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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-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

On November 6, 1917 the Canadians and British launched the assault to capture the ruined village of Passchendaele itself. In heavy fighting, the attack went according to plan. The task of actually capturing the “infamous” village fell to the “City of Winnipeg” 27th Battalion and they took it that day. After weathering fierce enemy counterattacks, Canadian soldiers succeeded in the face of almost unbelievable challenges.

The efforts of all these men were remarkable, but it

has been said that the Battle of Passchendaele could not have been won if it were not for the heroic actions of Major Pearkes of the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Despite a leg wound, he led a few dozen of his men through heavy enemy fire across open ground to capture a strategically located farm. They then fought off numerous counter-attacks for more than a day, preventing the Germans from destroying the main advancing Canadian force from the side.

More than 4,000 Canadians died in the Battle of Passchendaele and almost 12,000 were wounded. Canada’s success there added to our nation’s reputation as the best offensive fighting force on the Western Front. This status meant that our military would be at the forefront of the advance that eventually won the war for the Allies a year later.

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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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The Unsung Heroes

The unsung heroes throughout the World Wars Are the spouses who stayed here on Canada’s shores. To care for their children, for parents, for homes and to face the uncertainty of being left all alone.

They dreaded bad news that they knew could be theirs. They waited for good news to lessen their cares. They worked hard while their hearts were heavy with fear, they carried the home load throughout the war years.

When the children were ill, when bills couldn’t be paid when death hit the family, when a crisis delayed their sleep till the wee hours of the next morning. And no help was forthcoming, even with the new dawning.

They tried hard to smile, to cope, and to make life as normal as possible as they dealt with the strife. Of war, that is never a pleasant experience for those who fight it, survive it, or deal with its throes.

Their stories are those that are not often told in the saga of war. Too long they’ve been sidelined and some are left poor. They too played their part in the allied victory. Their sacrifice must be counted in the annuals of history.

By: Hattie Dyck, 75, Truro, Nova Scotia Reason: I truly believe those who stayed home and are still doing so need adequate recognition for their sacrifice.

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