

Songhees Aboriginal Veterans Memorial

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On November 08, 2015 we will be hosting an Aboriginal Veterans Day to commemorate the many Aboriginal veterans who served Canada in wartime.

Over 7000 Aboriginal peoples participated in World War 1, World War 2 and Korea. These brave people gave their service to protect and enhance the rights and freedoms of all Canadians.

Elder Edward Dick whose Salish name is Sioax of the Songhees First Nation is the Siem (hereditary chief) of the Douglas Treaty titled Che-ko-nein and is also a veteran of Korea. Edward is working with the *Songhees First Nation, Salish Sea Productions* and the *North West Indigenous Council* to make this an annual event.

Edward's dream is to witness greater awareness and appreciation of the sacrifices made by Aboriginal veterans and to realize the creation of a traditional Pole to further honor the commitments of the Aboriginal veterans.

On **Sunday November 8th at 10am** we will be honoring many such veterans who primarily reside in Southern Vancouver Island.

The event will consist of a Salish picture showing of 18 veterans, many of whom have past on to the spirit world. We will be inviting family members of the veterans, local dignitaries, First Nation Chiefs and Siems, as well as all other citizens. Witnesses will be called by the speaker as the pictures are carried into the **Songhees Wellness Centre** and we hope to have bagpipes, drummers and flag carriers. The event will be followed by a special slide show. The ceremonies will be followed by a community feast.

We are currently fundraising for a total budget of \$7,100. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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world war II veterans

1.	Frank George	Scottish Regiment	(Songhees Nation)
2.	Walter George	Scottish Regiment	(Songhees Nation)
3.	Abraham Bob	Scottish Regiment	(Songhees Nation)
4.	Robert Bob	Scottish Regiment	(Songhees Nation)
5.	Clarence Dick	Infantry	(Songhees Nation)
6.	Fraser Joseph		(Songhees Nation)
7.	Fred Barker	Sargent Major	(Songhees Nation)
8.	Frank Planes		(T'Sou-ke Nation)
			Pauquchin First Nation
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KOREA War Veterans

1.	Thomas Dick	Royal Canadian Regiment	Songhees Nation
2.	Bernard George	Princess Patricia Light Infantry	Songhees Nation
3.	George Barker (Dodie) JR	Special Forces	Songhees Nation
4.	Ron Thomas	Infantry	Songhees Nation
5.	Roger Jackson Washington	49th Infantry	Songhees Nation - LA-Push
6.	Jimmy Sportsman	Navy	Songhees Nation
7.	Danny Sportsman	Infantry	Songhees Nation
8.	Jerold Lazzar		(T'Sou-ke Nation)
9.	Ronny Planes	Infantry	(T'Sou-ke Nation)