



Newsletter for December 2025

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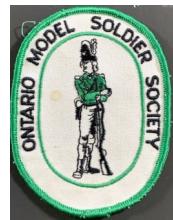
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Toronto Chapter meeting Sunday, December 14th, 2025

The meeting starts at noon for the **Annual General Meeting** followed by the **Christmas Luncheon** will begin being served at 12:30pm

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion, 110 Jutland Road, Etobicoke



Ottawa Chapter meeting Tuesday December 30th, 2025 @ 7pm

The Barley Mow, 1541 Merivale Road



OMSS Virtual meeting Tuesday December 23, 2025 @ 7pm

Virtual meetings are open to all OMSS and BMSS members
contact Bob Thompson at thompson_robert@rogers.com



International Toy Soldiers Club Virtual Meeting

Saturday December 13, 2025

@ 7pm GMT

(that's 2pm for most of us in Ontario)

Contact HQ@replicametalsoldiers.co.uk for an invitation

Or check out www.internationaltoysoldier.club



BMSS Monthly Virtual meeting Friday December 19, 2025 @ 7pm GMT

(that's 2pm for most of us in Ontario)

Contact: Jamesopie@yahoo.co.uk for more details.



Toronto Chapter Annual Christmas Luncheon

Toronto chapter will be holding their annual Christmas luncheon on **Sunday December 14, 2025 at Noon** at the Legion.

As in previous years, we will be ordering Swiss Chalet and the Legion bar will be open for cold refreshments.

The cost is \$25.00 per meal. If you missed the November meeting, you can still do an e-Transfer to omss@bell.net.

The last date to order a meal is Tuesday December 9th

The club will provide coffee and tea at no charge. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert item to share amongst fellow club members at the luncheon.

Greetings fellow members,



Our final in-person meeting for the 2025 year takes place this month. It will combine our Annual General Meeting with the Christmas lunch, and I look forward to seeing you there, as well as the Swiss Chalet festive meals.

This will be my last meeting as your President. It has been a privilege to serve you in that capacity. I look forward to the handover of the ceremonial Kukri to my successor. This year saw the final release of the Anniversary Book, with special thanks to Ian Pearson and Dave Dorward. Otherwise the year has been relatively free of drama and strife. Our annual show was well-attended, well advertised and a success.

Last month the Toronto chapter held its annual Members Auction, deftly conducted by our Frank MacKay with dispatch and humour. Many thanks to Frank and his indefatigable assistants, and also to everyone who made the effort to attend. The event was well attended considering the weather and there were many interesting items for sale.

For those who fear for the future of the hobby, I would observe that currently even now there is a greater variety of figures representing a wider range of eras available in both the metal and plastic ranges than there were in the so-called golden age when the aging baby boomers were children, and the output does not seem to be getting smaller. Moreover the advent of 3D printing has had and will continue to have an impact that can only be described as explosive. Of course, greater availability may lead to lower resale values (as usually happens where there is a surplus) so that may be bad news for those who view their collection as an investment, but for those of us who collect because we like looking at them, painting them and even playing with them, so what? I have not, myself, yet been bitten by the downsizing bug.

So, in my final message to you as President, happy collecting and remember, you can never have enough artillery.

Duncan Johnstone, OMSS President



Time to renew your membership and support your club

The cost remains the same as last year: **\$40 for regular members** and \$25 for family or junior members.



Gary has made it easy to renew and offers several methods of payment;

- Pay in person at the monthly meeting
- Mail a cheque to: **OMSS at 43 Saugeen Cres., Toronto ON, M1K 3M8**
- ETransfer: Send it to the email address: **treasurer@omss.ca**
- PayPal: send it to the email address: **omss@bell.net**

Keep your contact information up to date

Please notify the Society should your email address, phone number, or mailing address change to ensure you continue to receive timely news and information from us.

You can email any changes to; omss@bell.net



Toronto Chapter News — Club's Annual Auction



Frank MacKay
the auctioneer hard at work

Despite the poor wintery weather for the November meeting, there was a good turnout for the annual auction. It was a successful day with a record number of items up for sale. Over 100 items consisting of both complete sets and individual pieces changed hands to the delight of both sellers and buyers.

It was wonderful to see so many members come from far and wide for the sale. It was great to see David Myles again, who travelled from Amherst Nova Scotia for the event.

Thanks to Frank Mackay for volunteering again to be auctioneer, who kept things moving along and Gary Lenius for being so organized to process the sales quickly and efficiently.



One of the many sets that were available to bid on



Potential bidders scrutinizing a set up for auction being walked around by one of the auction "runners", Scott Milburn

Everyone paid close attention to the auctioneer so they didn't miss an opportunity for a bargain



2026 On Parade Update!

Everything is lining up beautifully for the 2026 'On Parade' show.



The date is **Saturday, June 13th 2026** with doors opening to the public at 9:00. Vendors can do a final pre show set up at 7am that morning.

Help will be required for show and vendor table setup Friday, June 12th at 3pm till 6pm.

Same Venue as last year;
Franklin Horner Community Centre 432 Horner Avenue in Etobicoke.



Vendors can start contacting the Show chairman now to reserve your tables at jimqualtrough@gmail.com.

Payment can be made by e-transfer to the treasurer at omss@bell.net

Jim Qualtrough OMSS Show Chairman



January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

2026 Toronto Chapter Meeting Dates



September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

2026 "On Parade" is Saturday June 13th
9am-3pm
Franklin Horner Community Centre



**Looking for that missing piece to finish
your project?**



The OMSS Spare Parts Box will be available at Toronto chapter meetings. It contains a wealth of spare figure parts and modeling bits and pieces of every kind--and they all belong to YOU!

The rules are simple: if you take something and find it useful, replace it with something of equal value--if not now, then at the next meeting.

Ottawa Chapter News

A brief catch up of happenings with the OMSS Ottawa Chapter (*thanks to Bob Thompson for submitting the report*)

October 2025 Ottawa Chapter Meeting

This meeting featured our first Ottawa Chapter Toy Soldier Auction. 67 lots were put up for sale, most sold, with many getting multiple spirited bids.



OTTAWA CHAPTER NEWS (continued)

November 25 Ottawa Chapter Meeting

15 attendees - No specific Show & Tell Topic this Month, but some interesting presentations ...including Julian's 1/6 scale building, and Juan's 3d printed 1" scale building for his WW2 Italy diorama, Bob showed some recent finds ranging from a vintage set of old Made in Japan figures, to ultra modern 1:35 articulated "geometric" plastic model WW2 figures.

Discussions of club matters included planning requirements for the tentative February 28 OMISS Ottawa Toy Soldier Show at the Kanata Legion.



On the left,
Morley is caught
checking out
Julian's incredible
work.

On the right,
the amazing detail
can be seen in this
side view of
Julian's diorama
piece.



Another of Juan's 3d printed buildings
which is still a work in progress.



Some Vintage finds were brought
in for Show and Tell



November 2025 OMSS Zoom Meeting



14 attendees (6 Ottawa, 3 Toronto, 2 Quebec, 1 Montreal, 1 England, 1 U.S.A)

Lots of good discussions, and photo sharing. Among the many fun presentations were:

- ... From England: Ian's archeological dig of surprise boxes 13 & 14 from under his bed;
- ... From Ottawa: Bob's usual humour & wow photos collected from Facebook over the month (as well as recent acquisitions);
- ... From U.S.A ; Johnathon Newman's presentation of paper soldiers;
- ...From Quebec: David's photos of older K&C figures.

2026 Ottawa Chapter Meeting Dates (*last Tuesday of every month*)

Save
the
date

January 27

February 24

March 31

April 28

May 26

June 20



July 28

August 25

September 29

October 27

November 24

December 29

Ottawa Chapter show
at Kanata Legion
February 28



Movie Review — Nuremberg

Thanks to Jeff Duncan for submitting this review

Nuremberg is a 2025 American psychological thriller historical drama film written, co-produced, and directed by James Vanderbilt. It is based on the 2013 book *The Nazi and the Psychiatrist* by Jack El-Hai. In *Nuremberg*, psychiatrist Douglas Kelley (Rami Malek) is challenged with determining if Hermann Göring (Russell Crowe) is fit to stand trial at the Nuremberg trials. Leo Woodall, John Slattery, Mark O'Brien, Colin Hanks, Wren Schmidt, Lydia Peckham, Richard E. Grant, and Michael Shannon have supporting roles in the film.

The film had its world premiere in the Gala Presentations section of the Toronto International Film Festival on September 7, 2025, where it received a four-minute standing ovation, one of TIFF's longest standing ovations ever. It was released theatrically in the United States by Sony Pictures Classics on November 7, 2025. The film received generally positive reviews from critics, with particular praise for Crowe's performance.



Follow the link below to check out a clip of the movie on YouTube

["I Am Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring" Scene - NUREMBERG \(2025\) Russell Crowe, Rami Malek](#)



"I Am Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring" Scene -
NUREMBERG (2025) Russell C...

Walking in Footsteps of the past

Thanks to Andy Traverse for submitting this story

My recent trip to Europe involved visits to Athens and Rome, where after waiting for many years, I fulfilled my dream of visiting several ancient sites.

Rome is a world-class city and never fails to disappoint the visitor who can gaze at the buildings and monuments in awe of the achievements of the Roman Empire and more. My wife, Marie and I spent a few days in the city where the highlight of our stay was the tour of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. To walk in the footsteps of the ancient Romans is so surreal and renders one in amazement.



The Colosseum's history began around 70-72 AD when Emperor Vespasian commissioned its construction in Rome as a gift to the Roman people, built on the site of Nero's former palace. Its construction was completed by his son, Titus, in 80 AD and officially opened with 100 days of games, including gladiatorial contests and animal hunts. Originally called the Flavius Amphitheatre, the name "Colosseum" likely came from a nearby colossal statue of Nero. It was used for public spectacles for over four centuries.

The Roman Forum, or Forum Romanum, is an ancient archaeological site in the centre of Rome that was the heart of public life for centuries, serving as a hub for political, religious, and social activities. Today, it is a rectangular plaza surrounded by the ruins of important government buildings, temples, and monuments, located between the Capitoline and Palatine Hills and near the Colosseum. It is a key site for understanding the Roman Empire, and visitors can see remnants of its grand past, including the Via Sacra, the Arch of Titus, and the ruins of temples such as Saturn and Vesta.

Many years ago, my father gave me his WW2 photo album packed with memorable shots that were taken with his Brownie camera which he purchased in Jerusalem in 1942. One photo of special interest was taken in 1944 shortly after the liberation of Rome by the Allies. My father served in the Polish army and was attached to the artillery division Polish Second Corps. In the photograph he is standing on his truck with a comrade in the back of the vehicle. While in Rome we searched for the exact spot where he posed for the photographer. There in front of the Roman Forum and to the left of the Victor Emmanuel II monument I made my discovery. I had promised myself to honour my father by literally following in his footsteps, albeit for a few yards, so mission accomplished.





The Quartermaster's Store



Available now exclusively to Ontario Model Soldier Society members!

The OMSS has a few remaining limited-edition figures that was created by William Britain Limited for the Society.

General Arthur Currie, 1918, - William Britains Ltd #10073



1/30 Scale

Matte Finish

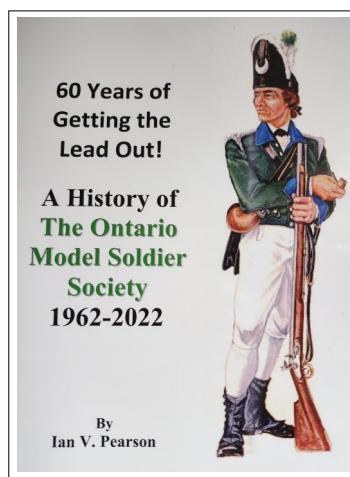


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Only \$40.00 to OMSS members!

See Gary Lenius at the next Toronto meeting or contact him at; omss@bell.net

Special thanks to Scott Dummitt for all his hard work with William Britain Ltd in the research and design of this figure.



60 Years of the OMSS

A few copies of the **OMSS 60th Anniversary Book** are still available.

Should you wish to purchase a copy, contact Gary at one of our Toronto meetings, or by email at omss@bell.net

The book is \$30 per copy, plus postage should you wish for it to be mailed.



the last word

*"For many, Christmas is a time for coming together
But for others, service will come first"
Queen Elizabeth II*

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