

The
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Monthly Newsletter for November 2017



Monthly Meeting Dates for 2017

8 January 2017 - 12 February 2017 – 12 March 2017
 9 April 2017 - 7 May 2017 – 10 September 2017
 15 October 2017– 12 November 2017 - 10 December 2017

Annual Show

Saturday June 16, 2018

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2017 Executive

Jim Qualtrough
 President

John Hambly
 1st vice president

Lorne Farr
 2nd vice-president

Gary Lenius
 Secretary/Treasurer

Tom Elliot
 Past President

Eric Clarke
 Program Chairman

Brendan Hogan
 Journal Editor

Norm White
 Annual Show Chairman

Scott Dummitt
 Newsletter Editor/ Media
 Officer

Dave Norman
 Facebook Page Manager

Frank MacKay
 Calendar Co-ordinator

Jeff Duncan
 Club Table & Donations

Next meeting...

Sunday, 12 November, 2017

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

Letter from the President



This is our month to remember our brave men and women who serve and have served our country. To those we have lost in defence of our freedom. We thank you for your sacrifice. Our thoughts of sincere gratitude to those who lost their lives or who have suffered from coming face to face with our enemies. Our duty is to cherish their memory, never forget what they have given us and always support their efforts.

Thank you to our guest speakers for the past two monthly meetings. Ted Barris did a phenomenal job on his talk 'Victory at Vimy'. Last meeting we had the pleasure of listening to Corrine

Miller who spoke on Camp X with memories from her father's time spent at the camp during World War 2.

This month is the Club auction. I look forward to seeing many great entries with some lively calling from our volunteer auctioneers Don Ritchie and Frank MacKay. See you November 12th at the Legion.

Congratulations to our next Club President John Hambly. We held our Annual General Meeting last month where we named our new slate of officers for the OMSS. Working with John next year will be the new Vice President Lorne Farr and 2nd Vice President Dave Norman. Gary Lenius will be our Secretary / Treasurer. The rest of the Executive is made up of appointees to fill numerous important positions to be named by the new President.

Many members of the OMSS are heading to Hackensack New Jersey this month. The East Coast Toy Soldier Show should be a great event with lots of support from our Club. We will let you know how it went at our next meeting.

Don't forget to let Tom Elliott know that you will be attending our December Christmas luncheon. We are ordering Swiss Chalet meals again and we need to know how many are coming. \$15.00 buys you a delicious festive meal. We are also asking everyone to bring a dessert of your choice.

Jim Qualtrough

OMSS Executive for 2018

At our October meeting, the OMSS Executive positions were filled for the 2018 year. Congratulations to all our new Executive Members and a sincere thank you to those who not only accepted these new positions, but those who have filled them for the past years.

2018 Executive Positions

President – John Hambly

Vice-President – Lorne Farr

2nd Vice President – Dave Norman

Secretary/Treasurer – Gary Lenius

Program Chairman – Eric Clarke

Past President – Jim Qualtrough

Newsletter/Media Officer – Scott Dummitt

Calendar Editor – Frank MacKay

Annual Show Chairman – Norm White

Journal Editor – Brendan Hogan

Club Archivist – Ian Pearson

Awards Chairman – Position Open

Club Table & Donations – Jeff Duncan



Annual Auction

This month we will be holding our annual auction. This is your chance to sell off items you no longer need or want or to pick up some new treasures from your fellow members.

Note the earlier start time!

We will start the meeting at 12 noon so that we can complete the auction without running too late.

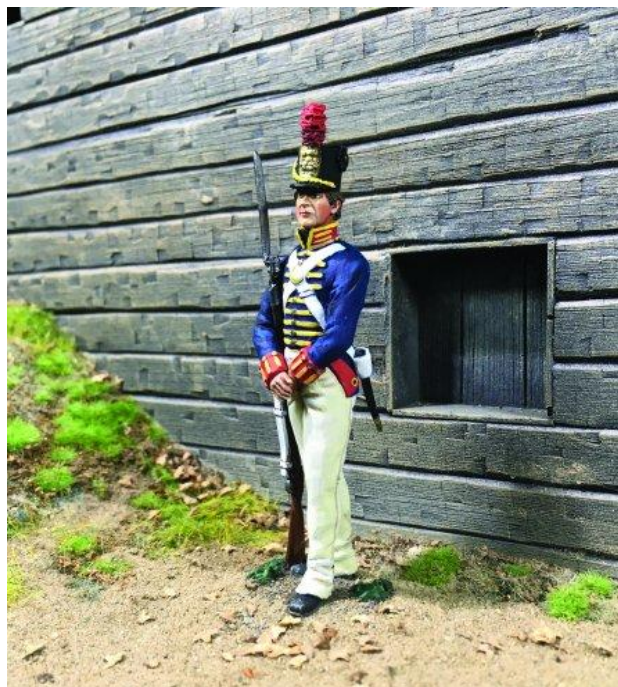
No vendor tables at this meeting.

Auction Ground Rules

1. You must be a member in good standing to put up lots for sale.
2. Bidders & Sellers must register and receive a bidding number. There is a fee of \$2.
3. The number of lots will be limited to 100; first come, first served.
4. A minimum reserve bid may be placed on a lot.
5. There is no selling fee or commission.
6. Hobby related items only please.
7. Club Donations are Welcome
8. **No Weapons (authentic or reproduction) of any kind!**

Whats New in the Hobby – November 2017

by Brendan Hogan



10071 U.S. Artilleryman 1813-14

the U.S. Army was a thoroughly professional force capable of besting the British Army in open battle. In its fall 2017 catalogue, W. Britains has added two American soldiers from the War of 1812 to its “Museum Collection”. Figure 10071 is a gunner, circa 1813-1814 (GO GUNS!) and figure 10072 is an infantryman, circa 1811-1812. These figures are accurately painted, with matte finish and are 1/30 scale or 56-58 mm tall. They are priced at \$49 Cdn. each. Overall both figures are very well done and are hopefully just the beginning of a series based on the War of 1812. A new series based on British, American, Canadian and Native American forces would likely be of particular interest to Canadian and American collectors and offers lots of potential subject matter for W. Britains. Collectors interested in these figures should also note that Hudson & Allen Studio, a company affiliated with W. Britains, has produced a blockhouse (HA2099 Wooden Frontier Blockhouse \$185 Cdn) that would display perfectly with these new soldiers.

Please Note: Cdn Prices are determined by the current exchange rate.

“A mere matter of marching.” That’s how difficult the former U.S. President Thomas Jefferson thought conquering Canada would be in the summer of 1812. Fortunately for Canadians today, the British regulars, Native American warriors and Canadian militia would prove him wrong. The American Army entered the war woefully unprepared and was regularly beat by British troops. By the war’s conclusion,



10072 U.S. Infantryman 1811-1812

ON PARADE 2018 “Meet & Greet”

Last year we had over a dozen members stay over the Saturday night at Humber College’s accommodations. Many of these members got together for supper afterwards on the Saturday and many stayed up late to chat and unwind after the show. This year we are offering another concept to our “On Parade” weekend, a post show “Meet & Greet”.

Starting at 6 pm on Saturday 16 June 2018 we will have the Humber College Conference Room set up to host a BBQ Buffet and Cash Bar. The dinner will be available at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and the “Meet & Greet” will be open until 10:00 pm. This saves you from having to hurry home after the show for supper, and gives all that attended the show (not just OMSS members) an opportunity to sit down and relax with friends and club members.

The Buffet will consists of an entrée (Beef Burgers or Chicken, you will be asked to make a decision when you purchase your ticket), Fresh Corn on the Cob, Spring Mixed Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Fudge Brownies, applicable condiments and Ice Tea. The cost is \$20.00 each if you purchase your ticket between January 2018 and May 2018. If you purchase the day of the show it is \$22.50 each. Vendors please note that you can pay for your meal at the same time you pay for your table(s).

William Britain Limited has also chipped in to contribute 4 draw prizes which will be drawn throughout the evening. No purchase is necessary to receive a draw ticket but you must be present to pick-up your prize. If a number is drawn and not claimed, then another draw will take place.

OMSS Annual Christmas Luncheon

It’s that time of year again when we look forward to our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Awards. Once again we are ordering in from Swiss Chalet at a

cost of \$15.00 per person. Tom Elliot has graciously volunteered his services to collect for the meal so please get your payment to him by the 9th of December by the latest. You can phone Tom at 647-467-5610. If for any reason you have to cancel please do so by the 9th as well as he has to arrange for the meals by that time. Your meal will include a ¼ chicken white meat with fries and sauce, plus a role and salad. Coffee and tea will be available at the Legion and other beverages can be purchased. Like in previous years we will be holding pot luck for deserts so plan accordingly. The meal will be served at approximately 12:30 pm.



Drum Rim needs Painting

The OMSS recently received this inquiry. If you can help please email Rick Allen;
rallen8236@gmail.com

“I recently was given a British made rope tension brass shell side drum as a gift as I am a former Canadian Forces drummer (RHLL) I am looking for someone to repaint the wood hoops the traditional red white blue. Could you possibly suggest somebody?”

**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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Mini Competition at the Christmas Feast

At the request of several members, the OMSS will attempt to revive an old tradition which has somehow fallen by the wayside for many years now: the Annual Mini Show and Competition.

Basically, this is a very informal judged competition which will be held at the Christmas meeting. There are no categories or classes, all figures, toy soldiers, plastic models, miniatures of any kind, will be welcome and judged according to merit. The only stipulation is that the entry MUST be the most recent model you have completed, and that entry MUST be your own work (painted/assembled by you personally). Competition medals will be awarded as required and all entries will still be eligible for entry in the Annual Show without prejudice. Simply bring your latest work to the Christmas feast and set it up on the table provided.

This is a wonderful idea that will provide motivation to many of our painters, and will help to tide us over until the annual show. It will also provide visual interest at the feast and give us all a sneak peak at the wonders to be expected at the annual show. As always, this idea is entirely dependent on your participation; if there are no entries, this idea is dead in the water and will never be resurrected. If it's a success, it will be carried on. You have asked for the return of this event and its success or failure is in your hands, so please plan on participating and bringing ONE entry (your latest).

Please address all questions to Frank MacKay (who was dragooned into organizing this soir e.)



OMSS AT PETERBOROUGH MILITARIA SHOW

Once again the OMSS was well represented at this year's Peterborough Militaria Show. Club members Don Ritchie, Dave Kelly, Ian Pearson, Richard Moore, Scott Dummitt, Dave Norman and Club President Jim Qualtrough were all present. Gary Lenius made the drive the day before to make sure that we had a supply of 2018 ON PARADE flyers for the

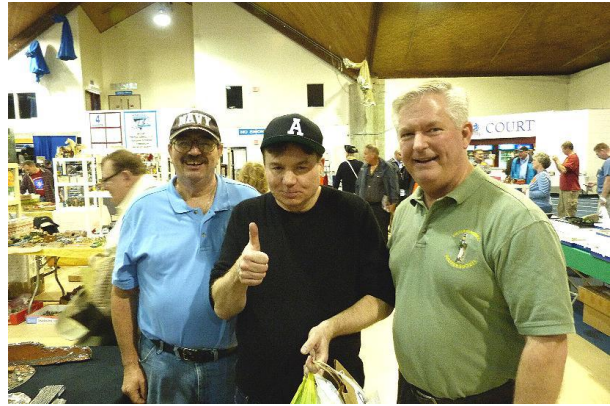
event. The club had a supply of William Britain Ltd. Deetail plastic toy soldiers on hand which were left at the entrance for distribution amongst the youngsters. Don Ritchie's "Trump Coliseum" was a great hit with show goers and there were a variety of displays including Ian Pearson's historic Canadians, Scott

Dummitt's naval action figures and Jim Qualtrough's Naval and Police figures. The show proceeds help fund the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment's Army Cadet Corps and the cadets actively help the participants with unloading and loading their wares and displays. Don had extra help as his Grandson joined him for the event. All in all it is a good affair and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. .



OMSS Members Journey South for a Toy Soldier Weekend

Several of our membership journeyed south the weekend of October 28th & 29th to attend Jim Hillsteads annual open house at his famous Toy Soldier Museum, located in the Pocono Mountain region of Pennsylvania. Jim & Carol host an all day Open House the Saturday before The East Coast Toy Soldier Show and it is always a great event. Ted Dedden represented William Britain Ltd at the event and Treefrog Treasures had a booth as well. All in all we had 8 members from the OMSS present for the occasion. The same group then were found at the East Coast Toy Soldier



S. Dummitt & J. Qualtrough pose with Comedian Mike Myers

Show the next day in Hackensack NJ. The mint green shirts of the OMSS were very noticeable as many of the dealers made comments about all the Canadians present at the show. A surprise for many was the appearance of Canadian comedian Mike Myers. The Toronto native, who now lives in New York City has collected for around 35 years. There were approximately 300 tables at this show, featuring a wide variety of plastic and metal figures. Prices vary on items, some are good, some not as good as you would find at our own ON PARADE. The show runs from 9 am until 3 pm and everyone you talked to seemed to have a great day.



Canadian & American OMSS Members at Hillsteads

Lt. General Sir Arthur Currie: William Britain Limited OMSS Exclusive Preview

Here is a preview of the head sculpt of the Lt. General Sir Arthur Currie that the OMSS has undertaken to have produced for sale at ON PARADE 2018. The 60mm sculpt of the Canadian general looks extremely accurate and the figure should be advertised in the Britain's winter catalogue.

