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Veterans' Week

November 5 to 11

NOVEMBER 11, 2013 - 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 Monday November 11, 2013, 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 #83 (South Burnaby)

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

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #148 (North Burnaby)

Ceremony at Confederation Park Cenotaph - Acting Mayor Sav Dhaliwal 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.

New Westminster Remembers

At the Armouries, 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 at the Armouries and Queens Avenue United Church 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.
- 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 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and South Korea, the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic and the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.



70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence

Those who fought in the Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence achieved and sacrificed much in their efforts to help maintain peace and freedom in Canada. These combatants were among the more

than one million men and women who served in Canada's armed forces during the Second World War. More than 42,000 Canadians gave their lives in the war. The Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which saw German U-boats penetrate the Cabot Strait and the Strait of Belle Isle to sink 23 ships between 1942 and 1944, marked the only time since the War of 1812 that enemy warships inflicted death within Canada's inland waters.

Many of those whose lives were claimed by the Battle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence have no known grave. Their lives, and their sacrifices, are commemorated on Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorials on both sides of the Atlantic. Those members of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Canadian and Newfoundland Merchant Marine whose grave is the sea, are commemorated on the Halifax Memorial. Members of the Royal Canadian Air Force who lost their lives in the Gulf theatre and whose last resting places unknown, are commemorated on the Commonwealth Air Forces Ottawa Memorial. The names of Royal Navy personnel whose lives were claimed by the waters of the Gulf, are inscribed on the Plymouth Naval Memorial or the Lowestoft Naval Memorial in the United Kingdom.

(Veterans Affairs 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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PROSE & POETRY

A Canadian soldier goes home today

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His duty all but done
His friends gather round to see him off
And salute him one by one
To keep the peace he's done his best
And kept the foe at bay
And gave the children in a foreign land
A chance to run and play
They may never know this soldier's

name, Nor the sacrifice he made
To leave his own fond loved ones
At home they wish he stayed
But the work of keeping a fragile peace
Is a long and arduous one
Most times accomplished with an open hand
But sometimes with a gun
He is not the first to go this way
But we pray he is the last
With a few shed tears we say good-bye

And then from sight he's passed
Yes, a Canadian soldier goes home today
Draped in our National Flag
His duty for his country is done
Rest well my fallen comrade

Reason: I would like to share a poem with you that a friend of mine, Roland MacKinnon, wrote while stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Roland wrote this poem after attending a ceremony in Kandahar that was held for Braun Scott Woodfield. He was the Canadian Soldier that lost his life in November in a tragic accident on his way from Kabul to Kandahar. Roland MacKinnon