

NOVEMBER 11, 2014 - 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 Tuesday November 11, 2014, 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.

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 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.

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 - Councillor Sav Dhaliwal will be attending. The parade will begin at 10:30AM from Legion# 83 on Grimmer. The ceremony will commence at 10:45AM.

Hope to see you there,

Sincerely,

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.

75th anniversary of the start of the Second World War

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we shall remember them."

Our country's great efforts in the Second World War involved virtually the whole country whether by serving in the military or by serving on the home front in industry or agriculture. More than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the military — more than 45,000 gave their lives and another 55,000 were wounded. While the great powers made more significant contributions to the war effort, for a country of only 11

million people Canada's contribution was remarkable. At war's end, Canada had become a significant military power with the world's third largest navy, the fourth largest air force and an army of six divisions.

Canadians contributed in many ways to our country's efforts in the Second World War. Not everyone who put their lives on the line to serve Canada and the world did so in a military uniform.

Many individuals and civilian organizations worked closely with Allied forces during this great conflict. Their support and contributions were important in the triumph of the Allies in the war.

Corps of Canadian Firefighters Persistent German bombing of cities and factories caused great damage in Britain. Canada sought to give help and the Corps of (Civilian) Canadian Firefighters was organized in 1942 to help British firefighters combat the fires caused by the bombing.

- 422 men volunteered for the Corps. Only half of these volunteers were professional firefighters;.
- The volunteer firemen received \$1.30 pay per day from the Canadian government. They received no training other than what the Veteran firefighters could teach them.
- There were 11 casualties, including three deaths, in the Corps of Canadian Firefighters overseas.

Benevolent and Medical Organizations

Representatives of several organizations served overseas to provide support to Canadian troops.

• 585 volunteers from the Canadian Legion War Services

Incorporated, the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, and the YMCA set up canteens for soldiers. Throughout their volunteer duty, they suffered 71 casualties, including eight dead.

• Medical personnel with the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Brigade acted as assistants to nurses and ambulance drivers.

The collective experiences and stories of all Canadians during the Second World War, including the civilians who worked in support of the Armed Forces, provides us with a proud and lasting legacy that will continue into the country's future.

Photo: View from LCI(L) 306 of the 2nd Canadian (262nd RN) Flotilla showing ships of Force 'J' en route to France on D-Day.

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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
- arranging special messages for important occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.
- providing referrals to other services offered in the community.

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We will Soon Be Home

The tide has turned, we will soon be there,
The joy of victory is in the air,
You boys have surely done your part
We keep that knowledge in our hearts.
You are fighting for one thing, we know,

A Better World and it will be so-You want to feel when your job is done That something was earned, that something Security, Freedom, they must be yours
No fear, no want,- a Soldier's due,
The thing you fought for must be here
And with your return be given you.

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