items. No Padding, No displays!**

### **OMSS Quartermaster Stores**

1. Robin Ward says Hi to the membership and feels that due to his medical condition he can no longer make our meetings. That said Robin is presently selling off some items for KEN LEWIS. Whom he believes was a former OMSS member I have some soldiers on my web site at EBay "jorestef", prices are negotiable. I also have a brand new Badger air brush and compressor—too heavy to send in the post. Anyone interested is welcome to phone me at: (905) 836- 2271.

### **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/)



King & Country's Otto Skorzeny, Benito Mussolini and two German Fallschirmjagers

## What's New in the Hobby? – January 2019

by Brendan Hogan

With the holiday festivities now behind us, it's time to look forward to new soldiers for 2019! First up is King & Country's depiction of the successful and daring rescue of deposed Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. Arrested by his own senior officers

in July 1943, the former 'Il Duce' had been imprisoned in an isolated and well-guarded Italian mountain-top resort. An infuriated Adolf Hitler demanded that his old friend and ally be rescued. On 12 September 1943, Fallschirmjagers plus Hauptsturmführer Otto Skorzeny and his small group of Waffen SS mounted their glider-borne assault. K&C's four-figure LW066 "Mussolini's Rescue Set" portrays Mussolini just a few minutes after his rescue walking with Skorzeny and two Fallschirmjagers. The set is priced at \$272 CAD and comes in its own labeled box.

From John Jenkins Designs' January releases, my favourite is JAG-03 "Two Jaeger Skirmishing, Hessian Jaeger Corps, Battle of Saratoga." This two-figure set is part of JJD's "Drums Along the Mohawk" series. These two jaegers will be welcome additions to the King's forces attempting to subdue the rebellion in the Thirteen Colonies. Of interest, JJD has also released figures from the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Regiment, a Continental Army unit that comprised a mix of "Canadian" and American soldiers.



Members of the Hessian Jaeger Corps by John Jenkins

Lastly 1/72 manufacturer Italeri has just released a diorama set titled "PAX ROMANA". The set includes Roman Infantry and Cavalry, plus Celtic Cavalry and Infantry. This set sells for approximately \$75.00 Cdn.

## NEW FROM NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir

I own and operate around 16 well known toy soldier makes... Battlezone, Burlington, Ducal, Fleurbaix Toy Soldiers, HM of Great Britain, JG Miniatures (Toy Soldiers), John Eden Studios: Roman Camel Corps, Mountford Metal Miniatures, Music in Miniature, Rose Miniatures, Rosedale, Sanderson Miniatures, Tommy Atkins (Eastern Front Range), Toy Army Workshop, Under Two Flags, VC Miniatures, Ward Toy Soldiers.. All of these companies were purchased by late Father who was passionate about creating a legacy for everyone to enjoy for generations to come.

I inherited the business in 2012, and after a relocation to New Zealand.. I am now based in Canterbury, NZ. The company is still producing, but a new website is under production and a Facebook page launched only last week (please check out the link below). I am looking for suppliers/ dealers to supply my beautiful figures, but haven't found anyone as of yet. I am also just trying to get my name out there into the world.

If you are interested in buying my miniatures let me know, or if you know of anyone who may want to supply them please let me know or kindly put me in contact with them.

Warm Regards

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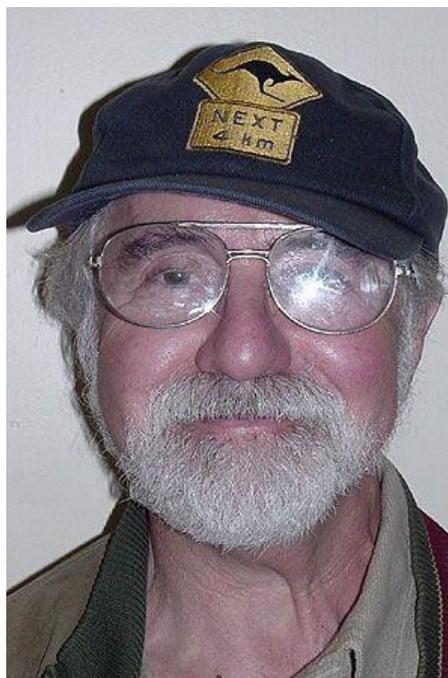
**The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.  
News items and notices can be submitted to [gijoe@kos.net](mailto:gijoe@kos.net)  
or 705-939-1028**

**Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings.  
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## IN MEMORY OF

### **Allan Robinson**

We are sorry to report that former member Allan Robinson passed away December 8. Allan joined the Society in 1966 and was an active member for many years. He served as club president in 1967-68. As well as an avid collector Allan was also a talented artist. He retired to Sutton in the Easter Townships of Quebec some years ago so we saw him infrequently in recent years. His spouse has decided not to publish an obituary and there was no funeral. Allan's brother-in-law Charles Richards is looking for help in disposing of Allan's collection. He can be contacted at [chuckandterryrichards@gmail.com](mailto:chuckandterryrichards@gmail.com)



## **2018 Christmas Luncheon and Awards by Gary Lenius**

At the December meeting we traditionally recognize long serving members by awarding our membership pins for certain milestones. This year a silver pin marking 20 years of membership was presented to Frank Ellis. Gold pins marking 25 years of membership were presented to Henry Chow and Steve Rollason. Also qualifying this year, but not present at the meeting are Bob Ward (bronze pin for 10 years) and Richard Malott, John Murdock and Andy Traverse (silver pins for 20 years). We will catch up with these fellows at upcoming meetings.

We held our annual in-club competition once again at the December meeting. Winners this year were Jeff Duncan, Les Eslary and Scott Dummitt, with Frank MacKay receiving an honourable mention. Scott Dummitt entry was also voted best of show by the members present. Well done everyone. Thanks to Frank MacKay for organizing this again this year.

A big thank you goes out to Tom Elliot for his organizational skills at getting our Luncheon meals ordered and distributed at the meeting. Once again we had Swiss Chalet cater our Christmas dinner and over 40 members and wives attended. We also want to thank Scott Milburn and Jim Qualtrough for their help in the set-up and distribution as well. Finally thank you to all who brought in treats for our desert table.



**Left: President John Hambly and Henry Chow receiving 25 year Pin**

**Right: President John Hambly and Frank Ellis receiving 20 year Pin**

**Bottom Left: John Hambly, Frank MacKay and Scott Dummitt with Competition Award**

**Below Centre: Queen's Ranger Officer, competition winner**

**Below Right: : President John Hambly and Steve Rollason receiving 25 year Pin**



## **OMSS OTTAWA CHAPTER NEWS by Bob Thompson**

The Ottawa Chapter monthly meetings have been getting an average of 15 attendees. Our topical monthly themes for Show & Tell are working out well, with lots of lively contributions and discussions. (I like the monthly themes as they force me to actually produce some of the dioramas that I've been planning in my head for years!)

Our October theme of "Medical Services" saw a lot of interesting presentations (including 7 dioramas from me that made the leap from pipe dream to reality).

Our November theme "November 11/the Other November 11" saw our most active meeting to date, with an introductory presentation on the Battle of Chrysler's Farm (November 11, 1813), followed by participation from reenactors of the British 100th Regiment of Foot (War of 1812). A presentation from one club member consisted of brandishing 1 toy figure from his youth, donning a culturally appropriating headdress, and telling the whole story of Black Hawk and the Black Hawk War.

Our December meeting Show & Tell theme was "Christmas". I managed to assemble and present 9 dioramas featuring Christmas themed toy soldiers. We also collected OMSS 2019 membership fees from renewing and new members.

We are currently confirming our meeting dates for 2019, and have established the January meeting Show & Tell theme as "Scale". Club member Michel Caron is organizing a demonstration/promotion table for OMSS Ottawa at the Galleries Aylmer Hobby Show on January 12 & 13.

If any Toronto OMSS members are planning a visit to Ottawa, be sure to contact us!



**Reenactors from the 100<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot**



**Medical Services Dioramas**



**Christmas Themed Dioramas**