

## REMEMBRANCE DAY





## Legion ramps up poppy campaign around Burnaby this weekend

The South Burnaby Royal Canadian Legion will be collecting donations in exchange for poppies this week as it adjusts to COVID-19 protocols.

Members will operate a kiosk at Metrotown from Thursday, Nov. 5 until Tuesday, Nov. 10, from noon until 6 p.m. Location will be on the upper floor by the food court.

This year you can also order your poppies online from the Legion's website at legion83donate. ca and they will have them either delivered or mailed to you directly.

There is also a collaboration of volunteers from the 76th Burnaby Scout Group and the South Burnaby Legion.

Together, they have come up with a website offering a digital poppy, wreath or cenotaph design you can purchase to put on your social media accounts and websites to show you remember.

The Legion has also received support from other areas of the community.

Peng Quah of inQuahdible. net has donated his time to help create donation website graphics.

Many local retailers are also displaying posters in an effort to spread the word about fundraising, said Legion 1st vice-president Steve Jeske.

"This time of the year is important to our Legion," Jeske said.
"All funds raised through the poppy fundraising go to support Burnaby veterans and their families. Support may be in the way of medical equipment, rehabilitation equipment, supporting care homes where veterans reside or bursaries and scholarships. Funds do not go to general revenue to run the Legion's canteen."



Important message: The South Burnaby Royal Canadian Legion had several graphics, like the one pictured above, donated for its fundraising campaign. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

## War Amps salutes amputee veterans

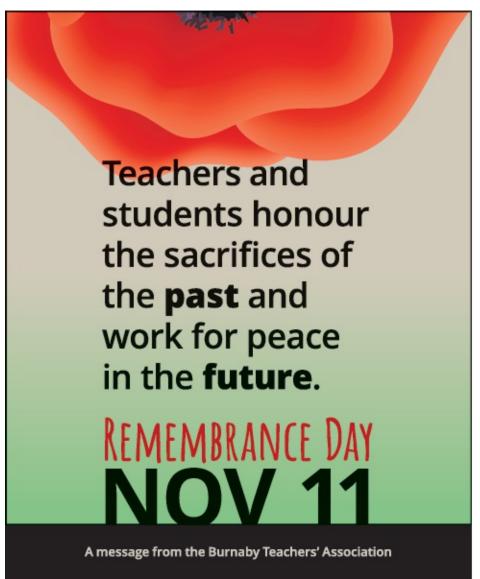
As Remembrance Day approaches, I would like to pay tribute to the amputee veterans who founded The War Amps, which has surpassed 100 years.

On returning from the First World War, they came together to help each other adapt to their new reality. They then welcomed the next generation of amputee veterans following the Second World War, creating the Key Tag Service to provide them with meaningful work and a service to Canadians that continues today.

Recently I joined a young child amputee named Tiffany in laying a rose at the grave of Curley Christian, the only quadruple amputee to survive the First World War. Tiffany benefits from the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, just as I did as a teenager following a train accident. We paid tribute to Curley both for his sacrifices at Vimy Ridge and for helping to start a program that has assisted us and amputees across the country.

Though they considered themselves to be "ordinary guys," these war amputees served their country in wartime and continued to serve when they came home. I can say with pride that their legacy and sacrifices will be remembered through generations of amputees, like Tiffany and me, long into the future.

- Rob Larman, director, PLAYSAFE/DRIVE-SAFE, The War Amps





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