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

South African War (1899-1902)

In many ways the origins of our country's tradition of international military service and sacrifice can be traced back to the South African War, fought between 1899 and 1902. This conflict in a distant land so different from our own was the first time large numbers of Canadian soldiers served overseas. Canada's contributions in the South African War came at a cost. Approximately 280 Canadians lost their lives (most due to injury or illness brought on by the harsh conditions) and more than 250 were wounded.

The names of the fallen are recorded in the South African War / Nile Expedition Book of Remembrance

which is displayed in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

A popular and efficient officer, Drury was known as the "Father of Modern Field Artillery in Canada" for his many innovations. After service in the militia artillery in New Brunswick, he joined the permanent force artillery in 1877, and served in the Northwest Campaign in 1885. At the outbreak of the South African War he was in command of the Permanent Force artillery at Kingston. He was one of the officers who accompanied the first Canadian contingent to study military developments during the war. He saw action with British forces and was present at the battle of Magersfontein.

The Canadian government claimed at the time that this overseas expedition was not a precedent. History would prove otherwise. The new century would see Canadians serve in two world wars, the Korean War, and dozens of peacekeeping missions.

(Canadian war museum)

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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Gone; But Not Forgotten

You are the wind that brushes soft across my face.
You are the stars that illuminate the shadow
and force darkness from this place.
You are every one of a million things I see.
You are the people who won this life for me.
You are the cries that echoed across this land.
You are the body who was the strength
behind the hand.
You are the courage and the bravery.
You are the men who fought to keep us free.

You are the reason
my laughter rises loud and clear.
You are the soldiers
who gave their lives for one held dear.
You are the support, regardless of the fee.
You are the thoughts, the dreams, the memory.
And though gone,
you aren't forgotten.
Today we remember thee.

Christina Chandler

(Veterans Affairs Canada)