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Newsletter for November 2022

Monthly Meetings for 2022

Next meeting Sunday, November 13th

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto

Doors open at 11:00 am. Annual Auction starts at 12:30 pm.

December 11th – Annual Christmas Luncheon

OMSS Ottawa meetings have resumed in person gatherings with continued Meet and Greet and Swap Meets by Zoom which are open to all OMSS members. For an invite and link or more information, please contact Bob Thompson at Thompson_robert@rogers.com.

**On November 11th, take a moment to remember the
men and women who served and sacrificed for all we
have today**

In Flanders' Fields

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.*

Major John McCrae, 1915





President's Message

Hello again. We have made it to November. We have endured – but survived quite well through nearly three years since the pandemic began.

While we have had lighter attendance in some past meetings, as has been pointed out, I feel that the OMSS has weathered the storm quite well. It was a good meeting, and I thank all for their comments and participation in the Annual General Meeting. And I especially want to thank those who will be progressing, staying in, or joining the ranks of the Club Executive and of the other roles that we need in order to spread the work and to make the OMSS an enjoyable and productive club.

We hope to see more turnout in the future. As such, we are going to return to regularly scheduled activities, with the auction in November and the Christmas lunch in December. And then into a new year, a new Executive, and new ideas.

Bring items for auction, and also bring your wallets full of cash, to pick up some good stuff. But also remember to have some left for buying your Christmas lunch at the November meeting.

At the OMSS Annual General meeting on October 16, 2022 the following members were elected or acclaimed to the following executive committee positions.



President	<i>Scott Milburn</i>
1st Vice-President	<i>Andy Traverse</i>
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Thank you to those that volunteer their time for the benefit of all members of the OMSS

What's New in the Hobby – November 2022 by Scott Dummitt

While it doesn't appear that a lot was released in late October, the major manufacturers have given us hope for later this month and December as quite a bit has been announced. First off John Jenkins Designs has returned to doing pieces for the American Revolution. First off he announced that he would be releasing several cavalry men including Banastre Tarleton in the uniform of the British Legion. The Legion was originally formed of light cavalry and light infantry and was respected and feared by the Continental troops, however at the Battle of Cowpens, which Jenkins is doing, it suffered a humiliating defeat. Jenkins has also announced the soon to be released 71st (Fraser) Highlanders. The prototypes shown were of Colours, Kilted Officers and Piper, Drummer, Firing Line and on the March. Most Highland regiments adopted the

far more practical coveralls while on campaign in North America, however the Fraser Officer's and piper will be depicted in the Government (Black Watch) pattern kilt. The first group of marching figures are due to be released in December.

William Britain Limited is expecting in their US Army Infantry & Artillery Field Musician sets just in time for the Christmas rush. US Musicians wore reverse colours, thus the red coats. The Artillery wears yellow facings while the Infantry has red facings. Collectors can start off with a set of three (Drum Major, Drummer & Fife) and add individual Drummers and Fife to their bands. There are also two nice gloss Grenadier Guard Drummers in ceremonial uniform being released. One has the rope tension drum while the other the modern lug tightening drum. A nice figure representing the Seven (French & Indian) years war is that of the North American raised Grenadier of the 60th (Royal Americans) Regiment of Foot. This figure makes a nice companion figure to the Gooch's Marine that was released in a short while back.

Thomas Gunn Miniatures has announced a trio of mounted Boer Cavalrymen that were the scourge of Empire forces during the 2nd Boer War. These fast moving light guerilla's would swoop down on British & Empire troops, cause what devastation they could and then retreat before the enemy knew what hit them.

Lastly, last month the Company of Archers sets should have read \$71.00 each.



John Jenkins Designs soon to be released 71st (Fraser) Highlanders - ARW



60th Regt of Foot Grenadier



Britain's U.S. Army Artillery Field Musicians – War of 1812



Thomas Gunn Miniature's newly announced Boer War – Boer Cavalry

Mark Your Calendar - Important dates to remember

Club Auction on Sunday November 13, 2022



It's time again for the club's annual auction.

This is a great opportunity for members to buy and sell model soldiers for their collections.

The details on how to sell or buy at the auction are attached in the separate document attached to this newsletter

Annual Christmas Luncheon reminder

We will be holding our annual Christmas luncheon on **Sunday December 11, 2022**. As previous years we will be ordering Swiss Chalet and the Legion bar will be open for cold refreshments.

The club will have coffee and tea available for purchase too.

The cost is \$20.00 per meal and Gary will collecting payment at the November meeting.

Members are invited to bring along some dessert items to share amongst fellow club members at the luncheon.



First meeting of 2023

The Toronto chapter of the OMSS will hold its first meeting of 2023 on **Sunday January 15, 2023** at the Royal Canadian Legion.

The speaker's topic will be the Royal Newfoundland Regiments participation in the War of 1812.

On Parade 2023

Our annual show and competition will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 110 Jutland Road on **Sunday June 11, 2023**. We will start taking vendors bookings for tables in January. Preference will be given to those vendors who attended in 2022. Additional details will be provided in the New Year.

Please contact Scott Dummit, show chairman at 705-939-1028 with any questions.



The brief story behind the poem In Flanders Fields

Canadian soldier and surgeon, John McCrae M.D., is most famous for being the author of *In Flanders Fields*, the most recognizable poem of the First World War, and a staple of Remembrance Day commemorations.

In April of 1915 at the Battle of Second Ypres, McCrae, who was there as a brigade-surgeon in an artillery brigade, composed the poem during a brief rest in duties. The death of a close friend is what prompted the poem.

It was first published in *Punch* magazine in December of 1915 and quickly gained international fame.

McCrae served in numerous Canadian hospitals during the war, until his death, of pneumonia, on Jan. 28, 1918. He is buried at the Wimereux Cemetery, in France.

The Quartermaster's Stores

Here is an unusual opportunity that may be of interest that was shared with us by David Dorwood.

Toy Soldier Business for sale. Fleurbaix Toy Soldiers is an online retail business that includes masters, moulds and rights to a large number of brands.

Check out <https://www.fleurbaixtoysoldiers.com> *Fleurbaix Toy Soldiers was launched in 2008 by my father, Gregory Simon, who was passionate about bringing together all of the old toy soldiers companies of yesteryear so older generations could fondly relive their youth and new generations could experience the joy of assembling and collecting quality toy soldiers and miniatures. At Fleurbaix we are artisan manufacturer's of high quality, hand painted toy soldiers and miniatures.*



The Last Word *Lest We Forget*



The newsletter is 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.