

## Victoria Cross to be unveiled at City Hall

Join Mayor Don Iveson, members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and the family of Private Cecil J. Kinross as they officially unveil the Victoria Cross which will now be displayed in City Hall. Private Kinross was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1917 for his actions during the Battle of Passchendaele, in the First World War. The Kinross family has generously bestowed the medal upon the City of Edmonton on a semi-permanent basis.

Monday, November 9, 2015

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Location: City Room, City Hall



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This highly prestigious award was presented to Private Kinross by King George V for "his conspicuous bravery during prolonged and severe operations." The Vctoria Cross is the British Commonwealth's highest award for gallantry in the presence of the enemy.

Cecil John Kinross was born in Uxbridge, England in 1895. At the age of 16, he came to Alberta with his family to farm. During the First World War he volunteered to serve with the 49th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force (now the Loyal Edmonton Regiment).

Kinross died in Lougheed, Alberta in 1957 and was given a military funeral. In October 2015, in honour of its centennial year, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment conducted a grave marker rededication ceremony at the Lougheed Memorial Cemetery to honour Private Kinross. His original grave marker is currently on the Lougheed Memorial Cemetery to honour Private Kinross. display in City Hall.

Mt. Kinross, 24 km northwest of Jasper, Alberta, was named after Private Kinross in 1957. Astreet in Edmonton's Griesbach neighbourhood is named in his honour.

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