

The Ontario Model Soldier Society

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Newsletter for September 2023

Next Toronto meeting Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion, 110 Jutland Road, Toronto

OMSS Ottawa in person meeting is scheduled for September in addition to online meetings via Zoom which are open to all OMSS members. Contact Bob Thompson at Thompson_robert@rogers.com for details.

Upcoming Events

Toronto Military Show – Saturday Sept 16
Etobicoke Olympian - for info visit: www.torontomilitaryshow.com

ChicagoLand Toy Soldier Show – Sunday Sept 24
for info visit: <https://chicagotoysoldiershow.com/>

CAPCON 2023 – IPMS Ottawa - Saturday Oct 14
Canadian War Museum, Ottawa On
For info visit: <https://www.ipmsottawa.com/capcon/>

Toy Soldier Museum Open House – Saturday Oct 14, 10am-4pm
5459 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, Pennsylvania, USA.
Contact: James Hillestad at jimhill@ptd.net.

New Jersey Toy Soldier Show, Sunday Oct 15, 9am-3pm
Wayne Police Athletic League, 1 Pal Drive, Wayne, New Jersey, USA.
Contact: Matthew Murphy of Hobby Bunker, (781) 321-8855.

Peterborough Militaria Show – Saturday Oct 21, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Toronto's September Speaker

**The Development of European Armies in the Seventeenth Century
presented by Eric Shaw**

The seventeenth century is probably the most important period in the development of modern Western armies - and due to their global predominance - all modern armies. Yet it is a period for which there is not much interest - especially in the sphere of toy soldier manufacturing and collecting. Eric Shaw does not expect to win over any converts to this period, but perhaps he can spark some interest with an animated presentation and discussion on the development of uniforms, weapons, equipment, and tactics. It is here that seventeenth century armies truly became the eighteenth century armies that we all recognize and at the very least, where the redcoat became the quintessential British army motif.

A note from the editor: Newsletter changes.

Due to the high cost of postage, the newsletter is limited to a maximum of 6 pages. As a result, we are limited to the length and number of articles we can publish each month.

To workaroud this limitation, beginning with September's edition of the newsletter, we are going to produce the newsletter with two separate sections. Section One will contain the most important information such as upcoming meeting dates, shows and announcements. Section One will continue to be limited to 6 pages so that it can be mailed to those who do not receive the newsletter electronically. A new second section will contain additional club and hobby related stories but will only be sent to those who receive the newsletter electronically by email and published on the OMSS website. Section Two will not necessarily be published each month and will vary in length; it will only be published when there is enough content to do so.

I realize that some members will be displeased with this approach, but the executive has discussed alternatives and decided to give this a try because it benefits the majority of the membership since only 10% of our members receive a mailed copy of the newsletter.

Of course, we now need more articles to keep the membership informed and entertained. Now is your opportunity to write about your interests related to the hobby. Members love to hear about travels to historical sites, write a review about a movie or book or your latest purchase or project. All of us want to learn and improve our skills; share a technique or tell us about a new tool you are using. Get writing and see your name in the news.

Presidents Message for September 2023



As cooler days arrive and leaves start to change colour, it is time to resume the Toronto chapter's regular in person meetings. The executive has been busy over the summer months, and I have several updates to share with our members.

But first I want to acknowledge the OMSS had another successful annual show and competition in June despite the challenges of the small venue. This was Scott Dummitt's final show as chairman and I want to thank him on behalf of the members for all his hard work in organizing and ensuring a successful show over the years which has been enjoyed immensely both by members and non-members alike.

I am pleased to announce that **On Parade 2024** will be held at a new venue in Etobicoke, the **Franklin Horner Community Centre** on Saturday June 15, 2024. The new location will provide better facilities for the show including more table space for larger displays, plenty of parking and an onsite cafeteria that will offer light refreshments and a place for visitors to sit down and take a break. The executive is excited about the opportunities the new venue offers which promises a bigger and better show. Jim Qualtrough has generously volunteered to assume the role of show chairman for 2024. I hope members step up and volunteer to help Jim in making next years show another success.

I am also excited to announce that **Brigadier General Darrell Dean CD (ret'd)** has graciously accepted the executive's invitation to become the Honorary President of the OMSS. General Dean is an avid toy soldier collector and author of hobby related articles for publications such as Toy Soldier Collector Magazine. A brief biography of General Dean can be found in section 2 of the newsletter.

2023 Annual Competition Results

The Society held it's 2023 Annual Competition on June 11th, 2023 as part of the "ON PARADE" show held at Branch 643 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Thanks go to Ian Pearson and his team of judges for spending much of the day working the tables and adjudicating the awards.

<i>Best of Show</i>	<i>As picked by the judges</i>
Gary Lenius	My Models Are My Models



<i>Club's Choice</i>	<i>Best of Show as voted by the attendees</i>
Andy Traverse	Retreat From Mons 1914

<i>Gold Medals</i>	
Dave and Trudy Deacon	A Promise of Tribal Alliance
Gary Lenius	My Models Are My Models
Gareth McGorman	La Commedia E Finita
Daniel Tiffin	Custom Made Knights

<i>Silver Medals</i>	
John Hambly	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
	We Remember Queen Elizabeth II
	My Father and Royal Military College
Garth McGorman	One More Time Shhhh....
Daniel Tiffin	Warship Models
Bill Wyatt	Plains of Abraham



2023 Annual Competition Results (continued)

Bronze Medals

Scott Dummitt	US Marine Corps Parade Washington DC
Jeff Duncan	German East Africa and Askaris
Frank MacKay	French Imperial Guard 1812 Field Marshal Rommel 1942 48 th Highlanders Bust 1955
Michael Pavlovec	Bird Watching?
Jim Qualtrough	Stadden collection Cobourg Legion Pipes and Drums 150 Years of the RCMP
Steve Rollason	Commemorating 200 Years, Lord Nelson
Eric Shaw	The Glory That Was Rome Products of an Eclectic Mind
Andy Traverse	Retreat From Mons 1914
Paul Stubbert	Vosper MTB
Bill Wyatt	Delhi Durbar Fantasy Bands



Certificates of Merit

Duncan Johnstone	Henry VIII 2 nd Empire Grenadier and Voltigeur Gun Deck - Accident in Waiting
Gareth McGorman	Saturday Morning 6 am
Noah Pavlovec	Infected Blight Crawler

Congratulations to all the award winners and thanks to all participants in this years competition.

Be sure to check out the YouTube video review of On Parade 2023

Goto: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLE0-SoThcQ>

or search YouTube for: OMSS On Parade 2023 Showcase Toronto Canada

What's New in the Hobby – September 2023

By Scott J. Dummitt

Over the summer there has been some interesting items release that may be of interest to our club members. First off John Jenkins Designs has release two more figures of the Queen's Rangers from the American Revolution. Both these figures are from the Hussar Squadron, of which there were two of during the war, as well as a Dragoon Squadron. Their primary duty was scouting and one of the new figures portrays that quite well. In addition, Jenkins has released several additional British Legion Troopers, 17th Dragoon Troopers and 3rd Continental Light Dragoon Troopers as well. A new Regimental Standard ensign has been released carrying the colour of the 71st.



(Fraser Highlanders) Regiment of Foot. The cavalry figures are selling for approximately \$149.00 Cdn and the Colour Ensign is selling for \$95.00 Cdn.

William Britain Limited has been busy over the summer, as well releasing at least a dozen new sets.

Included are new sets of Lieutenants Chard and Bromhead at Rorke's Drift, new Zulus, Native Warriors and personality figures such as James Wolfe, the Marquis de Montcalm, Teddy Roosevelt, Princess Elizabeth, Explorer's Lewis & Clarke, Winston Churchill in the Sudan, Lawrence of Arabia in military uniform with Kaffiyeh, Vietnam era Marines, and a new Mounted Emperor Napoleon with a three piece set of French Imperial Guard Grenadiers cheering and a single Grenadier at the Present Arms. Prices vary with the Napoleon being the most expensive at \$170.00 Cdn, the Grenadier three piece set at \$195.00 Cdn, the two pieces 24th sets at \$131.00 Cdn and the individual figures going for around \$67.00 Cdn each.

Issue 112 of Toy Soldier Collector magazine recently made its debut at the newsstand, and it featured our own "ON PARADE" article with plenty of photos and highlights of this year's show.

For those of you that collect 1/76 – 1/76 scale figures such as Italeri or Airfix, visit you hobby shops quickly. There is a real shortage of stock in Canada and both Airfix and Italeri figure based on WWII, and British and French Napoleonics are in short supply. The Toronto distributor has basically sold out. Prices have also gone up on these figures, especially the Napoleonics.





Quartermaster Store

John Hoffman is downsizing his collection and looking to sell the following pieces.

- Several sets of 40 mm Napoleonic figures from Sash and Sabre. (*Great animation and sculpting. Most figures are already primed.*)
- British Infantry, Centre Co. Marching 20 figures \$40.
- Prussian Landwehr, Marching, 20 figures \$40.
- Russian Mounted Hussars, 3 figures \$30.
- Austrian Chevaux Leger, 7 figures \$40.
- French Cuirassiers, mounted, 10 figures \$60.
- WarLord Games 28 mm Plastic Figures (*Terrific detail for this small scale.*)
- Mounted Samurai, 5 figures \$15.
- Ashai Guru Foot, 6 figures \$15.
- (Buy both sets for \$25.)
- Also several 1/72 scale WW II Military kits. \$10. each
- MIRAGE Halberstadt C.L. II (early version) 1/48 scale and ground crew figure set \$60.
This is probably one of the most detailed airplane kits around. A great package deal.

Happy to send more pictures upon request. Prices do not include shipping.

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A note from Janet MacKay on behalf of the IODE;

The IODE would like to thank the OMSS for the opportunity of catering lunch for the annual show on June 11. This mutually beneficial arrangement raised \$308 which will go towards projects that support the active regiment and the 48th Highlander Cadet Corps.

As an OMSS member myself, I was happy to be of service and from what I have heard, everyone was pleased with the quality and price of the food provided. The two other IODE volunteers (and two slave labour husbands) were also glad to help and enjoyed the show immensely.

*Editors note: IODE Canada does a great deal of charitable work and community service.
Find out more at <https://www.iode.ca/>*



"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old."

George Burns

The newsletter is edited by Scott Milburn.

News items, notices and upcoming events 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.



Newsletter for September 2023

Section Two

Biography of OMSS Honorary President

Brigadier General Darrell M Dean CD [ret'd]

Brigadier General Darrell M Dean was born on 8 September 1941. He completed his elementary and secondary schooling in British Columbia. Shortly after the end of WWII he received his first sets of Britain's toy soldiers for Christmas. This was the initiation to the hobby he has enjoyed to the present day. Perhaps this led to his interest in a military career. In 1953 he enrolled in the Irish Fusiliers [The Vancouver Regiment] cadets, where he served for five years. He transferred to the reserve force of the same regiment where he served until 1960, attaining the rank of Corporal.



In 1960 he joined the regular force. He was posted to the Lord Strathcona's Horse [Royal Canadians]. He served with the regiment as part of the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt/Palestine for one year and then served in Germany with the British Army of the Rhine for five years. He was rebadged to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1974 and served a second NATO five-year tour in the 4th Mechanized Brigade Group. In 1982 Brigadier General Dean was appointed to command the Royal Canadian Dragoons for his third NATO tour. The interim years were filled attending professional courses and non regimental employment. He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College. He was involved in the sport of Judo during this period winning the 4th Brigade, British Army of the Rhine and the British Army Championships. He holds a 5th Degree Black Belt. Throughout this entire period, he continued to work on his toy soldier collection [Britain's, Fusilier, Tradition, Lineol, Elastolin, Soldat and Aylmer to name just a few] which followed him around the world in his various overseas postings and now rests quietly in his home, along with him.

In 1985 He attended the National Defence College followed by appointment as Chief of Staff Administration for the Canadian Army. Following, he Commanded the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff London, England for five years. He retired in 1995. He served an additional twelve years as the Honorary Colonel of The British Columbia Regiment [Duke of Connaught's Own], Colonel of The Regiment Royal Canadian Dragoons and Colonel Commandant the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Total time wearing the uniform of Canada, fifty-three years. During this time he also served as Chairman of the Corps of Commissioners [BC Branch] and Chair of the Langley Animal Protection society.

OMSS Ottawa Chapter Summer Meetings 2023 Wrap Up

submitted by Bob Thompson



A few OMSS Ottawa members listening intently to Bob at their usual meeting place, the Barley Mow Pub.

When the Ottawa Chapter was first formed I thought our meeting schedule would follow the main OMSS practise to include a summer break for July and August. However, a vote that first year indicated that the Ottawa guys didn't want a summer break, so we plow right on through with July and August meetings. The following is a brief summary wrap up of our June, July, and August 2023 OMSS Ottawa meetings.

OMSS Ottawa Summer Highlights:

- After several months of working it out, we have established a regular monthly administrative formula to organize, host, archive, and report on the Ottawa Chapter meetings. From the meeting agenda paper produced by Bob Thompson, Doug Cope takes extensive notes during the meetings, and prepares "official" minutes for each meeting ... adding a sprinkling of "editorial" comments. The minutes are sent to the OMSS Ottawa email list as an attachment with the following monthly meeting email announcement.

Tom Wright mastered the technical ability to show photos and YouTube videos on the big screen TV at our meetings. (We got to see Scott Paget's recent video about On Parade 2023).

Tom and Bob have produced a "wish list" of proposed OMSS technological improvements. It is hoped that an "OMSS Technical Improvement Committee" could be formed to fully utilize the technological capabilities at our disposal.



Don't forget to check out the OMSS Ottawa chapter's Facebook Page.

OMSS Ottawa Chapter Summer Meetings 2023 Wrap Up - *June's meeting*

June 27 OMSS Ottawa Meeting

We had 13 members attending, Morley Verdier was the host for the meeting, and the Show & Tell topic was **"Unusual Military Vehicles"**. Doug Cope brought out a few "unusual vehicles", including a hidden missile in a train car. (Upon the surprise launch, the missile flew a great distance, nearly wounding a club member!)

There were several event reports on recent shows including the 8th Annual Military Hobby Show at the Walkley Road armouries, and On Parade in Toronto.



Bob Thompson's assortment of Truck's display



Kelly Haye's Antique Wooden Trucks



Doug Cope's hidden missile train car

Thanks to Brendan Hogan for sharing this;

In 1997, The National Film Board of Canada produced a documentary of the 1745 Siege of Louisburg that will be of interest of those who study the New France/Seven Years War. The video can be found on YouTube at;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYv7BRrOtqw&t=1459s>

OMSS Ottawa Chapter Summer Meetings 2023 Wrap Up - *July's meeting*

July 25 OMSS Ottawa Meeting

We had 15 members attending, Bob was the meeting host, and the Show & Tell topic was “Africans”.

The meeting Show & Tell topic of “Africans” was well represented, including this remarkable display by Juan. Juan showed a custom made 1/6 figure from every African country that fought in WW2.

Among the “African” topic presentations at the July Ottawa meeting Bob showed his “Secret of England’s Greatness” vignette.

Dennis brought out these unique Royal Family of Hawaii figures at the July Ottawa meeting.



Juan Lopez adding a finishing touch to his 1/6 WWII African soldiers soldier display.



A close-up view showing the detail of Juan's work



Dennis DeRusha showed these interesting 54mm Royal Family of Hawaii figures

OMSS Ottawa Chapter Summer Meetings 2023 Wrap Up - August meeting

August 29 OMSS Ottawa Meeting

We had 17 members attending, Bob was (once again) the meeting host, and the Show & Tell topic was “My most precious model” or “My favourite soldier item”.

The Show & Tell for the September meeting was voted to be “Market Garden” (a WW2 Military Operation, or vegetable related for the non-military types).

The August meeting Show & Tell topic brought out more background stories than volume of figures. Dennis showed this great 54mm Beetle Bailey Jeep.

François featured this Elastolin castle at the August Ottawa meeting.

Brendan brought this single “Green army man” to the August Ottawa meeting. Like many of us, this was his start to toy soldier collecting.



Francois displayed his Elastolin castle



Brendan Hogan's start in toy soldier collecting
(like it was for many of us)



Dennis DeRusha showed this 54mm Beetle Bailey Jeep

Passages

The OMSS has been notified of the recent passing of the following members and wish to offer our condolences to their friends and families.

**A salute in your memory from all your friends
at the OMSS.**

Save us some figures to paint and collect up in heaven would ya!

Ken Durie (Oakville)

Tom Elliot (Mississauga)

Guy Elliott (Toronto)

Michael Pidgeon (Queensville)

Richard Hood (Innisfil)

