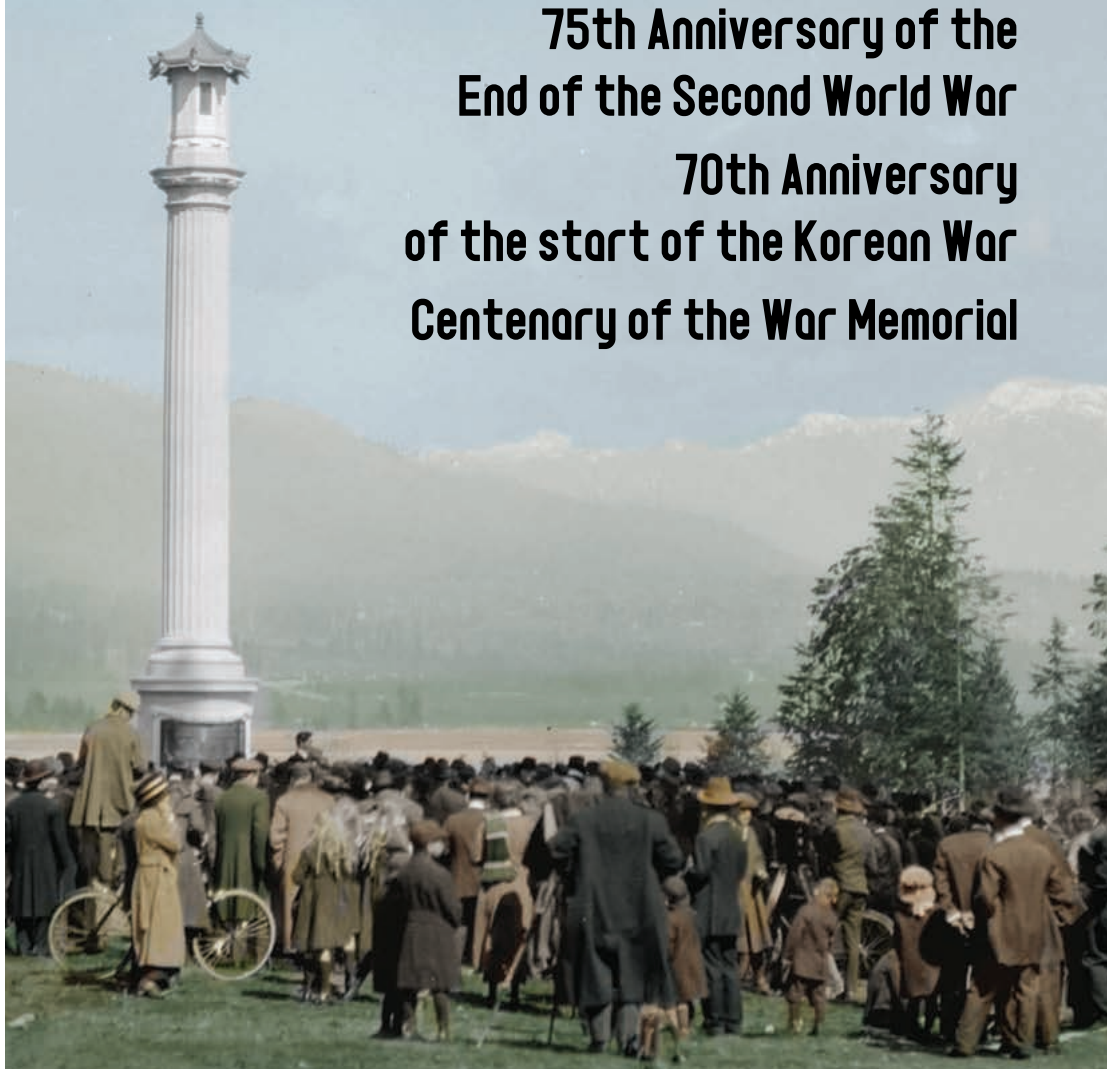


REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

75th Anniversary of the
End of the Second World War

70th Anniversary
of the start of the Korean War
Centenary of the War Memorial



Japanese Canadian War Memorial in Stanley Park

PROGRAM [10:30am sharp]

Moderator	David Iwaasa
Taiko Duet	John Endo Greenaway & Emiko Newman
O Canada	Keiko Norisue
Reflections	Reverend Daebin Im, Japanese United Church
Last Post	Bugler Bombardier Genevieve Schwarzbach
The Silence	
Lament	Piper Edward McIlwaine
Reveille	Bugler Bombardier Genevieve Schwarzbach
In Flanders Fields	Eileen Kitamura
Act of Remembrance	David Mitsui
Video Addresses	MPs Honourable Hedy Fry & Joyce Murray MLA-elect Anne Kang
Speeches	David Mitsui, Kathy Enros & Susan Yatabe
Placing of the Wreaths	
God Save the Queen	Keiko Norisue

Sponsored by the Japanese Canadian War Memorial Committee

Chair Linda Kawamoto Reid	Moderator David Iwaasa
Frank Kamiya	David Mitsui
Veteran Tak Irizawa, Korean War veteran, Hamilton Ontario	

Today's live streaming and recorded event will be shown on
centre.nikkeiplace.org

See an amazing commemorative video created by John Endo Greenaway:
bit.ly/3pa18C0

Our Warrior Spirit Exhibit:
centre.nikkeiplace.org/exhibits/warrior-spirit-1916

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WREATH LAYING

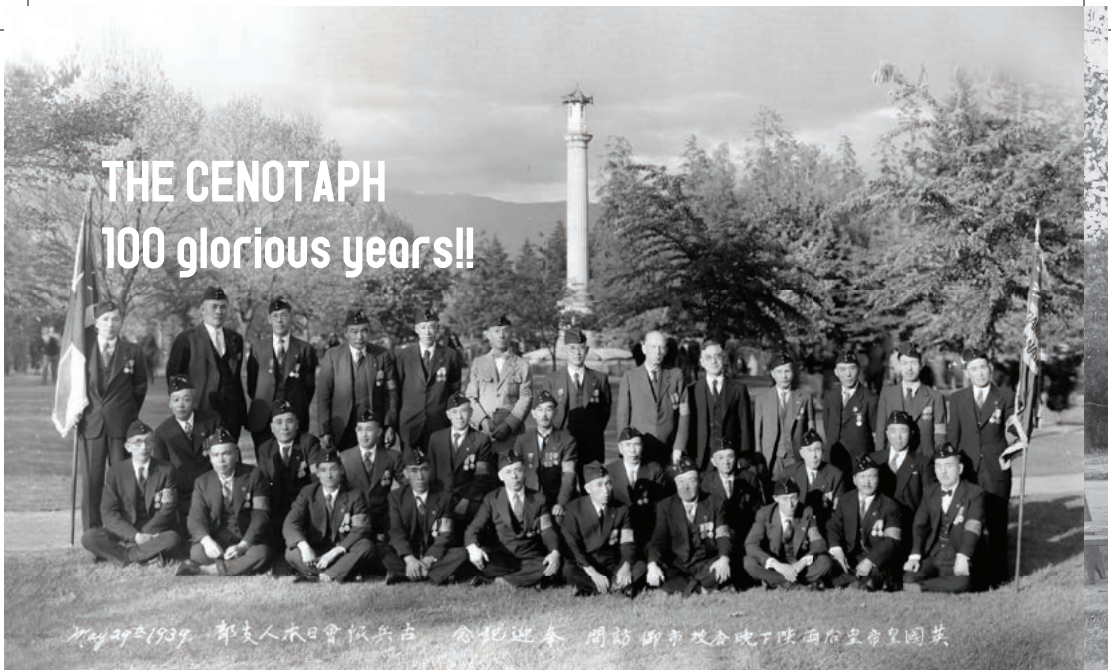
BESL legion #9	David Mitsui
S-20 & Nisei Veterans Association.....	Chris Yamauchi
JCWMC	Chair Linda Kawamoto Reid
NAJC.....	President Lorene Oikawa
NNMCC.....	Executive Director Karah Goshinmon Foster
Consul General of Japan.....	Consul General Takashi Hatori
GVJCCA	President Judy Hanazawa
MP Hedy Fry's Vancouver Center office	Constituency Assistant Veronica Stolba
RCMP.....	Corporal Peter Somerville
Vancouver City Hall	Deputy Mayor Lisa Dominato
VPD and Mounted Squad	Superintendent Michelle Davey
Vancouver Board of Parks & Recreation.....	Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
VJLS & Hall.....	Executive Director Darius Maze
Tonari Gumi.....	Patrick Li
BC Jodo Shinshu Temples.....	Ted Akune
Japanese Christian Churches.....	Reverend Daebin Im
Vancouver Konko Faith.....	Roderick Hashimoto
Seicho-No-Ie Church	Cleusa S. Yamamoto
NAV Chorus	Midori Seo
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution	Nancy McLean

RCMP Mounted Squad

- Sgt. Susan Sharp PH Apollo
- Cst. Joanne Hardman PH Stanley
- Cst. Maria Irving PH Killian
- Cst. Chris Spence PH IKE
- Cst. Laura Jacquet PH Turbo
- Cst. Hana Du Temple PH Jedi



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Legion Branch #9 members at the cenotaph on the occasion of the visit from the King and Queen on May 29, 1939, where they were asked to stand on guard. Photo courtesy of Brian Yamasaki. NNM TD 1171-012

THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Did you know?

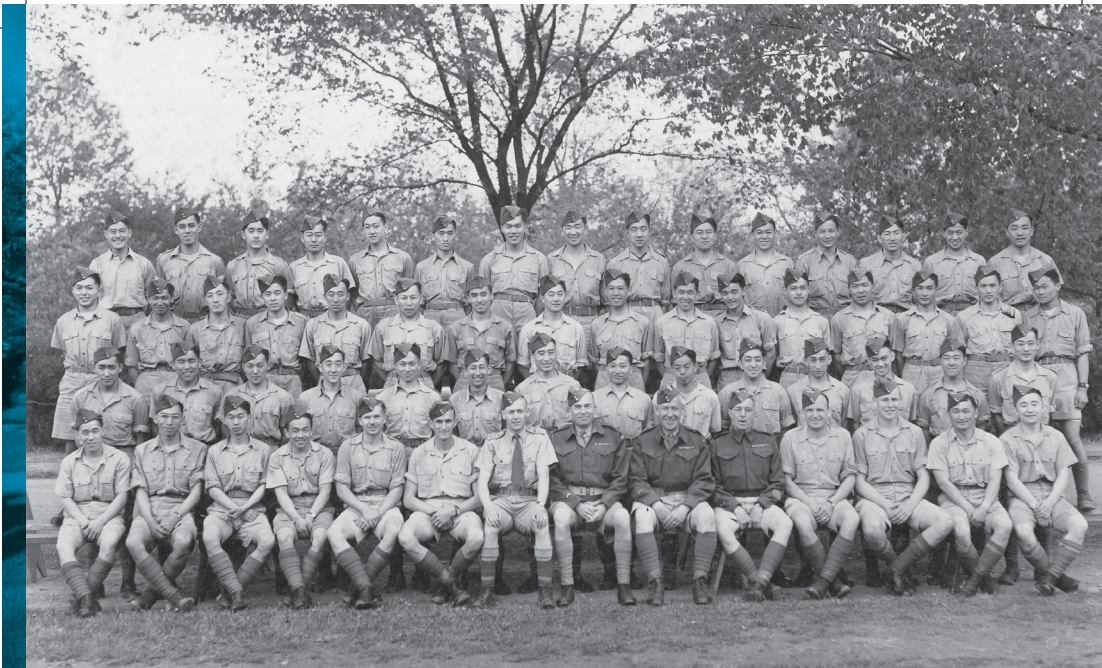
Japanese Canadians were conscripted in 1917! Prime Minister Borden did not accept the all-Japanese Battalion of 202 trained men in Vancouver, who then disbanded in May 1916 and enlisted in Alberta instead. Politicians did not want to extend conscription to Japanese Canadians but by the time that law was passed, at least 23 Japanese Canadians had been conscripted.

The disputed number of First World War JC Volunteers is 196 men. They enlisted in Alberta, but at least 23 were conscripted and there is evidence of eight more who may also have been conscripted but have attestation papers instead of draft papers, and their seven-digit regimental numbers match those conscripted later in the War.

Private Tokuji Sato of the 10th Battalion was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. He was killed in action at Vimy Ridge on April 28, 1917, and his family was presented with the Victoria Cross on January 7, 1918 by Captain Colquhoun, who had trained the troops in 1916. Thirteen Japanese Canadians were awarded a Military Medal and two were awarded the Cross of St George.

24 men fought with the Japanese Imperial Army in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-5 with *samurai* spirit or *bushido*, before immigrating to Canada and joining the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF).

Private Sachimaro Morooka published a book in 1935 about his experience as a soldier in the 175th – 50th Battalion of the CEF. *Arasu Sensen E*, translated as “At the Battle of Arras”, was recently republished in Japan. Morooka was severely injured by shrapnel, breaking his femur, on March 11, 1917 just before the battle of Arras.



The #20 Canadian Infantry of the Southeast Asian Command. They are commonly referred to as the S-20 or Nisei/Nikkei Veterans. NNM 2010.23.2.4.674

THE SECOND WORLD WAR ended 75 years ago (but not for Japanese Canadians)

Did you know?

First World War Veterans were granted land from the Soldiers Settlement Board in 1919. Their land was then confiscated and sold while they were interned in camps and unable to protest. Veterans including Zennosuke Inouye, Masumi Mitsui, and George Shoji lost their farms. Inouye was the only one to get his land back in 1950, simply because it had not yet been sold in a package for returning Second World War veterans.

Tony (Shigeo Elliot) Kato, a forest engineer on Vancouver Island, was the only BC *nisei* (second generation) to enlist before the Second World War and serve overseas. He became a Warrant Officer in the Far East. Another 32 *nisei* enlisted from other provinces in Canada, unaware that Japanese Canadians were prohibited from enlisting in the Canadian Army.

In 1945, British Intelligence recruited Canadian men who could speak Japanese to assist with counter intelligence in the Far East. The first group of men technically enlisted into the British Army, but the second group of men insisted they fight for 'Canada'.

Nisei Veterans were leaders in the community. These veterans included George Tanaka, the first president of National Association of Japanese Canadians in 1947; Roger Obata, who helped with property claims in the Bird Commission in 1947, the 1977 Centennial, and Redress in 1988; and Tom Shoyama, editor of the *New Canadian* – the only paper published during the war – who became Deputy Minister of Finance in the Canadian federal government.

Japanese Canadians were finally able to vote federally from June 15, 1948; in Vancouver from January 1949; and in BC from March 24, 1949, just two weeks before all War Measures Act restrictions were removed on April 9, 1949.



In front of General Walker's helicopter. The second person from the left is Karl Konishi, the second person from the right has been identified as Shij Fujimo. In Hiro, Hiroshima, around 1952. NNM 2016.18.1.4.11

70 years since the start of the THE KOREAN WAR

Did you know?

30 Japanese Canadians who were deported to Japan in 1946 enlisted into the Canadian Army in Japan, to serve in Korea. Jobs were hard to find in war-torn Japan. By joining the army, they were well-paid, well-fed and could return to Canada with their units.

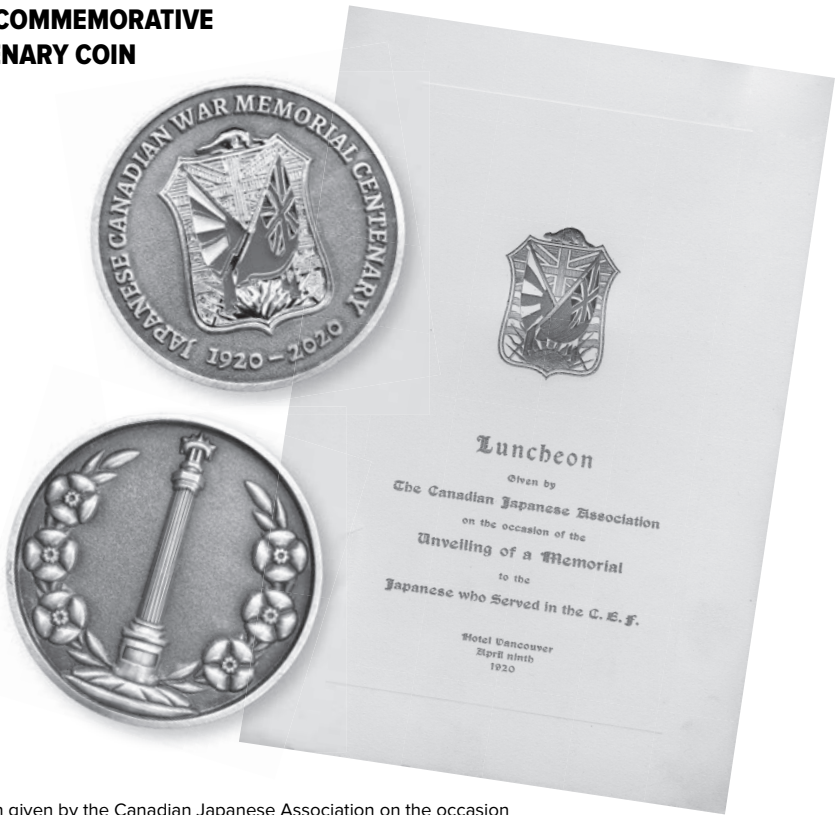
20 Japanese Canadians enlisted in Canada. One of them, Mas Kawanami, had also served in the Second World War. He enlisted into the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and was mentioned in dispatches for bravely guiding South Koreans through mine fields safely.

Mas Kawanami was on leave in Japan when his little brother Kiyoshi sought him out in Camp Hiro. He was sworn in on March 25, 1952. Word got around and 29 more enlisted.

Many Korean War Vets remained in the army, including Yeiji Inouye, who did two tours with the Canadian Navy in Korea, and was an Assistant Military Attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Toyo. Tak Irizawa, Karl Konishi and Don Yamane served 25 years.

Ryochi Kobayashi, a First World War vet who had served with the 10th Battalion, came to camp Hiro in Japan (he too was deported) and asked for his three sons to join the Canadian Army. One of them, Yutaka, went on to serve in the Army for 21 years.

2020 COMMEMORATIVE CENTENARY COIN



Luncheon given by the Canadian Japanese Association on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial to the Japanese who served in the C.E.F., Hotel Vancouver, April 9th, 1920 CVA PAM 1920-28

The 2020 commemorative coin was fashioned after discovering the Canadian Japanese Association logo at the City of Vancouver Archives. It has the iconic Canadian Beaver on the top of the crest, the British flag on one side and the Japanese flag on the other intertwined to symbolize the treaty between the two countries at the time (Canada being part of the commonwealth).

It was chosen to honour the CJA for their fight for the franchise and mission to achieve equal rights since 1898. They were responsible for sponsoring the training of the CEF volunteers, funding their passage to Alberta to enlist, and taking care of their affairs, communication, and even burials if needed. And they built the cenotaph 100 years ago, a beautiful monument that has been lovingly cared for. *Arigato!*

SPECIAL THANKS

Vancouver JLS, Tonari Gumi, our volunteers, Sam Yamamoto, Kami Insurance, Amano Foods. The amazing dream stream team of Adam PW Smith, Marc L'Esperance, and Vancouver Parks and Recreation.

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