

The
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Monthly Newsletter for March 2018

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2018

14 January 2018 - 11 February 2018 – 11 March 2018
 8 April 2018 - 6 May 2018 – 9 September 2018
 14 October 2018– 18 November 2018 - 16 December 2018

Annual Show

Saturday June 16, 2018

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Next meeting..

Sunday, 11 March, 2018

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

Letter from the President



Well members once again we got a call from old man winter and felt it necessary to cancel the February meeting. For this I as your president apologize and hope we can all get to the March meeting. On a good note our guest speaker for the February meeting has reschedule his talk for April, so don't put away those Toronto Scots figures yet! Scott Dummitt has been working on the Britains figure for the club and may have an update for the members at this upcoming meeting.

I also look forward to handing the calendars and the Journal at the March meeting as well. We are discussing sending the journal out via email as this will cut the cost down to mail it as these costs have gone up. As I write you this message I look at the calendar and the months are flying by, before you know it the ON PARADE 2018 show will be here. Vendors please make sure you are booking your tables with Scott Dummitt as so not to miss out this year for a spot. Also club members who plan on putting in a display please reach out to Norm White or Scott Dummitt or me on how many tables you require and roughly how big your display will be competition or noncompetition .This is very important as we need to do a lay out of the space we have so everyone is happy. I hope that this year we can see all members participate in this show as it is the clubs show off time and not a show for the selected few.

I would like to finish the Presidents message by reaching out to our members who have taken ill over the winter months and wish them all a speedy recovery to get better so as to see them back to join us at the monthly meetings. From all of us our prayers go out to you and your loved ones. Once again see you at the March meeting and happy collecting!

Your President John Hambly



OMSS Golf Shirts

I have had a couple of members ask lately if there is any chance of getting in more of the Club Golf Shirts. Our minimum order with the manufacturer is 6. At that quantity the shirts are \$38.00 each. That includes our tax and shipping charges. If we have an order of 12 or more the cost goes down to \$31.00 each. Sizes available are from Men's S to 6XL. Colours available are: Dill (Club colour), Hunter Green, White, Black, Wine, Stone, Heather Grey and Light Blue. If you are interested contact Scott Dummitt. You will not be required to pay until they are about to be ordered. If you require shipping then there is an additional \$15.00 charge. Call: (705) 939-1028 or Email: gijoe@kos.net

We plan on ordering the shirts at the end of the month so please have your payments at the March meeting or mail to: SCOTT DUMMITT, 1754 Carmel Line, Bailieboro, Ontario, K0L 1B0. This will be the last order of OMSS Golf Shirts for the foreseeable future so don't miss out!

OMSS Quartermaster Stores

Daniel Tiffin is looking to purchase or trade for metal knights, regardless of condition, for his growing collection. An example of figures that he has been purchasing are the old Pennant figures, Amber and HM, also Niena and anything he can strip down and convert. If you are interested please contact him at: Global Demographics Group, 30 Via Renzo Dr., Richmond Hill, On L4S 0B8. Phone: (905) 787-2303 or email: dan@globaldemographicsgroup.ca.

Wanted to buy: Britain's Jane Seymour (40244) from the Historic Royal Palaces series, and Blenheim's Queen Elizabeth on the coronation throne. Contact Bill Wyatt if you have either of these for sale at: wyattwi@hotmail.com or 519 471 5029.

For Sale: 21st Century Ultimate Soldier 1/6th scale Little Bird Helicopter. This unique set is no longer available through stores as 21st Century went out of business several years ago. This black ops helicopter is large enough to hold two action figures and comes with a Gatling gun attachment. Asking \$85.00 for this hard to find item. Contact Jim Qualtrough at: (416) 543-0873 or email: charkin1@sympatico.ca

Got something you are looking to buy or sell, contact the OMSS Newsletter. This is for non vendors only and OMSS members will get preferred treatment.

ON PARADE 2018 VENDORS

Each month starting in January 2018 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have signed up and paid for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2018. 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 15 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 2018 vendor's form on the OMSS web site and get your cheque into Gary Lenius as soon as possible.

Vendors

John 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.gijoeCanada.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

Dan Sneyd – 1/72 Plastics, Die Cast, Artillery, W. Britain Ltd. – (519) 371-7487 – Email: dsneyd57@gmail.com

Al Wright – Stock and Custom made 1/6th action figures and equipment sets – (416) 406-4369 – Email: heshman@rogers.com

Gary Schofield - New & vintage toy soldiers, vehicles & tanks, models and books – (416) 357-7097

We have 19 Tables already paid for, don't miss out get your registration and payment in NOW!

ROOM ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS FOR "ON PARADE"2018

The Portal linking the OMSS web site to the Humber College Accommodation web site is now up and working, due to the courtesy of Gary Lenius. Rooms are \$80.00 (plus HST) a night and can be booked for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The portal is open only until April 15, 2018. You can also use the following link to connect to the site:

2018 Group Accommodations - Group Name: Ontario Model Soldier Society 2018
 Available Dates: June 15 - 17, 2018 - Double Suite: \$80 + HST per night (Max occupancy: 4)
 Group link to book: <http://bit.ly/2EH7L75>

Please note that the residence is a smoke free facility and that glass beer bottles are not permitted. Quiet hours are observed from 11 PM - 7 AM. Visit: <http://humber.ca/conference/humber-residence-house-rules-overnight-accommodation-guests> for more information

What's New in the Hobby? – March 2018

by Brendan Hogan

This month's article features an eclectic mix of figures from John Jenkins Designs and King & Country. A few months ago, JJD's began releasing figures for two new series: "Armies and Enemies of Ancient Rome" and "The Conquest of America." Thus far, JJD's has produced Gallic warriors and Roman auxiliary cavalry. Both new series are doing very well. My favourite of the bunch is the Gaul mounted on a horse playing the carynx, complete with his vanquished foes' decapitated heads dangling off his horse. The warriors cost \$68.25 each, the mounted Gaul playing the carynx costs \$139.00, and \$202.30 per pair of Roman cavalry.



mid February with the remaining three to be released at a later date. The troopers cost \$158.00 each. Lastly, Thomas Gunn



has just released a magnificent figure of the Emperor Napoleon at his coronation. The figure sells for \$82.50.



. Many of the figures are already sold out, even though they have only been available for a couple of months. If you're interested in either series, I suggest you place an order for the figures that you like. They won't be around for long! John Jenkins Designs had also decided to focus on the Aztec Empire with its "The Conquest of America" series. The colourful Aztec warriors are beautifully painted. Prices vary between \$60.70 and \$70.80. JJD intends to produce conquistadors to battle the Aztecs. King & Country has announced it will produce seven Polish cavalry figures as part of the "Fields of Battle" Second World War series. These troopers are amongst the most dynamic cavalry figures K&C have ever produced. It's a myth that the Poles flung their cavalry against German *Panzers*, but the hapless troopers were an anachronism during the 1939 Polish campaign. Four cavalymen will be available in



WHATS YOUR OPINION?

While we try and hold a democratic meeting where everyone gets their chance to have their say, this is not always possible due to time. In this new section we would like to encourage member to write in to the *OMSS NEWSLETTER* with questions for the President, the Executive or enquiries about something they are trying to find out about the hobby but don't know where to turn to. This is your chance to get the answers to your questions even if you can't make the meetings.

Q: Is Del Prado Miniatures still in Production?

A: Del Prado is no longer in production. Toy Soldier entrepreneur Richard Walker purchased the company from Luca Latini in the USA a few years ago. Richard sold off all the remaining stock over a two year period and has now introduced a comparable new line of figures under the brand name "HISTORY WORKS". At this time he is doing 60mm and 28mm figures, basically all are US Civil War and WWII.

Q: Is anyone doing Boer War figures in 54mm to 60mm Range

A: William Britain Limited did a Boer War Black Watch infantryman several years ago and Armies in Plastic is doing Boer War figures from both sides. Spanish Toy Soldier giant, ALYMER, has produced some figures in the past however these appear to have been discontinued. Tradition of London has a large variety of matte and gloss painted figures depicting both sides. British military miniature producer Thomas Gunn Miniatures is considering doing Canadian Infantry, Cavalry and an Artillery Set and has made inquiries about product interest in Canada of these sets. If you would be interested I am sure Tom would love to hear from OMSS members regarding this. His email is: welcome@tomgunn.co.uk

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE FORWARD THEM BY EMAIL TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR AT scottjd@sympatico.ca

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. Lots of interesting postings. www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/

Lt Gen. Sir Arthur Currie Figure Update

The latest news from William Britain Limited is that our exclusive figure is at the duplicator. The master figure is taken here and reproduced in resin. After this process the resin figure is taken and sent to the master painter in the US. After this procedure the figures are sent overseas for mass production. The society has received a contract for the production of this figure and we should see them at our show in June.

The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.

**News items and notices can be submitted to gijoe@kos.net
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