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Newsletter for May 2023

Next Toronto meeting Sunday, May 14th, 2023

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

OMSS Ottawa in person meeting is scheduled for May in addition to online meetings via Zoom which are open to all OMSS members.
Contact Bob Thompson at Thompson_robert@rogers.com for details.

Toronto's May Presentation

Past Glories, OMSS 'On Parade' Memories

We invite everyone to bring in your previous 'On Parade' entries, trophies, photo albums or whatever for a huge 'show and tell' type session while we and share a story or two about your memories of past 'On Parade' shows.

Anyone with digital photos is also encouraged to bring those to the meeting on a USB memory stick to show on the projection screen.

Upcoming Hobby related events

Giant MEGA Toy Soldier and Militaria Warehouse Sale – May 6 and 7

Ottawa area – contact Bob T or Morley V for info

Toronto Military Show – May 13, 2023

Oshawa – for info visit www.torontomilitaryshow.com

TORCAN – May 27, 2023

Brampton area - for info visit: www.TorcanModelShow.com

Military Hobby Show – June 4, 2023

Ottawa area – Walkley Road Armoury - contact Bob T for info

OMSS On Parade – June 11, 2023

for info visit www.OMSS.CA

Toronto Military Show – September 16, 2023

Etobicoke area - for info visit : www.TorcanModelShow.com

New Royal Cypher

With the coronation of King Charles III comes his Royal Cypher, which is already being worn by the Yeoman Warders who guard the Tower of London.



Who will be the first person to paint a toy soldier with the new cypher?



President's Message – May 2023

After another successful month of in person and virtual meetings in April, we are all getting ready for a busy time of year.

As the warmer weather arrives and our minds turn to putting the snow shovels away and getting out our gardening tools and lawn movers, we have a lot going on in May. This is why the club executive had difficulty in selecting a date for Toronto's in person meeting and had to choose May 14 which we are aware is Mother's Day. This date is not ideal for many of us, but the first Sunday in May is not only Battle of Atlantic Sunday, it is also Police Memorial Day of Remembrance so many of our members are busy attending ceremonies and parades on May 7th. Then of course May 22 is Victoria Day so with a long weekend, Sunday the 21st is not ideal because many members will have long weekend activities planned. This left the club with May 14 unfortunately as the best of the worst option. In light of the date, we are hopeful as many members as possible can steal away a few hours to attend May's meeting.

Of course May brings us the coronation of King Charles III. This will bring an interesting time for our hobby with many ceremonial crests, emblems and coats of arms being updated to reflect the new king's cypher.

2023's 'On Parade' show is shaping up to be another great event you won't want to miss. All the available vendors' tables have been booked so now all we need is for members to bring their display or competition pieces for everyone to see and enjoy. It takes a year of phone calls and emails to make 'On Parade' the success it always is and I must thank Scott Dummitt for all his hard work in putting the show together and all the other things he does behind the scenes for the OMSS and the members.

Get busy on finalizing your pieces for the show and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next meeting.

Did you know? – There are two Royal Cypher's

The Tudor Crown is used in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It is a version of the cypher used by King George VI

King Charles III Royal Cypher



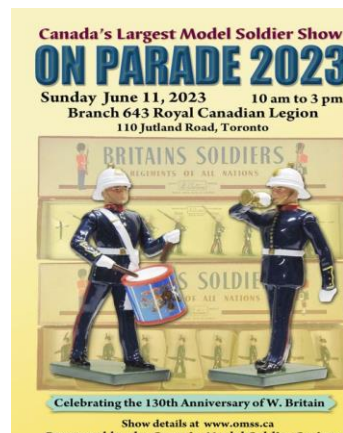
The Scottish Crown is used in Scotland and is part of the Scottish crown jewels.

On Parade 2023 update

We are now sold out of vendor space at this year's show.

We have a total of 35 tables for our vendor market and the Show and Club Executive thank all those that plan on participating.

Don't forget to contact Gary Lenius for show postcard flyers to distribute to your regular customers and friends.



I must once again stress that we are limited for competition and display space and that unless you plan on purchasing a table for extra space, competition and display pieces MUST NOT exceed a 6 foot x 2 ½ foot space. I have mentioned this several times at meetings and in the newsletter and yet have still had people say they need more space. Please understand that these rules have been made so that everyone gets a fair chance to put something out.

This year will also see the return of the kid's table. So bring along the young ones and introduce them to painting a soldier, for free!

Jim Qualtrough looks after show security and if you can spare a little time to help with security at the show, please contact Jim at the next meeting or at charkin1@sympatico.ca. We need to be extra vigilant at the show as we had three vendors report items missing from their tables last year.

Janet and Frank MacKay will once again be running a food concession table at this year's show. Frank has assured me that prices will not be as high as last year and that the sandwiches will be better. The profit from their table goes toward the IODE charity.

Anyone who can contribute a few hours toward our show set-up on Saturday 10th June is asked to be at the Legion around 6 pm. Last year we had everything ready to go within an hour and that gave our vendors and early display/competition contributors a chance to set up early. We must be out of the Legion on the Saturday by 9 pm.



Royal Canadian Navy
Badge of 1945

Did you know?

The Battle of Atlantic lasted the duration of the Second World War in Europe, which officially ended on May 8, 1945 (known as V-E Day).

The Royal Canadian Navy began the war with 13 vessels and 3500 sailors, and ended it as one of the largest navies in the world with 373 ships and more than 110,000 sailors (all volunteers), which included the 6,500 women serving the Woman's Royal Canadian Naval Services.

Source: www.veterans.gc.ca

What's New in the Hobby – May 2023

By Scott Dummitt

For those of you that love ceremonial, like I do, there are several new figures released this month that should be of interest. First off, King & Country has released three new sets depicting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as she appeared in her twilight years. Each set presents the Queen in a different coloured dress with matching hat. Surrounding the Sovereign are three of her beloved Corgis. The Queen had loved and appreciated these small Pembroke Welsh Corgi dogs beginning with her first called 'Dookie' in 1933. The set can be purchased for approximately \$105.00 Cdn.



Joining the Royal precession this month is our new Sovereign, King Charles III. In 1971 the Prince was enrolled at the Royal Naval College Dartmouth beginning his education as an officer in the Royal Navy. After completing his training Charles served on the guided-missile destroyer HMS Norfolk, the frigates HMS Minerva and Jupiter. During this time he also qualified as a helicopter pilot operating from the carrier HMS Hermes. In 1976 he was given command of the coastal mine sweeper HMS Bronington which as he has often recounted was one of the happiest times in his life. This new K&C figure of King Charles III shows him in the full dress uniform of an 'Admiral of The Fleet'... the highest rank in the Royal Navy. The new figure will sell for approximately \$75.00 Cdn each.



What's New, continued;

William Britain Limited had a pleasant surprise when they received their shipment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police figure in early. The two new figures portray a present day Male (#10101) and Female (10102) Constable of the force in Ceremonial Dress uniform. First established by the Canadian Parliament on 23 May, 1823 as the North West Mounted Police, the force has proudly served in Canada for 150 years. The force, while a federal police force also operates as a provincial police force in 8 of the 10 provinces and in all 3 territories. It has also served as a Military Provost Corps through the two World Wars overseas and has been involved in training foreign police forces in various countries as well as United Nation commitments. The two figures sell for \$65.00 Cdn each. Britains has also announced that they plan on releasing a new figure of King Charles III, however they are waiting to portray him in the ceremonial outfit he will be wearing during the Coronation on the 6 May 2023. By the way there are supposed to be a contingent of RCMP officers heading the Coronation parade that day.



William Britain Limited #10101



William Britain Limited #10102

John Jenkins Designs has just announced that he will be releasing the Queen's Rangers later this year. The figures announced include: Grenadier Company, Light Infantry Company, the Highland Company, and Hussars. As you are aware the Queens Ranger is our Society logo and these figures depict the Ranger unit as it was depicted during the American Revolution. While the regiment was stood down after the conflict, it was later reinstated in Chatham England after the war when Simcoe was made Lt. Governor of Upper Canada and stationed throughout the colony



Worth a Visit – The Ontario Regiment Museum – Oshawa Ontario

The Ontario Regiment R.C.A.C. Museum is home to a historical vehicle collection of over 120 military vehicles. These vehicles include jeeps, trucks, armoured personnel carriers, and tanks, and are all kept fully operational by the Museum's volunteers. In addition to an extensive static display section with artifacts dating up to 200 years ago, the Museum prides itself on making history come alive.

The museum recently received a donation of a very rare WW2 Daimler Scout Car commonly known as a "Dingo". The Daimler Scout Car, known in service as the "Dingo" (after the Australian wild dog), is a British light, fast four-wheel drive reconnaissance vehicle. They were designed in 1938 and saw service with Canada and all Commonwealth countries during the Second World War. Canada produced a version of the vehicle known as the "Lynx", and both served side-by-side with Canadian reconnaissance armoured Regiments during the conflict. The UK built Dingo is very rare as they were exported to every continent during the War with the exception of North America. This rare Second World War vehicle will be put on display in the *Military Vehicle Conservation Centre* at the Museum beginning March Break 2023 and will be part of regular Museum events and demonstrations moving forward.



For more info visit; www.ontrmuseum.ca

Did you know?



There are over 70,000 mailboxes in the U.K. with the Royal Cypher. They won't be changed to reflect the new king. The mailboxes will only be updated with the new cypher as they need to be replaced. Currently only about 60% of the current mailboxes have Queen Elizabeth II cypher, some still have Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V and King George VI. Mailboxes currently under construction will have the Queen Elizabeth II cypher.

Source: the.crownchronicles.co.uk.



Turn Your Face to the sun and the shadow falls behind you

quote of Jan Goldstein , author and historian

The newsletter is edited by Scott Milburn.

News items, notices and upcoming events can be submitted to scottm33@live.ca.

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