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Remembrance Day: Peachland to honour the fallen

Peachland, BC - Peachland will pay its respects Sunday to veterans in a Remembrance Day ceremony that will also mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the fighting on land, sea and air between the Allies and Germany during the First World War.

Residents are invited to join the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 69 at the Peachland Community Centre on Sunday, November 11. Doors will open at 9 a.m. with the ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m.

On a per capita basis, Peachland had the highest losses of any Canadian community during the First World War. Only about 300 people lived in the town; 60 men enlisted and 17 of them were killed.

The ceremony will honour the contribution made during the 1914-1918 conflict. On August 4, 1914, Britain went to war against Germany. On February 16, 1915, the first Canadian division arrived in France and in April at the second Battle of Ypres suffered over 6,000 casualties. Of the 424,000 Canadians that went overseas, 66,000 were killed and 172,000 were wounded. The country's population at the time was only eight million people.

The armistice came into force at 11 a.m. Paris time on November 11, 1918.

Remembrance Day has been observed in Canada since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Canadians gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. A moment of silence is observed to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of the country and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.

Legion Branch 69, located at 4407 2nd Street, will hold a reception following the ceremony.

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.*