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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 Westminister 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 Westminister Remembers

At the Armouries, located at the corner of Sixth Street and Queen's Avenue.

Master of Ceremonies, Mayor Wayne Wright. The Royal Westminister 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 Atlantic

Canada's role in the Battle of the Atlantic was large and significant. Starting from a tiny base of ships, aircraft and personnel, and an infrastructure of meagre proportions, Canada became one of the foremost Allied powers in the Atlantic war. By 1942, Canada was able to carry a major share of the defence of

North American waters and, at the same time, was Britain's principal partner in the defence of trans-oceanic convoys. By 1944, Canadian forces had developed the strength and capability to provide a significant contribution to the British and Americans in other theatres of the war.

Canada's Merchant Navy Veterans bore much of the brunt of the war in the Atlantic. Many of the sailors aboard merchant vessels had survived the mines and submarines of the First World War and chose to sail again, some two decades later. They sometimes sailed in rusty old ships, but more often in highly inflammable tankers or in freighters loaded with ammunition. With each voyage the odds of survival seemed to grow longer. Still, voyage after voyage, men who had been torpedoed or had seen ships go down about them, sailed and sailed again.

The most important achievement of the war in the Atlantic was the more than 25,000 merchant ship voyages made from North American to British ports under the escort of Canadian forces. These vessels delivered approximately 165 million tonnes of cargo to sustain the United Kingdom and made possible the liberation of Europe. In the process, Canadian warships and aircraft sank, or shared in the destruction of some 50 U-boats.

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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

For Those

For those young men, not much older than I
Who sought adventure but went to die
Who slept in trenches through snow and rain
And never saw their loved ones again.

For those who decided to take up the fight
To defend their country by means of flight
And whose planes were downed by some merciless gun
And who never again saw the light of the sun.

For those who decided boats would be best
So joined the Navy and were put to the test
And with one torpedo sank under the waves
And forever lie in their watery graves.

For those who visited Hell and came back
With terrible scars or not even a scratch
And those who paid the ultimate price
We give silent thanks for our free life.

Neil Lovitt
(Veterans Affairs Canada)