

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia (CSMMI) Monthly Show. **Sunday 18th.** Burlington Seniors' Centre, 2285 New Street, Burlington, ON. www.csmmi.com

FEBRUARY

- Winter Warfare - Tank Saturday. **Saturday 7th.** Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.tankmuseum.ca
- Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia (CSMMI) Monthly Show. **Sunday 15th.** Burlington Seniors' Centre, 2285 New Street, Burlington, ON. www.csmmi.com

MARCH

- Redball Annual MV Parts & Militaria Swap Meet. **Saturday 7th.** 2341 North Delaware Dr., Mt. Bethel, PA 18343, U.S.A. www.redballonline.org/swap-meet
- Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia (CSMMI) Monthly Show. **Sunday 15th.** Burlington Seniors' Centre, 2285 New Street, Burlington, ON. www.csmmi.com

APRIL

- Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia (CSMMI) Monthly Show. **Sunday 19th.** Burlington Seniors' Centre, 2285 New Street, Burlington, ON. www.csmmi.com
- OMVA Spring Militaria and MV Parts Marketplace. **Saturday 25th.** Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.omva.ca www.tankmuseum.ca

MAY

- Evolution - Tank Saturday. **Saturday 2nd.** Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.tankmuseum.ca
- Canadian Society of Military Medals & Insignia (CSMMI) Monthly Show. **Sunday 17th.** Burlington Seniors' Centre, 2285 New Street, Burlington, ON. www.csmmi.com

JUNE

- OMVA Aquino. **Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th.** An OMVA event held in conjunction with Aquino Tank Weekend. Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.omva.ca www.tankmuseum.ca
- Decoration Day. **Sunday 14th.** A display of OMVA Member-owned vehicles. Hamilton Military Museum at Dundurn Park. 610 York Blvd., Hamilton, ON.
- International Military Vehicle Festival - 51st Annual MVPA Convention. **Friday 19th - Sunday 21st.** Augusta County Expo Center, 277 Expo Rd., Fisherville, Virginia, U.S.A. www.mvpa.org/convention

AUGUST

- Korea - Tank Saturday. **Saturday 8th.** Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.tankmuseum.ca
- OMVA Bivouac at Ameliasburgh Heritage Village and Roblin Lake Park. **Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th.** 517 County Rd 19, Ameliasburgh, ON K0K 1A0. More details to come. www.omva.ca
- Warriors' Day Parade. **Saturday 22nd.** Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, ON. www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca

SEPTEMBER

- OMVA Milton. **Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th.** Labour Day Weekend. An OMVA event held in conjunction with the Steam Era event at Hume's Auction Farm, Milton, ON. www.omva.ca www.osapa.ca Our official participation will only be two days, however Steam-Era runs from Friday 4th to Monday 7th. If you want to come out for all four days...please do.
- Worthy Tank Challenge - Special Event. **Saturday 19th - Sunday 20th.** Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.tankmuseum.ca
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OCTOBER

- OMVA Fall Militaria and MV Parts Marketplace. **Saturday 3rd.** Royal Canadian Legion #560, 734 Montreal Street, Kingston, ON. www.omva.ca www.tankmuseum.ca
- Armageddon - Tank Saturday. **Saturday 17th.** Canadian Tank Museum. 1000 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa, ON. www.tankmuseum.ca
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NOVEMBER

- Remembrance Day. **Wednesday 11th.** Let's Not Forget...Make it Happen!
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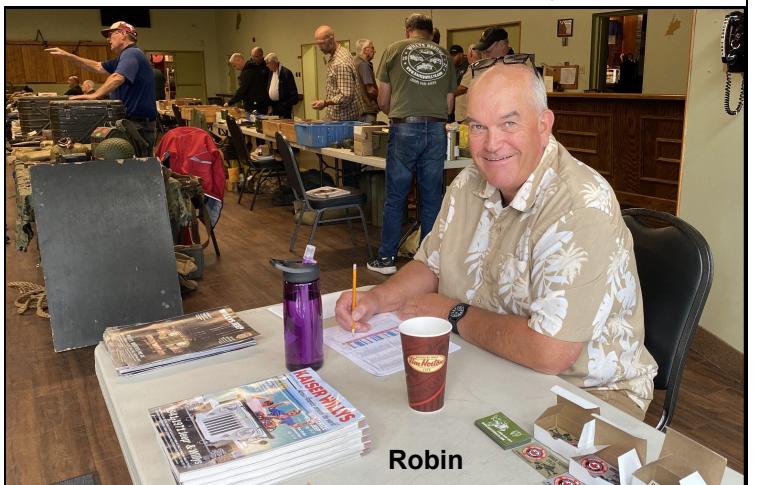
If you're aware of any militaria or military vehicle events that you think should be added to this schedule, please send an email with details to both myself at omva.cmp@gmail.com and to our Webmaster Jennifer Morgan at omvaweb@gmail.com



OMVA FALL MILITARIA & MILITARY VEHICLE PARTS MARKETPLACE - KINGSTON

BY OMVA MEMBER ROBIN CRAIG

This past Saturday October 5th saw the first attempt at starting an annual OMVA Militaria and MV Parts Marketplace in Kingston. The Marketplace was primarily organized by myself with support from the OMVA Executive. The venue chosen was the Royal Canadian Legion Branch on Montreal Street in Kingston that has lots of parking out front and loads out back that many will not have even found. Entry from ground level into the hall was relatively easy with no steps or stairs or ramps, just a bit of a narrow doorway. The venue provided tables and chairs arranged the night before ostensibly to their interpretation of a layout plan. On the morning of the event, vendors started arriving an hour before the doors were to open to the public.



One of the big lessons learned was advertising and how to possibly get that for free. I pledge to try to harness that better for next year to draw more walk in or non OMVA traffic. For our Bivouac event in Odessa, we did buy local on air advertising which helped to bring in visitors but seeing as this as a first time such event in Kingston and we were already paying the hall booking fee, I didn't think that there would be money for that again so I never asked. Maybe I should have.

We have already booked the same venue again and next years date is Saturday October 3rd. We hope to have a wider scope of vendors outside of those who already have come out and supported. A number of members brought some of their surplus trinkets for others to rehouse with good success. I saw many items I liked but stayed away from buying as I know they will only sit on a shelf as a good idea. I am very thankful for all who made the trek with full vehicles or trailers of items to sell. I hope that all of you who came enjoyed the day out and those of you who could not, will consider coming this October.

We are working on a possible breakfast onsite with the caterer but we have to meet a minimum number in terms of commitment to make that happen. There were a few wrinkles as expected with a new venue but the Legion staff are willing to listen, help,

advise and change things to suit us. We may also try to see if we can get a tour of a local military site up and running if there is something we can get access to for the public. One idea that comes to mind is the RMC firearms collection and vehicle workshops at Base Kingston.

Anyway, feel free to reach out to me and let me know good or bad items that we can address and any suggestions you may have. I am using omvakington@gmail.com for this event and currently check it weekly. If anyone wants to volunteer and help with admissions at the door, it would be nice to have someone with me to spell me off and to run interference.



Editor's Note: A Sincere and Big Thanks goes out to OMVA Member Robin Craig for not only suggesting the idea of a Marketplace in Kingston but for also organizing and making it happen. Bravo Zulu! The OMVA Executive Team is always open to ideas and suggestions to make things better for our Membership but we simply can't do them on our own because of things like time, distance and other commitments.

As with anything new or any kind of change, there's always some doubt and uncertainty but you never really know how things will turn out until it actually happens or is tried. Yes, there were some doubts and uncertainties ahead of this event but it was tried and

guess what, all those who either visited as shoppers or set-up as vendors were in favour of repeating the Kingston Marketplace in 2026. Another **Sincere** and **Big Thanks** also goes out to all those who participated! Without you, none of this would happen.

There were 40 tables set-up and most were adorned with a wide variety of goods for sale. More vendors can be accommodated and if you're an OMVA Member with militaria or MV parts to sell, we encourage you to participate in 2026. The venue was great, easy in terms of access, unloading and the onsite canteen was a bonus. The corned beef sandwich I had was awesome but more awesome than that was the camaraderie experienced by all of us who stuck around for a small social and lunch after the event. It was worth the drive to Kingston! If you're thinking that it's too far for a one day drive to get there and back home, why not consider making it an overnight trip. I was able to share a room with two others at a new and nearby Motel 6 which cost me about \$40.

A large number of OMVA Members reside in Eastern Ontario. Having a Militaria and MV Parts Marketplace in Kingston proved to be another way to better serve, support and interact with members who live in Quebec, Ottawa and the Frontenac area. Things don't always have to happen in Central or Eastern Ontario. Suggestions and ideas for events in other areas are always welcome and the OMVA Executive will do what we can to support such suggestions and ideas but we can't make them happen on our own.



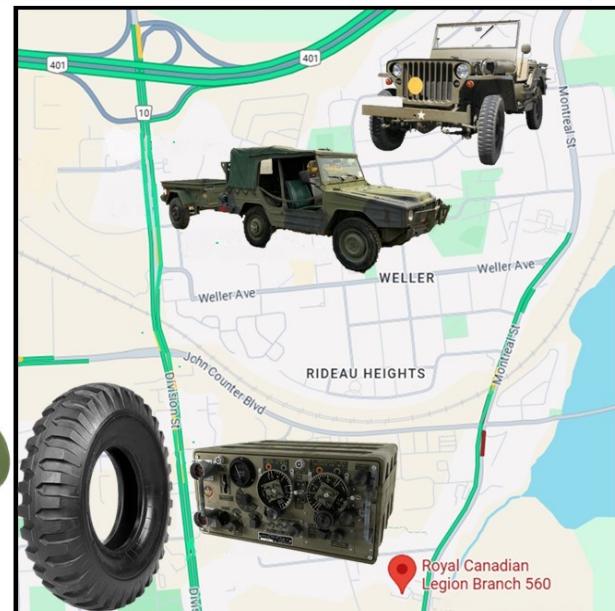
KINGSTON MILITARY VEHICLE PARTS & MILITARIA MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2026

Royal Canadian Legion, #560
734 Montreal Street, Kingston, ON K7K 3J4

- Show Hours , 9AM - 1PM
- \$8 General Admission
- Free Admission for OMVA Members & kids under 12
- Vendor Set-up at 8am
- Vendor Tables, no charge for current OMVA Members

For Vendor Tables & Info, contact Robin Craig
omvakingston@gmail.com or 343-989-5036



OMVA SPRING MARKETPLACE AT THE CANADIAN TANK MUSEUM

1000 STEVENSON RD. N., OSHAWA, ON.

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH, 2026

8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

(DEALER SET-UP STARTS AT 7:00 AM)

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MILITARY VEHICLE PARTS AND ENJOY
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OMVA MEMBERS, VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY \$0

