



# 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.

## **60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice**

"Rain was running down my neck, my hands were numb, and I never seemed to be dry. Kneeling in the snow, or advancing in the rain, my knees and the front of my legs became wet. Then the dampness soaked right through and the skin underneath became tender and raw." John Melady, Korea: Canada's Forgotten War. Toronto, Macmillan, 1983.

2013 is the Year of the Korean Veteran. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, as well as the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and South Korea. On June 25, 1950, the freedom of the South Korean people was threatened by a full-force invasion by North Korea. More than 26,000 Canadian men and women in uniform came to the aid of South Koreans during the Korean War and joined the United Nations mission in Koreaworking to restore peace and stability to the area. 516 Canadians gave their lives in service to defend the values of peace and freedom on the Korean peninsula.

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War Armistice was signed, ending three years of fighting. Approximately 7,000 Canadians continued to serve between the signing of the Armistice and the end of 1955, with some Canadian troops remaining until 1957. In total, 516 brave young Canadians made the ultimate sacrifice while serving with the United Nations forces.

(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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## The Unknown Soldier

Was he father? To whom a son?
Was he lover to someone?
Did he dream under Prairie skies?
Or is it here his mother cries?

Unknown by sight. Unknown by

sound.

Lain alone in foreign ground.

No longer here, is he alone

For now this unknown soldier's

known.

When all the world was shouting cheers

And the war was done,

His mother silent wept her tears

Even though we'd won.

"Mother dearest, cry no more,

For mother, I am home.

And mother dearest, dry those tears

For you don't cry alone."

And as I stand here tall and free

I bow my head and see

That I am father, son, lover to someone.

He gave his life to me.

Prabhath Avadhanula

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