

2290 British Columbia Regiment (101 Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles) RCACC

Activity: 2290 Cadets will be participating in the “Vimy Ridge Commemorative Parade, Mountain View Cemetery Vancouver”

Date: 2025-04-11

This activity is open to all cadets, parents and family members.

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Annual Army Cadet Vimy Day Annually Army Cadets come together across Canada to commemorate the historic sacrifices of 100,000 Canadians who participated in the battle of Vimy Ridge.

Activity outline:

- 0940: Cadets to arrive
- 1030: Fall in, Parade starts
- 1105: Start of service
- 1150: March off and dismissal
- 1200: Lunch, a light lunch will be provided for all cadets and CIC Officers
- 1330: Cadets dismissed

Dress:

Cadets: C1

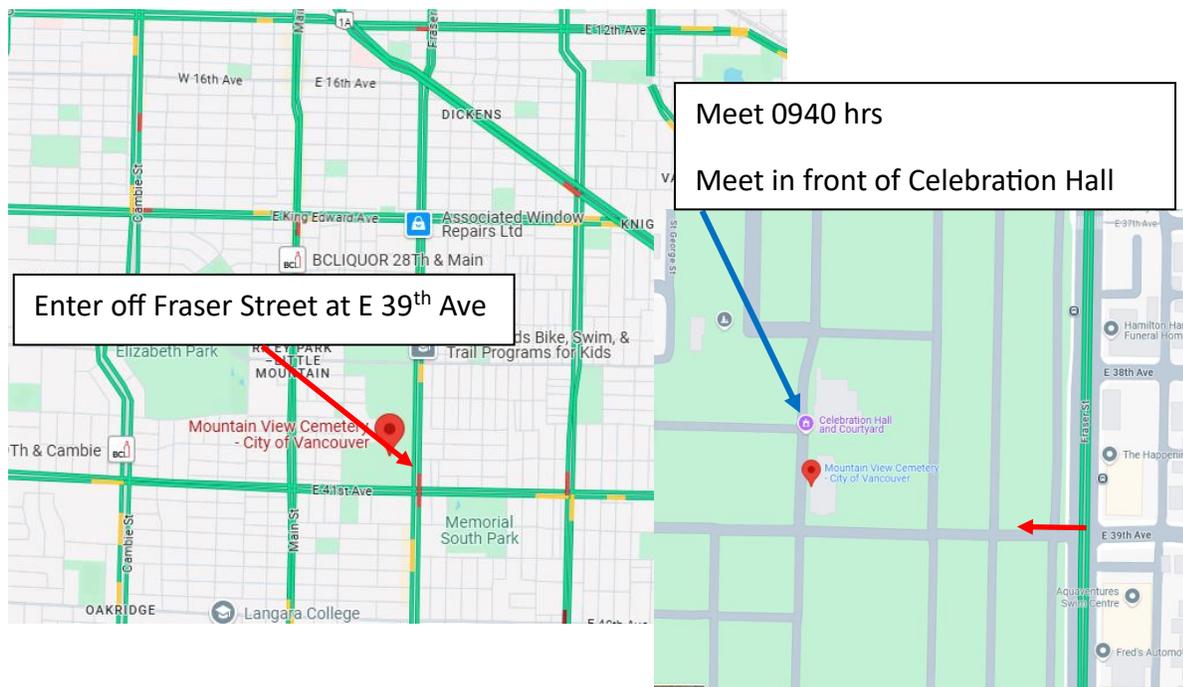
Cadets not issued a uniform are to wear “neat” clothing. NO FTU’s
If inclement weather on day of parade cadets shall wear their issued parka.



Activity location:

Mountain View Cemetery, 5455 Fraser Street, Vancouver

(On-site parking is available for parent drivers and guests)



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Battle of Vimy Ridge April 9th to April 12th

“The Battle of Vimy Ridge began at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917. The first wave of 15,000-20,000 Canadian soldiers, many heavily laden with equipment, attacked through the wind-driven snow and sleet into the face of deadly machine gun fire.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge proved to be a great success, but it only came at a heavy cost. The some 100,000 Canadians who served there suffered more than 10,600 casualties, nearly 3,600 of which were fatal.

Today, on land granted to Canada for all time by a grateful France, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial sits atop Hill 145, rising above the now quiet countryside. This great monument is inscribed with the names of 11,285 Canadian soldiers who were listed as "missing, presumed dead" in France during the First World War. It stands as a tribute to all who served our country in the conflict and paid a price to help ensure the peace and freedom we enjoy today.” Veterans.gc.ca

Victoria Cross: During the Battle of Vimy Ridge, four Canadian soldiers earned the Victoria Cross, the highest military decoration within the British Empire: Captain Thain MacDowell, Private John Pattison, Lance-Sergeant Ellis Sifton, and Private William Milne.

Captain Thain Wendell MacDowell:

Served with the 38th (Ottawa) Battalion and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on April 9, 1917, capturing two machine guns, two officers, and 75 men, enabling his battalion to capture Hill 145.

Private John George Pattison:

Served with the 50th (Calgary) Battalion and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on April 10, 1917, when he captured a German machine gun position, killing and wounding the crew, and saving his unit.

Lance-Sergeant Ellis Wellwood Sifton:

Served with the 18th (Western Ontario) Battalion and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on April 9, 1917, capturing enemy machine gun positions.

Private William Johnstone Milne:

Served with the 16th (Canadian Scottish) Battalion and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on April 9, 1917, capturing enemy machine gun positions.

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