

# Tuesday 28 January 2025

## OMSS OTTAWA JANUARY MEETING

OIC: Julian B

Frontline Photos: Alan M

The Minute Man: Doug C

### List of Attendees at the meeting:

Francois Brisebois, Doug Cope, Alan MacDonald, Steve Hammond, Kelly Hayes, Tom Wright, Julian Bomford, Christopher Bomford, Michael Canivet, Sylvain Allaire, Juan Lopez, Morley Verdier, Bob Thompson, Brendan Hogan, Scott Paget, John Shrides, Mark Hilash, Steve Alexander



### INTRODUCTIONS

**How are our other 'regulars' doing?** - **Dennis D** is wintering in South Carolina - **Stanley K**, as always, is out of town. In 1871 Stanley found Livingstone in the deep jungle maybe we need a Livingstone to find our Stanley in the urban jungle? And where oh where is **Egor E** it has been ages?

### OMSS GENERAL CLUB BUSINESS & SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATES

**OMSS Executive Update** – **Steve A** is taking over from **Scott P** as the Ottawa Chapter Chair for 2025

**OMSS History Book** - Our bulk Ottawa submission of purchasers went forward. The books is in printing.

**Annual OMSS membership dues** - \$40 – Tonight is the last chance to submit cash or cheque to **Bob T** who will submit all renewal payments to the OMSS Treasurer. See OMSS web site or OMSS newsletter for addresses & payment options.

**OMSS Calendars** – The OMSS 2025 calendars have been shipped to us, and are partway between Toronto and Ottawa. The calendars will be distributed to all paid up OMSS members.

**OMSS Zoom Meetings** – **Bob T** still looking for volunteers and backup hosts – no volunteers came forward.

**OMSS On Parade, Toronto – 7 June 2025** – The show is in the same location as last year but this year we are on our own to find hotel accommodations since the OMSS executive has not pre-reserved any rooms for out of town members. A volunteer is needed to research local accommodations, and secure a block of rooms for out of town participants. (Each participant would still be required to reserve and pay for their room directly with the hotel.) – no volunteer came forward tonight.

**Ottawa Chapter Help** – **Bob T** still Looking for help to organize and run the OMSS Ottawa Meetings. **Steve H** will host the February meeting and **Alan M** will host in March. **Doug C** will prepare the monthly agenda.

**OMSS Ottawa Special Projects** – 4 special projects are being considered:

1. **Dave Waddell** {like Car 54, where are you?} has talked of a **soldier show at the Kanata Legion** in conjunction with the Cadet organization – but no progress or news to report.
2. **Juan's L** plans to have a **Summer Open House** – he will provide a date in June.
3. **OMSS Online Auction** – needed so that non-Toronto residents can be part of a general Club auction – no volunteer yet
4. **Spring Trunk Sale** – in the Barley Mow parking lot as per last time – no volunteer organizer as yet.

**OMSS Ottawa Membership List** – The updated list was distributed electronically after the last meeting  
– if you did not receive that list then your email address is either unknown or incorrect – see **Doug C**

**OMSS Technical Capacities** – OMSS is still looking for volunteers to help with the OMSS Technical Committee.

## **WHAT'S NEW – NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & SHOWS**

### **HOBBY NEWS and COLLECTIONS FOR SALE**

**Michael C** from former **Toy Soldier Market** – he still has lots to sell

**Scott Paget** - YouTube - **#69 London Toy Show** is his latest – he claims that **#70** is on the way  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSpDtOgiyFI>

### **REPLICA METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS** <https://www.replicametalsoldiers.co.uk/> **Andrew Stevenson**

The OMSS Special “Jacob the Goose” sets and *Christmas* sets were brought back from England by **Scott P** and delivered. Note that he has extra sets available. - **Doug C** reports a **variation alert** – the photo below is the Jacob the Goose set that **Scott P** brought to our October 2024 meeting – in the photo the trooper clearly has on a uniform with black pants – in the set that **Doug C** bought the trooper is wearing white pants? Do we need to buy 2 to be complete?



**Brendan H** bought several “Canadian” sets including Fort Henry Guard from Replica

Replica is producing sets from old **Kingcast** moulds circa 1900 –

**“KINGCAST -THE FULL RANGE - COMING SOON** - A range of classic figures available for the first time in over 20 years as part of the Kingcast range by Replica Metal Soldiers and Models. Originally designed and produced by Peter Cowan this is an iconic range that I am pleased to offer once again. Available as a painted boxed limited signed edition by (me) Andrew Stevenson, (owner and artist of Replica Metal Soldiers and Models). Production will be strictly limited to Only 10 of each set, produced as painted boxed sets.”  
<https://www.replicametalsoldiers.co.uk/store/kingcastproducts>

## **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:**

**Doug C** has attached a Newsletter with details of the 4 antique and collectible shows that **Doug Stroud** is staging in and around Ottawa in 2025 – also listed below

- **BMSS Zoom Meeting** – Friday **7 February** – Show & Tell Topic is “Russo-Japanese War”
- **OMSS February Zoom Meeting** – **18 Feb** – Show & Tell topic is “Civilians”
- **Spring Ottawa Nostalgia Show** – **16 March** – **Doug C** is a vendor
- **Prescott 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model Train Show** – **12 April** – **Doug C** and **John S** will be vendors
- **Ottawa Military Heritage Show** – Nepean Sportsplex – Saturday **26 April** - note conflict with Aylmer Hobby Show
  - **Michael C** hopes to be a vendor at both plus **Bob T & Steve A** will be vendors
- **Aylmer Hobby Show** – **26 and 27 April**
- **OMSS On Parade** – Toronto – **7 June**
- **Military Hobby Show?** – Walkley Road Armoury – decision on the date and fate of the show is still pending
- **Merrickville Classic Car Show** – **27 July**
- **Merrickville Antique Show** – **30 August**
- **Fall Ottawa Nostalgia Show** – **19 October**
- **Other Upcoming Events or Shows** – **Steve H** reports there are to be 4 Toy Shows in the Washington, DC area in 2025 plus 3 shows in and around Wayne, New Jersey

## EVENT REPORTS:

- **OMSS Ottawa November Meeting** – 5 December – 24+ Attendees (most ever!) including new members **Sylvain A & Bill Brown**, plus guests **Rebecca & Randy** and **Eduardo** from Montreal. Show & Tell topic was “80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1944 Battle of the Scheldt” - No December Ottawa Meeting
- **OMSS 17 December Zoom Meeting** – 14 attendees (9 Ottawa, 3 Toronto, 1 Montreal, 1 England)  
Show & Tell topic was “Christmas” – **Andrew** from **REPLICA METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS** of England [see October minutes] showed images of his “Canadian” new releases from Kingcast moulds  
Andrew stayed online to the end of the Zoom meeting even though it was past 2:30 am in England.  
**Steve A, Brendan H, & Bob T** showed many of their Christmas themed sets from their collections.
- **December & January OMSS Toronto Meetings** – December Toronto meeting was the OMSS Annual General Meeting and Christmas luncheon. January Toronto meeting Guest speaker was **Dave Dorward**
- **BMSS Zoom January Meeting** – Friday 17 January - BMSS Zoom meeting had many OMSS Canadian participants ... the Show & Tell Topic was *Transport & Artillery*. **James Opie** hosts the BMSS Zoom Meetings ... there were many great photos and an number of interesting discussions.
- **OMSS 21 January Zoom Meeting** – 11 attendees (8 Ottawa, 2 Toronto, 1 Montreal)  
There was no specific Show & Tell topic. **Brendan H** showed his new “Canadian” sets from Replica METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS. **Julian B** showed his newly built building, plus there were several good conversations.
- **613 Flea Market** – Lansdowne Park - specific scheduled Saturdays - **Michel Caron** has been selling toy soldiers at his booth each show, and **Steve A** now has a booth to sell his toy soldiers.  
He reports that the first he attended was much better than the second.
- **Steve H** reports that he went to **The Toy Soldier Shop** in Washington, DC. . **[see A Below]**  
He found may old German Soldiers in scales 25 to 100 mm including Heyda figures **[see B Below]**
- **Bob T** mentioned the **Toy Soldier Museum** in Pennsylvania as a must see. **[see C Below]**  
And he reports that a local guy has GI Joe figures for sale – contact **Bob T** for details

## PRESENTATIONS

**Show & Tell** topic this month is: *“Battle of the Bulge/Ardennes Offensive December 1944”*  
– backup topic is *“WW2 Personalities”*.

**Sylvain A** – displays a company of 1600 to 1800 era French soldiers – 54mm scale





**Kelly H** – has 2 metal semi-trailers with American Van Lines logos plus a 'GI Joe' 1/6 General Patton figure.  
[see D Below]



**Alan M** – displayed the 14 Grenadier Guards marching band members that he just purchased from **Francois B**



**Francois B** – had a large array of soldiers of different types for sale – alas he had to leave early



**Tom W** – had several 'Bugle Call' magazines from the UK.

**Scott P** – had 4 civilian French made figures including Poirot from **Les Drapeaux de France** – Noxa with a paper store backstop [See E Below]



**Steve H** – 1/6 scale tank destroyer figures plus a 1/53 M36 Tank Destroyer or was it the M10 [See F Below]  
Also 1/6 boxed German figure from the Ardennes battle and a 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne figure



**Steve A** – a group of Lego compatible small WWII figures plus a diorama with real wood trees  
And a 'Canadian Parachute Battalion' badge



**Juan L** – describes his latest project – a 1/6 scale German communications bunker plus a Canadian Signals vehicle



**Michael C** – displays a number of Robin Hood figures plus Egyptian King and Country figures



**Julian B** – a 1/6 scale 3 story WWII damaged stone building with 5 figures - walls are Styrofoam that he worked to look like stone blocks





**Bob T** – after bringing nothing last month he went all out this month

- **K and C** Battle of the Bulge figures –
- **Britain's** General Anthony McAuliffe figure delivering his 'Nuts' message during the Battle of the Bulge.
- Copy of the **Toy Soldier Collector** magazine in which **Scott P and Brendan H** are featured.
- A 1976 **Airfix** catalogue [see H Below]
- **Del Prado** figures for sale – Samurai [see G Below]
- A **REPLICA METAL SOLDIERS & MODELS** Christmas figure
- Some Hobby Centre mouldings
- Scottish knights and 2 civilian dancing figures



## MEETING ADJOURNMENT FINAL POST

**Upcoming OMSS Meeting Dates:**

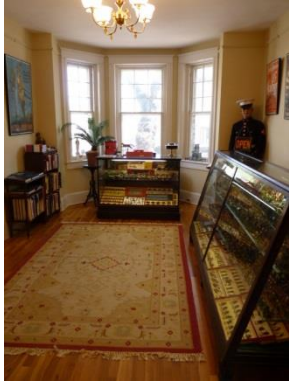
- **February OMSS Toronto Meeting** – Sunday 9 February -
- **February OMSS Zoom Meeting** - Tuesday 18 February – Show & Tell Topic is “Civilians”
- **February OMSS Ottawa Monthly Meeting** - Tuesday 25 February **Show & Tell Topic:** ‘Civilians’

**Official Meeting Adjourned** in chaos

# ADDITIONS

## **A] The Toy Soldier Shop** <https://toysoldiershop.com/>

The Toy Soldier Shop of Washington, D.C. 503 11th Street S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003  
Saturdays 10-5 and by appointment 202-546-2201 toysoldiermaker@msn.com



The days of toy soldier shops in most cities are over. Sadly, these always few but uniquely situated purveyors of delight are gone - except on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. You will find in The Toy Soldier Shop of Washington, D.C., several thousand figures displayed in antique showcases. Toy soldier books, wooden castles and a remarkable selection of original WWI posters round out the offerings therein. Neil Rhodes' shop occupies the first floor of a beautifully restored double parlor row house and he's there most every Saturday, holding toy soldier court and creating his own contemporary toy soldiers. Neil's painting skills and attention to detail are unsurpassed. Repairs, conversions or original commissions are eagerly and exquisitely rendered.



## **B] HEYDA Toy Soldiers**

<https://oldtoysoldier.com/heyde-treasures-some-personal-reflections/>

Heyde figures originated in Dresden, Germany and are among the most prized in the world. The company produced figures mainly in the 48- and 60-mm scale. The company was bombed out during World War II, so its products became highly sought after post WW II. A few good books have been produced on this company, but its history is not well known amongst many English-speaking collectors. We do know that it was a thriving company producing such lines as Egyptians, Trojans, Greeks including a temple, a Trojan horse, War elephants, Alexander the Great sets, Romans, Chariots, Medieval Knights, Buffalo hunts, Cowboys and Indians and a Stagecoach

<https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/article/heyde-toy-soldiers/>



Heyde's World War I-era American encampment includes wagons, tents, soldiers sleeping on straw beds, and a vignette of officers seated around a table under a tree.



## C] The Toy Soldier Museum <https://www.the-toy-soldier.com/>

5459 Paradise Valley Rd., Cresco, PA 18326 570-629-7227

NOTE: This private collection is open by appointment only.

Welcome to The Toy Soldier Museum -- a treasure trove for toy soldier collectors, military historians – anyone with an interest in history and a curious mind. The Toy Soldier Museum collection is unique in the world.

Tens of thousands of military miniatures are arrayed in creative dioramas depicting scenes from Ancient Egypt to the present day. The collection represents every major and many less well-known makers from around the world.

W. Britain, King & Country, Pixi of Paris, Sarum Soldiers, CBG Mignot, Trophy Miniatures of Wales, Little Lead Soldiers, St. Petersburg Collection, and dozens of other makers are represented here. A toy soldier collector's dream!

Assembled over a lifetime, many figures are one-of-a-kind and out of production.

The 3,000 square feet of historical displays are presented against a backdrop of militaria and royal memorabilia: medals, uniforms, military regalia, artifacts of the British royal family starting with Victoria, British Regimental drums, an extensive collection of royal commemorative porcelain, bone china sculpture, and dozens of unique artifacts.

## D] G.I. Joe

from Wikipedia and <https://www.vintage3djoes.com/the-story-of-gi-joe.html>



The original idea for the action figure that would become G.I. Joe was developed in 1963 by **Stanley Weston**, a Manhattan licensing agent. Weston made rudimentary prototypes of the figure and basic marketing materials that showed the sales potential of a military action figure.

Created by Donald Levine circa 1964

G.I. Joe is an American media franchise and a line of action figures owned and produced by the toy company Hasbro. The initial product offering represented four of the branches of the U.S. armed forces with the Action Soldier (U.S. Army), Action Sailor (U.S. Navy), Action Pilot (U.S. Air Force), Action Marine (U.S. Marine Corps) and later on, the Action Nurse. The name is derived from the usage of "G.I. Joe" for the generic U.S. soldier, itself derived from the more general term "G.I." The development of G.I. Joe led to the coining of the term "action figure". G.I. Joe's appeal to children has made it an American icon among toys.

The G.I. Joe trademark has been used by Hasbro for several different toy lines, although only two have been successful. The original 12-inch (30 cm) line introduced on February 2, 1964, centered on realistic action figures. In the United Kingdom, this line was licensed to Palitoy and known as Action Man. In 1982 the line was re-launched in a 3.75-inch (9.5 cm) scale complete with vehicles, play sets, and a complex background story involving an ongoing struggle between the G.I. Joe Team and the evil Cobra organization which seeks to take over the Free World through terrorism. As the American line evolved into the Real American Hero series, Action Man also changed, by using the same molds and being renamed as Action Force. Although the members of the G.I. Joe team are not superheroes, they all had expertise in areas such as martial arts, weapons, and explosives.

G.I. Joe was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame at The Strong in Rochester, New York, in 2004 and into the Pop Culture Hall of Fame in 2017.

### What Does "GI" Stand For?

<https://www.zero8hundred.org/what-is-the-gi-bill#>

"GI Joe" is a household name. Originally, GI stood for "Galvanized Iron", the primary material used to make military items, i.e., buckets. However, as the military grew and evolved over time, GI took on multiple meanings, including "Government Issue", "General Issue", and even "Ground Infantry". With all that said, the title "GI Bill" seemed only fitting.

[In the modern era do not forget Gastro Intestinal as in the old tract – maybe GI Joe is a doctor?]

## E] Les Drapeaux de France - Noxa depuis 1949

<https://www.lesdrapeauxdefrance.com/>

Boutique NOXA , LES DRAPEAUX DE FRANCE

Place Colette 75001 Paris [contact@lesdrapeauxdefrance.com](mailto:contact@lesdrapeauxdefrance.com) +33 1 40 20 00 11

Les Drapeaux de France NOXA - Figurine & toy soldiers is one of the most unique stores in Paris! An awesome selection of figurines from all eras, including random small statues, animals, and other antiques. This place is everything I thought it would be....old, dusty, stacked floor to ceiling, friendly service, and a wide range of prices! If you are looking for a unique gift for a collector or history buff, this is the place you need to go.



## FJ M36 tank destroyer

from Wikipedia



The M36 tank destroyer, formally 90 mm Gun Motor Carriage, M36, was an American tank destroyer used during World War II. The M36 combined the hull of the M10 tank destroyer, which used the M4 Sherman's reliable chassis and drivetrain combined with sloped armor, and a new turret mounting the 90 mm gun M3. Conceived in 1943, the M36 first served in combat in Europe in October 1944, where it partially replaced the M10 tank destroyer. It also saw use in the Korean War, where it was able to defeat any of the Soviet tanks used in that conflict. Some were supplied to South Korea as part of the Military Assistance Program and served for years, as did re-engined examples found in Yugoslavia, which operated into the 1990s. Two remained in service with the Republic of China Army at least until 2001. The vehicle is also known by the nickname General Jackson, or just Jackson, which was originally assigned to the vehicle by the Ordnance Department in November 1944 for publicity purposes, such as in newspapers, but does not appear to have been used by troops in the field during the war.

## M10 tank destroyer



The M10 tank destroyer, formally known as 3-inch gun motor carriage M10 or M10 GMC, was an American tank destroyer of World War II. After US entry into World War II and the formation of the Tank Destroyer Force, a suitable vehicle was needed to equip the new battalions. By November 1941, the Army requested a vehicle with a gun in a fully rotating turret after other interim models were criticized for being too poorly designed. The prototype of the M10 was conceived in early 1942 and delivered in April that year. After appropriate changes to the hull and turret were made, the modified version was selected for production in June 1942 as the "3-inch Gun Motor Carriage M10". It mounted the 3-inch (76.2 mm) gun M7 in a rotating turret on a modified M4 Sherman tank chassis. It was built in two variants. The M10 GMC used the M4A2 Sherman chassis and the M10A1 used the M4A3 chassis. Production of the two models ran from September 1942 to December 1943 and October 1942 to November 1943, respectively.

## G] History Works/Del Prado

<https://www.toysoldierco.com/History-Works/Brand.aspx?BrandID=173&AssocDeptID=364>

**History Works**, owned and operated by Richard Walker, the former general manager of Britains, offers beautifully sculpted and excellently painted metal figures at reasonable prices. **Formerly known as Del Prado**, which pioneered budget-conscious soldiers for novice as well as experienced collectors. Because History Works' many ranges cover a wide variety of historical periods, most collectors will be able to find something to suit their taste.

## H] Airfix

from Wikipedia



**Airfix** is a British brand and former manufacturing company which produced injection-moulded plastic scale model kits. In the UK, the name 'Airfix' has become practically synonymous with plastic models of this type, "they became a sort of generic name for any plastic, injection-moulded model kit". Airfix manufactured a wide range of plastic model products such as cars, aircraft, ships, commercial vehicles, military vehicles, railways, and figures. Founded in 1939, Airfix was owned by **Humbrol** from 1986 until the latter's financial collapse on 31 August 2006. Since 2007, both Humbrol and Airfix have been owned by **Hornby**.

Airfix was founded in 1939 by Hungarian businessman **Nicholas Kove**, initially to manufacture inflatable rubber toys. The brand name was selected so that it would be alphabetically the first in trade directories. In 1947, Airfix introduced injection moulding, initially producing pocket combs. In 1949, the company was commissioned to create a promotional model of a Ferguson TE20 tractor, moulded in cellulose acetate plastic and hand-assembled for distribution to Ferguson sales representatives. To increase sales and lower production costs, the model was sold in kit form by Woolworth's retail stores.

In 1954, Woolworth's buyer Jim Russon suggested that Airfix produce a model kit of Sir Francis Drake's Golden Hind, then being sold in North America as a 'ship-in-a-bottle', made in the more stable polystyrene. To meet Woolworth's retail price of two shillings, Airfix packaged the product in a plastic bag with a paper header that had the assembly instructions on the reverse. Its huge success led the company to produce new kit designs. The first aircraft kit was released in 1953, a model of the Supermarine Spitfire Mk I, followed by the Spitfire Mk IX in 1958, in 1/72 scale, developed by James Hay Stevens.