Armored Military Vehicle Models to be on Display in Newport News during International Modeling Convention
~ Convention to be held April 7-9 at the Newport News Marriott in City Center ~

Newport News, VA, March 17, 2022 – The Armor Modeling and Preservation Society (AMPS) is bringing its 26th International Convention to Newport News in early April. Hundreds of model cars, tanks, jeeps, artillery, and even miniature figures – representing many nations and ranging from 1900 to the present – will be on display at the Newport News Marriott in City Center.

This event, which is open to the public, will highlight the creativity and excellence that goes into the assembly of readily available model kits. These scale models are created with exact details of the real thing, ranging from 1/144th to 1/16th of its actual dimensions and resulting in replicas approximately 1-to-12 inches in size.

Founded in 1993, AMPS was established as a military modeling club, similar to other scale-modeling organizations. Its mission is to foster knowledge and appreciation of the history of armored vehicles found in museums and private collections and in miniature through modeling.

Modelers, historians, merchandisers and families interested in the preservation of military history are encouraged to attend the convention in order to see amazing artwork from hundreds of skilled modelers and artisans from around the world. The event typically exhibits more than 500 models, each with its own unique construction, finishing and display features.

Scale modelers are encouraged to bring their own creative work for display. Each year, the AMPS membership votes on a theme for the following year’s convention. This year, the theme is Move It. If it hauls, moves, or transports supplies, vehicles or people, the entry is eligible for the show’s theme award. Build a subject that meets their qualifications and you might win the award!

In addition to the display opportunities, many of the best armor modeling product vendors will attend to help patrons find great deals on new and old kits, tools, and accessories. Choose from a variety of books, reference materials, model kits, paints, glues, decals, weathering products, tons of finishing supplies and all sorts of other items to make your model as realistic as possible. Over half of the show space is dedicated to the hobby.

There will also be opportunities to learn techniques and take part in historical discussions at educational seminars conducted by inspiring hobbyists and military vehicle historians.

The convention starts at 5 p.m. April 7 and continues through 3 p.m. April 9 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center, 740 Town Center Drive. Admission: $5 youth; $10 adult; $15 family. For additional details, visit www.amps-armor.org.

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