Echoes 2020 Phase Three - Mitchell Swaine

In this phase I will be writing an essay on what we need to do to continue to remember what happened in the world wars.  I will also be giving out some very cool examples of what other places in the world do to remember the past. So, I'm going to start off by saying that at the present, there are still lots of echoes and people remember and understand why these men and women went to war. Their service and contributions are recognized, but we don’t know what the future might bring, but the way I see it, if we continue to acknowledge and celebrate our history and the brave men and women who fought for our freedoms, generations will continue to be aware of the importance of our echoes.

So, I'm just going to talk a bit about Nova Scotia. For those who don’t know, Nova Scotia is a smaller province which borders on New Brunswick. They have massive, and I mean huge tall ships, and every three years they come up here to New Brunswick and stop for a few days. So, in 2012, my family decided to take a trip for two weeks to Nova Scotia and to celebrate the 200 year anniversary of the war of 1812. They had actors dress up in costumes, the tall ships, displays of cool artifacts, and history lessons. If we did this in 2045 it would be amazing. You could tour around the ships, look and touch artifacts and watch re-enactments of the war.  It would have to be more than just a ceremony though. It should have huge media coverage and be celebrated through services all across Canada.

Even if we can start being like the Netherlands and having a massive celebration like in Amsterdam Square with over 20 000 people and then continue the traditions by adding artifacts, and re-enactments from the war. Also, there could be some trivia game and storytelling where the children meet actors portraying important persons in military history.

So, in conclusion, I believe if we keep up with what we are doing, but continually add a bit more on, we should be good for 2045. I believe we will keep the memory and honor of our history alive.