

The  
**Ontario  
 Model  
 Soldier  
 Society**  
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## Monthly Newsletter for September 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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#### 2018 Executive

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**Frank MacKay**  
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Next meeting...

**Sunday, 9 September, 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 the summer is starting to wind down and soon we will meet again at the Legion for our start up in September. Again we have proven to the general public that the OMSS can put on a great annual show and competition. This year's show at Humber College was without a doubt one of the best ones yet. The feedback from our members and vendors and outsiders was this show was great and keep up the good work your society does. I would like to thank all those who participated in the show and to our vendors as well you did a great job. Special thanks go out to Scott Dummitt for all his hard work in getting this show organised and under way. Thanks Scott!

As you know the Friday crew that did the set up had a few snags and for this I say thanks for your patience and help. We learn from our mistakes and next year's show will improve on these mishaps. To the two groups that attended from afar being Britains and Borgfeldt your presence was most impressive. Britains had a lecture on the Saturday in a room just off of the gym and was attended by many who said afterwards "the Britains lecture was very well done. We look forward to the commissioned figure to come in the fall of General Sir Arthur Currie.

This was the first year for the kids "paint your own toy soldier" table and it was a big hit, with both the kids and parents. Thanks goes out to Janet MacKay, Cindy Qualtrough and Barbara Milburn and gang for helping out with this booth. Hope we can count on you next year. "A Job well done". To all members who put in a display for competition or not you have shown that when we all put our creative minds together we do a massive job. To all prize winners I say congratulations for all your hard work this also shows the outsiders what the OMSS is all about.

As your President I look forward to seeing all of you at our September meeting and to listen to the great stories of your time spent at the 2018 On Parade. Don't forget my challenge to you all to bring a new member into our club so we can say proudly "I AM A MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY!!!"

**JOHN HAMBLY**  
 OMSS President

## OMSS Quartermaster Stores

This section is available for the advertising of products not being sold by our usual vendors at the monthly meetings. Advertising for Vendors is available at reasonable prices in the JOURNAL.



**SPIN CASTER FOR SALE:** Dave Purton has a spin caster made by the Romanoff Rubber Company for sale. It requires a 220 volt power source and holds up to 12" moulds, of which Dave has around 20 that he is including. It does not need a vacuum system. He is also including a metal melting pot with the sale. The caster is approximately 20 years old and was originally selling for \$5000.00 US. Dave would like \$2500.00 Cdn for it. Dave lives in Windsor, Ontario so you will also have to take into consideration the transporting of the caster to your home. His address is 847 Matthew Brady Blvd. Windsor, ON, N8S 3J7. You can contact Dave at: (519) 948-6081, or email: [dpurton@cogeco.ca](mailto:dpurton@cogeco.ca).

**FOR SALE** – Dave Norman has the following figures for sale:

Thomas Gunn Miniatures – Flight Lieutenant David Lord VC - Asking \$35.00. This figure usually sells for \$54.50.



King and Country – Mounted French Hussar with Carbine – NA302 - \$ 140.00  
 Conte Collectibles – Gary Cooper as Colonel Travis - \$35.00

Contact Dave at: 647-519-2454 or email at: [davenorman54@yahoo.ca](mailto:davenorman54@yahoo.ca)



### What's New in the Hobby? – September 2018 by Brendan Hogan

Subscribers of the *Toy Soldier & Model Figure* magazine may have already seen this set reviewed in the magazine, but I think it is worth sharing with OMSS members. For this month's "What's New" column, I'd look to preview Tradition of London's "Signing of the Armistice" set. This is an excellent set that marks the centenary year of the end of the Great War. The set comes

complete with printed scenic backdrop to place the participants in their historic context. Originally built in 1914 as a dining car for *Compagnie Internationale Des Wagons-Lits*, carriage No. 2419D was withdrawn from service in August 1918 and converted into a mobile office for the Allied Commander-in-Chief, Marshall Foch. Used by him from October 1918 to September 1919, it was later donated to the *Musée de l'Armée* as a monument to the Allied victory.

Having acted as the stage set to conclude one world war, the original "Compiègne Wagon" would see service in a second, being deliberately selected for the signing of the armistice marking the French surrender in June 1940. Turning the tables on the former victors, Adolf Hitler pointedly took his place in the very seat once occupied by Marshall Foch. Having savoured this symbolic act, the German

authorities removed the carriage to Germany and destroyed the museum site, leaving only a statue of Foch to gaze over a wasteland.

Now collectors can also recreate this moment in history in miniature, with the four German and two Allied signatories, complete with their respective aides. When correctly arranged around Foch's impressive meeting table the figures depict, (from left to right): Captain Ernst Vanselow (Imperial German Navy), Count Alfred Graf von Oberndorff



(German Foreign Ministry), Major General Sigismund Detlof von Winterfeldt (Imperial German Army), Captain Jack P. R. Marriott (Royal Navy), Matthias Erzberger (German Secretary of State without portfolio), Rear Admiral Sir George P. W. Hope (Royal Navy), Vice Admiral Sir Ross Wemyss (Royal Navy), Marshal Ferdinand J. M. Foch (French Army), and General Maxime Weygand (French Army). Priced at £239.00, this set would make an excellent addition to any toy soldier enthusiast's collection.

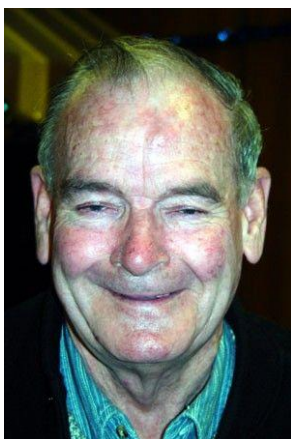


## **ON PARADE in Toy Soldier & Model Figure Magazine**

The current issue of TS&MF magazine gave the OMSS's "ON PARADE" 2018 plenty of exposure, including the centre space. If you pre-ordered your copy of the magazine from Scott Dummitt it will be available at the September meeting. Please arrange to pick it up or have someone pick it up for you. There is also a great section on Sir Arthur Currie. If you didn't order one you will have to go through Ashdown in the US for a copy or order the online version.

### **In Memoriam**

This past summer we have lost a few good friends of the hobby. Some were OMSS members and some were people we knew about through the hobby. To those we have lost we say "It was nice knowing you", and to their families we extend our sincerest condolences.



#### **Alex Parker**

OMSS member Alex Parker passed away on June 29th. He was 92. Alex first joined the Society in 1980 and was with us until 1987. He rejoined in 2003 and was a member up to the present.

An avid collector, Alex was a fixture at meetings for many years, although he hadn't been out as much in recent years due to advancing age. Alex was a retired Toronto police officer



#### **Bill Lingo**

Bill was the driving force behind the East Coast Toy Soldier Show & Sale, held in Hackensack, NJ. Bill passed away on June 29, 2018 at the age of 74. He was a collector of both model trains and toy soldiers. Not only did he run the East Coast Show but he was the editor and publisher of Toy Soldier Review Magazine.

Bill served in the US Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 68 and spent over 45 years working for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

#### **Charles Robinson**

Chuck as he was known was the owner of The Red Lancers Military Miniatures store in Milton PA. He was well known amongst those that collected connoisseur figurines and was to be found at many of the military miniature shows throughout the US. Chuck passed away July 4, 2018. He was 74 years old

## **OMSS Calendar Committee Meeting**

A short meeting of the Calendar Committee will be held after the September meeting. Photographers in particular are asked to have show pictures ready on disk or on a thumb drive, both of which will be returned at the next meeting. Anyone wishing to become involved with the 2020 issue is strongly encouraged to attend--we promise full employment, you *will* get a job. An advertising manager is particularly needed next year, please consider joining the crew. See Frank MacKay for more info.

**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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### **On Facebook?**

**Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. Lots of interesting postings. [www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/)**

### **Whats Happening**

**Toronto Military Show** – Saturday, 15 September 2018 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. – Etobicoke Olympium, 590 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, Ontario.. Admission is \$8.00, Children 12 and under free with adult. This long lasting show features militaria, prints, toy soldiers, and more. Info at: [www.torontomilitaryshow.com](http://www.torontomilitaryshow.com)

**Peterborough Militaria Show and Sale** – Saturday, 13 October 2018 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, - 220 Murray Street, Peterborough, Ontario. Admission is \$5.00, Children 12 and under free with adult. All proceeds in support of local charities. The OMSS is looking for members to man the OMSS display at this show. We have been regulars at it for approximately 6 years and have been well received. For show info contact: Ian Kyle at [i.kyle321@nexicom.net](mailto:i.kyle321@nexicom.net) or Vince at [vincemathewson@gmail.com](mailto:vincemathewson@gmail.com). For display info contact Scott Dummitt at [gijoe@kos.net](mailto:gijoe@kos.net).

**Chicago Toy Soldier Show** – Sunday, 23 September 2018 – 10 am to 3:30 pm - Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Admission \$10.00 US, Children 12 and under free with adult. Considered by many to be the pinnacle of toy soldier shows, people attend from all over the world. For more info visit their web site at: <http://chicagotoysoldiershow.com>. You can also contact Roger or Jan Garfield at: [roger@chicagotoysoldiershow.com](mailto:roger@chicagotoysoldiershow.com)

### **This Month in History**

During the evening of 12 September 1759, 5000 British soldiers under the command of Major General James Wolfe landed at L'Anse-au-Foulon at the base of the escarpment leading up to the Plains of Abraham. Overwhelming the small French guard on the plains, the British were able to form into battle lines before a partial French force under the Marquis de Montcalm could attack. The resulting British victory changed the North American content for all time with the Canada's coming under British control and the eventual seeds of revolution in the 13 Colonies that lead to the formation of the United States.

## OMSS Chapter in Ottawa

The OTTAWA CHAPTER of the Ontario Model Soldier Society has established it's meeting routine. We now meet regularly at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month (except December). We meet in a private room at the Barley Mow Pub, 1541 Merivale Road, Ottawa Ontario.

Our meeting agenda follows this routine:

1. INTRODUCTIONS (New Attendee introductions)
2. CLUB BUSINESS - We encourage everyone to join the OMSS. Our Ottawa Chapter does not have any executive, all membership arrangements are directly with the Toronto based executive. We have distributed a list of the Ottawa Chapter members (indicating those who are paid up 2018 OMSS members)
3. OMSS OTTAWA SPECIAL PROJECTS – We don't really have any special projects on the books yet (we're waiting for volunteers to come forward). However, we have a number of attendees who are interested in 3D printing. We also are trying to establish a connection with the 'Figurinistes de l'Outaouais' Club that meets across the river in Gatineau. We've also talked about putting together a set format to field an OMSS Ottawa Display package (for upcoming special events, and shows).
4. WHAT'S NEW - CURRENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Here we share information regarding local toy soldier item news, announce collections for sale, discuss upcoming topical trade shows, and have members give show reports on related events they have attended.
5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION TOPICS – This time is for guest speakers and presentations from members. (Once again, we haven't had much of this yet ... still waiting for volunteers to come forward.) However there is interest in having sessions on moulding & casting, painting, and diorama making. We even have a local hobby shop that would be willing to host us for any future workshops we can organize.
6. SHOW & TELL – This is a popular agenda item where we have attendees show us their handicrafts, recent acquisitions, or other unusual 'treasures' that they've brought along to the meeting.
7. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING – We have a final round table to give everyone a chance for any last comments, then we close the formal meeting.

After the meeting is adjourned, it's social time for conversations, and a Swap Meet for buying, selling, & trading of toy/model soldier related items.

As this is our first year, we kept the monthly meetings going all summer. We didn't really think we'd get many showing up over the summer, but surprisingly, our biggest monthly meeting turnout so far was at our July meeting. We normally get about a dozen attendees per meeting.

If any of our Toronto OMSS members are planning a trip to Ottawa, or for further information about the OMSS Ottawa Chapter, please send me an email.

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