

# The Ontario Model Soldier Society

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## Monthly Newsletter for December 2021

### Monthly Meeting Dates for 2022

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

**January 23rd - February 13th - March 13th - April 10th - May 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 11th - October 16th - November 13th - December 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Annual Show

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

OMSS Ottawa meetings will be resuming in person gatherings with continued Swap Meets by Zoom meetings every other month. Both are 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 President Keith Ritchie

It is now December 2021, and after our second meeting in-person since the declaration of the pandemic more than 1.5 years ago.

While we had a shorter formal meeting, members that did show up generally came early. While respecting all of the necessary precautions, there was a lot of discussion amongst members, and also many partook of various sales from vendors, and from the club. I must thank members, and the families of former members, for donations to the OMSS, and the proceeds go to help fund the club's activities and operations.

And as a reminder, members should renew their membership – please contact Gary Lenius. The dues are unchanged at \$40 per year, and are needed for renting the Legion hall for meetings, for the website, and for printing and mailing of the newsletters and Journals. And for the costs of the annual On Parade show, which we are actively planning for June 2022. My thanks to Jim Qualtrough and Scott Dummitt, and to all helping with the planning. It will be at the Legion this year, and we have both rooms. However, because of the change of venue for this year, there will be some changes. You will be informed of all plans, and I will emphasize that we need everyone's cooperation in this.

While we are back meeting again, we are also aware that the pandemic is not licked yet. We have a new variant, Omicron, and it appears to be highly transmissible. Case counts are rising again, and we are seeing re-imposition of some restrictions by provincial and federal governments. At this point, we plan to continue meeting in-person, but we will inform you of any changes.

I encourage members to get vaccinated, including getting a booster shot six months after your second shot, in accordance with government recommendations. And, as a reminder, please adhere to the guidelines for attending in-person meetings, as outlined a few months ago. These continue until we hear otherwise. We need to check for vaccination status (and as of January 2, 2022, that means an electronic or a paper copy of the QR code issued by the Provincial Ministry of Health. We need to see the document, as neither we nor the Legion has the QR app for reading the code). And face masks are mandatory. And please don't come if you have, or suspect you have, COVID. I know that some members figured that I was being a pain in the --- (well, I am a Ritchie), but we and the Legion are following provincial requirements.

We plan on having more traditional meetings next year, but we need members' assistance in preparing and delivering presentations. Doesn't have to be lengthy, but we need your ideas and energy. And this is a great opportunity to reinvigorate yourselves, and all OMSS members, in this hobby we collectively cherish.

Finally, I would like to give thanks to the members of the Executive and to the many members who contribute, and to the members who reach out and talk with us. It is appreciated and energizes us to do what we are doing to keep the club alive during these trying times.

And to all OMSS club members, I wish you, your families and friends, wishes for health and safety, and best wishes for the holiday, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2022.

## 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 or send a cheque to:

OMSS 43 Saugeen Cres. Toronto ON M1K 3M8

If you use online banking you can pay your dues through an Interac e-transfer. Just send it to the email address: **treasurer@omss.ca**

Or, if you prefer to use Paypal use the address: **omss@bell.net**

## 2022 SHOW NEWS – Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>

The Executive reminds all display and competition participants that due to the very limited space of the legion hall, the maximum size of table will be 30” x 48” (2-1/2 feet x 4 feet). 2-1/2 feet x 2 feet options will be available for smaller displays. This is per person.

**THERE WILL NO EXCEPTIONS** so please plan your layout accordingly. Thanks.

Mike Chrus was the lucky recipient of the Christmas Draw at our meeting on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

The 12th Earl of Warwick (1338-1401) was donated from the estate of Dave Kelly.

If you are travelling this spring: The BMSS has announced that their 2022 Annual Show will be held on April 23, Reading Salvation Army Centre, Anstey Road, Reading, England.



**From the Journal Editor:** I omitted two paragraphs at the end of the article "Le Corps de Latrineiere de la Garde Impériale" provided by Ian Pearson in the last issue of the *JOURNAL* Vol. 57 No. 3, Page 23, (italicized below).

*(Editors note – All armies have some washroom areas in the field but not to this Napoleonic level. With that in mind, the tradition of this unit flushes on).*

*(Note from OMSS Head Judge – if you're doing this model in true authentic style, please bring an air fresher. The model will be put on its own table and not likely judged. If you want it judged use brown paint for the 'weathering').*

**What's New in the Hobby,  
December 2021  
By Scott Dummitt**

Well, here we are the final month of 2021 and hoping to get through another Covid evolution. To say that the Military Miniature industry has not been affected by Covid would be untrue. Production runs, variety and deliver schedules have all been affected, however the manufacturers are still trying to get some items out. Following up on their Cleopatra and Caesar set, Thomas Gunn has introduced a set



**Thomas Gunn Miniatures new Anthony and Snake Charmer Girl**



**John Jenkins Designs 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Century Almoravids**

also known as Murabits. These extremely fierce warriors were founded by Ibn Yasin in southern Morocco. The sets are part of Jenkins "El Cid" series and are extremely intricate in detail.

Jenkins has also just introduced several new British Cavalry figures to his "Wellington in India" selection. The unit he produced is the 19<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons. The regiment was established in 1781 for service in India and served there until 1806. It was later transferred to Canada and again saw action during the War of 1812. It was eventually disbanded in Britain in 1821.

Lastly for those who collect 1/72 scale figures Italeri has just released its new Montecassino Battle Set in Europe. As I write this I have been informed that the sets destined for Canada are on the high seas.

consisting of Mark Anthony and a rather voluptuous Snake Charmer with the snake covering strategic features. Other new items by Gunn are three new fighting Roman Legionnaires produced with either regular red shield figures or the 9<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Legion. Jumping ahead a few dozen centuries, five new Wehrmacht Infantrymen in various poses on patrol have been introduced to the line-up as well as some new Pacific campaign Japanese jungle huts.

I have not talked about John Jenkins Design extremely colourful series of Almoravids



**John Jenkins Designs British 19<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoon**

**Merry Christmas Everyone!**

## QUARTERMASTER STORE

FOR SALE: - A WWII Winter German collection made up of King & Country, Thomas Gunn and Collectors Showcase. All pieces except the 88mm FLAK 37 and its two caissons have their original boxes and appropriate packaging, but the boxes show some minor signs of wear.

The first photo includes: CS-00648, CS-00518, CS-00552, TG-SS04781, K&C-BBG003, K&C-BBG020, K&C-BBG013, K&C-BBG002, K&C-BBG014, K&C-BBG012, TG-SS019A, TG-SS014A. The Collectors Showcase 88mm FLAK 37 is fixed (glue) for travel as are the two CS caissons.

The second is a K&C King Tiger with the Porsche-designed turret (WS067) painted over in winter camo.

Finally, I have about 30 HO train cars with hand-made planking and painted German supplies and materiel such as 2 Stukas, a variety of tanks and trucks, artillery pieces, motorcycles and a variety of soldiers in 1/87 scale.

If interested or require any further information, please contact Mike Vanzielegem at [neerdoell@gmail.com](mailto:neerdoell@gmail.com).



**For Sale** by Doug Hicks

**Marlborough** - Highland Light Infantry: Colours, Buglers, Band, Pipers, Soldiers - 48 pieces in 8 boxes.

**Blenheim** - Gloucester Regiment - 18 pieces in 2 boxes

I also have the following regiments made by Gord Dumbleton but not boxed.

Toronto Signals Regiment Band - 49 pieces

Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Band - 20 pieces

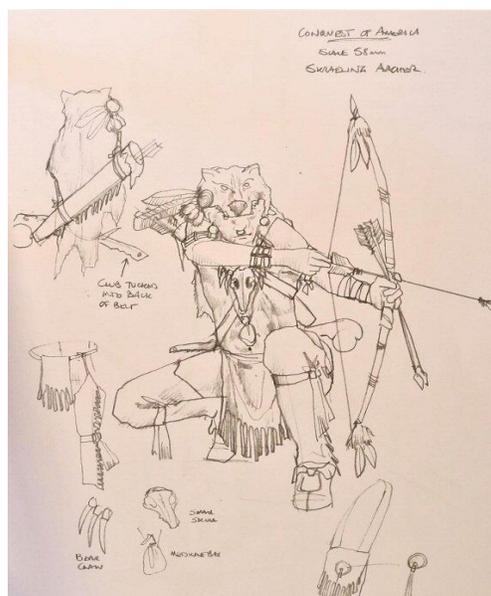
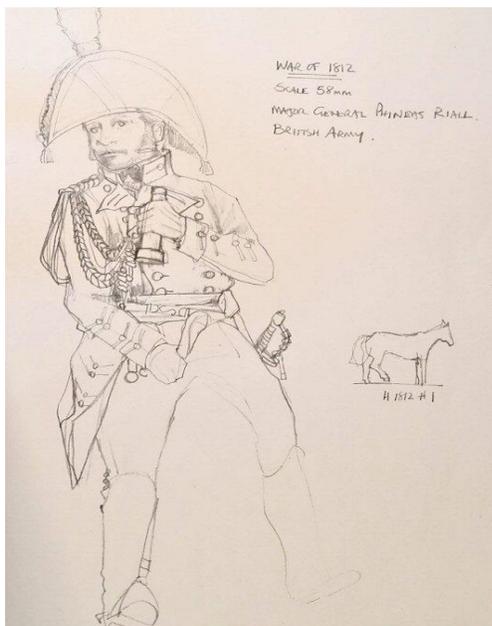
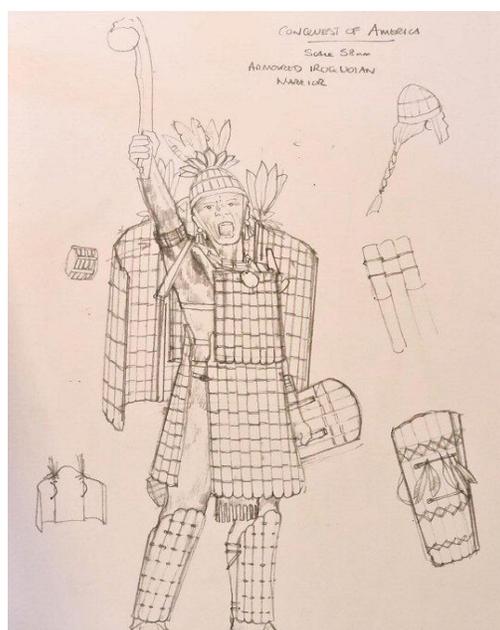
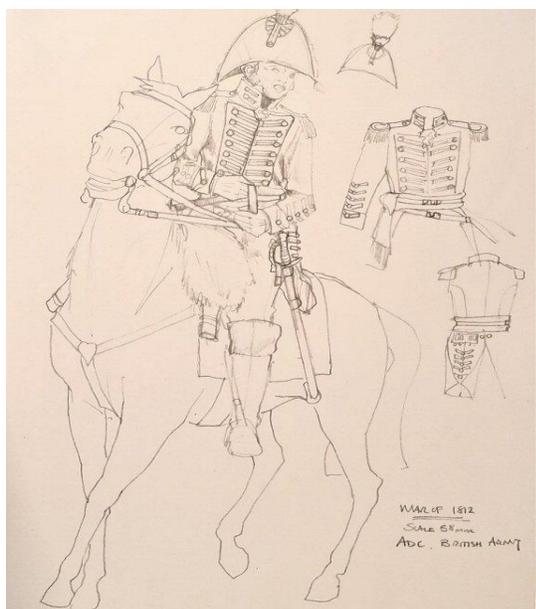
Irish Fusiliers - Band - 20 pieces

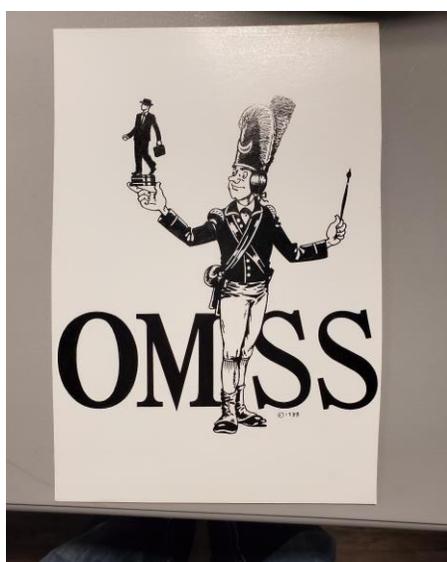
Doug can be contacted at 416 444 2940 or '[dhicksfca@sympatico.ca](mailto:dhicksfca@sympatico.ca)'.

### From John Jenkins Designs 2021 Advent Calendar

By Brendan Hogan

It may be of interest to OMSS members that John Jenkins is intending to revisit his War of 1812 series and has plans to do Major-General Phineas Riall and a British aide-de-camp. It also looks like he plans on doing Indigenous warriors to fight the Vikings at their short-lived settlement at l'Anse aux Meadows as well as Iroquois to fight the French in the French and Iroquois Wars. Perhaps Jenkins will add figures to the Club figure of a Carignan-Salières Regiment private.





These pictures were located in the archives while Ian and Frank were working on the History of the OMSS book for release for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. If you can offer any insight into their background, please contact Ian at [ianpearson560@gmail.com](mailto:ianpearson560@gmail.com).

History moment: **December 2, 1805** - Napoleon defeated Russia and Austria in the Battle of Austerlitz.

### The Last Word of a Civilian Bureaucrat

I was able to attend the second in person meeting and it was great to see people again. And a chance to look at tangible soldier figures and not just on a screen. It was also my first time in 20 months driving to the airport area from Guelph and it is all one big construction zone on the 401 from Milton to Hurontario Rd as they widen it to five lanes. Glad to see it happening but will be even more happy when its done.

I would like to extend to you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

The newsletter is edited by Alex Monsour.

News items and notices can be submitted to [artmons@rogers.com](mailto:artmons@rogers.com).

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