

# PETER JULIAN

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Peter Julian” ~ The Georgia Straight Newspaper



## Veterans' Week November 5 to 11

### NOVEMBER 11, 2012 - REMEMBRANCE DAY

I encourage everyone to participate in the Remembrance Day Services in our community. In this way, we pay tribute to those who served and are serving Canada proudly. Please come out on Sunday November 11, 2012, either to the ceremonies in Burnaby or in New Westminster to honour and remember all those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace.

#### Burnaby Remembers

##### Royal Canadian Legion Branch #148 (North Burnaby)

Ceremony at Confederation Park Cenotaph - Mayor Derek Corrigan will be attending. Marchers gather at 10:00AM - Safeway parking lot 4440 East Hastings Street. The parade will begin at 10:30AM. The ceremony will commence at 10:45AM.

##### Royal Canadian Legion Branch #83 (South Burnaby)

Ceremony at Bonsor Park Cenotaph - Acting Mayor Councillor Paul McDonell will be attending. The parade will begin at 10:30AM from Legion# 83 on Grimmer. The ceremony will commence at 10:45AM.

#### New Westminster Remembers

At the Armoury, located at the corner of Sixth Street and Queen's Avenue.

Master of Ceremonies, Mayor Wayne Wright. The Royal Westminster Regiment Band will play music at 9:30AM. The memorial service will commence at 10:00AM. Following the assembly at the armoury, the parade leading to the Cenotaph will begin at 10:40AM.

Hope to see you there,



Our Veterans are ordinary men and women who did extraordinary things to protect our freedom and build a safer world to live in. They have helped shape the future of our country, and their service is a point of national pride.

By remembering the sacrifice and service of our Veterans, we recognize the tradition of freedom they fought to preserve. There are many ways you can show that you remember and honour our Canadian Veterans:

- Wear a poppy to honour those in

uniform who have served Canada and also those who have died in service to our country.

- Attend Remembrance Day ceremonies or if you can't go, watch them on television.

- You can talk to a friend or relative who just returned home from Afghanistan or who fought in other wars about their experiences.

- Help plan and participate in a commemorative ceremony at school or with a community group.

- Listen to Veterans talk about their experiences.

- Plant tulips, a tree or an entire memorial garden in memory of local citizens who died during their military service and/or Veterans from your community who have passed on.

- Blog, tweet or update your facebook status about the importance of remembrance.

Together, it is our duty to pass on the legacy and keep the memories of our Canadian Veterans alive.

Canadians commemorate several milestones this year: the bicentennial of the War of 1812, the 110th anniversary of the end of the South African War, the 95th anniversary of the Battles of the Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele, and the 70th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.



## The War of 1812 - The Contribution of African-Canadian Soldiers in the Fight for Canada

African-Canadians in British North America had a tradition of military service that long predated Canadian Confederation in 1867.

Many, including Upper Canada farmer Richard Pierpoint, had served the Crown during the American Revolution. At the outset of war in 1812, Pierpoint urged, at first unsuccessfully, that an African-Canadian militia unit help defend the Niagara district. By July 1812, a small militia company of African-Canadian soldiers had been formed that would fight at several major battles, including Queenston Heights. The “Corps of Men of Colour” later worked on military construction, helping to build Fort Mississauga in the Niagara peninsula. Disbanded in early 1815, the Corps was a prominent example of service in defence of early Canada. The “Corps of Men of Colour”, also known as Runchey’s Corps, were a small company of about 40 men from the Niagara and York districts. (based on the information from Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Please call, write or visit our community office. We’re here to help you with:

- issues related to federal government services such as Citizenship and Immigration, Employment Insurance, Revenue Canada and Canada Student Loans.
- arranging special messages for important occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.
- providing referrals to other services offered in the community.

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### “The Line” Afghanistan 2002

There is a place I wish I didn’t know  
A place where even darkness doesn’t go  
That holds a tiny shimmering of light  
Amongst the darkest hours of the night.  
And so it holds a shadow in the day  
Across the burning sand a strip that’s grey  
As if the sun itself refused to shine  
Upon the wire and pickets of “the line.”  
The planes jet engines rumble all the time  
They roar over our trenches as they climb  
And fill the yawning universe with sound...  
Except that dayless, nightless patch of ground.  
Every nervous eye looks out with strain  
Above that barren ground that knows no rain

And somewhere out there in the boiling black  
Above that barren ground they’re looking back.  
It is the line where sanity is created,  
And on both sides its holding back the beast.

WO Quenten Mullin, 33, CFB Galetown

Reason: I wrote this poem in Kandahar, in a trench, in 2002. I’m still serving, and I have not been back there since. I think this poem speaks for the pressure that each soldier assumes in doing his or her job there, and the enormity of accepting the burden of the fight. I hope veterans read this and say “exactly” and that those who have not served there read this and say “wow.”

(Veterans Affairs Canada)