

Newsletter of the

ONTARIO MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY

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Edited by Gary Lenius



October 2011

Next meeting

Sunday, October 16

Start time 1:00 pm

Branch 210 Royal Canadian Legion
110 Jutland Road, Toronto
Doors open at 11:00 am

Upcoming Meetings

November 13 we will be holding our annual auction. So start looking over your collection and see what you might want to sell off.

December 11 is our annual Christmas and year-end feast. Tickets will be available at the November meeting.

Annual General Meeting

As called for by our constitution the October meeting will be the Society's Annual General Meeting. At this time we will hold the election of officers for the 2012 year. These consist of a president, two vice presidents and a secretary/treasurer. The newly elected officers will take over on January 1st.

The current Executive Committee has put forward a slate of proposed officers who have graciously offered to serve for 2012. See Page 2 of this newsletter for the proposed slate.

Also as part of the AGM Secretary/Treasurer Gary Lenius will be giving us an update on the Society's finances. (Don't panic, we're in good shape.)

Featured Speaker for this month

Dr. Gerald Collette

Medical Care in the U.S. Civil War

Following the business portion of the meeting we have a treat in store. Doctor Gerald Collette spoke at our May meeting on Canadian participation in the US Civil War and gave us an interesting talk. Plus he appeared in full period uniform as shown here. He's coming back to talk to us about a particular interest of his, battlefield medicine as practiced in that conflict.

Perhaps, in line with the talk, we could feature one-legged figures for this month's show and tell?





President's Column

From our President Jim Matresky...

It sure didn't take us long to get back into the Model Soldier mode at our September meeting after two months of holidays. Walking around the hall, before the formal meeting, visiting with friends not seen for a few months and browsing over the goods of all the vendors was truly invigorating.

There was a buzz among the members when it was discovered that the speaker had been changed to Charles Buchanan who unveiled the 90mm figure of the Queen's Ranger which he had created (shown at right). The reaction to the figure was one of surprise and excitement. The Ranger is truly magnificent and it's all ours. Charles has donated the figure to OMSS for our exclusive use. The Executive will be making a decision on how the figure will be used. If you have an opinion, please let me or one of the other Executive members know immediately.

The Executive is also considering an offer from Britain's, who will make available a 54mm figure of a Queen's Ranger if we so desire. Again, whether we buy the figure from Britain's and if so, how it would be used will be decided by the Executive. We need all the advice we can get and now is the time for you to speak up.

We had some bad news when Bren Furlong announced that, for health reasons, he would not be able to continue as the Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee. Guy Elliott has taken it upon himself, as 1st Vice President this year, to coordinate the efforts to develop a group to continue where Bren left off. If you are



interested in helping out, please let Guy know by phone or email. Phone: 416 444-9054, email: sandy-guy@sympatico.ca. We will be starting the October Executive Meeting at 11:15 a.m. rather than the usual 12:00 noon so if you have an opinion, please speak to a member of the Executive before then.

We had an additional piece of bad news when it was announced that Robin Ward has not been well and has had to sell much of his collection. Apparently Robin would appreciate a call from his old friends as he may not be attending meetings.

Finally I remind everyone that the October 16 meeting is our Annual Meeting at which time the election of the 2012 Executive will take place. As the Constitution states, the 2nd Vice President has presented the current Executive with a slate of officers for the election, which was approved at the September Executive meeting. The slate is as follows:

President:	Guy Elliott
1st Vice President:	Scott Dummitt
2nd Vice President:	Norm White
Secretary-Treasurer:	Gary Lenius

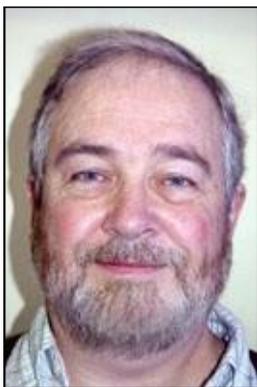
Of course, as always, nominations may be made for any of these positions from the floor. In the case that nominations from the floor occur, an election by secret ballot will be conducted.

As part of the Annual Meeting, our Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Lenius, will present his Annual Financial Report.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a speaker introduced by our Programme Chairman, Eric Clarke.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the October meeting. Until then, enjoy yourself in the world of model soldiers.

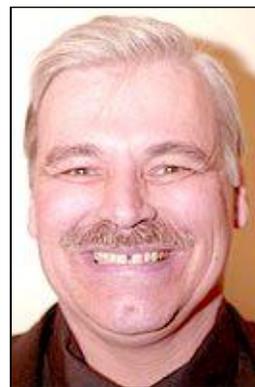
Annual Election - Proposed Slate of Officers for 2012



Guy Elliott
For
President



Scott Dummitt
for
1st Vice President



Norman White
for
2nd Vice President



Gary Lenius
for
Secretary/Treasurer



From Harold Morrison

Britains is releasing new figurines in their glossy paint classic or "retro" series. One is a Royal Marine marching, fixed bayonet attached to a 1939 model Lee-Enfield. The second is an officer, marching with sword and the third, a bugler.

Available to members of the Britains Collectors Club is a dismounted 11th Hussar, trumpeter at attention. Presumably it will be on general release to go with the dismounted 11th Hussar officer at attention and the trooper of the same regiment.

Some of our members buy castings from Eddy Luzcko of North Greece, New York. Eddy plans to sell his business. He now is 85, but, says he will continue with the castings until a new buyer is found.

Hello from Robin Ward

Robin asked to be remembered to all at the Society and is sorry he isn't able to get down to meetings any more. He does intent to keep up his membership though. He would love to talk to any of his friends in the Society. You can reach him at 905-836-2271 or email him at swardn225@rogers.com

Dr. Robert Hicks

We have received word that former member Doctor Robert Hicks passed away in London, Ont. on September 7. Bob Hicks was a member from the late 1970's until the 1990's, when his career took him away from Toronto. Bob was a psychiatrist and we always used to kid him that he really joined the Society not to pursue model soldiers but to study us crazy hobbyists. Bob was president of the Society in 1981-82.

Bob's family are looking for help in selling some of his figures. They include painted and unpainted figures. The contact is his son Murray Hicks 416 249 2498 e-mail murray.hicks@sympatico.ca

Have Fort Will Travel

As part of our Show and Tell segment at the September meeting **Gary Lenius** gave us a report on two historic forts he had visited over the summer. A number of members expressed an interest so here are some leads for potential visitors.

Fort Ligonier is a reconstruction of a British fort built as part of the Ohio Valley campaign of the Seven Years War. It is located an hour east of Pittsburgh. See fortligonier.org

Fort Stanwix in Rome New York is a restored fort from the American Revolutionary War. Its American garrison was besieged by British, Loyalist and First Nations forces during Burgoyne's Saratoga campaign. See www.nps.gov/fost

Massive Airport Model

Thanks to Dennis DeRusha for this link. An amazing model airport recently went on display at Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany. It's not toy soldiers or even military but sure to interest anyone who's into any kind of modeling.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1383532/Knuffingen-Airport-German-builds-worlds-largest-model-airport.html>

You might also want to check our the Miniatur Wunderland website www.miniatur-wunderland.com

WWII Collection for Sale

Mary Moss in Ottawa has recently asked if anyone in our organization would be interested in purchasing her late Husband's collection. He had figures from the following manufacturers: Corgi, King and Country, Stadden, and other miniature soldiers. WWI, WWII German.

Mary can be contacted at 613-271-9191 after 5pm



Mark that date...

Saturday September 8, 2012 the OMSS Annual Show celebrating the Society's 50th Anniversary



Seeking Composition Figures

Hans Doring is looking for composition figures from such makers as Elastolin, Lineol and Hausser. You can contact Hans at 416-421-9951 in the evenings. Hans is also looking for someone who can do some repairs to composition figures for him.

Looking for Painted Figures

Stanley Kershman is interested in buying painted connoisseur figures and flats. You can contact him at stanley3211@hotmail.com or 613-726-2999.

Young Winston

Grant Lawson is looking for a kit suitable to portray Winston Churchill at the battle of Omdurman. If you know of one please let him know at 289-259-3984 or email glawson18@cogeco.ca

Collections for Sale

Other folks who have contacted the Society for help in selling collections:

Noreen Crowley is looking to sell her late husband Gary's collection. They are mostly Britains sets of Napoleonic and Revolutionary War subjects, plus some Don Troiani Civil War sets and some Conte Revolutionary War and Zulu War sets. You can contact her at 905-894-9781 or by email at gcrowley@sympatico.ca. She's in Ridgeway (down near Fort Erie).

Paul Alexander has a number of 1950's Britains sets to sell including a Landau, Coronation Coach, Royal Horse Artillery and Humber Staff Car sets. You can contact him at 416-453-3143.

Don Jordan is looking to sell a collection that includes Britains, Marlborough, Tradition, East of India and King & Country sets. His email is inferno@execulink.com

Meeting Dates for 2011

September 11	November 13
October 16	December 11

Meeting dates for 2012 will be confirmed shortly.



If you know of an upcoming show that might interest our members, drop Gary a line.

MMSI Chicago Show October 14-16

The other Chicago show, hosted by the Military Miniature Society of Illinois and featuring connoisseur figures. See the website www.mmsichicago.com for details.

3rd Annual Military History Weekend Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16

Sponsored by: W Britains, Osprey Publishing and the Virginia War Museum. Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-3pm. At the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Website: www.militaryhistoryweekend.com

The Hobby Show November 4-6

Includes the Great Canadian Game Show. Formerly held at the International Centre they are moving to Downsview Park in Toronto this year. See www.thehobbyshow.com

Michigan Historical Collectibles Show Nov. 12-13

This show has been cancelled. Their next show date has not been announced yet.

Combined model soldier and militaria show.

Website: www.michiganshow.com

Looking out for each other

Know of a member who's been ill or in hospital? Let Gail Stone know so that we can send them the Society's best wishes. Contact Gail at 905-332-0653 or by email at gstone4@cogeco.ca

2011 Executive Committee

President Jim Matresky	Member at Large Gail Stone
1st Vice President Guy Elliott	Journal Editor Frank MacKay
2nd Vice President Scott Dummitt	Program Chairman Eric Clarke
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Past President John Murdock	Show Chairman Norm White
	50th Anniversary Chairman Bren Furlong

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