

# PETER JULIAN

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## 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.

### 95th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele

Canadians have made many impressive accomplishments fighting in the cause of peace and freedom. A name from Canada's First World War military heritage that still stirs emotions is "Passchendaele." In a muddy corner of Belgium, Canadians overcame almost unimaginable hardships to capture this ruined village in 1917.

Fighting at Passchendaele took great bravery. Nine

Canadians earned the Victoria Cross (the highest award for military valour a Canadian can earn) in the battle: Private Tommy Holmes, Captain Christopher O'Kelly, Sergeant George Mullin, Major George Pearkes, Private James Peter Robertson, Corporal Colin Barron, Private Cecil Kinross, Lieutenant Hugh McKenzie and Lieutenant Robert Shankland. Two of these men, MacKenzie and Robertson, did not survive the battle to receive their medals

The soldiers who participated in this battle were among the more than 650,000 Canadians who served in uniform during the First World War. The sacrifices and achievements of those who gave so much in the effort to restore peace and freedom are not forgotten.

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## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

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

### COMMUNITY OFFICE

- 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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June 30, 1915

Dear Mom, Dad, Charlie and Ellen,

I hope you are all well. How are Charlie and Ellen? I'm okay, but it's terribly cold and we've had little food for days. There is sickness and death all around, but I know you don't want to hear about that. Every night I think about you guys back home in St. John's, and just knowing you guys love me gives me hope to go on. On the real cold nights, or when the shelling is real bad, I think of the phrase, "Those who don't know their history are bound to repeat it." It sometimes comes to me when I look around. When the war ends, everything will turn to dust and no one will remember. I can only hope that we will learn, and war will never happen again and that we don't let differences come between us. I feel proud because we are all fighting for peace and for the pride of our country and Britain.

Tomorrow is what they are calling the "Big Push". So pray for me and all the others who are fighting this war. Pray that they might come home to the families they love so much. And if I don't return, heaven forbid, I just want to say two things: I love you all very much, and teach others about the horrors of war, so we may never go to war again.

Samuel

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