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Monthly Newsletter for May 2022

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2022

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

September 11th - October 16th - November 13th - December 11th

Annual Show

The show will be at the Legion. Sunday, June 12th, 2022. A Show Program will be going out with full details.

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 or information, please contact Bob Thompson at thompson_robort@rogers.com.

Letter from the President



It was good to see all of the members who attended the May meeting. For those unable to attend, we understand and do think of you. We hope to see you soon.

We did not have a formal presentation for the May meeting, but there was a lot of discussion including final preparations for the show. I would like to thank the organizers – Scott Dummitt and Jim Qualtrough. There is a lot that goes into preparing and executing an event like this.

The show will be at the Royal Canadian Legion on Jutland Road. However, it is a smaller venue and we have had to adapt and need your cooperation and assistance to ensure the show's success.

There will be details provided separately but I will highlight a few:

- Please obey instructions regarding parking. There are limited spaces at the Legion. Respect the parking for the church on the south side of Jutland. We will have volunteers outside to provide guidance.
- Breakfast and lunch sandwiches will be available for purchase along with soft drinks.
- We need volunteers for security, photography, table set-up on Saturday (after 5 p.m.) and for table tear-down after the show ends on Sunday afternoon. Please contact the show organizers if you can assist.
- Displays – whether for show or for competition are limited to 4 feet. x 2.5 feet.

I would also like to thank the members that brought items for Show and Tell to the May meeting which provided for engaging discussion.

Looking forward to the fall, I invite members for ideas for presentations. We have done very well during the pandemic to keep the OMSS going but we need your participation to resume activities in the fall more in line with pre-COVID times.

I hope to see everyone at the show. I know that I am looking forward to it.

Quartermasters Store

Time to start downsizing! The following items are for sale:-

- 1) 39 Royal Marines cast and painted by Gord Dumbleton, consisting of band, colour party, officers, NCOs and marines \$400.00.
- 2) James Opie Books:- The Great Book of Britains \$150.00, Britains Toy Soldiers 1893-1932 \$75.00, Britains Toy Soldiers 1893-2013 \$50.00.
- 3) Bottom pouring solder pot, Vacuum Pump, Vacuum Chamber, 15lbs of tin, some lead, solder and printing type. \$250.00.

Available by pickup only in Queensville, Ontario. Mike Pidgeon 905-478-4724.



Collection for Sale

“I reach out to you today to inquire about a collection of toy soldier figures I have acquired from an estate and attach a photo of the collection. I would to sell them on behalf of my client and wonder if someone in your Society would be interested. I can be reached through the contact info below. Also included in the collection is Andrew Rose’s The Collector’s Guide to Toy Soldiers. “

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48th Highlanders

Museum Updated

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May 6, 1937 - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was caught on film and also witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.

May 12, 1820 - British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid British troops in Turkey where she improved hospital sanitary conditions and greatly reduced the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers. She received worldwide acclaim for her unselfish devotion to nursing, contributed to the development of modern nursing procedures, and emphasized the dignity of nursing as a profession for women.



The 1/32 figure of Florence Nightingale to the left was made by Corgi as part of their Foreword March series.

The Last Word of a Civilian Bureaucrat

Auf Wiedersehen from the Newsletter Editor

Although a term of farewell, it literally translates "Until we see you again" which I plan to do at as many meetings as I can make it to. I will fill in to support the new Editor Scott Milburn as needed. Scott takes over in September.

I once again thank you for your support and encouragement these past two years. (And the "crickets" from last month was a poor attempt at wit. It was the opposite). I have those who regularly sent contributions or suggestions making my role so much easier. Please keep it up with Scott.

The newsletter will now be 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. 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.