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# Monthly Newsletter for September 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 13, 2020

## Month Newsletter for Sept. 2019

### 2019 Executive

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Next meeting...

**Sunday, 8 September, 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 start of the monthly OMSS meetings after the summer break. I hope all the members had an enjoyable summer.

We had a successful On Parade annual show on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It looked to me that the show attendance was good and the vendors were busy at the show. It takes many people to make the show possible. My thanks to Scott Dummitt and Jim Qualtrough for planning the show, the judges, the security volunteers and all the volunteers who helped put the show tables together. The post show ‘Meet and Greet’ event was also successful with members having a great meal with Ken and Ericka Osen of William Britain Ltd, and Jan & Roger Garfield from the Chicago Toy Soldier Show. Britain’s donated over 15 door prizes, along with the ones from John Jenkins Designs and Thomas Gunn Miniatures.

Sadly, despite our care with the setting up of the tables this year, it appears some of the chairs caused some scratches on the gym floor. Due to the floor issues, the OMSS Executive is looking at using a different Humber College building for hosting the 2020 show.

John Hambly will be speaking at the September meeting on a topic related to the William Britain’s Boy Scout series.

Our annual OMSS auction will be held on November 17. Members can look at their collections and decide whether they wish to put some items in the auction.

*Lorne Farr*  
 OMSS President

## Estate Sale at September Meeting

Earlier this year we paid tribute to the passing of OMSS member Alexander “Sandy” Spalding. Over the summer Sandy’s daughter Sarah contacted one of our Executive members about selling off her father’s collection. She was advised that the OMSS makes room at one of our meetings for family of deceased members in such situations and so Sarah and her husband will be at the front area just inside the door of the Legion hall for our September meeting. Please remember that this was a family member’s collection and please bring CASH! We have been advised that Sarah has the ability to accept Credit Cards as well. Thank you for our consideration.



**Upper Left – Cherilea Plastic Beefeaters.  
Lower Left – Cherilea Royal Scots Greys  
Above Right: Vintage castle with courtyard full of hollowcast Britains Black Watch, Gordons, Camerons and more.**

### What’s Happening

**The Toronto Military Show** – 14 September 2019, Etobicoke Olympium. For more info visit their web site at: [www.torontomilitaryshow.com](http://www.torontomilitaryshow.com) or call Angela at 416-427-8379.

**Manitoba Model Soldier Society Meeting** - The September meeting of the MMSS will take place on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the St. James Legion commencing, at 6:00 pm. It is hoped that Jim Robinson can play another painting video.

**Chicago Toy Soldier Show** – 22 September, 2019, 10 am to 3:30 pm: Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. For more info visit: [www.chicagotoysoldiershow.com](http://www.chicagotoysoldiershow.com)

**The 37th Annual East Coast Toy Soldier Show & Sale** - Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 from 9 AM -3PM. Fairleigh Dickinson University’s 40,000 sq. ft. Rothman Center, 100 University Plaza Drive, Hackensack, NJ 07601. For more info visit: <http://eastcoasttoysoldiershow.com>

**Peterborough Militaria Show and Sale** – 26 October 2019 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Peterborough Armoury 220 Murray Street, Peterborough, Ontario. Admission \$5.00. for more info go to [ptbomilitaria@gmail.com](mailto:ptbomilitaria@gmail.com). The OMSS is not booked for a table this year, however if someone wants to look after this, contact Jason Salo as soon as possible.

## **UPDATE ON “ON PARADE” 2019 and Changes to 2020**

If you didn't get to ON PARADE 2019, you missed a great show. We have transformed our yearly Show & Competition from a one day event to a weekend social gathering. This has all occurred due to our moving to Humber College Lakeshore Campus three years ago. This year we sold out of the allotted block of accommodation rooms at Humber although members were able to late book through Expedia.ca. We have increased our allotment to 20 rooms next year and hopefully we will see those sell out as well. At \$92.00 (tax included) a night for a two bedroom suite, it has to be one of the best bargains in Toronto for a room. Room trading was a big thing this year and again we are seeing an increase in the Friday night sales. We had 23 people meet at the Albatros Pub on the Friday for a wonderful array of Polish and Canadian culinary delights.

There were 26 vendors filling over 45 tables this year at the show as well as exhibitors from Borgfeldt Canada, William Britain Limited and the Chicago Toy Soldier Show. Once again Guy Elliot and Jim Matresky put out major displays along with a huge 1/6 JUNO Beach display by Andrew Laschuk and another on 3D Printer produced 1/6t weapons and motorcycles by Juan Lopez. We were again joined by a local War Gamers club from Hamilton and Britain's sponsored "Paint your own toy soldier" table was a big hit with kids and parents.

The after show "Meet & Greet" also saw a significant increase this year with 34 participants attending. Anyone attending had basically a ONE IN TWO chance of taking home a door prize as William Britain Limited contributed another 8 prizes to the 6 they had already sent, plus the one we had from John Jenkins and Thomas Gunn. Once again several people stayed right to the end of the function as they got into long conversations.

Now the bad news. Once again even though the show committee had gone to extraordinary lengths to protect the Humber Gym, there was damage to the floor. We have settled up with Humber regarding this matter, but will no longer hold our show in the gymnasium. In 2020 the show will be moved to the other side of the campus and be held in the Humber College - G Building Centre for Entrepreneurship. The main room will house the vendors and some displays and competition pieces. There will be an entire room dedicated to William Britain Limited where they will be able to showcase their products as well as hold two seminars throughout the day. There will be three other rooms that will be used for displays and competition. Competition and Display pieces will be reduced in size. NO MORE MULTIPLE TABLES, as we just won't have the room. No being able to travel up both sides as well. We will have more of an idea what we will and won't be able to offer, when we can get the floor plan put together. Both show and executive members have travelled to the new site and taken measurements but will need some time to work things out. We do guarantee that we will have this info available by the December meeting. There is a main floor single washroom as well as large washroom facilities one floor down (accessible by elevator and stairs). This is similar to what we had at Fort York.

Vendors will be limited to three tables only, however if there are spaces available by the 1<sup>st</sup> May, they may purchase additional space at the regular price. Tables are still \$50.00 each until 1<sup>st</sup> of May when they go up to \$60.00. Parking is a slight problem. You must drop and park on the Friday, but there is no available parking until Saturday (weekday spaces reserved for permit holders). Parking will be in the main parking lot that we have used and it is a 6 minute walk to the venue. We apologize for the changes, however the show committee still feels that Humber College is our best choice and hope that we can make this work for many years to come.

## What's New in the Hobby – September 2019

By: Brendan Hogan

I hope all OMSS members have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Despite the present tensions in Hong Kong, it seems that many of the major toy soldier manufactures are continuing with a business as normal mantra. My pick of the month will be pleasing to any OMSS who served in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps a few years ago. King & Country has added an Australian Centurion tank to its Vietnam series. With slight modifications the tank could be pressed into



Canadian service. The model (K&C-VN065) has a hefty price tag at \$448.57 CAD and includes a crew commander figure. The Centurion remained in Canadian service until it was replaced by the Leopard C1 tank in 1978-1979.



John Jenkins Designs, the other Hong Kong-based company has also had a productive summer. JJD expanded the Battle of Saratoga series by adding the 62<sup>nd</sup> (Wiltshire) Regiment of Foot and Butler's Rangers to the Anglo-Allied order of battle. One set comprising two figures from each regiment (JJD-S62-05 and JJD-BUTT-05) been released and are priced at

at \$105.39 CAD. Stay tuned for more! JJD also unveiled a new series – “Whiskey, Scalps and Beaver Pelts – that will focus on the American West. So far, a mounted Plains Indian named “Paints-His-Shirt-Red” has been released. The mounted figure (JJD-WSP-01) sells for \$138.81 CAD. Thomas Gunn Miniatures has added a few figures to its Zulu War and World War series.

ITALERI has just announced that it will be soon releasing a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale 100 years war castle (6185S) set. 1/72<sup>nd</sup> is ideal for those that have limited space and would like to do large scale dioramas. The set comes with the castle, French and English knights as well as foot soldiers and archers depicting both sides.





## **A CAPITAL REPORT (from the OMSS Ottawa Chapter)**

by Bob Thompson

This report covers the last three OMSS Ottawa Chapter monthly meetings to bring us up to date. Last year we decided to continue to hold our Ottawa Chapter monthly meetings all through the summer. This July meeting had 17 attendees, probably our largest number to date.

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### **MAY 2019 OTTAWA CHAPTER MEETING**

Our May 28 meeting was busy and well attended with the agenda including:

#### **The unveiling of the brand new Ottawa Chapter banner stand**

**Discussion on current hobby news** – What’s New, upcoming shows, and reports on recent hobby related shows

#### **OMSS Ottawa participation at upcoming Toy Soldier Shows**

1. - June 02 Military Hobby Show at the Walkley Road Armoury in Ottawa. The OMSS Ottawa Chapter will have an exhibit table and a vendor table. In addition several members will be featuring their own exhibits, and/or their own vendor tables.
2. – June 15 OMSS On Parade Show – The Ottawa Chapter will have good representation at the OMSS Show, including 3 Ottawa member vendors, an Ottawa Chapter vendor table, and a 1/6 scale weapons exhibit by Juan Lopez. We’re looking forward to the show, the Friday night room trading, and the Saturday post show Meet & Greet.

**“Show & Tell” Presentations:** - The topic for this month’s “Show & Tell” was “Machine Guns”. One of our 1/6 guys went crazy again with a full table of figures with a huge array of machine guns. I brought out my Mariela Miniatures “Gatling Camel gun” (I had always assumed the Camel Gun was a piece of fiction ... but my research proved otherwise.) Other interesting machine gun figures were featured. Our club orator “George” presented a lively “biography” of Gatling.

The meeting wrapped up with the usual buying, selling, trading, and conversations.

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### **JUNE 2019 OTTAWA CHAPTER MEETING ... Tuesday June 25**

Activities on the agenda included:

#### **Club Business**

We announced news of a potential Spring 2020 Miniature Figures Show in Ottawa as a co-operative venture between OMSS Ottawa Chapter and the Figurinistes de l’Outaouais Club.

We tabled a proposal for an OMSS Ottawa Chapter project to develop a digital photo essay of a Canadian battle, using miniatures of all scales. (See the July meeting notes below for more info on this project.)

**Discussion on current hobby news** – What’s New, upcoming shows, and reports on recent hobby related shows. Included were detailed debriefs on our participation at the June 02 Military Hobby Show at the Walkley Road Armoury in Ottawa, and the June 15 OMSS On Parade Show.

**“Show & Tell” Presentations:** - The topic for this month’s “Show & Tell” was “D-day”. Among the several presentations was a 1/6 mini diorama of about a half dozen GI’s hitting the beach.

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**JULY 2019 OTTAWA CHAPTER MEETING ... Tuesday July 23**

Agenda activities included:

**Club Business**

Member Francois Brisebois is coordinating the development of a "What I am Looking For" want list for the Ottawa members. This list will be distributed to all members so that everyone knows what other members are interested in and specific items they are looking for.

We had a update presentation from the Figurinistes de l'Outaouais Club describing the progress to date on an Ottawa miniature figure show in the spring of 2020.

We discussed the new "Electronic Book" project proposal – We will have 2 topical projects on the go so that all members will have their interest area covered. Tentative working titles for the first projects titles are: "The Battle of Chrysler's Farm in Miniature" and "150 Years of Canadian Military History". (See Article below that explains the "Electronic Book" concept.)

**Discussion on current hobby news** – What's New, upcoming shows, and reports on recent hobby related shows.

**"Show & Tell" Presentations:** - The topic for this month's "Show & Tell" was "Women at War" Among the presentations were a nice diorama of 1/6 WW 2 Female Mechanics; Betsy Ross (her flag, and recent running shoes issue), and my usual 'rant' on the exploits of Laura Secord (con not pro).

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The topic for our August 27 Meeting "Show & Tell" is "Wounded and Medics".

Visiting the "Capital Region"? Why not join us for one of the Ottawa Chapter's Meetings. Contact Bob Thompson 613-523-3103 or Email: [thompson\\_robert@rogers.com](mailto:thompson_robert@rogers.com) for further info.

(The OMSS Ottawa Chapter meeting dates for the rest of 2019 are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (except December): *August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in December).*

**ELECTRONIC BOOK PROJECTS CONCEPT**

OMSS Ottawa members have agreed to proceed with a Club Project to produce electronic book/digital photo essay products. These products will describe aspects of Canadian military history and battles through the use of text illustrated exclusively using miniatures of all scales.

The electronic format could include a combination of texts, still photos, videos, animated GIFs, and stop motion photography segments.

As an electronic product the project would be ongoing, starting small, with new items continuously added until declared 'finished'. This project will give wide scope to all our members to write texts, and to develop, photograph, and 'display' miniature scenes using figures of all types and all scales.

At the July meeting we approved the concept as a club project and had volunteer "Chairmen" to co-ordinate the production process for two "Electronic Book" products. All members may freely participate in and contribute to any aspect of the production processes involved in any of the topical product projects.

**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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