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Newsletter for February 2023

Next Toronto meeting Sunday, February 12th, 2023

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

OMSS Ottawa meetings have resumed in person gatherings with continued monthly online meetings via Zoom which are open to all OMSS members. For an invite and link or more information, please contact Bob Thompson at Thompson_robert@rogers.com.

Toronto's February Speaker My Zululand Tour – 'The Washing of the Spears'

Andy Traverse will speak about his recent travels to South Africa to an area called KwaZulu Natal on a cultural experience tour called "the Washing of Spears".



Andy will talk about his visit to the heartland of Zululand where he toured most, if not all of the main sites associated with the Zulu wars from the time of Shaka in the 1820s to the 1906 Rebellion. The itinerary included infrequently visited sites such as the graves of lost British soldiers wandering into a Zulu ambush in the middle of nowhere, the massacre at Intombe Drift, Cetshwayo's grave, the sites of the Battle of Neyanzane and Fort Pearson together with many more interesting places. The tour began in the Eshowe area and ended at Rorke's Drift. Most of the Battlefields are well preserved with Isandlwana maintained as a cultural heritage site. As a historian and collector, this experience allowed Andy to understand more about the Zulu wars and appreciate more including toy soldiers from that period. We look forward to Andy sharing his experience with club members.

Toronto Monthly Meetings for 2023

February 12
March 12
April 16
May 14



September 17
October 15
November 19
December 10



Spare Parts Bin is BACK!



After a 2-year absence, the Club Spare Parts Box will again be available at every Toronto meeting. It contains a wealth of spare figure parts and modeling bits and pieces of every kind--and they all belong to YOU!

The rules are simple: if you take something and find it useful, replace it with something of equal value--if not now, then at the next meeting.



President's Message – January 2023

The Toronto chapter's first meeting of the year was a great way to launch the club's 2023 series of get-togethers.

We had a good turnout, a great speaker and interesting show and tell items from a good number of members. Thanks to all those that participated and especially to Scott Dummitt for an informative presentation on the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I also want to thank all those that have made donations to the club sales table. Thanks to these generous donations and the hard work of Jeff Duncan, the sales at the club table has contributed greatly to the club's coffers.

The Ottawa chapter's hosting of a monthly Zoom meeting continues to be very popular with good attendance by both Ottawa and Toronto chapter members. Starting in January the format has changed slightly, rather than alternating the monthly meetings between 'Meet and Greet' and 'Swap Meet', it has been decided to standardize on a single meeting format. Each month's agenda will contain a segment where participants are encouraged to offer any toy soldier related items to buy, sell, or trade and the bulk of the online meeting will consist of the sharing of toy soldier related news and "Show and Tell" segments. Occasionally we will also have specific presentations (when we get volunteer presenters). I encourage everyone that can, plan to attend these informative and lively online meetings.

The Toronto chapter's monthly speaker programme continues with what I am sure will be an interesting presentation by Andy Traverse on the Anglo-Zulu war and his recent travels to the battlefields in South Africa.

Remember February 15 is National Flag of Canada Day. A day for us to celebrate the emblem that honours Canadians of all origins who through their courage and determination have helped to build and are continuing to build our great country.

Get working on your entries for On Parade! Warmer weather and June 15 is not that far away.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting,

Displaying a Colour Party – Flags Order of Precedence



In a single line procession



In line abreast, when two National Flags of Canada are available (Preferable option)



Three flags in line abreast, when only one National Flag of Canada is available



More than three flags in line abreast, when only one National Flag of Canada is available

What's New in the Hobby – February 2023

by
Scott Dummitt

In late January William Britain Limited received its newest shipment of "The Village Green" series. This series addresses a lack of civilian personal to go with the late 18th and early 19th Century period. It gives some body to those parades of troops and officers in garrison cities of that period. Both upper and lower class cultures are addressed and so far there is a majority of the fairer sex to fill out the streets and homesteads of the periods. The average price is approximately \$66.00 Cdn. Figures are 1/30th scale and painted in a matte finish. The long awaited 84th Regiment of Foot (Royal Highland Emigrants) has finally been released.



Mrs. Simpson (#35016)
by William Britain Limited



Mr. Simpson (#35014)
by William Britain Limited

The figure is based upon a Don Troiani print. The regiment had two Battalions raised in the Maritimes from former Scots who had served throughout the French & Indian (Seven Years War) War. They saw action throughout the Maritimes and in the rebellious American colonies throughout the American Revolution. This figure will retail for approximately \$67.00 Cdn.

John Jenkins Designs has released several new and exciting figures along the lines of the American Revolution. Ironically the Battle of Cowpens, which he is currently releasing, was a major loss for the British/Loyalist forces, however John has chosen to release the King's forces first. Two new cavalry figures that are either released or about to be released include the notorious Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton, Commanding officer of the British Legion and a trooper of the 17th light Dragoons in full charge.

Tarleton and the 17th Light Dragoon will sell for approximately \$146.00 Cdn. Jenkins has also released a new set of 71st Highlanders at Cowpens standing and kneeling firing and they will sell for \$122.00 (2 piece set) and \$220.00 (4 piece set). Jenkins has also released a sneak preview of his William Washington's American Light Dragoons.

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What's New in the Hobby, continued.

Lastly my favourite new piece, promising so many possibilities, is Jenkins's new Frontier Fort. Jenkins has released the fort under the "Fort Whoop-Up" history, referring to the notorious whiskey trading fort flying an American flag on Canadian territory. The North West Mounted Police closed the practice down in October 1874 and removed the flag in turn hoisting the Union Jack. This set however can be used to represent both Civilian and Military establishments in North America dating from the 18th to late 19th century. The 16 piece fort includes a gate, corner bastion, corners, straight walls, ladder, and trading post. It does come with a hefty price of appx. \$965.00 Cdn. All parts of the fort can also be purchased separately with the intention of using them for back drop or expanding the size of the fort.



John Jenkins Designs new Frontier Trading Post Fort, with Trading post (two sections to it with a removable roof), gate with closing gates, and corner bastion with ladder.

Did you know?



The Queen's Personal Canadian Flag, as well as the Personal Canadian Flags of members of the Royal Family and the personal flags of the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors (in their province of jurisdiction) when assuming the duties of the representative of the Queen, all take precedence over the National Flag of Canada on the buildings where these dignitaries are in residence or attending a function.

Source: Government of Canada - Canadian Heritage - National Flag of Canada etiquette

National Flag Day of Canada Crossword



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CLUES

1. February 15 is _____
Flag of Canada Day.
2. This famous symbol of Canada
is found on the national flag.
3. _____ is the only country with
a maple leaf on its flag.
4. Color on the flag that represents
Canadian winters.
5. Color on the flag that represents
maple leaves in the fall.
6. The National Flag of Canada
is _____ as long as it is wide.
7. The maple leaf on the National Flag
of Canada was initially supposed to
have _____ points instead of
eleven.
8. Cylinder to which a flag is attached or
from which it is hoisted.
9. This animal was the best-known
emblem of Canada before the maple
leaf became a popular symbol.
10. Before the National Flag of Canada Day
was created, the Canadian _____
_____ was used by many and widely
recognized as a national symbol.
11. He was Prime Minister when the
National Flag of Canada was adopted
in 1965.
12. Flags are heraldic _____, otherwise
known as a symbols.
13. When several flags are flown together,
the most important flag occupies the
position of _____.
14. The National Flag of Canada always
takes _____ over all other national
15. Five flags fly on Parliament Hill in Ottawa:
one over the _____ Tower, one on each
side of the Centre Block, one over the West
Block and one over the East Block.
16. To express a collective sense of sorrow,
flags are lowered to _____-mast.
17. Moving forward, the National Flag of
Canada will be half-masted to mark the
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
every _____ 30.
18. Every November 11, on _____ Day, the
National Flag of Canada is half-masted to
honour all who have fallen.
19. The National Flag of Canada is half-masted
on December 6 to mark the National Day of
Remembrance and Action on Violence
Against _____.
20. There is an official procedure for folding the
National Flag of Canada. Once folded, the
flag has a _____ shape.



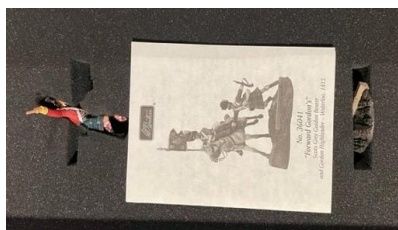
National Flag Day of Canada crossword puzzle answers will be published in the next newsletter.

If you can't wait, go to;

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-flag-canada-day/teachers-corner/activity-kit-13/crossword-13.html>



Quartermasters Store



George Hymers is selling a Britains Napoleonic 3 piece set #36401 from 2010
"The Charge of the Union Brigade (set #37 of /600)

He also has other metal Napoleonics, plastic Airfix , Matchbox , Revell, Call to Arms etc 1/35 in their original box's to sell.

Contact George at george.hymers@sympatico.ca if you might be interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hertiagecon15

Sunday March 26th 2023

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Hamilton Ontario

www.heritagecon.com

Over 80 contest categories, special awards, amazing presentations by special guests, raffles, licensed restaurant on premises, gift shop and an impressive display of real aircraft.

Bringing Together Great Models and Great History



the last word

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."

Sir Winston Churchill

The newsletter is edited by Scott Milburn.

News items and notices can be submitted to scottm33@live.ca.

Articles must be submitted no later than 14 days before monthly meetings. Due to postal costs the newsletter is limited to 6 pages maximum. Articles that cannot be accommodated will be forwarded to the Journal Editor.