

Calendar

Friday, Nov. 4

Cultural Summit Arts Night Social

7 – 9 p.m.

Evergreen Cultural Centre
coquitlam.ca/culturalsummit

Saturday Nov. 5

Cultural Summit

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Monday, Nov. 7

Inaugural Council Meeting 2022 – 2026 City Council

7 p.m.

Council Chambers
coquitlam.ca/council
coquitlam.ca/agendas

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Remembrance Day Performance by the Vancouver Naval Veterans Band

1 – 3 p.m.

Dogwood Pavilion

Course ID 101127

coquitlam.ca/registration

Council Meeting Details

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Marking Remembrance Day in Coquitlam

Coquitlam's traditional Remembrance Day ceremony and parade, hosted by the Coquitlam Royal Canadian Legion Branch 263 – will be held on Nov. 11 and is open to the public for those wishing to pay respects. The parade will begin at Como Lake Middle School at approximately 10:15 a.m. and will continue with a ceremony at the Blue Mountain Park Cenotaph starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

For more information, visit coquitlam.ca/remembranceday.

Remembrance Day Performance

Join the Vancouver Naval Veterans Band at Dogwood Pavilion to recognize Remembrance Day, as they perform favourite songs from the war years on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 1 – 3 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Course ID # 101127

Registration includes light refreshments. Register at coquitlam.ca/registration or by calling 604-927-4386.



Honouring Veterans in Meaningful Ways

In recognition of the achievements and sacrifices of those who have served our nation in times of war and military conflict, residents are encouraged to show their respect for veterans in a variety of ways this year:

- **Poppy Painting along Veteran's Way:** Stop by Blue Mountain Park (975 King Albert Ave.) to paint a large poppy on the grass along Veteran's Way as part of a temporary display. Participate at any of the following times:
 - Thursday, Nov. 3 from 1 – 4 p.m.
 - Friday, Nov. 4 from 1 – 4 p.m.
 - Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 1 – 4 p.m.
 - Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1 – 4 p.m.
- **Poppy Painting at Spirit Square:** Join us at Spirit Square on Burlington Drive, across the street from Coquitlam City Hall, on Nov. 9 to add your painted poppy to the temporary outdoor display.
- **Messages of Remembrance:** Write a message of remembrance and tie it to a tree with yellow ribbon along Veteran's Way in Blue Mountain Park. The messages are kept on the trees until Nov. 18 at which point they will be transcribed and forwarded to Canadian veteran groups. If you are unable to go in person, you can email your message to parkspark@coquitlam.ca, and your message will be transcribed and tied to a tree for you.



Veteran Experiences – Indigenous and Racialized Communities

Nov. 8 is National Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada and honours the many First Nations, Inuit and Métis soldiers, and their contributions and sacrifices to military service.

Many Indigenous Peoples and racialized people proudly served in uniform despite facing discrimination and racism. During the First World War, more than 4,000 Indigenous soldiers served in uniform, and in the Second World War more than 3,000 First Nations members, as well as an unknown number of Métis, Inuit and other Indigenous recruits, served. The call for military service was answered once more during the Korean War. First commemorated in 1994, National Indigenous Veterans Day invites Canadians to better understand the role Indigenous veterans have played in Canadian history and honour their sacrifices.

Other racialized groups also played integral roles prior to and during the First and Second World Wars. To learn more about these often unheard military stories, veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories.