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★ VETERANS DAY EVENTS, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014 ★

THIS YEAR'S THEME: *"IN FLANDERS FIELDS"*



THE BURLINGTON OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES invites you to join us for this year's Veterans Day ceremony taking place on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 on Burlington's Town Common at 9:00 a.m. The Burlington American Legion Post 273 will join us this year as the host organization.

The theme for Veterans Day is "In Flanders Fields" and the red poppies associated with the poem which are distributed by veterans' service organizations throughout our country for various causes related to veterans.

Joining us as the guest speaker will be Colonel David Hiltz, Chief of the Family of Systems Architecture Team, Hanscom Air Force Base. Colonel Hiltz directs systems engineering analysis and design trades for the systems elements, including the Long Range Strike-Bomber. We are pleased Colonel Hiltz is available to accept our invitation to attend and speak to those gathered.

The Veterans Day ceremony will commence with "Call to Assembly" at 9:00 a.m. followed by the flag raising. In recognition of our theme, one of the songs the Burlington High School Select Singers will sing is *In Flanders Fields*, and the High School Marching Band will be performing the *Star Spangled Banner* as well as other selections.

The poem, *In Flanders Fields*, written by Canadian physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in May of 1915, speaks of his sight of the delicate, vibrant poppies growing on a shattered battlefield around his unit's artillery position in Belgium. The first line of the poem contains some of the most famous lines written in relation to the First World War - "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow."

For more information about Veterans Day, contact Bob Hogan or Betty McDonough at the Burlington Office of Veterans Services. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you on Veterans Day.

Sincerely,

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