**Saturday, August 17th, 2024**

**Marriott Chicago O’Hare**

**8535 West Higgins Road**

**Chicago, IL 60631**

The purpose of OMSA is to foster and promote the educational development of interested parties though the research, recording and dissemination of information and knowledge of **orders**, **decorations**, **medals**, and other **honors**, past and present, military, and civil, of the world community of nations. Find more about us at: [www.omsa.org](http://www.omsa.org)

**If your focus is an existing collection:** Complete the following Collections Merit Badge requirements:

**1.** Prepare a short, written report with a detailed description of your collection, including the history, why you enjoy your collection, and what you have learned from collecting. Include why you chose that collecting method. Note: Stamp and coin collecting are excluded from eligibility for this merit badge.

**2.** Show your counselor any two groups from your collection. Explain how you organized your collection and why you chose that method. (Note: If your collection is too large, photographs will suffice.)

**If you are considering collecting medals:** Read ahead on the subject, including our website. You may have medals now, or access to medals to begin your collection. Try to come to the early session, as you will have more time to research the subject and buy very inexpensive pieces, and potentially free medals. We are open to the public 9-5 on Saturday, and you are welcome to stay as long as you want. You will be able to talk to the collectors and see our medal exhibits. By discussing what you learn there, you may complete most (or even all) of the requirements for the Collections Merit Badge based on medal collecting. And by completing our OMSA Scavenger Hunt, you will receive an OMSA logo patch!

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Two iterations of the Collections program, you only need to attend one:**

**1.** **Check-in 8:30 AM. Program 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**2. Check-in 12:30 PM. Program 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

To **pre-register**, send an email to Dave Rogers at daveclintrogersjr@gmail.com. Subject: OMSA 2024. Provide names, collections interest and troop number. Please register by August 15th, 2024 (Although last minute entries are accepted).

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