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Monthly Newsletter for October 2016

Next meeting...

Sunday, 16 October, 2016

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto
Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

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Meeting Dates

- 2016 -
January 17
February 7
March 13
April 10
June 12
September 11
October 16
November 13
December 11

Annual Show
Saturday June 10, 2017

Message from the President



This has been a rewarding and challenging year for me serving on the executive. I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support I have received over the past year, transitioning to a new location while making changes and improvements for the club.

As required by our constitution we will hold our AGM Executive election for 2017 at our October meeting. We have a full slate of candidates to be presented at the Oct. meeting.

For our Christmas luncheon we would like to try something new. I would like to organize a pot luck buffet. There will be a sign up sheet for food supplied by members at the October meeting. Members participating in the luncheon but not supplying food will be asked to make financial contribution to the club. Details will be announced at the meeting.

The November 13th meeting will be our annual auction. It's time to dust off and reorganize your collection and dispose of unwanted accumulations and duplicates. The auction will be limited to 100 hobby related lots. Bidders are required to use a numbered paddle supplied at the auction for a \$1.00 dollar contribution to the club. Volunteers to assist the auctioneer and cashier would be greatly appreciated.

Tom Elliot

LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR

At our September meeting, Frank MacKay announced that he would be stepping down from being the Editor of the OMSS JOURNAL at the end of 2016. Frank has been the driving force for the JOURNAL for fifteen years and his retirement comes as no surprise as he has asked the membership for the last few years for a volunteer to step forward and take over the job.

The JOURNAL is a unique and integral part of our society and it would be a shame to lose it. It helps keep members who are located throughout the continent (and overseas) aware of what has happened throughout the year at the OMSS. It also has a uniquely Canadian content to it as many of our members who contribute to

the publication do so on Canadian topics. The publication is also an outlet for members to have their say about issues that affect the OMSS or to just plain ask questions. We all look forward to its printing and distribution.

This past year we lost a regular contributor to the JOURNAL when Harold Morrison passed away. It would be a shame to lose the publication because no one is willing to take over the Editor position. Remember we already have several members doing multiple jobs and we really cannot expect them to take over another task. Its time someone “steps up to the plate” and keeps this great publication going as an OMSS member.

If you are interested in doing your part, call Frank at (416) 283-3472 and talk to him about it.

IN MEMORANDUM



Ken Hopgood

It is with great sadness that I pass on the word that Ken Hopgood passed away on 19th

September after a long battle with Cancer. Most of you didn't know Ken as he only joined a few years ago and because of his illness only managed to attend one meeting. He did tell me however how much he enjoyed coming to that meeting and it was great that he could make it. Ken was a former piper in the Hastings & Prince Edward (Hasty P's) Regiment Pipe Band and had served in the Army Reserve with RCEME. He collected mostly Napoleonic and W. Britain Ltd. hollowcast figures.

Ernie Derry

The OMSS extends sincere condolences to Janet MacKay on the passing of her father, Ernie Derry. His 32-year service as a Toronto Police officer is much appreciated and our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

This Month in History



Early in the morning of 13 October 1812 American Forces under the command of General Stephen Van Rensselaer landed at the Canadian village of Queenston Heights. Major General Issac Brock, whose headquarters was at nearby Fort George, was awakened by the noise of firearms and recognizing the danger rode to Queenston Heights to manage his forces.

Upon his arrival he found that the Americans had forced his men from a redan battery on the heights and so dismounting gathered the light company of the 49th Regiment of Foot and militia and immediately tried to counter attack before the Americans could take advantage of the position. His tall frame and General's tunic made him an instant target for American sharpshooters. The General was instantaneously cut down with a single shot to his heart.

While the British and Canadians held the village the Americans were in control of the strategic heights. A band of approximately 100 native warriors kept them pinned down on the heights until reinforcements under the command of General Roger Sheaf arrived. The British eventually won the battle but the loss of Brock was irreplaceable. The war would go on for another four years, ravaging the Niagara Peninsula countryside on both sides of the border.

Did You Know?

The U.S. Department of Defense will fully support the request of some film companies for the usage of military equipment, if the script meets DoD approval. The John Wayne film "*The Green Berets*" was supported by DoD, however "*Apocalypse Now*" and "*Heartbreak Ridge*" were not. Funny enough the reason that "*Heartbreak Ridge*" did not receive the support was because apparently there was too much swearing in it. I guess my Drill instructor at Cornwallis was an exception. Every other word out of his mouth was F@#\$.

Want to read more about this. Go to:

<http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/BackedByThePentagon>

Shows and Events

Peterborough Militaria Show: 15 October, 2016 – Doors open at 9 am and the show closes at 2 pm. at the Peterborough Armoury, 220 Murray St, Peterborough, Ontario. Admission \$5, accompanied children under 12 are free, maximum charge \$15 per family. Proceeds support local charities. This is a very good regional show in one of the cleanest and brightest armouries in the country. For tables and information contact Lt Col H.G. Clarke by telephone at 1-705-749-3149 or email at hclarke@peterborough.ca or daver@nexicom.net.

Ottawa Military Heritage Show: Saturday 12 November 2016, 0830 - 1430 hrs, at the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa. Admission \$8. This is an excellent regional event featuring a good array of medals, badges, books and other militaria (no firearms). For tables and information, contact Peter Blenkarn at 613-256-1105 or pbmm_8@hotmail.com or see omhs.wordpress.com.

Toronto (East) Military Show – Oshawa: Saturday 26 November 2016, General Sikorski Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd North, Oshawa, ON, 0830-1400 hrs, admission \$8, accompanied children under 12 are free. This is one of the largest regular shows in central Canada and is worth a visit. For tables and information, telephone 1-416-427-8379, or email cmhctoronto@hotmail.com or visit the web site at: www.torontomilitaryshow.com.

Scarborough Diecast Show & Swap: Birkdale Community Centre, 1299 Ellesmere Rd.(halfway between Midland & Brimley - driveway is on south side) Scarborough (Toronto), Ontario. Admission: \$2.00 per person 9:00 am- 1:00 pm. Contact: Doug, phone/text: 647-230-8063 - e-mail: Chevy327ss@live.ca

Toronto's Nostalgia and Vintage Toy Expo: - The International Centre Hall 6 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga, Ontario. Admission: \$10.00 per person (under 12 FREE). 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. (Early Bird: \$25.00 - Sat Nov 19: 4-8pm / Sun Nov 20: 7-10am). Contact: Hoss. - Toll free: 1-877-776-6854, website: www.globalassetsolutions.com

34th Annual East Coast Toy Soldier Show & Sale – Sun. Oct 30 – Rothman Centre, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack NJ – www.eastcoasttoysoldiershow.com.

Award Winner!

Congratulations go out to OMSS member **Will Wyatt** for his second place award at the London Scale Model Show 2016. Bill's **Troop Landing Barge c. 1814** was entered in the Sailing/Non-powered Vessels- All Types, Eras and Scales category.

The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.

News items and notices can be submitted to gijoe@kos.net or 705-939-1028

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What's New in the Hobby – The Canadian Connection

by Brendan Hogan

OMSS members should be pleased with this month's releases by the major toy soldier manufacturers, since September



TGM'S CAN001 Royal Canadian Navy Beach Commando 'W'

Commando should read E.G. Finley and Edward Story's article on the unit in the *Canadian Military History* journal (<http://scholars.wlu.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1059&context=cmh>).

After a hiatus due to their change in ownership and subsequent move, William Britains has released some excellent new figures. My favourite are figures based on Don Troiani's painting "Bushy Run" based on the Battle of Bushy Run, which was fought on 5-6 August 1763, during Pontiac's Rebellion, between a column of British troops and a combined force of Delaware, Shawnee, Mingo and Huron warriors. The figures produced by WB have a striking resemblance to the painting and look excellent!



Don Troiani's "Bushy Run"



WB's 47061 King George III Mounted, 1798

For collectors who prefer glossy soldiers, WB has added figures to its "Regiments" collection depicting the 10th Light Dragoons and the Horse Guards, circa 1795. Figures of the Prince Regent and King George III have also been produced to accompany the figures.

mainly of Canadian pilots, during the Battle of Britain. Deere, a New Zealander, took command of RCAF No. 403 Squadron in 1942. They are accompanied by Adolph Gysbert "Sailor" Malan, a South African, who led No. 74 Squadron during the Battle of Britain.

King & Country has released a three figure set of Royal Air Force aces, including Douglas Robert Stuart Bader and Alan Christopher Deere. Bader was the Squadron Leader of No. 242 Squadron, composed



K&C's RAF075 "A Trio of Aces"



JJD's WIM-11 Lacrosse Players, Woodland Indians

And finally, John Jenkins has reproduced 10 figures from its “War of 1812” series depicting the Royal Scots during the Battle of Chippewa, 5 July 1814 as part of its 10-year anniversary booster/starter sets. Unfortunately for Canadian collectors, these redcoats are getting clobbered by the American invaders. JJD has also produced some additional Quebec militia for its French & Indian War series and First Nations lacrosse players for its “Woodland Indians” series.

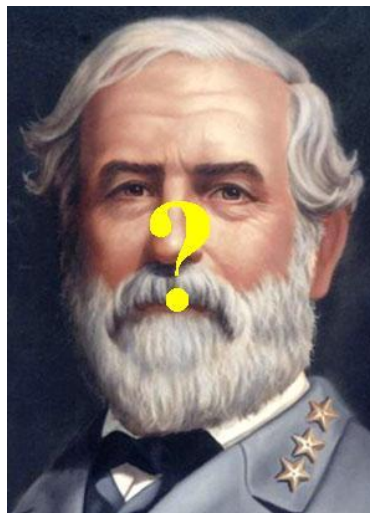
On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our OMSS Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. Lots of interesting postings.

www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964

Lundy’s Lane Collection for Sale

Randy Dittmar of Tonawanda, NY has a 54/60 mm collection of metal War of 1812 figures depicting the Battle of Lundy’s Lane that he is selling. Figures represent all the units that were present. If interested you can contact Randy at semperrandyfi@gmail.com or call (716) 473-7903



This Month’s Speaker

This month’s guest speaker is Guy Elliot. The topic is:
“ Thinking about Robert E. Lee “

A re-evaluation of his generalship during the American Civil War and his reputation as a “ Great Captain “.

In Guy’s own words: “Yes, I know the info above is brief and vague – but that is done on purpose.”

My own interpretation of this is we all have some knowledge of Robert E. Lee and his accomplishments. Now think on how much of it was real! Was he the Alexander the Great or Napoleon of the Civil War, or did he just have dam good subordinates, or maybe the Union Generals were just that bad?

“ON PARADE” 2017 Dealers List

Starting in January of 2017 we will start listing the vendors, who have paid, and registered for ON PARADE in the monthly newsletter. There will be a description of what their main products are so that OMSS members can either contact them or ask them to bring specific items and so that our attendees will have an idea of what kinds of products will be available to them at the show. In addition there will be a list of what vendors plan on taking part in the ROOM TRADING held between 6 pm and 8:30 pm on the Friday (9th June) night.

2017 Meeting Dates

8 January 2017 - 12 February 2017 – 12 March 2017 – 8 April 2017

7 May 2017 – 10 June 2017 (Friday set-up 9th June) Annual Show & Competition

10 September 2017 – 15 October 2017 (General Executive Elections) – 5 November 2017 (OMSS Auction)

10 December 2017 (Christmas Luncheon & Awards)