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Richmond's Betty Lefroy recalls the Second World War and her husband Tony's military career. Upon his return home, he chose to never speak about his overseas experience or socialize with his military buddies.


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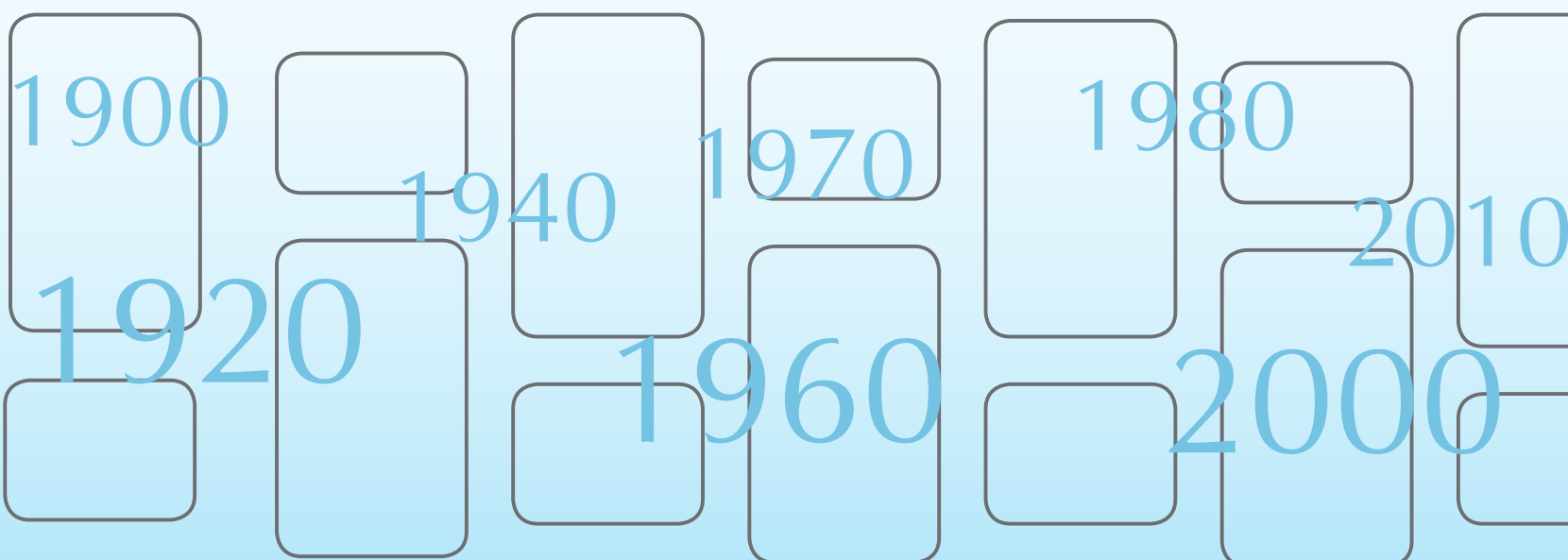


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Soldiering on at home

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Back in Edmonton, in the early days of the Second World War, Betty and Tony had been an item for a while. He signed up without warning.

"He just appeared at the door in uniform. I was surprised that he did it without telling me because we'd been going together then for several years," says 94-year-old Gilmore Gardens resident Betty Lefroy.

Tony found himself stationed at a forward signal station on Ile d'Orléans, just outside Quebec City, 3,843 kilometres (2,400 miles) from Edmonton. Their long-term romance continued by mail.

"We'd been going together for five years before I caught him at the altar," says Betty with a smile.

But in June of 1944, a war-time wedding wasn't an easy thing to pull off.

"He came home on leave. It was four days home by train to Edmonton and four days back," says Betty.

"We had two days home. We got married and he got back on the train back to Quebec," she says.

Tony Lefroy came home for the Christmas of 1944 then left the country.

"That's when he went overseas and was on convoy duty on the Atlantic. I stayed home and had a baby," Betty says.



Betty Lefroy remembers life at home in Canada when so many young men she knew went to war.

Photo by Chung Chow

Convoys on the Atlantic were routinely torpedoed. Ships sank with many lives lost.

"I think you always worried. So many friends were dropping around you that you wondered, always wondered. I don't think (Tony) worried particularly.

What can you do when you're at sea and a torpedo comes?" she says.

But Betty was young and rolled with the times.

"It was part of living. You were going through it. You coped. You hoped and that was it. If it didn't work out...."

Betty's voice trails off, then she tells a story.

While in hospital in Edmonton having their first child, she says, "There was a young girl there married to a naval officer and while she was in hospital having her baby she got word he'd been killed. That's pretty tough."

When asked if people got used to losing people, Betty replies, "Oh yes. Where we lived in Edmonton there were across the street the Brooks. Both boys—gone, and Tony's best friend—gone. His first flight over the English Channel, he was shot down."

Betty speaks of her husband, while he was home on leave, going to visit family friends. During the visit, the family got notice that a second son had been killed.

Betty remembers the lad they lost. "He had the most gorgeous eyes of anybody I've ever seen—a nice boy."

I asked if there was anything they appreciated more in those days.

Betty replied, "You probably appreciated your good luck."

She continues, "In those days, you were asked to take a service man into your home if you could. We got this young Australian boy, Jack."

He came by every couple of weeks on a Saturday to get a dose of family life.

"He said, 'I don't want you to do any-

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Wear a poppy, lest we forget

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

**-Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae
May 3, 1915**



Coun. Bill McNulty is joined by Jim Lamond and Peter Liu to sell poppies outside the liquor store at Ironwood Mall.

Photo by Chung Chow

By **DON FENNELL**
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The poppy has come to symbolize remembrance.

Inspired by Canadian poet and physician Lt-Col. John McCrae's haunting "In Flanders Fields," which he wrote during the World War I Battle of Ypres in Belgium, small, red-coloured artificial poppies are traditionally worn on clothing leading up to Remembrance Day to commemorate military personnel who have died in war.

Poppy wreaths are also often laid at war memorials.

"The idea is all about remember-

ing the war dead. It's as simple as that," says Matthew McBride, who is front and centre in the Richmond poppy campaign, organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 291.

"People always ask how much does a poppy cost and I always say it's already been paid for. Whatever you feel like donating. The benefit is we live in a very generous community and typically we get \$1, \$2, 25 cents. We also see 50s and 100s come in. One hundred per cent of the funds stay here in Richmond and are used to benefit veterans in our community. But if people say we don't have money, I

give them a poppy myself because it's more about remembering."

The Royal Canadian Legion, which has trademarked the poppy image, suggests the poppies be worn on the left lapel, or as near the heart as possible.

Every year, the legion conducts the poppy campaign which is organized and run by local legion volunteers at more than 1,400 branches across Canada and abroad. The funds are held in trust at every level of the legion, and the use of these trust funds are strictly controlled, with appropriate approval processes.

This year, the Royal Canadian

Legion hopes more than 18 million poppies will be proudly worn by Canadians between now and Nov. 11.

"Every year, for two weeks, thousands of Legion members volunteer their time to offer poppies and raise millions that will be provided to veterans and their families in need," said Dominion president Gordon Moore. "While I am proud to be a veteran, I am also particularly proud to be a member of the legion during this period when millions of Canadians answer the call to help our veterans through the poppy campaign."

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Students take lead for Remembrance Day

By **DON FENNELL**
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Students are increasingly taking the lead when it comes to education, and next Friday at Matthew McNair Secondary School will be no exception.

When they gather for their annual Remembrance Day service Nov. 10, the students will be focused on change.

"A lot of the message is going to be how can we help this change so we don't have conflict and sacrifices," said principal Jason Leslie.

But while Leslie and the teaching staff at McNair will help facilitate the program, he proudly notes the first-year leadership class will oversee its production.

"Traditionally it has been put on by the theatre program and augmented

by the music department, but this year the leadership class has stepped in to take it on," he said. "Thirty kids have been meeting after school for the last five weeks to plan, orchestrate and ultimately deliver the multi-media program. It will be an emotionally-moving ceremony."

Leslie never ceases to be impressed by the students—both their attitudes and skills.

"Here, we let the kids' voices play a big part and this is something they treat very seriously," he said. "We fill the gym with the entire student body of 800-plus kids, and everyone is very respectful. As well, kids today are more technically skilled than when we were students. There are lots of concerns about social media since the advent of hand-held communication, but it...if

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Photo by Chung Chow

Teacher Susan Garrett (back centre) has written a musical piece to be performed at the school's Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10 by flutist Jocelyn Ly (front), 10; and choir made up of Colin Lim (middle), 10, Nihali Mann, 9, and Evan Markel (far left), 10.

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July 7 to November 30, 2017

The City of Richmond has contracted Lafarge Canada to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond from July 7 to November 30, 2017:

Pavement spot repairs

- 11351 No. 1 Road
- 11800 No. 2 Road
- 12031 No. 2 Road
- 11511 to 11711 Steveston Highway and 11393 Steveston Highway

City block paving locations

- Minoru Boulevard (Lansdowne Road to Ackroyd Road)
- Railway Avenue and Blundell Road intersection
- 11000 Block No. 5 Road
- 9000 Block No. 1 Road
- 10000 Block No. 1 Road
- 13000 Block Steveston Highway
- 6000 No. 5 Road
- No. 3 Road (Westminster Highway to Ackroyd)
- No. 5 Road and Bridgeport Road intersection
- Steveston Highway (Mortfield to No. 4 Road)
- Steveston Highway (10471 to Shell Road)
- 9000 Block Westminster Highway – East bound lanes
- Alderbridge Way (No. 3 Road to Garden City) – spot repairs only

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

Traffic will be reduced to single-lane and there may be temporary lane closures. Delays may occur. The use of an alternate route is strongly encouraged.

This work is weather dependent and dates are subject to change without notice.

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Contract Administrator, at 604-276-4189, or visit the City's paving program webpage at www.richmond.ca (City Services > Roads, Dykes, Water & Sewers > Construction Projects > 2017 Paving Program).

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Centenarian remembers

By **DON FENNELL**
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Canada may widely be viewed as a land of milk and honey, but during the war years such household staples were in short supply.

Sugar, butter and shortening were also scarce, so much so that they too were included in nation-wide rationing.

It was a time Iris Downing knew well.

Today a resident of Richmond's Maple Residences, the rather sprightly 102-year-old was in her early 20s when the Second World War broke out in 1939.

"Everybody was given a ration book," she remembers. "If you had teens at home, they were given one too, so your parents were able to purchase a certain amount of products. But you had to make things last because you had to wait up to a month until the next book came out."

Shortages even led to the sale of horse meat, recalls Downing of a period when goods such as rubber, gas, metal and nylon were also difficult to come by because they were needed for the war effort.

She says rationing in Canada continued until a year or two after the war ended.

The second eldest of six children, Downing was born and raised on a farm in Maple Creek, a tiny southwest Saskatchewan town on the Canadian

Pacific Railway line that even now still only boasts a population of 2,000 people.

Prior to 1915, it was best known as the home of the Northwest Mounted Police.

"I don't know how mom and dad kept six kids living on a farm in the Dirty 30s," she says. "We grew wheat, sold eggs for six cents a dozen, and raised sheep and turkeys."

Downing, whose birth name was Hammond, was working for the wheat pool when the war began. She was 24, but "I can't just remember when or how it was announced."

Two of those closest to her went off to war.

Her brother, Bruce, a member of the Saskatoon Light Infantry, was sent to India, while her eventual husband, Bill, who she had met at the local skating club, was sent to North Africa.

Originally a banker, Bill, who wore thick glasses, was at first denied enlistment but called up eight months later.

Rising up the ranks to become a corporal in the armed forces Governor General's Horseguards, Bill remained overseas through to the end of the war and did not return home until January 1946.

"I remember going to Toronto to meet (Bill's) train," says Downing.

Iris and Bill (who died in 1982 at the

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the war years



Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond's Iris Downing, 102, remembers the war years.

CENTENARIAN

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age of 72) were married for 40 years and had one son, Bruce, who became a renowned geologist. The couple loved to dance, especially square dancing. Bill was also an accomplished sportsman, who excelled at baseball and curling.

Letter writing was the standard form of communication during the war years. And soldiers looked forward to sharing any good news. But they especially looked forward to care packages from home—whenever they actually received them.

"I don't know how many arrived, but we sent many of them," Downing says of the care packages. "Sometimes we put liquor in a loaf of bread, or gave a cigarette company \$10 to send...cigarettes to someone. Of course they all smoked in those days. We also used to knit socks and send those over, because it got pretty cold in those trenches."

Naturally, remembers Downing, there was a great sense of relief when the war finally ended.

But it produced endless heartache, and took upwards of 80 million lives—more than half civilians.

"There was also a lot of transition between husbands and wives," she says. "They had to get to know one another again."

Downing says the First World War was supposed to end all wars, "but (sadly) I don't think they'll ever end."

These days, Downing, who was a keen volunteer for much of her lifetime, enjoys spending time with family and friends and playing bridge.

"I didn't take bridge seriously until I joined the seniors' centre. That was 29 years ago," she says. "I said at the time 'I've got to learn this game.' The biggest thing to bridge is remembering."

Downing also plays cribbage and whist (card games) at least one day a week.

She's surprised by her age, but still gets frustrated at not being able to complete a task she thinks she should be able to.

"I get so mad when I can't do something. Then I have to remind myself 'you're not in your 80s anymore.'"

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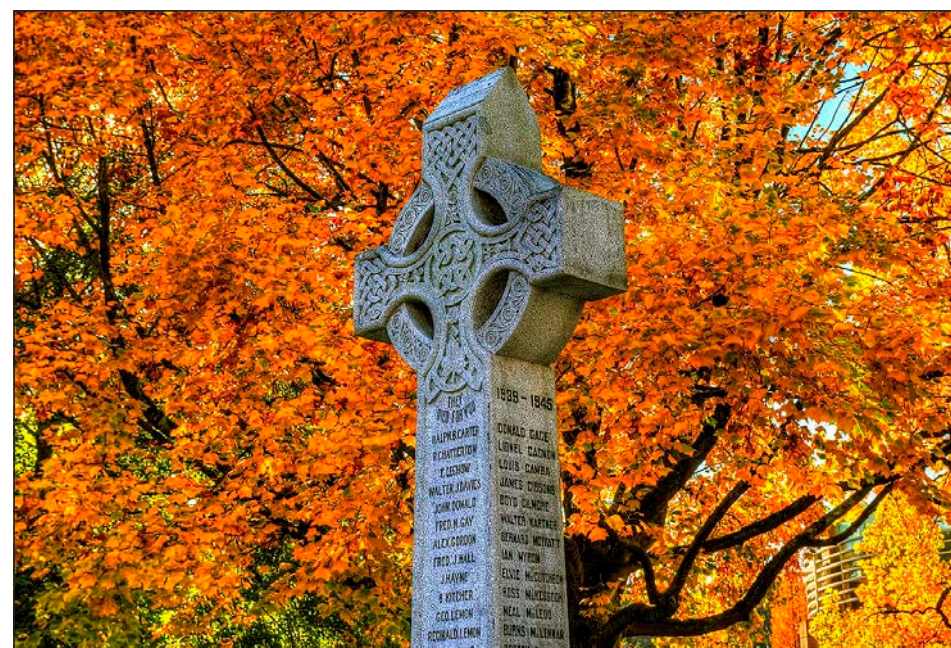
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The cenotaph outside
Richmond City Hall is
made of granite.



Cenotaph dates back to 1922

By **DON FENNELL**
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Seventy-seven names are engraved on the Richmond Cenotaph, all of them of young men who left behind their families and community to serve their country in the fight for freedom.

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Four boulders carved with the names of battles—Vimy, Somme, Ypres and Amiens, are a unique design element of the war memorial which originally cost \$1,612. Council of the day contributed \$300, with the remainder financed by public subscription and general fundraising.

Since the 1990s, the Friends of the Richmond Archives has been compiling information on the soldiers who lost their lives in military service during the First World War and the Second World War.

This also resulted in the publication *We Will Remember Them: The Lives Behind the Richmond Cenotaph*

by Mary Keen in 1998.

In 2016, the City of Richmond installed new poppy-adorned street signs to commemorate the local soldiers in memorial road names from Private John James Watson Abercrombie to Leading Aircraftman Pilot John Henry Reginald Willett.

Since the end of the First World War, Remembrance Day has been observed to remember those who have died in the line of duty and is observed annually on Nov. 11.

Close to 5,000 people attended the 2016 Remembrance Day service.

This year's Remembrance Day ceremony, Saturday, Nov. 11, begins with a parade at 10:20 a.m. of hundreds of marchers including veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members, representatives from public safety agencies, and cadet organizations.

Official ceremonies commence at 10:40 a.m. and conclude with two minutes of silence at precisely 11 a.m.

This is in recognition of the armistice formally ending hostilities of the First World War "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month."

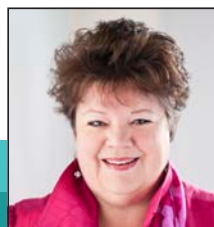
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DEAR RICHMOND CONSTITUENTS,

We have just wrapped up Manufacturing Month in B.C. – a time to celebrate this key sector of our economy. As part of Manufacturing Month, it was my pleasure as Richmond North Centre MLA and Trade Critic to sit down with four representatives of the Canadian manufacturing industry.

From Hansen Industries and Humble Manufacturing which produce precision sheet metal and machined components, to Pinnacle Renewable Energy which is the longest-established wood pellet producer in Western Canada, to Foley's Chocolates & Candies which manufactures delicious treats from Richmond— they represent the great diversity that is found in B.C.'s manufacturing sector.

These industry representatives took the time to speak with me about some of the challenges they face and some of the opportunities they see moving forward.

One of those issues is access to talent. To help raise awareness about careers in manufacturing, the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters association is collaborating with school districts to tour youth through manufacturing facilities. The organization is also working with the Industry Training Authority of B.C. and post-secondary institutions on training issues. It's also spearheading a Women in Manufacturing task force to get more women interested in careers in the field.

It's worth noting that the manufacturing sector provides well-paying, high-skilled employment opportunities to more than 170,000 people across British Columbia with wages that are 15 per cent higher than the provincial average.

With all this in mind, I'd like to thank B.C.'s manufacturers for their many positive contributions to our province and beyond. I recognize all that you do, and I will continue advocating on your behalf.

Teresa Wat, MLA

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Songs of remembrance and hope

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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What do you do when your undergraduate degree is music and your graduate degree is law?

Practise law and sing in the Lower Mainland's highly acclaimed Chor Leoni Men's Choir. That's just what Westwind resident Garth Edwards has done for the past 25 years.

As a founding member of Chor Leoni, Edwards remembers their first concert on Remembrance Day.

He says their founder, Diane Loomer, was very careful to look for a concert date that would not compete with other existing choirs' performances.

"That's why we started out with



Photo courtesy Chor Leoni

Garth Edwards is chair of Chor Leoni's men's choir.

a Remembrance Day concert which we do to this day," Edwards says.

"I look at this event as a real chance for thinking, more as a public service. For many of our audience, this is their Remembrance Day and how they mark it," says Chor Leoni artistic director Erick Lichte.

Chor Leoni offers two concerts on Saturday Nov. 11, a 1:30 p.m. performance at

West Vancouver United Church and an evening performance at 8 p.m. in St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church on the corner of Nelson Street and Burrard in Vancouver.

"It's a tricky business program-

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Lest We Forget



This year marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, two iconic Canadian military engagements.

On this day especially, let us remember and honour the service and sacrifice of all of our veterans and those currently serving Canada at home and abroad.

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ANAF, Legion serve vital roles



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**Matthew
McBride,**
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manager and
Remembrance
Day organizer.**

Steveston, "you had to line up to get in," recalls Unit 284 president Ian Parker.

But times have changed, and today the veterans' club is a shadow of its former self. The majority of members are now 40-plus, and the club no longer attracts the younger population in the kind of numbers that once typified the crowd.

Don't misunderstand, however. Members are still as community-minded as they have ever been.

Upwards of \$70,000 is raised annually from traditional meat draws, all of which is donated to support various charities and sports groups. And the club also welcomes the public to drop by.

Parker says the original intent of the club was to create "a social environment" for people who survived the war.

A year after being granted its

charter in 1946, the club purchased the Japanese Fisherman's Hospital at Unit 284's current site at 11900 No. 1 Road in the heart of Steveston. While that building burned down in 1956, members, led by the ladies auxiliary, kept the charter strong and were able to rebuild and re-open a new clubhouse in 1959.

ANAF is the oldest veteran and community service organization in Canada with more than 27,000 members and 74 units. Queen Victoria first gave a charter to create the veterans unit in Montreal in 1840. It was originally composed of volunteers who answered the call of the Canadian government for active service during the Irish Fenian Raids of 1860, 1870 and 1871. Established as a meeting grounds for army veterans who were at the end of their tours and

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There was a time, not so very long ago, when the Army, Navy and Air Force Club was among the hotspots in Richmond.

As recently as the 1990s, when B.C. Packers was still operating in



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ANAF, LEGION

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home to protect the colonies, the organization grew to include both the navy and air force by the end of the Second World War.

The Royal Canadian Legion was born directly out of the First World War, said Matthew McBride, chair of Richmond's Branch 291 Remembrance Day Committee.

"It was inspired by Field Marshal Earl Haig, who was the leader of the Commonwealth Forces in France at the time, to serve the returning soldiers and provide a gathering place for the veterans," he said.

The Canadian Legion was founded in Winnipeg in 1925 as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League. It was incorporated by a special act of parliament the following year, growing steadily through the 1930s and then expanding rapidly following the Second World War. In 1960, Queen Elizabeth II granted the legion royal patronage and



it became the Royal Canadian Legion.

Today, the legion continues to be dedicated to improving the lives of veterans, including serving Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families.

"So long as we have men and women in arms, we need to have organizations prepared to back them up and support them once

they move into civilian life," said McBride. "When people are coming out of the service today, a lot of them don't want anything to do with the military mindset. But over time they come back and need a place to gather and a place to say 'OK, now I feel at home.' ANAF and the legion provide that and I think it's very valuable."

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Byng elementary holding poppy drive

by **DON FENNELL**
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Lord Byng Elementary School is dedicating this week to remembering.

Students planned to go around to classrooms each morning from Nov. 6 to 10, to collect coin donations for the poppy fund. Each student will be given a poppy to wear to Friday's assembly beginning at 10:45 a.m.

A photo display of Byng veterans is also being planned. The front foyer case will house photos of family and community members who have served our country.

The Nov. 10 program, which will

be more formal than other assemblies, will feature a few musical performances by classes and the school choir, though there will be no applause as the assembly is meant to be a time of reflection and gratitude for the peace we are fortunate to enjoy in Canada. Each class is making a wreath of peace symbols to display, and some student volunteers will lay a wreath at the podium. There will also be a playing of *The Last Post* and a moment of silence.

Family and community members are welcome to attend the assembly.

Parents and family are also welcome to attend Steveston-London Secondary School's Remem-

brance Day ceremonies Friday, Nov. 10 at 10:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Please RSVP to the school at 604-668-6668. The ceremonies are an opportunity for students and staff to reflect on the horrific consequences of war, as well as appreciate the sacrifices made by millions of Canadians that allow us to live as freely as we do.

Both R.A. McMath Secondary School and James McKinnley Elementary School also have Remembrance Day ceremonies planned Friday, while Jessie Wowk Elementary School will observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. Friday, followed by an assembly at 1:30 p.m.

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Photo by Chung Chow

Lynne Ramsay and Ian Parker of ANAF 284 in Steveston.

CHOR LEONI CHOIR

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ming for a Remembrance Day concert. You have to deal with war and have to find works and readings that all come together. It's tricky to honour these men and woman while not glorifying war," says Lichte.

And why has a busy lawyer spent a quarter century singing in a men's choir so demanding of talent and time?

"It's almost my spiritual input. At some point, you really do get transcendent moments when everything clicks, when it is totally uplifting and spiritual in nature," Edwards says.

Lichte says of the Nov. 11 Chor Leoni concert, "It can be an uplifting and empowering event to be part of. It can be a tear-jerker in places, but we leave our audience in a place that it uplifting and is hopeful. The hope for this is that, someday,

this concert will be obsolete."

Both Lichte and Edwards cite the power of music when describing the First World War Christmas Day truce in the bloody fields of Flanders, where from trenches either side of no-man's land, the strains of Christmas carols blended together. The night's peace resulted in a Christmas Day soccer game and a truce that lasted until almost New Year's Day and it all started with song.

"You would hear at length about music and peace, how it transforms men and women.

If you know people and sing together, it's hard to make war, isn't it?" Edwards

"What we try to do is offer a space for reflection and remembrance of our soldiers in a way that also hopes for the promise of peace," says Lichte.

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TTOB is welcoming all veterans, current military personnel, offering them a free pearl milk tea through Nov. 11.

Bubble tea house honours veterans

by DON FENNELL
@DFSentinel

A local bubble tea is paying homage to Canada's veterans this week.

The Tea of Brightness, better known as TTOB, is offering all veterans or current military personnel a free pearl milk tea as a way to say thank you for their service.

As well, \$1 from each drink purchased through Remembrance Day (Saturday, Nov. 11) will be donated to the local poppy fund to assist local veterans.

"We encourage all other bubble

tea houses to also honour these extraordinary individuals in this way," says TTOB founder Alice Chang.

Focusing on serving quality products, for three decades TTOB has used natural ingredients in its ongoing efforts to offer the finest Taiwanese bubble tea to the world.

In addition to its teas, it also serves the popular Asian bubble waffles.

Two locations recently opened in the Lower Mainland—in Richmond at 160-9020 Capstan Way (Garden City and Capstan Way) and in Vancouver at 3318 Cambie St. (Cambie St and 17th Avenue).

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Wednesday, Nov. 15 | 5:00pm—8:00pm

Indigospirit Richmond Centre

Richmond RCMP Toy Drive & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Nov. 18 | 8:00am—12:00pm

Ironwood Plaza

Richmond Auto Mall's Windows of Hope

Tuesday, Nov. 21 | 3:00pm—8:00pm

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Friday, Nov. 24 | 6:00am—10:30am

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Sunday, Dec. 3 | 12:15pm—2:30pm

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Thursday, Dec. 7 | 6:00pm—9:00pm

Splash Toy Shop in Steveston Village

Lansdowne Centre Gift Wrap

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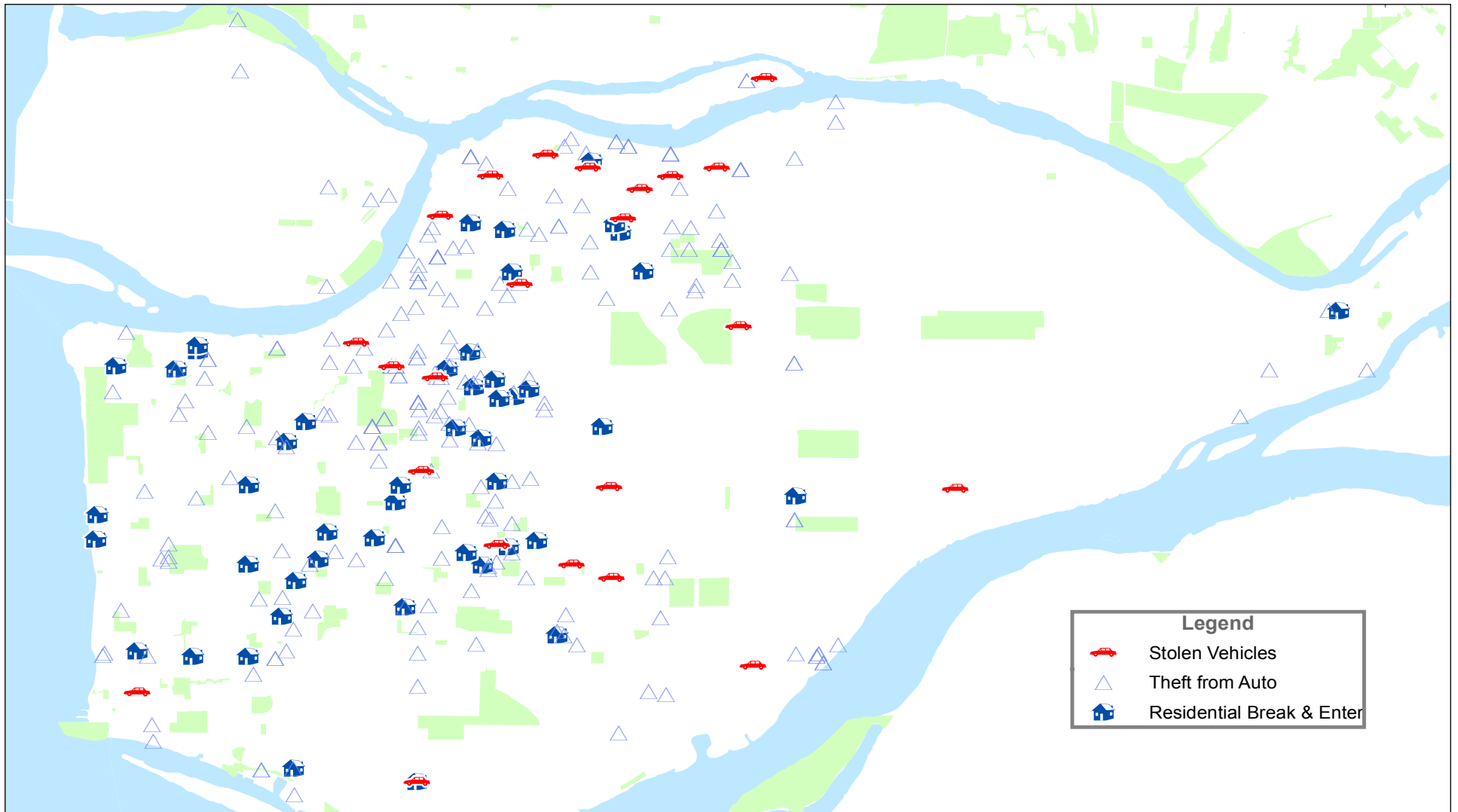
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Crime Map October 1- 31, 2017



Christmas is bringing out the best in people

By **CPL. DENNIS HWANG**
Richmond RCMP

As the holiday season is fast approaching, we are pleased to see the amount of community warmth that is being radiated our way.

We are seeing an unprecedented amount of giving.

Not only the giving in terms of things for our Annual Toy Drive, but giving in terms of time from the community, our volunteers, and our Auxiliary Constables.

Safety is a matter that weighs

strongly on us. Pedestrian safety is something we speak about regularly but the numbers show that fall is the most dangerous season.

Pedestrian safety is something largely preventable.

Take an extra second or two to make sure you are crossing the road at the right place.

Make eye contact with the driver and be sure you get a complete view of the area, of all the streets, before crossing.

Consider wearing something that makes you more visible to others. This applies not only to pedestri-

ans, but also to cyclists as well.

These tips are critical and may be all the difference in helping you get home to your loved ones.

We want everyone to make it home safely.

Theft from vehicles is a crime that we encounter on a regular basis and can affect anyone.

Take a moment to make sure nothing is left visible in your car.

An ounce of prevention can go a very long way.

If there is nothing to see, there is nothing to steal. It is as simple as that.

Our Crime Watch volunteers have been conducting checks on vehicles in popular locations and the amount of plainly visible items in cars is quite staggering.

They have observed everything from purses, handbags, cameras, iPads, cellphones, laptops, loose change, GPS systems and more being left in plain sight in vehicles.

The monetary values that have been reported as stolen is not insignificant.

These are crimes of opportunity.

Let us all do our part to reduce or even eliminate these opportunities.

Hidden heroes come from all cultures

By LORRAINE GRAVES
@LGsentinel

Bravery and service to Canada are not limited to those of European ancestry.

The most decorated soldier fighting in World War II and Korea, Tommy Prince was Ojibwa. On the Historica Canada website, you can check out the Heritage Minute honouring Prince's accomplishments and struggles.

Canadians of Chinese ancestry have offered service throughout the forces and appear on a wall of honour on the Veterans' Affairs website.

A decorated reservist from Vancouver, Harjit Singh Sajjan, is our Minister of Defense.

The Japanese Canadian Memorial in Stanley Park serves as a reminder of the contribution these citizens have made to our armed forces since the First World War. A commemorative ceremony begins there at 10:40 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 and is open to all.

To read the detailed story of former Richmond resident and decorated veteran Masumi Mitsui, who fought for Canada in the First World War and fought for human rights when he came home, see the Richmond Sentinel's website at richmondsentinel.ca

First Nations Veterans have

long struggled to have their significant contributions honoured.

The Aboriginal Veterans Day Organizing Committee, more than 12,000 First Nations people, including Inuit and Metis, served in the Canadian Armed Forces in the First World War alone—a high number considering First Nations peoples represent less than four percent of the country's population even today.

According to Kelly E. White, volunteer director, aboriginal people have served in over 42 peacekeeping missions since 1956.

On Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. the 13th annual Aboriginal Veterans Day Ceremonies commence at the Carnegie Centre, 401 Main St., Vancouver. After a 10:15 a.m. honour march from there to Victory Square, ceremonies begin at the Cenotaph at 10:45. All are welcome, White says.

"We are grateful to the families of our Aboriginal veterans for the sacrifices they have made, and continue to make. We honour our warriors of the past, and of today, for fighting for the rights of the People of Turtle Island and Mother Earth."

"Aboriginal veterans fought for the freedoms most other Canadians enjoy today, and we honour the great sacrifices and contributions they have made."

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Photo by Chung Chow
Teacher Natasha Blair
(front) and students
from Matthew McNair
Secondary's Grade
11 and 12 Leadership
Program.

STUDENTS

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used properly, has made the kids so much more aware of the world around them. They hear all the stories and are able to form informed opinions."

McNair's Remembrance Day ceremony this year, which will start at 10:30 a.m., will feature music, videos, dramatic performances and a respectful tribute to those who have fought in wars to provide us with the freedoms and lives we enjoy today.

A few veterans have also been invited to join the ceremony.

The program is divided into three segments, the first focusing on the past; the second on the world today; and the third looking into the future.

"In doing that we think it helps the kids recognize and appreciate the sacrifices of those that went before us," said Leslie. "But I think we also have a very diverse population today that has been ravaged by war, and our kids want to support each other and try to make (the world a better place)."

Other unique Remembrance Day services include those being held at Ferris elementary and at A.R. MacNeill secondary schools.

Ferris' program will begin with a "Circle of Peace" in the hallways, as students listen to

"It's a Wonderful World."

The students will then make their way to the gym to the sounds of "Colours of the Wind."

Principal Diane Steele says the assembly will feature many classes "singing and presenting musically, and we will have a guest speaker, Chief Warrant Officer Scott Stewart."

Students who are in cadets, scouts and girl guides will be wearing their uniforms and placing a ceremonial Remembrance Day wreath.

MacNeill's leadership class, meanwhile, is organizing its school assembly.

Vice-principal Herj Ghaug explains that the class will be focusing on what occurs after the war.

"In this year's Remembrance Day assembly, we will address the importance of acknowledging and helping those who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as spreading awareness of this ongoing disorder."

Spul'ukwuks elementary teacher Susan Garrett has written a musical piece to be performed at the school's Remembrance Day ceremony Nov. 10 by student flutist Jocelyn Ly and the school choir including Colin Lim, Nihali Mann and Evan Markel.

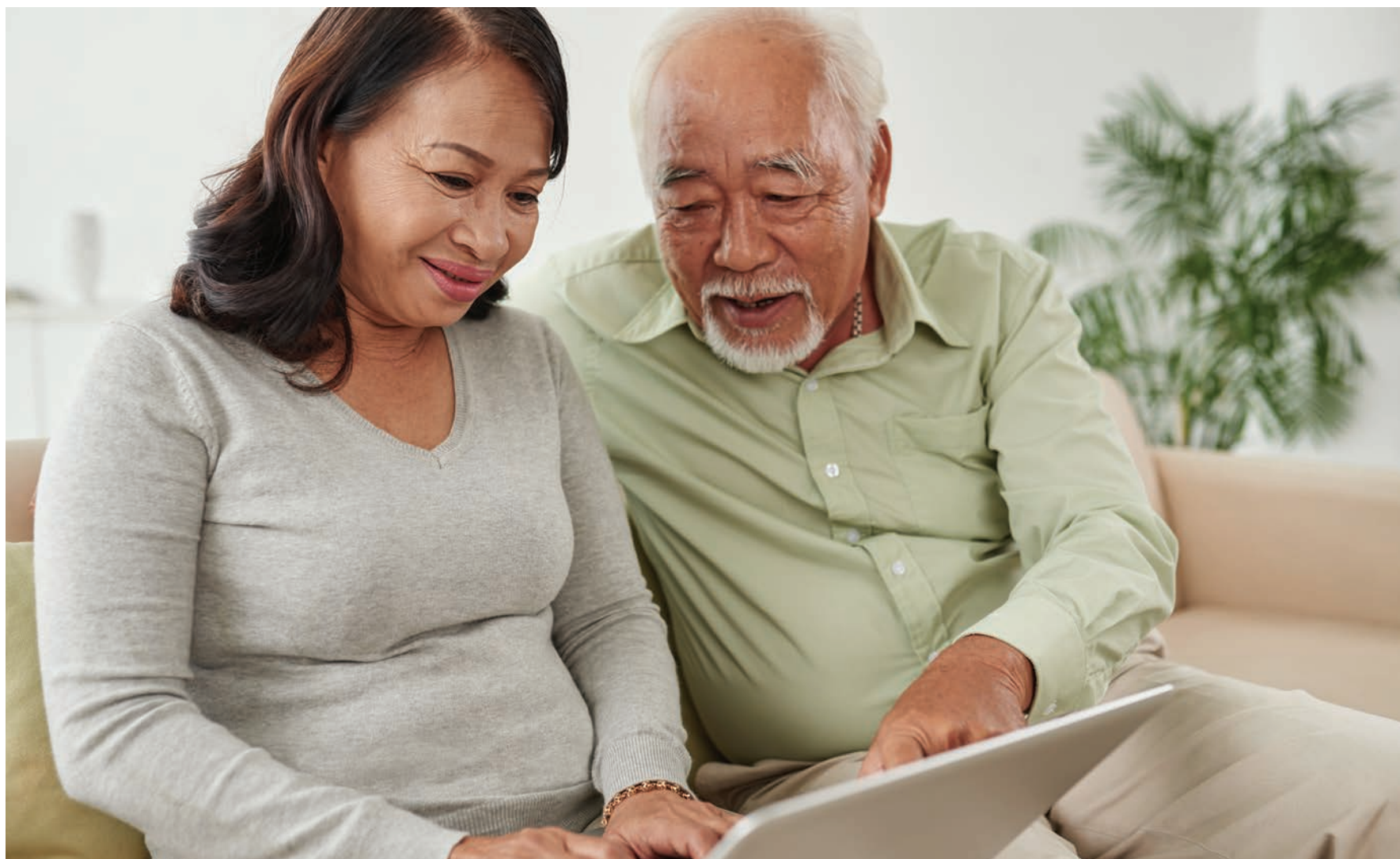
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SOLDIERING

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thing. I would just like to be in your home.' One day, he asked if he could play our piano, my father said as long as it's not this new modern stuff," says Betty with a smile.

Jack eventually went overseas.

"My mother and his mother were corresponding. He was shot down. We later found out all he wanted to be was a concert pianist. He died. Well that was that. I don't know whether it was worse when it was somebody from way over in Australia. Such a waste of talent, obvious talent," she says.

Betty's younger brother, Pat, also enlisted serving on a minesweeper.

Doing things in anticipation of remembering someone was common. The North Atlantic was a dangerous place.

Betty named their baby Petty after her brother.

Commemorated with the new baby's name, brother Pat survived the war to return home.

In war, it is not just lives that are lost; time as a family is lost too.

The baby was born in April of 1945, but when war ended, Tony was immediately sent to England to return a ship from Canada.

Once there, he suddenly needed an appendectomy which meant more waiting.

Even after that, with all the troops trying to return to Canada, room on homeward bound ships was scarce.

"I don't really remember the end of

the war because it was messed up with Tony having to go overseas. So he didn't get home to see Patty until she was at least six months old. He wasn't there when she was a baby."

After the war, Tony and Betty went on to have sons Peter and Stuart.

Betty says after he got home, Tony never wanted to discuss the war or socialize with old military buddies.

"When it was over, he was finished with it. He said, 'I've done my duty. I've done what I should do.' And that was it. He was finished and now let's get on with life."

After the war, Tony and Betty raised a family; he had a career, retired and lived into old age. In time, he and Betty came to Richmond so their grandchildren had room to play.

Later, the couple moved to Gilmore Gardens.

Reminiscing about their retirement and her husband's death, Betty says, "Tony was 90 which was pretty good. We travelled a lot. We really had a marvelous time."

And from the vantage point of her 94 years, how does Betty look back on her life as a young adult during the war?

"It was just ordinary living" she says.

"But we didn't learn anything. Look at today—all the wars in the world. I think until they have women in charge it'll never be anything different because women will say, 'No, we're not going to slaughter.' I think it's true. They wouldn't send people out to be killed."

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PEG (MARGARET) WEAVER died peacefully at home November 24, 2016 aged 92. To mark the one year anniversary, family and friends are invited to Peg's memorial service 11 a.m. St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, Vancouver (corner of Nelson and Burrard) Friday Nov. 24, 2017. Tea to follow at her son Michael's in Steveston. All are welcome to join us to honour this gentle, determined woman.

Information

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Events

MINGS DIAMOND At Lansdowne Centre invites you to join the opening reception for Canada 150 Art Jewellery Show! Opening Reception: Thursday, Nov. 30 @ 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

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The Seine Net Loft at Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site. Complete your holiday shopping at the first annual Britannia Shipyards Artisan Christmas Craft Fair! With 30+ vendors, this event will be the perfect place to pick up one a kind gifts for you or your loved ones this season.

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Help Shape YOUR Community Centre!

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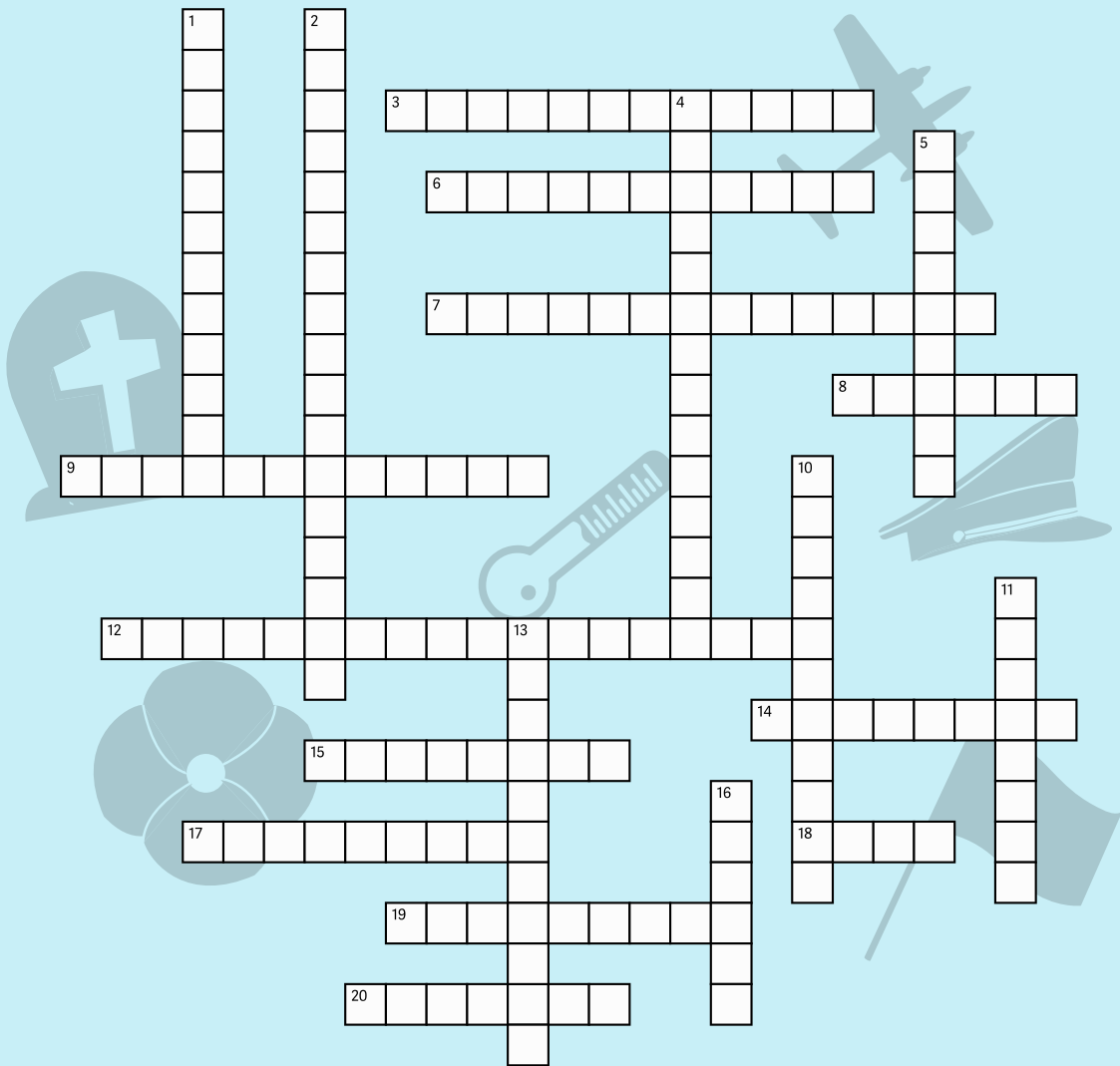
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Fun & Games

REMEMBRANCE DAY



ACROSS

- 3 Other option to Reserve Force

6 1939 – 1945

7 Who wears pale blue berets?

8 Junior military organizations

9 Funeral and burial grant for veterans

12 Current name of DVA
- 14 Sherman Armoury, in which city?

15 Papaver rhoeas common name

17 Royal Canadian Legion, AKA

18 Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans' Assn Init's

19 June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953

20 Flanders Fields' country



SUDOKU

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

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DOWN

- 1 Wilfred Owen war poem, Latin title "Dulce_____"
- 2 Current federal minister of defence, veteran
- 4 McCrae's Remembrance Day poem, In _____
- 5 First battle fought as Canadian Army
- 10 Canadian forces fought in _____ for 10 years
- 11 Second Battle of Ypres region in WWI?
- 13 1918, killed 50-100 million
- 16 25,000+ CAF peacekeepers served here since '64

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RICHMOND REMEMBERS

Saturday, November 11, 2017



Take some time to remember our veterans at the
Remembrance Day service at Richmond City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road.

10:20 a.m.

Parade starts marching east towards Richmond City Hall cenotaph.

10:40 a.m.

Official ceremonies begin.

11:00 a.m.

Two minutes of silence, followed by wreath-laying.

Following service

Annual Remembrance Day Reception, City Hall Galleria. Everyone is invited.

Ceremonies simulcast and online

The service will also be simulcast into City Hall Council Chambers. Everyone is welcome inside and space is limited. First seating preference will be given to those who may not be able to stand outside for the duration of the service.

The ceremonies will also be streamed online. To access the webcast, click on the Remembrance Day information in the news highlights section on the home page of www.richmond.ca.

Road closures

In order to facilitate the event, streets will be closed and traffic patterns will be changed between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. During this time, there will be restricted road access.

- Granville Avenue will be closed in both directions from Minoru Boulevard to Buswell Street.
- No. 3 Road will be closed in both directions from Park Road to Bennett Road.