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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-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 Passchendale, and the 70th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid.



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

When we look at world history, the war that broke out in North America in 1812 was greatly overshadowed by the war between France and Britain in Europe. It was a small war but Canadians

remember it as one of the most important times in their history.

Richard Pierpoint was a young boy of 16 in Senegal, Africa, when he was seized and sold into slavery in 1760. Purchased by an English officer named Pierpoint who had settled in New York's Hudson Valley, Richard became this officer's servant and adopted his surname.

After the outbreak of the American Revolution, Richard was given his freedom and eventually became a soldier, joining John Butler's corps of Rangers operating out of Fort Niagara.

When the War of 1812 broke out, Richard Pierpoint petitioned Major-General Sir Isaac Brock to form a militia to fight alongside the British during the war. At first refusing, Brock finally agreed and ordered the formation of what was known as the "Corps of Men of Colour". The 68-year-old Richard Pierpoint served as a private in the corps and was on active duty throughout the conflict, including the Battle of Queenston Heights.

(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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BECAUSE I AM A SOLDIER

Because I am a soldier,
That's what I chose to be.
I will stand up for freedom,
And defend democracy.

I will go to places far away,
And help my fellow man.

Because I am a soldier,
Not just because I can.

Because I am a soldier,
I will be both brave and strong.
I will fight until it's over,
I just pray it won't be long.

I will fight beside my allies,
We will face the enemy.

Because I am a soldier,
This is a soldiers' destiny.

Because I am a soldier,
I know freedom has a price.
I know I may not make it home,
And it may even cost my life.

Because I am a soldier...

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