

The
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 Model
 Soldier
 Society**
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Monthly Newsletter for March 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 March 2019

2019 Executive

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Next meeting...

Sunday, 10 March, 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



As I wrote this month's column, the snow banks are high from the many snowfalls we have had in February. But there is hope, as later this month will be the official start of the spring season.

At our February meeting, former President John Hambly presented Jeff Duncan with the Bryon Gibbons Award. Jeff has for a long time, done many things for the OMSS, such as running the OMSS club table, as well as handling the draws at the meetings. Guy Elliot presented on one of the Swiss Guards regiments, the Regiment de Meuron. The regiment originally served the Dutch in Sri Lanka, and then entered service for England. The regiment was transported by the English to many locations and ended up in the Red River Colony in Canada.

Keith Ritchie spoke on his experience in achieving weathering painting effects on model vehicles and equipment. Keith gave us an account of the changes in paints and pigments over time that has allowed him to experiment with better weathering effects.

The OMSS continues to require a Program Director. The Program Director coordinates the speakers at our meetings. Any member interested in becoming the Program Chairman can speak to me or to any other member of the Executive.

Did you notice at the February meeting that Scott Dummitt had a painted example of the Britain's General Currie figure on his table? The painted Currie figure looks very accurate.

OMSS President Lorne Farr

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 & Evelyn 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.gijocanada.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

'The Unsportsman Collectibles' (**Bob Thompson**) – New (post 1967) sold out Britain's toy soldiers, Plastic figures, Military Collectible Cards and Vintage metal & plastic figure sets - (613) 523-3103 – Email: thompson_robert@rogers.com - Room Trader.

Dave Norman – Modern William Britain Ltd and King & Country figures – (647) 519-2454 – Email: davenorman54@yahoo.ca

Henry Chow – Vintage (pre-1967) William Britain Limited hollow cast, Ceremonial Series, Current Britains – (416) 250-6631- Email: toysoldier.chow@gmail.com

Andrew Laschuk – 1/6th Scale Toys and Figures – (519) 728-9379 – Email: crusader@bell.net

Toy Soldier Club – King & Country, John Jenkins Designs and First Legion. – 1-888-339-2109 www.toysoldiersclub.com

OMSS Ottawa Chapter – A variety of Military Miniatures and related articles being sold by chapter members.

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



**What's New in the Hobby? –
March 2019
by Brendan Hogan**

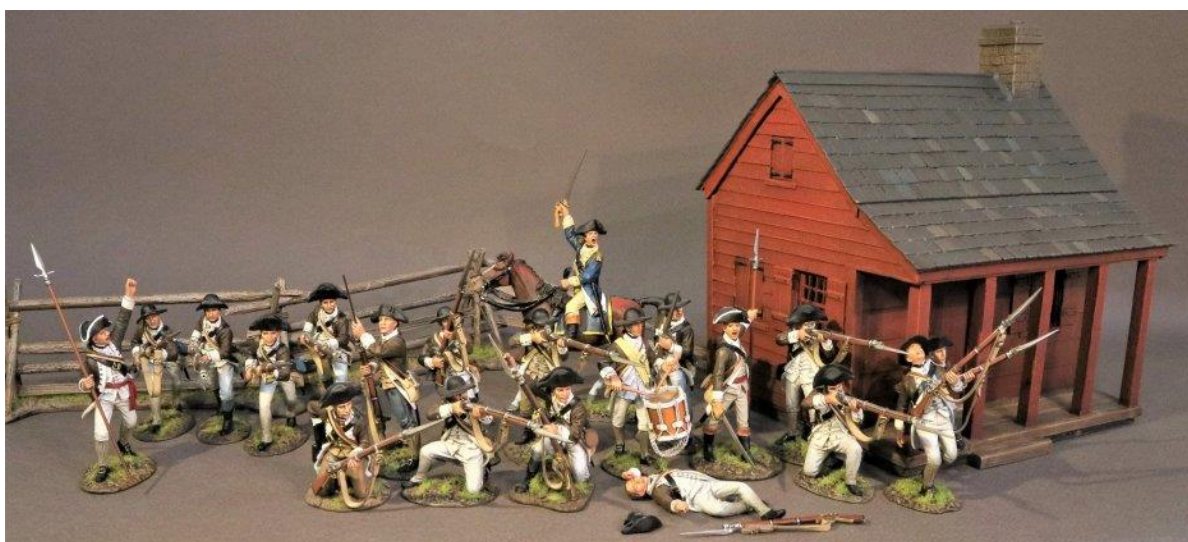
What a calamitous winter it's been: frigid temperatures, winter storms, Donald Trump, Brexit, and scandal in Ottawa. Fortunately, toy soldier collectors have had ample means to console themselves. Fans of the Napoleonic Wars / War of 1812 should be pleased with the new British infantry offerings from

King & Country. They are generic line infantry, so they can be used to represent any regiment. However, the blue facings would indicate that the regiment had been granted a "Royal" designation. There nine figures in total, including a mounted officer and the prices range from \$60.41 CAD to \$75.83 CAD for foot figures to \$165.80 CAD for the mounted officer. All nine figures can be bought together for the price of \$615.66 CAD.

Not to be outdone, John Jenkins Designs has added to its "Conquest of America" and "Drums Along the Mohawk" series. The *conquistadors* have been joined by a Lombard (\$65.55 CAD), while the Aztecs have been bolstered by a warrior (\$74.55 CAD) and a chieftain (\$69.41 CAD). My personal favourites this month though are JJD's new figures for the Battle of Saratoga and the Neilson farmhouse. Three sets of two soldiers (\$102.82 CAD each) and an officer (\$53.98 CAD) have been added to the ranks of the 1st Canadian Regiment. The Neilson farmhouse (suitable for eras ranging from the Seven Years' War to the American Civil War) can be purchased for



the handsome sum of \$289.19 CAD. The roof can lift off and the door opens!



ANDY TRAVERSE LECTURE

Andy Traverse has been collecting toy soldiers and artifacts associated with the Anglo-Zulu war for the past fifty years. His passion for the subject is reflected in his large dioramas of the conflict together with displays of original weapons and militaria from the period 1810-1900. At the March meeting he will speak and present a variety of Zulu weapons most of which were used during the various inter-tribal wars and the fight against the British in 1879.



Articles for the OMSS JOURNAL: A Comment from the Newsletter Editor

We all like to receive our copies of the JOURNAL when it arrives. For many years Frank MacKay was its editor and would ask us to contribute to it every time we had a meeting. It was a continual battle for Frank to get articles to produce. Frank eventually retired from doing the publication but we were fortunate enough to have our youngest OMSS member, Brendan Hogan, step in and continue to edit the publication. Our JOURNAL is unique as it is comprised of original articles contributed by OMSS members. Unfortunately Brendan is receiving less and less contributions from our membership and this is making it more and more difficult, and frustrating, for him to continue producing this fine club publication. With approximately 120 members, surely we can support our JOURNAL editor with at least one written piece every two years. Look at the contributors to the JOURNAL and you will see it is always the same people writing in. Please take some time and help us continue to keep this part of the OMSS alive and well. Write a 1000 word article and send it in. For the last several years I do at least one article a year for the JOURNAL. It's my way of supporting the OMSS and the publication. Everyone has some sort of passion regarding our hobby, whether it's a regimental/unit history, a particular manufacturer of figures, a hint on the hobby such as painting or terrain. We have no one to blame but ourselves, if we lose our ability to produce the JOURNAL. Send your articles, comments or photos to Brendan Hogan at: brendanhogan29@gmail.com.

A CAPITAL REPORT

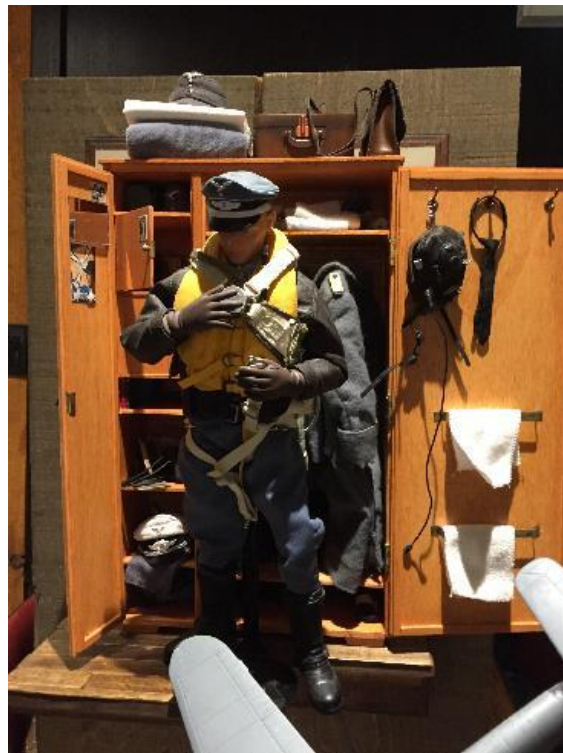
(from the OMSS Ottawa Chapter)

by Bob Thompson

Our February 26 meeting had a busy agenda. We distributed the OMSS Calendars & Journals to our 2018 OMSS members. We discussed current hobby news, upcoming shows, and had a show report on the February 02 Almonte Toy Show. Black & white copies of the 'On Parade' poster were distributed, and we encouraged members to participate in the "On Parade" Show, either as a vendor, exhibitor, or attendee. We're hoping to get a good turnout from Ottawa members at the show.

Our 'Main Event' for the evening was a series of 'linked' presentations and discussions:

- Aims of the OMSS (taken from the OMSS Website and Journal)
- Hobby Activities (Why and How hobbyists are involved with the 'Toy Soldier' Hobby)
- Expanding our Horizons (The issue of what to encompass in the hobby and Modern Toy Soldiers (What do the youth of today play with and collect?))
- Defining Toy Soldiers (what components and factors constitute a 'Toy Soldier') (*our definition is a compilation of Size, Material, Finish, Geometry, Purpose, Age, Subject*)



As we were in "controversial territory", right from the start we were careful to explain that we use the term 'Toy Soldier' as a generic, umbrella, all encompassing term that includes all types of miniatures and figurines.

These presentations were a prelude to our determining what to include on our promotional OMSS Ottawa Chapter banner stand. Juan Lopez presented a 2nd round of 10 excellent concept sketches for discussions of potential design layout of the banner. This was followed by distribution of a combined survey/voting form to be completed and submitted by each member by the next meeting. The aim of

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the survey/voting form is to survey members current hobby activities, other interest areas, and to rate their prioritization of types of figures and subject matter to be included on the Ottawa Chapter OMSS banner.

Finally, it was time for our rotating “Show & Tell” presentations. This month’s topic was “War Heroes”, with a number of stirring presentations. Our 1/6 scale members ‘stole the show’ with an Iowa Jima flag raising display, and a breathtaking ‘diorama’ of a German WW2 pilot. I ranted on Laura Secord (not pro!), and ‘making politics’ with War Heroes.

The next meeting of OMSS Ottawa is Tuesday March



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/

**The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.
News items and notices can be submitted to gijoe@kos.net
or 705-939-1028**

**Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings.
Articles submitted must be original as due to copy write law we cannot reproduce any
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Classifieds...

Kits and Figures for Sale

John Hoffmann, a former member, would like to sell a large assortment of Historex figure kits. Included is a good selection of vehicle boxed sets and the newer, Historex Nemrod resin kits. He also has 54 mm kits by Tommy's War, Pegaso, 'M' Models and Adalbertus. A large collection of unpainted Napoleonic flats are also for sale.

You can contact him at jhoffmann00@cogeco.ca or 519-787-1020

Seeking Repair Help

We received a query from a gentleman named Dave Marden who has some sick figures:

“Good day, I was in touch with Ron at Maitland Toy Soldiers and he thought you could help with repairs to a small display of a Zulu and a 24th of Foot soldier at Rorke's Drift. They are both falling down due to metal fatigue I think, is there anyone you know in your association who does repairs on these models. Thanks, Dave .”

He can be contacted at dave@realty-pro.ca

New Wrinkle in Wargaming Miniatures

From time to time we get emails from companies bringing out new products in related hobbies. Recently we were contacted by an outfit that is launching a new type of miniatures for use in table top wargaming. Their figures are printed on Plexiglas in 2D. You snap them into a base and you are ready to game. They are using Kickstarter to finance development and production and are offering gifts and discounts for subscribers. The company is called WoFun Games. You can check them out at their website www.wofungames.com.

