60th Anniversary
Korean War Peace Celebration
June 21- June 22, 2013

A Special Commemoration Event

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Korean War

Anniversary Ceremony and 72km - 24 Hour Walk
Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby, Vancouver and North Vancouver

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Korean War Peace Celebration

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War cease fire the Government of Canada declared 2013 the year of the Korean War Veteran. On June 21st and 22nd 60 years of peace will be celebrated by a special commemorative event that will be taken to 5 Lower Mainland cities and include 600 school students, many veterans and a long list of “VIPs”.

The Korean War began on June 25, 1950 and came to an end three years later on July 27, 1953, when the fighting stopped Canada’s Peace Keeping operations took place until 1955.

Korea, our third war of the 20th century followed in the shadow of the Second World War and like that prior war, Canada’s military contingent was also a volunteer force of men and women. Under the United Nations banner they successfully achieved their goal in winning peace for the people of South Korea but at a very terrible price that amounted to 516 Canadian war dead including 36 British Columbians. Their place in history was forever made when Korea became our third costliest war of the last Century.

The Korea War is often remembered as the war of patrols, and a war fought on hilltop battlefields, steep mountains and deep valleys. Soldiers of Canada’s 25th Infantry Brigade travelled on foot carrying heavy packs, weighed down by their equipment and rations and ammunition. They would walk up mountains where the peaks were heavily defended, and once the mountain top was attained, they would traverse down the other side and complete the same grueling sequence again and again, regardless of weather conditions. The long journey our veterans made as young men in Korea 60 years ago will be re-enacted and brought to British Columbia in 2013.

On June 21st a very special anniversary ceremony will take place at Banting Middle School in Coquitlam British Columbia. The ceremony will celebrate 60 years of peace and it will honour our veterans and launch a unique multi day commemoration.

Banting’s 600 students will take part in the celebration, not just as an audience but in helping with key parts of the event preparations and having important roles in the ceremony. Many dignitaries and veterans are expected to attend and a few surprises will make this an enjoyable occasion.

Once the ceremony ends, a marathon 72 kilometer walk taking 24 hours will begin for Port Moody resident Guy Black, during the first part of the journey he will be accompanied by student’s of Banting’s Leadership Class and Honourable Fin Donnelly, Mr. Sonny Son and a few other keen supporters and afterwards by veterans and others willing to show their support. The long distance journey was inspired by former Banting student and current Member of Parliament Fin Donnelly who is well known for his life time work to preserve our rivers and other waterways. The long distance walk follows Fin’s idea to create greater awareness for a cause when he swam the Fraser River and it is hoped this walking journey will be as successful.

One important part of the commemorative walk is the collection of small stones at important locations along the route, this carries on the “kapyong – Gapyong” tradition. At the end of the walk the stones will be placed in a specially created pottery jar and presented to the Consul General of the Republic of Korea who will take this solemn gift back to Korea.

The celebration ceremony and marathon journey are two significant events to honour our veterans of the Korean War, its message is simply to celebrate our veterans and their legacy, 60 years of peace.
General Information

"The Commemoration Walker and Event Planer", Guy Black

I am a Port Moody resident and 16 year advocate for veterans and remembrance. A tireless advocate, not really, working in my spare time as an advocate while carefully juggling family life, a full time job along with training for the 24 hour marathon journey has made me a tired volunteer, not tireless.

Two years to prepare, I have been fortunate to live very close to Burnaby Mountain which immediately became my regular training area, running up and around the mountain several days each week and hiking its trails on weekends. During non running - rest days I walk with my family in our Port Moody neighborhood, wearing a back pack filled with rocks.

Training was done at all times of the year, sometimes running on Burnaby Mountain wearing shorts and finding myself caught in a sudden heavy snow storm or coming home and hanging up my shorts and jersey that seemed to weigh several pounds from soaking rain water. Although I will have 2 years of training behind me, the marathon walk is a tough challenge and there is no guarantee of reaching the finish line.

The ceremony at Banting Middle School is a public event to include many people but the walk is a solo journey by me and no preparations have been made for other people to participate outside of my family and some close friends and VIPs who will help. The intention of the walk is not to raise money for any cause but it is a culmination of having helped Korean War veterans since the 50th Cease Fire Anniversary in 2003. This will be the hardest thing I have done for our Korean War veterans and it is my way of connecting with them by feeling some of the same physical hardships they had experienced during the war.

The ceremony and marathon walk are peace celebrations and celebrations of our Korean War veterans and although the walk is a solo event, it is not being done for me, it is for them. They have earned our thanks and these two events are dedicated to our Korean War Heroes.

June 21, 2013
School Ceremony - Banting Middle School, 820 Banting Street, Coquitlam, BC
Arrival of VIPs/Veterans 9:00am
School Ceremony 9:20am to 10:20
School VIP/Veteran reception 10:30am to 11:00
72km/24 Hour Walk begins 10:30am
Burnaby Mountain (SFU) summit “Gapyong” stone ceremony 12:00pm
Walkers arrive at base of Mount Seymour 5:00pm
Mount Seymour Main Parking Lot at summit – Rescue Building - “Gapyong” stone ceremony 10:00pm

June 22, 2013
Walk arrival Burnaby Central Park 11:00am

Contact Numbers during the event
778-908-0389 Melanie Black
604-612-5209 Sonny Son
604-258-8248 Keith Black (Friday Only)
Walking Route

Coquitlam to Burnaby Mountain (SFU) to North Vancouver’s Mount Seymour to Burnaby Central Park

Bantering Middle School to Simon Fraser University Burnaby Mountain
Start from Bantering Middle School 820 Banting Street, Coquitlam; (Facing away from the school) Right on Raynour Street, left on Egmont Ave, right on Robson Street, cross Clarke Road at first intersection and straight across onto Chapman Ave, follow to North Road, right on North Road and left at Information Kiosk to Pipe Line Trail, right onto Power Line Trail, follow to next Information Kiosk on Power Line Trail, left up Burnaby Mountain on the Trans Canada Trail. Continue to Information Kiosk, left up short steep trail to Simon Fraser University.

Gapyong Stone Ceremony at SFU’s West Mall Centre Entrance Outdoor Steps
West Mall Centre entrance is across the road from the trail, and slightly to the right when facing the university. There are three sets of steps/entrances and the West Mall Centre entrance is the largest and it’s in the middle. Public pay parking is across from the entrance and parking is available at other locations in this area.

Burnaby Mountain (SFU) to Iron Workers Memorial Bridge
After brief ceremony, walking route follows the Trans Canada Trail down Burnaby Mountain Park to Burnaby Mountain Parkway, to East Hastings Street intersection.

Left on East Hastings Street, continue on East Hastings Street to Cassiar Connector, Right, follow sidewalk beside Cassiar on-ramp, north across Iron Workers Memorial Bridge to North Vancouver.

Iron Workers Memorial Bridge (North Vancouver) to Mount Seymour
Iron Workers Memorial Bridge, North Vancouver, Follow sidewalk right to Main Street towards Dollarton Hwy, left onto Old Dollarton Hwy, and left onto Riverside Drive to Mount Seymour Parkway, right onto the Parkway and continue until just past Parkgate Village Shopping Centre and turn left at intersection onto Mount Seymour Road and meet North Shore Rescue at Mount Seymour Rd/Indian River Drive. North Shore Rescue will lead the walkers up the Old Buck Trail to the summit parking lot where the ceremony will take place at their headquarters.

Mount Seymour to Burnaby Central Park
From Mount Seymour summit, follow Mount Seymour Road down the mountain to Mount Seymour Parkway, do not use the trail. Right (West) onto Parkway and continue to Riverside Drive, left, follow to Dollarton Street, right, and continue on Dollarton Street to Iron Workers Memorial Bridge, cross bridge, on Vancouver side of bridge follow sidewalk beside Cassiar on-ramp, and to East Hastings Street, left onto East Hastings Street and then right onto Boundary Road and follow Boundary until Burnaby Central Park, Ambassador of Peace Monument @ East 46th Ave and Boundary Road.
**Walking Distance**

Banting Middle School to North Road 1.8km  
Pipe Line Trail to Power Line Kiosk (Base of Burnaby Mountain) 1km  
Trans Canada Trail to Simon Fraser University Burnaby Mountain Summit 3km  
Burnaby Mountain Summit (SFU) to East Hastings Street intersection Cliff Ave, Inlet Drive 4.46km  
East Hastings Street Cliff Ave intersection to Iron Workers Memorial Bridge junction - Cassiar 5.29km  
Iron Workers Memorial Bridge/Cassiar junction to Base of Mount Seymour 9km  
Mount Seymour total distance (up/down) 26km  
Base of Mount Seymour to East Hastings Street/Iron Workers Memorial Bridge/Cassiar junction 9km  
Iron Workers Memorial Bridge/Cassiar junction to Burnaby Central Park 14km  

*Estimated Total Distance 72km (Total distance rounded down to 72km)*

**Time Schedule**

**June 21, 2013**

Banting Middle School, Arrival of VIPs – Veterans **9:00am**  
Ceremony Start **9:20am**  
Ceremony End time **10:20am**  
VIP/Veteran reception at school **10:30 to 11:00am**  
Immediate departure by walker(s) for Simon Fraser University Burnaby Mountain **10:30am**  
Walkers arrive at base of Burnaby Mountain’s Trans Canada Trail **11:00am**  
VIPs/Veterans arrive Burnaby Mountain Summit - SFU West Mall Centre Entrance, outside steps **11:45am**  
Walkers arrive Burnaby Mountain Summit – SFU West Mall Centre Entrance, outside steps **12:00pm**  
SFU “Gapyong” stone ceremony **12:00pm**  
Depart Burnaby Mountain (SFU) summit **12:30pm**  
Arrive Base of Mount Seymour – Mount Seymour Rd/Indian River Drive **5:00pm**  
Arrive Summit of Mount Seymour (Resort parking lot) **10:00pm**  
Mt. Seymour “Gapyong” Stone Ceremony **10:00pm**  
Mt. Seymour Depart Summit parking lot **11:00pm**

**June 22, 2013**

Arrive Base of Mount Seymour **4:00am**  
Arrive Burnaby Central Park **11:00am**
The Gapyong Stone Ceremony

These take place at four locations including Banting Middle School, Simon Fraser University - Burnaby Mountain, Mount Seymour and Burnaby Central Park (Ambassador for Peace Monument). Everyone is encouraged and welcome to watch the ceremonies. All locations are accessible by car and the ceremonies will be very short and informal but each ceremony is an important milestone of the very long two day journey.

“Gapyong” stones are collected and presented by designated individuals. These stones will be carried the entire 72km route by Guy Black to the final destination, the Ambassador of Peace Monument in Burnaby Central Park where a Korean War memorial service is taking place. The Consul General of the Republic of Korea to be presented the stones at the memorial service and they will be taken to Korea later this year.

Gapyong Stones
Total amount of stones used for each ceremony is ¼ cup.
Stones must be small size, washed and clean and cannot contain any soil.

Stones will be carried in a small portable container and upon arrival at Burnaby Central Park they will be transferred from the carrying container to a handmade commemorative pottery jar and then given to the Consul General of Korea during the Korean War service. Gapyong Stone Commemorative Jar is made by the students of Banting Middle School

Sacred Stones, A Blessing, Hon. Captain/Padre Gordon Barrett will ask for a blessing of the stones
George Derby Veterans Centre in Burnaby will contribute Gapyong stones at the Banting School Ceremony

Gapyong Stone Ceremony Locations and Times
Banting Middle School – 820 Banting Street, Coquitlam, School gym, between 9:20am to 10:20
Simon Fraser University Burnaby Mountain – West Centre Mall Entrance, outdoor steps 12:00pm to 12:30
Mount Seymour Summit Parking Lot – North Shore Rescue Headquarters – 10:00pm

Public Participation in the Gapyong Stone Ceremonies and Walk

Anyone wishing to participate in the long distance walk or Gapyong Stone ceremonies is welcome to join in these two events.

Walking
Anyone may walk with the Commemoration Walker (Guy Black) at any time and they may start at any place along the designated route and they may walk any distance they determine they are capable and safe to make. Please remember this is a solo journey and NO provisions have been made for any other participants.
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Time schedule
The time schedule shows when a certain location must be reached and that schedule must be followed. The commemoration walker is the sole person to set the walking pace. If anyone wishes to join the journey and cannot keep up with the walking pace, the walk will NOT be slowed down if it means falling behind the time schedule since there are many deadlines such as arriving at the "Gapyong” Stone ceremonies and eventually, Burnaby Central Park. If other walker set a faster pace, the walking speed will not be increased, the “official” journey is always the walk being done by the commemoration walker who will set the pace at all times, and anyone walking faster or slower may not be part of the Peace celebration journey.

If someone has not made proper preparations for themselves such as having food and water or wearing proper clothing for the weather then it is best they do not participate or they only walk for a short distance. The walk will be done regardless of weather conditions and is planned to take place almost entirely nonstop for the 24 hour period and with only short rest periods.

If progress is slow and the walking pace does not keep up with the time schedule, it may result in a faster pace which may include running. All times in the schedule are approximate but the intention is to stick with them as best as possible, the walker may arrive early or late.

Important Points to Consider
* The long distance walk is being done by Guy Black and certain VIPs
* Everyone is welcome to take part in the walk at any time and at any place along the route,
* Those walking must make sure they are physically capable and prepared for the activity,
* Guy Black will establish the walking pace at all times,
* Priority is to make sure the walking pace enables the time schedule to be met,
* Longer rest breaks have been included into the schedule and short breaks are unscheduled and will be taken as needed
* Timing of walk including Gapyong Stone ceremonies are approximate
* Event schedule/plan including walking route subject to change as required
Peace Ceremony and Walk
VIPs and Veterans

VIPs

Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages,
Honourable Fin Donnelly MP,
Honourable Andrew Saxton MP,
Honourable Peter Julian MP,
Honourable Kennedy Stewart, MP
Honourable Richard T. Lee MLA
Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Yeon-Ho Choi,
Consul General of the United States, Ms. Anne Callaghan,
Mayor of the City of Coquitlam, Richard Stewart,
Mr. Steve Chang, President, The Korea Veterans Association Western Canada Chapter,
Mr. Sonny Son, Past President Korea Veterans Association Western Canada Chapter,
Lieutenant Colonel James Barrett CD, Canadian Forces,
Ms. Adrienne Alford-Burt, Area Director, Veterans Affairs Canada,
Ms. Eunice Oh, Past President Korean Society of BC,
Mr. Tom Grant, Superintendent and CEO of School District 43,
Ms. Julie Pearce, Assistant Superintendent School District 43,
Ms. Melissa Hyndes, Chair, School District 43
3rd Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Unit, Mr. Barry Drews,
Mr. Warren Byrnell, Korean Veterans Association, President, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Unit,
Mr. Ilsoo Kim, President, Korean War Veterans Association,
Ms. Sarah Dench, Executive Director, International, SFU
Mr. Joe Trasolini, Former Mayor (3 term) and MLA, Port Moody

Korean War Veterans

Mr. Frank Smyth
Mr. Peter Howard
Mr. Jordan Bowcott
Mr. Neil Blythe
Mr. Ken Mitchell
General Woo Chun Lee (Retired)
Lieutenant Colonel Woo Suk Lee (Retired)
Veterans from George Derby Centre