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 Soldier
 Society**
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Monthly Newsletter for April 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 15, 2019

Month Newsletter for April 2019

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Next meeting...

Sunday 14 April, 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



The winter weather of ice and snow prevented some of the members from attending the March OMSS meeting.

At the meeting, Andy Travers gave us a very interesting personation on his collection of Zulu weapons. His collection started with a theatre poster from the 1964 movie “ZULU” and included many examples of Zulu shields and spears. Andy said the shields belonged to the Zulu King and were stored in the Royal armouries, while the spears belonged to the soldier.

Time flies-the Blue Jays are playing baseball now and it is only three months to our annual On Parade show on June 15. All members are encouraged to either enter the competition classes or enter a display. At previous shows, some of our members have created outstanding displays. This is your chance to show part of your collection or your recent model pieces to the public. Scott Dummitt will provide more details on the show at the meeting.

Phil Andrews and Ian Pearson, our OMSS judges for the On Parade show, are looking for members who are interested in becoming show judges. Phil and Ian will provide the volunteers with training on the art of judging. Anyone interested in becoming a judge can speak to Phil or Ian.

Lorne Farr
OMMS President



Left to Right:

Jeff Duncan with
Bryan Gibbons Award
plaque and medallion
presented to him by
Past President John
Hambly at February
Meeting.

2018 Bryon Gibbons Award

The Bryan Gibbons Award is given to the OMSS member who exemplifies the spirit of the society with their efforts throughout the year(s). It is an award chosen and presented by the OMSS President. Unfortunately circumstances delayed the presentation of this award at the Christmas Luncheon, but in February this year Past President John Hambly presented long time member Jeff Duncan with the 2018 Award. Jeff has been a steady behind the scenes force with the society for many years. He not only looks after the Club Draw Table each month, where he may receive the occasional comments from yours truly regarding whether certain tickets were put into the draw bag, but he also heads up the Club Table at "ON PARADE" each year. Jeff also helps out with coordinating the printing of the OMSS Calendar and JOURNAL. Congratulations to Jeff on a well earned recognition.

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/

OMSS Quarter Master Stores

I have about 500 records that I will be looking to sell. Most are Canadian, British and USA. Some other countries as well. Records are playable and a good source of military uniforms and show instrumentation and band layout. I will be bringing 3-4 boxes per meeting. 5 records for \$1.

Good value. **IAN PEARSON Home: 905-434-5205 ivpear@idirect.com**

The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.

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

Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings.

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

ON PARADE 2019 VENDORS

Each month starting in January 2019 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have signed up and paid for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2019. 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 14 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 2019 vendor's form on the OMSS web site and get your cheque into Gary Lenius as soon as possible.

Vendors

John & Evelyn 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

'The Unsportsman Collectibles' (Bob Thompson) – New (post 1967) sold out Britain's toy soldiers, Plastic figures, Military Collectible Cards and Vintage metal & plastic figure sets - (613) 523-3103 – Email: thompson_robert@rogers.com - Room Trader.

Dave Norman – Modern William Britain Ltd and King & Country figures – (647) 519-2454 – Email: davenorman54@yahoo.ca

Henry Chow – Vintage (pre-1967) William Britain Limited hollow cast, Ceremonial Series, Current Britains – (416) 250-6631- Email: toysoldier.chow@gmail.com

Andrew Laschuk – 1/6th Scale Toys and Figures – (519) 728-9379 – Email: crusader@bell.net

Toy Soldier Club – King & Country, John Jenkins Designs and First Legion. – 1-888-339-2109 www.toysoldiersclub.com

OMSS Ottawa Chapter – A variety of Military Miniatures and related articles being sold by chapter members.

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Keys & Collectibles – King & Country, - 416-640-0328 – Email: keysandcollectibles@gmail.com

NOTE: Vendors planning on bringing in extra display shelves or floor displays MUST have protective floor padding underneath these items. No Padding, No displays!

Guest Speaker for April Meeting – Frank MacKay



Our speaker in May will be Frank MacKay on the selection, care and use of acrylic paints. Acrylics have only been widely available to hobbyists for about 20 years and they have now become the standard paint preferred by connoisseur figure painters. They are versatile, long lasting, very forgiving to use and impart a beautiful absolutely flat finish almost like watercolours. As you will hear, they are also ideal for toy soldier painting as well.

Frank has been a member of the OMSS since the mid-80s and describes himself as 'a general modeller whose first love is figures'. He was President of the OMSS in 1997 and served as editor of The Journal for 15 years. He remains an active member who is Chairman of the Calendar Committee. He delights in exploring new methods and new materials to make his painting more enjoyable and efficient.

ON PARADE REPORT – Are We in Trouble? – Show Chairman Scott Dummitt

Over the past two years we have seen the show starting to build up, however this year we are also seeing some problem spots. We are getting a fairly good response from many of our vendors, however many of those that attended in the past have cut down on the amount of tables they are taking. We also have several regulars who have not indicated whether they are going to attend this year's show or have not paid for their tables. At this time, with just 10 weeks to go, we have only sold 23 vendor tables. Remember without exception, the table price goes up on the 1st of May. You need to get your payment in NOW!

Pre-ticket sales for the after show “Meet & Greet” are also not going well. We have over \$500 worth of prizes from William Britain Limited and John Jenkins Designs to be drawn for at the after show get together and so far we have only sold 5 tickets. We need to sell no less than 25 tickets so if we have not done this by the end of May we will have to cancel the “Meet & Greet”. Please contact Gary Lenius at the next two meetings if you intend to participate.

We are having trouble with Humber College Accommodations regarding the placing of their room booking portal on the OMSS web site. We hope to have this resolved by the time of the April Meeting and once again Gary Lenius will send out a club wide email once this is settled.

Lastly, please do not invite our manufacturing guest to your homes on the day of the show. One of our members unwittingly has done this and so we will not have the Britains people at our “Meet & Greet” due to this selfish act. Please think of the work the show committee does to get these people to our show and co-ordinate your invitations for the Friday evening or Sunday in the future.



What's New in the Hobby? April 2019 by Brendan Hogan

This month I'm excited to say that W. Britains is back! After a lengthy period of nothing but news of further delays, there are finally some new products available from the iconic toy soldier company. The eclectic mix of new figures available includes figures from the Vikings, American War of Independence, Napoleonic Wars, War of 1812, American Civil War, and the Great War. My particular favourites

are the First World War sets 23116 "Gas Lads! Gas" (\$99 CAD) and 23115 "Gas Alarm" (\$64 CAD). The 36174 Brunswick Leib Battalion Sapper is also nicely done (\$51 CAD). John Jenkins Designs has also been busy adding to its Ancients, Conquest of America, Battle of Saratoga, and Inter-war Aviation series. My particular favourites are the two two-figure sets (\$80 USD each) added to the revived American Civil War lineup: the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Made famous in the film *Glory*, the regiment had distinguished itself in the brutal fighting at Fort Wagner. The previews of the other forthcoming figures also look great!



A CAPITAL REPORT - from the OMSS Ottawa Chapter by Bob Thompson

Our March 26 meeting saw a busy agenda once again, including the following:

- Discussion on current hobby news, upcoming shows, and reports on recent shows, including the Ottawa Nostalgia Show.
- Discussion of the upcoming OMSS “On Parade” Show - we’re hoping to get a greater number of Ottawa members to attend.
- Continuation of our process to narrow down the contents for our promotional OMSS Ottawa Chapter banner stand.
- Compilation of the survey of member’s interests to ensure that we provide meeting content of interest to the greatest number of members.
- We had a show of hands for how many members would be interested in buying the OMSS golf shirts. We had over 6 people willing, and there were at least 2 others not in attendance that had previously expressed interest. We will look into placing an order.

The topic for this month’s “Show & Tell” presentation was “Military Animals”. Among the many presentations, we learned about Russian anti-tank dogs and messenger pigeons. Israel Gencher presented a nice 1/6 display of a Civil War Headquarters, with 5 figures, 2 horses, and a pigeon. I continued my need to educate on Colonial Military History with the story of “Sergeant Beau Bien” - the wolf hybrid that served with Rogers Rangers in the French and Indian Wars. I also outlined the story of the 12 year “Pig War” begun in 1859 that was “fought” between the United States and Great Britain in the disputed islands off Vancouver Island. The war involved 461 US troops with 14 cannon (at one point led by Captain George Pickett, of Pickett’s charge fame), versus 5 British navy warships (70 cannon, 2,140 men). The war was “bloodless” without a shot being fired (except for the pig, which was shot & killed).

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

The next meeting of OMSS Ottawa is Tuesday April 23 ... the Show & Tell theme is “Mint in Box”. 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 for further info.



Part of Military Animals Presentation



Israel Gencher’s Civil War Headquarters display

(The OMSS Ottawa Chapter meeting dates for the rest of 2019 are on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December): April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 17 (3rd Tuesday in December).



OMSS Golf Shirts

We have once again received several requests from new members regarding ordering in OMSS Golf Shirts. Our minimum order with the manufacturer is 6. At that quantity the shirts are \$38.00 each. This includes our tax and shipping charges. If we have 12 or more the cost goes down to \$35.00 each. Sizes available are from Men's S to 6XL, with a slightly higher price for 4XL plus. 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. Colours available are Dill (Club colour), White, Black, Wine, Stone and Light Blue.

We plan on ordering the shirts on the 6th May so please have your payments at the April & May meetings 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 futures so don't miss out!

ON PARADE 2019 Accommodations

We have received the Accommodations Portal from Humber College and by the time you receive this Newsletter, you should be able to go into the OMSS web site, under ANNUAL SHOW, and book your rooms. Our special rate for the Friday and Saturday (14th & 15th June) is \$82.00 (plus tax) a night for a 2 bedroom suite with common kitchenette and bathroom. The portal is only active until May 14th and then it is shut down so don't procrastinate. This is a great rate and keeps you close to the show.

If you are planning on attending the show and staying over for the weekend, why not split the cost of a room with a fellow club member? We will start a list to put members in touch with each other regarding sharing a suite. Remember there are two separate rooms with a double bed in each suite. You share the kitchenette and bathroom. Total for each suite, including tax, is approximately \$93.00 Cdn. There is no WiFi, but if you have a internet cable you can access the system. There is also Free parking after 4pm on the Friday and parking on Saturday and Sunday is Free. The food court is open at the college from 7 am until 2:30 pm on the Saturday.



Photos from
March "Zulu
War"
presentation
by Andy
Traverse

Courtesy of
Jeff Dumcan

