

The  
**Ontario  
 Model  
 Soldier  
 Society**  
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# Monthly Newsletter for October 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 October 2019

### 2019 Executive

Lorne Farr  
 President

Keith Ritchie  
 1st vice president

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 2nd vice-president

Gary Lenius  
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Vacant  
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Brendan Hogan  
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Scott Dummitt  
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Scott Dummitt  
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Frank MacKay  
 Calendar Co-ordinator

Jeff Duncan  
 Club Table & Donations

OMSS Archivist  
 Ian Pearson

Next meeting...

**Sunday, 6 October, 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



On September 8, the OMSS meetings resumed after the Summer break.

Guy Elliot gave a presentation on the British Navy's battleships and how the creation of HMS Dreadnaught changed the structure of battleship used by the world's navies. He will continue the presentation at the October

meeting.

John Hambly gave us a presentation on Scouting with Flair. John spoke about his experiences as a cub, scout and leader. John brought in many scout related objects, including toy soldiers.

We will hold the OMSS Annual General Meeting at the October meeting. During this meeting the OMSS elects its Executive for the next year. At the time of writing, we are looking for a second Vice President. If you are interested in this position or have any questions you could email a member of the Executive or speak to one of us before the meeting.

*Lorne Farr*  
**OMSS President**

## **“ON PARADE” 2019 Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine Edition**

If you pre-ordered your copy of Toy Soldier & Model Figure magazine with the article covering “ON PARADE” 2019, you can pick it up at the October meeting. If you can’t make the meeting please have someone pick it up for you as I will not be at the November meeting. Once again our friend and fellow society member Stuart Hessney dedicated six pages to our show in this wonderful hobby related magazine. Thanks both to Stuart, Ron Peraziana and Keith Ritchie for their wonderful photos of the event.

*Scott Dummitt*

### **What’s Happening**

**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.

**The Toronto Military Show** – 2 November 2019, General Sikorski Hall, 1551 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa, L1H 7K4. For more info visit their web site at: [www.torontomilitaryshow.com](http://www.torontomilitaryshow.com) or call Angela at 416-427-8379.

**The Toy Soldier Museum Annual Open House** – Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5459 Paradise Valley Rd, Cresco, PA 18326, USA. Jim Hillestad’s labour of love 9000 sq ft . tribute to military miniatures will fascinate anyone. The annual open house is open from 10 am to 4pm and you can find out more by visiting his web site at: <http://www.the-toy-soldier.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>

**Ottawa Military Heritage Show** -Saturday October 19, 2019 – 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. At the Nepean Sportsplex (Halls A&B) 1701 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa Lots of militaria items ... the usual books, badges, bayonets & uniforms (no firearms) ... always several Toy soldier vendors – For more information contact Peter at: 613-256-1105 or email: [pmmm\\_8@hotmail.com](mailto:pmmm_8@hotmail.com)

**Kawartha Hobby, Toy and Collectible Show** – Sunday, October 20, 2019 – 9 am to 3pm. The Morrow Building, Peterborough Exhibition Grounds, corner of Lansdowne & George Streets. Die Cast, Action Figures, Radio Control, Dolls, Comics, etc. Admission is \$5.00 adults, children 12 & under free. Contact Christine Scollard (905) 213-3759 or (705) 749-0555, email: [christinetoyshow@gmail.com](mailto:christinetoyshow@gmail.com)

**OMSS Members attending the Kawartha Hobby Show or the Peterborough Military Show will receive 10% off any purchases (William Britain Collector Club and Sales items excluded) at SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS retail store in Baillieboro on the day of those shows.**

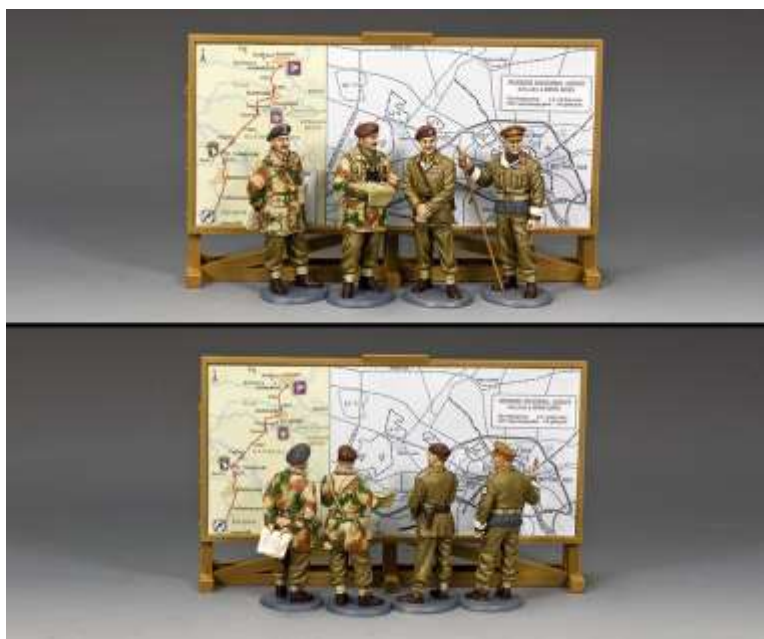
### **Executive and Positioning Openings Looking to Fill**

At our Annual General Meeting we are looking for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the upcoming year. Please take a moment and consider what kind a difference you could make fill this position. In addition to our Executive position, we are looking for someone to take over and coordinate the position of Program Chairman. This position requires someone to help find speakers for our meeting, coordinate with them and to introduce them at the meeting. We also need someone to take over the newsletter starting for September 2020. ON PARADE 2020 will also be the last that Scott Dummitt chairs the Show Committee and we would like to see someone step up and take over that position. It would be a great asset to have someone who lives in the GTA fill this position as it requires the occasional liaison with the Humber College events staff.

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

By: Brendan Hogan

OMSS members have some exciting new releases to look forward to this month. Given that September 2019 marked the 75th anniversary of Operation MARKET GARDEN, I figured that I'd start there. King & Country has a number of new additions to its MARKET GARDEN series, but my personal favourite is a four figure set comprising Lieutenant-General Browning, commander of the 1st Airborne Corps, Lieutenant-General Brian Horrocks, commander of the British XXXth Corps tasked with leading the ground assault of the operation, Mjr-General Roy Urquhart, General Officer Commanding the Br. Sosabowski, commander of the 1<sup>st</sup>



1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Arnhem, and Major-General Stanislaw Polish Independent Parachute Brigade. These four senior officers

come together in this special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary set and cost approximately \$330 CAD.

Carrying on with the Second World War theme, Thomas Gunn Miniatures has produced a figure of then Lieutenant John F. Kennedy in his naval uniform. Two variants of the figure are available, allowing the collector to display him on a ship or ashore. Kennedy went on to become the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States before he was tragically assassinated in November 1963. This figure should cost OMSS members \$53 CAD. TG has also added on to their Napoleonic Russian series a few new Pavlovski Grenadiers advancing with raised muskets and muskets at the ready. They sell for approximately \$59.75 CAD each. Another



Russian themed figure is the WWII Soviet standard bearer marching proudly in celebration of the Soviet victory over the Nazis. This figure sells for \$65.00 CAD.

Finally, John Jenkins Designs has unveiled three last of the Mohican figures for its French & Indian War series at eh Chicago Toy Soldier Show. They should be available sometime in the summer of 2020. No word on a price yet.

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

by Bob Thompson

This report covers the last two OMSS Ottawa Chapter monthly meetings to bring us up to date.

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### AUGUST 2019 OTTAWA CHAPTER MEETING – Tuesday August 27

The meeting agenda included the following segments:

**Club Business** – An update on active OMSS Ottawa Chapter projects including “The Battle of Chrysler’s Farm in Miniature”, “150 Years of Canadian Military”, and the potential “Little Icons” Miniature Figures Show being planned for Ottawa in the Spring of 2020

**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 “Wounded & Medics”.

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

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### SEPTEMBER 2019 OTTAWA CHAPTER MEETING ... Tuesday September 24

We had 15 attendees at the September 24 meeting, with agenda items including the following activities.

**Club Business** – Update on some of the active OMSS Ottawa Chapter projects including:

- updating the Ottawa members contact list – Bob Thompson
- progress on the “What I am Looking For” want list for Ottawa members - Francois Brisebois
- distribution of a 2 page handout on next steps for the “The Battle of Chrysler’s Farm in Miniature” Electronic Book project – Bob Thompson

**Discussion on current hobby news** – What’s New, upcoming shows, and reports on recent hobby related shows. In particular there was discussion on assembling the “Ottawa contingent” for the viewing of the Sandy Spalding collection in Bath Ontario. (The day following the meeting there were 5 Ottawa members that went to see and buy in Bath.)



### Captions

Left: Display of assorted Naval personal.

Right: The OMSS Ottawa Chapter’s magnificent show banner. Notice there is a something for everyone on this banner.



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### Presentations:

Tom Wright once again arranged a big screen viewing of an excellent video highlighting an inspirational toy soldier photographer.

**“Show & Tell” Presentations:** - The topic for this month’s “Show & Tell” was “Navy Day”. Lots of nautical toy soldiers on display! ... and an amazing huge Britain’s Set #73!!

The meeting ended a bit early as the restaurant had a prearranged early closure due to nearby road construction. This made our buying, selling, trading, and conversation time even more frantic than usual!

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The “Show & Tell” topic for our next Ottawa meeting (October 22) is “Tanksgiving”.

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): *October 22, November 26, and December 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in December).*



**Left:** William Britain Limited Set 73 introduced in 1954. This set is loose in the box and the figures aren’t quite how they would have been released but it appears to be in very good condition. Units from top to bottom:  
The Black Watch, 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers, Middlesex Regt., the King’s Troop Royal Horse Artillery, The Life Guards, the Military Band of the Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Scots Greys Dragoons (2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons).

**Right:** Military Hospitaliers manufactured by US company BARCLAY Manufacturing Company. This collection includes stretcher bearers with injured soldier, Nurses, field doctor and a very prominent surgery doctor with a very prominent Medical Mirror and stethoscope.



### **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/)

**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.**

**Articles submitted must be original as due to copyright law we cannot reproduce any published article without permission of the publication in question**

**AS OF JUNE 2020 I WILL BE STEPPING DOWN FROM DOING THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN TAKE OVER CONTACT ME ASAP. Thank you!**

### General Sir Arthur Currie figures now available



The OMSS commissioned the W. Britain company to produce a limited edition figure for us of General Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps in 1918. Only 250 of these figures were produced. The figure is 1/30 scale and in matte finish.

For a limited time these figures are being offered to our members at an exclusive members' price of \$36 each. Every member in good standing may purchase up to two figures.

These figures will be available at the remaining meetings of this year from Gary Lenius.

If you can't make it to a meeting contact us by email at [omss@bell.net](mailto:omss@bell.net) or by mail (OMSS 43 Saugeen Cres. Toronto M1K 3M8) to arrange shipping. Within Canada shipping by Canada Post is \$15 for one or two figures.