

## World War 1 Program

Heritage Vancouver is proud to launch a series of events to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. Our programs focus on the experience of the war on the home front and on Vancouver landmarks from the war that now form part of our heritage. Join us for these very special events!

### **Walking Tour: A Soldier's Journey - From Home Front to Front Line**

**Sunday, September 14; 10 am to noon**

**Tour guide: Isaac Vanderhorst**

**\$15; Heritage Vancouver Members \$10**

**Tour begins at 847 Hamilton Street**



(Photo CVA Mil P98: 29th Vancouver Battalion marching on Pender Street at the CPR crossing)

Join tour guide, **Isaac Vanderhorst**, and follow in the footsteps of a World War 1 soldier from the time he leaves home to sign up, to the train station, where his journey to the Western Front begins.

As you walk by the Beatty Street Drill hall, the parade grounds where he prepared for war and the war memorial where he and all soldiers who lost their lives are commemorated you will relive the experiences of a young soldier going to the Western Front.

This tour and the tales Isaac tells gives you a flavour of what downtown Vancouver was like 100 years ago as Vancouver went to war. Be prepared to meet soldiers linked to landmark heritage buildings and other surprises along the route. Tickets at [www.heritagevancouver.org](http://www.heritagevancouver.org)

**The Homefront: Our Town, WW1 activities in South Hill**

**Sunday, October 5, 2014, 10 AM to noon**

**\$15; Heritage Vancouver Members \$10**

**Tour guide: Isaac Vanderhorst**

**Tour begins at South Memorial Park Cenotaph and ends at the soldiers plot of Mountainview Cemetery**

Join tour guide, **Isaac Vanderhorst** and explore home front activities in South Hill, then a separate community, now a part of the City of Vancouver. South Hill represents, "Our Town", a typical working class Canadian town of 100 years ago where everyone was directly affected by the war.

Imagine what life was like as you walk by the houses of the young soldiers and their fathers who worked in the ship building plant, Southill Elementary School, home to rallies and cadets, and the Soldier's Centre, a drop in for soldiers and a hub for the women's fundraising efforts.

Your journey starts at South Memorial Park Cenotaph, built in 1919, the oldest WW1 memorial in the Lower Mainland, believed to be the oldest in Canada, and ends at the Mountainview Cemetery, site of the graves of several South Hill soldiers. Tickets at [www.heritagevancouver.org](http://www.heritagevancouver.org)

**Mount Pleasant Library Exhibit - WW1 Spaces and Places**

**October 6 - November 11, 2014**

**Mount Pleasant Library, 1 Kingsway Vancouver, B.C. V5T 3H7**

**Free Entry**

Drop by the Mount Pleasant Library between October 6th and November 11 and enjoy a Heritage Vancouver Exhibit on the Mount Pleasant spaces and places that were so important to Canada's war effort in WW1. Many of these prominent industrial and historical places are but a memory today.

### **Behind the Scenes at Beatty Street Drill Hall**



**Wednesday, October 8, 2014; 6.30- 8.30 pm**  
**Meet at Entrance to the Drill Hall, 620 Beatty Street**  
**Admission: \$20.00; Heritage Vancouver Members \$15.00**  
**Tour guides: Keith Maxwell and Cameron Cathcart**

The Drill Hall (620 Beatty Street), a Canadian Forces armoury was opened by the Duke of Cornwall and York (later King George V) in 1901. The Drill Hall played a prominent role in WW1 as troops prepared for the journey overseas. With two large castle-like turrets complete with battlements, and two tanks and a 64-pounder Gun outside, the Beatty Street Drill Hall has long been a Vancouver landmark and is listed as a class-A heritage building. The Drill Hall is the oldest building in downtown Vancouver that still retains its original use.

This is a unique opportunity for a tour inside the hall and the regimental museum with archivist **Colonel (Ret'd) Keith Maxwell**, and **Honorary Major Cameron Cathcart**, on an evening when the British Columbia Regiment is training there. The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own), is an armoured reconnaissance reserve Regiment, the oldest Regiment west of Ontario, and the senior militia unit in the province. The museum displays date back to 1883 including uniforms, weapons, medals and Nazi regalia. The guided tour of the hall and museum will conclude in the Officers' Mess with the opportunity to mingle in this beautiful room. Tickets at [www.heritagevancouver.org](http://www.heritagevancouver.org)