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## Monthly Newsletter for November 2021

### Monthly Meeting Dates for 2021

Next meeting Sunday, 12 December Branch 643 Royal  
 Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto  
 Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

### Annual Show

The show will be at the Legion. Sunday, June 12th, 2022.  
 Stay tuned.

### 2021 Executive

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OMSS Ottawa Chapter is reviewing zoom meetings in the future as physical Ottawa ones will also be possible. Open to all OMSS members. For an invite and link, please contact Bob Thompson at [thompson\\_robert@rogers.com](mailto:thompson_robert@rogers.com).

### Letter from the President



Hello again. It is early November as I am writing this (and taking break from doing some figure painting). We will have had our first in-person meeting in 20 months by the time that you are reading this. I am looking forward to the meeting, as I am sure others are. A reminder from the addendum sent out with the

October newsletter, all members attending must adhere to the rules set out. This is required by the Legion, which is following the current Provincial rules. We will follow all requirements and will update them in accordance with Provincial requirements as these evolve.

I know that there will be some members who choose not to rejoin in-person meetings at this point. I and the rest of the Executive fully understand and support you. Your health and safety, and that of your family and friends, come first. But even if you are not there in person, we won't forget you. You will be kept informed through the Newsletter and the Journal. Please feel free to share your ideas with the Executive on how we should proceed. And continue to send articles for both publications.

Getting back to the meetings in November and December of this year, we are using these as opportunities to reconnect with each other, to see what we have been doing, and – most importantly – to plan for how we get the club back to more “normal” operations in 2022, including plans for an annual On Parade show.

In the meantime, I hope that you and your friends and families stay safe. Keep in touch.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

For 2022 we will be going back to collecting annual membership dues. Dues are payable as of January at the same rate as previous years: \$40 for regular members, \$25 for family and junior members. You can pay treasurer Gary Lenius at the monthly meeting.

If you use online banking you can pay your dues through an Interac etransfer. Just send it to the email address: [treasurer@omss.ca](mailto:treasurer@omss.ca)

Or, if you prefer to use Paypal use the address: [omss@bell.net](mailto:omss@bell.net)

## QUARTERMASTER STORE

The collection donated by Dave Kelly will no longer be sold through the Newsletter. Now that in person meetings have resumed, they will be sold at the Legion and offered at the Draw Table. Here are some that will be featured at the December meeting.



view 1 - - Lot #1 - - view 2



Lot #2



Lot #3



Lot #4

## What's New in the Hobby: November 2021

By S.J. Dummitt

This month I thought I would dedicate a little more to King & Country as they have some interesting sets about to be released. First off, keeping with our thoughts of Remembrance Day is a new set of British Infantry storming the beaches on D-Day. This is the third set of K&C British WWII Infantry and there are 7 new poses. The sets can be purchased as either on the beach or with a grassy base and three of the figures have no base at all. These figures retail for appx. \$58.50 Cdn each. Just in time for Christmas, Santa has a new friend join him on his year-long deliveries, a huge polar bear wearing a collar with jingle bells. The set of Santa and one polar bear will retail for appx. \$136 Cdn.



The late Duke of Edinburgh is portrayed as the Honourary Colonel of the Grenadier Guards (white brush in bearskin), based on a photo of him taken in 2003 at Windsor Castle. Prince Phillip served in this role for 42 years. The second figure depicts King Edward VIII as the Colonel-in-Chief of the Welsh Guards (white & green brush in bearskin), his favourite of the Guards regiments. The figures retail for approximately \$65 Cdn each.

If you were lucky enough to get a copy of Toy Soldier Collector Issue 102, you will have seen that our own Guy Elliott was featured in an article with references to OMSS member Ron Hutchinson's work as well. Interesting work by both of our long time members.

## RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS

We're Baaack! After a much too long hiatus, meetings have resumed of the Toronto area chapter of our club.

With Covid safety precautions firmly in place to ensure everyone's health and well-being, a very enjoyable gathering was held on November 14th at the Etobicoke branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

A good turnout of over 30 members provided for a lively atmosphere of warm socially distanced greetings and smiles hidden safely behind masks; although we did miss seeing some of our regular attendees. Everyone who attended was very respectful and supportive by adhering to provincial and Legion regulations for indoor gatherings which contributed to a very safe, successful and problem free meeting.

It was decided for this initial meeting to forgo any guest speakers. This permitted more time to socialize and catch up with what's been happening in everyone's lives, although a few club updates were provided by the Executive to those in attendance. Our president, Keith Ritchie spoke briefly regarding upcoming club plans. Gary Lenius, the club secretary/treasurer gave an update on the club's financials which are solid at this time and Scott Dummit, the Annual Show Chair provided an update on the planned resumption of our 'On Parade' annual show. Jeff Duncan, our Donations and Club Table Chair had a busy day with sales at the club table thanks to many new donations received since we last met.

A great 'Show and Tell' session was held with several members presenting what they have been working on. There was some amazing artistry shown; members have been keeping very busy with our hobby!

There was quite a bit of activity around the vendor's tables with a lot of smiling faces exiting the Legion firmly holding onto their latest acquisitions after a great afternoon of rekindling old friendships.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Scott Milburn  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President





*More photos from the November meeting*



Canada Post has released a new Poppy stamp in honour of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

<https://store.canadapost-postescanada.ca/store-boutique/en/414175111/p/the-remembrance-poppy-100th-anniversary-permanent-tm-domestic-rate-stamps-booklet-of-10>

History moment: The Suez Canal opened on November 17, 1869. The United States and Panama signed the treaty that provided for the Panama Canal on November 18, 1903. Toy soldiers could now be transported worldwide in shorter periods of time (but not as efficiently as the OMSS Underground Railroad!).

## Meeting Dates for 2022

President Keith Ritchie has just confirmed our monthly meeting dates for next year with Branch 643.

January 23

September 11

February 13

October 16

March 13

November 13

April 10

December 11

May 15

June 12 will be our Annual Show "On Parade"

### **The Last Word of a Civilian Bureaucrat**

The first in person meeting in 20 months and I was not able to attend due to another commitment! December is on my calendar.

I hope you have enjoyed the photos. It gives a taste of what is to come for more of us.

**The newsletter is edited by Alex Monsour.**

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